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And Then There Were Three

Graham Booth a Devon hotelier and member of UKIP since 1996, has just been confirmed as UKIP's third MEP following the retirement of his predecessor. Speaking from the European 'parliament' in Strasbourg Graham, who currently holds one of the Vice Chairmanships of UKIP, said "I am delighted to have the opportunity to tell my constituents what really goes in Strasbourg. It appears remarkably similar to Fawlty Towers; confusion, mismanagement, and misunderstanding seem to be the order of the day".



Graham Booth at home in his native Torquay.

For his maiden speech to the European 'parliament' on January 13th, Graham decided that the debate on the regionalisation proposals could be livened up somewhat if he made his contribution in his native Devonian. Addressing the president he said:-

Maister Preziden: If I axed my mates back 'ome where they come from, they'd zay "Deb'm". Not Cornwall, cross the River Tamar, which is furrin parts, nor Zomerset, where awl they toffs live. That's too close to Lunnon for their liking. As for Lunnon, well that used to be dree days on the vast stagecoach and there's many of uz volks who never did get used to they new-vangled things like 'orseless carriages and they motorway things what brings awl they furriners to our neck of the woods.

Zo, when I tell 'em that they buricrats over the watter 'ave made us "citizins of Europe", most of my mates zay "Thank 'ee very much gov'nor, but we'm Deb'm volk AND we'm British. We don't need that Europe over 'ere, thank 'ee kindly. But, I zays to them, they want to bring that Europe much closer to uz citizins, so that's alright id'n it. My mate zays "What be 'em gwain to do about it then - dig it up and put it in trucks and pile it up on Dartmoor, zo we can all go and have a lookee at 'n?"

No, I zays, they'm gwain to make us into "Regions". They'm gwain to take away our Counteez and they'm gwain to make us awl one big 'appy family along 'o they furriners to Cornwall and they toffs to Zomerset. And they'm even gwain to drow in they folks up to Gloucestershire and other furrin parts. We'm awl gwain to be part of the "South West Region" and that's going to bring Europe much closer to uz citizins, so we'll be alrite then won' uz?

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When my mates looked a bit 'mazed, I zays "Tis obvious reelly. By makin' uz big 'appy families in Regions with fifteen times more volks than than those Luxemburgers, we'll really veel part of the Europe culture. An' this chap Giorgio Napolitano zays we can then be an "autonomous territorial entity".

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Leader's Report

by Roger Knapman

The drafting of a European Union constitution is an admission that a Federal European State, or as Giscard D'estaing would have us call it the United States of Europe, is about to emerge. This constitution will take precedence over all previous treaties. Every one of the 46 Articles in it must be accepted by the member states. Non-compliance would mean expulsion from the EU.

No Public Approval

One of the Articles proposes that 'The currency of the Union shall be the Euro', whilst another, the 'exit clause', places such convoluted conditions on a country wanting to leave, that no one would ever be able to do so. In addition, a common EU foreign policy will be pursued from EU embassies, and an EU 'Pentagon' will control EU armed forces. Once this EU constitution is ratified, these and a host of other federalist policies will mean the abandonment of our own Constitution and the end of Britain as an independent, self-governing nation. Mr Blair has already let it be known that he has no intention of seeking public approval for the constitution which he will meekly ratify during the summer of 2004. All of which leaves us barely eighteen months of true freedom.

Other EU schemes for killing off the nation state are also due to come to fruition during this interval. The European Arrest Warrant is to be put before our Parliament allegedly in the fight against international terrorism. In reality, it is all about dismantling the British system of justice to make way for Corpus Juris, an EU prosecutor, Eurojust, and Europol. And finally, the regionalisation of England, which may be the culmination of John Prescott's 20-year 'dream', also represents the final phase in the break up of the country into EU-defined areas, controlled directly by Brussels.

'Shockwaves' Programme

Thirty years of political deceit may be nearing its federalist endgame but it can still be stopped. To do so however requires public support which will only happen if the public are told the truth. With this in mind UKIP has a number of initiatives planned for 2003/2004. One of these - 'Shockwaves' is a programme of action specifically designed to raise public awareness. It is built

around a video produced by 'Sanity', a non party-political group providing information about the EU. We estimate that before the end of this year we can arrange for over 500,000 people to see this video, and this will create a shockwave of concern and anger that will prove impossible for the traditional political parties in this country to ignore. This initiative, which already has NEC backing, will require the support and wherever possible the involvement of every member of our party. UKIP regional committees and branch chairmen have already been alerted, and a number of regional briefings have now taken place.



Spreading the Word

Briefly 'Shockwaves' works like this. One week of each month from March onwards will be designated 'EU Awareness Week'. During this week it is hoped that some 2,000 members will host a gathering of ten or more, at which the video will be shown. By the end of the year this will mean that some 200,000 will have viewed the video. Experience has shown that, on average, 20% of those who have watched previous *Sanity* videos have purchased a copy and shown it to another ten. A further 400,000 people could therefore be shown the video. If only 10% of these then hold their own viewing, this would mean a total of one million people would have seen it by the end of December. The video itself will have an introduction by Lord Stoddart, and other pro-independence groups have also been invited to participate. It will be ready for launch in early March.

Britain's membership of the European Union has been sustained only because of lies and distortions as to the true nature of what we joined. The truth is our strongest weapon and those who would destroy Britain fear it. I urge all members of the party to become involved in this project which will help considerably towards Britain regaining her independence. Together we can win the fight.

(Graham Booth: Continued from front cover.)

Then the likes of me can be on the Committee of the Regions, which 'as "recently affirmed its exclusive legitimacy as an institutional discussion partner". With wun of they Regions, we'll be off like a long dog and then uz citizins can awl "take a fuller part in the integration of Europe".

"What's a Luxemburger?" zays my mate.

Mr President: *That is the reality of 'bringing Europe closer to the people'. The only people who really want it are the political elites, but the price in the UK is losing our long established county structure and with it the rich local dialects that abound. It is a price not worth paying!*

Graham's speech appeared to generate some confusion amongst the banks of interpereters, and left a lot of the other 'parliamentarians' fiddling with the controls of their simultaneous translation headsets. Speaking after his return from the chamber Graham said "I intend to go on treating these Mickey Mouse EU institutions with that particular degree of admiration and respect which they deserve".



Editorial

by John Harvey



Roger Knapman ended his 'Leader's Report' in the last edition of *Independence News* by insisting that when UKIP is asked the question "What kind of country is it that you want an independent Britain to be?" we should never have to answer "Don't know." With this in mind the NEC is increasingly turning its thoughts to policy issues, and we take the opportunity to raise a few of the issues here.

Immigration

In the December issue Roger outlined the reasons for UKIP to have a well thought out policy relating to overpopulation and immigration, and invited contributions from members. The response was overwhelming, and as a result submissions are still being worked through. There will now be a report on this in the next issue, but in the meantime we can report that of the submissions so far received, some 97% were in favour of a full policy in this area, 2% against, and 1% unsure. Roger has asked us to thank everyone who contributed, whether for or against.

Local Government

With this year's local elections in the offing, a full local election manifesto has now been completed. Registered UKIP candidates will receive a copy automatically, but non-candidates can obtain a copy from UKIP Press Officer Mark Croucher. e-mail press@ukip.org or write to him at 29 West Hill, Dartford, Kent DA1 2EL.

Bottom-Up Referendums

In the Last issue we carried a letter from Bill Tomlinson on the increasingly popular Swiss idea of referendums initiated by popular petition, rather than by politicians. So enthusiastic was member's response to this idea of 'Popular Referendums', that it has now been incorporated into UKIP's Local Government manifesto. Put simply, if 10% of the voters in a Borough or District Authority sign a petition calling for a referendum on some local question, then the council must hold one. For County or Unitary authorities this percentage falls to 5%. The box alongside includes an item on this topic taken from UKIP's latest "Independence" newspaper.

