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It was the last weekend of August and we were blessed with sunshine and a bit of wind for the South Dorset Garden Party held in Worth Matravers. A reasonable number from many branches enjoyed the occasion ably organised by Mike Hobson and his wife. The good spread and a sumptuous array of cakes put everyone into the right frame of mind to hear from Trevor Coleman [see 'Links of the month' below] and the new Regional Organiser Steve Crowther who was making his very first official appearance.



Immediately afterwards the South Dorset Branch met and elected the hard working Mike their Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. We congratulate him and wish him every success.

Madhatted Steve Crowther with Mike Hobson

As so onto the **Annual National UKIP Conference**. This was successfully held in Southport, Lancashire at the new Theatre and Convention Centre at the beginning of September. Several from our locality braved a nearly 300 mile journey to a windy north east to attend. A report of the first half of the conference is on the latter pages of this newsletter.



The latest edition of the **Dorset UKIP News**, no 4, has hit the streets. This features many of our Dorset PPCs and also the Lisbon Treaty which is about to be the subject of a 2nd vote in Ireland. Read it online at this special address: <http://alturl.com/ht7o>. Please help deliver this in Shaftesbury and Blandford. Ring your chairman if you can oblige.

BBC Questiontime was held in Bournemouth on the 24th September. An intrepid band of 4 known Ukippers attended to hear what Harriet Harperson and Tarzan had to say for themselves, along with LibDem David Laws, Lord Digby Jones & the Spectator's new editor Fraser Nelson. Our 'lady in white' queried why Baroness Scotland only paid a half of the statutory fine and asked "Did it say in the law she passed that ignorance is no excuse?" This seemed to nonplus the Harperson. Generally the audience's questions had only weak EU relevance so the 4's expertise was hardly called upon. However all good experience.

The **Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA)** comes into being next month, setting out to be the biggest vetting and clearing system in the world. In order to 'protect' your children, it will insist on vetting everyone who comes into possible contact with them. This replaces the Police checks currently carried out and will affect 11.5m of us. Read more here: <http://alturl.com/gwed>

"400,000 people left Britain to live in Australia, last year. This is more than 1,000 people per day. But that does not scratch the surface of the problem: Australia also has VERY high standards about whom it allows to come in to the country. So, at the same time, those 400,000 Brits who left were of the highest calibre - if they were not, they would never have been allowed in to Australia. Population levels have not decreased because of massive immigration, but Britain has traded a lot of its best people for some of the least productive, and nobody seems to have noticed!" - Oliver (ex-pat), Düsseldorf, Germany - Mail on Sunday blog. This is in response to the mess Labour have made of the country and of new laws **H. Harman** [Harperson?] is implementing soon in respect to a change of emphasis on police and other agencies' strategy of 'favouring lower class areas rather than white middle class ones.' Read more: <http://alturl.com/nhkv>. See Oliver's comment there along with hundreds more.

ONLY six of Britain's 72 MEPs turned down this summer's £20,000 **pay rise**, a Sunday Express survey found. Those not to taking the cash are Gerard Batten, Godfrey Bloom and Derek Clark of Ukip, Tory Philip Bradbourn and the SNP's Alyn Smith and Ian Hudghton. But every Labour, Liberal Democrat and Green MEP now 'earns' about £85,000 a year.

Your editor recently renewed a property insurance policy. 'How sensible and very nice for him', you say. However he was curious to note amongst the conditions etc. their definition of **'Europe'** which is shown here: 'to include: EU member states; Norway and Sweden; All Mediterranean Islands; All countries with a Mediterranean shoreline; the Canary Islands; Madeira - and journeys between these countries.' So what happened to the remaining 20 European countries, and since when have Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, and Asian Turkey been in Europe? Will the discussions by EU politicians with these countries cause the European map to be redrawn?

The Campaign for an Independent Britain [CIB] has reported that local councils are now being **'privatised'**. Already the East Riding of Yorkshire is being run in a pilot scheme by a German company Avarto AG, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Frankfurt-based multinational corporation Bertelsmann, a group better known for its publishing endeavours on behalf of the Nazis in the 1930s and during World War Two. Both the Tories and Labour support this initiative which started 4 years ago, as part of "Privatisation" of public services through the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) and Public Private Partnerships (PPP), Read more in the CIB September issue of their newspaper [if you are not overcome by the photo of Mandelson on the front cover]. See it here: <http://alturl.com/u9cf>. By the way, this policy is part of the Lisbon treaty - implemented prior to any ratification.

