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## Trip to Parliament Monday 10th June 2019



**Itinerary:** Leave Corby at 8am and arrive at Commons about 11am (traffic congestion prevents accurate guess). Those for Commons disembark while 'shoppers' are taken to a place in West End (RB Travel to advise). Coach to pick up shoppers at 4.30pm and return to Commons to pick up visitors. Plan to depart around 5pm. Home by 7pm approx.

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## Tom Pursglove MP completes the London Marathon and beats last year's time!

**Tom says:** "I did it! Delighted to complete the London Marathon in 3:57.42, raising over £4,500 in total for Care after Combat and Corby Mind - two brilliant local charities doing remarkable work and I am so grateful to everyone for their incredible generosity and support, which really did spur me on throughout the 26.2 miles!"

Even Speaker Bercow was impressed - congratulating Tom next day in the House.

**498 MPs promised to honour the result of the referendum. Only a handful, including our Tom, have stood by this promise.**

# Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Lee Wilkes (Association Chairman)

Dear Members,

Well they say that a week is a long time in politics, and how right they are. Sadly whilst plenty of things can and do happen in a week, none of them seem to be positive for our Party at present.

**Local Elections.** It would be foolhardy to paint the recent local elections as anything other than disastrous. Yes, Labour did poorly considering they are the opposition to a divided government, and Yes, we still managed to win more seats than any other party, but let's not kid ourselves, for the Conservatives these elections were disastrous.

After 9 years in government we could have predicted we'd have lost seats, but not even the most pessimistic of us would have predicted losing over 1300 Councillors – and remember a large number of those Councillors will have been grass roots activists, the ones delivering leaflets and helping raise Association money. They might still remain within the Party, but they have taken a battering through no fault of their own.

So why were the results so poor? I am convinced it is Theresa May's handling of Brexit that is the root cause of the problem, not simply a general malaise within the electorate. And for the record I cannot see that having cross-party talks with Jeremy Corbyn is the answer.

**The Prime Minister.** As a number of you may already know, there is currently a petition to call an Extraordinary General Meeting at the National Convention to debate asking the Prime Minister to resign. The petition required the signatures of 65 Association Chairman, and I was one of those 65. This is not something that I have done lightly, but I can see no other satisfactory way of breaking the current impasse than allowing the Party to choose another leader. For the record, the wording of the petition reads:

*We, members of the National Convention recognise the difficult task our Prime Minister has had in trying to extricate the UK from the EU after over 40 years of membership and we honour her work and commitment in that endeavour. It has, however been almost 3 years since we voted to leave and after 2 extensions to the original departure date, we no longer feel that Mrs May is the right person to continue as Prime Minister to lead us forward in the*



*negotiations. We therefore with great reluctance ask that she considers her position and resigns, to allow the Conservative Party to choose another leader, and the Country to move forward and negotiate our exit from the EU. We call on the National Convention Officers to call an EGM to consider this motion.*

The Extraordinary General Meeting to debate this will be held on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

**Local Canvassing.** Now you might imagine that, with all that is going on, local canvassing sessions are full of doom and gloom, but not so. Whilst there is plenty of mention on the doorstep about Brexit (as there is in the letters we receive at CENCA), we gain real benefit from Tom's long-standing commitment and continual efforts to support and deliver Brexit, as well as his tireless work on behalf of local people through the "Listening Campaign", working flat out on local and national priority issues. There are still a lot of committed Conservatives out there, we just need to find them. Additionally there are a lot of voters who will vote for the Brexit Party in the upcoming EU elections, but again we just need to find them so that they can receive the appropriate messages and leaflets from Tom, in the hope we can hold on to them, or indeed gain them, when the General Election comes, whenever that may be.

**The EU elections.** From an Association point of view, there are really 2 parts to play in the EU elections. Firstly, we will be asked to campaign for the Conservative candidates and secondly, we will no doubt be asked to donate money to the Conservative Party's central EU election campaign. By the time this report goes to press, we may already have discussed the options, but personally I see no reason at all why CENCA should donate any of its limited, hard-earned money, to an election that shouldn't be happening in the first place.

To summarise, a week is indeed a long time in politics - let's hope the coming weeks bring some positive news.

Yours,

*Lee*

Lee Wilkes  
Chairman

# TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST  
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



8 May 2019

## Leyland Bridge Success!

Late last year, the Leyland Bridge on Irthlingborough Road on the edge of Wellingborough was closed and demolished as part of Network Rail's ongoing electrification works. Albeit in my neighbouring colleague, Peter Bone's, constituency, ever since then, his constituents and thousands of mine in Irthlingborough and the surrounding area, as well as businesses on the Leyland Trading Estate have been badly affected by the loss of this bridge, which led to the Reinstate Our Access Road (ROAR) campaign being launched by some of those affected in a bid to get the bridge rebuilt.

In recent weeks, the ROAR campaign, with the superb help of leading local councillors such as Councillor Gill Mercer, have been out tirelessly delivering leaflets on this issue, and have organised a petition which has unsurprisingly received 1000s of signatures.

Alongside this grassroots campaigning, like Peter, I too have raised this issue several times on the floor of the House and with the Secretary of State for Transport, and with other Ministers from the Department, given the overwhelming strength of feeling locally about the need for a replacement bridge to be built immediately.

We have also both raised this persistently with Network Rail to keep the pressure up and to highlight to them the frustrations, but also because this disruption is actually taking the gloss off of the very welcome electrification of the Midland Mainline, which is a multi-million pounds investment in our local rail service.

Quite simply, it isn't good enough to wait for months, and potentially years, for other new bridge infrastructure associated with the Stanton Cross development, to be built to replace that which has been taken away.

It is very welcome that after a huge amount of work on this issue by all concerned, Network Rail got in touch a couple of weeks ago to let us know that they are going to rebuild the Leyland Bridge. This is such fantastic news for local residents and businesses, and comes after weeks of campaigning hard for the bridge to be rebuilt and reopened.

