

Tories for UKIP: Britain's best hope for withdrawal?

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Tory High Command has tried to give the impression that Stuart Wheeler, the millionaire businessman who has been expelled from the Conservative Party for donating £100,000 to UKIP, is a one-off eccentric.

Mr Wheeler made it clear that he still wants the Tories to win the general election (on the grounds that on the European issue Labour is even worse) and that he was perfectly well aware of the likely consequences of helping to fund the UKIP campaign for the European Parliamentary elections.

False Impression

Contrary to the impression which the Tory leadership wishes to create, however, Mr Wheeler is not unique and, given his views, his behaviour is far from being eccentric. UKIP claims a membership of 15,000. Of these a significant number - possibly running into several thousand - also belong to the Conservative Party and therefore pay subscriptions to both parties. At the European Elections they will vote UKIP as will an even larger number of Conservative party members and supporters who are sympathetic to UKIP aims but, who for a variety of reasons, have chosen not to join. The privacy of the ballot box prevents us from knowing whether this is likely to include Conservative MPs and even members of the shadow cabinet. But blind loyalty is about the the only

reason a Tory MP who believes strongly in British withdrawal from the EU could have for voting for a party list that includes those who are equally adamant that Britain must remain an EU member.

A substantial number of ordinary voters who belong to both parties are perfectly open about their dual party membership as well as their reasons for it. The Conservative Party pretends not to notice this unusual state of affairs. UKIP sensibly encourages it and always has done, as Nigel Farage, the UKIP party leader acknowledged in a recent article in the *New Statesman*.

"...we have always been open to dual membership, dual support. We are entirely happy with people being members of UKIP and also being being part of the Labour Party or the Tories. For we're pursuing that ideological goal, that pure vision of repatriating political power to these shores. And we know very well that there are many who share that aim without seeing eye to eye with us on every other issue...if you share our major aim we're delighted to welcome you and work with you. For it is very much the achievement of our goal that is important, not whether it is 'us', our tribe, that gets to exercise the power."

Labour Party Members

Mr Farage is perhaps being a little disingenuous by implying that there are as many Labour Party members on UKIP books as there are Conservatives; there are probably little

more than a handful. Tories have a reason for backing UKIP over and above those cited by Mr Farage

Tory eurosceptics pay their UKIP subs and throw their weight behind it at European elections because they grasp that their party will only adopt a tougher stance on the European issue if it fears a major loss of electoral support in the event of not doing so. Circumstances therefore require the existence of an alternative party which is unambiguously eurosceptic to which they can threaten to switch support. If the first stage of the strategy is successful - i.e. the Tories are forced to promise tough demands for renegotiation of the terms of British membership on coming to power - it is hoped that the inevitable resistance from our European 'partners' will set in course a train of events that will result in UK withdrawal. Circumstance will consequently lead the Tory party where principle should have taken it; and this, indeed is probably the best that can be hoped for. A Tory who votes UKIP in the European elections as a protest at the systematic strangulation of British democracy may be betraying his party, but he will not be betraying Tory principles, or indeed, his country.

Cheque Book

We suspect that such thoughts influenced Mr Wheeler when he reached for his cheque book. He is a relative newcomer to the political scene but he has probably noticed that

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EU's Big Brother plan will enable it to track motorists anywhere in Europe

The government is backing an EU project to install a "communication box" in new cars to track the whereabouts of drivers anywhere in Europe, according to a report in *The Guardian* on 31st March.

Under the proposals, vehicles will emit a constant "heartbeat" revealing their location, speed and direction. The EU officials say that it will significantly reduce road accidents, congestion and carbon emissions. A consortium of manufacturers has indicated that the router device could be installed in all new cars as early as 2013.

However, privacy campaigners have warned that a European-wide car tracking system would create a draconian system of almost total road surveillance, adding considerably to the EU's Big Brother tendencies.

Profound Implications

Details of the Cooperative Vehicle-Infrastructure Systems (CVIS) project, a £36m EU initiative backed by car manufacturers and the telecoms industry, will be unveiled this year. But the *Guardian* reported that it had received unpublished documents detailing the proposed uses for the system. They confirm that it could have profound implications for privacy, enabling cars to be tracked to within a metre - more accurate than current satellite navigation technologies.

