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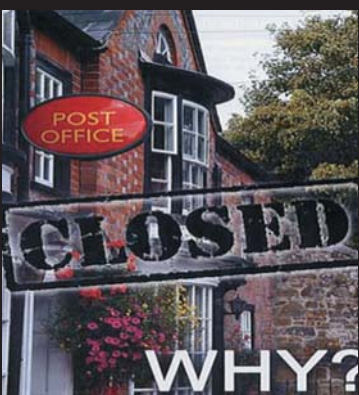
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Pensions Shame!

2.5 million pensioners now live below the poverty line with 10% of over 65's malnourished.

This is the shocking state after 11+ years of a Labour government. It is now thought that 90% of deaths attributed to an extreme winter are those over the age of 65 that amounted to 2,000 in 2007 and 260,000 since 1997!

Gordon Lishman, Director-General of Age Concern, said: "It is a national disgrace that pensioner poverty levels have begun to rise.

"Older people have been hit particularly hard as living costs have gone through the roof - half of those affected by fuel poverty alone are pensioners."

Mervyn Kohler, a special adviser for Help the Aged, said: "The government should be mortified by the latest rise in pensioner poverty: in a twelve-month period, an additional 300,000 pensioners have been forced into poverty. On average that's around 822 pensioners each day.

"When older people live on a fixed income it is virtually impossible for them to pull themselves out of poverty. Pensioners often have to cut back on essential household items, just to survive. This is a disgrace.

"The government must take responsibility for the inequality so many older people face. Instead, each year the Treasury sits on more than £5bn of unclaimed benefits which should go to older people. While this figure may make the chancellor rub his hands together with glee, this daylight robbery of older people must not be allowed to continue," he added.

These figures come at a time that the UK's contribution to the EU is growing to take account of the extra spending in the 'new' EU countries.

The UK is the second largest contributor to the EU, estimated at £30 million every day!

UKIP, who promised each pensioner £25 extra a week in its last election manifesto attacked the Government for its penny pinching, don't care attitude to pensioners.



Conservative MEP's Fund Irish 'YES' to Lisbon

Whilst David Cameron was pretending to oppose the Lisbon Treaty in the House of Commons,

his Conservative MEP's in Europe were sending their political allowances through the

European Peoples Party (EPP) to which they belong, to the Irish 'Yes to Lisbon Treaty Fund'.

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The EU budget: A waste of money?

During the summer, behind the scenes, the EU's draft budget for 2009 was engineered, with minimum time for genuine scrutiny.

'Highlights': The budget is £116 billion, 3.15% above last year. Communications budget (promoting itself) is £171.6m, small beer compared to the £1billion for organisations actively promoting European integration including the European Movement and many others.

The lion's share goes to the European Commission, £95 billion. Of this, £35.75 billion goes to Agriculture and Fisheries. (The UK pays £374m in agricultural levies, more than any other member) £500m is spent on fisheries initiatives, purchasing International Fishing Agreements with non-EU countries and allowing Spanish and Portuguese fishermen to plunder the world's waters. Usually governments pocket this money leaving local fishermen, who can't possibly compete with sophisticated European competitors, without compensation.

Administration and EU integration budget gets a 5% increase to £64.2 billion, similar rises to the last three years. The real cost of administration is carefully hidden by the creation of a series of quangos, budgeted separately.

There are too many organisations to list who take vast sums, examples include, the European Agency for Health & Safety at Work (£10.83m) and the European Foods Safety Agency (£58.3m). Too many others to list.

The generous 2009 EU staff pensions contribution is £970m. The EU budget also includes measures that are technically illegal as the Lisbon Treaty has yet to be ratified and has been rejected by the people of Ireland.

Finally, the budget for the European Parliament, Brussels and Strasbourg, is £1.25 billion. These figures have to be approved ... **but only UKIP will vote against, so smile and pay!**



West Midlands MEP
Mike Nattrass

Storm in a Teacup

Nanny is at it again. This time the target is the good old British cuppa. A government quango (funded to the tune of £15million), says tea is too dangerous to serve to children.

The School Food Trust says schools should not serve tea to pupils under 16 on health and safety grounds. It says hot tea and coffee have 'minimal' nutritional benefits and could be risky.

Mick Brookes, of the National Association of Head Teachers, says: "This nannying has to end."

UKIP Candidate, Peter Jennings sums up what would surely be the view of most people: "This idea is utterly stupid. Their pettiness know no bounds."

Parliament NOT sovereign

Conservative MP's and all Labour and Lib Dem MP's from the West Midlands **failed** to support a motion that sated that our own parliament in London is sovereign over EU law. Next time one of our local MP's complain about a EU Directive we will know what to say to them!

£60 Fine for Number Plate

If you have a union flag, Cross of St George, on your number plate you are breaking the law and face a £60 fine.

Vehicles with a number plate displaying a national flag could also fail an MoT test. Jim Fitzpatrick, a transport minister told MPs of the restrictions when replying to a parliamentary question from Bob Spink, the United Kingdom Independence Party's only MP at Westminster.

