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First the bad news. Our **Proposed Parliamentary Candidate** [PPC] Gawain Towler has had to stand down. He cites serious family and personal reasons for this, and we extend our thanks for his input so far, and offer our best wishes to him in what are very difficult times for him and his family. This means we have a void to fill just weeks prior to the General Election. As you will already know if you are a Dorset North member, we are calling an Extraordinary General Meeting to select our new PPC. The closing date for nominations has now passed and we are pleased to report the good news that we have had one responder, Jeremy Nieboer, [below right] a very strong candidate. He has experience as a PPC but not with UKIP, and has addressed the Bruges Group and Civitas and is a member of the Advisory Board of the European Foundation in the esteemed company of Lord Pearson, our leader, and Bill Cash MP under the patronage of Lady Thatcher. Please be sure to come to hear and meet him at the **EGM** which is being held at the First-Thursdays on the 4th February 2009 at approximately 8pm. Please do attend this important meeting and remember to bring your UKIP membership card with you to enable you to vote.

Can we remind you that as two of the committee are unable to vote as a result of boundary changes, it is essential that you attend? We need a Proposer and Seconder for the candidate's selection, and of course a clear mandate for him to become our PPC. The details of the venue, the Charlton Inn in Charlton Marshall, are as ever given in the diary section of this newsletter.



On the subject of your **PPC**, once selected he will be needing your help to make this campaign which we are reliably informed [if the Labour's Europe Minister Chris Bryant & Defence Secretary Bob Ainsworth are to be believed] culminates on the 6th May as successful as possible. As usual we will need leafletters and canvassers in all parts of the constituency, and as well as some help in providing telephone cover in the Motcombe/Shafesbury area in the constituency 'office'. It will also be desirable to have people who can help fold and prepare items for delivery. Closer to the election we will need polling agents [those who sit outside the polling stations and jot down who has voted]; Count agents over night on the Thursday of the election; but before these we require Postal Agents to attend the postal vote opening sessions on various dates which include the election day. Please give JLB a ring/email if you can help. Don't forget that the postal votes have to be in about a week after the election is called, hence leaflets etc need to be delivered by then for maximum effect! It will be a very busy week. Finally an AGM is needed soon – details next time.



Unmissable opportunities: The Dorset North branch has a large number of the UKIP own 2010 **Calendars** for useful disposal. Can you find retail units or anywhere to display them to maximum effect? You may have as many as you like. Additionally we have in stock about 10 further copies of the paperback **'Ten Years On – Britain without the European Union'** by Dr Lee Rotherham, as supplied by the Tax Payers Alliance. Each member should already have a copy of this handy book which describes how the UK could be after leaving the EU. If you can find a home for the remaining few the Chairman will be much obliged! Stocks of both should be available for the First-Thursdays meetings, by post or collection from the Greenacres address. Both items are completely **free** to you, although if sent by post the packing will be free but postage would have to be charged. Both publications will be available at the EGM/First-Thursdays in February. Ring 01202 897884 for further details.



Rather than holding a South West Rally this year there will be a one day National **Conference** in Milton Keynes. Limited to 500 places this will prepare you in the build up for the General Election. Booking details in our diary below. Looking further ahead it's been confirmed that this year's UKIP Annual **Conference** will be held at the Riviera International Conference Centre in Torquay. The conference will be held from Thursday, September 2nd to Saturday September 4th at the premier south coast venue and expectations will be high after the success of last year's Southport event. Further details will be announced soon.

We are pleased to include with this issue a copy of the document entitled **'Britain's Suicide Note'** by James Carver, a first class item that shows the progressive nature of the formation of the EU. Use as you wish to spread the word.

UKIP has now released another policy document. Entitled **'From Welfare to Workfare'** a Welfare Policy for an Independent Britain, it joins an impressive list of policy documents ready for the General Election campaign. See our links below for a look at any of them, and download as many as you like. If you do not have access to a computer, either at home or in a library, ask JLB for a copy on your required topic.