Businesses on the Leyland Trading Estate and local residents in both Wellingborough and Irthlingborough have been badly affected by the bridge closure and it was vital to get the commitment from Network Rail to get the bridge open again.

Both Peter and I are also very grateful to all those who have supported our joint 'Listening Campaign' on this issue and to all those involved in ROAR and the 1000s of residents who have returned their petition slips, or signed it online, which we will now present in the House of Commons to keep the pressure up to get the works completed as quickly as possible.

Yet again, everyone working together wins the day and gets things done - listened, campaigned, delivered!

**Tom**

**Tom Pursglove, MP for  
Corby & East Northamptonshire**

# CLLR KEVIN WATT - LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP AT CORBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## A DOG'S DINNER

Right now, I get that same uncomfortable feeling when I think of the future of the Conservative Party and the UK. The future is a dark abyss of the unknown. Unknown because we have so many senior members of the Conservative party completely ignorant of the anger of members and conservative voters over the way BREXIT has been handled or should I more accurately say mishandled. This week I heard George Osborne stating that because leavers only got 52% of the vote it doesn't mean they get 100% of the decisions. Blood pressure up another notch. We want just one decision which he warned us about during his project fear campaign, to leave the European Union AND its institutions. Make no bones the Withdrawal Agreement is not leaving the EU.

Theresa May now tells us she was "talking in the abstract" when she said, "Brexit means Brexit". Abstract? Well one definition of abstract is "existing in thought or as an idea but not having a physical or concrete existence." There we have it, admission that it was no more than a slogan with no connection to reality or outcome or commitment to achieve it. If you want an abstract impression of BREXIT try a bowl of Winalot, a dog's dinner.

The Conservative Party faces a very uncertain future. It is clear the new BREXIT Party will do well in the EU elections and if the Conservative Party does not hear and pay attention to that message it has no right to expect those voters to return at the next General Election. Voters are not sticking two fingers up to the Conservative Party; it is the Conservative Party issuing the rude gesture. Membership money is rolling into the BREXIT Party's coffers, our own donors are keeping their hands in their pockets or even worse donating to the BREXIT Party. We are heading towards a perfect storm. We are heading towards 1997.



The BREXIT party will not win a General Election, but they will stop the Conservatives winning one.

That brings me to the other part of the black abyss, something sinister, a Jeremy Corbyn, John McDonnell, Diane Abbot and Emily Thornberry Government. Venezula two dot oh, the stuff of nightmares.

## Cllr Kevin Watt

Leader of the Conservative Group CBC

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AN EVENING AT RUSHDEN LAKES WITH

# Stewart Binns

Subject: *“My Life in Television”*

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## Stewart Binns

Stewart's interest in writing grew out of his television work. In writing scripts for his documentaries and then in supervising their narration with renowned actors like Ian McKellen, Martin Sheen, Russell Crowe and others, he began to realise the power of the written word.

His first publications were all non-fiction books based on his television programmes: *The Greatest, Who is Britain's Top Sports Star?* 1996; *The Second World War in Colour*, 1999; *Britain at War in Colour*, 2000; *America at War in Colour*, 2001; and *British Empire in Colour*, 2002.

He developed his passion for writing by moving into fiction in 2011. His first novel, *Conquest*, a historical epic set in the 11<sup>th</sup> century, was published by Penguin. It immediately became a debut best-seller, selling over 75,000 copies in the first four months. His second novel, *Crusade*, a sequel to *Conquest*, was published in 2012 and his third, *Anarchy*, was published in 2013. The final book in the quartet, branded as the *Making of England* series, *Lionheart*, was published at the end of 2013.

Stewart then began a new series of novels, a quintet about the Great War, the first of which, *1914 - Shadow of War*, was published by Penguin in 2014. The second, *1915 - The Darkness and the Thunder*, was published in 2015. He is currently working on book three of the quintet, *1916 - The Eye of the Storm*. He has recently completed a new departure, *Betrayal*. Inspired by his own experiences as a special forces soldier, it is a powerful drama set in Belfast during Northern Ireland's 'Troubles'. It was released by Penguin in February 2018.

He is also a regular contributor of articles to newspapers and magazines, including the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Telegraph* and has been a reviewer for the *Good Schools Guide*.

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# What madness is this that a Conservative Prime Minister would rather negotiate with Corbyn than deliver on democracy?

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By Steve Baker MP

**Steve Baker is a member of the Treasury Select Committee, and is MP for Wycombe.**

The local election results are well-known. Their interpretation and their meaning for our future actions is contested. But with such heavy losses for us, moderate losses for Labour at this stage of the political cycle and gains for independents, we should agree there is no market for political parties which fail to honour fundamental policies.

For that is what our Government has done. In treating Brexit as a damage-limitation exercise, diluting the referendum result and negotiating as if on the same side of the table as the EU, we have wrecked our reputation. The task ahead is not merely to save our Party, but to save the country from political chaos through the rise of a party whose only coherent policy is single-issue protest, but which found itself at the top of polls so soon after launching.

This is the scale of our failure and our challenge: we must become again a national party of government, one which looks serious about the long-term future of a major world power, the region and the world.

Our immediate choices are few: Revoke and Remain, pass the present deal or find another way out of the European Union.

In 2016, during the run-up to the EU referendum debate, Philip Hammond opened a general debate in the Commons on European affairs. He said:

*‘The propositions on the ballot paper are clear, and I want to be equally clear today. Leave means leave, and a vote to leave will trigger a notice under article 50. To do otherwise in the event of a vote to leave would represent a complete disregard of the will of the people. No individual, no matter how charismatic or prominent, has the right or the power to redefine unilaterally the meaning of the question on the ballot paper.’*

And in this, he was right. The idea the Conservative Party can abandon our exit from the EU and survive – after inviting the decision and pledging to carry it through – is for the birds. If we revoke, our Party will die, and it will deserve to. Let those Conservatives who take another view make their case.