According to Mr Fitzpatrick regulations which came into force seven years ago **only allowed the display of the European Union symbol of 12 yellow stars on a blue background.**

Mr Spink, the UKIP MP for Castle Point, questioned the issue after being contacted by motorists fined for displaying national flags.

Malcolm Hurst, UKIP candidate from Staffordshire said "Drivers do not know the regulations." He said: "No one believed it. This is outrageous."

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DAWN OF THE ID CARD



The Government has revealed it will produce an initial run of 50,000 ID cards before ramping up production in 2009.

Foreign Nationals coming to the UK will be issued cards from November under the £4.7bn scheme.

The ID scheme will be rolled out over the next four years, starting with about 10million 'critical' workers – such as airport staff – in 2009, young people in 2010 and the rest of the UK public in 2011/12.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith, unveiled designs for an identity card – with no sign of the union flag or mention of the word Britain.

The proposed ID cards carried a picture of a bull – in common with other European Union identity cards – as well as five stars drawn from the stars on the official flag of the EU.

Officials said the image of a bull represented the Greek myth in which Zeus turns himself into a bull and abducts Europa, a beautiful princess.



Jill Seymour

Jill Seymour, UKIP Parish Councillor and prospective EU Election candidate, said it was bizarre that there were not more symbols of Britishness on the card, given that it will be used as a proof of residence.

Speaking at the recent UKIP Conference, Guy Herbert from the NO 2 ID campaign, thanked UKIP fulsomely for its support. The audience were staggered to learn that £100 million of taxpayer's money had already been spent by the Government on consultants.

He pointed out that passports were part of the scheme and he saluted the action of many people in renewing their passport early in order to give themselves a few more years of freedom from this perilous totalitarian tool.

UKIP have criticised the Home Secretary for her cynical use of people fear of terrorism and fear of mass immigration to sell the cards.



Once again the books don't balance

Marta Andreason, (pictured left) while working for the EU Auditors office exposed EU corruption and was subsequently sacked by Neil Kinnock for not being loyal to the EU.

Siim Kallas, the EU Commissioner for audit, has announced that the European Court of Auditors will not sign off the EU's 2007 accounts. Auditors will say they found only a slight improvement in the legality and regularity of payments between the financial years 2006 and 2007.

Speaking to MEP's, Kallas admitted that there were "real and unquestioned" weaknesses in 17 areas including research policy, the European refugee fund, structural funds external actions and rural development.

It strains credulity way beyond breaking point to ask anyone to believe that this record is just accidental. There is no way a company subject to normal regulation would survive this for more than two years maximum without being ordered to close.

With something like half of all EU income being unaccounted for—around £50bn per annum - something like £half a trillion must over the years have flowed to unaccounted destinations. What might they be?

The imagination runs riot. One can dismiss some of the theories as to where the money goes, but all the EU has to do to disprove these theories and show them to be as "off-the-wall" as we are asked to believe, is to actually come clean about it's books over the last 14 years. Let's not hold our breath.

ORWELLIAN PLANS FOR DATABASE OF PRIVATE COMMUNICATIONS

The government have announced that it is considering setting up a vast data warehouse of all phone and email traffic in the country, citing, as usual the "threat from

terrorist plots" as the excuse.

The database would store all phone numbers dialled, websites visited and email addresses contacted by everyone in Britain.

UKIP's Jonathan Oakton criticised the plan as a "gross infringement on our liberty." He continued "How can we trust a government that has lost so much data in recent years?"

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UKIP Leader, Nigel Farage MEP, writes exclusively for Independence on the banking crises



An example would be the recent unpleasantness over the banking system. Was it the European Union acting together that saved us all from disaster? That's certainly a claim that is in the air at the moment. Or was it in fact true that the European Union was part of the problem?

That's certainly the view of Tim Congdon, the financial markets expert within the party. When the problems with Northern Rock first started there was confusion over what could actually be done. Could we in Britain simply solve this problem ourselves? Or did we have to wait for instructions or permission from Brussels. Professor Congdon says that this uncertainty made the whole thing worse, leading to those shocking queues of depositors lining up to get their money. We could have solved it before then if we'd been allowed to simply get on with it ourselves.

You might also have seen the little pieces, hidden away, in the newspapers, after the more recent bailout of the banks. The EU "had approved" our actions. So kind of them, don't you think, after we were the country that paved the way to a solution. That we have their permission?

At first the problems were seen just as part of the Anglo Saxon economies, that it was just Britain and the US that were affected. This led to much sniggering on the Continent, comments about how we had brought it on ourselves with our rampant capitalism. This all rather died away when it was seen that the German, Dutch, Belgian and Spanish banks were all in

much worse condition than our own. They needed even more help.

There's another issue too. Over the regulation of banks. Yes, banks do need regulating, they cannot simply be left to themselves, but it does matter a great deal what sort of regulation there is. Our own regulation in the UK was always based on the law, of course, but it gave very wide discretion to those who were doing the regulating in the Bank of England. Problems would be solved by cracking a few heads together in the back rooms, the word of the Governor could close down market abuse immediately.

