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BITING APPLE

If anyone mentions the name Margrethe Vestager, most people would not have a clue who she is. However, she is the lady who must go down in history for making one of the worlds largest ever tax claims. As the EU Competition Commissioner she is the lady who has recently presented the US owned Apple Corporation with a whopping great tax demand for £11 billion.

As explained in the Daily Telegraph editorial on the 31st August: "The European Commission's dealings with Apple and Ireland are a textbook example of what is wrong with the EU, both economically and politically." If Ireland is a sovereign nation it should be free to make any deal it likes with large multi-national companies such as Apple. However, as a member of the EU it has to do as the EU instructs meaning Ireland is no longer sovereign.

The EU's tax demand is unreasonable and unfair to the Irish government which made the deal for the benefit of jobs - Apple has been bitten.

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She said when Britain leaves the EU the countryside can be improved by returning it to how it was before we joined the EU to save many threatened species.

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WHY REMAIN LOST THE REFERENDUM

BY HOHN PETLEY

Many fervent Remain supporters still struggle with the decision by the UK electorate to leave the EU. The *Daily Mail's* columnist Tom Utley recently described attending a family reunion where one of his sisters-in law "positively fizzed with fury" on being told that he had not only voted for Brexit but was very happy about it and hadn't regretted it for a moment. "How could you say that?" she asked, but then stormed off in a huff without waiting to hear the reply.

Remain supporters have all too often exhibited this patronising condescending attitude towards Leave voters, sometimes describing them in Dan Hannan's words as "a bunch of dimwits and bigots" who "were whipped up by unscrupulous demagogues." This is clearly an inaccurate description of Mr Utley – or Mr Hannan for that matter – but Remainers just cannot get over this defeat. They feel that they should have won the vote with ease. In a sense, they have some justification.

Let's face it, when Mr Cameron announced that the referendum was going to be held on June 23rd, it caught many Leavers by surprise as his so-called "deal" negotiated in Brussels had been widely savaged by the press for being woefully threadbare. He therefore decided that the best course of action was to cut and run, taking advantage of the disorganisation of the Leave side and hoping that we couldn't get our act together in the space of a mere four months.

From the day the polling date was announced, Cameron deployed all the heavy artillery at his disposal. The government machinery, including the Civil Service, was cranked up to full gear in the service of "Project Fear." A booklet was sent to every household, paid for by the taxpayer, explaining why we should vote to remain. International heavyweights such as US President Obama and Christine Lagarde from the IMF joined forces with big business to hammer home the message that Brexit would be a disaster.

Every weak link in the Leave side's arguments was ruthlessly exploited. "You can't agree what 'Out' looks like...You've lost the

economic argument...We don't actually send £350 million to Brussels every week" and so on. Cameron's objective was to have the vote in the bag before the "purdah" period kicked in, four weeks before June 23rd after which the government machinery would no longer be at his disposal. In spite of these massive advantages, however, he failed. Why was this?

No doubt many a PhD thesis will be written in the coming years to try to answer this question. Remain didn't expect to lose, and hadn't prepared for the consequences of losing, but Cameron and his associates had made some significant misjudgements.

Firstly, their condescending attitude underestimated the passion and commitment of many within the Leave campaign. I am talking here not so much of Vote.leave, the official campaign, nor even of the high-profile Leave campaigners like Boris Johnson or Michael Gove, but rather of small organisations like the Campaign for an Independent Britain, local campaign groups and individuals with no affiliation even to a local campaign group who were happy to roll up their sleeves and get involved.

To take one example, I recall the morning after a speaking in a debate in Hampshire. I had stayed in a bed & breakfast rather than endure yet another late night drive home. While enjoying my breakfast, I found myself chatting to a fellow-guest and the subject of the referendum unsurprisingly came up in our conversation. I soon discovered that he was firmly committed to leaving the EU and when he discovered why I had been visiting the area, he gladly took a few spare leaflets left over from the previous evening's debate, which he was keen to distribute around his village – probably the first time he had ever been politically active in his life.

After taking part in another debate, the chairman told me, "you (i.e., the Leave speakers) spoke with passion; they (the Remainers) talked down to us." We may not have had great resources at our disposal, but we conveyed a message of

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hope – and conveyed it with great gusto. Remainers hadn't expected this and massively underestimated the huge problem of neutralising our fervour. It isn't easy to sell something which is basically unnatural, top heavy and remote.

