

## Slimmed-down treaty the greatest threat to UK

*Details of secret arrangements for talks on the Berlin Declaration reveal just how difficult the German Chancellor's task is going to be*

To be forewarned is to be at least partly forearmed. We should therefore be grateful for the fact of a leaked letter from the office of the German chancellor Mrs Angela Merkel. This sets out a detailed and highly ambitious timetable and the agenda for a programme of negotiations intended to lead to the adoption of a revived European Constitution; these arrangements have been cloaked in the secrecy typical of the European project from its earliest days.

The letter, which was sent by Mrs Merkel to the European Parliament President on 2nd January and which was leaked to the EUobserver on 29th January asks member states to appoint what are termed "focal points", that is national appointees who enjoy their confidence on EU matters. The appointees, who are most likely to be high-ranking foreign ministry officials, have unofficially been dubbed "sherpas". At the time of writing the British government has kept quiet about Mrs Merkel's letter and has not revealed the identity of the British "sherpa".

### Own Experts

For its part, Germany which took over the EU presidency on 1st January is represented in the consultations by two of its own experts - the Chancellor's Policy Adviser and an official from the German foreign ministry.

Until March 25th the "sherpas" are supposed to concentrate on the contents of the Berlin Declaration which will mark the 50th anniversary of the founding Treaty of Rome. However, it is clear that the issue of the Declaration is becoming inextricably linked with that of the Constitution with member states opting for a form of words that they believe will assist their intentions in relation to the Constitution.

Mrs Merkel says that she supports the plans of José Manuel Barroso who has listed his top themes to be included in the statement as solidarity, accountability (sic), security of European citizens, and promoting European values in the world.

### Freedom and Prosperity

However, Geoff Hoon, Britain's Minister for Europe, has said that he believes that the occasion should be used to celebrate EU enlargement. It would seem he wishes to associate the EU with the real gains in terms of freedom and prosperity achieved in Eastern and Central Europe following the collapse of communism (but which, of course the EU ultimately threatens) and thereby to distract attention from the EU's actual record. But his attitude has already irked Mrs Merkel who is acutely aware that enlargement is something which the vast majority of Germans do not feel like celebrating and who has repeatedly said that the EU cannot

expand further until it has a constitution.

*"Those who are so much in favour of enlargement must know, if at the same time they are sceptical about the constitutional process, that we cannot move forward on the present basis",* she said recently in a clear reference to the British position.

### Numerous Failures

Unknown to the British public the first meetings of the "sherpas" took place between 23rd January to 2nd February. The next round of meetings will be 12-16th February.

On 8th March EU leaders are due to have their exchange of views on the content of the Declaration.

Eurosceptic bodies have already begun to realise the potential of the occasion to point to the EU's numerous failures. Democracy International, a group which favours greater citizen participation, mostly through the use of referendums, is to issue its own Berlin declaration. The group is not exactly the preferred cup of tea of British eurosceptics but the title which it has chosen - "Europe not without the People" makes an apt point about the lack of EU democracy and the fatal disjunction between the views of political elites and those of the people. Thus, the Declaration makes an ideal moment for eurosceptics to launch a counter-offensive, not least because it will inevitably be a compromise

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document written by a committee, incapable of inspiring even the most ardent europhile and almost certainly susceptible to parody and ridicule.

If Mrs Merkel's deadlines are met the declaration is to be finalised and translated into all of the EU languages by 25th March - the day on which EU leaders are scheduled to meet for their first full discussion on the constitution. After that the "sherpas" will get together in a series of meetings between 23rd April (the day after the French presidential election) and 4th May with a general meeting of "sherpas" three days later with the aim of ironing out remaining differences.

In the run up to the June summit EU leaders are expected to formally sign off on a timetable for reviving the Constitution. According to her letter the German chancellor is set to have bi-lateral talks with all of the other 26 members between 21st May and 1st June with the summit - at which Tony Blair seems determined to attend as Prime Minister - taking place three weeks later.

At present eighteen countries - the so called "friends of the constitution" are in favour of retaining the present constitutional text, although one of

them, Spain, while not seeking changes, favours the inclusion of additional integrationist proposals.