Then the European Union decided to take over this role of regulation. As always, they did it by giving us a set of minutely detailed regulations, worse than that, they insisted that each and every comma and dot had to become law. So when the situation changed, as they always do, we didn't have any flexibility. We couldn't rely upon the wise men to tell us what to do; we could only do what was in the law. Even the EU has realised now that this won't work. Indeed they realised it over a year ago: but guess what? We're not going to see those changed regulations in the law until next year. That's just one of the problems that we have with the whole European legal system. It's insanely detailed and we can never change it fast enough, nor do we have the flexibility we need under it, to deal with emergencies.

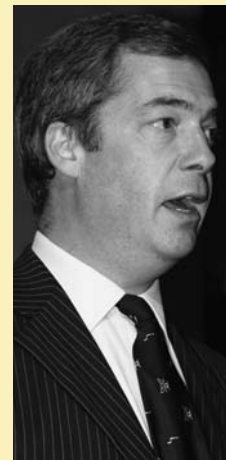
But over and above all of this we've got the problem of who is going to claim credit for solving our recent problems? We can already see two entirely different stories being told.

The first is that it was the nations, the individual governments, who were able to see what needed to be done and then did it. Certainly, they cooperated with each other, but then that's what nations do in times of trouble, they work with their friends and allies. I've no problem with that for it's happened often enough in our history, that we've worked with others to, say, defeat the Nazis, or beat Napoleon. But we've never been asked to give up our country, give up our freedoms, while we did so. No, we've remained accountable only to ourselves while we solved the problems we faced together.

But this isn't what the other story is about. In this other version, the problems that we faced, the others that we'll inevitably face in the future, can only be solved by more Europe, by more integration, by losing our country to the Federal Superstate. It doesn't matter that the EU didn't solve this one, that it was nations working together that did, it matters only how the story is told.

Those who fear what the future holds might want to give up our freedoms even more to the EU. But we believe and know that the British people do not need to fear, for we can and will as a free and independent nation deal with anything the world might throw our way. That's the message we want to get out to those who don't already know this, that while we will at times want to work with other countries as friends and allies, we don't have to give up our country for evermore to do so.

WHAT UKIP STANDS FOR



Nigel Farage:
UKIP Party Leader

We vow to serve the individual with a smaller State.

Get Britain out of the European Union and sign a free-trade agreement with the EU instead.

We can get out whilst we still have physical control of our law and order forces, but even this is under threat. Only when we are out can we implement our policies for Britain, as set out below, because most of these measures are currently against EU Law.

- **Have a five year moratorium on all further immigration**
- **Encourage UK Manufacturing**
- **Increase deportations of foreign undesirables**
- **Put a Grammar School in every town**
- **Abolish student loans and bring back grants**
- **Support our armed forces and recruit more troops**
- **Make foreign lorries pay to use our roads**
- **Put a stop to the persecution of motorists by the police and local authorities**
- **Bring back the Matron to our Hospitals**
- **Make prison sentences mean what they say**
- **Introduce a flat tax system and abolish inheritance tax altogether**
- **Scrap "green" taxes and wind farms**
- **Introduce Workfare which was so successful in the USA**
- **Redirect our energy policy to more Nuclear and more Clean Coal**

Only UKIP will free Britain from foreign control

New Proposals Threaten Future of the NHS

The European Commission is due to publish its health directive that has been postponed since December 07. It is expected that the Directive will make it easier for people to travel to get specific medical treatment in another EU country. However, left-wing Labour MPs are girding themselves for a rebellion over the issue which they say could spell the end of the National Health Service.

British diplomats say this is NOT the same as making sure that if you fall sick in Slovakia or have an accident in Austria you can get treatment straight away. It is what some people call 'Health Tourism' and both critics and fans say it will allow people to shop around for health care.

The British Government is at pains to stress its going to be pretty limited in its impact. No wonder. But the Compass Group is claiming that it would mean that patients could pay for private medicine in one

country and claim the money back in Britain, and that could eventually destroy the NHS.

33 MPs signed a motion condemning the plan which they say could be the beginning of the end for the NHS. The former health secretary, Frank Dobson, says it will be "catastrophic" for the NHS if this directive goes through.

"The Commission either has no idea what damage this will cause to our NHS, or they simply don't care" he says. "It will allow the rich to 'top up' NHS costs to get better treatment. MPs and trade unions will do all they can to avoid this Brussels directive becoming law here."

Unfortunately our elected MP's are powerless in this matter as the Lisbon Treaty has shown the Government and the Lib Dems are wholeheartedly supportive of

further EU integration and that includes our health service.

UKIP has slammed the proposals as they would give an unfair advantage to those who could afford to travel at the expense of the poorest and most needy in society. Nikki Sinclair told the EU "Leave our NHS alone, one by one you are destroying our institutions." UKIP believes the best prescription for the NHS is to leave it alone from the meddling of politicians.

