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BY NIGEL FARAGE

THE BREXIT PARTY IS READY TO FIGHT A GENERAL ELECTION. We are ready to take on the Remainer establishment; ready to defeat Project Fear; ready to give 17.4m Leave voters a voice and demand a clean-break Brexit. Continued on Page 3.

CHANGE POLITICS FOR GOOD



● We believe that Britain should be a sovereign nation with democratic control over its own laws, borders and money. An independent nation state with an international vision.

● Leaving the EU — with its autocratic rules and unelected, unaccountable power structures — is the vital first step towards establishing democratic control. Once outside the EU, Britain will always be part of Europe, a continent of free peoples.

● The betrayal of Brexit by the Westminster establishment reveals that British politics is broken. Their old two-party system and outdated politics of Left and Right serves only itself.

● We believe Britain needs fundamental political reform to promote democracy and make the people sovereign. That must mean challenging the pillars of establishment control, from the unrepresentative electoral system and the unelected House of Lords to the entrenched and unaccountable powers of the civil service and the BBC.

● We want to put the principles of trust and integrity at the centre of political life. Britain needs political leaders the people can trust — and who will trust the people to make their own democratic decisions.

● We believe Britain should be a nation of free and equal citizens, enjoying the historic liberties we pioneered such as freedom of speech, and looking after those in need. We champion the British values of tolerance and fairness and embrace the diversity of Britain's people — and of their opinions.

● We believe that a clean-break Brexit and the changes it can bring will be a great opportunity to rebuild Britain. By investing the Brexit dividend in the regions outside London, we can create a country that is fairer and freer as well as more democratic.

● WE ARE READY
TO STOP ANY BREXIT
SELL-OUT

● WE ARE READY
TO DEFEAT REMAINER
LABOUR

● WE ARE READY
TO BACK THE PEOPLE VS
PARLIAMENT

● WE ARE READY
FOR A CLEAN-BREAK
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by
NIGEL FARAGE

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It is a good job we are ready. A General Election appears imminent. The Remainers of all the old parties, who dominate Parliament, are plotting to block Brexit and thwart the will of the people by any means, with Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn as conspirator-in-chief.

They are backed by the entire establishment outside Parliament, from the BBC and the Remain-stream media to the fearmongers who run the civil service and big business groups.

When it comes, this will be a Brexit General Election. It will not be fought along the old lines of Left vs. Right. It will be Leave vs. Remain. And we are ready to stand with the People against our anti-democratic Parliament.

The Brexit Party only exists because the Tories and Labour Party have betrayed Brexit for more than three years. But Brexit is only back at the top of the agenda because of the political earthquake started by The Brexit Party since our launch in April.

In May we were ready to win the European Elections within six weeks of being launched. Now we are ready to contest hundreds of Westminster seats around the country.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has pledged that we will leave the European Union by October 31st. But why should we trust the Tories? Johnson's predecessor, Theresa May, told us 108 times that we would leave on March 29th.

Is the new Conservative government ready to deliver Brexit? More than half the Cabinet are still Remainers. Even Boris voted for Mrs May's appalling Withdrawal Agreement at the third time of asking, which would have left us trapped under EU rules with 'no vote, no voice, no veto'.

Now it seems the Tory government is ready to recycle May's Withdrawal Agreement. As analysed on our centre pages, Mr Johnson has made clear that doing a deal with the EU is his 'highest priority'. And that the changes he wants to Mrs May's deal 'relate primarily to the backstop'.

No, Boris, no deal is the best deal for Britain. Even without the Irish backstop, May's Withdrawal Agreement remains the worst deal in history. Our 'highest priority' is achieving a proper Brexit.

If the Tories go for a clean Brexit by October 31st, we are ready to back it. If they try to backslide or betray Brexit again, we are ready to take the Tory Party to the cleaners.

As for Jeremy Corbyn's Labour Party, we are ready to defeat them in the Brexit heartlands of the North, the Midlands and Wales. In coming out for a second referendum and Remain, Labour has turned its back on millions of working-class Leave voters, declaring itself to be the party of North London rather than the North of England.

Three years of betrayals by the Tories and Labour have brought out a group of extraordinary candidates to stand for The Brexit Party. They are ready to stand up and be counted. Thanks to our candidates, we are ready to stand up to the establishment and restore trust in our democracy.

