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# Message from the Party Leader

## Roger Knapman MEP



When France was recently engulfed in the acrid flames of riot, few in this country realized that Britain would be paying the price. And literally so, for within days it was revealed that a huge sum of cash would be handed over by the EU to help France recover. Of course a good proportion of that cash was British taxpayers' money, paid over to the EU and lost to these shores; money that could have been used to improve our hospitals and schools.

But it is ironic that Britain, once called the sick man of Europe, should have been required to help France, which helped create the EU in the image of its own "social model." Those command structure policies were what caused the French problem and which have ossified the Continental economies.



*UKIP leader Roger Knapman MEP discussing new EU legislation that will devastate Britain's chemical industry with John Hallbrow and Nyree Connell of the Federation of Small Business (FSB). At the meeting the FSB told Roger that the planned REACH legislation would put "tens of thousands" of British jobs at risk.*

They are wracked by high unemployment and slow growth, enterprise and innovation bound

hand and foot by regulations, plans, edicts and wasteful red-tape.

Some in the EU have realized the dangers, all too late. There are attempts to make a major policy shift, towards a more laissez-faire "Anglo-Saxon" model. But these will inevitably fail because the very essence of the EU is about centralization, regulation and control. The real Anglo-Saxon model is about no EU.

In the debates and votes in the European Parliament we must never lose sight of that. The UKIP group must use every opportunity to draw attention to the fact that the EU is failing and why Britain must withdraw. We have to use the European Parliament against itself.

To do that we have to maintain a delicate balance. We have to participate in the proceedings without selling out. We have to monitor the policies without appearing to endorse them. We have to accept money from an institution we reject and then put it to good use working against the feeding hand.

It is not surprising that this sometimes creates tensions.

We are either accused of "going native" or "undermining international cooperation." We

are either "on a gravy train" or are "narrow-minded puritans."

The truth is that we are none of these things. Had UKIP's MEPs wanted an easy life we would not have joined UKIP! Fighting for our principles has cost all of us dear in terms of time, commitment and money. We are determined to continue the battle and are an integral part of the only elected British political party that is doing this.

But our MEPs cannot do the work alone. They need the active support and backing of all our Party members working at branch and constituency level to spread the message. We all have to sink our energies into this common cause and pull together.

For those of us who are in a combatant spirit, there is a good fight coming up. In a few months we have important local elections where UKIP needs to make a mark. All branches should now be assessing what seats are worth targeting and preparing themselves for a campaign.

There are hundreds of thousands of people out there who, without us, have no voice. We must not let them down.

Yours sincerely,  
Roger Knapman

# Editorial



## A New Chairman

As some of you may have heard, UKIP has a new party chairman who will take office in January. David Campbell-Bannerman, a great nephew of former Liberal Prime Minister Henry Campbell-Bannerman. David is a senior PR consultant who is looking forward to taking up this new challenge. David contested North Cornwall for UKIP at the general election earlier this year. The January issue of Independence will feature more on David, but for now I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best.

## Press Training

I have been rather snowed under by branches wanting to send local members on Press Officer training courses. On P7, you will find details of the first of these, which has been combined with a policy forum to give members a direct route to the leadership and NEC for ideas and suggestions. If you have applied and not received a response, please bear with me: I will contact you when details of the course most local to you have been finalised. A list of courses will be published in the January issue.

## Tempus Fugit

Local elections are rapidly approaching for many of us, and I hope you will find the article on local campaigns of use. These are an excellent way to raise the profile of your branch if you have a major issue locally on which you wish to make a stand. Please feel free to contact the press office for advice on publicity, and also to pass on to us details of your local campaigns so we can pass the message on in future issues.

## Tom Wise MEP

The last couple of months have been rather difficult ones for UKIP, particularly in the Sunday Telegraph which has continued its campaign against the party while simultaneously reducing the amount of space given to the most Eurosceptic columnist in Britain, Christopher Booker.

I have been snowed under with submissions for this issue on the subject of Tom Wise, and most, I have to say, have relied exclusively upon the Sunday Telegraph as if it were gospel truth. And yet their articles missed several pertinent facts, not least the calling of a meeting by Tom with several other senior party figures in Brussels to discuss what to do with the surplus monies in his account. I think you will agree that this is hardly the action of someone who intended to use the money fraudulently.

A final statement has been issued by Roger on this subject, and it is reproduced on the page 22. While I thank those who have taken the time and trouble to write lengthy pieces on this subject, I have declined to publish them as none of the authors were in possession of the full facts. Rather than attacking our own MEPs, we would perhaps be better served by asking why no newspaper apart from the Sunday Telegraph has reported this story. There are two possible reasons why this is so: either MEPs ripping off £30,000 of taxpayers money are not newsworthy, or the other newspapers saw this as a politically motivated non-story with little if any foundation in fact. I don't know about you, but my money's on the latter.



## Lest we forget . . . Clearly some have

**The Royal British Legion in Brussels had provided UKIP staff with poppies and collecting tins to raise money for their annual campaign. There were a number of UK MEPs and staff selling poppies in order to raise as much money as possible. The tins and poppies were taken to October Strasbourg plenary, in order to guilt trip MEPs into donating more money than each other, and thus letting the British Legion win. In the charade that is Strasbourg, the contents of offices are shipped around in trunks, and taken back and forth between the two Parliament buildings. The collecting tin was put in the trunk to take back to the office of Graham Booth, and at some point in the journey, the money collected was stolen.**

# THE EU'S WAR ON OUR HEALTH FREEDOMS



Marlene Houghton - UKIP Ealing

Having fought one of the most vigorous and sustained battles over our natural right to freedom of choice in health care, as expected, the UK's legal challenge failed to overturn the EU Food Supplement Directive leaving many people feeling frustrated and bitter. As if this was not enough the EU has stepped up its attack on natural remedies and from 30th October 2005 the Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive will begin to have teeth, having been approved by the unelected European Commission behind closed doors. This Directive will force herbal remedies into the formal regulatory environment of pharmaceutical drugs and threatens the continued availability of many herbal mixtures available in the UK for decades. Many will be banned even though their safety is undisputed. Favourites such as Echinacea, Evening Primrose, St. John's Wort, etc. will either vanish or be put on prescription, given out like drugs by orthodox doctors unqualified in nutritional therapy or herbal medicine. Further along in the pipeline, the EU Pharmaceuticals Directive is to be implemented which will sound the death knell for our freely available homeopathic remedies, flower and gem essences and aromatherapy oils. Tea Tree Oil

is already on the hit list from this December.

Some have hailed a 'derogation' that the UK has secured until 2009 as a victory. This is a Pyrrhic victory as it only delays the inevitable which is the total destruction of our natural health industry, forcing consumers to rely on drugs instead of natural remedies and prescriptions from doctors who are already overburdened with work and who are usually hostile to these therapies that they are often ignorant about.

The idea that because we hold the EU Presidency Mr. Blair would negotiate with the Commission in order to save our supplements is a pipe dream. He is the very man who gerrymandered the Standing Committee to make sure that his Yes Men voted this unjust FSD into law. Mr. Blair's attitude is that the vitamin takers of Britain is that they are just a 'bunch of nutters' and the idea that he would upset Brussels for such a 'trivial' matter is unthinkable. The Conservatives were equally ineffectual when it came to securing our freedom to choose vitamins and herbs. Unfortunately key decisions that are of vital importance to us here in Britain are being made in Brussels by unelected officials more

interested in the corporations who stand to benefit than the people they are supposed to serve. We are now at a crossroads, if we continue in the EU democracy will finally be toppled. If however we exit this corrupt corporate club, then democracy will be able to re-emerge. Unfortunately this victory cannot be brokered by our elected representatives from the three main parties who have let us down again and again. Our freedom to choose how we look after our own health will only survive if we stand up and demand a referendum that will give us a get out clause so that we can have the opportunity to leave the EU's captivity and become free, independent and self-governed once more. Only then will we be able to save our supplements and save our democracy. The only party that offers us this choice is the U.K. Independence Party and we must support it, our health depends upon it.

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# UKIP crosses the pond

by The Hon. Stephen Sobey-Nevill, UKIP Press Officer



Commensurate with popular opinion Godfrey Bloom is a man of many ideas; a proportion of them, however, are unprintable on these pages. Since his election to the European Parliament, Godfrey became aware of endless official delegations of Eurocrats crossing the Atlantic to Washington to "talk up" the European Union and its "achievements" with American politicians. Clearly, hearing only one side of the argument was going to have an effect on the way Americans view the EU.

