

Tory defections give new heart to eurosceptic cause

The deal struck between UKIP and Lords Pearson and Willoughby de Broke marks a new chapter in the fight to recover British national sovereignty

For some time there has been a dearth of fresh ideas about how the cause of euroscepticism might be advanced. Sometimes it seemed that all that was possible was the repetition of familiar arguments. The decision of Lords Pearson and Willoughby de Broke to leave the Conservative Party in order to join UKIP - and UKIP's assurance that it will not put up candidates in constituencies where there are incumbent MPs with proven track records of euroscepticism - has opened up welcome new possibilities. Quite suddenly, the pack-ice which confined the eurosceptic leadership to base camp shows signs of crumbling, making possible new channels of advance.

Degree of Maturity

Over several years we have urged UKIP to adopt the course it has now taken, arguing that this would prove to be in the party's own interest as well as that of the country. Ignoring the view of party purists who still entertain the dream of Britain's salvation being achieved as a result of a UKIP majority in the House of Commons, its new leader has struck a sensible deal with the two former Tory peers whereby robust eurosceptic MPs will not find themselves in competition with UKIP at the next general election. It is an arrangement which suggests a degree of maturity in the party's decision-making processes that has not

always been apparent. Providing ultimate aims and values are not forgotten, serious politics, even of the conviction variety, require tactical compromises. In stressing the party's readiness to work with like-minded individuals and organisations regardless of party allegiance Farage's letter to MPs (which we publish in full on p.4) struck exactly the right tone and marks a new phase in the party's history.

Financial Support

The deal gives UKIP an important foothold in Westminster; this should help weaken the impression that it is run from Brussels, a curious posture for a party that wishes to entirely remove the influence of Brussels on our national politics.

Already the new approach has yielded important dividends: there are signs that the principled defection of the two Tory peers will be followed by others from the Upper House, important Tory backers are threatening to switch financial support to UKIP and David Cameron has been forced to adopt a more robust eurosceptic rhetoric. Indeed, the Tory leader has even felt impelled to assure readers of the *Daily Telegraph* that despite appearances to the contrary he is a 'true Tory'. Still more extraordinary he has been impelled to use the 'sovereignty' word in public. Tory eurosceptics will no doubt want to

press him on how national sovereignty can be recovered when most of our laws are made in Brussels and when an unelected bureaucracy retains the exclusive right to initiate new legislation; it is time for them to up the ante. Cameron's assurance that the Party will "continue to oppose a constitution that transfers power away from the nation states" is more likely to increase eurosceptic anxieties than to assuage them. It is a formulation that suggests that Cameron might very well be willing to go along with a revised constitutional text; this kind of linguistic slipperiness only serves to heighten the present dissatisfaction with big party politics.

Fury of the Whips

The current pressure being applied to Tory MPs thinking of signing up to the Better Off Out Campaign is a further sign that the Party leadership has belatedly recognised problems of its own making. For the time being there may be no new signatories from the ranks of the Tory MPs, but eurosceptic MPs with small majorities may well come to the opinion that it is better to face the fury of the whips than to contemplate their own political demise - and consequently opt for the protection that signing up to the BOO declaration may bring. They have until June to make up their minds; they will have only themselves to blame if they

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The UK Government is still preparing to join the euro

On 11th January 2007 the Bank of England raised its base rate to 5.25 per cent. The pound promptly broke through the 1.50 level for the first time in three years. The pound/euro rate has been remarkably stable since 2003, drifting gently to and fro between 1.44 and 1.48: no more than 1.5 per cent either side of the approximate mid-point of 1.46. So stable, in fact, that it neatly torpedoed the already flimsy argument that we need to join the euro in order to eliminate exchange rate "volatility". A glance at the facts - that British exports to countries outside the EU have been growing at around 50 per cent faster than British exports to the EU - ought to have disposed of the "volatility hurts trade" argument for good.

In recent months the *Financial Times*,

the main cheerleader for the euro, has admitted that the "decision" to stay out of the euro was - and is - justified. To cover up its embarrassment at having got it so spectacularly wrong for so long, and, no doubt, to ingratiate itself with the all-but-anointed next Prime Minister, it has begun to describe the failure to join the euro as a "policy success".