We are ready for a Brexit General Election. And we are confident Britain is ready to reap the benefits of a clean-break Brexit, from making international trade deals to investing in our regions and taking control of our fishing waters.

There can be no proper Brexit without The Brexit Party. We are ready to take them all on and stand up for democracy.

Are you ready to support us?

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THE BREXIT PARTY CONFERENCE TOUR

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NOW WE WANT **YOUR** ADVICE ON HOW BEST TO INVEST IN **YOUR AREA**.



The Brexit Party plans a massive £200 billion investment in the regions.
We must reduce the huge, unfair gap between London and the rest of the UK.

In September the establishment parties will be talking to themselves at their elitist annual conferences.
By contrast, the Brexit Party will be taking our conference tour around the country.

THERE IS A BRITAIN OUTSIDE LONDON. IT'S TIME TO INVEST IN THE REST.

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FOR GOOD**



WHY WE'RE STANDING FOR THE BREXIT PARTY



SADHANA STOKES

PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY
CANDIDATE FOR CHARNWOOD

'I WAS A NINE-YEAR OLD GIRL WHEN I CAME TO THIS COUNTRY AS A REFUGEE, BECAUSE WE WERE KICKED OUT OF UGANDA BY THE DICTATOR IDI AMIN.

Our children are now doctors, lawyers, and within the two generations they have fully integrated, as have I.

However, I am standing here as I find myself once again under threat of losing democracy. We are being dictated to by the EU. And I am not that nine-year old girl anymore. I am a 57-year old woman and I have a voice. And that voice is going to be heard.

I'm going to tell everyone from up and down, left and right, that we need to leave the EU, we need to get our democracy back. And that is what I am standing for.'



MARTIN DAUBNEY MEP

PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY
CANDIDATE FOR ASHFIELD

'I'M THE SON OF A COALMINER AND A SCHOOLTEACHER. AS A JOURNALIST I'VE SPENT YEARS COMMENTING ON BREXIT.

And I realised I could no longer talk from the sidelines. My mother said to me, "Who else is going to stand up for ordinary people like us? Not that bloody lot in Westminster".

We're fighting for the Brexit that 17.4m people so richly deserve. My mum and my dad said to me "Son, we don't think Brexit is going to happen before we die". It broke my heart to hear that honest, law-abiding people had given up on politics.

I come from a Labour background but I gave up on the Labour Party when they gave up on the working class. The Tories? We've had three years of complete and utter betrayal. We need a new way of doing politics. The Brexit Party is that way.'

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

by BREXIT PARTY CHAIRMAN
RICHARD TICE



What an extraordinary chapter in our great nation's story we are living through! In its first four months of existence, The Brexit Party has helped to change the course of history.

Without us, Theresa May would probably still be Prime Minister and we could be in the middle of a second referendum campaign. Instead we have forced the Conservative Party to change both the Prime Minister and the Cabinet. The new Tory team talk a good game, but can they be trusted?

The objective of everything we have done is to hold the Conservatives to account, to ensure we leave with a proper, clean Brexit. We must not let them slip back into their bad old ways. We must not let them try to reheat Mrs May's Withdrawal Agreement, by tweaking the backstop and representing the rest of 'the worst deal in history' as an acceptable Brexit. It is not. Even without the backstop, it remains an utterly dreadful deal.

Undeterred, the Remainer establishment in Parliament are still playing games with our democracy. They will stop at nothing to prevent Brexit. They have spent the summer war gaming. Now they are talking up some desperate interim coalition of the Remoaners, and a possible Remain alliance for the forthcoming General Election.

That is why we have been moving full steam ahead to ensure that we are prepared for an Autumn 2019 general election. Good news: we are ready!

After a frantic summer assessing some 3,000 applications and interviewing more than 1,300 people, we have now nominated and publicly announced our first few hundred Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. Our formidable array of candidates has put real fear into the establishment

parties! We have been delighted with the high quality of all the applicants, as we were with the applicants to stand as MEPs when we won the European elections in May.

It takes real courage to commit the time and effort to stand as a Brexit Party PPC and accept the public exposure that comes with it. Nigel and I are truly humbled at the commitment to the cause of Brexit. A huge thank you to all who applied. Now we need everyone's help to protect democracy and Change Politics for Good.