To counter this, Godfrey, a man of action, felt that he needed to organise a visit by senior party figures, to introduce UKIP and the Independence/Democracy Group to the top table of the American political establishment. Gawain Towler, Head of Media in Brussels, and I, were thus charged with organising a series of meetings. The visit consisted of Godfrey and Mrs Bloom, Nigel Farage MEP and Vladimir Zelezny MEP, a Czech member of the Independence/Democracy Group, who brought an Accession Country perspective to the talks. Together with Gawain and I, Emma Brader, Godfrey's assistant in Yorkshire also came. Emma organised the trip with almost military precision. The entire visit was privately sponsored by the TBO Group.

Our meetings covered the major American think tanks, including the Heritage Foundation, Cato, the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute, the



Nigel Farage and Godfrey Bloom at the statue of Sir John Dill

MEPs were hardly given a chance to catch breath. Meetings covered broad areas: we discussed flat taxes. We discussed the way in which the EU used regulation to stifle business or close down competition or damage the third world. We discussed state interference in the personal life of citizens, and most chilling was a discussion on the "post-democratic society", a formulation dreamt up by Eurocrats in Brussels as their excuse for refusing to listen to democratic voices. All the time we were hammering home the message that the EU was essentially hostile to America and American interests.

Nigel received a rousing reception at the Wednesday Morning Meeting hosted by an iconic figure of centre-right politics, Grover Norquist. These meetings act as the epicentre of centre-right political life in Washington. The White House, Congressional staff, business (big and small) think tanks and journalists; upwards of 150 of them cram into a meeting room to hear what is happening in town. Nigel's speech received the loudest and longest applause of out of over thirty that took place. It was very apparent that Washington is ripe for the UKIP message of a free and open United Kingdom deciding its own interests and allies.

We were privileged to have several meetings in Congress, including meeting the Chairman of the Europe Committee, Rep. Elton Gallegly. It was clear from his questions that he was sympathetic to the UKIP position on withdrawal, but would not be drawn into outright backing. It did emerge though, in a lighter moment that the official name of the Committee "Europe and Emerging Threats" was chosen deliberately, thus alerting us to the general position of the Committee...

A highlight was meeting with Senator Trent Lott, former Republican Majority Leader in the US Senate. Senator Lott was particularly interested in the issues of defence interoperability between UK and US forces and the policy ramifications for both the Atlantic alliance and NATO. Here again our group was pleased to note a great deal of sympathy and support for the UKIP approach to the future of the UK. At each meeting we heard the same story. There was a strong broad agreement about the growing threat that the current policy direction of the EU posed to US



Godfrey Bloom MEP meets former Senate majority leader Trent Lott

interests. Simultaneously there was broad agreement that an independent Britain would be no bad thing.

On Tuesday Godfrey and Katie Bloom hosted a reception at the Army & Navy Club, and we amazed by the sheer number of guests who arrived, and how keen they were to hear a "Euro-realistic" argument. We had diverse company, including a collection of new friends who we had met in various meetings and wanted to hear a bit more about the cause.

The UKIP message is one that Americans can instinctively understand. In a country where citizens jealously guard liberties and freedoms, opposition to an overbearing, undemocratic supra-national body seems completely natural. UKIP's policies and its grass roots approach are now firmly planted in the minds of many of the key foreign policy institutes and politicians in Washington. And the visit has helped us enormously: we have promises of assistance on policy from the Heritage Foundation, and the Cato and Hudson Institutes. Most remarkably, Nigel Farage is now a weekly commentator on EU politics for Radio America, a syndicated radio station with an audience of 12 million listeners; the only elected UK politician with such media access.

One meeting encapsulated the sympathetic reception we received. As Godfrey was explaining the nuances of the EU to Senator Lott, the former Senate Majority Leader shook his head and in his Southern drawl replied "Our folks down at home just wouldn't stand for it".

# The Eurozone

## An Economic Disaster In the Making



By Jeffrey Tifford MEP - Acting Chairman UK Independence Party

**According to the Financial Times Deutschland, the euro has been one of the weakest performing currencies in the world during 2005. It has even been out-performed by the Turkish lira and the Brazilian Real.**

Apparently, the major reason for this is the European Central Bank's (ECB) low interest rate policy. I would go a stage further and say that the real reason is the 'single' interest rate policy which permanently traps the ECB between a rock and a hard place. Some countries need higher interest rates while others need lower rates. The ECB can never please everybody and ends up pleasing no one by sitting on its hands. There is currently a lot of speculation that the ECB is actually considering its first rate rise for 28 months. I shan't be holding my breath.

Adding to this woeful tale of economic troubles is a joint report by Britain's Centre for Economic Reform and the French Institut Montaigne which calls for major reforms which are urgently needed to get the EU back on track. Not least of these is a complete freeze on 'significant treaty change' for five years and greater focus on projects and policies that can deliver tangible results for EU citizens. It also calls for the eurozone countries to have a fresh dialogue on structural reforms and another attempt to produce an effective set of fiscal rules to replace the discredited Stability Pact. What this wish list report fails to consider is the complete lack of political will for reform.

Conjecture about the future is all very well but Italy is deep in trouble now. According to Charles Dumas, of the highly respected economic

think tank Lombard Street Research: "Italian labour costs are beyond the point of being compatible with EMU membership without painful reforms. The budget deficit is being widened to make up for loss of export market share. Public debt is heading up towards 150 per cent of GDP. The political mess in Rome means exit from EMU is virtually inevitable". There is no doubt that tensions are building up within the eurozone and speculation about whether Italy will leave is rife. Were it to opt out, Greece and possibly Portugal are liable to follow.

The OECD is almost equally gloomy. It says that there is a "chronic pattern of divergent activity" in the eurozone economies. This is economist-speak which can be roughly translated as "one size does not fit all". The single interest rate policy is a yoke that has to be carried by the eurozone members and it is leading them toward disaster. They simply have no room for manoeuvre.

### **Chronic divergence**

Fiscal policy changes are effectively out of the question. The Stability and Growth pact may be thoroughly discredited but it still holds in check any expansionist fiscal policies that the eurozone members might consider. What of the other option – reform? Sadly for the eurozone none is really in sight, despite the rhetoric of the British Government on this topic.

Tony Blair has been the major proponent of the 'R' word but has made zero progress during the British Presidency of the EU, which could be better described as the British 'caretakership', so ineffective has it been. The Lisbon agenda to reform and revitalise the EU's economies, launched with such

fanfare in 2000, is now widely regarded as a joke. Mr Blair had hoped to have support for his reformist agenda from a dynamic new German Chancellor but Angela Merkel is so fatally compromised by the coalition she has been forced to form with Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats, that there is no stomach for change.

The EU Heads of Government who gathered at Hampton Court for an 'informal' Summit at the end of October had much to think about but remained as divided as ever. There are widely diverging views over the EU budget for 2007-2013 and they made no progress at all. Tony Blair is adamant that talks on the reform of the budget must include the ridiculously expensive and inefficient Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). President Chirac is equally adamant that it must not. He is due for re-election in 2007, the last thing he wants to do is upset French farmers, who have been milking the CAP for decades. The EU's leaders seem to have a Nero complex - fiddling while the economic situation in Europe goes up in flames.

Economically, the EU is in a state of flux and looks likely to remain so. Britain, which it should be remembered, is signed up to two of the three stages of EMU, should reconsider its membership, and look toward the prosperous, liberated future it would have, free of the crumbling, sclerotic and dated European Union.

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# Press Training & Policy Days



For details contact the  
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Clive Page, Deputy Director of Communications

The Press Office, with the full backing of party leader Roger Knapman and General Secretary Geoff Kingscott, have launched an initiative to improve the way we deal with the media.

It has been agreed that the Press team will visit every region to help candidates, branch officials, regional organisers and any other interested members in how to deal with the media.

The day will include seminars, practical demonstrations and practical help.-it could even be fun.

Day two of the visit will be held under the chairmanship of Geoff Kingscott. This will concentrate on policy. Members can give their views directly to the General Secretary who will then take a consensus to the NEC who will respond.

The advantage of this policy day is that it gives members the opportunity to directly address their opinions to the leadership. It means not waiting for the annual conference or their views staying within the limits of their branch.

## Annual Conference

Ahead of these meetings the national press office has taken steps to ensure that ALL our press coverage is co-ordinated. To begin the process a meeting was held last month involving all regional press officers and some branch spokesmen.

It was the first time they had met as a group and all felt it was a useful exercise. A new system of communication is now in place involving the regions, the national office and Brussels. Many weaknesses were exposed and hopefully these are on the way to being solved.

The first two day seminar will be held in the East Midlands on January 28th and 29th. Please make the effort to be there-it is a great opportunity to learn something and have your say.