Pensions

The next policy topic for discussion is Pensions Provision, and the NEC will be tackling this shortly. If you have any thoughts on the direction which UKIP policy on pensions should take, please write to Roger Knapman at Head Office (address on back page), marking the envelope 'Policy Initiatives'. We cannot guarantee to take every idea on board, but ultimately it is UKIP members who make all our policies. And unlike the big three, our party is beholden to no outside pressure groups such as big business or the unions.

The latest "Independence" newspaper from UKIP is due for publication in mid February. It is designed for distribution to the public countrywide, but is tailored to the needs of individual regions. To secure supplies for campaigning in your area contact your regional organiser.

Below is an item from the Mid February edition:-

Taking Local Power

Distrust of mainstream politicians is growing daily. They never seem to do what we the voters want them to do, they just go their own sweet way and we all suffer the consequences. But now there is a chance to do something about it, starting at the local level.

Under the local Government Act of 1972, ordinary residents of English Parishes are able to call for referendums on any matters of local concern. These 'bottom-up' or 'Popular' referendums, which have been in use in many other countries for a long time, can override the local council. Once a petitioner obtains the right number of signatures from local voters calling for a referendum on a subject of their choosing, then a referendum must be held. The result takes precedence over any existing council decisions.

The UK Independence Party will extend the voter's right to call Popular referendums to cover all types of local authorities, not just Parishes.

*Want to stop the council building themselves a shiny new office block? Collect the signatures and call a **Popular** referendum. Want them to spend the money on access to old peoples' homes instead? Call a **Popular** referendum. **Popular** referendums avoid the criticisms of 'top-down' referendums initiated by the authorities. They are called if and when we the voters want them, not when the councillors choose. The wording is chosen by the petitioners, not by the local party bosses. Politicians hate them!*

Popular referendums can be used to reverse unpopular decisions and to change things the council itself refuses to change. They can even be used to remove unpopular local leaders from office! If you vote for **UKIP** in the next set of elections you will also be voting for the introduction of **Popular** referendums.

***Its Time to give Power
back to the People!***

UKIP National Forum 2003

The Party Treasurer will present the Accounts for 2002, followed by information on, and a discussion about this year's local elections, and the threat of Regionalisation. There will also be an audience Question and Answer session.

**Wednesday 19th March, 2.00pm to 5.00pm
Conway Hall, 25 Redlion Square, Holborn, London**

(N.B. Entry by membership cards only)

Around the Branches

Sometimes its the tried and tested formula which makes for the best meeting or event, sometimes its the new or innovatory. In this issue we kick off with one idea which is very definitely in the latter category...

Cornwall

John Bass Cornwall County Chairman tells me that they have arranged with Colin Higman, former world champion 'Stock Rod' car racer, to have two cars painted up in UKIP colours, together with the Party logo and London telephone number. These cars will spend 2003 touring numerous race tracks across Southern England from Cornwall to Ipswich providing UKIP with lots of high profile publicity. John adds that when not racing, they will also be available for publicity stunts, carnivals, static displays and so on. The cost of this local venture is £2,000, and nearly half of this has already been pledged, so if you feel able to contribute something to this project, please contact John as soon as possible on **01503 230055**.

The 'Diary Dates' page carries details of an associated fund raising event with one of the stock Cars on display on March 7th, but you can also find out more about UKIP Cornwall generally on their own website www.ukipcornwall.com. As soon as we get a photo of a UKIP decorated car we will print it here.

Torrige & West Devon

2002 was a very busy year for the branch. Between July and October they took part in eleven events, including Town Shows, a Garden Party, and a fund-raising Jumble Sale. The accompanying photo shows branch member Terry Hooper's entry for one of the eight local carnivals in which he participated. They followed up this very full summer with a series of six autumn public meetings on "The Euro - Why we should Resist it", and finished off at their AGM with guest speakers Roger Knapman and Pam Barden.

In the six months to December Torrige and West Devon had handed out 15,000 Party newspapers, enrolled 140 new members yielding nearly £3,000 in membership fees and donations, and collected another £1,300 at fund-raising events.

Finally, on November 10th, Derek Blanchard who served with 15th Scottish Division - 1942 2nd Army, laid a UKIP Wreath at the Appledore War Memorial at a service which was attended by over 200 people, and was conducted by UKIP member Rev. John



Ewington. Derek said "This is the second time I have had to fight for my country's independence, but this time the enemy is within". **David Johnson 01237 472668**.

South West Surrey

Dick Francis writes "In May 2002, the European Movement had published in the local paper a press release extolling the advantages of the UK's membership of the EU. Not one advantage was spelled out, enumerated, or put into money terms. Incensed at this, I immediately decided that what was needed was a public debate with the EM to thrash the matter out. My challenge to the EM in a letter to The Farnham Herald drew no response whatsoever, so the branch went ahead and arranged a public meeting on the evening of 7th November last. It was advertised in local press and radio, in door to door notices, and in posters. In the event the hall was packed, and Nigel Farage, supported by Ashley Mote and John Mehrzed, gave one of his best barnstorming addresses. At least 14 new members joined that night, the collection raised £360, and The Farnham Herald gave us very good coverage." **Dick Francis**

Tunbridge Wells

UKIP members are always ready to travel in a good cause. The accompanying photo shows Tunbridge Wells members at an anti-Regionalisation protest in George Street off Parliament Square. Two branch members also joined in a protest in Windsor Great Park, when EU representatives came over to discuss plans for regionalisation. Meanwhile, at a Bruges Group conference a couple of our members fell into conversation with a euro-sceptic lawyer from Estonia who spoke about the pressure his country is under to join the EU. This resulted in a visit by Tunbridge Wells Chairman Victor Webb to Estonia where he took the opportunity to hand out some of our stickers! **M. Martin 01892 525182**.



Maidstone

Maidstone's strategy of expanding activities to neighbouring constituencies has achieved early success. In the New Year members from the nearby Tonbridge & Malling Constituency will be holding their inaugural meeting to elect their own committee, and organise participation in the May local elections.

UKIP Maidstone, together with UKIP Thanet, have also been actively supporting the UKIP candidate from Folkestone in a by-election on Romney Marsh. Considering this area has not been canvassed before, the result provided a good basis on which to fight the seat again in 2003, "and we also gained new members and supporters in the process" says **Terry Kendall 01622 756551**.

North Yorkshire

Combining their forces the Ryedale and Vale of York branches have been pursuing a vigorous policy of market stalls and mass leafletting throughout their area. **David Wright 01234 821837** tells me that they have also worked with Democracy Movement and the CIB members where appropriate.

Wales

The principality has Assembly Elections coming up in May, and UKIP Wales has an excellent chance of winning a seat or two. Campaign helpers (including those from across the border) are asked to liaise with one of the following members as appropriate: North Wales West, Dilwyn Lloyd 01286 881018; North Wales East, Edwina Theunissen 01978 661882; Mid Wales West, Ian Sheldon 01570 471181; Mid Wales East, David W L Rowlands 01938 820372; South Wales West, Dr Malcolm Biggs 01639 639066; South Wales Central, Don Hulston 02920 623903; South Wales East, Hugh Moelwyn Hughes 01633 400626.

North East

On December 10th, fishermen from North Shields assembled an Armada of fishing boats, to demonstrate their opposition to the new EU fishing rules, which will virtually wipe out the local industry. Local members of UKIP attended to support the fishermen, and distributed leaflets about fishing and the EU to members of the public on the quayside and local businesses. Others members went to Newcastle quayside for the same purpose. The leaflets, designed by NE Branch Secretary **Judith Wallace 0191 252 1598**, are now available for use or adaptation for elsewhere.

Local branch members have also continued the barrage of letters to all the major newspapers and free sheets in the area, and are now getting published almost every day. *Often 60% of the letters pages come from UKIP members.* These letters elicit many others of support from other readers and provide us with a fruitful source of recruitment and helpers.