We have been testing some pioneering technology to help with our election campaign on the ground, using an app-based system for canvassing and collecting pledges of support. This should make our campaign more efficient, hopefully leading to many more votes!

The campaign team is growing as we gear up, but we are always on the lookout for talented people, especially in the fields of social media, digital and IT. We welcome new CVs, and word-of-mouth recommendations are always a great way to recruit! Contact careers@thebrexitparty.org

I hope you have had some fun over the summer. Now it is shoulders to the wheel to help drive Brexit over the finishing line. We are rapidly approaching what feels like the most important, most dramatic political battle of our lifetimes.

Together, let's make sure we win!

Best Wishes,

Richard Tice

NO DEAL IS THE BEST

IT'S NOT JUST THE IRISH BACKSTOP. THE TORY WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT REMAINS THE WORST DEAL IN HISTORY.

REMEMBER THERESA MAY'S WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION? IT WAS FAMOUSLY DESCRIBED BY NIGEL FARAGE AS 'THE WORST DEAL IN HISTORY'. And it was rejected three times in votes in the House of Commons – defeated on a scale never before suffered by a government's key proposal.

Surely we should have heard the last of it. And yet the ghost of Mrs May's appalling Withdrawal Agreement still hovers over the Brexit debate.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's letter to European Commission President Donald Tusk, published in August, makes clear that leaving

the EU with a deal remains the Tory government's 'highest priority'. How might Boris' deal differ from Mrs May's?

Johnson spells out to Tusk that, 'The changes we seek relate primarily to the backstop,' because it is 'anti-democratic and inconsistent with the sovereignty of the UK as a state'.

That is undoubtedly true. The Irish backstop must go. As Boris' letter pointed out it means that, even at the end of a 21-month transition period after leaving, the UK would still be locked 'potentially indefinitely, into an international treaty which will bind us into a customs union' with the EU, and would leave Northern Ireland under 'large areas of single market legislation'.

In other words, under the backstop, Britain would not really have left the EU, but would still be subject to Brussels' rules. And the UK would not be treated as a single sovereign state.

But the backstop is far from the only problem with May's European treaty. Even without it, the rest of the Withdrawal Agreement would leave the UK under EU rules, without any say. And not just for the transition period.

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Backstop or not, the UK would lock the continent into a system written by the EU, and not by the UK. So, the UK would be treated as a single sovereign state. And not just for the transition period.

The Withdrawal Agreement would leave the UK under EU rules, without any say. And not just for the transition period. As Martin Howe QC of Lawyers for Britain points out in a new pamphlet (see across), the often-ignored Political Declaration that accompanies May's deal commits the UK to accepting a long-term unequal relationship with the EU on the basis of the Withdrawal Agreement.

Ditching the Withdrawal Agreement. We need a clean-break Brexit. 31st.

Tory Withdrawal Agreement means:

- ~~Irish Backstop~~
- We pay the EU £39bn
- Britain trapped in EU Customs Union
- EU court still rules over here
- British fishing still at risk
- Controls on state aid for UK industry
- EU sets British tax rates
- UK signed up to EU defence system
- UK under EU rules with 'No Vote, No Voice, No Veto'

A Clean-Break Brexit means:

- Whole of UK independent
- £39bn to invest in our regions
- Make trade deals with the world
- UK controls its own laws
- Britain free to fish our waters
- Free to invest in rebuilding Britain
- No taxation without representation
- We command our national security
- UK a sovereign, democratic nation-state