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### UKIP Wine World

Tony Buckridge's Flagship Wine Company has been appointed by UKIP to offer all members a series of selected cases from his wine range as well as access to his complete list on request. Each case purchased by you will see a commission transferred to UKIP's central funds. Flagship was launched by Tony Buckridge some 14 years ago having previously spent most of his working life in the drinks industry with Grand Metropolitan and Ruddles. Flagship predominantly supplies wine to the restaurant trade but has made exclusive arrangements for UKIP members to purchase wine from his portfolio for home delivery.

#### Case A - Whites and Reds Our price: £48.50 PLUS DELIVERY



4 bottles each of:

Sauvignon Blanc, Vignoble du Sud, Foncalieu, France 2004

Smooth and herby with a hint of gooseberry. Good as an aperitif but also a pleasantly aromatic wine to enjoy with smoked salmon and onion tart.



Beaumont Country (Merlot - Shiraz - Tinta Barroca), Walker Bay, South Africa 2003

Superb, succulent and earthy red wine made by the Beaumont family. Perfect for grilled meat, pasta, cheese and Sunday roast. The Tinta Barroca grape variety is widely used by the Portuguese in the production of port.

Pinot-Verduzzo, Altana di Vico, Italy 2004

This dry white wine is pale straw yellow in colour. Clean, pleasing aroma. This is a wine of character and versatility. Excellent as an aperitif; ideal accompaniment to seafood salads, fish and shellfish-based pasta and rice courses. Perfect also with white meats, ham, melon and grilled fish.

#### Case F - New World Whites and Reds Our price: £58.50 PLUS DELIVERY



4 bottles each of:

TORREÓN DE PAREDES Sauvignon Blanc, Valle de Rengo 2004, Chile

Low-yielding early harvest of excellent, ripe grapes bottled in June 2004. Bright, pale straw colour with well-defined, typical Sauvignon Blanc nose with notes of citrus, green apples and tropical fruits. This is a fruity and crisp tasting wine with a long, harmonious and vibrant finish. Wonderful aperitif. Very good with white meats.



Beaumont Country (Merlot - Shiraz - Tinta Barroca), Walker Bay, South Africa 2003

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Shiraz Cabernet, Katherine Hills, Crestview, 2004, South Australia

Big, fruit-driven wine with minimal use of oak, made by Rob Dundon at the Crestview Winery, who says his wine is 'unashamedly aimed at matching with red meats'. This is very good, open, well-balanced Aussie wine with spicy, berry flavours lifted by a touch of mint. The warm, ripe, savoury fruit results in a soft, rounded palate showing great length.

Delivery Charge is £5.75 per case. Customers must be over 18 years of age. Payment by cheque or on-line. Please contact Tony Buckridge by e-mail to ask for bank details, orders and wines from his complete range, ideally specifying wines, regions or countries in which you are interested. The entire list contains over 500 wines from almost every wine-producing country. Construction of a Wine World website is currently in process.

**PLEASE DRINK TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PARTY!**

# Is your **branch** ready to fight **Anytown?**



Steve Allison, By-Election Campaign Director

*“This is Radio Anytown; we interrupt this program with a news flash. The Member of Parliament for Anytown has been killed in a car crash. A by-election is expected to be called early next month.”*

## **That is the scenario that you may face as Chairman of Anytown UKIP Branch.**

The Party Chairman is on the phone that afternoon asking for your opinion, should UKIP fight the by-election? Can we make a reasonable showing if we do? How many local activists can you count upon? Does the Branch have any funds? and even more important does the Branch have a Candidate who is of sufficient calibre to fight the election? The Candidate needs to be media friendly, presentable, well turned out, knowledgeable on UKIP Policy and local issues AND be able to give the campaign their undivided attention 24/7 for the next month. If they can write a cheque for £10,000 to cover the campaign costs then even better. How many branches could answer these questions?

You advise the Party everything is GO in Anytown! UKIP can put up a decent showing and the Party should definitely fight the seat. UKIP Political Committee meets and approves the campaign within 24 hours of the news breaking.

As soon as the go ahead is given the Campaign Director, Steve Allison, is on the phone. He and the Campaign Press Director, Clive Page, will be in Anytown tomorrow. As Branch Chairman will you use local knowledge to line up a Campaign Office? Easy-in/easy out lease for a month on a shop front unit with high street walk-by visibility, a private back office, minimum 2 Telephone points, access to toilet and kitchen facilities, access for delivery vehicles making bulk deliveries on pallets and plentiful free parking available.

Could your Branch do it?

48 hours after the death of the MP. The UKIP By-Election team are in Anytown. We are probably already 24 hours behind the Lib-Dems! Clive Page begins working with the candidate, arranging publicity photographs and planning a launch event. Steve Allison sets up the Campaign Office, arranges telephone lines, confirms the literature plan for the campaign and meets with the Constituency Returning Officer to collect copies of the electoral register, postal voter lists and ward maps. At 9.00pm that night the first Campaign Meeting is held. From then on things will need to move very quickly, a by-election campaign lasts 4 weeks and there is no time to loose. Anything we have already forgotten? Ah yes, where are Clive and Steve sleeping tonight?

# Independence for what?



By John Harvey

What do we mean when we say that Britain is perfectly capable of governing herself? What do we mean by Britain? Well for a start, we actually mean the United Kingdom, but that's not really what I had in mind. The UK comprises a small collection of islands off the North West coast of Europe. But independence for 'this precious stone set in a silver sea' - albeit a very interesting stone of igneous metamorphic and sedimentary origin - is hardly enough on its own to set the heart racing.

Perhaps it's independence for the unique rural landscape of our homeland, moulded over the centuries into its fertile patchwork by the gentle embrace of the Gulf Stream and by generations of hardy yeoman farmers, but succumbing now to the ravages of the CAP. Or then again it might mean our traditional town and cityscapes so distinctively different to those of other nations but greatly diluted now by the uniform mediocrity of modern architecture which seeks to blend them into some vast anonymous matrix of global corporatism.

Some UKIPers have argued that it is our unique social institutions which give the UK its distinctiveness and make it a country worth preserving, and there is a lot in this. Foremost amongst these are our great democratic and legal traditions unsullied by 20th century dictators and Marxist despots but under threat now from the blind self-righteousness of Brussels bureaucracy. But this great British spirit of 'live and let live' is also manifest in many of our other British institutions, such as the sometimes bumbling tolerances of the established Church, and the all too human imperfections of our Constitutional Monarchy.

But in the end we want our

independence not for the land alone, nor for what we have made of it, nor even for the buildings and institutions which we have erected upon it, but rather for the people who inhabit it and whose unique combination of drives and abilities over the centuries have made the United Kingdom what it is today.

Nowadays the number of people in the UK accounts for about one percent of the total world population. This figure has been a little higher in the past, but never massively so. Yet despite this, Britons have historically achieved great things out of all proportion to their numbers. Just think of our great political and military leaders from King Alfred through the Duke of Wellington and Lord Nelson to Winston Churchill; great explorers such as Captain Cook and David Livingstone; social reformers such as William Wilberforce and Emmeline Pankhurst; musicians; poets; philosophers; the list is endless. American social scientist Charles Murray in his epic book on *'Human Accomplishment'* published in 2003, uses sophisticated statistical techniques to list in rank order the most significant figures in the arts and sciences worldwide and throughout recorded history. In science, Sir Isaac Newton came out as the top physicist worldwide; five of the world's top ten chemists were British; in biology Charles Darwin came top; Scottish born Charles Lyell was the top Earth Scientist; and James Watt the top technologist. And of course William Shakespeare headed the list of the top 835 significant Western literary figures.

But the genius of these men and women did not exist in a vacuum. It did not arise suddenly when they were born only to die away again once they were gone. All were products both of their environment and of their genes, and both of these creative forces last

far longer than the lives of the individuals concerned. Our Parliament which so suited the oratorical skills of Churchill, allowed many other great orators to flourish as well. The genes which created the scientific and mathematical genius of Newton are still abroad in our population today, diluted remixed and added to over and over again until eventually some other genius of his ilk will arise once more from within.

All of which is an absolute anathema to our present day class of deracinated professional politicians. But if Tony Blair's New Labour epitomises all that is worst in the governance of the managerial state, the other two parties are not far behind. Our country was not created by people such as these through mission statements, European policy directives, and 'Investors in People' certificates. Rather it was a product of the genius of our people evolving together over countless generations. So long in the making, yet now so threatened by these new managerial autocrats.

And finally there is another danger here both for Mr Blair and for the rest of us as well. We all need beliefs. Take away a man's natural loyalties to his country, and he won't simply adopt some artificial European identity - the glitzy product of some trendy Brussels ad-agency. Human psychology being what it is the chances are he will soon find other beliefs, most likely some far more extreme ones, to satisfy his need to belong.