Bexley

"Our meeting on 2nd December was packed to hear Nigel Farage speak, and was also attended by Garry Bushell, the well-known television and newspaper pundit, who is a Bexley member and has applied to be our candidate in the London Mayoral election. We also recently gave a talk to the Bexley disabled club. Our opponent was the last Tory MP and later candidate but, as usual in these debates, it was UKIP that received the resounding support from the club members at the end." **Bill Jenner 020 8304 4543.**

Sedgefield

A well attended meeting was held at Sedgefield racecourse in Tony Blair's own constituency on 5th December. Chaired by Christine Williamson, the meeting, which was a great success, was addressed by Roger Knapman, Mike Nattrass, Richard North and Peter Troy. A number of new members joined, and the local press covered the event in full. Scheduled for 29th Jan is the opening by Party Chairman David Lott, of a UKIP office in Hartlepool's High Street. This will cover the Sedgefield & Darlington, Teesside, and Hartlepool Branches. **Peter Troy 01429 294808** in a letter to local members said "The office in Hartlepool will act as a focal point for the party in the area which will be leading the 'NO' campaign in the forthcoming referendum on regionalisation in the North East".

Worcester

Worcester Branch, together with members from West Worcs., attended a happy Christmas Social Evening in early December. About 50 members enjoyed a splendid Carvery Buffet, very ably cooked and served by Secretary Andrew Harris, together with several lady colleagues. The high-light of the evening was when Chairman Richard Chamings introduced our new Leader Roger Knapman, and also Mike Nattrass! Roger met most people present and exchanged ideas for our future, and then gave a short, rousing speech instructing us to get more members, and votes! Members means votes! During the subsequent question time, he was asked about the NHS, Immigration, Alternative Medicines, publicity for UKIP and the EU Arrest Warrant. Finally, a Q & A quiz tested our knowledge on Denmark, cows, Venus, football and of course the EU! A good time was had by all!



East Devon

East Devon Constituency held its Christmas Social on December 10th, and the thirty or so present had an enjoyable evening, topped by addresses from our brand new MEP, Graham Booth, and our brand new Party Leader, Roger Knapman.

Emphasis was put on the work ahead in 2003 including the local elections, the possible Euro referendum, and the continuing pressure against regional government. East Devon has been prominent in getting the Bishop of Exeter to resign from the Chairmanship of the SW Constitutional Convention by a programme of sustained pressure calling for the resignation at meetings and in the press. We hope that the NE branches can do the same with the Bishop of Durham!! **John Kelly 01395 276130.**

Local elections are coming up, so lets have all the details of your local campaign for the next issue please. We may not be able to print them all, but everything gets read.

What has your branch been up to recently?

*Submissions for **Around the Branches** can be succinct or chatty, political or social, and don't forget to include photos where appropriate. (NB. Electronic photos do not reproduce well.)*

*Material (Marked 'Around the Branches') should be sent to **John Harvey at 1 Drove Cottages, Rodmell, Lewes, East Sussex BN7 3HD.***

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Please note copy date on back page.



Diary Dates

Tell the members in your area about your meeting. Send details direct to the editor (See Back Page) for any **UKIP** event, or other event which includes **UKIP participation**, no matter how small, or how far in the future. Events must fall after the next publication date (see back page). For **Regular Monthly Meetings**, please give branch name and contact number only (as below). For **Single Meetings**, please list **Day and Date, Details of the event, and the Name and phone number of a contact.**

(Meetings are UKIP organised and open to all members and friends, unless otherwise stated)

John Harvey

Regular Monthly Meetings

Aldershot: John Howe 01252 876095.
Bexley: Bill Jenner 0208 304 4543.
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton: Phil Skinner 01903 739874
Bromley, Kent: John Youles 0208 658 3455
Burton-upon-Trent: Sandra Robinson 01283 520502.
Cardiff Area: Don Hulston 02920 623 903.
Chingford & Woodford: Tim Parker 0208 559 3189.
Chichester, Sussex: Geoffrey Collier 01243 820670.
Congleton, Cheshire: A. D. Bracegirdle 01477 533787.
Cornwall (all brnchs): John Bass 01503 230055.
East Devon branch: Sylvia Brownlee 01395 577993.
Folkestone & Hythe: John Baker 01303 850684.
Gosport: John Bowles
Great Yarmouth: John Woodhead 01502 715410.
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North Yorkshire: David Wright 01347 821837
Northants: Derek Clark 01604 766064.
Nottinghamshire: John Buchanan 01623 795332
Sedgefield and Darlington: Peter Troy 01609 760624.
Shrewsbury & Atcham: Peter Lewis 01743 791434.
South East Cornwall: John Bass 01503 230055.
Stockport: Malcolm Crossley 0161 439 3210.
Taunton & Bridgwater: Stephanie Lukins 01823 443537.
Teesside: Mike Landers 01642 823299.
Wells & Weston S. Mare: David Willis 01934 732492.
Wirral: Henry Crocker 0151 336 5790.

Single Meetings

Sun 2 Feb: Tavistock. Lunch at the Ordulph Arms. £6.00. Speaker Trevor Colman. **George Mudge 01822 615456.**
Thu 6 Feb: West Midlands 'European Region'. UKIP candidates hustings 7.15pm in 'The Poacher's Pocket', Berkeley Way, Warndon, Worcester. **Jim Carver 01531 890180.**
Sun 9 Feb: Liskeard, Cornwall. Hustings for all Cornwall members. Midday at the 'Lord Eliot'. Lunches to be booked. **John Bass 01503 230055.**
Tue 11 Feb: Sedgefield & Darlington. Local Elections planning meeting at the Golden Lion at 7.30pm. **Chris Williamson 0191 377 1763.**
Wed 12 Feb: Chichester. Branch AGM at 7.30pm at the Newell Centre, Tozer Way. **Peter Beukers 01243 513281.**

Sat 15 Feb: Yeovil. Branch AGM at 11.00am, Portman Arms, East Chinnock, Somerset. Pub lunches available. **Neil Boxall 01460 30028.**

Sat 15 Feb: Stafford. Town centre campaigning and leafletting. **Branch Office 01785 212664 .**

Fri 21 Feb: West Midlands 'European Region'. UKIP candidates hustings. 7.30pm. Shifnal Village Hall, Shifnal. **Jim Carver 01531 890180.**

Sun 23 Feb: South West . European candidates hustings meeting. Parkway House Hotel, Sampford Peverell, Nr Tiverton. 4.00pm. **Malcolm Wood 01722 744814.**

Wed 26 Feb: London. European Election candidates hustings meeting at 7.0pm in the Brockway Room, Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, WC1. All London members invited. **Chris Pratt 0208 402 7157.**

March: North West 'European Region'. There will be two hustings meetings for European election candidates for the North West region during March. Details will be mailed to members during February. **John Whittaker.**

Sat 1 Mar: Truro & St Austell. Meeting at Probus Garden. **Ian Proctor 01726 74873.**

Sun 2 Mar: Horrabridge, Devon. Village Hall 7.30pm. Trevor Colman presentation. **George Mudge 01822 615456.**

Thu 6 Mar: Chester. Meeting in the Cross Keys, Lower Bridge Street, 7.30pm. **Allan Weddell 01244 077671.**

Fri 7 Mar: Launceston, Cornwall. Jazz Night with the Penny Royal Band at 7.00pm. at Jethro's Restaurant in Lewdown. Roger Knapman in attendance. Tickets £12 include buffet. **John Bass 01503 230055.**

Sat 15 March: Stafford. Town centre campaigning and leafletting. **Branch Office 01785 212664 .**

Sun 16 Mar: Okehampton. Sunday Lunch at the White Heart . £6.50. 12.30 for 1.00. **David Weeks 01837 851379.**

Sat 22 Mar: Bexhill on Sea. Dinner with Roger Knapman. Cost & details from **John Pankhurst (Pank) 01424 438363.**

Tue 25 Mar: South East 'European Region'. Candidates hustings meeting. 7.30pm. The Victoria Hall, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells. **Victor Webb 01892 543997.**

Sat 29 Mar: Halwill, Devon. Fund raising dance in the village hall. **Richard Wooldridge 01409 221350.**

Sun 6 Apr: Liskeard. Open meeting at the Lord Eliot. 2.30pm. Roger Knapman and Trevor Colman. AGM after. **Allan Cook 01579 344837.**