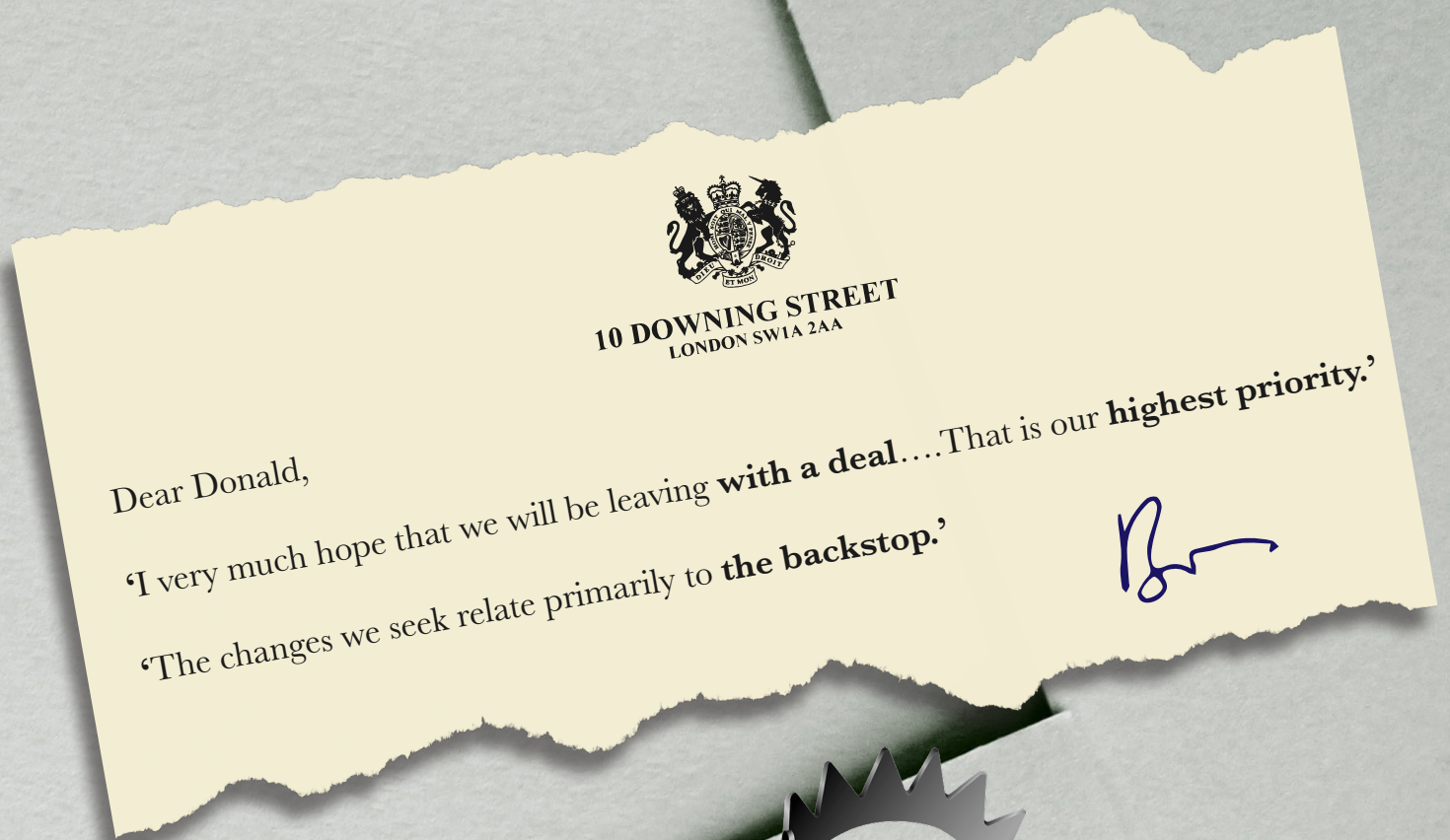
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even if 17.4m or more voted to do

Withdrawal Agreement and the Political
Declaration together map a future for the
colonial relationship with the EU
'stuff' as Boris once described
they should be buried deep in the
history, not resurrected or recycled

the backstop is not enough.
Clean-break Brexit by October



THE WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT – ‘A TRAP’ FOR THE UK

Theresa May's Withdrawal Agreement should never be revived – that's the verdict of a new pamphlet by three leading legal minds.

In *Avoiding the Trap*, Martin Howe QC (of Lawyers for Britain), Richard Aikens and TD Grant analyse the Withdrawal Agreement (WA) together with the Irish backstop protocol and the accompanying Political Declaration (PD). Recycling the WA in any form, they suggest, would effectively trap the UK under the EU's thumb.

The UK would have no escape from the EU's terms and conditions:

'1) The EU has set its face against any "reopening" of the WA. It extracted a formal commitment from Mrs May not to try to reopen it.