Isn't it a surprise that 47% of UK trainee **doctors** are finding they are working extra hours above the legal 48hours as dictated by the Working Hours Directive [WTD]? 11% were doing this openly, the remaining 36% are falsifying their records. Make a silly law and it will be flouted - even in the UK.

EUROPEAN Affairs Minister Dick Roche has launched an extraordinary **attack on UKIP** who he claims is distributing anti-Lisbon literature to every Irish household. Mr Roche blasted UKIP as responsible for "hate politics", adding that they sprang from a "neo-fascist gene pool". In fact the material has been produced by the European group [EFDG] of which UKIP is a leading member. If curious ask JLB for a copy or view it online here: <http://www.efdggroup.eu/>



The Gawain Letter.

We in UKIP are living, as it seems, in interesting times. The news that Nigel Farage is standing down as leader must have come as a surprise to everybody, and as our best communicator it may well have raised concerns.

Can I take this opportunity to allay some of those fears?

Farage is most definitely not going away. He remains our leading commentator in the media, as any cursory glance at the broadcast media will show you. He remains leader of our MEPs in Brussels, which has resulted in the new Europe of Freedom and Democracy Group being able to help with the Irish No campaign, something that UKIP on its own could not legally do.

And then we have the greatest opportunity in the party's history to win a seat in Westminster by his campaign to beat John Bercow, the Speaker, in Buckingham.

One of UKIP's problems in the past has been that we find publicity at Westminster elections hard to come by as the media concentrate solely on the big three. This time the guaranteed coverage of the Buckingham fight will raise all of UKIP's boats across the country.

And who will take up the leadership cudgels? Well that is up to you, the membership. But I can say this, never has the party been in such good shape as it is now, and never will we have such good choices to be leader.

Gawain Towler is PPC for Dorset North, first reserve SWMEP candidate and London Press Officer for UKIP.

We are pleased to announce that UKIP has a new **Treasurer**. Chartered Tax advisor Mark Wadsworth has taken over from Marta Andreasen who has stood down after two years. Mr Wadsworth said: "I am delighted to be coming into this role at this time. With the General Election only a few short months away the role of the Treasurer is vital in ensuring that our candidates and campaign team do what they do best, get out there campaigning."



Links of the Month:

- A chance to brush up your German with this anti Lisbon song: <http://alturl.com/skz2> with English subtitles.
- Trevor Coleman MEP speaking in Worth Matravers about the Final Treaty: <http://alturl.com/pg6w>
- Join Nigel Farage in signing this petition against the Lisbon treaty: <http://www.petice.eu/#>
- A musical interlude with a great message – Elvis lives: www.ukip.tv

What the media is saying:

- The *Telegraph* features thoughts from several leading British business figures on the benefits and drawbacks of the EU. Lord Leach of Fairford, a Director of Jardine Matheson, and Chairman of Open Europe, suggests the EU is fundamentally "anti-free market" and is quoted saying, "Britain is so constrained by regulations that we are being dragged down into the least competitive sector of the world. It is very strange that we, as a great champion of the free market, should find our relations with China, India and Brazil projected through an introspective, protectionist, anti-free market prism."
- [In an apparent attempt to copy UKIP's William Dartmouth? Ed.] The *Mail* reports that Conservative leader David Cameron has written a letter to Czech President Vaclav Klaus reassuring Mr Klaus that if he withheld his signature from the Lisbon Treaty, thereby delaying its ratification, Mr Cameron would stage a referendum in Britain if he is elected at the next General Election. The paper also reports that a close source to Mr Cameron said the letter did not explicitly urge Mr Klaus to hold up the Treaty.
- *Ashley Mote*, former SE MEP, states that newspapers report that Baroness Scotland's Tongan cleaner was in the UK illegally (despite being married in the UK to a Brit). If so, there can have been no "right documents" from the Home Office for the Baroness to see. Therefore, she could not have mislaid them, or failed to copy them. They did not exist.
- [More financial waste. Ed.] The *Mail* also reports that a new and swanky European Union headquarters is being planned in Brussels at a cost of £280million. Named the Residence Palace, it will contain the no doubt sumptuous offices of the first President of the EU, as well as of its first Foreign Minister.
- A recent *Irish Independent* reported that, while in Ireland campaigning for a 'Yes' vote, President Barroso announced that the European Commission had approved a grant of €14.8 million to help over 2,000 former Dell workers find work under new EU crisis measures. The People's Movement described the announcement as a "cleverly timed stunt".
- In the *Sunday People*, Eamonn Holmes looked at EU employment law and wrote "you have got to scratch your head when you hear of the ridiculous working codes of practice that emerge from European government."