To have succeeded would have required the sort of enthusiasm for the EU project shown by Roy Jenkins or Edward Heath in the run-up to the 1975 referendum but there wasn't anyone able to step into their shoes.

Instead, we had David Cameron's repeated insistence that he was a eurosceptic and Jeremy Corbyn's lukewarm "seven to seven and a half out of ten" endorsement for the EU.

Secondly and more seriously, Remainers misjudged the mood of the electorate. Mistrust of authority figures is endemic in many Western countries. In the UK, nine months before the Brexit vote, Corbyn, a serial rebel against his party whip, received an overwhelming mandate from Labour members to become their leader. In the USA, we have seen the remarkable rise of Donald Trump, who has campaigned on a strong anti-establishment ticket. On the European Mainland, fringe parties of all shapes and sizes are gaining support. It is possible that Geert Wilders' PVV and Beppe Grillo's Five Star movement could boast the largest number of MPs when the Netherlands and Italy respectively go to the polls.

The response of senior figures from the political mainstream has been a mixture of alarm and contempt. What has not been acknowledged is the sheer number and variety of people who no longer feel that the current political system is working in their interests. True, as has been widely reported, some of these people are from the white working classes, the group which in this country, UKIP had already begun to prize away from supporting Labour. However, not all Brexit voters come into this category. In my local area, a relatively prosperous rural part of East Sussex, a number of "Vote Leave" placards appeared outside some pretty large houses. The owners of these properties were clearly not part of any disenfranchised minority.

They were, however, clearly uncomfortable with the emasculation of our democratically-elected parliament and the

resultant transfer of power to Brussels. They, along with people of all ages, colours and socio-economic status were fundamentally unhappy about their vote counting for less and less and were distinctly unimpressed with the blanket denials from the Remain camp that the object of the EU is - and always has been - the creation of a federal superstate. If it isn't, what is it about? No

answer from the Remainers, just as the revelation of substantial CIA funding to the European Movement in the past was met with embarrassed silence

when this subject came up in debate.

In a sense, the referendum was chance to give a big kick in the teeth to "the establishment" and a few Leave voters only wanted to do this and not actually to leave the EU. Not the majority, however. The inescapable conclusion that has to be drawn from the referendum vote is that Remainers failed because they were defending the indefensible. Even as ardent a Europhile as Tony Blair has admitted that the EU has become so unpopular that a referendum in nine other member states could have yielded a similar result.

This country, however, was always going to be the prime candidate for withdrawal. We were led into the European project by deceit and whereas back in 1975, Harold Wilson was able to pull the wool over many voters' eyes, by 2016, it was no longer possible to pretend that the EU was primarily about trade. The government's infamous booklet repeatedly talked about the single market while managing to avoid mentioning the word "sovereignty" once, but the electorate was not going to be fooled this time. Indeed, as Remainers chastised Leavers for their dishonesty and spin, they could not escape the charge that their side has been guilty of far greater dishonesty and spin over a period of over forty years!

A recent poll by YouGov suggests that there is little evidence of voter regret, with a clear majority still saying that it was right to leave the EU, notwithstanding the widely-predicted economic wobbles which have followed. It is a failing project which may have had some virtue in the 1940s when it was seen as the best way of preventing another world war. It may even have had some virtue in the 1970s when we were the "sick man of Europe" but fast forward another 40

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DEMOCRATS THEY'RE NOT

BY COLIN BULLEN

In the weeks since the triumph of the 23rd June we have seen how most of the threats made by our opponents have proved to be lies, just how little they know of the true nature of the EU and the extent to which they lack any sort of understanding of the meaning of democracy. Many of the comments made illustrate both a refusal to accept a democratic decision, and a desire to perpetuate myths about the supposed benign aspects of the European project. For example claims that our schools failed to teach anything positive about the organisation are risible when those of us who sought to ensure that a balanced view was presented to children were rebuffed, while relentless pro EU propaganda was rife. Also ridiculous are statements that leaving the EU means that we shall be isolated, when in fact we have left a declining and doomed grouping of 28 countries to rejoin the 168 which are not members, including the Commonwealth and the Anglosphere.