The European Commission has asked governments to reserve radio

frequency on the 5.9 Gigahertz band, essentially setting aside a universal frequency on which CVIS technology will work.

The Department for Transport said there were no current plans to make installation of the technology mandatory. However, those involved in the project describe the UK as one of the main "state backers". *Transport for London* has also hosted trials of the technology.

The system allows cars to "talk" to one another and the road. A "communication box" behind the dashboard ensures that cars send out "heartbeat" messages every 500 milliseconds through mobile cellular and wireless local area networks, short-range microwave or infrared.

The messages will be picked up by other cars in the vicinity, allowing vehicles to warn each other if they are forced to break hard or swerve to avoid a hazard.

The data is also picked up by detectors at the roadside and mobile phone towers. That enables the road to communicate with cars, allowing for "intelligent" traffic lights to turn green when cars are approaching or gantries on the motorway to announce changes to speed limits.

Data will also be sent to "control centres" that manage traffic, enabling a vastly improved system to monitor and even direct vehicles.

Paul Kompfner, who manages CVIS conceded that although the plan is to initially introduce the technology on a voluntary basis it would need

widespread uptake if it was to work effectively. He envisages governments making the technology mandatory for safety reasons. Any system that tracks cars could also be used for speed enforcement or national road tolling.

Roads in the UK are already subject to the closest surveillance of any in the world. Police control a database that is fed information from automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras, and are able to deduce the journeys of as many as 10 million drivers a day. Details are stored for up to five years.

Money May Run Out

Simon Davies, director of the watchdog *Privacy International*, said:

"The problem is not what the data tells the state, but what happens with interlocking information it already has. If you correlate car tracking data with mobile phone data, which can also track people, there is the potential for an almost infallible surveillance system".

Richard North, writing on the Referendum blog has pointed out that the system would need to depend on the Galileo global positioning system. If this is correct there is at least the possibility that the growth of the EU's Big Brother tendency may be frustrated. Galileo is massively behind schedule and more than 370 million euros over budget: there are consequently concerns that money will run out before the scheme is operational.

I'm worth millions, says EU Commissioner

"I think I'm worth all the millions", EU Agriculture Commissioner

Mariann Fischer Boel commenting on press reports that she will receive nine

million Danish kronor (£1,124,000) in pension payments on retirement.

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Stuart Wheeler not the only Tory for UKIP

the only things that sway the modern brand-conscious Tory leadership are cash and votes. He has used his cash well and patriotically; on 4th June many other Tories may cast their votes with similar motives in mind.

If, as a consequence, Mr Cameron suffers a setback in the EP elections he

will have only himself to blame: it is in his power to prevent this at a stroke - by publishing a manifesto that promises a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty whether or not it has come into force, and that demands the renegotiation of Britain's terms of membership and makes it plain that

'no' will not be an acceptable answer. We can rely on our EU partners to take the matters to a further stage, one to which principle and Britain's own hard-headed analysis of the national interest should have taken us a long time ago.

Selling EU elections 'the toughest advertising campaign in history'

The EU is to spend 18 million of taxpayers' money on a pan-European campaign to persuade voters to take part in the June elections to the European Parliament. In the past the EU has relied on local advertising agencies in a forlorn attempt to help boost declining voter turn-out but this year it has hired Scholz and Friends European Agenda, a Berlin-based firm, to mount an EU-wide campaign.

An article in the *Financial Times* on 26th March described the job of the agency as possibly "the most challenging campaign in the history of advertising".

Pan-European turnout has fallen at every successive EP election: in 2004, it was 48 per cent, 18 percentage points lower than in the first parliamentary elections in 1979 in spite of the increased powers the institution has acquired since then. In Slovakia it was just 17 per cent.

In Britain less than a quarter of British voters (24 per cent) voted in 1999. This rose to 38.5 per cent in 2004 - but almost entirely as the result of those expressing a desire to leave the EU by voting for UKIP.