This is not the first time the EU has meddled in the NHS. In 2004 the EU passed a directive that restricted the NHS on its purchases prompting the Royal College of Nurses to say "The EU plan is a threat to the safety of patients". Other EU initiatives have allowed non English speaking doctors and nurses to practice in the UK while disallowing doctors and nurses from commonwealth countries like Canada and New Zealand.

"The EU Plan is a threat to the safety of patients"

Royal College of Nurses

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS GIVE ORDINARY BUT ABLE CHILDREN A CHANCE



writes, UKIP Redditch PPC & EU Election candidate, Jonathan Oakton

UKIP backs a full return to the Grammar School system and seeks to raise educational standards across the country. Currently less than half of 16-year old school children leave education with five A* to C GCSE grades.

If our British society is not to be managed and ruled by the Eton elite, then it must be prudent to identify and train those most able children from any background who will become our entrepreneurs, scientists and leaders of the future; we do it for our young athletes, why can't we do it for our young intellectuals?

Increase in Council Tax not necessary

By John Knotts, Stourbridge

Prior to the council elections this year, the leader of the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Cllr Caunt, was reported in the Stourbridge News as saying that the increase in our council tax could have been avoided if the central government had not withheld £6m due to Dudley MBC.

It is interesting to compare this figure with the £1bn p.a. Blair gave away of our EU rebate. This works out at about £1.5m per constituency. This amounts to £6m for the 4 constituencies of Dudley MBC.

Even worse the estimated costs of UK being in the EU i.e £50bn p.a worked out on the same basis is £78m per constituency. For Dudley MBC this amounts to £300m pa. This is 50% more than their TOTAL budget of £200m!!! How does this compare with the budgets of other councils?

All this before the "Credit Crunch". or Brown's Bust after Boom.

New Blow to British Haulier Industry



UKIP councillor for Dudley, Malcolm Davis has slammed the European Parliament for passing a new law that will allow more foreign lorries on our roads.

Cllr Davis, who is a former road hauler and Secretary of the Road Haulage Association said that "To allow European haulage contractors to be able to take on more work whilst their lorries are in the UK is a kick in the teeth to our once proud industry. These hauliers use cheaper fuel and unregulated labour, particularly from Eastern Europe, and British operators simply cannot compete."

Under current legislation foreign transporters are banned from entering into formal deals with British companies for jobs in the UK, but once the rules change their access to British markets will be made that much easier. By filling up with diesel abroad which is 14p a litre cheaper than here and by

using cheap foreign drivers, they will be able to undercut British hauliers.

The Freight Transport Association concurs with Cllr Davis claims that the EU law change will put hundreds of British hauliers out of business by creating unfair competition with most foreign companies operating to much lower standards than UK ones.

Foreign vehicles in accident increase

Foreign lorry drivers are responsible for hundreds of serious accidents on British roads every year. Nearly one in ten lorries involved in accidents are foreign. Many drivers from the continent are thought to be flouting strict laws on safety and drivers hours. The problem is

exasperated due to EU freedom of movement and restriction of trade laws. The Government is limited in its action but promised 'action' on foreign lorries.

However, critics say they Government is not going far enough. That the UK should take back total control of British roads and the safety of the people who use them.

EU DRIVES UP SERVICING COSTS

The cost of motoring in the West Midlands is set to rise. It's been revealed that the EU intends to do away with an arrangement which allows motorists to have their vehicle repairs and servicing done by independent garages. As a result, drivers will be forced to use the manufacturer's more expensive dealership garages.

A report in *The Daily Telegraph* revealed a particularly vicious example of how unelected bureaucrats in Brussels will jack up the cost of motoring for British drivers. As is often the case with EU

legislation, the less well paid and those who cannot afford to change to a newer car will be hit hardest.

The arrangement now under threat is known as the "Block Exemption". In force since 2002, it obliges the motor industry to supply the parts – and, more importantly, computerised information – to the smaller independent garages. Without it they would be unable to repair and service cars.

So if the Block Exemption goes, some 20,000 independent garages which charge average

hourly rates some 40% below those of their main dealer counterparts, would struggle to survive. Once the independent garages have gone, the main dealerships will be free more or less to charge what they like.

Eliminating the Block Exemption also means that the motor manufacturers will be free to withhold or charge what they like for any kind of computer code information. The resulting extra costs will eventually work their way through the entire industry costing every motorist more money to maintain their car.



Today I voted to stop the 97 million euro subsidy to Bullfighting and the 305 million subsidy to grow EU tobacco, which is cancer promoting poor quality rubbish anyway.

But I failed, both were passed and they will waste this money.

If only the taxpaying voters understood.

MIKE NATTRASS MEP

EU Eyes Africa

The EU is looking at the possibly of enlargement to North Africa. Foreign Secretary, David Milliband has already mooted the idea and is supporting Turkey's entry, who are already in negotiations to join. UKIP's Liz Hazel said "The EU juggernaut plows on and on, regardless. For our best interests we need to get off."