Mon 14 Apr: Shoreham, Sussex. Public meeting at 7.30pm in The Shoreham Centre in Pond Rd. Nigel Farage and others. **Eric Faulkener-Little 01273 453620.**

Tue 15 Apr: Egham, Surrey. Public meeting with Nigel Farage and Ashley Mote. 7.30pm in the Literary Institute, High Street, Egham. **Chris Browne 01932 873408.**

Wed 16 Apr: Romsey. Public meeting at 7.30pm at Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Rd, Romsey. Nigel Farage and others. **Michael Wigley 07803 283710 .**

Fri 17 Apr: Southampton. Public meeting. 7.30pm in Novotel. Nigel Farage & others. **Colin Cain 02380 490671.**

Tue 22 Apr: Wycombe. Public meeting at 7.30pm with Nigel Farage and others. **Brian Pearce 01494 452926.**

Wed 23 Apr: Wantage. Public Meeting at 7.30pm in the King Edward Suite of the Civic Hall. Nigel Farage, and Count Nicolai Tolstoy. **Keith Hamilton-Morris 01793 782337.**

Thu 24 Apr: Newbury, Berks. Public meeting with Nigel Farage and others. **Steve Harris 07900 997531.**

Sat 26 Apr: Stafford. Town centre campaigning and leafletting. **Branch Office 01785 212664 .**

Sat 3 May: Stafford. Town centre campaigning and leafletting. **Branch Office 01785 212664**

Thu 1st May: Local Election Day!

Sat 17 May: Okehampton, Devon. Coffee morning in the Church Hall 9.00am to 12 noon. **David Weeks 01837 851379.**



Pictured here is UKIP Action Man Nigel Farage posing for the TV cameras in the middle of a very large, but newly formed lake in Dartford, Kent. The land, on which the local Labour Borough Council proposes to build houses, is on the flood plain of the river Darent.. But then John Prescott is keen to build hundreds of thousands of new houses all over Southern England, so this site must be perfectly OK!



Just before Christmas, Dr. Elizabeth Shore, widow of former Labour minister Lord Peter Shore, joined UKIP. Seen here receiving her membership card from Roger Knapman, Dr Shore said "New Labour is not the Labour Party I joined, and consequently I feel released from any obligations I may have had."



UKIP member and former Soviet dissident Vladimir Bukovsky is refusing to pay his TV license due to BBC bias on the issue of Europe. He is pictured here outside the BBC offices of Greg Dyke, cutting up a huge version of his TV license, being ably assisted by Party Chairman David Lott (the one in the KGB hat), and UKIP member Maggie Smith.



At the beginning of 2003, UKIP was joined by David Hearnshaw who recently stood down as the Co-Chairman of Business for Sterling South. David said "Although BfS is conducting an excellent campaign against membership of the euro, the forthcoming EU Constitution represents a much greater threat to the UK's prosperity and independence. Only UKIP makes a clear, unambiguous case for British withdrawal from the EU".

UKIPs in Action



Letters to the Editor

Any Questions?

Thirty years ago the French people had a referendum as to whether we British should be allowed to join the Common Market. At that time the BBC's 'Any Questions' programme came from Burford, Oxon, where I was then living. A questioner asked if we too should have been allowed a referendum - to spontaneous applause from the floor. Needless to say, none of the panellists thought a referendum was necessary - hardly surprising given what we were being told at the time.

Thirty years later on December 6th 2002, the programme again came from Burford, when a questioner asked what benefit we get from the billions of pounds we have paid to the EU. Once again this brought applause before the panel had even spoken. One panellist, novelist Frederick Forsyth, said all the right things - to more applause - whereas co-panellists who were pro EU drew no such support.

Does this not show that the public at large have remained generally hostile to the whole concept of EU membership ever since Edward Heath first took us into the then Common Market under false pretences? If anyone was enterprising enough to launch a fund to prosecute him for treason, I would be among the first to contribute.

Stuart Eager
Hertford.

EU Expansion?

The Treaty of Nice has been ratified along with such horrors as an EU wide arrest warrant; the enlargement of the EU has been approved, and the haggling over the detailed terms of membership has taken place in Copenhagen. All that now remains is for the candidate countries to promote the EU to their citizens before holding referendums on membership

A referendum invariably proves to be a tense moment for the EU's autocrats as it is the one time when the people are in control (something autocrats hate). At times like these it is therefore the duty of all of us to make life as difficult for them as possible. For quite some time now I have been writing letters to the newspapers in Malta giving reasons why that little country should not join, and I know that other UKIP members are doing the same. However, Malta is but one country, we also need UKIPs with Polish, Estonian, and other connections to candidate nations, to write to the press of these countries in the Lingua Franca, explaining exactly what it is they are being dragged into, and the problems EU membership will inevitably bring.

If and when they join they will have no choice but to scrap their currencies and accept an interest rate which may create hardship for them - do they really want this? (Some of these nations have newly gained currencies since breaking from the USSR). Are they aware that as soon as they join they can be arrested on the instructions of a foreign authority and hauled off to be held in a prison in a far off land for something which may not even be a crime at home whilst their own governments will be powerless to protect them? Do they know they will be classed as second class EU members and will not benefit from all the things they were told to expect, whilst nonetheless having to digest all the EU's unpalatable bureaucracy? Have they jumped out of a communist frying pan into the EU fire? Lets give them something to talk about. Every country which refuses to join will be a victory for us and a defeat for the EU and the bloated egos of its Eurocrats. Anyone wanting Maltese press details can contact me on 07813 153897.

Derek Bennett
Walsall, West Mids.

You are Not Alone.

Last summer, to satisfy my curiosity, I started scanning all my local

newspapers on the internet for 'Readers Letters' from UKIPs. I found that many such letters were being openly published as being from UKIPs. Greatly encouraged, I looked further afield across the UK, and found that editors are now printing many more of our letters than two years ago.

I now collect these together, and anybody with an e-mail address is welcome to go on my mailing list where they will receive, either daily or weekly, a collection of letters from across the UK, on EU and related matters of public concern.

From my browsings through the letters pages, it seems that the public at large is now as worried over many matters as we in UKIP have been for several years. For more details and to go on the list, contact me direct on stan@greencorner.fsnet.co.uk

Stan Parr
Worcestershire.

Only UKIP

Having read Brian Lee's letter in the last issue, I fully understand what he clearly finds frustrating, and that is the abject failure of so many supposedly 'Euro-realist' groups to back the only party worthy of support - UKIP. I very much hope that Roger Knapman and his new team will be banging some heads together in those other groups. I do not object in any way to UKIPs who have the time and resources to work with other groups as well, and if we choose to isolate ourselves from them, we give them an excuse to fail to support us. There are moreover sometimes issues where it is more appropriate for one of them to take the lead, but whatever else they do they should always be aiming to channel electoral support towards UKIP alone. Within their ranks, UKIPs should emphasise this over and over again until they stop pussyfooting around with the three main pro-EU parties. Until such groups give their full and unequivocal support to UKIP, they actually serve the interests of the EU, and if their

leaders persist in putting their fingers in their ears and whistling, they must become ex-leaders, and very quickly!

C. Robertson
Hull.

Amoral EU laws

This is no place to plug a particular religion, but what horrifies me about emerging European law is that, even at this early stage, it has already cast aside and apparently considers irrelevant, the necessity for some objective authoritative moral code to base its legal decisions on. We are left with the shifting sands of current ethical fashion. Who decides and defines these? To solve this problem in the old USSR they found that dictatorship was necessary. Will the EU decide the same? Even Stalin had the Marxist creed to refer to and be judged by. What will we have?

Well we have the EU bureaucracy for a start. Bureaucracies grow and grow for it is in their nature to do so. How many staff do you need to determine, document, promulgate, and enforce the correct curvature of cucumbers for instance? Forget the laws for humans; even vegetables cannot just be left to grow on their own. Every cucumber too, must have its dictator.

Jim Allen
Torquay, Devon.