According to the *FT* the contract has gone to Scholz and Friends partly because its campaign to sell Germany

as "the land of ideas" for the 2006 football world cup featuring Claudia Schiffer and a giant plastic aspirin was judged to have been a success.

British turnout in European elections was as follows:

1979: 32.7%
1984: 32.9%
1989: 36.8%
1994: 36.5%
1999: 24.0%
2004: 38.5%

It is not clear whether Lutz Meyer, the advertising agency's boss recognizes that selling the EP elections is a tad tougher than selling the world's most popular sport.

"There has not been a campaign like this before. This is completely new, and it is a great challenge", said Mr Meyer.

He points out that the EU enjoys better "brand awareness" than clothing label Armani. The problem, he concedes, is that people tend to associate it with red tape, corruption and inefficiency. As for the parliament, its "legislative good works" have been obscured by the incremental gear-turning of bureaucratic process.

"We want to show that the decisions being taken in Brussels are relevant to people", Mr Meyer says.

To that end, Scholz has concocted a set of billboards that highlight key issues tackled by the parliament - from consumer safety to border policy and financial regulation.

Each billboard features two options, such as a chicken breast packaged with a dozen warning signs next to another with none.

"We are saying: 'You can have it this way or that way. It's your choice'."

In a flexible interpretation of the European single market, each country will have the option to choose which issues to highlight based on local relevance. Border policy, for example, is expected to play better in Italy than Germany, he explained.

The budget for the campaign is 18 million euros, or about 5 cents per voter. If Mr Meyer fails, the *FT* speculates, the United Kingdom parliament could always use its legislative powers to make people vote, which would presumably involve punishing those who refused to do so. That sounds to us like a recipe for civil insurrection.

You couldn't make it up - no 253

When the following item appeared on the *EUobserver* website on 1st April, we half suspected that it might be part of an April Fool's day spoof but we have since verified the accuracy of the report:

The Pan-African Parliament is in talks with the EU on sending monitors

to the European elections in June, in a project that could see Zimbabwean politicians oversee voting in the UK.

The South Africa-based institution, which is the parliamentary wing of the African Union, agreed details of a monitoring mission with European Parliament officials last week.

Ten members of the African Parliament (MAPs) would first see how the UK conducts its election on 4th June. The delegation would then inspect the central vote-counting office in Wiesbaden, Germany. The MAPs would watch the final result with MEPs in Brussels on 7th June.

Fifty Five per cent want to leave EU

A poll for the BBC's *Daily Politics* programme showed that 55 per cent of those asked agreed with the statement;

"I want Britain to leave the EU but maintain close trading links", while 41 per cent disagreed. When asked if the current economic crisis has made

people more likely to join the Euro, only 31 per cent agreed with 64 per cent disagreeing. On the question of whether Britain benefits overall from membership of the European Union in terms of jobs and trade only 44 per cent agreed with 51 per cent disagreeing.

When asked if the British people

should decide in a referendum before Britain transfers any further power to the European Union 84 per cent agreed, with 13 per cent against. The poll was carried out by *ComRes* and the details broadcast on 19th March.

How much does the EU cost Britain?

This excellent short booklet is now being issued every year. This, the 2008 edition, estimates that, in 2008 alone, for the UK, the cost of EU membership was £66 billion gross, £56 billion net, equivalent to around 4 per cent of UK GDP in that year (around £1,400 billion). As Mr Batten points out, the gross figure is equivalent to £1.3 billion per WEEK, or £125,000 a MINUTE.

He explains how the EU Budget is made up, and how the UK Rebate arose and was secured by Mrs Thatcher. He also shows how in 2005 Mr Blair, in what even by his own standards was a stunning display of incompetence, threw away a good portion of the rebate in return for - nothing. The result is that in the current 2007-2013 Budget Period the UK taxpayer will hand over, net, to Brussels, no less than £38-40 billion.

Easy to understand tables show which EU countries pay most to and which receive most from Brussels. As usual, the UK is the second-biggest net

How much does the European Union cost Britain?