On to wider issues. As a direct result of the Lisbon treaty, 54 **European embassies** have already been opened internationally. These in time will replace the British Embassies. 33 are in Africa, & include Addis Abba in Ethiopia of which more anon. China and India also have European embassies. Seven have been set up in non EU European

countries. The British ones are closing as a 'cost saving exercise', the phoney reason given for most EU political decisions. The Lisbon Treaty created an embryonic diplomatic corps known as the European External Action Service, under the control of an EU foreign minister, a post held by UK's very own CND lover Baroness Ashton.

A word of warning about the future that the current president of the EU has instore for us. Pieter Cleppe of Open Europe has reported that President Herman **Van Rompuy** doesn't want to let countries decide their own economic model and the Anglo-Saxon, Swedish or Eastern-European models should all disappear. In 1998, the president wrote in a Flemish book: "The Rhineland model is limited to the Benelux countries and Germany. It needs to become the model of the whole of the Union." Regarding Van Rompuy's ideas that "apart from the euro, other national symbols also need to be replaced by European symbols", such as licence plates and identity cards, Pieter notes: "Being critical of some forms of nationalism is probably a healthy thing, but that shouldn't mean one becomes a fanatic European nationalist." Time alone will tell who prevails.



The aforementioned Addis Abba is also the home of the organisation called the **African Union** [AU]. As its name suggests this is a mirror organisation of the dreaded EU established in 2002 out of the Organisation of African Unity. The AU even has its own flag and emblem and no doubt gradually and without telling its inhabitants will work towards ever closer union, until the individual nation states cease to exist. An Asian version is also in creation called the **Southern Asian Union** [SAU], an amalgamation of Non AU east African countries with middle eastern ones and India, Pakistan, and all far Eastern countries between Mongolia and the Philippines, thus including China and the smaller nations including Japan and Malaysia. This is still at the proposal stage & would build on the existing SAARC states [**South Asian Association of Regional Co-operation**]. So how long is it before we have a world government with its home in the underused but no doubt purpose built Strasbourg EU parliamentary buildings, the Louise Weiss building [left] - & perhaps also across the river in the Palace of Europe seen here on the right?



Planning a holiday abroad? Perhaps you will allow us to help you choose your ideal venue? Maybe you could factor into your calculations that both **Spain and Portugal** are campaigning to allow Turkey into the EU. Spain's Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos has strongly advocated Turkey's accession to the EU in an interview with German daily *Die Welt* saying "Turkey is part of the European family of nations. It's better to have it inside the EU than to leave it standing before the door." Also Spain's property laws are creating havoc in the ex-pat community. Thousands of homes, many belonging to British retirees may be bulldozed in rows over land ownership and planning laws.

Perhaps you would choose **Hungary**? There, two British businessmen accused of defrauding 134 customers out of £18,000 are being held in jail under the controversial European Arrest Warrant (EAW). The two men, one local to Dorset, were jailed in November 2009 and still await trial, under laws designed to fast-track suspects of serious crime and terrorism. The EAW has come under criticism for being used for comparatively minor cases, bypassing traditional safeguards, and leaving citizens of one country at the mercy of criminal procedures in another. Under the penal code, the two could be held for up to two years without being charged. Lawyers for the two say the Hungarian authorities misled Westminster magistrates' court into granting extradition by giving the impression that the case was ready to be heard, when the prosecution was actually still gathering evidence. The men are Michael Turner, 27, [right] from Corfe Castle here in Dorset, and Jason McGoldrick, 37, from Plymouth. They are being kept in appalling conditions according Michael's father Mark, landlord of the Castle Inn in Corfe Castle, a building which always proudly displays a large St. George flag. The EAW is currently under review but is unlikely to be improved. The South Dorset UKIP PPC Mike Hobson is following the case closely and doing what he can to help. Don't forget to sign the 10 Downing Street **petition** [see New Petition below] and to pass it on to all your friends. Also please see the diary.



Our final choice of destination is **Greece** which is reportedly doing so poorly in the euro and post banking collapse that it might either leave or cause such ructions within the EU that the whole house of cards might collapse and render us Euleless or at least Euroless. What a lovely thought!