USSR and Europe

John Butler's summary in the last issue of the similarities between the EU and the USSR was first class. I have long held the view that this is where we are heading. The French have always tended towards the dirigiste and despite their revolutionary past, they have simply replaced one centralising system with another. The extent to which they call the shots in Europe is frightening, and we let them negotiate to their own advantage every time, turning a blind eye to some of their activities. The Germans of course go along with the French, anxious that their militaristic attitudes will break out again if they

are not restrained, and with the exception of the Scandinavians there is not another nation in Europe who could teach us much about democracy. That is not to say that there is *nothing* we can learn from our friends in Europe, but let it be us, rather than some diktat from Brussels which determines what we learn.

As an ex-Tory, it grieves me that it was the Conservatives (including Mrs Thatcher) who signed every treaty giving away our sovereignty. Joining the single currency would be the final step in building the totalitarian edifice.

What is so galling is the apathy of so many of the British public. Well perhaps not so much apathy as ignorance. The abysmal standard of state education leaves huge numbers of people without facts regarding our history and culture, and without a critical faculty with which to mount a reasoned argument about anything.

Michael Sharpe
Stow-on-the-Wold, Glos.

Bought Vote!

Ever since I reached the age of sixty I have been taking advantage of the 'half price' offer on the local bus service. By paying an annual fee I had a pass enabling me to travel at half full fare.

When Tony Blair decided to give the pass free to everyone over the age of sixty I think it saved me about £36 that year, so I donated £40 to our UKIP branch. I shall do the same each year; I can't think of a better investment of the money saved!

Mr Blair is not buying my vote.

Mrs Iris Khalidi
St. Ives, Cornwall.

Post Offices

It has already been agreed, with EU backing, that up to 3000 urban Post Offices must close, and I fear that thousands of rural ones are now in danger. The central issue is that many rural offices are not economically viable, and need financial aid. Under the competition rules agreed within amended EU

treaties, state aid is prohibited unless specifically authorised. Our British government cannot help without EU permission, and they are reluctant to ask for it. But even if they did, the EU would be equally reluctant to release EU funds paid for by British taxpayers.

Dave Weeks
Okehampton, Devon.

Gold

It isn't rocket science to realize that if you announce to the world that you are flooding the market with a particular commodity the price will go down until the supply is exhausted. With this in mind maybe Gordon Brown should take a refresher course in economics for costing the British taxpayer £540M in selling more than half our gold reserves.

Mr G J Brock
Orpington, Kent.

EU Signs

The highways and traffic department of Hull City Council have promised that they will remove the EU ring of stars sign from a new road scheme where it served to tell the public that the EU had partly 'financed' the project. In fact of course the British taxpayer paid both for the scheme and for the sign to be erected. It was UKIP letters to the Lord Mayor and the local 'Hull Daily Mail' which achieved this climb-down by the council - in other words it always pays to 'have a go'.

B. Stark
Bilton, Hull.

Please note editor's postal and e-mail addresses, and copy date on back page. Letters should be kept to a reasonable length for this section and may be edited down. Total submissions always exceed the space available, but everything submitted is read with interest.



John Smith of Cumbria UKIP tells his story.

Any UKIP Can Do It.

By John Smith.

I found 'Stanley Parr's Election Story' in the October issue to be most interesting as I feel that he and I are on the same path of political enlightenment. Even though we live at opposite ends of the country, we regularly swap e-mails about letters in the local press and suchlike.

I was Unaware

Like Stan I became involved in UKIP right out of the blue. After being a voter for the Conservative Party for forty years, I still find it unbelievable how I changed ranks so dramatically. Like most people in this country I was unaware of just what had been going on over the last thirty years having been kept in the dark by all three main parties. My attitude with regards to any articles about the EU in the papers or on the TV was "Who cares, its got nothing to do with us, its across the other side of the Channel." How very much mistaken I was.

A Pound of Bananas

One evening I just happened to be watching the TV news, and a piece came on about a trader who was arrested for selling a pound of bananas. Being somewhat startled, I said to my wife "What the hell is this all about"? I could not believe what I was seeing, but then I noticed some UKIP banners in the background, and these UKIP people, whoever they were, seemed to be backing the trader - but who or what was UKIP?

Joined in January 2001

Now at this point I had only recently become the owner of a personal computer, and having just linked up to the internet, I searched for a UKIP website. When I found it I did a lot of reading and took in as much information as possible, and I realised I'd always been manipulated by the main parties' political machines. In January 2001 therefore I joined UKIP, and just two weeks later I was asked if I would like to apply to stand for UKIP in the General Election, and I Found myself saying "Yes". But what did I really know about politics? It was a fast learning curve, and at the election I found myself up against the big guns - a minister for health, and other candidates who were all old hands at politics. How much can you learn in five months?

Go For It!

But if I had to do it all again I would jump at the chance. What an opportunity to get as much information out to people as possible, and to let them know just how much we have been conned. So my advice to anyone who has just become a member of the party is 'Go For it' - the full hog. Don't be afraid to try, you'll learn by the experience. Just think to yourself "If he can do it then so can I".

Being Sold Out

In 2003 it is now even more imperative that we inform the public that as a nation we are being sold out. They desperately need to be told about the continuing momentum towards that 'ever closer union', and its consequences for British citizens and British business. Try writing to your local paper even if you've never done so before. You'll find that once started you'll improve with each further attempt, and it can become an obsession to get the message out.

I myself will be standing in the local elections on Thursday

1st May, after taking over 17% of the vote last time around in a Labour stronghold. And if they'll have me, I'll also be standing for UKIP in the next General Election - whenever it happens.

Local Elections Update

This year there will be local elections across the country, and UKIP intends to put a big effort into fighting them. Whether you are attached to a branch or not, we would urge you to 'Have a go'.

Election Day, Thursday May 1st is now just three months away, and completed candidate's nominations forms have to be in to Electoral Returning Officers by Tuesday April 1st, so there is not a lot of time to spare.

Blank forms can be collected from Returning Officers well before April 1st, although exactly when they are available will vary from one council to another.

Members who have decided to stand in these elections should Let Tom Wise know. Tom operates out of UKIP's Eastern Region office:- UKIP, Rochester House, 145 New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0QT., or you can ring him on 01245 266466, or 0777 556 7261.

Anyone giving notice to Tom of their intention to stand will be sent all the relevant guidance notes including a copy of the UKIP local election Manifesto.

The European Arrest Warrant

By Gerard Batten

The European Arrest Warrant (EAW) is yet another example of how our long cherished freedoms are to be sacrificed on the altar of the 'Ever Closer' European Union.



Protections Removed

The Government has given its agreement to the EAW without the approval of Parliament and it will attempt to force it through Parliament to become law by 2004. Prior to 1989 a British citizen facing extradition to a foreign country was protected from possible injustice by three fundamental safeguards: the accusing country had to demonstrate that there was a proper case to answer; the alleged criminal act had to be recognised as such in the UK; and the Home Secretary had to be satisfied that the accused would get a fair trial under a proper system of law. A Conservative government seriously undermined those protections in 1989 when it signed up to the European Convention on Extradition, and the Labour government intends to sweep them away entirely under the EAW.

The EAW in Operation.

Under the EAW any EU citizen may be subject to extradition to any other EU country. The warrant does not have to provide prima facie evidence of the alleged offence but merely has to claim that the accused person is required for investigation for one of the categories of offences covered. The 32 categories of offence contain some crimes common to all legal systems: murder, robbery arson, rape, kidnapping etc, but they also contain offences that are not crimes in the UK and are not even defined, for example, 'swindling', 'corruption', 'racism and xenophobia'. In Britain, for example, we have specific laws that prohibit the manifestation of racism, i.e. incitement to racial hatred, but is that the same as the EU's 'racism and xenophobia'? It doesn't really matter because provided that the extraditing country has filled out its paperwork correctly the UK legal authorities will have no power to prevent extradition.

The EU's Intentions.