The whole European project carries within it the inevitability of its own demise, and the longer that process takes, the more likely it is to end in turmoil. In UKIP we seek an amicable divorce from the EU before that point is reached.

# Elections to the National Executive Committee

The National Executive Committee (NEC) is the highest management body of the UK Independence Party, and is responsible for all aspects of Party activity. Members of the NEC serve for three years, with one third of the elected members retiring each year. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

In accordance with the Party Constitution, the annual election for NEC vacancies will be held in February 2006. Successful candidates will take up their positions as from March 2006.

This year there are eight vacancies to be filled. The successful candidates will be the eight candidates obtaining the most votes.

All Party members in good standing are entitled to seek election, subject to the party constitution and rules. Persons employed by the UK Independence Party or by UKIP MEPs may stand for election, but if elected, they will be required to resign from their paid positions.

The Party General Secretary (Geoffrey Kingscott) will act as Returning Officer for the election. The count will be held on February 28, 2005.

**Nomination papers are now available from the General Secretary at UKIP Head Office, PO Box 9876, Birmingham B6 4DN, email [gensec@ukip.org](mailto:gensec@ukip.org)**

Copies of the Election Rules will be sent out with each nomination paper. Each nomination will require the signatures of a Proposer, a Seconder, and eight Assentors. Each candidate may submit a statement of up to 250 words and a current photograph of himself/herself.

The closing date for receipt of nomination papers is 5.00 p.m. on January 6, 2006. Because of possible delays in the Christmas postal service prospective candidates are advised to act without delay to obtain and submit their nomination papers.

## Opportunity Knocks Competition



Alan Bown

The aim of the competition is to spot rising stars from within the party. If you are ambitious and think you've got what it takes to progress to a senior position, and possibly of course become an MEP – now's your chance to make a name for yourself.

Competitors will be asked to talk for 5 minutes on a subject of their choice. Heats will be held in each region and the winner of each region will progress to the final, which will be held at a mini-conference early in 2006.

To enter, please register your name

with your regional organiser by 20th January 2006 – the competition will be open to all members except MEPs, regional organisers and NEC members past and present. Competitors must have been a member as at 8th October 2005.

**Winner - £ 1,000  
2nd place - £ 500  
3rd Place - £ 250**

**PLUS – All 11 finalists will be invited on a free trip to Brussels to meet our MEPs.**

## Help stop people getting stars in their eyes!

You can't fail to have noticed how more and more cars have EU ring of stars number plates - and no doubt you 'boil' every time you see them

Many drivers have no idea what those plates signify – and even if they do they probably don't realize that they are not obliged to have them. That's where our campaign comes in!

For some years now we have been encouraging members to arm themselves with mini-leaflets that can be slipped under the windscreen wipers of cars with EU plates when parked in public places

Now we have produced a new leaflet which is more concise, looks more professional and has no political party references. It simply: points out to the driver that the number plates identify

him/her as a supporter of the EU explains that although the plates were probably already on the vehicle when the owner got it there is no obligation to have or keep them gives details of how to obtain GB/Union Jack number plate stickers - not only a far cheaper option than buying 'plain' plates but more patriotic, too!

Drivers who take up our offer are likely to respond positively to the information pack we send with the stickers

The new mini leaflet is now available from UKIP, PO Box 9876 Birmingham B6 4DN at a cost of £1 per 100, including postage. A list of useful do & don't hints when leafleting vehicles is included with each order

Why not give it a try? Your effort could make a real difference

# A personal view of Conference



The one thing everybody agreed on about the UKIP 2005 conference was that it was held at the Emmanuel Hall in London.

After that it was like watching a bad road accident. Everybody saw it but everybody had a different view.

The conference hall was packed when the new General Secretary Geoff Kingscott announced that the party had responded quickly to the need for greater cohesion by appointing people to key posts. These new positions were taken by Dick Horsnell who is in charge of fund raising, Steve Allison takes on the role of running by- elections and Anthony Butcher is the man in charge of co-ordinating research.

They were joined by Jonathon Arnott who later spoke at length on his role as the new Local Government supremo and how he would tackle it and Stephen Sobey who has joined the Press Office.

Showing that UKIP members know enough to follow the money, Alan Bown appeared on stage to a standing ovation. He gave details of a new public speaking competition-sadly not including our MEPs. The prize was a trip to the European Parliament in Brussels-possibly a strange choice of prize for diehard UKIP members.

Possibly the highlight of the morning was the appearance of the younger members of the party-UKIP Youth. Matthew Faithful won the award for optimism by claiming he could build a bridge between the experience of age and the energy of youth.

He was well backed up by Katie Davies and John West while Delroy Young spoke really well about the need to involve



younger members.

The lunch interval gave well earned respite from the hard seats and gave hundreds of people a chance to find out where Mark Croucher, their Director of Communications, had been all day. It turned out he was multi-tasking as head of catering and very well too.

In the afternoon weighty measures were discussed. Roger Wilson gave a grim warning that the systematic destruction of our armed forces were instrumental in pushing Britain into a single European state.

Gerard Batten gave a restrained but forceful speech on immigration and appealed for help in integrating foreign speaking immigrants.

John Whittaker in his usual authoritative manner told conference of the damage the euro was doing to most of the European economies with most of them struggling.

Dick Morris, who was President Clinton's political strategist, gave a stirring speech in which he congratulated UKIP for helping bring the proposed EU constitution to a dead stop. Like other speakers before him he also warned that we had to remain vigilant as there were already moves to introduce it through stealth.

The day ended with a speech by the leader Roger Knapman which poured scorn on potential leaders of the

Conservative leaders and ridiculed their European agendas.

He finished with a call to arms and received an extended standing ovation.

Many members left well pleased with the day. Others were not so happy however. Many felt that the conference should have been held over two days and that one day was not enough for a party that had contested nearly five hundred seats in the General Election.

Many other believed that the day had been dominated by the MEPs and that issues that they wished to raise had not been addressed.

Certainly there was a strong body of opinion that contentious motions had been ignored and that the leadership had tailored the day to avoid meaningful discussions on policy.

But that is fairly typical of all conferences. Everybody will have a different view.

A final footnote. As I was leaving the conference hall I overheard my name being mentioned.

**"That Clive Page-just another in the long list of comedians employed by the party".**



# We are not alone...

## ID Group Conference Report

Gawain Towler - Head of Media, ID Group



.....was the message given loud and clear at this year's Independence/Democracy Conference which took place in London the day before our own at the beginning of October.

The Conference took place at the Methodist Central Hall in Westminster and was one of the biggest international gatherings of Euro-realists in years. The hosts, the Independence/Democracy Group in the European Parliament have MEPs elected in 10 European Countries many of whom spoke on the day.



First out of the blocks was Philippe de Villiers, the leader of the Mouvement pour La France. His speech extolled the French "Non" to the Constitution, and his resounding finale invoked a battling that we have long thought forgotten in France.

***"I the course of the twentieth century, Britain helped France to recover its freedom, I am glad and proud, today, to be able to tell you that France, last May, paved the way for Britain to recover its liberty. It is maybe the first time in history that an Englishman will be able to say "we will maintain our liberties with the help of the French!"***

De Villiers was followed by the patriarchal figure of Hans Blokland. Dr Blokland was also reporting from the front line of the Constitutional battle and regaled us, in some detail about the way in which he and the Dutch 'Nee' campaigners had to fight against a Yes



campaign that had been supported liberally by the State. Next up to the stump was the Czech MEP, Vladimir Zelezny. As the founder and president of the Prague Kafka society it was no surprise to hear a speech littered with real and imagined bureaucratic nightmares. Prize amongst them was a revolving golden naked statute of Peter Mandleson to be placed in Westminster Square, with the added bonus of a removable and interchangeable head.

After the traditional conference lunch we heard from Mario Borghesio, leader of the Italian Northern League, who spoke in impassioned and fluent Italian, only to be helped out by his beautiful press secretary who had been flown in that morning act as translator.

A ray of comprehension about the work of those creatures of the shadows the Brussels staff was provided by Jolana Mungengova and Aurelie Laloux. Much to their consternation they were labelled in the program as the "Bureau Rats".



However their description of what it is like to work for the MEPs was illuminating. Now there is no excuse for anybody to mistake a Group week for a Committee week, or a Conciliation Process for a Comitology Process.