'2) The WA would become legally binding in international law if ratified by the UK and the EU Parliaments.

'3) If the WA were to come into force, even if the UK would be nominally leaving the EU it would still be subject to all EU laws (including new ones), the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice, the decisions of EU institutions such as the Commission and EU Parliament and the UK would not be

entitled to submit "proposals, initiatives or requests for information to the (EU) institutions".

Worse, the Political Declaration, long-ignored in UK political debate, commits the UK and EU to a future deal based on the dreadful Withdrawal Agreement:

'4) Because Article 184 of the WA requires the UK (and EU) to use best endeavours to negotiate a long-term agreement which conforms to the principles set out in the PD, the UK cannot attempt to negotiate for any future agreement that departs from those principles. A failure to agree a long-term relationship in accordance with those principles will mean that the UK is locked into the backstop ... with no way out and no legal means of complaint.'

There is no need for a Withdrawal Agreement for the UK to leave:

'5) There is no requirement that a Withdrawal Agreement has to be concluded in order for a member state to withdraw from the EU under Article 50 and given the position we are in, the current attempt to conclude a Withdrawal Agreement should be stopped.

'6) A "no deal" exit from the EU means no Withdrawal Agreement under Article 50; it does not mean leaving the EU with no deals of any kind unless the EU refused to enter negotiations, despite the UK's willingness to do so.'

Howe et al make clear that an international treaty which concedes so much to one side is almost unprecedented in peacetime. 'The only places where the EU has been able to impose this dictatorial solution,' are 'the desperate former Soviet republics of Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia.' There is surely no way an independent, non-desperate UK should accept the sort of treaty normally signed by a state that's lost a war.

Quoted extracts are from *Avoiding the Trap: How to Move on from the Withdrawal Agreement*, by Martin Howe QC, Richard Aikens, TD Grant, published by POLITEA, £8 hardcopy.

Download it here: www.politeia.co.uk/avoiding-the-trap-howe-aikens-grant/

Julie Burchill



‘BORIS JOHNSON’S A TOFF, BUT BREXIT IS A PEOPLE’S REVOLT’

Brexiters are now part of a global community of popular protest that stretches from Paris to Hong Kong

AT THE START OF THE YEAR, STUCK IN THE SLOUGH OF DESPOND WITH MRS-MAY-OR-MAY-NOT, I WONDERED WHY I HAD BEEN SO NAIVE AS TO BELIEVE THAT THE LONG ARM OF THE EU SUPERSTATE WOULD EVER LET US LEAVE. Our membership now seemed like an abusive relationship, complete with gaslighting, as our small but dynamic country was told, ‘You’ll be nothing without me!’ ‘No-one else will want you!’ and ‘You look fat in that Union Jack mini dress!’

Through spring I knew that things were looking bad for Brexit because Remainers who’d been giving me the silent treatment were friendly again. That all stopped when The Brexit Party emerged and almost overnight won the European elections on May 23rd, and then Boris Johnson became Prime Minister on July 23rd promising to deliver our democratic choice. And I’ve never felt

so happy about being hated. This was one of the rude awakenings that Brexit revealed; that our side, far from being Little Englanders, are eager to plunge into the tumultuous fray of the 21st century whereas Remainers are scared stick-in-the-muds, clinging on to clapped-out Fortress Europe.

Though Johnson (I won’t call him Boris, I’m not in the habit of sucking up to Tories), is a toff, Brexit is a People’s Revolt. It happened because the people of England and Wales – the chavs, townies, Tommies – no longer felt like holding patiently still and taking the punches. The Remnants’ pathetic petulance in the face of this popular revolt reveals that many ‘progressives’ were just alternative parts of the establishment all along.

An establishment threatened is a desperate thing. They have usefully divided their time between scaremongering (the threat of post-Brexit ‘super-gonorrhoea’ was my favourite; Project Fear often has a parasexual edge,

like they’re getting a kinky kick from scaring themselves), and slander (‘Brexitity’ is used the way ‘chav’ used to be – about people, places and pasties), even welcoming the death of Brexit-voting senior citizens.

At a time when ‘diversity’ is all and pronouns are policeable, it must have come as a relief to the professionally progressive that there was still a social group they could spit on; the white working class, now portrayed in the liberal press as ‘half-devil and half-child’, to quote Kipling on the Empire’s attitude towards ‘the natives’.