The Czech republic has adopted the most eurosceptic position: it opposes the inclusion of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and its "sherpa" has publicly declared that the aim should be a new text that is "simpler, more transparent for citizens and contains a clear definition of jurisdictions and competences at the European level".

British eurosceptics may sympathise with some of the statements by Czech and Polish spokesmen about EU affairs. But the reality is that a constitutional text along Czech lines would be more dangerous than an unchanged document since the British government would almost certainly argue that this would not require a referendum. For the time being at least the British government has not wriggled out of its commitment to hold a referendum if the text remains unaltered. In an interview with the EUobserver on 29th January Mr Hoon said: "*If we brought back the constitutional treaty in its present form, we've made clear that that would require a referendum. Having said that, in the past, quite far-*

*reaching treaty changes have been carried through the House of Commons without a referendum*".

Given the state of British opinion, the French political timetable, public opinion in France and Holland - the two countries which rejected the constitution in referendums - there would seem to be little chance of an agreement to bring back an unchanged text. Mrs Merkel may want this but the reality is that she is likely to settle for what if, anything, she can get. Even a modestly-trimmed document is going to present huge difficulties because as yet there is little agreement about what should be left out, and once omissions are mooted the whole package of compromises and back-rooms deals threatens to unravel.

The title of "sherpas" has presumably been given to the negotiators because it is recognised that they have a mountain of Himalayan proportions to climb; the task of eurosceptics is see that they do not get beyond base camp.

## Germany spearheads EU cross-border police plan

Moves are under way to impose Europe-wide rules that could mean the sharing of personal information such as DNA, national police operating across borders and even air marshals boarding foreign planes.

The initial push for stronger security legislation, aimed at tracking down serious crime suspects and terror groups, comes from Germany, currently presiding over the 27-nation block.

In just a week (15-16th February) Berlin is set to table a formal proposal to transpose the so-called Prüm Treaty into EU law-books, a move that would allow EU states to give one another automatic access to genetic records,

fingerprints and traffic offences.

The Prüm Treaty - signed in 2005 - is currently a seven-nation pact between Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Luxemburg, the Netherlands and Spain, with four other member states (Finland, Italy, Portugal and Slovenia) eager to jump in.

However, many MEPs view the possible adoption of the seven-nation data-sharing pact with mistrust, mainly because they have limited say in sensitive security issues.

The Prüm Treaty is likely to clash with the principal of availability, adopted under the so-called justice and home affairs Hague Programme, said a research fellow of the Centre for European Policy Studies Sergio

Carrera.

This principle foresees an information network accessible to all member states by January 2008.

But despite possible legal wrangling, the European Commission has thrown its weight behind Germany's ambitions, with security commissioner Franco Frattini indicating that Brussels wants to take this route anyway.

"*You either accept Prüm [Treaty] or we [the European Commission] have to make a proposal for enhanced cooperation*", Mr Frattini told the parliament's civil liberties committee on Thursday (25th January) referring to the possibility for member states to band together to form their own policies in case of firm opposition from some EU capitals.

# A ruthless drive to a referendum is the only viable way left

*Mobilising the support of the millions who want to win back the right to control our courts and our borders is the key to a successful eurosceptic strategy*

**By Frederick Forsyth**

There are two covert truths at the heart of the Conservative Party's attitude towards the European Union and both inspire utter terror. As few politicians are renowned for their steely courage, that is why they remain covert.

One is that it used to be the case that there existed two quite clear, distinct and separate destinations to the European journey. One was the totally integrated United States of Europe, the heritage of Monnet, Hallstrom and Delors, entailing an absolutely unavoidable (indeed desired) termination of the nation/state. The other was the Europe of Nations, deriving from De Gaulle's *Union des Patries*.

For thirty-five years the Tory Party has espoused the latter, loudly proclaiming that it would never entertain the former. It still does. The terrifying truth is that Opinion Two is dead, defeated, off the menu and has been for at least a decade. Despite the defeat (for a while) of the Giscardian Constitution, the USE has wiped the floor with its rival and won hands down.