A footnote – if you have some time please have a look at the Downing Street **petitions** on line. You will be surprised how many there are, and how many you agree with. Support some of them – if you don't who will? <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/>

Obituary:

We are sad to report the passing of Mr. **William Addison** of Sturminster Newton. We pass on our condolences to his partner, family and friends.

It is also with much sadness that we have to inform you of the death of **Piers Merchant**, who passed away on the evening of 21st September in a hospice with his family at his side aged 58. The former Tory MP and journalist who joined UKIP five years ago and became Political Aid to Roger Knapman & briefly acting General Secretary was diagnosed with cancer just three months ago.



We are abbreviating our usual digest to give you as promised a comprehensive report on our recent conference.

UKIP Annual National Conference held at Southport, Lancashire on the 4th -5th September 2009.

A report of what was said and what was done. If you would like to see and hear the full speeches of many of our speakers please look at U-Tube. The relevant index page is: <http://alturl.com/942b> but first check <http://www.ukip.tv/>. Due to the sheer number of speakers we are able only to report on Day 1 in this edition. Day 2 will be in the November edition.

The day preceding the official conference was for most arrival day and provided almost galeforce conditions for journeys. Regardless of this the afternoon was given over to a special 'course of instruction' for the Prospective Parliamentary Candidates [PPCs] by our expert Steve Allison. The evening was deemed the Chairman's reception and the 300 or so present enjoyed an opportunity to rekindle friendships and 'network' whilst enjoying a drink and an excellent buffet dinner. This was enhanced by a side-splitting performance by the soon to be 83 year old Frank 'it's the way I tell 'em' Carson who showed how the oldies are best! Also performing was ventriloquist Larry Jones with the Alley Cat, with pianist Matthew Rozenbroek-Nelson providing excellent music throughout the evening.

Day 1 of the conference broke with the high winds a still feature! In the comparative calm of the art deco hall we were welcomed by the Deputy **Mayor** of Sefton, Cllr Maureen Fearn JP then by **Phil Griffiths**, the North-West Regional Chairman, and heard from **Timo Soini** the Finnish MEP [right] & representative of the Group of MEPs that also include UKIP, declare he wanted his country back, for his Govn't. to make Finnish Laws, & use Finnish currency. He looked forward to UKIP's first MP. 'Independence never gets out of date.'



Chairman **Paul Nuttall** reiterated Mr. Soini's remarks for the UK, and said that full independence would require hard work at all levels. He advised everyone to take local elections seriously and for UKIP Cllrs to form an association. Cllr **Peter Reeve** [left] who made history as our first Cllr to be elected at 2 levels on one day – County and District, on 23rd July, was introduced to conference to great applause. He was followed by **Glenn Tingle** [right] whose agent was the busy Peter Reeve. Glenn polled our highest number in the parliamentary by-election on the same day in Norwich North, exceeding 4,000 for the first time.



Lord Pearson of Rannoch, [left] one of our UKIP Peers, spoke of the obvious BBC bias against UKIP, and the lack of genuine debate. Even an independent enquiry under Lord Wilson found in UKIP's favour describing BBC coverage as 'inadequate'. The BBC had promised to offer audience on all platforms, but it had failed in its duty. In common with all media it believed that if people understood the issues the pressure to leave the EU would be too great. The EU was costing 8% of GDP; the gov'n't. did not deny the lack of democracy; CAP and the CFP were uncorrectable; & the BBC believed EU membership meant more influence on the world. Lord Pearson had told the BBC Trust that their bias was a 'breach of editorial responsibility' and thus was 'the Trust's responsibility'. Needless to say he had received no response from them!