Our party line on the local election result is simple “This gives a clear message to the two main parties that the public is frustrated, and want to see us get on and deliver Brexit.” Unspoken in that message is the

exhausted trope that we must therefore get this rotten, Brexit-in-name-only deal “over the line”. It won’t work. It is too late to vote for this failed deal.

There are two main reasons. First, the deal is rotten and the interested public know it. Second, it would destroy the Government and our Party.

The first “meaningful vote” was a devastating, historic defeat for a reason: this Withdrawal Agreement and Political Declaration stinks. It converts a clear instruction to take back control into a further surrender of our capacity for self-government, forever. It includes a customs union in all but name, as many of us have been explaining and as Government negotiators have apparently told Labour – flat contrary to our 2017 manifesto and to all reason.

Politicians and parties just cannot expect to get away with this. And we haven’t. The local election results shout, “A plague on all your houses!”, and rightly when we have tried to pull the wool over the eyes of a nation.

The ascendant Brexit Party knows the deal is rotten too. I understand Nigel Farage has said they will not stand against those of us who have always opposed this BRINO deal, to which I reply, “so what?”: for if we reach that point, all is lost. But what we learn is that the Brexit Party will call out this deal as a betrayal of the referendum result.

I am not surprised. Many of the leading Brexit Party figures were Conservatives. And I was in close touch with them. They were among the loudest voices demanding Eurosceptic Conservatives reject this deal at every stage. I am not expecting them to change their view now that they are soaring with the public.

If it is passed, the Brexit Party will savage this deal and savage us. Passing this deal would destroy us at the next election. And the next election would happen imminently. How does anyone suppose that it would or could not? In such circumstances I would not be surprised if we were outpolled by the Brexit Party. I would be surprised to see even a majority of my current parliamentary colleagues back on the green benches after such an election.

Still more immediately, this deal may yet destroy the Government and in doing so precipitate that general election. How can we possibly expect our confidence and supply partners, the DUP, to give confidence to a Government which has passed, and is legislating for, a deal which they cannot support, because of the damage it does to the Union? I cannot speak for them, but I cannot see how it would be otherwise: a Conservative minority government would be at the mercy of Corbyn’s Labour party.

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Now what do Labour want? Power. Of course. And persistence with this rotten deal has now made the route to it simple. Agree a customs union for inclusion in the political declaration, thus dividing Conservatives, and vote through this Withdrawal Agreement, with its union-splitting backstop and so on, separating this Conservative Government from its majority.

For the Government to proceed in this way is to offer an open goal to the hard Left. To do a deal with Labour over the heads of both our confidence and supply partners and Conservative MPs – who have scrutinised the deal minutely and said loudly and explicitly what we have found – would be an act of unconscionable folly and of stupendous lack of foresight.

Even to contemplate it is to declare surrender to Jeremy Corbyn as Prime Minister. And there are Labour MPs who cannot tolerate that. What madness is this that a Conservative Prime Minister would rather negotiate with such a Labour leadership than deliver on democracy?

The only tenable way forward is to deliver a Brexit worth having. Working with others after the historic defeat of the deal in January, I published an alternative written ministerial statement setting out how to do it.

Circumstances have evolved since. Not least that a Malthouse Compromise has been negotiated within our Party and delivered a majority with the DUP for the Brady amendment requiring alternative arrangements on the

Irish border which underpins the necessary changes to the Withdrawal Agreement. In Plan A Plus, we know how to deliver a trade and regulatory policy for a prosperous post-Brexit UK.

We also have an alternative defence and security treaty, thanks to Briefings for Brexit. Lord Guthrie (former Chief of the Defence Staff), Sir Richard Dearlove (former Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service) and Professor Gwythian Prins have prepared a treaty. We have a draft free trade agreement and a draft protocol on the Irish border. Prosperity UK will be fully working up Irish border arrangements, as the Government would have done long since if it were serious about a Brexit worth having.

Much more besides has been worked out, written down and published. There are those of us who have worked together who know why we must leave, what we must do and how to do it. The outstanding element is this question, “What if we don’t?”

To answer that, Conservative MPs must face the results of the European elections. Only then might we come to our senses and stand together behind the promises we have made, courageously committing to exit without a Withdrawal Agreement through Malthouse B plan, while tabling treaties to deliver an exit of the kind the EU offered us last March for the whole UK.

It is that or political oblivion. And deservedly so.

**Steve Baker MP**

**Tom Pursglove on NHS**  
8 May 2019



The Department for Health and Social Care have awarded an extra £6million to Kettering General Hospital.

This will be available right away as part of the NHS ‘Long Term Plan’ and will go a long way to improving safety, quality & timeliness of care. More funding for our local NHS!

***Listened, Campaigned Delivered !***

**Tom Pursglove on Policing**  
17 May 2019



I met with Inspector Scott Little from Northamptonshire Police to discuss crime issues locally, and the plans in place to tackle these.

It was reassuring to hear that the local police are working closely with other partners to overcome problems with both gangs and drugs, and I have faith that our local police will continue to do everything they can to keep our communities safe. It was also a very useful opportunity for me to feedback individual issues and concerns that have been raised with me - as I always say, it is essential that crimes are reported, because if the police don't know about them, they simply cannot act on them.

**Just a thought:** *I remind all who read this - leaving the EU was NEVER dependent upon a deal and it was never for Parliament to reach a consensus on what Brexit looked like. Their job was simply to act upon the mandate the people gave them – LEAVE. How dare they stop this process because a deal they didn't find to THEIR satisfaction hadn't been reached. This was about what WE wanted. NOT them!* Sean Raymond, Clinical Dietitian at NHS (2010-present)

# Local Government Update – James Brokenshire MP

(Secretary of State for Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government)

On 29 November 2018 I told the House that I was launching a statutory consultation on the proposal for reorganising local government in Northamptonshire which I had received from seven of the area's eight principal councils. The councils had submitted this proposal in response to the invitation issued on 27 March 2018 following the recommendations in the independent inspection report on Northamptonshire County Council.