## Turning the Ship

Despite this the Tory leadership, since Major's first hours of incumbency, has bleated on about turning the ship around, being in the driving seat, being at the heart of Europe, converting everyone to the British point of view, and 'reforming' the EU to bring it back to the British wish.

Truth One: this is a pipe dream and everyone knows it.

The Euro-fanatics in the party do not gloat because they recognise that in a few more years their supremacy will have become irreversible; that successive leaderships dare not admit

their complete defeat because daring takes moral courage which the Tories have not had since 1990. So the charade is pursued year after year. Posture, declaim, beat the drum, shout the platitudes, strike Conference poses, and then capitulate again.

Truth Two goes back to Maastricht in 1992. After John Major used the methodology of the Kray twins to force ratification of the birth-treaty of the USE through a rebellious party, the canard was put about that the sceptics were a danger to the unity of the party and thus to re-election. The media, seldom the sharpest knives in the drawer, have propagated this amiable fiction. In truth the reverse is the case.

## Same Coterie

The Conservatives' euro-fanatics are the same coterie that connived, plotted and executed the political assassination of Margaret Thatcher not for the poll tax (another cosy canard) but for 'No, no no'. And in pursuit of their Utopian vision they are quite prepared to tear the party apart and guarantee that a euro-sceptic Tory party does not take power. If need be. Thus five consecutive party leaders have been told quietly but in terms they understand, that it would be suicidal to affront the Euro-fanatic minority.

David Cameron fits perfectly into the succession. He has grouped half a dozen EU-fanatics around him, despises euro-scepticism, wishes the whole damn thing would go away and will do all he can to avoid it. The point of this article is to claim that he has one huge Achilles heel and that if the patriot majority wants to win this time (and it may be the last) they simply have to renounce more verbal protests and meet iron with steel.

Can it be done? Oh yes. Will it? Let's

give it a shot. First, a few more harsh realities. Only an incumbent British government can repeal the Act of Accession to the Treaty of Rome. No British government, under any circumstances is going to do that. That is a given. Only one party, UKIP, would pledge it, and UKIP is not going to be the next British government, and we all know that.

The *Better Off Out* movement? Nice idea, but no. I support it of course, but it is not going to change David Cameron's mind. By issuing the 'no career under me' decrees he has curbed the converts to a maximum of fifty. And he does not need to give a damn about them. He needs to keep every one of his 197 and win another 123 back from Labour and the Lib Dems. Inside the figure of 330 he can easily absorb fifty or even a hundred rebels. If they have to swear to believe in the tooth fairy to win, so be it. So long as they win and put him in Downing Street. After that, the whips take over and he can go on beaming his way around Brussels. Fifty among three hundred is quite manageable.

## National Referendum

What then? Three things. First, the key is not cold-turkey extraction but a second national referendum. David Cameron will hate it and fight it. But if he was forced to give an irreversible manifesto pledge to hold one, he would be in desperate trouble if he tried, after entering Downing Street, to renege. Second, not a referendum on In/Out but on Repatriation of Powers. Why? Because the first, with enough bribery and mendacity, could even be lost. But millions and millions of our fellow-Brits see repatriation of the right to control our borders and courts as

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# Press freedom is under attack

*There is currently speculation that Ruth Kelly will take action against the **Mirror** under the ECHR*

Unlike several other European countries Britain does not have a privacy law, Parliament having sensibly decided that it would be impossible to devise legislation which balanced the need to protect the individual's right to privacy against the need to protect the public interest. During the 1980s high profile examples of press intrusion into the lives of famous individuals, including members of the Royal Family, led to demands for such a law but these were assuaged by the introduction of an improved form of self-regulation based on a code of practice and the creation of the Press Complaints Commission. This is generally regarded as having worked well, but the implications of Ruth Kelly's recent angry reaction to press revelations that she was sending her son to an independent school illustrate how the drift of European politics seriously threatens press freedom. Perhaps because of the excesses of the tabloids and the dumbing-down of once serious newspapers there seem fewer champions of press freedom than there used to be, but the threat is serious and becoming more so.