Links of the Month:

New Petition:

Repeal the European Arrest Warrant

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/RepealtheEAW/>

Policies:

New - UKIP welfare policy:

<http://alturl.com/cjqj>

View those existing and keep an eye for new ones:

<http://www.ukip.org/content/ukip-policies>

Of interest:

Baroness Ashton - no apologies for CND involvement

<http://alturl.com/atjk>

Lord Pearson - The Iain Dale interview in full:

<http://alturl.com/wfjt>

What the media is saying:

- The *Mail* reported that UK consumers face rising energy bills to pay for the Government's £75billion plan to build 6,400 giant wind turbines around the coast - a measure it argues is required to meet EU renewable energy targets. Under the targets, Britain must generate 15 percent of all energy used on fuel, transport and electricity from 'renewable' sources by 2020.
- The *News of the World* reported that Conservative plans to scrap the Human Rights Act are to be shelved - despite a promise to get rid of it immediately once they come to power. In the paper, Vernon Bogdanor, Professor of Government at Oxford University noted that "This has nothing to do with the EU. It is administered by a quite different body, the Council of Europe, which has no power over individual governments. However, in 1998 Tony Blair passed a Human Rights Act ensuring these European rights became part of our law." [Bang goes yet another pledge – can't be many left! Ed]
- Writing on the *Guardian's* Comment is Free website, Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt argues that "To be a model for the future, Europe's governments and peoples must remain committed to an open Europe in an open world... that means continuing to honour Article 49 of the treaty of Rome, which keeps the door to membership open to any European country willing and able to share the EU's values, interests, and policies."
- In an interview with the *New Statesman* Iceland's Prime Minister Johanna Sigurdardottir, when asked what benefits EU membership would bring, answered: "We would gain a voice within EU institutions, prices of certain consumer goods should fall, and the EU's regional policy would be beneficial to the remote regions of Iceland. Membership would allow for adoption of the euro, which would reduce the cost we pay to maintain the world's smallest currency." [Yuk! Ed]
- In an article for *FAZ* under the headline "the EU harms the European ideal", former German President Roman Herzog writes that the EU faces an "existential crisis". He argues that the EU "must regain the public's trust...otherwise they will reject the founding ideal of European integration, which would make the complete dissolution of the EU a possibility." [This sounds interesting! We must undermine public trust in the EU! Ed]
- The *Telegraph* reports that the wives and families of suspected terrorists could soon have their benefit payments reinstated, following opinions expressed by the European Court of Justice (ECJ)'s most senior judge. The *Mail* notes that Ministers stopped the handouts following the September 11 attacks and that, under the Treasury's rules, social security payments cannot be made available 'directly or indirectly, to, or for the benefit of' anyone who is on the UN terrorism sanctions list. However, the Senior Advocate of the ECJ, Paulo Mengozzi, has said that the decision to halt the payments was unfair on the grounds of human rights. [What a surprise! Ed]
- In the *European Journal* Mona O'Connor argues: "why has no-one in the UK made the link between the introduction of the euro and the UK/European Credit Crunch?" She argues that "European exposure to domestic subprime credits was far less than America but our crisis was made worse by the greater error of monetary union when interest rates were being pushed too low to suit 'one size fits all' by the European political elite."
- Meanwhile, the *Sunday Telegraph* reported that wind farms could blight one in six officially-designated beauty spots in the UK. Out of 89 sites given special protection due to the quality of their landscape, planning permission for turbines has been approved or sought at 14. The UK is required to source 15% of its energy from renewable sources by 2020 under EU targets.
- *Open Europe's* recent briefing on EU social and employment legislation, based on the UK Government's own impact assessments, found that existing UK laws derived from EU social legislation will cost the UK economy over £71bn between 2010 and 2020.
- The *Metro* reports that the House of Commons Committee for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs have said that millions of tonnes of food waste should be banned from going to landfill within five years. The action comes amid fears that Britain could be fined £200m by the EU if it misses the target, contained in the Landfill Directive, to halve the amount of biodegradable waste sent to landfill by 2013, from 1995 levels. [Where is it to go? They have already banned pig-swill. Ed]

FOR YOUR DIARY

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-Thursday meetings.

THURSDAY 4th February 2010 @ 7.30pm onwards – EGM 8pm & FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING:

Dorset Branch Library and minishop available at this meeting. 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.



An Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held this evening at 8pm, with the intention of selecting our Proposed Parliamentary Candidate for the General Election. Would Dorset North members please attend with their membership cards. The candidate will address the meeting then you have the chance to talk to him & vote on his nomination.

THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2010 @ from 7pm:[public not UKIP event] at The Castle Inn, East St., Corfe Castle BH20 5ED

"A musical extravaganza with a packed programme of spectacular entertainment." Musicians include: Amongst others, Jim Etherington, Paul Antony, Andrew Churchill, Alex Moss and his band. There will also be a grand prize draw, exciting auction and barbeque on the rear patio. Entrance fees are £5.00 per head or £10.00 in advance including a meal of curry & rice (booked in advance). Fund raising for the 'Free Mike and Jason' fund. Details etc at <http://www.freemikeandjason.co.uk/> or 01929 480208.

SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2010 @3pm - POOLE & MID-DORSET UKIP AGM: @ St Paul's Church, Culliford Crescent, Canford Heath BH17 9DW [nr Asda carpark]: Guest Speaker - William, Earl of Dartmouth MEP

THURSDAY 4th March 2010 @ 7.30pm onwards – FIRST-THURSDAY MEETING: As 4th February without the EGM.

FRIDAY 19th MARCH 2010 @ 10.00am – UKIP SPRING NATIONAL CONFERENCE:

To be held from 10am - 4pm at the **Jury's Inn, Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 2HP** and tickets for the day are just £7.50. Tickets are also available for the Leader's Evening Buffet Reception after the conference – 7pm until late – priced at £20 per person. This event is limited to 120 tickets. All tickets available from Sam Sutton at The Old Grain Store, Church Lane, Lyminster, West Sussex BN17 7QJ. For tickets or further details, call 01903 885573 or 0754 9953809 or email ukiphampshire@btinternet.com



THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2010 @ 7.15pm – Special Bournemouth Open Meeting with Lord Pearson:

A meeting for all members of UKIP in Dorset, + non-members welcome. Party Leader Lord Malcolm Pearson of Rannoch will be speaking along with local MEP Lord Dartmouth. This is likely to be the only meeting in Dorset prior to the General Election in which Lord Pearson will speak. Venue: the Hallmark Hotel [formally Durley Hall Hotel], Durley Chine Road, Bournemouth, BH2 5JS.



FRIDAY 9th APRIL 2010 - @ 7pm - WEYMOUTH PAVILION– Open Hustings Meeting:

Meet and hear UKIP MEPs Nigel Farage, William Dartmouth & South Dorset PPC Mike Hobson in the Ocean Room, Weymouth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Weymouth, DT4 8ED. Further details to be announced.



THURSDAY 2nd to 4th SEPTEMBER 2010 – UKIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

UKIP annual conference will be held at the **Riviera International Conference Centre in Torquay**. The conference will be held from Thursday, September 2nd to Saturday September 4th. Further details to be announced. There is unlikely to be a major report in our newsletter this time so you will have to go yourself!



WELLS BRANCH

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 Thursday 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. Ring Margaret Strange on 01980 623907 for details. The Green Dragon may originally in part be the Blue Dragon in Charles Dickens's 'Martin Chuzzlewit.' www.ukipsalisbury.org

or email jharvey1917@btinternet.com



EAST DEVON BRANCH

Come and have lunch in **East Devon** on the **first Tuesday of every month** at the Maltsters' Arms, Woodbury, Devon. EX5 1LN.

NB November 10th this month.

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

Cheltenham Coffee Morning

2nd Saturday of the month

Alan Stone 01242 515439

Chippenham & N Wilts pub night

1st Wednesday of the month

Lysley Arms, Pewsham SN15 3RU 7pm

Other Regular UKIP Events in Neighbouring Constituencies:

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Other UKIP Websites: <http://www.ukipsw.org> www.ukipdorset.org www.ukip.org <http://www.westbournemouthukip.com/main.htm>

Historic Blog Site [not current]: <http://ukipnorthdorset.blogspot.com/> live: <http://englandexpects.blogspot.com/>

William Dartmouth MEP's Website: <http://www.williamdartmouth.com>

Trevor Coleman MEP's Website: please follow the link on: www.ukip.org

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