This locally-led proposal is to replace the existing eight councils across Northamptonshire (the County Council and seven district councils) with two new unitary councils - one for North Northamptonshire covering the existing districts of Kettering, Corby, East Northamptonshire and Wellingborough, and the other for West Northamptonshire covering the existing districts of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire. The proposal envisaged the new councils being fully operational from 1 April 2020.

The statutory consultation closed on 25 January and invited views from councils concerned, other public sector providers and representatives of business and the voluntary sector and welcomed views from any interested persons.

I have received a total of 386 responses. The district and county councils – except for Corby Borough Council – and councillors and public service providers including the Police and Crime Commissioner and health partners, generally supported the proposal. Responses from businesses, members of the public, parish councils and community organisations were more mixed.

This consultation supplements the consultation exercise undertaken on behalf of the Northamptonshire councils by the independent Opinion Research Services. This exercise included face to face workshops, a representative telephone survey of Northamptonshire residents and an open questionnaire.

90% of respondents to the telephone survey agreed that there was a need to make changes to Northamptonshire local government and 74% agreed with the unitary proposal. 83% of the over 6000 individuals who responded to the open questionnaire agreed that there was a need for change, with 67% agreeing that a number of unitary councils should be introduced and 44% supporting the proposal for two unitary councils.

I have now carefully considered the councils' proposal, along with the results of the consultation exercises, a report by the Northamptonshire Children's Commissioner, submitted to my Rt. Honourable Friend the Secretary of State for Education and me, on how best to ensure continued improvement of the fragile children's social care service in Northamptonshire in the context of reorganisation, and all other relevant information and material available to me. I have concluded that the proposal meets our publicly stated criteria for local government reorganisation. That is if implemented I am satisfied that the proposal would improve local government and service delivery in the area, has a good deal of local support and the area of each new unitary represents a credible local geography.

This is on the basis that there is a Children's Trust covering the whole of Northamptonshire, which with my support, my Rt Honourable Friend the Secretary of State for Education is minded to establish, as recommended by the Children's Commissioner, if the unitary proposal is to be implemented. With such an arrangement children's social care would not be disaggregated with the Trust discharging functions on behalf of both councils. My Rt. Honourable Friend will be publishing the Commissioner's report today. It is also on the basis that work continues to be taken forward in Northamptonshire to do more to integrate adult social care and health services.

I have therefore decided, subject to the issuing of statutory directions requiring the

establishment of a Children's Trust and to Parliamentary approval of the secondary legislation, to use my powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to implement the proposal. These powers enable me to implement a unitary proposal with or without modification and in this case, having carefully considered all the material available to me, I have decided to make one modification to the proposal.

This is to extend the period for fully implementing the new arrangements so that the new councils are operational from 1 April 2021. Whilst I recognise that a delay in implementation will mean potential savings estimated in the proposal will not be realised for another year, I am clear that the extended implementation period means we can be confident that there will be a safe and effective transition to all the new service delivery arrangements across the whole of the area, including for those crucial services supporting the most vulnerable. Throughout this extended period my Commissioners will be able to continue to support the County Council.

To support the transition, I have decided to establish shadow authorities. I envisage the May 2020 local elections in Northamptonshire will be elections to those shadow authorities

rather than to district councils, with the district elections currently due on that date being cancelled. In line with the approach in the proposal for elections to the new unitary councils, I also envisage the elections to the shadow authorities are held on the basis of 3 member wards resulting in the North Northamptonshire Council having 78 members and West Northamptonshire Council having 93 members. Those so elected would be members of the new councils when these go live in April 2021. Elections to parish councils will proceed as scheduled in May 2020. I intend to confirm these electoral arrangements shortly after hearing any views the district and county councils may have on this.

I now intend to prepare and lay before Parliament drafts of the necessary secondary legislation to give effect to my decisions. Establishing these new unitary councils will be a significant step towards ensuring the people and businesses across Northamptonshire can in future have the sustainable high-quality local services they deserve. I welcome the commitment of all the existing councils and their partners to drive forward this process of establishing new councils and transforming local service delivery. I am confident this will continue.

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## **TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES**

As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that constituents have. As such, unlike most MPs, he holds weekly advice surgeries, both in Corby and in East Northamptonshire. The venues for his surgeries are:

**Corby:** Corby VCS, The TA Building, Elizabeth Street, Corby, NN17 1PN

**Irthlingborough:** Irthlingborough Children's Centre, Scarborough St., Irthlingborough, NN9 5TT

**Raunds:** The Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LT.

**Oundle:** Oundle Baptist Church, 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG

**Thrapston:** Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, as Tom has decided to operate his surgeries on an appointments basis, in order to ensure that constituents do not have to rush through their concerns. This approach also allows Tom to provide immediate help - he often makes a start on casework matters prior to an appointment, to try and resolve concerns more quickly, whilst it also allows him to seek any appropriate advice, or obtain clarification on technical points, in advance of the meeting.

## Shrouded figure (boxed)

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## Motion to be put before an extraordinary meeting of the Conservative National Convention on Sat 15th June in London

We, members of the National Convention recognise the difficult task our Prime Minister has had in trying to extricate the UK from the EU after over 40 years of membership and we honour her work and commitment in that endeavour. It has, however been almost 3 years since we voted to leave and after 2 extensions to the original departure date, we no longer feel that Mrs May is the right person to continue as Prime Minister to lead us forward in the negotiations. We therefore with great reluctance ask that she considers her position and resigns, to allow the Conservative Party to choose another leader, and the Country to move forward and negotiate our exit from the EU. We call on the National Convention Officers to call an EGM to consider this motion.