Actually, Her Majesty's Government's policy is still to join the euro, so not joining it must count as a "policy failure". The Chancellor's umpteenth Pre-Budget Report, published in December 2006, spells out (page 185), "Government Policy on EMU":-

"In principle, the Government is in favour of UK membership membership." It goes on: *"The*

potential benefits [of joining] of increased investment, trade, a boost to financial services, growth and jobs are clear." Clear? To whom? Only in the fantasy world inhabited by this dying administration - in which everything in Iraq's going swimmingly - could the "benefits of joining the euro" be clear.

And it gets even more fantastical. After some waffle about the five economic tests, the Pre-Budget Report continues: *"As part of the policy of 'prepare and decide', the Government coordinates appropriate euro preparations across the UK economy"*. How much this 'prepare and decide' policy is costing the British taxpayer is not spelt out - presumably in the name of poor old Prudence.

As we frequently feel obliged to point out, you couldn't make it up.

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lose their seats because they cannot bring themselves to display the courage of their convictions.

Presently, the Tory whips are warning MPs "not to dance to the tune of another party"; this is disingenuous. The BOO campaign, which claims one Labour signatory, has been organised by the Freedom Association (which deserves much credit), not UKIP, and the six Tory signatories gave their backing for the campaign before Nigel Farage gave his. UKIP has wisely chosen to join the dance but it did not call this particular tune.

The defection of Tim Congdon, who helped define Thatcherite economic policy in the seventies and eighties is in a way a more serious threat to Cameron since his critique of the current Tory policy is more comprehensive than that of Pearson and Willoughby Broke. His readiness to switch to UKIP will make it much harder for the Tories to dismiss the party as a bunch of nuts and extremists - especially if Congdon ends up

playing a major role in writing UKIP's economic policy. It has been extremely foolish of the Tory leadership to respond to his criticisms in terms of personal disparagement. It is not simply that when it comes to straight thinking Congdon is more than a match for the likes of Matthew d'Ancona (see *Sunday Telegraph* 14th January), but that the think-tanks which the Thatcherite side has drawn on in the past for ideas and intellectual firepower are largely staffed by people who fully share Congdon's disquiet about the direction of Tory policy. At present only the desire to avoid getting their organisations involved in party political wrangles prevents them from following his example.

Professional Approach

The Cameron camp, which prides itself on its professional approach to party strategy, also has some serious strategic thinking to do. If, after the next election it again finds itself in

opposition - and does so largely as the result of UKIP intervention, - the stage will be set for a degree of blood-letting that will make previous Tory bust-ups look like love-ins and possibly for a political re-alignment. In such circumstances many Tories are likely to conclude that they were persuaded to sell their souls for the sake of a re-branding exercise that was disastrously misconceived; they are unlikely to blame themselves for this.

There will be many battles for eurosceptics to fight in the coming year. But we conclude that thanks to the principled political manoeuvring by Lords Pearson and Willoughby de Broke and shrewd political leadership by Nigel Farage, 2007 could prove the year in which considerable strides are made towards the political prize that most of our readers value before all others: the withdrawal of Britain from the EU and the beginnings of a relationship with it that better reflects our national interests.

European party head faces funds inquiry

The new EPP leader's comments suggest that despite David Cameron's promises Conservative MEPs are seeking a deal in order to remain with the party grouping

Readers may be interested in the views and background of Joseph Daul, the new leader of the European Peoples Party, the bloc to which the British Conservative Party continues to belong.

Daul told *Le Monde* following his election on 9th January: "My main rival, Swede Gunnar Hokmark, stood for liberalism and the small countries, whereas I incarnated the social market economy and the Franco-German couple. He was supported by the British Conservatives, the Scandinavians and a number of representatives of the new countries, who are irritated by the Franco-German couple. The deputies of the founding EU countries rallied around me in the third round of the vote".

His remarks suggest that despite the Conservative leader's promise that the Tory MEPs would finally leave the grouping in 2009 they are still seeking new terms and conditions in order to

remain. He said: "I will respect the commitments made by Hans-Gert Pottering [the former EPP leader]... because they are valid until 2009. There will not be new concessions, contrary to what they are asking. After 2009, I hope that we will be able to keep them, but it is they who will decide. That said, if they leave, where will they go? *Chez Le Pen?*"

Daul predicted the German EU Presidency "will have to find an intermediary solution between the mini-treaty proposed by Sarkozy and the Constitution... The French and Dutch rejections should not be ignored, but we should respect the numerous countries which have already adopted it".