The facts regarding Miss Kelly's decision to send her son to an independent special needs school and her response to the revelation that she was doing so are interesting. The story

was first discovered by the *Mail on Sunday* which did not reveal the minister's identity for fear that it might be in breach of the PCC code of practice if it did so. Its decision demonstrates that the PCC code is taken seriously - maybe, on this occasion too seriously. But the following day the *Daily Mirror* argued that there was a public interest in naming Kelly because of her alleged hypocrisy and it promptly did so.

Ms Kelly responded by making an immediate complaint to the PCC which at the time of writing is expected to make an early decision.

## Diary Extract

Should the PCC reject her complaint - as well it might - there is nothing to prevent her taking legal action under the European Convention on Human Rights, as did Prince Charles when the *Mail on Sunday* printed an extract from his diary in which he described China's political leaders as "appalling old waxworks". The High Court found in favour of Prince Charles and the decision was upheld by the Appeal Court. There is currently speculation that Kelly will follow his example.

The European Convention on Human Rights is a separate matter from the Charter of Fundamental Rights which

it pre-dates. But the latter, which first saw the light of day as a non-binding annex to the Treaty of Nice and subsequently became Part 11 of the EU Constitution is closely based on the ECHR. The wording of Article 8 of the document, which deals with the issue of individual privacy - which is disturbingly vague - is identical to that used in the Charter. This states: "Everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence".

In future, complaints such as that of Ms Kelly will be increasingly decided by the courts. No doubt the complainant's chance of success will be greatly strengthened if the Charter is adopted in whole as part of a revised Constitution or is adopted by means of Article 308.

The Government currently claims that it is wholly opposed to the introduction of the Charter - but there have been so many examples of the Government caving in and so many examples of Blair's sacred red lines being violated, we cannot be at all confident that it means what it says. All those who believe that a free press is an essential component of a free society already have grounds for concern; these will grow if the Charter is built into a revised Constitution.

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perfectly reasonable. This must be a referendum won by such a majority that it could not be rigged or repudiated.

And the third thing. It is a phenomenon that is changing our lives. The Internet. For the first time a shrewd, funded campaign, which the Speak Out offensive intends to be, can vault over the heads of constituency MPs, party leaderships and the media,

and address millions of voters in their own homes by mailbox or website.

The message will be simple. If you believe in this country, stand up and be counted. Sign the pledge, by mail or on-line. Say that you will simply not vote for any party that takes a million Tory votes. Suppose two million more were added to that - even as pledged abstainers. And suppose all three million came back to the Conservatives

on the basis of a referendum pledge.....Do the maths.

Given the choice of bowing to the EU-fanatics with a guarantee of staying in opposition, or giving the people what they want and presumably going to Downing Street, which would David Cameron choose?

The trouble with the Euro-fanatics is they are ruthless. And the trouble with me is...so am I.

# The Euro Army is ready to roll

*According to the EU foreign policy chief the Euro Army is ready for action - but the auguries look distinctly unpromising*

It's official: the Euro Army is ready to roll. Speaking in Brussels on 17th January Javier Solana, the High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy said that Europe was ready for more military action under the EU flag following its "success" in the Congo last year.

Since 1st January the EU has had two units which, it claims, can be deployed anywhere in the world 10 days after member states take a unanimous vote that "would as a rule" follow a UN security council resolution - but which could also see the EU act by itself.

It would be difficult for Senor Solana (who, as a rising young politician opposed the basing of NATO jets in Spain but who nevertheless went on to become NATO Secretary General) to sound Churchillian, but he seemed almost anxious for EU forces to enter the fray.

"We begin 2007 ready to take up our responsibilities if needed - which I sincerely hope won't be the case - but we are in a position of readiness".

Senor Solana even listed likely areas for EU operations, putting Kosovo, Bosnia, Lebanon and Afghanistan at the head of the EU defence agenda. (Is it significant that judged in terms of the likely degree of risk his priorities are given in reverse order?)

However, it cannot only be eurosceptics who are concerned by an outbreak of European unilateralism or even of multilateralism. No EU battle group has ever been tested in battle. If the Congo to which the EU force was sent prior to elections in that country is considered a "success" this can only be because no European was shot and not because the operation rates as one of the finer episodes in the annals of

conflict. This, however, is not altogether surprising since nearly all the EU contingent of around 2,000, which was sent in to back up a larger UN force, was stationed well out of harm's way.