# RAY JACKSON - 'BREXIT RUMBLING ON'

4 May 2019

As we watch Brexit roll inexorably on and feel our helplessness at being unable to influence it in any possible way, there is just a slight twinge of satisfaction that at least we are not having to sit down with the Labour Party in the very faint hope that we are not being played with by the clever man Starmar or being inducted into Marxist dogma by Jeremy Corbyn. We know the discussions are a farce, their only possible benefit being that the time wasted may give time for public anger become so well articulated that some decent politician with power somewhere might see the possibility of a breakthrough.

Of course the other method of stalling is to propose the sacking of the Prime Minister. In a way this is more serious and much more nasty. When the people decided to leave the EU, the task fell to the government, which like me did not really think leaving the EU was in the country's best interest. But the government is democrat and could not pass the task on and committed itself rightly to serving the electorate by trying to find a solution. What negotiator would take on such a brief? Most of the voters for the referendum claim they did not know what it was about, despite 9 weeks of intense debate on radio, TV and one of the best presses in the world. Towards the end these electors were crying 'Enough'; their minds were saturated with information and they could not handle it. The Labour Group supported leaving and then changed its mind. Farage anguished about hundreds of thousands of immigrants taking all our jobs and had to be stopped. The Prime Minister looked at her colleagues and found many of them, newly elected having served their communities well, but being too young and inexperienced in running anything and not having a stake in anything. They typically were 'not sure'.

And swimming in deeper water are the sharks, ready to destroy for selfish or ideological reasons.

They have experience, cunning and ambition and are ruthless. Get rid of Theresa May and chaos will come again. She has been brave, extremely dedicated to her task, shown enormous perseverance; even promising to end her political career for the sake of harmony and progress. There are only a few like her left. Of course, taking the poisoned chalice from her now is instant suicide. Try it on someone you do



*Ray Jackson*

Those who retain a mite of optimism, should stay in the Conservative Party

not like. But names keep coming up. The sharks meanwhile swim slowly under water waiting their

chance. Give them six months or a year and they will seize the leadership and create a parliamentary democracy quite different from what has been gradually developed over the last thousand years and which used to be well respected throughout the world, including Europe.

It is mad; it is sad. Those who retain a mite of optimism, should stay in the Conservative Party, not run away because nobody will notice in the chaos. Try to identify those in Parliament who are bent on destruction; hang on to your vote for as long as you can and stand fast until perhaps common sense returns and we are joined by other like-minded people to rebuild the Party. Let us hope all the writing this weekend of the death of the Conservative Party is premature.

**Ray Jackson**



## 'SUSTAINING OUR DEMOCRACY'

CPF Chairman, George Whittaker has written his report after discussions

on set questions at the April meeting of the CPF on questions set by Central Office .

Q. 1 We have sown the seeds of our own destruction by allowing devolution. This now means that we no longer have a level playing field and that Scotland for example can have free university education whereas students in England have to pay their own fees. In Wales prescriptions are free but we have to pay in England. The Scottish government receive about £1500 per head subsidy to support the Scottish economy – none of this strengthens the Union. If these countries have their own government then they should not have a second vote on policies that only affect England. Is the answer a secondary parliament for England just for English affairs? To strengthen the Union further we all felt that having the results of a referendum ALL MPs should follow the wishes of the people not go their own way!

Q. 2 Public trust in our Government has come to an all time low because despite the result of the referendum on Europe we still have not left the EU. This should have been done on March 29<sup>th</sup>. We all felt very let down by Mrs May not going for a “No Deal” on this date but then asking the advice of Mr. Corbyn was unforgiveable! The fact that Heidi Allen and the MP for Peterborough have not resigned and had a by-election has further reduced the public trust in our parliamentary system. As a Conservative party we must be honest, reliable and keep our manifesto promises.

Q. 3 Our MP Tom Pursglove is very good in his public relations. Private enterprise should be encouraged to build a community spirit of working together. What works well in our area is litter picking. We must encourage the younger generation (under 40), to do more for their local community. Although with youth movements and organisations such as Round Table dying out, this is difficult and is a result of social media taking over their lives. We must rebuild trust – this will not be done until after Brexit.

Q. 4 We must be seen to be carrying out what we have promised in our manifesto, both locally and more important, nationally. We should publicise our party’s successes such as the economy and low unemployment. “Right to Buy” has helped the building industry, first time buyers and, indirectly, the homeless. More help and support should be given to the 25 – 40 age group because these are the conservatives of the future.

Q. 5 More care should be taken in the selection and reappointment of MPs. This should be done by the local party not influenced by Central Office because we know what is best for our local community. This way the grass roots of the party can advise their MP of what is going on in their constituency.

The Conservative Party should be seen more on the streets by having stands in town centres, market areas, country shows etc. In this situation we can meet the people and talk to them on a friendly and informal basis.

More effort should be put into the Indian, Pakistan and Jewish communities. If we helped these people and other immigrants to speak English this would break down natural boundaries.

Q. 6 We did agree with Conservative Party outreach to diverse communities Paper which was sent to us. BUT the Public Trust in civic institutions paper was only for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and LONDON – what about the rest of England, are we not worth consulting?! The graph which accompanied this is totally incomprehensible.

The damage that Mrs May has done to our party by her dogmatic indecision must be rectified immediately so that with a new leader we can rebuild trust in our party before the next election.

### **George Whittaker**

Chairman CPF Corby & E Northants

*The topic for the next meeting will be ‘THE POST-BREXIT ECONOMY’, a highly relevant subject.*

*If you wish to take part in these important discussions please contact the office at [office@cenca.co.uk](mailto:office@cenca.co.uk) All Association members may attend and members of the public will also be welcome.*

## BREXIT COMMENTS ON THE TWITTERSPHERE



**John Redwood** 26 Apr 2019 The Govt should stop trying to pay £39bn to the EU to delay our exit for 2 to 4 yrs. Let's put it where it matters - into social care & tax cuts for hard pressed families so they can provide more for their own children. That is what the public want. Get on with it.