The final foreigner to address the conference was the American Dick Morris. Dicks speech was as ever thoughtful and designed to make the packed hall of supporters feel proud of themselves,

***"It was UKIP that caused the death of the European Constitution" he said, "It was all your work". "When did Blair give way and allow a British referendum, just two weeks after UKIP's huge victory in the European Elections. Do you think that he would have done so if you had not scored that victory? No way".***

Blair's panic caused Chirac to grant a referendum in France and the rest, as they say, is history.

Gawain Towler  
Head of Media  
Independence/Democracy Group in the  
European Parliament

# Letter from Brussels



The UKIP team of MEPs came back from our annual conference reinvigorated for the fight. The sight of so many younger activists gave us all a great deal of encouragement. I am happy to say that much more has been done and in the last couple of weeks have been working to set up an effective and campaigning youth wing of UKIP. Katie Davies from my South East office was over in Brussels putting together proposals which will be up in front of the NEC by the time you are reading this. We are all looking forward to the fruits of her efforts.

All your representatives have been working hard, both here in Brussels and Strasbourg as well as back in the country. In our ongoing battle to hold the Eurocrats to account I have again demanded to know whom the Commissioners are spending their holidays with. Last time I asked

about this they refused to answer and it took a German newspaper to reveal the truth, the Commission President Mr Barroso had been shmoozing on a Greek billionaire's yacht, a billionaire with hundreds of millions of pounds worth of contracts with the EU with the obvious vast conflict of interest. So far again they have refused to answer a simple question. It seems that they are just to arrogant to care.

**Talking about the arrogance of those who pretend to govern our lives we were granted a perfect example in November in Strasbourg.**

Derek Clark, our stalwart MEP from the East Midlands asked a very simple question about a very complicated piece of legislation, the REACH Chemicals Directive which will put thousands of Britons on the

dole if implemented. Derek put Stavros Dimas, the Greek Environment Commissioner on the spot, "What is the Commission's opinion about the amendments?" he asked. According to the rules the Commissioner has to give a proper answer to a proper question. Instead the Commissioner stammered, unable to answer the question. At the time this arrogance was cheered on by the fellow travellers of the Parliament. What was amazing though was what happened afterwards. People, opponents in the main, started coming up to me and others, to congratulate Derek and slate the Commissioner. Hardcore green activists began to applaud Derek's stand. It seems that even here arrogance wins no points but a principled and serious position from UKIP does.

Nigel Farage



## UKIP Christmas Draw 2005

**First Prize £500 Cash**  
**2 x 2nd Prizes £250 3 x 3rd Prizes £100**  
**Plus a**  
**Booby prize: Trip for two to Brussels Parliament!**

**Please support this draw as it raises much needed revenue for the party. Any further donation in addition or instead of the tickets would be most appreciated.**



**Tickets enclosed** **£1 each - £10 per book**



Brussels trip includes an official tour of the parliament with a lecture! The flights plus £150 towards a hotel. There is no cash alternative. Draw promoted by UKIP and registered with Westminster City Council

# VISIT TO EU PARLIAMENT IN BRUSSELS



## London Region organising two-day trip for £85

UKIP London Region is organising a trip for London members to see the preposterous EU Parliament in action – and also to enjoy a pleasant visit to Belgium with like-minded company.

One of the most attractive features of this excursion is that it is subsidised by the EU, thus enabling us to pay only £85 for the two-day trip. This price includes return coach travel, overnight stay\* at a four-star hotel close to the Grand Place in Brussels, breakfast at the hotel and dinner on the night of arrival with Gerard Batten, UKIP MEP for London, and some of our other MEPs.

The coach will depart from Central London at 0830 on 31<sup>st</sup> May, and travel will be via P&O ferries from Calais, arriving in Brussels late afternoon. After checking-in at the hotel there will be a couple of hours free time for sightseeing before leaving for the restaurant for dinner. Next day we will set off for the Parliament at about 0800, after breakfast. The programme there is a 30 minute briefing from a Parliamentary administrator (possibly not the most exciting half-hour you will ever spend but **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY** as only those attending receive the subsidy – if you don't turn up you'll have to pay an extra £45 for the trip). Then we'll hear from some of our MEPs about their work, and the final hour will be spent in the public gallery observing the Parliament incessantly interfering

in the affairs of the rest of the world, and perhaps also seeing the ridiculous voting procedures.

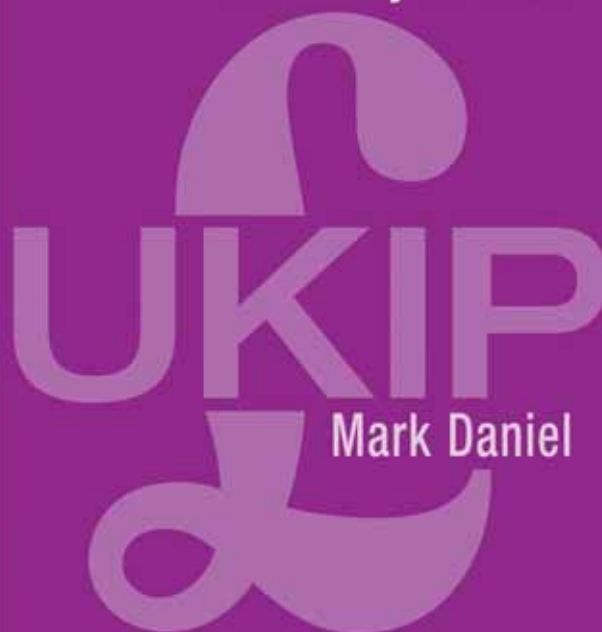
Return journey to the UK will be via beautiful Bruges where there will be a stop allowing time for lunch and some sightseeing, before leaving to catch the ferry from Calais and arriving back in London around 2100 hours.

Space is limited to a maximum of 45 people and we must have all bookings confirmed by year-end. For further details and information on how to book, contact Lynnda Robson, 0207 403 7174 or by email at [robson.lynnda@btinternet.com](mailto:robson.lynnda@btinternet.com)

\* Price based on two people sharing a twin-room. A few single rooms are available at a £30 supplement

UKIP members can save on the £16.99 cover price of this history of UKIP written by former UKIP Press Officer Mark Daniel by ordering direct from the distributors, NBN International, on 01752-202301. Offer price is £12.50 including P&P. Please have your credit/debit card to hand when you call!

## Cranks and Gadflies The Story of UKIP



# YOUR UKIP MEPs, AT HOME AND ABROAD



It seems that some members know little of the work of your UKIP MEPs, both at home and when "over there". Indeed, you may have read unsettling accounts, many of which come from highly disreputable sources.

Since June 2004, in Strasbourg and Brussels, we have given over 80 speeches to Parliament. In these speeches, brief due to allocated speaking time, each of us in our own way attack the EU. In voting we are usually heavily out-numbered. Recently, on the 2006 budget dispensing with billions of euros, UKIP MEPs were the only ones to vote against the whole package. Repeating this attitude in committees means that we are not exactly the most popular of MEPs.

Speeches need preparation. Some of this is done in the UK but mostly in Brussels where we are indebted to our assistants who plough through pages of Euro-speak to help us prepare speeches and guide our voting. November will have seen a debate on REACH, the chemicals directive, 160 pages long and attracting over 1000 amendments. It will be a

marathon voting session. Our assistants are indispensable.

Travel to and from Brussels and Strasbourg is a whole day journey for most. A Westminster MP will be more days in session but waste much less time travelling.

Calls on our UK time vary but between us we have made nearly 100 speaking visits to schools and Universities. Knowing how big the regions are, some visits take practically all day, whereas for many Westminster MPs it would be just round the corner.

We have all made some radio and/or TV appearances where the broadcaster often insists that we go to them resulting again in a good deal of travelling time. A five minute radio spot can take a big slice of the day.

We try to look after our constituents, which might be another distant visit, but always there are hundreds of letters and e-mails. They are often irrelevant because the problem is usually for the

constituency MP and can not be resolved by us. But any contact has potential for future support and I am sure you want us to increase the UKIP vote next time round. So we try to answer, be it a simple acknowledgement or a reply in depth. PR takes time.

Then there is work in-house; visiting UKIP branches, helping in by-elections, serving on the NEC and other Party commitments. All of this you rightly expect, all of it is time consuming.

The parliament buildings in both Brussels and Strasbourg look splendid, and provide us with well equipped offices, but the novelty soon wears off. The "debates" of our continental friends reduce splendour to the banal. As our speeches invariably question the whole EU project we are out of step with almost every one else except our Ind-Dem colleagues; going native is not an option, we don't do grandeur!