If the EU had really been serious about protecting the integrity of electoral process in that country its army would have deployed in the eastern part of the country which is where most of the violence occurred, not in Kinshasa which is where it was sent. For much of the time the 780-strong German contingent was based in neighbouring Gabon at an even greater distance from the reported violence. At the time the *International Herald Tribune* aptly commented that the operation was "limited, risk averse, and ineffective", being mainly designed to show that after the French and Dutch rejections of the Constitution the European project was still on the road.

## Operational Requirements

Nor was it in any meaningful sense a European force; it was a Franco-German force with a tiny number of military personnel from 11 of the 18 contributing forces involved merely to provide political cover, irrespective of operational requirements. And, as other critics of the EU have pointed out, if the EU was really concerned about human rights in central Africa, as it claimed to be, it would have intervened two years earlier to prevent genocide in Sudan.

Neither can the EU presence in Lebanon where European forces fly a UN flag be held to be the success

which Brussels currently claims; no attempt has been made to disarm Hezbollah whose visible preparations for further attacks on Israel make a future Israeli response a near inevitability. The force is simply no more than a "presence".

In Afghanistan, where a number of EU countries contribute small and mostly poorly equipped contingents to the NATO force, operational experience has tended to worsen relations between the national contingents, with British commanders complaining that the French are too few in number and, with the exception of the Poles, none of their European comrades wish to venture near the sound of gunfire.

Amayas Godfrey, a former British infantry officer, now with the IISS, recently told *Newsweek*: "The Germans in Afghanistan do not want to take casualties [and] their posture on the ground reflects that. They do not patrol like the British do, talking to the locals, exposed. They patrol in armoured vehicles, not getting out, driving as fast as they can. And yes, they show a presence of strength, but it does not work in counterinsurgency to do that. All the insurgent does is wait for you to pass by at high speed and carry on with subjugating the population, or he attacks you as you pass by in an ambush".

The prospects of a successful military operation by the new Euro Army consequently do not look promising. Perhaps the greatest danger lies in the possibility that its political masters will come to believe their own rhetoric and consequently expose the new force to real danger.

## A French view of the euro

*"...93 per cent of world trade is denominated in dollars; even Airbus sells its planes in dollars! Beside the dollar, the euro is a minuscule*

*anomaly...".*

Patrick Artus, professor at the Ecole Polytechnique, professor at the

Sorbonne, Director of Research at the Natixis banking group, and one of France's best-known economists, in *Le Figaro Magazine*, 6th January 2007.

# LETTERS

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## A Damning Admission

Dear Sir,

As predicted, the Commission is acting as if the Constitution is already law. We now have proof positive from the EU Scrutiny Committee papers that Brussels is illegally extending the scope of the Flexibility Article 308 (*eurofacts* 12th January). Indefensibly such crucial papers have been made 'confidential'.

This is a coup for *eurofacts* since, appallingly, as L. Robinson MP, a committee member asserts, the avalanche of EU legislation is normally given "no effective scrutiny...on one occasion, in two minutes, we went through 65 items" (*European Journal* October 2006). But here you have preserved the damning ministerial assertion that the British government did not use the ministerial veto on an unwanted EU proposal simply because it was supported by the rest! This completely negates the government promise: "There is no proposal to give up the veto at the Justice and Home Affairs Council" (Lords debate 14th-15th December 2006 (*eurofacts* 12th January p.4) or indeed any other such promise. For it is clearly not just a matter of giving up the veto but whether the government is ever prepared to use it. Our partners have no such compunction, of course. Infamously, the Spanish vetoed

Greece's entry to the EC until they were allowed to begin hoovering our fish some eighteen months before the official date.

Obviously Blair's constant reference to red lines which will not be crossed is an absolute deception.

The British capitulation in the overall context of the endemic EU technique of 'quietly adopting new powers for itself' has been well described by Lord Pearson. It has become an art form and has been termed 'organic' since such provisions when inserted have no immediate impact, but like sleepers can be activated at the Commission's convenience.