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(see back cover)

contributor after Germany. In the 2007-2013 period the top four recipients will be Poland, Greece, Romania and Hungary.

Another section of the booklet tabulates the UK Balance of Payments with the EU and with the world outside the EU over the thirty-four years 1973-2007. These figures confirm what *eurofacts* readers know: that the UK is in structural deficit on her trade with the EU (in other words they sell more to us than we buy from them) and in

structural surplus with the world outside the EU. "Proper" economists (neither Mr Batten nor this reviewer is one) don't count trade deficits as a "cost of EU membership", but common sense suggests that we have a massive deficit with the EU because we're in the EU. If we can trade in surplus (as we do) with the world's biggest and most technologically-advanced economy, the USA, how and why is it that we're in perennial deficit with the rest of the EU? Trade deficits do matter: a huge and growing deficit with the EU means that more and more British jobs are being exported to the EU - not of course something the current UK prime minister wants to hear.

In summary, this is a lucid, succinct exposition of the heavy financial burden that EU membership imposes on all UK taxpayers, and for which, ever since 1973, from successive governments, we have been waiting for an explanation of what this country gets in return.

Dan taps into changing public mood

In a previous article (13th March) we pointed to intriguing polling data which suggested that 'Europe' was moving up the list of issues that people feel most strongly about, perhaps the result of the global economic tsunami and a consequent change in the public mood.

Another sign of shifting public sentiment was the extraordinary reaction to the speech made by Dan Hannan in the European Parliament on 24th March - to which Gordon Brown was forced to listen. This was subsequently posted on *YouTube*. According to Mr Hannan he can normally expect 700-800 hits if he posts a speech or article on his blog. By lunchtime on the day after his speech 170,000 people had seen it on *Youtube*, making it the single most watched

video online. This number subsequently rocketed to 750,000. Predictably, the speech was unreported by the BBC.

Hannan, who has been making similar speeches for several years explained the huge public reaction in the following way: "*People feel ignored, ripped off, lied to, taken for granted*".

Although Mr Hannan is best known for his dislike of the EU and his opposition to British membership of it, the reaction to his speech cannot be interpreted as simple hatred of the EU. Rather it reflects deeper changes in public attitudes and in the relationship between politicians and the electorate.

The reaction also demonstrates the way in which the internet has changed politics forever, making it harder for

politicians and spin doctors to control the political agenda.

Mr Hannan has always been a persuasive and articulate politician. Today, as a result of that speech Hannan - joint author with Douglas Carswell of a book* that ought to be the bible of an incoming Conservative administration - has emerged a more powerful and significant figure.

Jaded mainstream politicians should think twice before dismissing his view on Europe and on how to devolve powers, as they have in the past: he has tapped into the public mood in a way they are incapable of doing and, unless they are prepared to change the cut of their political jib, they have reason to fear him.

**The Plan: Twelve Months to Renew Britain* (for full details see back page).

€126 million mis-spent under CAP

Agence Europe has reported that the European Commission called on nine member states to pay back a total of €126.7 million in money incorrectly spent under the Common Agricultural

Policy. The money will be returned to the Community budget. Denmark has been ordered to pay back €100.6 million due to weaknesses in its compliance controls, while the UK

must pay back €9.5 million for "improper use of risk analysis and insufficient verification of documents".

Carry on Protecting: How Europe - and the world at large - promote free trade

G20 jamboree vague on protectionism

In the last *eurofacts* (27th March 2009, "Protectionism the Beating Heart of the European Project" we said we thought that the G20 jamboree in London would not reduce EU protectionism one iota. So it turned out.

The final G20 communiqué was notable for its vagueness. On protectionism, here is what it said:

...we reaffirm the commitment made in Washington: to refrain from raising new barriers to investment or to trade in goods and services, imposing new export restrictions, or implementing World Trade Organisation (WTO) - inconsistent measures to stimulate exports. In addition we will rectify promptly any such measures. We extend this pledge to the end of 2010; (why one wonders?)