Colin Bullen: a free Britain being talked down.

Those unwilling to accept the will of the people prefer to constantly talk down the prospects for a free Britain. Despite all the lies from the Remain camp, declaring that companies would be rushing to depart, the actual results have proved very different. The pharmaceuticals giant GlaxoSmithKline has announced a further £275 million expansion in the UK, AstraZeneca is to spend £330 million stating that 'it is hard to find a better place in the world to carry out scientific research', Vodafone says it has no plans to leave, the CEO stating that 'the UK is an attractive place to be', the FTSE 100 has, following a dip, hit an eleventh month high and the FTSE-250 has returned to the levels it enjoyed before he vote. The fall in the pound was well overdue and has helped British exporters, while leading to the steel giant Tata reconsidering its proposed withdrawal from Wales and the owners of Pinewood Studios declaring that Brexit is 'undoubtedly positive'. Nations are queuing up to sign trade deals with an independent Britain. Clearly, having failed to get their way, the political elite intend to emulate their hero Edward Heath and indulge in a massive sulk.

While no one can expect such a fundamental change to be accomplished without difficulties arising in some areas, these will prove to be only temporary and will soon be eclipsed by the benefits which will flow from being once more in control of our destiny and ability to make trade deals with other nations in our own interests, not as dictated by incompetent apparatchiks in Brussels. Even more significantly, the fundamental objections to EU membership were concerned with the ongoing and increasing suppression of our democracy, justice system and national identity in pursuit of that organisation's intended goal of creating a single European state, run by bureaucrats, not elected representatives. Many claim that the most important issues concerning the referendum were economic and that therefore considerations of democracy or freedom should have taken second place but, had this been our position in 1914, we would not have gone to war, as, apart from the potential human

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years and it has become an anachronism, holding us back from playing our role in the world.

Not all Leave voters necessarily want the UK to become "Singapore on Steroids" - as I was accused of during one debate - but they could see that at both a personal and national level that here was a chance to move on from a very unsatisfactory status quo. Having been denied a vote over the failed EU constitution and its successor, the Lisbon Treaty, they were determined to seize their chance on June 23rd and did do. Unlike the Danes in 1992 and the Irish in 2008, there's no question of a second referendum. Europhiles from Owen Smith to Patience Wheatcroft may make noises about another vote, but this is only to confirm their denial of reality - a reality that even Brussels has acknowledged - that a second referendum where the remain campaign would be led by the same condescending, patronising types which we fought against in the months up to June 23rd would yield exactly the same result.

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loss, the certain economic cost made it necessary to stand back and save our money. That we did not do so, but prioritised the need to prevent an autocratic regime from conquering Europe, illustrates how, in the end, it is not merely financial matters which determine the fate of a country.

It is a sad reflection of how much our well of democracy has been poisoned by the relentless pro EU propaganda emanating from schools that some youngsters think it acceptable to just ignore the majority will of the people. I suspect that, after a few years of growing up in a free Britain, very many of those young people now decrying the result of the referendum will have changed their minds. The idea that we can change the EU from

within is laughable given that, on the over fifty times we have tried, we have just been outvoted and ignored. Although the most important arguments against membership of

the EU are political and democratic, rather than economic, it is obvious that the vanity project of the single currency is stretching the weak economies of Southern Europe on the rack, while the sclerotic nature of the EU, will ensure that there is no prospect of it prospering in the future. Indeed, just as the German General Staff during the First World War considered that their nation was 'shackled to a corpse' by its alliance with the dying Austro-Hungarian empire, so we would have been permanently damaged if we continued to tie ourselves to the doomed European project.

General de Gaulle was right and knew more about the real interests of our people than did those supposedly tasked with representing them. We should all be thankful that this time the lies told by the political establishment failed to mislead the British people, but they did succeed in deceiving the electorate during the referendum in 1975 and the country has paid dearly ever since. The politicians of that time, claimed that Britain was 'the sick man of Europe', and only handing over control to Brussels would save the nation. In reality we were a world leader in steel, nuclear power, jet aircraft and cars and has no need to turn away from our historic markets in the Commonwealth. All this, plus the fishing industry, and of course our democracy, were sacrificed

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merely in order that pygmy politicians might strut their little hour upon a wider stage. It is a tragedy that the real strengths of our economy in so many fields were sacrificed by self interested politicians but, now we are free of the EU, we can reverse the position by returning to the path we should never have left of being an independent, democratic and sovereign nation.