By bureaucratic contagion the government's own 'Legislative and Regulatory Reform Bill' uses the same anti-democratic device: i.e. assume apparently reasonable power, but with a 'flexible' interpretation.

C.FRANCIS WARREN  
Lancaster

## EU Constitution

Dear Sir,

By what right does Angela Merkel use her six month Presidency to open discussions on Giscard's proposed Constitution?

It seems to be conveniently forgotten that, when Giscard's Convention presented their final text, it was laid down that within two years of the treaty being signed by Heads of State it

must be ratified. If by this date twenty nations or more had ratified the treaty it would then take effect and serious consideration would have to be given to any nations that had not signed (i.e. serious pressure brought to bear).

It seemed to Giscard and his Convention inconceivable that twenty nations would not ratify within two years. The treaty was signed on the 29th October 2004 and only eighteen nations had ratified by 29th October 2006.

By the rules drawn up by Giscard and his Convention the proposed Constitution is as dead as the proverbial parrot.

BILL WOODHOUSE  
Dorset

## Reason for Fear

Dear Sir,

It is surprising that no journalist in the mainstream press seems ever to have asked whether, and if so, how the Prime Minister managed to persuade Gordon Brown to agree to his wanton and preposterous abandonment of the Thatcher rebate.

Unless this question is asked we shall have reason to fear that Brown as Prime Minister will want to abandon the pound for the euro.

PROFESSOR ANTONY FLEW  
Reading

## Like taxes, the food mountain is always with us

As the result of "reforms" to the ACAP which were supposed to shift the emphasis away from market intervention to land set-aside the surplus food mountains were supposed to disappear and wine lakes to dry up. But it hasn't happened. In an answer to a question from the Conservative MP

Mike Penning on 24th January the Government revealed the extent of current surpluses. At the end of 2006 there were more than 13 millions of tonnes of surplus food, which according to the *Daily Express* is sufficient to fill Wembley Stadium 12 times over. This comprised 12 million

tonnes of cereals, 62,000 tonnes of rice, 118,000 tonnes of dairy products, and 1.1 million tonnes of sugar as well as 3.5 million hectolitres of wine. After sales of intervention products the overall cost of maintaining the surpluses was 600 million (£396 million).

## Huge slump in support for the euro

More than two-thirds of the French, Italians and Spanish - and more than half of Germans -

believe the single currency has had a "negative impact", according to an *FT*-Harris poll. In France, just 5 per cent

said the euro has had a positive effect on the French economy (*Financial Times* 29th January 2007).

# MEETINGS

**Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra**  
01273 709709

Sunday **25th February 2007**, 14.45 pm

A British Symphony, conducted by Barry Wordsworth.

*(Mr Rodney Atkinson, the well known political author commissioned Andrew Grant, the organist, Choirmaster and Composer at Her Majesty's Chapels Royal, to compose "A British Symphony" - The work is in the form of a unified symphony which links, inter-plays and unites the separate strands into a musical finale of one British identity.)*

## CONCERT

Concert Hall, Brighton

**Admission £6 to £23 by ticket**

(Mon-Sat at the Brighton Dome Ticket Office - Tel: 01273 709709 - 29 New Road, Brighton. or online at [www.brightondome.org](http://www.brightondome.org))

**Gresham College**  
020 7831 0575

Tuesday **6th March**, 6.00 pm

"What do rulers do when they rule?"

Mark Twain commented that anyone who actively sought to become president was clearly thereby morally disqualified from holding the office.

**Rodney Barker**, *Gresham Professor of Rhetoric*

Wednesday **7th March**, 6.00 pm

"Schools and Politics"

Schools and politics do not mix. They are, as Woody Allen would say "at two". The sad consequences are there to see over the last half-century. Can they be disentangled?