...we will minimise any negative impact on trade and investment of our domestic policy actions including fiscal policy and action in support of the financial sector. We will not retreat into financial protectionism, particularly measures that constrain worldwide capital flows, especially to developing countries;

...we will notify promptly the WTO of any such measures and we call on the WTO, together with other international bodies, within their respective mandates, to monitor and report publicly on our adherence to these undertakings on a quarterly basis;

...we will take, at the same time, whatever steps we can (our emphasis) to promote and facilitate trade and investment; and

...we will ensure availability of at

least \$250 billion over the next two years to support trade finance through our export credit and investment agencies and through the MDBs. We also ask our regulators to make use of available flexibility in capital requirements for trade finance.

...We remain committed (our emphasis) to reaching an ambitious and balanced conclusion to the Doha Development Round, which is urgently needed. This could boost the global economy by at least \$150 billion per annum. To achieve this we are committed (our emphasis) to building on the progress already made, including with regard to modalities.

"Committed" eh! How very New Labour. How many times have, for example, health ministers used that word (as in, say, "we are committed to ensuring the safety of all patients" in response to a few hundred wholly-avoidable deaths from C-dificil), meaning that they'll carry on exactly as before. We can safely assume that EU protectionism will carry on as if the G20 meeting had not happened.

Takeover Targets

Back in France, just as President Sarkozy was (presumably) signing the G20 communiqué, France's state-owned *Fonds Stratégique d'Investissement* (Strategic Investment Fund), set up last November, was hitting its stride. Its president, Augustin de Romanet, announced that this overtly protectionist fund had already made four investments: in Valéo, (car components), Daher (aero

components), Farinia (forged and machined parts) and Led-to-Lite (lighting systems). He confirmed that its vocation is to take minority stakes in large French companies which "played an important role in their industry" and which could be takeover targets. The fund also takes stakes in smaller French companies to "support their growth" or which have "the potential to create value" - whatever that means. Nevertheless, said de Romanet, the fund "could not do everything", and would not invest in companies to "postpone an inevitable failure".

At the same time, two députés from Sarkozy's party, the UMP, are proposing the creation of a "fund of sovereign funds" to invest in French businesses. The French state would have 15 per cent and the other investors would be other countries' sovereign funds, such as those of Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Qatar, which already have holdings in French multinationals like Airbus-builder EADS, Suez or Total. One doesn't have to be unduly cynical to suspect that this is a wheeze to allow the French state to snoop on what other countries' funds are doing in its own back yard. That's how things are done in France.

And that's how, in different ways, things are done in other EU countries, the USA, China, Japan, Korea, India and Russia, just to mention the most protectionist. The UK affects not to notice; but those now-legendary "British workers" looking for jobs in their own country certainly have.

EU regulation costs twice as much as the homegrown variety

Since Labour came to power regulations originating within the UK cost £23.4 billion but - in a sign of the growing power of Brussels - red tape drafted by the EU cost £53.3 billion. The most expensive measure was the EU's working-time directive

which lays down a maximum 48-hour week. This has cost firms an estimated £17.8 billion. Steps to reduce carbon emissions from company vehicles have added £10.4 billion while the Data Protection Act has cost £8 billion.

The bill for the past year alone is put

at more than £10 billion, according to figures prepared for the British Chambers of Commerce.

The business group said the extra expense was dragging down companies already struggling to survive the recession.

LETTERS

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It's Getting Worse - Get Us Out!

Dear Sir,
What does the EU mean to the world today after its 35 years of (official) existence and its many more secretive ones? It means nothing to the USA which notes its constant and French-driven anti-American rhetoric. Americans listen in wonder as the EU preaches anti-protectionism to them while extending and expanding a union of twenty-seven ring-fenced economies. The EU means nothing to Russia after the EU's inept display over gas deliveries to Western Europe and its pathetic response to the Russian invasion of Georgia. The EU means nothing to Israel which, despite the EU's call for moderation, continued to flatten Gaza; consequently it means nothing to Palestine either.

The EU means nothing to any small country looking for protection: it talks a good fight but its leading countries - Germany and France - did not have the political courage to oppose the UN mandate in Afghanistan and clearly did not have the bottle to state to the world: "*We believe this war is not justifiable!*" No, instead they deployed their troops and ordered them not to fight.