Shortly after his election UKIP drew attention to the fact that Daul, a member of the French UMP, is under investigation as part of an inquiry into the diversion of 16m (£10.6m) of agricultural money in the 1990s that

has also resulted in enquiries into the conduct of three former agriculture ministers.

Daul was head of the National Breeding Confederation, the beef producers' union, between 1993 and 1998. He was placed under investigation in 2004 for allegedly diverting money to finance the farmers' union, the FNSEA, and to pay his own staff. He is not accused of benefiting personally but of "complicity and concealment of the abuse of public funds".

Nicolas Jacquet, the head of the French grain producers' union, who first complained about the diversion of his members' money in 2000, said Mr Daul and his six co-accused had used every legal avenue to avoid a trial. However, he thought a trial would be delayed until after the French presidential election in May. MEPs could lift Mr Daul's immunity from prosecution if he were charged.

UK taxpayers to fund rail link on remote island in the Indian Ocean

As the BBC, to the utter indifference of its listeners, celebrated the accession of Bulgaria and Romania to the EU, an intriguing full-page colour advertisement surfaced in *The Economist* (of 23rd December, on page 77). The advert showed an aerial photo of the island of Réunion, the prosperous French département in the Indian Ocean, with a superimposed image of a "Tram-train" railway line soaring over viaducts resembling the one at Millau recently opened in the Massif Central in metropolitan France. The EU's blue symbol with its circle of stars figures prominently at the top of the page; and on consulting the web-site address* it turns out that the EU is indeed subsidising this 1.3 billion euro

project.

Jolly good news for the 785,000 French citizens who happen to live on Réunion; one wonders however how the highly-taxed British taxpayer feels about his money being channelled through the EU budget for this purpose. (Not of course that his opinion was sought; and almost certainly no British minister or civil servant had the remotest idea that EU structural funds were being committed to such a project.) We already know that the case for throwing British taxpayers' money at poor Eastern European EU members is poor economics. The case for taxing UK citizens to fund an engineering project (the main beneficiaries of which will be French contractors, *naturellement*)

in this Indian Ocean outpost of the French republic is even more feeble.

HMG would no doubt argue that this is a small price to pay for all those wonderful "benefits" that we get from the EU and which are so self-evident that there's no need to say what they are. Yet we can't even be sure that the British taxpayer will not be required to pay out a second time: Réunion is the home of *Piton de la Fournaise*, one of the most active volcanoes in the world and the island is periodically devastated by cyclones. Still, one man's natural disaster is another man's blessing. The latter is very likely to be a French engineering contractor.

*www.tramtrain.fr gives details of the project

Putting principle before party advantage

The text of Nigel Farage's letter to all members of the House of Commons is published in full below

January 5, 2007

Dear...

The UK Independence Party will shortly start selecting prospective candidates for the next general election. We are a conviction-based party ready to fight every seat in the country.

While we have a wide range of policies, it is well known that we are particularly driven by our belief in an independent, self-governing Britain. This can only be achieved by withdrawal from the EU which now makes the majority of our national law. We put this core conviction above selfish party interest and are therefore prepared to work with like-minded people or organisations.

For this reason, we will not challenge any sitting MP from any party who we believe genuinely shares our position on the EU and can demonstrate a

consistent and open record on this.

We should like to give you a fair opportunity to consider this. We also need sufficient time to select all our potential candidates in time for the next general election.

So we shall make no firm decisions before June 30, 2007. At that date, we shall consider standing aside for MPs who have signed the Better Off Out declaration (www.betteroffout.co.uk).

While we have not organised this campaign, we are supporting it and it gives you a clear opportunity to make a public declaration.

I am sure you will understand that we need to feel confident of your real position on this great issue. We need to be satisfied that MPs we agree not to challenge can demonstrate an open, clear and consistent opposition to British membership of the EU over a reasonable period of time.

We shall not rule out those who have

undergone a genuine conversion on this issue but we are wary of MPs who seek electoral advantage by speaking the language of Euro-scepticism but who have no record of unambiguous political action in this respect.

In the last 10 years, the UK Independence Party has made rapid electoral advances. Our party is growing stronger and more effective by the day. We have shown we can win seats in elections but also that in many other seats, our intervention can decide the outcome.