**Lord Sutherland of Houndwood KT, FBA**, *Provost of Gresham College*

## PUBLIC MEETING

Barnard's Inn Hall, Holburn, London  
**Admission Free**

**UK Independence Party**  
01686 669945

Friday **2nd March 2007**, 7.30 pm

"The EU Laid Bare"

**Mike Natrass MEP**

## PUBLIC MEETING

The Dragon Hotel, Montgomery, Powys  
**Admission Free**

**UK Independence Party**  
07900 438489

Tuesday **6th March 2007**, 8.00 pm

"Christianity in Politics"

**Geoff Locke**

## PUBLIC MEETING

Butcher's Arms, Audley, Staffordshire  
**Admission Free**

**UK Independence Party**  
01934 644253

Monday **19th March 2007**, 7.30 pm

**Christopher Booker**, *Journalist and author*

**Nigel Farage MEP**

**Chris Lees**

## PUBLIC MEETING

Royal Hotel, Weston-Super-Mare  
**Admission Free**

**UK Independence Party**  
01722 744814

Saturday **14th April 2007**,  
Open 10.00 am

**Graham Booth MEP**

**Nigel Farage MEP**

**Lindsay Jenkins**, *author*

**Lord Willoughby de Broke**

**Further speakers to be announced**

## ALL DAY SPRING CONFERENCE

Exeter University, Great Hall, Exeter,  
Devon  
**Admission Free**

## SELECT COMMITTEES

**House of Lords**  
020-7219 3000

Monday **19th February**, 11.15 am  
Evidence will be heard by the *Science and Technology Committee* on radioactive waste management from witnesses to be confirmed.

Wednesday **21st February**, 2.40 pm  
Evidence will be heard by the *Science and Technology Committee* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Thursday **22nd February**, 10.00 am  
Evidence will be heard on the *European Institute of Technology (EIT)* from Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe, Chief Executive, and Mr Chris Hale, Policy Adviser, Universities UK.

Wednesday **28th February**, 3.40 pm  
Evidence will be heard by the *Science and Technology Committee* from witnesses to be confirmed.

*Note: Committee Meetings can change from Public to Private without warning*

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### 2007

ECOFIN **27th February**

Countries that have not Ratified the Treaty on the Constitution **27th February**

Commonwealth Day **12th March**

Finnish Parliamentary Elections **18th March**

Berlin Declaration on the Future of Europe **27th March**

French Presidential Election **22nd April**

French Parliamentary Election **June or July**

Portugal takes over EU presidency **1st July**

### 2008

France takes over EU presidency **1st January**

Sweden takes over EU presidency **1st July**

**The European Question and the National Interest**

by *Jeremy Black*. **£16.99**

A leading historian's interpretation of Britain's relations with EU/EC/EEC.

**A Democratic Europe: An Alternative to the EU**

by *Richard Body*. **£10.00**

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**The Great Deception: Can the European Union survive**

by *Christopher Booker*

& *Richard North*. **£10.99**

This book is the most comprehensive history of the EU.

**Living in a Fascist Country**

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The disappearing freedom and privacy.

**The Truth They Won't Tell You (And Don't Want You To Know)**

About the EU

by *Vernon Coleman*. **£9.99**

A further 269 useful facts you need to know about the development of the EU.

**Hard Pounding: The Story Of The UK Independence Party**

by *Peter Gardner*. **£9.99**

An inside story of the rise of UKIP.

**Britain and the EU: Time to Move On**

by *Christopher Hoskin*. **£3.95**

The European Union malaise and the future direction for a nation state.

**The Future is a Foreign Country**

by *Matthew Illsley*. **£10.00**

Full of useful detail and quotes on how and why we got into the EU mess. It leads to the conclusion that withdrawal from the EU is the only way forward.

**Disappearing Britain**

The EU and the death of Local Government by *Lindsay Jenkins*. **£14.99**

The detailed Brussels agenda for the break-up of the United Kingdom.

**The Missing Heart of Europe**

Does Britain hold the key to the future of the Continent?

by *Thomas Kremer*. **£11.99**

Can nation states flourish? A European businessman's view of the impact of divergent national cultures.

**EU: Papacy Reincarnated?**

by *Mark Stout*. **£9.99**

This book explores the origins and functioning of both the EU and the Medieval Papacy from a legal/political/historical perspective and unearths a startling number of parallels.

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