‘Why are they voting for something that will hurt them?’, Remainers moan. Did they not notice or do they not care that, for many people, the past few decades have been painful in the extreme? The biggest supporters of Brexit – the Labour strongholds in the North of England and the South of Wales – have seen proud, productive communities reduced to ghost towns eviscerated by drugs and dead-end jobs.

During our time in the EU we have seen much of the work the trade unions did to improve workplace conditions destroyed by a ceaseless supply of under-paid and un-unionised labour. We have seen the return of slavery, due to the ‘free movement’ of people. We have seen a reverse in social mobility and the rise of nepotism in the few professions – the media, showbiz – where a bright working-class kid could once have made it. I’m not saying that the EU is responsible for all of this – but the constant self-regarding circle-jerk about how good the post-war European consensus has been for all of us certainly hasn’t helped.

Brexiters have turned their backs on Brussels but we are part of a bigger community now – a global community of popular protest that stretches from Paris to Hong Kong, of people who have had enough of being corralled and controlled. It could be argued that – the EU being bad for all except Germany and France – we are being good Europeans by showing the Greeks

and the Italians that escape is possible. I grew up in the Bristol constituency of Labour Eurosceptic Tony Benn and have always seen being against the EU as a natural left-wing instinct. I could never vote Tory, but I’ve given up on Labour, who in their London bunker – apparently more concerned about the people of Gaza than the people of Grimsby – are about as attuned to the plight of ordinary Britons as the shadow-puppets of Brussels. We have had enough to-ing and fro-ing and bowing and scraping. We can almost touch it now – just one bound and we’re free. I’ve lost friends over Brexit, but I never lost hope. With the delivery of Brexit – by any democratic means possible – the great adventure of our tiny, tremendous island nation can recommence at last.

Julie Burchill is a journalist and author based in Brighton. *People Like Us*, her ‘play about Sex and Brexit’ (co-written with Jane Robins) enjoyed a sell-out London run last year.

BREAK FROM BREXIT CROSSWORD

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TIM MARTIN'SFREEHOUSE



BEWARE THE OXBRIDGE REMAINERS – NOT NO DEAL

by WETHERSPOON FOUNDERTIM MARTIN

‘ONCE MORE UNTO THE BREACH, DEAR FRIENDS’, AS SHAKE-SPEARE’S HENRY V SAID: OR, ‘PROJECT FEAR RIDES AGAIN’, ACCORDING TO THE LONE RANGER.

The Remainiac media have a new horror story to shiver your timbers. The leaked government document, Project Yellowhammer, ‘lays bare the gaps in contingency plans’ for a No Deal Brexit, roared the front page of the Sunday Times on August 18th.

The fascinating aspect of the document is what it DIDN’T

“
Wetherspoon has seamlessly switched from French brandy and champagne to superior UK and Aussie alternatives.”

say; possibly the biggest scare stories of recent years, that planes won’t fly between the UK and the EU and that City of London banks will relocate, en masse, to Frankfurt, have been abandoned.

We now know this won’t happen – the City employs more people than before the EU referendum, office prices there are at a record high and Ryanair, supported by British Airways, has said the no-flight threat is ‘no longer an issue’.

The gory Yellowhammer leak headlines mostly relate to the discredited story that the Channel ports will seize up. Thank goodness for the common sense of our French cousin, Calais boss Jean-Marc Puisseuseau, who has said, ‘there will be no queues’.

You can’t get much more categorical than that.

The main reason that these scare stories are vanishing, like tears in rain, is due to the overwhelming economic imperative for trade to continue. If Calais blocks up, M. Puisseuseau will lose trade. If Ryanair can’t fly to Malaga, it and the Spanish economy will be yellow-hammered.

Giant retailer Next plc has already diverted imports to non-Channel ports. Wetherspoon has seamlessly switched from French brandy and champagne to superior UK and Aussie alternatives. These are a foretaste of the huge dangers for the EU – but not for the UK.

The big worry for us is that powerful Oxbridge Remainers, who run the civil service that wrote the Yellowhammer scare story, and the mainstream media that reported it, have an almost religious belief in the EU and so little faith in democracy.