Also on the agenda at the conference that agreed the EAW in Tampere, Finland in October 1999 was the introduction of a European Penal Code (Corpus Juris), intended to supersede the legal systems of all EU member states. There was no provision for habeas corpus or trial by jury, two of the mainstays of our freedoms under the law in Britain. Habeas corpus of course requires that an accused person must be brought before a court, with evidence of their offence being heard,

within 24 hours of their arrest (longer in some special cases) before they can be detained further. Trial by jury has protected the individual from the power of the state on more than one occasion. Under continental systems the investigation of the crime takes place after the charge has been made and an accused person may languish in prison for weeks, months or even years before charges are laid or they are released. The intention is to eventually bring UK law into line with a pan-European legal system.

The Meaning of the EAW.

The objective of the EAW is not to 'simplify and expedite' extradition procedures as stated by the Home Office. It is yet another stage in the relentless process whereby the EU increases its power over its citizens. One day we may find ourselves captive inside a centralised dictatorship without redress from our own legal system. By means of the EAW the EU intends to give itself the power to arrest and imprison EU citizens, on suspicion alone, and to hold them in custody for as long as it wishes. It is very easy to see how it could eventually be used as an instrument of oppression against political dissidents.

What Next?

The Government showed its contempt for Parliament by unconstitutionally committing itself to the EAW before Parliament had debated it. Parliament will no doubt be told that it must pass it in to law because it is 'EU legislation' and it must transpose it into English and Scottish law or be in contravention of EU Treaty obligations. UKIP members should write to their MEPs demanding that they vote against this bill when it comes before Parliament.

Oppose the EAW while you can or perhaps sometime, in the not too distant future, you might just find yourself subject to the unwanted attentions of a magistrate in some remote corner of the EU inviting you to an unscheduled stay, where you can reflect at leisure on what more you might have done for Britain and UKIP when you had the chance.

Gerard Batten is member of UKIP's NEC. He has written a pamphlet on the European Union Arrest Warrant that will shortly be available on the UKIP web-site: www.ukip.org and from Head Office.

The Party Website also includes leaflets on a number of other topics, any of which can be downloaded by branches for printing locally. This is a very quick and effective way of getting hold of materials as it avoids the inevitable delays and frustrations of ordering by post.

EDITOR'S NOTICEBOARD

■ NEC Elections

Ballot Papers for the upcoming NEC elections are either included with this Newsletter, or will be sent out to members shortly. Members are asked to take careful note of the voting procedures, and to return ballot papers in good time for the closing date.

■ New Regional Organisers

Two new UKIP Regional Organisers have been appointed. For the **North West** we now have **Gerry Kelley** at 4 Shepperton Close, Dudlow's Green, Appleton, Warrington, Cheshire. WA4 5JZ. Tel 01925 263088. e-mail ned@thekelleys.org.uk. In the **West Midlands** the new organiser is **Paul Gilbert** at 39 St Mary's Rd, Little Haywood, Staffs. ST18 0QG. Tel 01889 883030. e-mail paul.gilbert5@ntlworld.com

■ Five Year Membership

Many Thanks to all those very generous members who have taken out the new five year membership. Thanks also for all the extra donations which members sent in on top of this. Head Office has asked us to point out however that this is an entirely voluntary option, and not compulsory as some members thought!

■ Local Elections Coordinator

Tom Wise who is based in Jeffrey Titford's Eastern Region office, is Local Elections Coordinator. Aspiring, potential, and prospective candidates are asked to pass their details to him. He needs your name, the name of the council, and the ward (in that order). If it is a by-election, Tom asks that you get the result to him as soon as possible. *Tom Wise, UKIP Office, 145 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 0QT. Tel: 01245 266466. Fax: 01245 252071. ukipeast@globalnet.co.uk*

■ Euro Elections 2004

The process of candidate selection is well under way and hustings meetings will be starting soon (See 'Diary Dates').

Following this, regional ballots will be held to decide the order of candidates on each Region's list. This will probably happen during April.

■ Scarborough Conference

A video of highlights from last autumn's UKIP Annual Conference in Scarborough is now available. Including speeches by Roger Knapman, Jeffrey Titford, Nigel Farage, and Bill Jamieson, the video costs £5 from Hugh Moelwyn Hughes, Celyn, Coed-y-Caerau, Kemeys Inferior, Newport NP18 1JR.

■ Annual Conference 2003

First Notice. The 2003 UKIP annual conference will probably be in Central Hall Westminster on 3/4th or 10/11th Oct. More in next issue.

■ Malta

The island of Malta goes to the polls soon in a referendum on whether they should be taken over by the EU. The 'NO' camp need your help. They need money and they need people from early February onwards. Accommodation available. Contact NO2EU referendum Campaign. 44 Censu Busuttill Street, Fgura PLA15, Malta. Tel +356 9986 2222 or +356 7986 2222 e-mail info@no2eu.org

■ Thought For the Day

From a speech given by Lord Pearson of Rannoch to the House of Lords on December 18th last. "If any member [country] does not obey the European treaties, as interpreted by the Luxembourg Court, Articles 226-229 of the Treaty establishing the EU allow that court to impose unlimited fines. [This] means that once the executive, or our government, have used the treaty-making power of the Royal prerogative and have agreed, or have been outvoted, on a new law in Brussels, the British Parliament must enact it, on pain of unlimited fines in the Luxembourg Court. That is why no law agreed in Brussels has ever been overturned by Parliament, which has therefore become a rubber stamp".

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Nikki SINCLAIRE

Proposer: Mike Natrass **Seconder:** Anthony Scholefield **Assentors:** Bill Merton, Betty Merton, Stephen Dixon, Anthony Birch, Jackie Harding, Alan Harding, Joan Ambler, Fabian Olins.

I feel privileged to be proposed by the Deputy Leader and Seconded by one of the Party's founders. I am 34 years old with election experience spanning over 15 years. Formerly UKIP Head Office Manager with experience of working on the Standing Orders Committee, SE & NW regional committees. A volunteer of numerous By elections and for the 'NO' side in the Danish Referendum of 2000. Last year, I worked in the USA on a successful election campaign for a Congress Woman. This experience has enhanced my skills in communication with the electorate and the media.

I put myself forward to offer this wealth of experience in aid of the greatest battle this Country has faced for nearly sixty years. To prevent our country being further submerged into the EU and work to gain our INDEPENDENCE from the corrupt and doomed mess that is the EU. Under the leadership of Roger Knapman whom I support 100%, the NEC has an important role in directing UKIP to this end.

I espouse greater accountability of the NEC and unelected officers via regional/ county committees and the Party Newsletter. I advocate a brief synopsis of each NEC meeting also listing the attendees/absentees. Hopefully, this will give you the member greater understanding of the NEC and will be assistance in these annual NEC elections. I believe that with a blend of youth and experience I can help take the party forward. Any questions please call 01634 262238 or email nikkisinclair@hotmail.com



Statement by Returning Officer

Members should be aware that Nikki Sinclair is currently in legal dispute with the Party. This dispute relates to the NEC elections in February 2001 at which Ms Sinclair stood as a candidate. Ms Sinclair was prevented from taking up office at these elections in accordance with Rule 3.7 of the NEC Election Rules which prevents paid employees of the Party from simultaneously holding elected office in the NEC. Ms Sinclair was a paid employee of the Party at the time. Ms Sinclair is currently seeking a declaration from the High Court that Rule 3.7 is invalid or that the Returning Officer's decision to disqualify Ms Sinclair from taking up her position on the NEC was invalid and that she should be reinstated to the NEC.

Derek Clark, Returning Officer

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George Tarver STRIDE

Proposer: John de Roeck **Seconder:** Lady Vallat **Assentors:** Geoffrey Collier, Joan Pearkes, Derek Hunnikin, Elizabeth Bygrave, Jane Best, Barbara Sinclair, John Harris, Pierre Everett.

George Stride (BA, PGCE, MCIPD, FCII) is a Chartered Insurer with an honours degree in history and a teacher's certificate. He taught in England and Nigeria before entering the financial services industry. In Nigeria, he became vice-principal of a large multi-lateral college and acting history inspector. He returned to England as lecturer in education in a London College. In financial services, George filled senior Training and Management Development posts with well-known companies. He still provides consultancy services to the Chartered Insurance Institute on financial training and education. He is a good communicator on the public platform and through the written word, with successful books on West African history, sales techniques and financial services to his credit.