**talkRADIO** 26 Apr 2019 Brexit Select Committee member **Peter Bone**: "The idea of introducing a bill based on a motion that has been defeated three times is the definition of madness... We have to change the Prime Minister and change the Prime Minister quickly"



**Tom Pursglove MP** 3 May 2019 Anyone in either of the two main parties labouring under the misapprehension you can cook-up a cross-party fudge and this will then all go away is wrong. Very wrong. The Customs Union is not leaving - it's that simple. And voters won't be taken in by it.



**Conor Burns MP** 4 May 2019 'm afraid the description by Nigel Farage of a Lab/Con Brexit deal as 'a coalition against the people' will resonate. Because it is fundamentally true. Anyone who thinks it is the answer hasn't been knocking on many doors in recent weeks.



**Tom Pursglove MP** 8 May 2019 Simply shouldn't be happening. There's no getting away from the fact we could have left by now. Nothing could have stopped us leaving on the 29th March, had the PM made that call. People will be furious being asked to vote in elections they never wanted and which shouldn't be on.



**Tom Pursglove MP** 9 May 2019 1000s and 1000s more Labour votes go to the #Brexit Party in one single sentence...  
*"The Brexit Party is in fact the no deal party", says Jeremy Corbyn*



**Chris Heaton-Harris MP** 11 May 2019 Every day since March 29th ticked by I've been surprised how little the majority of those within the bubble I work in don't get why people outside it are livid we haven't left the EU. We could/should have left on that date with/without a deal and people are right to be angry.

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**Just a thought:** "It's no wonder Farage, whose party is now on a stunning 30% in the latest YouGov poll, is on course to emerge as the big winner in the EU elections. A stick of rock with Leave written through it looks more tasty than the fudge offered by May, Corbyn or even ChangeUK."

*PAUL WAUGH Huffington Post 3 May 2019*

# HOW DO PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THE DELAY TO BREXIT?



Karim Hyatt, lives in The United Kingdom Quora 24 Apr 2019

Nearly three years ago, the British people voted to leave the EU. So did I.

The campaign was hard-fought on both sides. The Remain campaign had the government on its side and spent £19.3 million. The Leave campaign had to rely on private donations and managed to spend £13.3 million (ironically, it was later taken to court for “overspending”).

The result was expected to be a resounding endorsement of the European Union and its ambition for “ever closer union”. The numbers seemed to indicate a close result. Remain was, however, still expected to win and Nigel Farage conceded that “remain will edge it” after looking at the city exit polls. By 10pm, when all the votes were in, YouGov, a polling company predicted a win for Remain by 52%. MORI predicted 54%. Many in the media were quite satisfied and the Leave campaign cancelled their victory party. Everything was going to be alright after all.

From midnight, things started to go wrong for the Remainers. The first europhile city to give results only just scraped a remain vote. Sunderland voted over 60% to leave. Cities that had been predicted to vote remain started coming in as leave. At 3:45, Farage made his victory speech and said “Let June the 23rd go down in our history as our Independence Day.” Leave had won. Incredibly. Completely surprisingly. Amazingly.

Then came the backlash from our politicians and the media.

Only stupid racist people who didn’t understand had voted leave. They had been “lied” to during the campaign (as if the Remain campaign hadn’t lied at all!) and “they know not what they do”. Sad deluded morons.

The largely remain parliament set to work immediately to overturn the result.

A remainder Prime Minister – Theresa May – was crowned without any sort of Party vote. She called for an election and was soundly trounced and lost her majority in Parliament because her message was inconsistent. She subsequently told everyone that **“Brexit means Brexit”** and that **“No Deal was better than a Bad Deal”**. She invoked Article 50

without any idea of how she would tackle it. She didn’t believe in Brexit therefore, in her mind, she had to somehow “muddle through”. It was a disaster. The EU cleverly set the terms of the negotiation and the government was too cowardly to threaten to walk away and mean it. The EU won and the “withdrawal agreement” that was “negotiated” was worse than being a member. This was the objective for the EU. Michel Barnier, Chief negotiator for the EU, famously said **“Make the deal so bad that they’ll want to stay”**.

There is a saying in the EU: **“If you’re not at the table, you’re on the menu”**. Her “deal” meant that the UK would become a vassal state, having to accept all rules from the EU without any say in how they were made - indefinitely. Northern Ireland had become the “sticking point” - artificially, since it is the only land border between the UK and the EU. Since then, both the Irish government and the EU have agreed that technology would be able to deal with the trade between the two countries - albeit resentfully. The Withdrawal agreement quite rightly failed to pass in Parliament three times. A fourth is being attempted as we speak with the complicity of the socialist Labour opposition party.

At the last General Election in 2017, a vast majority of parliamentarians agreed to support Brexit at the last election. Then, as soon as they were elected, they decided to ignore the people and sabotage it. Everyone from the Prime Minister to the Conservative and Labour remainers have successfully sabotaged Brexit and pushed back the “leaving” day from 29 March 2019 to 31 October 2019. However, this will not resolve the deadlock. so, a second referendum is likely. In this referendum the question will be a stitch-up. Remain, or Brexit with customs Union (effectively the failed Withdrawal agreement). If they were honest, the second referendum would read: Leave with a Customs Union or Leave with No-Deal. We have already had a remain/leave vote. Any other question will be ignored by the vast majority of voters. The two main parties who have so betrayed the voters will be severely punished over the next few elections.

So... how do I feel? I voted leave, because I do not believe in the unelected unaccountable European Commission. It reminds me too much of how the USSR (Soviet Union) used to work. All laws are made by the unelected Commission and rubber

stamped by an ineffective European Parliament. Now that may work for some. Not for me. I wanted the UK Parliament to be accountable and to make the laws in the UK. I also believe in immigration. We have full employment in the UK and skilled workers are desperately required - not just from the EU but from all over the world. I believe in free trade and that the more we trade with each other, the more prosperous we all become. I don't just want to trade with the EU, but the whole world.