Just look at the backgrounds of those MPs from all parties who are determined to thwart Brexit – Dominic Grieve, Keir Starmer, Sarah Wollaston, Ken Clarke, Philip Hammond, David Gauke, David Lidington, Emily Thornberry, Hilary Benn et al. It’s almost entirely an Oxbridge Remainer enterprise.

Yes, Oxbridge Leavers are some of the best players on the Brexit team – but they comprise a tiny minority. It’s genuinely frightening that so many graduates of these universities, given their influence, extol the merits of the undemocratic EU – and think so little of the public’s intelligence that they continue to rehash worn-out instalments of Project Fear.

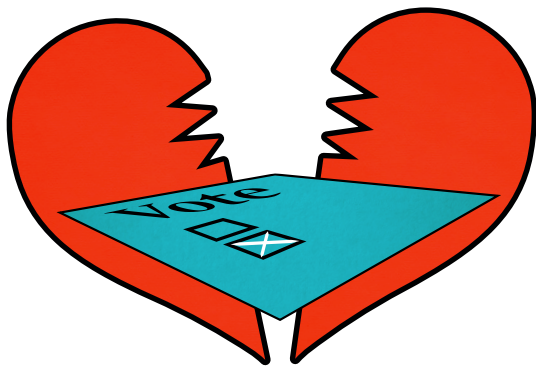
Ask



Ann

Ann Widdecombe MEP soothes the nation's agonies...

'IT FEELS LIKE I DON'T COUNT'



Dear Ann,

Three years ago, in June 2016, I gave my heart with a big X, believing the promise that we could leave the past behind and start an independent life together.

Now it seems as if I was lied to, like millions of others. The broken promises make me feel as if I really don't count, that my Xs are worthless. How can I ever make such a commitment again?

JB, Doncaster

Dear JB,

How I sympathise! I also followed my heart in 2016 and was made so miserable that I ended my retirement. However, the crunch is coming and we mustn't lose our nerve now. What would have happened if Churchill had just given up at Dunkirk? Be strong and resolute and KBO. Freedom beckons!

Best Brexit wishes,

Ann

NOT MY JEREMY

Dear Ann,

When I met Jeremy, a young idealist who wanted to change the world, I worshipped the ground he bicycled on. But as we've grown older, Jeremy has changed. He has turned his back on his old 'ordinary' friends and fallen in with a trendy, wealthy North London crowd who seem to want everything to remain as it is.

When I explain I'm unhappy and ask if he wants me to stay or go, he says ... both. Should I hope he'll change back, Ann, or give up and change partners for good?

HS, Brighton

Dear HS,

It is time to ditch this idiot. I am afraid you have to accept that he has fallen in love elsewhere. His old ideals and principles cannot save him from the lure of power and self-advantage. Tell him he must choose right now between your staying or going. If he won't, then go anyway.

All the best for a Jeremyless future,

Ann



FRIGHTENED OF THE FUTURE

Dear Ann,

I am frightened of the future. The news is all scary stories about how we'll soon run out of food and drugs while planes fall from the skies and people riot for loo paper.

All this talk about the UK going 'over a cliff edge' makes me feel like jumping off one! Is there a way for me to find inner calm and take back control of my future?

CR, London

Dear CR,

Yes, nightmares are terrible things but only kids are afraid of them. The Bank of England says that 90% of British business is prepared for No Deal. The boss of the French port of Calais said the scare stories are 'La bull****' (excuse his French). That stopped me in my tracks because I hadn't realised the word was feminine and would have used 'le' in the unlikely event of making such a reference.

No doubt you had nightmares before when, three years ago, people told you that unemployment would rocket, taxes rise and house prices collapse if we had the temerity to vote Leave. We weren't taken in then and we shouldn't be now.

So sleep tight and don't let the Remainers bite.

Best Brexit wishes,

Ann

DIVORCE - DEAL OR NO DEAL?

Dear Ann,

After 40 years in an unhappy Union with my European partner, I finally decided that I want a divorce. But my 'other half' seems determined not to let me leave. She abuses me, makes impossible demands and insists I hand over all my money.

I know you have strong faith convictions, Ann. But shouldn't I be able to divorce a bully if I decide enough is enough?