David Campbell-Bannerman MEP [Deputy Party Leader] [right] stated that the Norwich North [12%] and local election results [16-30%] showed that UKIP was here to stay, and had come of age under Nigel Farage, and could determine the result of the next General Election. Despite being a long way off the Common Market, Mr Cameron, regarding the Lisbon Treaty, had promised that he would not 'let it rest' – whatever that meant! For UKIP the General Election offered the freedom of 1/ action to leave the EU – to leave behind the 120,000 regulations and directives; 75% of our laws; and the need to ask 'permission' to rescue our banks and industry; 2/ Resources, by removing the need to pay the £6.4b membership fees and abiding by all the red tape. Use the money on roads, hospitals etc.; 3/ the People. Remove the undemocratic and autocratic EU and head in a new direction with vision – return to the Commonwealth – 'The future is Global, not Regional.' UKIP is non-racist, and would treat England fairly; our policies include the correct funding of the Defence of the Realm – the current lack of equipment being disgraceful. He raised a laugh by likening the Lib/Lab/Con policy towards the people of this country to mushrooms – kept in the dark and fed manure! Now a vote for those parties is a wasted vote. The Govn't preached unproven global warming causes and had never apologised for failing the country in other ways. UKIP would set the British people free.



John Bufton, our 1st MEP for Wales [left], had been elected with one election broadcast and had beaten the Lib Dems to gain 1 of the 4 Welsh seats. He thanked Alan Bown for leaflets and support, and stated he had found ITV Wales and other media very fair. He felt that UKIP would win seats in the Welsh Assembly in 2011 because 'we oppose the assembly!' The 60-70 members cost £13m in 2008/9. He cited that services were being cut to fund it, e.g. schools, public wcs, streetlights all suffering cuts. Wales was becoming a 3rd world country. The assembly wanted yet more powers, but this would not benefit Wales. Quangos cost a fortune with unstable schemes; sheep farming would suffer for electronic tagging of all sheep, leading to loss of many smaller farmers. Plaid Cymru favoured publicity stunts and wanted to split from the UK and Westminster. The country had been wrecked by Labour, who denied democracy on the Lisbon treaty – but apparently believed in democracy in Iraq! The LibDems were hypocrites for their vote on the constitution/treaty which gave victory to Labour. Mr Bufton believed that the Lib Dems should lose all seats for betraying Wales. The Tories, still likely to win, should be exposed for their con of the people – the people should be given a vote on the Lisbon Treaty. 'British jobs for British workers' could only be achieved out of the EU. UKIP will field candidates throughout Wales for the GE in 2010 and the Senate in 2011.



Leader **Nigel Farage** [NF] received an ovation en route to the platform and an even greater one leaving it! He spoke for half an hour on the 'building on success' of knocking the Labour into 3rd place in the EU elections despite press pessimism. It was frustrating that the Govn't expenses scandal scuttled any debate on the EU or Labour's performance. The LibDems were in an absurd position, & totally dishonest. Re. the Tories, Paxman had asked Hague just prior to the election what 'We will not let matters rest' meant –

he could not answer. Stewart Wheeler had provided a great boost, as had Tebbit's intervention & not quite being expelled from the Tory Party. The EU election showed 2.5m trust UKIP & we must hold faith with those who voted for us in 2004.

NF related that he retook his seat in the EUP on Bastille Day [14th July], to find himself on the front row next to Barroso! There followed the battle of the flags! NF had sat during the playing of EU anthem, unlike Tory MEP Timothy Kirkhope who was half up then down, then ceased to lead the Tory & Reform group. NF then talked re. Ireland: 2nd referendum was an affront to Irish people. That 80 EU commission employees are touring Ireland, expenses paid, to promote the 'Yes' vote is monstrous. The UKIP group is attempting to address the balance with booklet etc, & want the 'No' vote for all free countries in Europe. The real battle is the People vs. Political class Europe wide. In domestic politics, encouraged by Glenn Tingle's 4,000+ showing people are no longer lending but giving their vote. Next yr's General Election [GE], we will be fielding 416+ PPCs, the most ever & this may reach 500 – a big campaign. UKIP puts GB first, the other parties the EU. Our gov't can't even rule on lightbulbs or hedge funds – some Single Issue! New & Blue Labour are the same. We will make the key issue 'Immigration'. However the BNP would be stronger without us – we are proud of that. We will re-establish proper border controls with zero growth by direct immigration, those that come abiding by a points system. On Defence we would treat our armed services properly, with 40% increase in budget. Why are they in Afghanistan? Need clear military objectives or withdraw. No British Vietnam. The current benefit & taxation systems need incentivising – minimum wage would become the tax threshold, thus giving hope to people. The manifesto will appeal to all esp. the betrayed Labour members & retain the centre ground. Polls say the Tories will win decisively – that tells us more about Brown's inabilities rather than those of the Tory front bench! The Irish result will be a big factor in the GE. Lab/LibDem/Con can't be trusted. Tories need to hold a binding referendum on in/out of EU. UKIP would back that – 'Country before Party.' Most Tory MPs like the EU, but not their grass roots.