Those who voted to leave the EU are being asked if they are happy with the consequences and I can confirm that we are very happy. These consequences include the restoration of democratic control of government to this country, the functions of the executive being removed from unelected, and immovable, bureaucratic appointees in Brussels and returned to elected representatives in Westminster, whom

the people can replace at elections. They also mean that the steady erosion of British Common Law, in favour of the Napoleonic system used on the continent can now be

terminated, that we can regain control of our fishing grounds, that we once again can take our seat at trade negotiations with the rest of the world, rather than relying on EU apparatchiks and that we are saved from proposals to transfer our armed forces to some sort of pan EU organisation. The ending of our participation in the free movement of people offers hope to the working class, who have seen their pay, conditions and indeed hopes of employment undermined, and the pressure on the NHS, schools and available housing will be relieved.

Some complain that the implementation of the result of the EU referendum would not be democratic because the result was too close, as the issue is a binary one, yet not to implement it would be to allow the minority of 48% to dictate to the 52% who voted to leave. Do these people not realise that democracy means that the wishes of the majority should prevail? The whole European project was conceived to create a United States of Europe, run by unelected bureaucrats, and those in charge have never, and will not ever, deviate from this aim. The EU is doomed, by its economic failings, its lack of democratic credentials and above all by the fact that the peoples of Europe are increasingly opposed to

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Democrats They're Not continued: the fundamental, authoritarian concepts upon which it is based. Whether the fall of Merkel or the rise of Marine Le Pen deals it the final blow it is hard to say but I doubt it will still be in existence in ten years time.

The magazine *Private Eye* has for many years pretended they were on the side of the ordinary people against the arrogant and corrupt political class and their supporters among vacuous celebrities, pampered luvvies and self interested, overpaid denizens of boardrooms. However, after the two issues following the referendum, which could have been written by Jean Claude Juncker, it is clear that they are in fact sneering adolescents whose allegiance lies with the metropolitan liberals, it having escaped their notice that the most principled opposition to the EU has come from the left whose major figures such as Attlee, Gaitskill, Foot, Benn, and Peter Shore rejected membership because of their love for the democracy which so many died to create and defend.

The conceit of Tony Blair knows no bounds. How dare he claim that the minority who voted against leaving the EU feel disenfranchised when he seeks to disenfranchise the majority who do want to leave? It is precisely this sort of attitude displayed by the political elite which makes the people despise the politicians. While most Britons have little time for some of Jeremy Corbyn's policies his challenger for the Labour leadership, Owen Smith, has made clear that, were he to be Prime Minister, he would call a second referendum. What arrogance!

Obviously all decent people oppose racially motivated hate crime but to connect such deplorable actions with the EU referendum, as some Remain supporters have sought to do, is a slur on those who voted to leave, a decision not based on any animus to our European neighbours, but because of a desire to see control of our

country returned from the hands of unelected bureaucrats to our own people, acting through their democratically elected representatives. Britain will remain a multi cultural society, even though it will no longer be part of the European union. In fact its greatly increased global role will ensure that it will be open to the world, unlike the inward looking EU. Contrary to the image portrayed by the media, of the main parties now in existence, the one which most represents the ordinary working person is undoubtedly UKIP and it is clear that there is now a great opportunity for the party to fill the void left both by the warring factions of Labour and the large pro EU section of the Conservatives.

In response to those who have unjustly called us ignorant, unintelligent, uneducated, racist or xenophobic for daring to support a free Britain I say the following. You are stupid as you cannot recognize the realities of the EU, arrogant in your refusal to accept the will of the people, undemocratic, bordering on fascist, in your demands to rerun, or ignore the clear result and totally lacking in patriotism as you continue to denigrate our nation merely in an attempt to prove your insane predictions about certain disaster resulting from leaving correct. We shall flourish, once more true to ourselves, and I suspect that in a few years time we shall be amazed that we ever doubted the need to reclaim our nation from the dead hand of Brussels. I have no doubt that within a short time we shall see such an improvement in all aspects of our national life and economic well being that only those bemoaning the loss of their places on the EU gravy train will question that the the decision to leave was absolutely right. The British people should ignore them and instead look forward to the better future which is now in prospect. We now have the opportunity to put the interests of our people first, provided that the will of the people prevails and that the decision taken on the 23rd of June is fully implemented.