AF, Kent

Dear AF,

Your European partner sounds ghastly and nobody should stay in an abusive relationship. So she refuses a divorce? Then tell her she won't get a penny in a clean break and that you will no longer reside in her house, paying so many of her bills.

Tell her you are going to walk away at Halloween on October 31st while she is cackling on her broomstick, and you are going to strike up another partnership with the rest of the world. Then you will be free.

Best Brexit wishes,

Ann

DANCING PARTNER DILEMMA



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Dear Ann,

I find myself attracted to two charismatic dancing partners - let's call them 'Boris' and 'Nigel' - and can't decide which one to go with in the big Euro dance-off.

Both have promised to carry me over the finish line. Both are smart and attractive, though with mixed reputations; people tell me that B is a bit of a rogue who's not to be relied on, while others claim N is a bit of a rebel who's 'only after one thing'.

As an experienced ballroom dancer, Ann, who do you think I should trust?

BM, Blackpool

Dear BM,

Surely the choice is easy? What is the 'one thing' that Nigel wants? It is a proper Brexit and but for him you would still be doing the slow waltz with Mrs May. Dancing requires decisive footwork not bluff, bombast and blatteration.

Oh, Boris is attractive and popular now, but if he falls at the finish line they will all turn to Nigel instead. Why not get in there first and quickstep out of the EU with him?

Keep dancing!

Best Brexit Wishes,

Ann

BUMPER BREXIT QUOTES QUIZ

1.

Which famous old Etonian, when asked about the EU in 2012, stated: 'My preferred option is for us to stay in there. Leaving is not my preferred option'?

A) David Cameron B) Boris Johnson C) James Bond

2.

At a pivotal moment in our country's history, who proclaimed that 'it is vital now to see this moment for what it is; not as a time to quail, not as a crisis, not as an excuse for wobbling or self-doubt, but as a moment of hope and ambition for Britain'?

A) Boris Johnson B) Winston Churchill C) Elizabeth I

3.

Who once argued that Britain leaving the European Union would be seen as 'a narrow, xenophobic, backward-looking thing to do'?

A) Yvette Cooper B) Guy Verhofstadt C) Boris Johnson

4.

In 2011, who said that 'there are still plenty of things that the EU could provide its struggling peoples', and that there was a need for Britain to 'assert' its 'European credentials'?

A) Boris Johnson B) Jean Claude Juncker C) Hilary Clinton

5.

Following David Cameron's 2013 Bloomberg speech, which famous blonde announced they 'would vote to stay in the Single Market'?

A) Boris Becker B) Boris Johnson C) Holly Willoughby

6.

The promise that 'we're out deal or no deal' by the end of October was made on June 3rd by which Tory leadership contender?

A) Esther McVey B) Boris Johnson C) Rory Stewart

7.

A week later who dubbed a No Deal Brexit the 'last resort' and something that they were 'not aiming' for?

A) Boris Johnson B) Michel Barnier C) Jo Swinson

8.

Who said on June 28th that there is only a 'very, very, very small possibility' of the UK leaving the EU with No Deal at the end of October, and that they are 'not attracted to the idea'?

A) Ollie Robbins B) Fiona Bruce C) Boris Johnson

9.

A week later, who talked up Britain's prospects under a No Deal Brexit by saying that 'this country has the versatility and the creativity' to 'prosper and thrive'?

A) Boris Johnson B) Heidi Allen C) Sir Alan Sugar

10.

On June 25th, which politician asserted that 'we are getting ready to come out on 31st October, come what may... Do or die. Come what may'?

A) Anna Soubry B) Boris Johnson C) Theresa May

11.

A day later, the odds of a WTO Brexit were assessed to be a 'million-to-one against'. Who calculated those odds?

A) Paddy Power B) Bet365 C) Boris Johnson

ANSWERS

Questions by James Condliffe

1: (B) Boris Johnson, 2: (A) Boris Johnson, 3: (C) Boris Johnson, 4: (A) Boris Johnson, 5: (B) Boris Johnson, 6: (B) Boris Johnson, 7: (A) Boris Johnson, 8: (C) Boris Johnson, 9: (A) Boris Johnson, 10: (B) Boris Johnson, 11: (C) Boris Johnson

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