George founded the Bognor Regis and Littlehampton branch in 1996 and built it into one of our largest branches by the 1997 General Election. He encouraged the founders of branches in West Worthing, East Worthing & Shoreham and Arun & South Downs. In the last General Election, he produced the seventh best UKIP result in the country. In the 1999 Euro-elections his branch polled 15.79% of the local vote (the best result in the S.E. Region), defeated the Liberal - Democrats and nearly beat Labour. He is now a parish councillor.

George is an active member of the NEC, the European Elections Committee and the SE Regional Committee. He chairs interview panels for approval of UKIP candidates for MP and MEP elections.



Notice to all UKIP members

Annual Ballot for election of members to the UKIP National Executive Committee

February 2003

A ballot paper is enclosed herewith for all members of UKIP entitled to vote in the election of members to serve on the National Executive Committee. This includes all full members registered at 6th January 2003.

The candidates' election addresses and photographs are printed below. There are seven vacancies and voting is on the 'first past the post system', whereby the seven candidates with the most votes will be elected.

You may vote for up to seven candidates by placing a cross against their names on the ballot paper. You may vote for fewer than seven candidates. Voting for more than seven candidates will invalidate your ballot paper. Ballot papers should be returned to:- **UKIP NEC Election, Citibox 217, 2 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 3DQ.** Closing date for receipt of ballot papers is 6 pm on Tuesday February 25th 2003. Ballot papers only must be sent to this address; please do not include any other material.

The count will take place at Party Head Office in London, commencing at 10 am Friday, 28th February 2003. All candidates, or their nominated representatives, are invited to attend the Count as observers. The result will be announced in the April issue of Independence News. Results will also be mailed to the candidates, to Branch and Regional Chairmen, they will be available on application to head office and they will be posted on the UKIP Website in the week commencing March 3rd 2003

Please consider the details of all candidates before making your choice.

Derek Clark, Returning Officer, NEC Elections 2003.
Tel: 01604 766064. e-mail: ro@ukip.org

Gregg BEAMAN

Proposer: Lesley Brown **Seconder:** Anthony Moore **Assentors:** Richard Buttrey, James Bradshaw, Gerald Kelley, Francis Worrall, Henry Crocker, Tom Hodgson, John Tomlin, Julie Beaman

Elected as an Independent to represent Carnforth Ward on Lancaster City Council in May 1999 becoming Chairman of the Audit and Support Services Committee and the Private Housing Committee. Opposed the introduction of the cabinet system and is fighting regionalisation. Is employed as North West regional organiser for a national neurological charity developing local Branches, recruiting and training volunteers and working with the local and regional media to raise public awareness. He is married to Julie who is also an active member of UKIP.

Although too young to vote in the '75 referendum he campaigned vigorously for a 'No' vote and has since been active in the CIB and the Anti-Federalist League before joining UKIP in 2000. Has been active in politics for nearly 30 of his 43 years and has immense relevant experience from his professional life.

At 21 Gregg was an election agent for the Tory Party and at 22 a candidate in the Manchester City Council elections. He spent 1990/01 working in Europe and Latin America before spending five years working in London. In 1993 he stood again for election, this time in the London Borough of Greenwich, before returning to the North in 1996. In 2000 he was UKIP's candidate in the Preston parliamentary by-election and in the 2001 election was candidate in the Morecambe and Lunesdale constituency. He is currently Chairman of the North Lancashire and Cumbria Branch of the party and is an active member of the Party's North West Counties Committee.



Graham BOOTH, MEP

Proposer: Jeffrey Titford **Seconder:** Trevor Colman **Assentors:** Alan Langmaid, John Horrocks, Pamela Booth, John Ryan, George Stride, Norman Thatcher, Gary Booth, Sue Palfrey.

I would like to acknowledge that any successes I might have achieved for UKIP are due to the tremendous support that I have received from our Westcountry members and supporters. I am coming to the end of my second three-year stint on the NEC (having missed only one meeting in those six years!) and am now seeking re-election.

I stood in Torbay in the 1997 and 2001 General Elections. In an experimental "Mock Election", held under the "Single Transferrable Vote" system, in Moretonhampstead in 1998, I won the third of the four seats available to the 18 candidates for UKIP (Labour failed to win a seat.) Then, for the 1999 European Elections I was voted into second place and was delighted when UKIP won a seat. I have just taken over that seat, due to the resignation of Michael Holmes through poor health and, as UKIP's third MEP, I shall do my utmost to use that position to promote the party and to expose the many failings of the EU to as wide a British audience as possible. I have put my name forward to stand in the next European Elections in 2004.

Other positions held in UKIP since I joined in 1996 are: Chairman of Torbay branch; Devon Chairman; Chairman of South West Counties Committee and Deputy Leader to Jeffrey Titford. If you think that my continued membership of the NEC might be of some benefit to UKIP, I would be very pleased to receive your vote.



Nigel Paul FARAGE, MEP

Proposer: Mark Croucher **Seconder:** Michael Wiltshire **Assentors:** Robert Howell, R.F. Cobbett, Patricia Dansie, Colin Smith, W.J. Jenner, M.W. Lewis, P.K. Overy, E. Llewellyn.

The next eighteen months will make or break the UK Independence Party. The next European Elections offer us an opportunity to produce a truly stunning result. Not only is the argument that we don't need to be in the EU gaining ground, which in no small part is due to us, but the European Constitution will be on the table in June 2004.

Though I have served continuously on the NEC since the inception of UKIP it is only fair to say that I have been a critic of it. The party membership needs strong leadership from an NEC that is in the forefront of policy development. The NEC also needs to become far more professional and ambitious. I have every reason to believe that this is beginning to happen as the talent available to us improves. It is therefore essential that you vote for candidates who get things done in this election, not those who prefer to pontificate. Judge people by their previous results.

I am standing in this election and asking for your vote on the basis of my results for the U.K. Independence Party. In the last two general elections I have been the Party's highest scoring candidate. I am currently Chairman of the South East area, which now has a third of our national membership. Above all, I believe that I can use an NEC position in the run-up to the European Elections to help organise and motivate our grass roots activity - the bedrock of our Party.



Chris FORSTER

Proposer: Nick Eriksen **Seconder:** Jerry Shadbolt **Assentors:** Roger Gough, Philip Gordon, John Franck, Susan Franck, Vida Hastings, Ronald McMahon, Raymond Holleborne, Mike Hobbs.

UKIP is our best hope to free us from the EU, that is why I am a member of my local association's executive and have organised local and parliamentary election campaigns. My aim is to increase UKIP support by explaining how UKIP will make Britain a better place: * Total withdrawal from the EU, restore sovereignty * Asylum seekers to be immediately returned if they have travelled through a safe country. * Economic Prosperity. UK Sovereignty means: keep the pound, reverse EU dictates, eg, metric measures, restore legal systems independence; cut taxation by eliminating payments to EU; immigration - strict and vigorous controls, deport overstayers; oppose reverse discrimination and political correctness; restore farming and fishing.

My targets for the NEC: Higher media profile; Membership drives; Co-ordination of branches and activities. As a NEC member I would favour pro-active lobbying of the media to get our message across, getting every member involved, organising a member and branch support network.

At age 46, I have had a successful local government and health service career culminating in a Chief Officer role and Fellowship of the Institute of Internal Auditors. I now run my own business organising alternative health events. I have featured on TV, radio and in magazines. I will bring my management experience, my entrepreneurial skills and my unique brand of charisma in dealing with the media to increase my positive contribution to UKIP, and the task of getting Britain out of the EU nightmare.



Ian Francis GILLMAN

Proposer: Eric Houghton **Seconder:** Peter Baden **Assentors:** Susan Stevens, Hal Quinlan, J. Quinlan, Derek Norman, Julian Fairweather, Jenifer Embrey, K.P. Norman, Jane Clark.

There is a deep flaw within the minds of European politicians. They like to control and dominate their population. Attracted to fanatical ideas they suppress their peoples. We British, on the other hand have sought to free our population, allowing freedoms of expression to evolve that are anathema on the continent.