NF then discussed his future. UKIP needed an MP. The sitting MP for Buckingham is the worst Tory; He thinks 'Tony not Tory'; is a careerist; embroiled in the expenses scandal; disliked by Tories – and is the speaker of the House John Bercow. Rather than an EUphile a lion is needed to wrestle power/democracy back to the UK. NF is Parliamentary leader [EUP + Westminster]; in Brussels/Strasbourg + the group; is fighting the GE seat – feels overstretched & wants to do more better. He would remain Parliamentary Leader; Party Spokesman; MEP for SE; & fight Bercow. He has no time for the planning & executive duties of a 500 seat campaign plus council seats, thus he would stand down as Leader of UKIP. The party had come of age – 'we have consistently shifted public opinion to what UKIP stands for... We should be proud of our success.'

A hectic lunch of discussing Nigel's decision, viewing stands of merchandise, organisations & branches, or for some an excellent buffet with Nigel Farage followed before the afternoon session so swiftly came upon all.

Former leader and MEP **Jeffery Titford** [right] kicked the second half off! Thanking his wife & all present, he offered the advice that we should not be disturbed about Nigel's departure as Leader – he would still be about, although he wondered who would takeover. He suggested that whoever it was should not be an MEP as they could not be in 2 places at the same time. Someone was needed to lead us to Westminster, our rightful place.



There followed a 'parade' of 4 MEPs, each giving a few words. Firstly our **Trevor Coleman** commented that we had now had 3 increasingly successful EU elections, and local votes were also rising. We have nothing to fear – we have a just cause. With endless regulation, whether about lightbulbs or other things, the 'chickens were coming home to roost' – a good time to be in UKIP. Secondly **Nikki Sinclair**, now 15 yrs in UKIP, reported that jobs had

moved to the EU due to their trade laws, agriculture was decimated. Rule from Brussels was unacceptable in any form. She would use a net third of her salary to campaign in her West Midlands, her accounts are audited, and Scotland & N.E. were growing. She also congratulated the YI for the strides they have made. 'When we fight back – we win!' **Godfrey Bloom** [Yorks & N. Lincs] was sceptical about ineffectual rural windfarms; about claims that 3m jobs would be lost on getting out of EU; about the peace being kept by the EU; about manmade global warming – all nonsense & the biggest scam in history. **Stuart Agnew**, for the Eastern region, invited us to involve members more; fight local elections fully; hold public meetings; knock on doors and make speeches. GM was nonsense – but non sheep & Project 'E' might be good for UKIP.

Our attention was then centred upon YI [Young Independence] with **Lisa Duffy** [right] who acknowledged Nigel's help and inspiration. YI membership was thriving, due to a combination of first time voters' letters at elections & the 18th b'day card scheme. Their first meeting was attended by 50% of their membership, & they had fielded 6 MEP candidates with one, Paul Nuttall, being elected. Donations stood at a healthy £28,500. Lisa introduced the following YI activists to conference:



Danielle Brannon [left], S. M'chester fundraiser & Chris Cassidy's constituency office 'manager', had never heard of UKIP & had thought other parties irrelevant. Converted, she felt that UKIP was a party to believe in – fresh & young - going places. She had never regretted her membership – 'I want my country back.'



Chris Cassidy, [left] Election Liaison Officer for YI, says he is privileged to be UKIP's youngest ever PPC [Wythenshawe & Sale] at 18 yrs old. He felt he had been lied to at school on a massive scale, seeing UKIP's 2005 election broadcast made him question what he had been taught about the EU – that the EU was just a trading block; would not become a political union; would make us safer; & would protect our freedoms! Chris had helped at previous elections, and felt YI was much more than a leafletting team.

His campaign was reaching today's youth by using Facebook and Twitter. **Michael McManus** [N. West] [right] spoke with much humour, Clive Page will have to watch out! After several jokes he mentioned that in the EUP elections he was just 800 short of being elected [total 1.6m votes cast], with UKIP support in the N.W. rising from 7% in January to 15.8% in June. This was the result of hard work, & he was proud to be involved in the fight for Independence. There followed another conference first. **Yasmin Reeve** became the youngest to address conference at the



tender age of 9yrs old. The daughter of Lisa Duffy [photo shows Yasmin with her M. & D.] spoke in a loud clear voice making an appeal for funds as she was selling raffle tickets, esp. as YI was self funding. Finally for YI, Chairman **Mike Lever** [right] attributed their success to Lisa Duffy & gave thanks to John Whittaker, the YI patron. The military were doing worthwhile things in Iraq & Afghanistan. 'Don't underestimate what YI can do – YI was the party of the future.'