We have the strength to make a major impact on the critical debate about our relationship with the EU. In helping to determine the future of our country, we intend to work alongside our real allies.

Yours sincerely,
Nigel Farage MEP

Even the *FT* admits it: the EU is 'surreal'

It is evidently not just eurosceptics who find the affairs of the European Union surreal. Here is Gideon Rachman writing in the 9th January issue of the *Financial Times*, still a strongly pro-EU paper even if it has fallen out of love with the euro:

To stop the process [of political integration] now would be to acknowledge that the European project has been altered irreversibly by the

French and Dutch referendums. As somebody once remarked, humankind cannot bear very much reality.

One popular definition of surrealism is "a dream-like state different from, or ultimately 'truer' than everyday reality". Anyone who has attended an EU summit should recognise this description. Once you cross the threshold of the Justus Lipsius building in Brussels, where summits are held

and enter the realm of "non-papers" and agonised debates about things that are never going to happen, the real world does indeed seem a long way away.

But people at the summit are happy with their alternative reality. The company is congenial, the bars stay open late and the food is free. Who cares if nothing ever happens?"

84 per cent of laws made in Brussels

The former German President Roman Herzog has provided the most authoritative estimate so far of what proportion of national law originates in Brussels. In an article in *Welt am Sonntag* on 15th January he says that between 1999 and 2004, 84 per cent of the legal acts in Germany

stemmed from Brussels.

The article which was co-authored with Lüder Gerken, director of the Freiburg-based Centre for European Policy says that Germany's state of parliamentary democracy is under threat from the European Union which is slowly taking away all the national

parliament's powers.

"EU policies suffer to an alarming degree from a lack of democracy and a de facto suspension of the separation of powers... Therefore the question has to be raised of whether Germany can still unreservedly be called a parliamentary democracy."

Why we left the Tory Party to join UKIP

By Malcolm Pearson and David Willoughby de Broke

Leaving a political party to which one has belonged for many years - even one with which one has come to disagree profoundly on the central political issue of the day - is a painful process. After much reflection we finally decided to do so because we have lost all hope that under its present leadership, the Conservative Party will adopt a sufficiently Euro-sceptic policy in time for the next General Election. We have joined UKIP because in our view it is the only party telling the British people the alarming truth about our relationship with the European Union:

- That the majority of our national law is now made in Brussels.
- That this law is proposed in secret by the unelected EU bureaucracy, the Commission. It is then negotiated in secret by the Committee Of Permanent Representatives from the Nation States (COREPER) and decided in secret by the Council of Ministers, where the UK is reduced to some 8 per cent of voting power. The resulting laws are then executed by the Commission having been confirmed, if necessary, by the Europhile EU Parliament and Luxembourg Court. The House of Commons and the House of Lords

are irrelevant in this process.

- That our representative Parliamentary democracy has therefore become largely redundant; we have lost the power to govern ourselves. The central privilege of that democracy, for which millions have died over hundreds of years, is that the British people should have the right to elect and dismiss those who make their laws. This has been betrayed by our membership of the EU.
- That only some 10 per cent of our economy trades with the Single Market. Another 10 per cent trades with the rest of the world, and 80 per cent stays right here in our domestic economy. Yet the diktats from Brussels afflict 100 per cent of our economy. And we would not lose our European trade if we left the political construct of the EU because they sell us more than we sell them. We are in fact their largest client.
- That leaving the European Union would free us from its stifling regulation and would therefore be hugely advantageous to our economy; it would create many jobs, adding substantially to our GDP. It is thus a positive, enriching and thoroughly modern thing for us

to do in this globalised world. It is a policy for a better future.

- That the proposed European Constitution is going ahead fast in Brussels, despite the veto cast by the French and Dutch people in June 2005. The Eurocrats are illegally using clauses in the existing Treaties, (particularly Article 308 which allows the Community to act only "in the course of the operation of the Common Market" - i.e. the Free Trade Area established by the Treaty of Rome, and voted for by the British people in the Referendum of 1975) to drive ahead the Charter of Fundamental Rights, a vast EU human rights law, most of which was contained in the failed Constitution.
- That some of the initiatives being pursued in Brussels will be difficult to reverse, for instance our military procurement, which is being surreptitiously aligned with EU ambitions, to the detriment of our long-term relationship with the United States and the Commonwealth.