Only retention of our parliament, a constitutional monarchy, armed services and civil police swearing allegiance to that monarchy, not to an unelected politician or bureaucrat, can ensure Britains' hard won freedoms remain intact. Remember we gave to the world Magna Carta, which is the basis of the current German constitution and the United Nations charter to name but two examples. Why are our politicians giving it all away within treaties? Quite simply because since the Suez crisis of 1956 they have lost their confidence to govern these islands independently. The erosion of confidence has sapped the British spirit for too long now.

We UKIP people have the confidence to run our own affairs using our own institutions, eventually the beaten and failed politicians will fall aside for people who know and understand the aspirations of Britain and her people. Aged 50 I stood for Corby at the previous two General Elections, the NEC, and was amongst the first dozen parliamentary candidates for the party. Educated at Regent Street Polytechnic, employed by a police force for ten years, I taught evening classes for five years and have run a business for twenty years. May I now canvass your vote?



Richard Brian LEE (known as Brian Lee)

Proposer: Gerard Batten **Seconder:** Bryan Smalley **Assentors:** Thomas Wise, Derek Norman, Martin Harvey, George Duthie, Leonard Hooker, Reginald Williamson, May Williamson, P.E. Provost

I joined UKIP after the Euro Election in 1994 because the Party stood for everything I believed in. I started the South East Essex Branch in June 1995, and have been Chairman since then. I was Chairman of the Eastern Counties Committee for two years until my resignation recently. I have been a candidate in two general elections and the number 3 candidate in the Eastern Region at the 1999 European Election. I am now active in short-listing candidates for the European Parliamentary Elections in June 2004.

My reason for standing for the NEC at this time is to promote a more representative structure in the Party because I believe it is over-centralised. Neither Regions nor Branches, which are the day to day functioning units of the Party have any constitutional power in selecting the management of the Party or in developing its policy and administration. This must be changed. Where decisions have to be made centrally they must recognise the diversity in operation of the local active working groups.

I also want better communication between the central Party organisation and those who promote the Party locally. I want more opportunity for policy to be discussed and if necessary, challenged. We are all individuals but have decided for the good of the country to work together, even though we may disagree on many matters. We need the facilities for any disagreements to be discussed openly so that they can be put in the perspective of our common aims.



Judith LONGMAN

Proposer: *Damian Hockney* **Seconders:** *Graham Webster-Gardiner* **Assentors:** *Jonathan Arnott, Leslie Arnott, Pauline Arnott, Charlotte Schofield, Helen Martinek, John Nunn, Frank Gillson, Nicholas Martinek*

I joined UKIP in 1997 from the Referendum Party and subsequently became a candidate in both the 1999 European Election and the General Election. I have been a member of the Yorkshire & Humber Regional Committee since its inception, first as Vice Chairman and this is now my third year as Chairman.

For many members, not just the grass roots, the NEC appears remote. We have made some progress but the NEC must become more transparent and more responsive to the operational requirements of the activists, for example by making easy to understand position and policy statements quickly available.

We need a strong, clearly reasoned and well defined manifesto. This will take moral courage if we are to establish policies which are effective and powerfully attractive rather than politically correct. Successive governments have failed to protect the national interest. In assuming that role, UKIP must embrace robust policies which clearly reflect the wishes of the disenfranchised silent majority. Only then can we campaign with all our heart and soul.

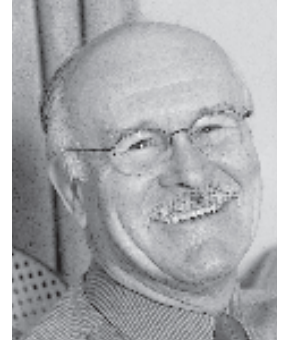
If elected to the NEC, I will work to create a more effective party where every member has a vital role to play and the resources with which to do it.



David Charles LOTT

Proposer: *Nigel Farage* **Seconders:** *Kathryn Lott* **Assentors:** *Graham Perks, Bernard Buckle, Jill Reilly, Rose Lynden-Bell, Paul Birch, Ashley Mote, John Harvey, R. Knapman.*

It is crucially important for NEC members to keep in touch with the general public. Over the years, I toured the country in my lorry, took part and directed countless by-elections, became involved in local elections, organised major public meetings and campaigns or simply spoke to people in the course of canvassing, whilst personally delivering tens of thousands of leaflets. It all helped me keep my feet firmly on the ground. Like many of us I have had failures but I learned from these and occasionally had outstanding successes. I am proud to have been Nigel Farage's campaign manager for the European Election in 1999. The South East ran a determined, comprehensive campaign, the biggest ever undertaken to date by the UKIP. I now find myself in the privileged position of Party Chairman but I am just as proud of being the Chairman of the Isle of Wight Constituency Association. Nationally and locally I am determined to drive the party forward to success at every level. I relish the fight and will drive myself, the NEC and you to the limit in order for us to become Britain's salvation. I am a former fighter pilot, airline captain and senior manager. I am extremely fortunate to have a wife whose commitment to the cause enables me to devote all my energy to our colossal task. Together in 2004, we can and must, deliver a major jolt to the UK's political system in order to stem the tide.



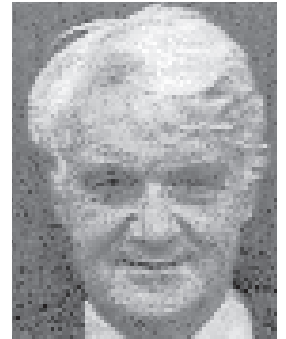
Mike NATTRASS

Proposer: *Roger Knapman* **Seconders:** *Derek Bennett* **Assentors:** *William Nattrass, Carla Holmes, Matthew Illsley, Kay Hammond, Richard Adams, Bimla Balu, Mark Nattrass, Joyce Nattrass.*

Currently Deputy Leader. Formerly Party Chairman during the leadership of Jeffrey Titford. Producer and main financier of the last two Party Political Broadcasts. NEC member since 1998.

In 1980 established Nattrass Giles, chartered surveyors dealing with commercial and industrial property throughout the UK. Purchased the only remaining fireplace manufacturer in Birmingham and launched a bathroom business.

Statement : "EU membership promotes Britain's decline, providing a target for unrestricted imports from cheap labour markets, eroding industrial strength and skills, creating unemployment and reducing living standards. The loss of legal systems, legislative control and basic freedoms are symptoms of the superstate virus which, if ignored, will take over the currency, economy and nation. Generations did not fight off takeovers by foreign powers, with blood, sweat and tears, to allow egotistical politicians to scrap our nationhood in order to line their pockets and enhance personal power. The main policy objective must be remain 'departure from the EU'. The cost savings achieved to be directed into policies improving services such as Health and Pensions and providing an infrastructure encouraging employment. Immigration must be restricted to avoid further stress on housing, hospitals, roads, employment and basic services. We must face the fact that the Country is overcrowded and there is no space for imported population growth. This debate has nothing to do with race or creed. Political correctness conflicting with our tradition of freedom of speech should be ignored. Please support, with me, Britain's independence".



Michael S. PHILLIPS

Proposer: *Helen Davies* **Seconders:** *Dana Green* **Assentors:** *Robert Willsher, Jean Temple, Doris Ross, Christopher Shaw, Denis Walter, Stuart Leeming, Christopher Tett, John Roberts.*

Early retired Civil Servant. Married with two children. Formerly an activist in Referendum Party. Parliamentary candidate in 1997 General Election. Parliamentary candidate in 2001 General Election. European Parliament candidate in 1999 European Election. Selected as number 3 on UKIP's South East Region M.E.P. list. Contender for selection as a UKIP candidate in 2004 European Election.

Chairman of Milton Keynes branch. Member of South East Regional committee. Member of 2003 UKIP conference steering committee. Peacemaker at time of Party in-fighting. UKIP guru on defeating town and village twinning proposals. UKIP compiler of election results and statistics.

My basic philosophy is:- British Union good : European Union bad.

UKIP's most pressing task :- publicity, publicity, publicity. It's the only way to get the votes we need to achieve our goal - withdrawal from the European Union.