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TWENY YEARS AGO

BY DEREK BENNETT

If my wife could ever change a moment in history it would be the day, roughly twenty years ago, when I asked her a question. After becoming more and more frustrated regarding our membership of the European Union and watching the steady erosion of our sovereignty and democracy, I was wound up and ready to go the minute the right moment came along, and minutes before I asked that question I had been reading a publication sent to me from Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party - which was when I asked the question.



Derek Bennett: twenty years of active campaigning against the EU.

very important with the press and cameras there as we went in. This was when I met one of the chaps who had taken our training session and I mentioned to him how proud I was to be selected. He replied: "Do you know why we selected you?". "I don't know" was my puzzled reply, hoping he would say it was my wit, good looks and charm. "It was that photo of you and the dog that did it" he said, which put me in my place. If it had not been for Tess, my lovely old pooch, my political career may never have got going all those years ago.

At the time I was sitting at my desk in our small family business and my wife was working nearby when I asked: "Shall I put my name forward to stand for Parliament?" "Yes, I think you would make a good MP" came the reply, and from that moment on twenty years ago our lives changed and my active political life began.

I filled in the form and posted it, a few days later I got a call asking me to attend an interview. So one day in September 1996 I arrived on time in a hotel not far from my home for an interview with Jeremy Page, who I got on with extremely well. He remarked that I was just the sort of chap they were looking for and was then asked to attend a 24 hour training come selection course, which I duly did. This was quite intensive and we had a crash course on election law, campaigning and election do's and don'ts. We were all asked to provide photos and the best photo I had of myself was with my dog Tess, so I handed that photo in.

Nearly a month went by and then I had the call - would I stand for the RP in Walsall North? I had done it. This was a couple of days before we were due to attend the RP conference in Brighton, including an invite from Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith to a swanky do in the Grand Hotel. We turned up at the Grand feeling

I stood in the 1997 general election gaining the average Referendum Party vote of 3.5%. However, from there lots of thing began with my membership of UKIP as soon as the election was over. This newsletter began as the 'Walsall North Referendum News', a stint on the UKIP NEC, a candidate in a further four general elections as well as countless local elections followed.

Over that twenty years I have seen attitudes change from blank looks from people who knew nothing of the EU, many I spoke to in those early days did not know what the EU was or the fact we were members. We have all changed things in our campaign to what we have now, what we have done has been an incredible feat over those years. By the time we were into the Referendum Campaign everyone knew about the EU and the majority did not like what they were seeing - our work over those twenty years has changed every thing - including the lives of my wife and myself.

Had my better half known what she was in for that fateful day twenty years ago this month there is a good chance she would have said: "No, don't do it". However, we would have missed out on being part of one of histories great moments for our country - all of us in our campaign should be proud we did our bit, which started for me twenty years ago.

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A CONSTITUTIONAL OUTRAGE

The independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon, has described any attempt by the House of Lords to delay or block legislation designed to implement Brexit as “a Constitutional outrage.”

Lord Stoddart, commenting on the recent controversy over remarks made by some Peers suggesting a rebellion against the Brexit



Lord Stoddart of Swindon: attempts to block Brexit a constitutional outrage.

mandate said: “It would be quite outrageous for Peers, many of whom are former EU officials drawing EU pensions to try to obstruct Brexit, which is the will of the people. It would put the Lords on collision course with the people of this country, which is a position in which they should never place themselves. If they were foolish enough to attempt to do so, I believe the next national referendum should be on whether or

not to abolish the House of Lords!

“**My colleagues** in the Lords would do well to remember that the Brexit vote was the largest vote for anything in the history of our nation. According to a study by the University of East Anglia, had Vote Leave been a political party, it would have won a huge landslide of 421 Parliamentary seats. That would equate to 65% of all seats and 73% of seats in England and Wales.

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