So we join UKIP with enthusiasm, in the hope that together we can help the British People to wake up to their predicament, and to react accordingly.

European police force on the way

Le Monde reports that in an article published in the German daily *Die Welt am Sonntag* on 31st December, the interior ministers of Germany, Portugal and Slovenia - all countries which will hold the EU Presidency over the next 18 months - called for a strengthening of the powers of Europol to combat cross-border crime. They called for "strengthened cooperation" between

national police forces, including giving police "executive powers" in member states other than their own in exceptional circumstances, such as during the World Cup. Police from one member state would also be authorised to access DNA or fingerprint databases held in another. *Le Monde* also reports that Germany is in favour of an evolution of Europol into a European

police, like the American FBI, and that the Commission wants to transform it into an EU agency - in other words, a community body, instead of the 'intergovernmental' one it is now, giving a greater role to the European Parliament. EU Justice Commissioner Franco Frattini is quoted saying, "we need to give Europol a modern legal framework".

Only seven per cent of EU spending legal

Just seven per cent of the European Union's budget of 121 billion has been spent legally and correctly, auditors have found. After the most recent examination of accounts, the auditors have concluded that

administration, which accounts for only seven per cent of the overall budget, was the sole area of spending for which good "supervisory and control systems" were in place, with few errors found.

The auditor's findings were revealed to the European Parliament's budgetary control committee.

Source: *Daily Telegraph*, 15th January 2007.

LETTERS

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Blair's ambition the key to UK policy

Dear Sir,

In his interesting and pertinent article on the Special Relationship (*eurofacts* 15th December 2006) Gerald Frost quotes a Heritage Foundation publication by Robin Harris as suggesting five areas where President Bush rewarded PM Blair for his support in the Iraq war.

The last and most important of these was "a more favourable attitude towards the European project".

Dare I indulge in a bit of further speculation? Cast your minds back a few years or so. Remember the stories of Blairite presidential ambitions?

There were also many references to "New Europe" in contrast to the "Old". (i.e. the Franco-German alliance core). In addition there was the London-Madrid-Rome axis (involving a near sell-out of Gibraltar), designed to apply some pressure on the "Old" core. What better way of strengthening the "New" challenge to the "Old" (and maybe advancing Blairite EU Presidential ambitions in the bargain) than by securing US backing?

Could this be the clue to Blair's enthusiasm for the Iraq intervention? After all, he did not have to participate - Bush understood that.

In the end, of course, the London-Madrid-Rome axis collapsed following the Madrid bombings and the changes of governments in Spain and Italy.

Meanwhile, the "Old" Franco-German core still seems to call the shots within the EU (for starters, just witness the CAP stitch-up and subsequent budget deals). Let us at least hope that a post-Blair government will recognise this, learn the lesson and prepare an amicable divorce from the "project".

IVOR JOHNS
Derbyshire

The Role of Sir Humphrey

Dear Sir,

Your article about the EU's illegal

exploitation of Article 308 (12th January) blames the Minister for frustrating the MPs EU Scrutiny Committee's investigation. But in my experience not only are Ministers wilfully ignorant about the EU, but they know little or nothing about their Departments' field of operation and are often reshuffled to another one before they can learn much. For advice and guidance they are utterly dependent on their officials, whom they have to trust.

These mandarins have long recognised that the departments they command are indispensable to Brussels for by-passing our Parliament and exerting authority. They can see clearly that whenever they implement this power, their own power and importance is advanced: that it is entirely in their own interests to discourage scrutiny, to rescue myriads of subordinates for the Government Offices of the Regions, to gold-plate Directives, or to draft deceitful apologia like the FCO's leaflet 'explaining' the EU to our children. Are they not the Sir Humphreys who say "'Sign this, Minister'?"

While we condemn our Ministers, are their puppet-masters escaping our attention?

ANTHONY HOYLE
Buckinghamshire

The Price of Deceit

Dear Sir,

If Cameron had not deceived the Conservative party by promising and failing to move his MEPs out of the federalist EPP, defections to UKIP might well have been avoided. He alone is responsible and as a result, may well concede victory to Labour at the next General Election.

The massive UK deficit stems not only from appalling government mismanagement but also the massive haemorrhage of taxpayers' money to Brussels and those running that ship. Leaving the European Union and redirecting those funds to the sharp end of Defence, Law and Order, Health, Education and Immigration is a

prerequisite for success. Only UKIP is focussed on that objective and unless Cameron allows those members of his party, who wish to, to campaign for withdrawal, as he promised, then he will continue to lose membership and the prospect of government. He needs to take heed and wake up!