UKIP in the Commons

UKIP MP Bob Spink is one of the busiest MPs in the House of Commons, asking dozens of Parliamentary Questions, as well as proposing motions. Here is a selection of his work in Parliament prior to the summer recess: Bob laid the following Early Day Motions



Dr Bob Spink, MP

RENEGOTIATION OF THE UK'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EU

That this House congratulates The Mail On Sunday on calling for the UK to renegotiate its relationship with the European Union; notes that its article of 20th July characterised the current relationship as 'fatuous Brussels' rules and inflexible British functionaries' and called this 'our national curse', stated that the current relationship 'repeatedly operates against the interests of this country's small businessmen, farmers, shopkeepers and consumers', concluded that no one 'can now seriously argue that Britain's long entanglement with the EU has been beneficial, successful or sensible', and called on Parliament 'to think seriously about freeing ourselves from this absurd, annoying organisation, and go back to making and enforcing our own laws'; and calls on the Government to respond appropriately to The Mail On Sunday's advice.

EQUITABLE LIFE PENSIONERS AND POLICY HOLDERS

That this House congratulates the Parliamentary Ombudsman on her report on Equitable Life; notes that UKIP policy is to fully compensate Equitable Life policyholders; further notes that many pensioners are passing away without seeing justice done; and calls on the Treasury to honour the Parliamentary Ombudsman's recommendations without further loss of time and immediately open negotiations with representatives of the Equitable Life policyholders.

During the Education Debate on the External SATs testing of children, he said "Let me spell out another sound UKIP policy on Education. In this as in so many other areas, smaller or less interfering Government is much better. Will the Secretary of State change his policy so that there is less externally validated testing? We should trust teachers more: they are excellent, and they have the right judgment about the children in their care. Trusting them more, especially around key stage 3, would save a lot of money and anguish".

PROSTATE CANCER

That this House welcomes reports of the success of early trials of Abiraterone in treating an aggressive and often fatal form of prostate cancer; notes that eight out of 10 patients who have advanced prostate cancer may see their tumours shrink and be relieved of pain simply by taking a daily pill; further notes that full trials will be undertaken and that the drug may be generally available in three or four years; further notes that this drug, if it proves its potential during full trials, could help 10,000 men who die from aggressive prostate cancer each year; and therefore calls on the Government to ensure all possible support is given to accelerate the trials and ensure that the drug is available at the earliest possible moment.

UKIP in the Lords

The re-hashed European Constitution re-emerged as the Lisbon Treaty, which was legally defeated by the Irish people voting 'NO' in their referendum in June. The result? European Union Commissioners and politicians ignored their own rules as well as the Irish people, and introduced parts of the Constitution and Treaty anyway. Lord Alloway proposed an amendment to the European Union (Amendment) Bill 2008 which would basically say: STOP! The British Government will operate only in accordance with current treaties.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of the UKIP Peers, spoke on this recently in the House of Lords: "I fear this amendment will be of little value because for years the Government has failed to veto powers passing to Brussels that were clearly not envisaged by the existing treaties, and I do not suppose that they will start doing so now.

Examples are too many to mention, but a particularly good one appeared in a letter dated 30th March 2006 from Mr Barroso to an MEP. Mr Barroso was asked what the legal basis was for the new External Action Service. Mr Barroso replied that it was Article III-296(3) of the proposed constitution, which had been killed off by the French and Dutch nine months before.

When the MEP pointed that out, Mr Barroso agreed, but the project went ahead anyway in a legal vacuum. When I raised this in an Oral Question, the Government supported Mr Barroso.

Perhaps the Government has been at its most spineless in its refusal to veto the consistent abuse of Article 308 to extend Brussels' powers in areas that were not covered by the treaties.

I have raised this abuse several times in the past few years in Oral and Written Questions.

Article 235 in the original 1957 Rome Treaty was the clause which allowed Brussels to make minor tariff adjustments and so on in the then Common Market. One does not have to be a legal genius to see that Brussels can take power under this clause only in the course of the operation of the Common Market, but over the years, and especially since the collapse of the original constitution, Brussels has been put in charge of such initiatives as the grant of food aid to the least developed countries."

At this point Lord Pearson was rudely interrupted by the LibDem Lord Roper, suggesting, in error, that Brussels acts in the interest of the United Kingdom. Lord Pearson replied by saying:

"It is on proposals advanced in secret by the unelected Commission, passed in secret by the bureaucrats from the nation states, and then passed again in secret in the Council of Ministers. The point is exactly that: it bypasses our democracy – the House of Lords and the House of Commons completely."

The European Commission can decide what it wants to impose on Britain, how, and when and our elected British politicians have no power to stop it.



UKIP Peer Lord Pearson of Rannoch

UKIP in the European Parliament



UKIP does not recognise the legitimacy of the European Parliament.

In 2004 however, 12 UKIP MEP's were elected to the parliament. They did not get elected nor do they attend to take part in the democratic sham that is the EU personifies in the parliament. UKIP MEP's go there to report back to the public about the corruption and waste of the EU. This is not difficult as the EU has failed to have it's accounts audited for 14 years!