Derek Clark MEP,  
East Midlands

## The Prague Declaration - on the future of Europe

The Independence and Democracy Group of Members of the European Parliament considers the Constitution for Europe legally dead and shall resist any attempts at imposing such projects, as a whole or piecemeal, upon sovereign countries;

In accordance with the political principles of freedom, democracy, and respect of national differences enshrined in the IND/DEM Constitutive Charter of 20 July 2004, we:

1. Call on the EU Member States to take advantage of the rejection of the Constitution for Europe to develop a new basis for transparent, democratic and accountable cooperation between sovereign countries to be approved by national referendums where appropriate;
2. Respect the right of individual Member States to withdraw from the European Union and support the right not to participate in any of its ventures such as the Euro-zone, and establish alternative, friendly relationships.

3. Advise other Member States and their citizens to reclaim their full rights and competencies in accordance with their national constitutions;

4. Reject any obligatory EU foreign, border and judicial policy and any other EU jurisdiction in areas of Member States' sovereignty;

5. Stress the need for a fair and open debate without preordained conclusions about the future of the EU within each Member State, and oppose the misuse of Member States' financial contribution to the European Union's budget for one-sided institutional propaganda;

6. Oppose attempts to centralise powers at the EU level;

7. Insist on involvement of voters and national parliaments in all stages of the Legislative process, and oppose any legislation by non-elected bureaucrats.

## Adopted in Prague on the 18th October 2005

Agreed by all Ind-Dem group members after several agreeable round table meetings, this document was released to the press in Prague on Wednesday, October 19th. As the UKIP signatory I believe it to be acceptable and I can report that our Ind-Dem colleagues were very aware of UKIP's unique position. So the withdrawal paragraph is ours, they insisted that it be at number two, while other members contributed the essential first part of point three.

The Ind-Dem group is essential. As opponents to the European Constitution in any form our colleagues will be deeply antagonised when the EU try to reinstate it, as they will. Possibly, this might convert some other Ind-Dem members to our point of view, and to have European friends also wanting to withdraw, surely, can only strengthen our cause.

Derek Clark MEP,  
East Midlands

# EVENTS . . . EVENTS . . . EVENTS . . . EVENTS . . .

The City of Gloucester Constituency Committee of the UK

Independence Party is pleased to announce that Television Celebrity Chef, Rusti Lee, has accepted an invitation to speak at our 2nd Annual Dinner at The Little Thatch Hotel, Bristol Road, Quedgeley, Gloucester on Friday February 3rd 2006. The Deputy Leader of UKIP, Mike Natrass MEP will also speak. We extend an invitation to all to join us for what promises to be an extremely enjoyable evening. Further information from Mike Smith on 01452-411535

## Past Events

Brian Aylett of the East point Branch rented a pitch at Henham Park Steam Rally (17th/18th September) again this year. Making use of our brightly coloured caravan and car and corex posters, we put on a good display and had plenty of support from local members over the weekend.

There were several thousand visitors there throughout the day and we had plenty of opportunity to speak to them and to show that we were still active and campaigning. There was a positive and encouraging response from most people with a few who were dead set against us. We collected a lot signatures for the 'let the people decide' petition and gave out plenty of leaflets which we hope

will lead to more membership.

Party Leader Roger Knapman MEP (pictured, with Ian Strachan and David Busby) opened the new Scottish regional office on the evening of Friday, September 23rd, which gives the region a central point of contact for activists and members ahead of the campaign for the Scottish Parliamentary elections in 2007.



East Point branch at the Henham Steam Rally

## Catering Committee

We would like to set up our own UKIP catering committee so that we can make our own buffets at our main meetings and conferences. This will enable us to make a profit at these events, instead of breaking even.

Initially it will only apply to four or five events a year, and I will be happy to provide expenses to help set up these committees:- preferably one for each region.

If you are interested in helping or running your own committee, please contact one of the members below:

Linda Guest (South West)  
01404-812137

Irenea Marriott (East Midlands)  
0115-924-5020

Edith Bigg (South East)  
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## Did you miss the ID Conference in London?

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Other speeches by ID group members from across Europe and our own MEP's Roger Knapman, Nigel Farage and Mike Nattrass.

This extremely successful event is now available on DVD.

This two disk (of the whole day) DVD is an excellent souvenir or campaign tool or at this time a great xmas gift!

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# Local Campaigning – a case study



Mark Croucher

## [www.scrapthetolls.com](http://www.scrapthetolls.com)

With local elections on the horizon for May next year, the press office is taking an increasing number of calls from local chairmen and candidates on how to organise campaigns and gain publicity ahead of the nomination process. Consequently, I thought it would be rather timely to take a look at a specific local campaign – its planning, execution and the subsequent publicity – to perhaps uncover some of the mysteries of local publicity and provide some useful pointers for branches.

The first thing to remember, despite it being somewhat obvious, is that the campaign subject has to be one in which your local branch members, and particularly your local candidates, are united – weeks or even months of hard work can be undone if everybody is singing from a different hymn sheet. And by united, I don't mean you agree its good for publicity, but genuinely believe that it is a local issue that needs a higher profile and to which your answers, as the local UKIP branch, provide the best solution.

And so, to the tolls on the Dartford Crossing. In a nutshell, drivers pay a toll to cross the Thames at Dartford on the M25 tunnels and bridge. When the first tunnel was built in 1969, an undertaking was given by the government that the tolls would be scrapped when the Crossing was paid for, and that pledge was renewed as new Crossings were built: the second tunnel in 1979 and the Queen Elizabeth II bridge in 1991. The Crossings were paid for by 2003, and, after a 'consultation' exercise, the government decided to continue the tolls anyway.

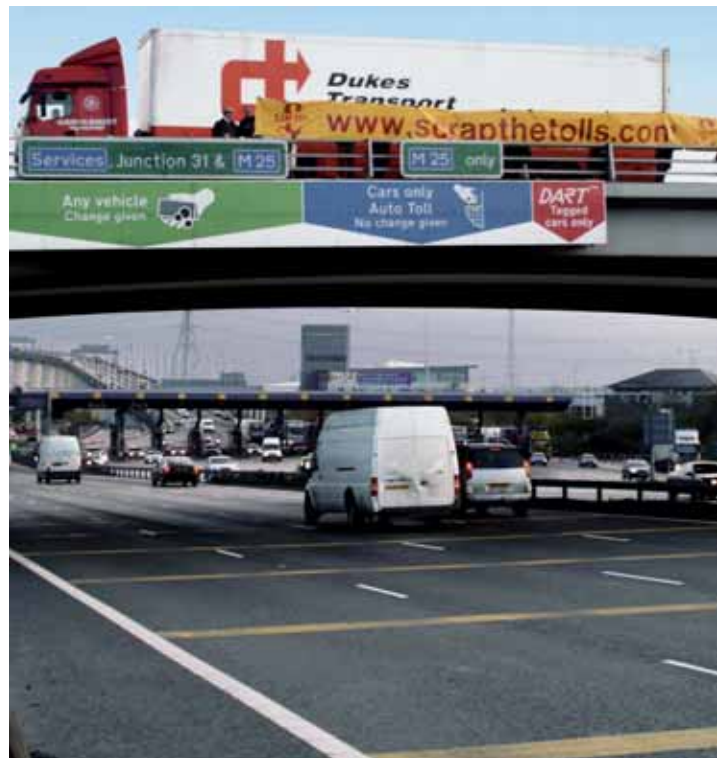
It was during the consultation process in late 2002 that UKIP first became involved. As a Dartford resident, I was aware of the environmental impact of the stationary traffic queuing at the tolls booths because

you can taste it in the air with every breath you take. A little research also uncovered the fact that the continuation of the tolls was illegal under EU law. Given that this government signed us up to the EU law concerned, the message is clear. If you're a butcher and break EU law, you get closed down, but if you're the government, you can do what you want."

Our campaign on this issue ran from October 2002 through to mid-2003, and generated several front page headlines in the local newspapers in addition to broadcast slots on local TV and radio.

Recently, a series of accidents on the M25 have led to the closure of the crossings whilst the wreckage is cleared, leading to huge tailbacks on the approach roads and gridlock in the surrounding area. It was decided, therefore, that rather than the informal campaign used previously, UKIP locally would create a more structured initiative, and hence the launch of 'Scrap the Tolls'.

The first step was to bring on board at least one MEP, and to arrange a 'curtain raiser' for the media. Nigel Farage had campaigned very strongly on the issue previously, and so he was 'tapped up' to do so again. We also contacted the Freight Transport Association, which had spoken out publicly against the tolls in the past, and, with their agreement, went to Meridian TV with a media story about the illegality of the tolls, contrasting the government's wilful disregard of EU legislation with their enthusiasm for forcing everyone else to comply.