So, to conclude, I certainly feel betrayed. I feel let down by the lying and the vested interests. It's clear to me that our current parliament is not worthy of the trust and responsibility that 17.4 million people voted to give them.

I (and many of my Conservative Party-voting friends) will no longer support the party nor vote for them in either local or European elections in May until the current leader is deposed and replaced by a true Brexiteer.

By betraying us, the Conservative MPs who have frustrated Brexit have sealed their own fate. As nearly 70% of constituencies voted to leave, these MPs have largely acted against the very people they rely on for a job. The Conservative Parliamentary Party and the influential 1922 committee are, in my mind, now complicit in keeping Theresa May in power and if they want to go down with a sinking ship, so-be-it. Jeremy Corbyn and the opposition Labour party are also responsible for this mess. I know many of their voters will not be voting for them either.

**Brexit is not over. We may have lost a battle, but wars are a like that. Through this affair, so badly handled by the very people who were voted in to deliver Brexit, politics in the UK has changed forever, but I'm not sure for the better. I'm not even sure that the current MPs even know how very badly they will fare. The next time their time is up, it will be up permanently. And eventually, Britain will leave the EU - hopefully before the EU drags the UK down with it.**

## **Tony Blair urges ex-Labour supporters to back pro-Remain party**

Former prime minister Tony Blair has urged Labour supporters who can no longer vote for the party to endorse another which backs Remain.

He said Labour would be "hoovering up" Remain votes had it taken a "stronger position" on the issue, and he condemned a potential soft Brexit as unworkable.

Speaking to Sky's Sophy Ridge On Sunday, the former Labour leader said it is "important the anti-Brexit side is larger and stronger than the Farage side" in the European election later this month.

He said: "I do come across people who cannot vote for Labour, in which case I say 'don't stay at home - vote for any of the other parties'.

"At the end of this there's going to be a totting up and... it's important that the Remain side comes out because MPs will be making decisions based on that."

Mr Blair voiced frustration with Labour on Brexit, saying it is "clear they are not Remain in an unequivocal sense", although he said there is "enough" to make him continue to vote for the party.

He said leader Jeremy Corbyn should have been clear from the start that although Labour respected the referendum result, they would "reserve the right to put it back to the people".

Actually those who demand a second referendum don't seem to realise that we have just had one. The Euro-elections will have given a clear signal to Parliament about how the public stands.

**Just a thought:** This is what has led me to the conclusion that attempts to forge a deal are doomed to fail and the new deadline of October 31 will not be met. There is a straight choice between a parliamentary vote to stay, endorsed by a confirmatory referendum, or just crashing out without a deal.

When I put this conclusion to one consul general, he said simply: "We in Europe worked this out two years ago. What surprised us was that the Britons, who are supposed to be the clever ones, still haven't realised it." Just so. **Mike Rowse, CEO of Treloar Enterprises.**

# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The full report has been circulated to NCC councillors and District and Borough leaders

## LIBRARIES

The consultation on the proposed changes to the provision of Northamptonshire Libraries and Information Services has now closed.

The feedback is now being analysed and proposals for all 36 libraries will be considered at the May Cabinet meeting.

## SAFETYCam

A new innovation is coming to the highway contract. Safety camera vehicles- SAFETYCam, the camera system developed by Carnell Support Services and Kier Highways – is an innovative dual camera system, which can spot both road workers speeding through construction sites and road users who illegally drive through cones has been hailed a potential lifesaver.

Having been extensively tested on Highways England schemes, Northamptonshire will be one of the first local authorities to use and it will be seen in Northampton on the Queen Eleanor, Brackmills and Great Billing junction improvement works on the A45 in which start in the summer.

## SEND

Launched in March, a joint KierWSP and NCC Travel Co-ordination Unit is now responsible for all travel arrangements between home and school, for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

The Travel Co-ordination Unit aims to increase choice, and better meet the diverse needs of the county's pupils through a broader, more flexible range of assistance options and promote independent travel, wherever possible, so young people are able to lead more independent lives

## GOING TO EUROPE—YOU WILL STILL NEED YOUR EHIC (E101)

The number of people with a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) has dropped by more than 450,000 since last year, with renewals plummeting in the first quarter of 2019 as the UK prepares to leave the EU, MoneySavingExpert.com can reveal.

EHICs are free and give Brits access to free or discounted medical care in all 28 EU countries, plus some others. But amid massive uncertainty over Brexit and whether EHICs will continue to be valid after the UK leaves the EU, new figures show fewer travellers are bothering to renew their cards when they expire.

SNHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) statistics show EHIC renewals in the three months before Britain was supposed to leave the EU on 29 March were the lowest in at least nine years.

*And remember, renewal of EHICs is free on the internet. Don't go to websites which offer to do it for you for a fee.*

## SHOULD COPPER COINS GO?

A year ago, the Chancellor called 1p and 2p coins obsolete. He has now announced his decision on whether to scrap them. He decided to keep them for now.

The likes of Australia, Canada and Sweden have already ditched their copper equivalents, so should the UK follow suit? This is the result of a recent survey. 4% were not worried either way.

Age	Ditch them	Keep them
Under 25	62%	33%
Aged 25 to 34	66%	30%
Aged 35 to 49	55%	41%
Aged 50 to 64	49%	47%
Aged 65+	42%	55%
TOTALS	55%	41%

**Just a thought:** "If Democracy is destroyed in Britain it will not be the Communists, Trotskyists or subversives but This House which threw it away" Tony Benn -November 1991



# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOLD



13 May 2019

More than 200 new officers will be recruited by Northamptonshire Police over the next two years, increasing the Force establishment from 1227 police officers to 1310, the greatest number of officers the Force has had since 2010.

Taking into account those who retire or leave each year, this means that there will be nearly 100 more police officers on the streets of Northamptonshire in two years' time.

The recruitment drive will be funded in part through the council tax precept increase, which has helped to give the Force a total budget in 2019/20 of almost £130 million, which is £11million more than last year and the largest budget the Force has had for more than 20 years.