The present fiscal crisis has revealed the real EU to the world - 27 different countries pretending to be united! Surely the EU means something to someone? It does, if only its unelected, faceless leaders, its pseudo MEPs, Civil Servants and hangers-on. To them it means a very generous meal ticket and unlimited political power unfettered by any semblance of democracy.

It will get worse - not better. Get us out!

BOB WYDELL
Shropshire

Britain Still a Soft Touch

Dear Sir,
Your article '*Poll shows that crisis is fanning anti-EU sentiment*' reports that a high number of voters put cutting immigration as their top priority at the next election. I suspect that many of those people do not understand that every citizen of the EU has a right to move to Britain to work and enjoy its benefits and are therefore not immigrants in the sense that we understand the word. A new definition is required.

In July 2008 the population of the EU was given as over 491 million all of whom have a right to live here. But the situation is worse than that because as well as the EU citizens' rights we also have a large number of non-EU immigrants. Most of these arrivals enter an EU state on the EU's borders. Under the Dublin Convention, which governs asylum seeker applications within the EU, those fleeing their homeland must seek asylum in the first safe state they reach, but as this is perceived by those countries as an overpowering burden they tend to allow immigrants to proceed to another EU state, most frequently Britain. The British Government is a soft touch in many ways including its assistance in funding the immigrant reception centre in Calais and even pays for illegal immigrants in France to be airlifted back to their country of origin.

Meanwhile Commonwealth citizens and Ghurkhas who fought with us for our independence are unacceptable in this country by our politicians but not the ordinary citizen.

BRYAN SMALLEY
Hertfordshire

Hope Lies Outside the

Blair front runner for EU presidency

Tony Blair has emerged as the leading candidate to become the first permanent president of the European Union after Gordon Brown

gave his grudging blessing to the plan. According to the *Independent* on 5th April the former prime minister has stepped up his campaign for the job,

Dear Sir,

The aim of establishing an e-mail consultation under the heading Free Britain would chime with what James Ogilvie proposes (*eurofacts* 27th February), combining the efforts of existing eurosceptic organisations - said to number 36 - with a determination to begin a new phase by working out the policies that need to be implemented to establish Britain's independence in both the domestic and international spheres.

For fifteen years the 36 eurosceptic organisations have been discussing the situation in which Britain finds itself. Coinciding with the most severe recession in history, now is the time to explore a practical way forward.

What direction to take? The recession concentrates the mind. We are talking about reconstructing the domestic economy of a significant power.

Why should the readers of *eurofacts* take such an initiative? Because the parliamentary parties have shown themselves to be virtually moribund. Labour appears to be approaching the end of its life. The Conservatives have fallen into imitating Labour. The Lib-Dems appear to be so confused that they cannot offer any rational alternatives. It is possible, of course, that one or more of these parties may turn around, though there is little sign of it happening in the near future.

Hence the need for an initiative which would take place outside the established political parties with the aim of rousing those members within the parties who find themselves in agreement with its aims.

RALPH MADDERN
Warwickshire

MEETINGS

UK Independence Party
01626 831340

Saturday **18th April**, 10.00 am

Speakers include:

Tim Acre, *Taxpayers Alliance*

Godfrey Bloom MEP

Lord Willoughby de Broke

Graham Danton, *Journalist*

Nigel Farage MEP

Christopher Gill, *Former Conservative MP*

Lord Pearson of Rannoch

Stuart Wheeler, *Businessman*

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

The Great Hall, Exeter University,
Exeter, Devon

Admission Free

Marlborough Group
01672 515275

Sunday **19th April**, 2.00 pm

John Papworth, *founder of Fourth World Review*

PUBLIC MEETING

The Function Room, The Bear,
Marlborough, Wiltshire

Admission Free

Gresham College
020 7831 0575

Tuesday **28th April**, 6.00 pm

“The American Presidency: George W. Bush”

Professor Vernon Bogdanor, CBE FBA, *Emeritus Gresham Professor of Law*

and

Thursday **30th April**, 6.00 pm

“Should governments promote happiness?”