The next step was deciding on a form for the campaign. The criteria were simple: it had to attract the attention of drivers using the crossing. With this in mind, using a website with an easily remembered name and advertising it from the road bridge immediately before the toll booths was the chosen form. We purchased the web domain [www.scrapthetolls.com](http://www.scrapthetolls.com) for the grand sum of £14, and designed a relatively simple website. Next was to ensure as broad an appeal as possible, and so MEPs from neighbouring regions were invited to attend – Tom Wise and Gerard Batten. To prevent it being excessively party political, invitations were extended to Nigel Mason, a local haulier, and to Louisa Perry, regional policy manager for the FTA. Both accepted.

In terms of preparation, we still needed the banner. Quotes were obtained from a local company for the manufacture of two 40' banners (see pictures) with the UKIP logo at each end, and the web address in



Gerard Batten MEP (R) and Tom Wise MEP (2nd R) lend a hand

giant letters in between. Having received the quote for £600, we then approached the Party Treasurer to see whether he would cover the cost, which thankfully he agreed to do!

Finally, we needed a date. Fridays are generally the worst day for traffic at the toll booths, and after some to-ing and fro-ing, the 2<sup>nd</sup> December was decided upon.

So much for the preparations for the campaign launch itself – the next task was to get onto the local media. The national press office joined with the regional press officers to ensure that all the local media outlets were contacted. Timing is key here: contact them too early and they forget, too late and there is insufficient time for them to organise camera crews, photographers and reporters. We started letting them know on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November with an operational note (a sort of sawn off press release with the details they need such as time, date, location etc), and followed it up with a phone call to newsdesks and newsrooms, plus local journalists whom we knew to be sympathetic.

The result? On a cold December morning, we had a Meridian TV crew, the Dartford Times, Dartford Messenger and the News Shopper in attendance, along with a small team of local activists, 3 MEPs, a haulier and a representative from the FTA



Nigel Farage MEP and Louisa Perry of the Freight Transport Association answer questions from local journalists

standing along the bridge at Junction 1A alongside a giant banner advertising the campaign. Total coverage so far? The three newspapers above (due out today), Meridian, Anglia and London Carlton TV, BBC SE TV news, the BBC website, BBC Radio 5 Live, LBC, BBC Radio Kent, BBC Radio Essex, Essex FM, Invicta FM, plus the Press Association. More coverage is expected in the weekly papers which have



No, the cars are behind you! – the campaign team display the banner for photographers

yet to arrive at time of writing. In addition, the website as of today (7<sup>th</sup> December) has had over 8,000 hits, with over 200 sign ups to the campaign.

So, how can you do this for your constituency and what should you look for?

Firstly, choose your subject carefully. Be sure that your local team is in agreement and, more importantly, that you believe in your campaign. Myself, Nigel and my local branch are absolutely committed to the fight against the tolls, not for publicity's sake, but because it is right.

Second, get your local MEP on board. He is newsworthy, and lends political weight to your campaign.

Third, be sure you know what you are talking about! Realising you've overlooked a critical point is not good in front of a live TV camera, so you must become familiar with the fine details and ensure

you have a good grasp of them.

Fourth, make sure the timescale you are working to is realistic. There is a lot of organising to do, so ensure you have allowed time in the schedule to correct mistakes and mis-understandings. A campaign with no literature, banners, website or other crucial item will simply backfire spectacularly.

Fifth, know your local media. Get an idea, by watching and/or reading, the type of stories they cover. Generally speaking, the local media are not interested in the EU: to them, that's what the national media report. They want good local stories about local issues and people.

Sixth, don't make it too complicated. Be realistic about how much space you will get, and if the issue is complicated, break it down into easy to understand chunks, or hold some of your ammunition back. You will not get 3 pages or a 20 minute slot to explain, you will get 100 words or 30 to 60 seconds of broadcast time.

Finally, use your imagination. Photocalls and campaign launches work best when they are held in photogenic locations and use original methods to get the message across.

What effect does it have on UKIP locally? To give you an idea, in the 2003 local elections, UKIP Dartford ran 16 candidates, and averaged over 16% of the vote across the wards we contested, with 3 candidates polling over 30% and 3 more polling over 20%. UKIP's intervention reversed control of Dartford Borough Council, and while we failed to gain a seat in 2003, we are optimistic that we will in 2007.

If you would like more information on how to kick start a local campaign, please don't hesitate to give the press office a call – we're happy to help with advice, contacts and co-ordination. We can't give you a subject – you know your local area far better than we do – but we will do whatever we can to help make your campaign a success.

# The Case for . . . Proportional Representation



## Graham Booth MEP

In this years General Election just over 27 million people used their vote. Only nine and a half million voted for the Labour Party who won the election with a majority of 78 seats because of our first past the post system.

But how can this be a fair representation of the electorates wishes when nearly twice as many, seventeen and a half million, voted against the Labour Party.

Just to remind ourselves Labour win 356 seats, the Tories 197, Lib Dems 62 and others 29. But if all those 27 million votes had been divided in direct proportion to each party the figures would be very different. They would show:-Labour 227,Tories 209,Lib Dems 142,UKIP 14,Greens 6 and others 46.

I am quite taken with the idea of Total representation as advocated by political author Aharon Nathan. His proposals would result in a much fairer distribution of seats while at the same time retain the first past the post element in a constituency.

Hardly a vote is wasted so there is more incentive for people to vote even in a constituency where their favoured choice has virtually no chance. Remember that under first past the post millions of votes might as well be

chucked in the bin-for instance the Labour Party received three million votes for losing candidates and the Tories 4.3 million.

### **So what is Total representation?**

Put simply Parliament would have TWO classes of MPs who would be equal in every way apart from the manner in which they were elected.

One class would be Constituency MPs who would carry out duties in the same way as at present. The other class would be Party MPs elected by pooling all the votes cast for unsuccessful candidates and dividing them proportionately among the parties.

Before the election a party would have to list all their constituency candidates in order of priority or they could be distributed to the losers from each party who polled the highest percentage.

For Total Representation to work the ratio between CMPs and PMPs would require a ratio of 80:20. So by extending the present constituency boundaries the present number of 644 MP would be reduced to 515 with the remaining 129 going to the "best losers".

If this system had been in place this

year the new parliament would look something like this:- Labour 311, Tories 197, Lib Dems 92, UKIP 6, Greens 2 and others 36.

The beauty of this system is that it is easy to apply, no votes are wasted, there is an incentive to vote and it sees an end to tactical voting. In practical terms it is a terrific system for small parties like UKIP. In June 2004 in the European Elections UKIP received 2.65 million votes from a low turn out of less than 39%.

Apply those figures to the General Election where the turn out was 61% and UKIP would have won more than 40 seats at Westminster.

But is Total representation just a faint dream loitering on the distant horizon. Don't be too sure. The system is at this very moment being seriously considered by the Israeli government for future elections.

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# The Case Against . . . Proportional Representation



## George Curtis, Chairman, Eastern Counties

The people of England have lived in unbroken internal peace and gently rising prosperity for more than three centuries - 317 years- longer by far than any other nation still in existence. Why?

Five hundred years ago, in the "good old days" of such monarchs as Henry VIII, politicians who reached their "best before" date were given a one way boat ride to the Tower, incarcerated at the King's pleasure pending their being put to death by sword or axe, or they were lucky or by rope if it was the axe cutters day off. Failing these options they may have to endure the deliciously grotesque process of being hung, drawn and quartered if the King really didn't like them. His power was that of an absolute monarch.

We have been governed by consent since 1688, through Parliamentary General Elections. We can sack those who tax us and make our laws, and live as free men under the rule of law, upholding the rights and liberties of all men equally against all men, and in particular against the state, with the subordination to that law of every person in the state. That we still do, and have done since 1688 because we, the electorate, if collectively minded, have the absolute right to dismiss every Member of Parliament simultaneously and without redress.

We, the electorate, have never yet thoroughly purged the House of Commons, but we have, from time to time, when sufficiently irritated, culled the Members savagely. This power, our "ultimate sanction" is the key to our gate of liberty.

We have had one constitution since 1688. It has withstood the most acid, corrosive and destructive test of all, that of time. It works. No other European country has a constitution which predates VE Day. As soon as proportional representation is introduced, several matters are, to a greater or lesser extent, prejudiced, according to the system employed. For example: personal accountability diminishes, even vanishes; political power becomes dependent on doing deals with rivals. Frequently the smallest, most bigoted and intransigent members of institutions hold the deciding vote because the electorate seldom ejects them wholesale. Political loyalties are bought or sold with other people's money; the making of painful but necessary decisions becomes impossible, as Germany daily demonstrates. In short they make for appalling governments dominated by coteries of irremovable professional politicians taking office in turn.