One of UKIP's first actions was to oppose the appointment of the unelected Commission. UKIP exposed the fact that French appointee Jacques Barrot had a conviction for fraud! Yet UKIP was slammed and legally threatened by other MEP's including British LibLabCon MEP's. Subsequently the EU made Barrot a Commissioner for Justice!

UKIP Leader, Nigel Farage as Co President of the Independence an Democracy Group (IDG), has questioned Tony Blair, Angela Merkel and Sarkozy. In doing this Nigel has made the headlines in the press, radio and TV and is a regular on BBC's Question Time.

The IDG is made up of MEP's from 8 different countries who believe in Independence for their nations from a federal super state.

UKIP have been vocal in its demands for a referendum (above) and for the EU to respect Ireland's 'No' vote.

UKIP provides effective opposition and is the only elected party in the parliament that votes to keep Britain's interest controlled by our elected Government not faceless unelected EU bureaucrats.



Mike Nattrass opposing the EU Constitution



Under an EU Directive from 1997, national postal services in the EU are not allowed to operate as a monopoly and must be opened to competition; this has led to closures and other 'efficiency' measures. The Tories and the Lib Dems say it is nothing to do with them but MEP's from the three main parties all voted for the above directive.

Another local institution going, going, gone

Walking into many post offices a few months ago was depressing for a lot of people. Empty shelves, notices of closure, and staff being made redundant.

2,500 post offices were closed across the country, many in the West Midlands and more threatened. Many thousands of people were up in arms. But petitions, public meetings, letters of complaint and meaningless promises from political parties were utterly pointless.

Nothing anyone could have done would have stopped the post office closures. It was the perfect example of how the EU governs over our country.

Nikki Sinclair, UKIP's prospective EU election candidate who was instrumental in highlighting the culpability of the EU in the closures attacked the cynical sham of the consultation period when the 2,500 figure was already set in stone. She said "To add insult to injury the consultation period was cut short, the information collected by the Royal Mail was inaccurate and took no regard as to the impact on local communities especially the elderly."



UKIP candidate Nikki Sinclair (above) and MEP, Mike Nattrass (centre left, below) took an active role in the campaign to keep our post offices open.





Our Policies, Record & Candidates



With 75% of UK laws coming from Brussels, the EU is now at the centre of everything the British government does. Trade, post office closures, VAT, fuel taxes, immigration, policing and farming are all controlled by the EU.

With the EU Reform Treaty, we'll get an EU foreign minister and diplomatic service, relegating the UK to the level of Luxembourg on the world stage.

- The total economic cost of being in the EU is equivalent to £873 per person, per year.
- The two richest countries in Europe - Norway and Switzerland – aren't even in the EU
- **It's time to leave the EU and put Britain back on the map, trading freely across the globe.**



Our roads are gridlocked. Many people can't use public transport because there aren't enough routes. Foreign lorries use UK roads for free whilst UK lorries must buy a tax disc. Cheaper fuel tax abroad also costs UK hauliers business.

Motorists feel penalised for using their cars. Tax on petrol is currently around 180%, and speed cameras and parking fines are over-used, generating easy revenue as motorists are pushed into not challenging mistakenly issued tickets.

- Give rail a fair chance by re-opening lines.
- A level playing field – make foreign lorries pay for a 'Britdisc' to use UK roads.
- Stop persecuting motorists with huge tax rises and over-zealous enforcement.



We all feel we're paying too much tax, but most of us fear that tax cuts could lead to cuts in services like police, schools and hospitals.

Our tax system is the second most complicated in the world. With the money saved from slashing quangos, leaving the EU and making tax simpler, we can cut taxes without hurting services.

UKIP propose a 'Flat Tax' – a single low rate of tax for all that applies only to anything you earn over £10,000 per year.

- Flat tax could save **you** £1,000 per year.
- Scrap Inheritance Tax, the tax on death.
- No tax on minimum wage.



UKIP – The best prescription for the NHS

We don't train enough doctors and nurses in the UK, then rely on hiring foreign staff to work in British hospitals. This robs third-world countries of essential lifesavers. Yet many UK doctors go abroad to earn a better wage.

Our government pumps more money into the NHS year on year, but extra bureaucracy drains that money away. Put nurse training back in hospitals, not university classrooms.

- Train enough UK doctors.
- Fund the NHS for treating patients.
- Locally run, cleaner hospitals.
- Pay NHS staff a fair wage to keep them in the UK.



Immigration – have we gone too far?

Our government doesn't even know how many immigrants are in the UK, thanks to no border controls. Those committing serious crimes are rarely deported after serving their sentences.

At current levels, immigration is the equivalent to a new city the size of Birmingham every five years. Britain needs some breathing space while we deal with the overcrowding that we already have.

- Freeze **permanent** immigration for five years.
- Deport immigrants who commit crimes.
- Find and deport illegal immigrants.
- Work permits only for UK economic needs.
- Keep our proud tradition of helping genuine asylum seekers who fear for their lives.