Professor the Lord Layard, *LSE and Political Science*

Introduced by, **Dr Raj Persaud**

PUBLIC MEETING

Barnard’s Inn Hall, Holborn, London
EC1N 2HH

UK Independence Party
(East Devon Constituency Ass.)
01395 276130

Wednesday **29th April**, 7.30 pm

“Let’s Govern Ourselves”

Marta Andreasen, *UKIP Treasurer*

Trevor Coleman MEP

William, Earl of Dartmouth, *PPC*

Chairman, **Malcolm Wood**

PUBLIC MEETING

Bicton College, East Devon

Admission Free

UK Independence Party
(South Dorset Constituency Assoc.)
01929 439099

Thursday **30th April**, 7.30 pm

Tim Aker, *Taxpayers Alliance*

Marta Andreasen, *UKIP Treasurer*

Trevor Coleman MEP

PUBLIC MEETING

The Committee Room, The Mowlem Building, Swanage, Dorset

Admission Free

British Weights and Measures Ass.
020 8922 0089

Saturday **9th May**, 10.00 am

Further details including Speakers to be announced shortly

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Victory Services Club, 63 Seymour Street, London W2 2HF

Admission Free

UK Independence Party
(North Cornwall Branch)
01579 362385

Monday **11th May**, 7.30 pm

Trevor Coleman MEP

Nigel Farage MEP, *Leader of UKIP*

Stephanie McWilliam, *PPC*

Malcolm Wood

PUBLIC MEETING

White Hart Hotel, The Square,
Launceston, Cornwall

Admission Free

SELECT COMMITTEES

House of Lords
020-7219 3000

Monday **20th April**, 4.05 pm
Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into the recast of the First Railway Package* from Lord Adonis, Minister of State, Department of Transport.

Tuesday **21st April**, 10.40 am
Evidence will be heard on *Nanotechnologies and Food* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Tuesday **21st April**, 3.35 pm
Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into Banking Supervision and Regulation* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Thursday **23rd April**, 9.40 am
Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into the EU Commissions’s proposed directive on consumer rights* from witnesses to be confirmed.

Thursday **23rd April**, 10.35 am
Evidence will be heard on the *EU and China Inquiry* from John Ashton, the Foreign Secretary’s Special Representative on Climate Change; and Simon Tilford, Chief Economist at the Centre for European Reform.

Wednesday **29th April**, 10.35 am
Evidence will be heard on the *Inquiry into EU Financial Regulation* from Lord Myners, Financial Services Secretary, HM Treasury.

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

UK Budget **22nd April**

European Parliamentary Elections **4th June**

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

Irish 2nd Referendum on Lisbon Treaty **10th October**

2010
Spain takes over EU presidency **1st January**

How much does the European Union cost Britain?
by Gerard Batten MEP. **£3.00**

This shows amongst other costs that the accumulated trade deficit since joining the EU in 1973 is £383.7 billion.

Germany's Fourth Reich
by Harry Beckhough. **£5.00**

Beckhough a former code-breaker and intelligence officer, shows how the EU is being formed by the needs of Germany.

The End Of The English
The European Superstate
by David Brown. **£6.99**

As an apology to all grandchildren, it analyses how the EU plans for control of the UK have destroyed democracy. Required reading for all those worried in any way about the EU's power over us.

The Plan

Twelve Months to Renew Britain
by Douglas Carswell and Daniel Hannan. **£10.00**

Britain is heading in the wrong direction. This book shows how to put our country on the right track to self-governance.

A Tribute to Ralph Harris 1924-2006
by CRCE. **£9.95**

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How Gordon Brown is wasting over one trillion pounds of our money
by David Craig. **£8.99**

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The Great European Rip-Off
by David Craig & Matthew Elliott. **£8.99**

How the corrupt wasteful EU is taking control of our lives.

After Tamerlane The Rise & Fall of Global Empires 1400 - 2000
by John Darwin. **£10.99**

Rise and fall of empires continues, but the nation state is still more powerful.

A Life of Mayhem, Money and Unintentional Treason
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