Dr John Whittaker [N. West ex-MEP] spoke interestingly & at length on the economy.

There are perhaps green shoots – Banks are now paying bonuses again & making profits; Share prices are up. Perhaps no green shoots: 6m unemployed or on benefits, inc 1m under 24yrs old; Personal bankruptcies are up 60% in 12 months; 70% of Industry capacity in use; petrol prices climbing again; Vat about to rise; Debt was 57% of GDP is now 80% [Tories saying 100%]; debt ratio = 276%, more than the 250% at the end of WW2 – consider the years of austerity that followed that; Quantative Easing through the purchase of Govn't bonds.



So what should be done? Not the raising of the tax base by 15%. The country needed incentives: raise Income Tax thresholds to £10,000; reduce Govn't expenditure by £40m a day by getting out of EU; stop the windfarms; reduce Govn't waste inc. performance targets, initiatives etc; loose the Quangos; unstifle the businesses stifled by the EU. There was too much Govn't – the Tories still don't understand that. Scrap the EU's FSA. Portugal, Italy, Greece & Spain are all in a desperate financial state, and needed to ditch the Euro but are stuck with it. German is propping up the Greek Govn't. The UK is lucky – no Euro!

The Taxpayers Alliance's **Tim Aker** suggested putting MPs into the Olympic village after 2012! Corrupt MPs should have gone already & be able to wait for the elections. He quoted other madnesses including Wirral Council spending £300 to teach teenagers how to travel on a bus, and Dagenham Council's ban on people swimming lengths in their pool, widths only for H.& S. reasons. Another is Rochdale council paying 10 & 11th floor workers 20hrs allowances a year for riding the lifts.



No2ID's **Phil Booth** reports that they have hacked and altered ID cards in 13 minutes. ID Cards have already been issued to some foreigners and students, which may have resulted in a 20% drop off of foreign University students. In Manchester there is a voluntary scheme for the introduction of ID cards which in time will become compulsory. This despite the gov'n't been proven useless in looking after the information, as will be the case for fingerprinting [at our expense] for passports in 2012. If ID cards are temporarily abandoned the data bases will still exist. Cards will have to be kept up to date at a risk of a £1000-£2000 fine. Say no to camera identification on car number plates; Communication data retention e.g. phone records & emails, web visits etc – all an appalling intrusion.



Cdr. John Muxworthy of the UK National Defence Association [UKNDA], ex RN, claimed Defence was too low on UK's list of priorities [6th]; that there is infighting for funds, with reductions in large equipment e.g. Typhoon aircraft, & delays on carriers; reducing Trident was not much of a saving, being 0.01% of national spend & was our only non-static defence; insufficient snatch Landrovers and helicopters. UKIP's defence policy is logical, well presented & concise. UKIP hold defence as a high priority. Tories had no real policy, Heath having only maintained it e.g. we now had only 23 frigates/destroyers and even this was shrinking. Politicians felt there are no votes in defence, as shown by the spending 10yr figures: 167% on Health; 121% on Education; 112% on Transport; but only 10% on Defence. Current figures £38b = 9.6% of Govn't spending cf to 28% on welfare. '...butting one's head against a wall... you may be loosening a brick'. Adm. B. Cunningham.



Finally on day 1 the Party Chairman **Paul Nuttall** addressed conference re. maintaining momentum. Thanking Nigel Farage, he quoted a Tory website as saying 60% supported NF & 40% Bercow! June 2009 was excellent, beating LibDems & Labour. County C. votes in 2004 were 5%, 2009 16%. Now to convert EU votes into GE votes. Needed a membership drive & NEC had offered a competition: Now to March 2010 the top branches recruiting most new members would win £1,000, £500 & £250. Aiming to achieve a membership of 29,000. To help Alan Bown would provide 1m leaflets. Paul would hold 75 surgeries in NW pubs. 'Keep the Momentum up.'