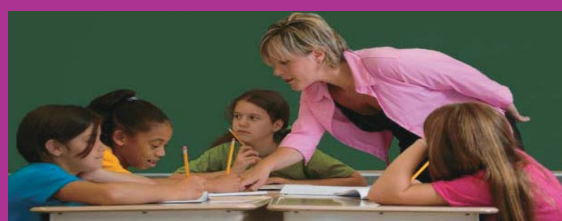
Make punishment fit the crime

Crime in the UK is out of control. Law-abiding citizens fear for their safety and criminals are released early, or on bail, to commit more crimes.

The failed Human Rights Act is a 'Criminals' Charter' protecting criminals, yet doing nothing to protect the decent, hard-working majority.

Police now enforce minor motoring offences more rigorously than shoplifting or assault.

- Make sentences mean what they say
- Scrap the Human Rights Act
- Put police back on the beat
- Give people the vote on police priorities



A world-class education for our children

Education should be about excellence, giving our children the best possible start in life. But today's education system prioritises government interference and ignores real issues like bullying.

The brightest pupils are not challenged, and no genuine vocational choice is offered until age 16.

Labour's target of 50% of young people going to university causes huge debt and reduces the value of degrees. The EU's Bologna Process means five-year degrees – even more debt for students.

- Student grants, not student loans.
- No to school playing field closures.
- Scrap Labour's unrealistic 50% target.
- A grammar school in every town.



Mike listening to the concerns the public

In 2004 more than a quarter of a million people elected Mike Nattrass as your first UKIP MEP for the West Midlands pushing the Lib Dems into 4th place.

Since then UKIP have worked hard against the corruption and wastefulness of the EU. For example exposing a criminal record of the French appointed Commissioner for Justice, Jacques Barrot!

UKIP has been at the forefront of leading the fight against the EU Constitution in this country and again when our government deceived the electorate by refusing a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty (which is 96% the same as the constitution).

Here in the West Midlands, Mike has stood up for industry and jobs lost to EU red tape, such as the Peugeot Ryton plant and other EU legislation effecting small businesses.

UKIP has constantly voted against EU bureaucracy and interference in our daily lives and cost to you the taxpayer.

Mike has served on the Transport and Tourism Committee in the parliament. Typical of EU inefficiency and bureaucracy, MEP's can go on any committee without regard to their past experience.

In one of his many speeches on transport, Mike criticised the hypocrisy of MEP's who were debating energy efficient cars and public transport yet using the courtesy chauffeured limousines rather than the excellent public transport system in Strasbourg.

In his speech Mike said "...they don't visit clients they come here to misrule Europe." Mike takes the tram.

UKIP's 2009 EU Election Candidates

All our candidates are ordinary people who live and work in the West Midlands. All are ordinary people like you who are making a stand against the EU.



Mike Nattrass MEP
Sutton Coldfield



Nikki Sinclair
Solihull & Meriden



Jill Seymour
Shropshire



Peter Jennings
Birmingham



Malcolm Hurst
Staffordshire



Jonathan Oakton
Worcestershire




Liz Hazel
Black Country



Due to EU mis-management. It is still unclear whether the West Midlands will elect six or seven MEP's in the next Parliament.

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Be it Orange, Red or Blue – They Lied to You!



The Lib Dem's are the most pro Euro party of them all. They are still smarting from their disastrous defeat in 2004 when UKIP pushed them into fourth place.

Their current leader Nick Clegg is a former MEP whose voting record shows he favours EU integration and a significant transfer of power from the UK to the EU.

When the crunch came, the Lib Dems failed to support a motion on the Lisbon Treaty (EU Constitution) vote that (had they supported it) would have given YOU the referendum that was promised in their manifesto. Instead they voted to transfer more power to Brussels.



The Labour party have spun and deceived on the EU.

In 2005, Tony Blair and Gordon Brown promised the electorate a referendum on the EU Constitution. France and the Netherlands said 'No' in their referendums, Britain was not given the say it was promised. Instead the EU decided to change the text about call it something different (still 96% the same) and only allow the most pro EU country, Ireland a say. The Irish said 'No' but Labour ignored that vote and ratified the Treaty in the commons without the consent of the British people.

Labour allowed unlimited EU immigration into Britain while France and Germany and most other nations had restrictions.




The Tories are the party who brought us into the EU in the first place. They have never given us a referendum even when John Major made us all **Citizens of the European Union** by signing the Maastricht Treaty.

David Cameron has already reneged on his first promise on the EU. When standing for the leadership he vowed to take the Tories out of the federalist EPP Group. They are still members, funding euro federalist campaigns.

On the Lisbon Treaty, Cameron cynically said he wanted a referendum yet plays with words and will not unequivocal commit to a referendum if he becomes Prime Minister. More Tory Lies while they give our country away.

Don't fall for the Lib Lab Con Trick! Support UKIP



Calling All members and supporters

We are getting organised now in preparation for the Euro' elections next June but we could do with your help. Now before you say you aren't as young as you were or haven't got time or aren't comfortable with canvassing, have a look at the list below.