If UKIP were to seek proportional representation we would not only

expend much energy and scarce funds in doing so, but were we to succeed, would make the attainment of our objective impossible. We would thereby surrender the only sanction that professional politicians can understand; dismissal. They not only understand dismissal, but fear it. They will perform intellectual aerobatics well outside the envelope of ordinary man just to avoid it.

We should resist proportional representation at all costs. It fits the fantasies of theoreticians besotted with making the world a fairer place. It is not a fair place. It never has been. It is most unlikely ever to be so. The nearest we can get to it, and best we can do, is to live under the rule of law, specifically that of England since 1688. It is the only form of government so far invented, and still in existence, to optimise the relationship between a government and those for whom it governs, for the creation of national wealth. Upon that wealth rests our democracy, which, in turn, rests on the rule of law upholding the rights and liberties of all men equally against each other, and against the state, allied to property rights. Only in such liberty rests any hope or chance of making the world a better place.

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o the Leader, Chairman, NEC and MEPs. All profits go to UKIP. "

# “BEING IN THE EU COSTS YOUR FAMILY £60 PER WEEK”



By Toby Micklethwait, Treasurer, UKIP, Runnymede and Weybridge Branch.

*“I agree with you; but I will NOT vote for you”.*

How often did we hear that in May 2005? People seem to think that independence is a good idea, but not an urgent idea. People tend to vote tribally, out of habit. We need a more powerful fact to jerk them into our reality.

What should this fact be?

Our branch proposes this. Concentrate on the cost of being in the EU. Not some meaningless number of billions but the cost per family per week. We have based our figures on Lord Pearson’s “What is the point of the EU?”

The total annual cost of being in the EU is £40 billion, to which must be added the waste on capital projects of £94 billion, which, spread over

say 10 years, gives another £9.4 billion per year. Taking into account that the UK’s population is 60,000,000 and that a family typically has 4 members, we arrive at a cost per family per week of £63.30, say £60. (For details see footnote).

We want every cab driver to know this £60 figure.

***UKIP has been successful in promoting the statement “70% of our laws are made in Brussels”. That was achieved by sticking to the 70% figure at all times. Similarly we need to use just one figure for the cost per week per family. It is no good having people saying “it may be more, it may be less”.***

Posters can be produced showing £60 floating down the lavatory pan

of the EU.

We have tested on the doorsteps the slogan “Being in the EU costs every family £60 per week” and it attracts attention. There is a good chance that it will get us votes. Our message to the party leadership is this:

Thanks for the fantastic posters, brochures, speeches, manifesto, and national propaganda. But we need yet more! We need our Head Office to adopt the £60 weekly cost figure; and then to ensure that that all parts of UKIP use only that figure.

Usually I favour local democracy, but on this occasion a central decision is required.

**Footnote:**  
**£63.30 = ((£40bn + £9.4bn) \* 4 / (60,000,000 x 52)**

## UKIP statement on Tom Wise

Articles have been published in a Sunday newspaper which question some aspects of how Tom Wise has used his MEP staff budget. As a routine response, UKIP has examined this issue and can now clarify the position.

During the course of the financial year, Tom drew down some of his entitled allowance as a budget to pay a researcher. With the researcher’s knowledge, the budget was ring-fenced in a company account, earmarked only to be used for the permitted legal purpose. The objective was to enable payments to be made to the researcher as needed and faster than any other way. It was not held in his personal account.

Out of this budget, a regular monthly retainer

was paid to the researcher, so that she could be called upon to undertake assignments at short notice. It was envisaged that the rest of the sum would be paid irregularly as piecemeal. Indeed, several extra payments were made for the projects undertaken but not as much as was originally expected. A residue remained with a quarter of the year still to go, as is perfectly normal with budgets. Had there still been a residue at the year-end, this, of course, would have been returned to the EU expenses office.

Tom believed he was acting correctly but he discovered that a change in the original expenses rules meant he should not have claimed in this way. As soon as he realised this, he returned the residue and corrected his

claiming procedure. The EU expenses office accepted the position and has now closed the matter.

Roger Knapman, Leader of the UK Independence Party said: “Tom has apologised for unintentionally causing a problem for the Party. A Party for which he has worked extremely hard during the last eight years and very strongly supports.

“On all the evidence that I have seen, I can say that at no time has Tom Wise personally benefited in any way nor has he ever intended to. His intentions have been honest and honourable throughout.”

# Letters to the editor . . .

**Dear Sir,**

Regarding the Direct Democracy proposals outlined in our manifesto and the petition enclosed in the latest magazine, I think its great – lets face it, this is something our elcted leaders, both Tory and labour, should have been doing for the last few decades.

Yours,

Alan Pith  
Newton on the Moor  
Nr Morpeth  
Northumberland

**Dear Sir,**

I was very interested in the article 'Power to the People' by John Harvey in the last newsletter.

UKIP is the only party to offer referendums at national and local levels. This radical proposal would transform British politics if adopted, but it has been dealt with in a very

low key fashion and has had no significant impact upon the electorate.

Contrast this with the immense publicity generated by two pensioners objecting to escalating Poll Tax demands. The Daily Telegraph reports that the protest campaign has attracted 30,000 members. This equals the total UKIP membership.

These are people with stron, sensible views, and I see them as potential UKIP members. Can UKIP convince protest groups that if they will first support efforts to request parliament to introduce the 'people's initiative', they could then pursue their own agendas through referendums, knowing that the results would be binding on the government?

Yours,

Royston Marriot  
Newark  
Nottinghamshire

**Dear Sir,**

The recent Register of Electors from the council showed my wife and I as British Commonwealth/Irish. But we are English and proud of it. When I telephoned the District Council, I was told that it was an EU regulation. I altered the form to read ENGLISH in capital letters and sent it back, following it up with a letter to my MP, who is raising the matter with the Deputy Prime Minister.

What on earth is going on? Our country is being taken over by stealth and now we have to assume different nationalities. Over my dead body!

Yours,

Adrian Cooper  
Lostwithiel  
Cornwall

## What we need is . . . Leslie Willis - Eastleigh Branch



. . . To let people know what is going on in the EU. The TRUTH, that is, not the Blair version. So, why not create a UKIP Newsletter, on a double sided A4 in black and white, and send a quantity to each member. The member could then post his copies through the local letter boxes, so bringing our cause to a far wider audience. Just imagine if each member delivered 10 newsletters – there would be thousands of wiser people and scope for new members, all for no significant cost. The newsletter would need to tell it

as it is – No chairman's speech, no cartoons, but as many small articles as will fill the page. Like the President's perks when the perk donor was a recipient of EU (our) money. The plunder of West African fish stocks. The Galileo project, its cost and Big Brother implications. Even sunshade brollies for lollypop people.

Will it work? Our Lib Dem council does just that, delivering a monthly folded A3 black and white, telling how many cycle ways, skateboard

parks and CCTV cameras it has created. So at election times they don't even bother to clear out their desks – they know at election time another term is inevitable as we only know about them.

'What we need is.....' is your opportunity to publicise your suggestions. Please feel free to submit contributions to the address on the rear cover, along with a picture.

# Editor's Noticeboard



UKIP members will be saddened to learn of the death of anti-EU campaigner Pam Barden (above).

Roger Knapman MEP, Leader of the UK Independence Party said: "Pam Barden was a real warrior and she is a tragic loss to the EU-realist movement. She was one of my constituents when I was an MP and I was fortunate enough to know her for nearly 20 years. Pam was a highly principled woman who fought the cause of British independence long before it became popular. We will all miss her very much".

## Press Officer's training courses

Many thanks to all who have applied..... if I have not responded yet, please bear with me. Details of the first course appear on P7 inside, with more to appear in the next issue.

## Proportional Representation

The subject of PR has generated more correspondence than any other subject in recent months. There are 2 major articles in the new 'The Case for' and 'The Case Against' columns on pages 20/21, along with an opportunity to vote. Feel free to keep sending them in, but be aware that I can not possibly use all of them!

## Copyprinters

With local elections coming up, a high speed copyprinter is ideal for printing leaflets and flyers. A number of second hand machines are available at a price of £333.00 + VAT each. They are capable of near photographic quality reproduction in black and white at a speed of up to 3,000 sheets of A4 per hour. I know they are an expensive acquisition for branches, but I can not recommend them highly enough – one local elections campaign, and the purchase cost is covered by the saving in printing costs!

## UKIP Wine World

UKIP Wine World (See advert on P7) supplied the excellent wine enjoyed by many at the conference lunch; and UKIP earned a commission even as we all guzzled our way through it! Proprietor Tony Buckridge is an excellent chap who truly is an expert on wines, and I urge you to give his products a try!

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