Other events during the day were the UKNDA 'Support our Armed Forces' with David Campbell-Bannerman; 'Land Value Tax' with Mark Wadsworth & Dr Richard Lamerton; Armed Forces Pension Group 'The Fight for our Pension' with Tony Bullen & Paul Nuttall; Young Independence & free Spirits – 'is UKIP a Libertarian Party?' What was achieved at these meetings we do not know as we were unable to attend them owing to lack of time!

The evening saw a first rate dinner in the conference centre, with a Master of Ceremonies and the 18 piece Merseyside Big Band. Somewhat worse for wear we retired late to bed! Day 2 next month! One can only take so much excellence in one go!

Do you need transport to get to a meeting? Or can you provide transport to a meeting? Please contact John Baxter a.s.a.p. so he can liaise. Especially needed for the First-Thursdays meetings.

FOR YOUR DIARY

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2009 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. Our FIRST-THURSDAY evening get-together at the **Charlton Inn, Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NH**. Our regular informal evening of food, drink and chat. Do one or all three! Call John Baxter for further details if needed on 01202 897884. All are welcome – members, their guests, prospective members or the just curious! Joint event with other local branches



FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2009 – all day. IRISH REFERENDUM on the LISBON TREATY:

We extend to all taking part in this historic referendum our best wishes and hope and pray that they will vote 'No'. We also would like to thank all who have taken part in the 'NO' campaign and would like to express our appreciation of their considerable efforts in this fight against the anti-democratic, devious and despicable EU.



SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2009 @ 2.30pm. B'MOUTH EAST SPECIAL MEETING:

To be held at St Nicholas Church Hall, Broadway, Southbourne BH6 4EP. An opportunity to meet your Regional Organiser Steve Crowther and hear about climate change from Dr. Julia Read. More details from David Hughes at dnhughes@btinternet.com



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SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2009 – ANNUAL BONFIRE EVENING AT GREENACRES, LONGHAM @ 6.30pm: By popular request:



Our annual fireworkless bonfire evening with loads of very suitable food and drink. Wine & soft drinks included & a nice big bonfire to assist in the removal of further EU notables! Raffle. A charge of £7.50 per person all inclusive towards our target of £1,000 for election funds. Please book through John Baxter on 01202 897884/by email [as below] to establish numbers. Guest Speaker: Regional Organiser Steve Crowther.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2009 @ 11am – REMEMBERANCE SUNDAY at a Cenotaph near you. Donate a UKIP wreath?

SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2009 – Carrington House Hotel, 31 Knvveton Rd, Bournemouth, BH1 3QQ – 10am – 5pm

Advanced notice of this extremely important event:

One day **Training Day for ALL 30+ PPCs, their agents, and activists** in the South West, covering UKIP policies and procedures. Top UKIP names inc. David Campbell Bannerman & his policy team, Steve Allison, & Norman Mackel speech & media training. Will include morning coffee, lunch, and tea. Cost is a modest £35 per delegate. The information presented will be essential for the smooth running and success of campaigns up to the General Election. **To book**, send a cheque made payable to 'Christchurch Branch UKIP' & send to Pam McAlester, 37 Halebrose Court, 10 Seafield Road, Bournemouth, BH6 3DU. Please also inform **your** branch chairman if you are attending this essential seminar.

Other Regular Events in Neighbouring Constituencies:

WELLS BRANCH

UKIP Wells Constituency Association meets regularly on the **last Monday of every month** in the downstairs room at the back of the Kings Head Pub, 36 High Street, **Wells**, Somerset, BA5 2SG. Contact Wyn Thomas at 'gb.thomas@ukonline.co.uk'



SALISBURY BRANCH



On the **4th Wednesday of the month** [excluding August & December], at 12.30 UKIP **Salisbury** branch have a lunchtime social at the Green Dragon, Old Road, Alderbury, Salisbury, SP5 2AR. Phone Margaret Strange on 01980 623907 for further details. The Green Dragon may in part be the original Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' www.ukipsalisbury.org

EAST DEVON BRANCH

Come and have lunch with UKIP in **East Devon** on the **first Tuesday of every month** at the Maltsters' Arms,

Woodbury, Devon. EX5 1LN
Telephone John Kelly on 01395 276130.

Perhaps even get to meet the legendary John Kelly!



EXETER BRANCH

Pub evening

1st Tuesday of the month.

Ralph Gay 01392 679187.

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Gawain Towler's Personal Website: <http://englandexpects.blogspot.com/>

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Susan McCaffery (UKIP) 480 Alan Bennett (Labour) 266 Tony Gladwin (BNP) 95

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