I have asked for £3 million to be set aside and invested to improve policing in ways that people said are important to them – neighbourhood policing; rural crime; burglary; anti-social behaviour and low-level drug dealing. In a further improvement in service, everyone whose home is burgled will be in future visited by Police. These plans are part of a wider vision to improve the effectiveness of Northamptonshire Police.

I am pleased and proud to be able to announce this significant boost in the number of police officers in Northamptonshire. When I asked people if they would be prepared to pay more to fund improvements in policing, they were very clear on the issues that were important to them, particularly the visibility and accessibility of officers in their community.

I was also encouraged that an independent review commissioned by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner into how serious and organised crime is tackled by agencies in Northamptonshire praised the work taking place to intervene with young people at risk of violence. The review also made a number of recommendations to help agencies develop a co-ordinated response to the exploitation of vulnerable young people.

I have supported and part-funded the review to be carried out by the Home Office Violence and Vulnerability Unit, a team of national community safety experts who help local areas to understand the perceptions of crime, identify the issues they need to tackle and make effective plans to deal with them.

Over the course of a month, the review team interviewed more than 50 leaders and staff from organisations including Northamptonshire Police, local authorities, the health service, education and voluntary sectors. They wanted to identify the risk to vulnerable young people in Northamptonshire and the work being done to counter criminal exploitation.

The review found that Northamptonshire is being targeted by groups and gangs dealing drugs and this has led to violence and exploitation across the county – but no more so than anywhere else in the country.



*Stephen Mold— continued>>>*

Early intervention programmes such as my newly established team, who to support families in difficulty and the Northamptonshire Police Community Initiative to Reduce Violence were praised, as were a number of other multi-agency initiatives to protect vulnerable people. The Northamptonshire Community Safety Board, which was set up at the end of 2018, will now lead in co-ordinating activity to take the review's recommendations forward.

Violent crime, especially knife crime remains a key concern for many of us. The force are also taking proactive steps to tackle it and during a week of activity for Operation Sceptre, which is targeting knife crime in the county, a total of 18 arrests were made and 147 knives were surrendered.

A test purchase operation using volunteers from Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets also found six shops out of the 17 visited that broke the law by selling knives to under-18s – one shop in Wellingborough, two in Kettering and three in Corby.

Other activities included the use of knife arches to scan people entering venues – including at schools as part of planned engagement activity – a knife amnesty, pro-active patrols, a joint operation with British Transport Police at Northampton railway station and warrants, searches and vehicle seizures.

The activity resulted in 10 knife related arrests, a further seven arrests linked to other items being carried as weapons and one arrest for drug dealing offences. Four people were charged for knife crime offences with one being remanded into custody. There were also seven vehicles seized, two linked to organised crime gangs. Figures from the Ministry of Justice show that Northamptonshire has a good rate of convictions for knife crime, with 323 people convicted in 2018.

I have provided funding for the knife arches and to purchase six handheld metal detectors, used to scan for knives and other weapons. Although we don't have the high levels of knife crime of London and other large cities, we are nonetheless seeing an increase in Northamptonshire and I know our police officers are working really hard to tackle it in partnership with schools, colleges, youth groups, local authorities and with our communities.

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at:

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**Stephen Mold**

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

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**OUR PRESIDENT REQUESTS THAT YOU MAKE A NOTE OF THIS DATE**

**Annual Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 22 Nov 2019**

in the Churchill Suite of  
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Time - 12 for 12.30 pm

*More details to be  
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## THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - FLYING PIGS AGAIN

By the time you read this article we will know the result of the European elections which are to be held on the 23rd May. I will be very surprised if our old friend Nigel Farage's party is not elected to the majority of UK seats (76 I believe). The Conservatives on the other hand will have their worst results for many years and this follows last month's local results which were appalling for the party and now seem to be forgotten by those at Westminster.

Are you aware that the cost for these ridiculous elections just for the infrastructure for the actual polling stations, manning etc. will be over 100 million pounds. Just think how many police, nurses, doctors and teachers this could provide us with. This would pay for over 3,000 extra police on the street which goes some way to replace all of those cut under Mrs May's policies in both offices she has held over the last 10 years.

What is this lady still clinging to power for? Surely she knows that the majority of the grass roots of the Conservative Party want her GONE.....If she is not aware of this then she is even more out of touch that I thought she was.

I am in despair for our once great Party. I believe that we are at the point of no return which will take loyal members, such as you readers, years and years of hard work to replicate where we were five years ago.

I am sure that there will have been several resignations locally from the party, and what's the cause? - Brexit!



And today I hear that there will be a fourth vote in Parliament. When will she learn that this deal is not a deal at all. I firmly believe that rather than that deal we should stay in the union and fight from within which is what is happening from some of our European neighbours and their new parties. I am sure that with a will the new members elected could start to dismantle the United States of Europe which is headquartered in Brussels and Strasbourg.

Perhaps then we can all look forward to a 'Common Market'

Ah well. I can see some rather pink objects flying past my window - they resemble pigs.....

I am afraid that I for one are at the end of my tether with the elitist and arrogant attitude of those in Westminster and sincerely hope for a fundamental change to the whole political system.

Ah. there are those flying pigs again !!!!!

Yours sincerely

**MOG**

MOG's comments are obviously his own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of the Conservative Party, our members, the Conservative Association or its management.

### TOM PURSGLOVE'S THOUGHTS ON THE NEW WAB: 21 May 2019

The risks presented by the so-called #NewBrexitDeal are too grave - inviting the Customs Union and a second referendum is beyond the pale. The idea you can vote for the Bill, get it into Committee, and crash it if you don't like it at 3rd Reading is fantasy land stuff.

I simply cannot support it in all good conscience - our manifesto commitments were clear and restated by the Prime Minister 100s of times. I cannot, and will not, go back on my word and will vote against the Bill if it ever even comes before the House.

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