R.S.GALLIANO
Buckinghamshire

Taking a Political Hint

Dear Sir,

How many letter has one written to Conservative MPs/Shadows asking when they're going to put UKIP out of business! But the Conservative Party seems to have lost its nerve on this, as on so much else. It has become one of virtually identical triplets. One can only say to these people: OK, so you do not want my vote; we can take a hint.

L.G. HOLT
Kent

Trust Me, I'm Dave

Dear Sir,

David Cameron wishes to assure the voters that he favours an open competitive Europe which respects British sovereignty (*Daily Telegraph* 15th January). If he could explain how this might be done and I thought he could achieve it I would gladly vote for him. But I don't think he can. Worse still, I strongly suspect that *he* knows that he can't - which means that he is trying to deceive.

'Trust me, I'm Dave', has a horribly familiar ring about it. I didn't trust Tony (who, as a Labour candidate, once advocated British withdrawal from the EU) and my misgivings have proved well-founded. After all that has gone before what reason can there conceivably be for trusting Dave on so central an issue as British membership of the European Union?

JAMES BARNES
Surrey

MEETINGS

Gresham College
020 7831 0575

Tuesday **30th January**, 6.00 pm

“The government of London”

Vernon Bogdanor CBE FBA,
Gresham Professor of Law

Tuesday **6th February**, 6.00 pm

“Caps of liberty: The oddity of democracy”

Richard Barker, *Gresham Professor of Rhetoric*

PUBLIC MEETING

Barnard's Inn Hall, Holburn, London
Admission Free

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.)

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

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
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
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

DIARY OF EVENTS

2007

ECOFIN **30th January**

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**

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

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

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

Speakers to be announced

SPRING CONFERENCE

Exeter University, Great Hall, Exeter, Devon

Admission Free

SELECT COMMITTEES

House of Lords
020-7219 3000

Monday **29th January**, 2.00 pm

Evidence will be heard by the *Science and Technology Committee* from Mr Ian Pearson MP, Minister of State, DEFRA.

Tuesday **30th January**, 3.40 pm

Evidence will be heard by the *Economic Affairs Committee* from Mr John West.

Tuesday **30th January**, 4.15 pm

Evidence will be heard on *UK Economic Regulators* from (a) the Postal Services Commission, (Postcomm) and (b) the Civil Aviation Authority, (CAA).

Wednesday **31st January**, 11.15 am

Evidence will be heard by the *Science and Technology Committee* from (a) Mrs Sue Hattersley, and Miss Gill Fine, Food Standards Agency; Andrea Martinez-Inchausti, British Retail Consortium; Dr Ian Leitch, Chartered Environmental Health Practitioner; and Mr Les Bailey, Local Authorities Coordinators of Regulatory Services; and (b) Ms Mandy East, Anaphylaxis Campaign; Prof Gideon Lack, Paediatric Allergy Services, KCL, Guys and St. Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust; Dr Richard Pumphrey, St. Mary's Hospital Manchester, and Ms Hazel Gowland, Allergy Action.

Wednesday **7th February**, 11.00 am

Evidence will be heard on *Environment and Agriculture* from DEFRA. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Thursday **22nd February**, 10.00 am

Evidence will be heard on *Social Policy and Consumer Affairs* from Baroness Warwick of Undercliffe, Chief Executive, and Mr Chris Hale, Policy Adviser, Universities UK.

Note:

Committee Meetings can change from Public to Private without warning

The European Question and the National Interest

by *Jeremy Black*. **£16.99**

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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*. **£9.99**

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

About the EU

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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 EU malaise and the cure.

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.

The Referendum Roundabout

by *Kieron O'Hara*. **£8.95**

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EU: Papacy Reincarnated?

by *Mark Stout*. **£9.99**

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Corruption - The World's Big C

Cases, Causes, Consequences, Cures by *Ian Senior*. **£12.50**

Senior shows how corruption in the EU is becoming worse and why the UK should not sign up to the proposed European Constitution.

The Benefits of Tax Competition

by *Richard Teather*. **£12.50**

Teather argues that EU attempts to harmonise taxes will damage the world economy.

Video

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