- ☐ Have a poster in your garden or window during election campaigns
- ☐ Fly a UKIP flag on your car during a campaign
- ☐ Stuff envelopes
- ☐ Count out batches of leaflets ready for delivery
- ☐ Make poster boards and stakes
- ☐ Wear a UKIP badge
- ☐ Put a sticker on your car
- ☐ Show a video or Dvd about the EU to others
- ☐ Provide a base for campaigners in your area (Drinks, loos etc)
- ☐ Arrange a fundraising event
- ☐ Deliver letters or leaflets
- ☐ Make a donation
- ☐ Sell items on eBay or at car boot sales to raise funds
- ☐ Campaign on the doorstep
- ☐ Persuade someone to become a member.
- ☐ Volunteer to work in a campaign office


By pulling together we can achieve!

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Editorial by Nikki Sinclair



I hope you have enjoyed reading this newspaper. I hope also, that you now have a greater understanding on how the European Union is increasingly encroaching on our daily life. I think it is incredibly sad that we in the UK of all places, the country that fought so valiantly for the freedom and democracy of others should face the peril of our own being so deceitfully lost.

We must not, and can not lose our focus. Next June we have a golden opportunity. We can make the political elite in London sit up and take notice, we can have our say on Europe in the Euro Elections. UKIP will be the only party saying we have gone too far - we need to leave and sign up for a free trade agreement which is what we thought we signed up for in the first place!

Please support us and our country. Lend us your vote next June



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Britain will in five years time experience prolonged power cuts; they could go on for years. Given the extent to which daily life now depends on computers, the effect of even the most temporary cuts could be catastrophic.

What are the reasons for the crisis?

- The wreckless depletion of our North Sea gas reserves, which the privatized power companies sold off to our European competitors at below market rates;
- The loss of 23 gigawatts (GW) of electricity generation capacity between now and 2020 due to the decommissioning our ageing nuclear reactors. These currently provide a fifth of the nation's electricity;
- An EU Directive requiring many existing coal and oil fired power stations to close. This will result in the likely loss of a further 12GW generation capacity.

Your government's solution to the 2013 energy crisis: **WRAP UP WARM!**

Thanks to the policy shambles of successive UK governments, Britain faces an unprecedented energy crisis.

What are our options?

- **Nuclear:** Four new generation nuclear power plants are planned. These will be built by the French as a result of our government selling off Westinghouse, the only British-owned firm capable of constructing them. However, the new plants cannot be built in time to help fill the gap.
- **Gas:** One short-term remedy would be to build yet more gas-fired stations. Yet we are fast running out of our own reserves whilst gas prices are rocketing. This option would make us even more dependent on unstable foreign suppliers, including Mr Putin's increasingly belligerent Russia.
- **Clean Coal:** These power stations would have to be built in the teeth of the powerful but utterly misguided Green lobby. However, even though we still have more than 100 years of reserves, our own coal industry is so run down that we now import three quarters of the coal we use.

Despite this looming crisis, our ministers are still obsessed with the non-option of Mr Brown's £100 billion "green energy" plan aimed at meeting the EU's unattainable target of generating a third of our electricity from renewables by 2020.

Our present 2,000 wind turbines supply just 1.5 per cent of our power and even if Mr Brown's 7,000 additional turbines could realistically be built we would still fall far short of the EU target.

'Alternative' energy is not 100% reliable, so every single energy unit would require back-up from conventional power sources. In other words, the government's 'green' energy levy on the power companies is causing *your* bills to soar unnecessarily.

To avoid a major national crisis we must resort to the following emergency measures:

- keep current nuclear power stations running long past their present 'sell-by' date even though that's not a very appealing option...
- keep some of the coal-fired power stations in production beyond their scheduled closure date and launch a crash programme to build more as a temporary stop-gap. That would put us on a collision course with the EU...
- promote the efficient extraction of Britain's coal for use in cleaner coal-fired electricity generating plants.
- increase our physical links with friendly, non-EU countries, e.g., by building extra pipelines to import Norwegian oil and gas.

If we are to stop the lights going out in 2013 we must take matters into our own hands and act NOW.

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Laws that affect our everyday life



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'Never give up' Lady Thatcher advises UKIP Candidate



Nikki Sinclair with Lady Thatcher

Lady Thatcher took time out at the recent Bruges Group 20th anniversary celebration of her Bruges speech to advise Nikki Sinclair to "never give up".

Ms. Sinclair told the former Prime Minister that she was standing for the UK Independence Party at the Euro-elections in June 2009. The Baroness responded "Good for you, never give up, no matter what happens, never give up."

Ms Sinclair added that she was "delighted" by the comments. "I remember reading in her book *Statecraft* when she said that many took a 'principled' position when voting for UKIP. That's exactly what I'm doing, standing up for the principle of an independent and free country. And no, I won't give up."

The West Midlands members of UKIP have voted Nikki number two on the party regional list for the June elections. Number one on the list is the current UKIP MEP, Mike Nattrass.

In 2004, UKIP scored more than 251,000 votes in the West Midlands region, only 4,500 short of having two MEPs elected.

Nikki said: "I'm honoured to be selected in a position where I have a good chance of being elected."