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## NO DOOM & GLOOM PLEASE, WE'RE BREXIT

Despite the Christmas message of doom and gloom put out by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev Justin Welby, who said there was a mood of uncertainty after the events of 2016, for the majority of the people who voted sensibly to leave the EU now is a time of great hope and optimism.

**Those who lost** have been doing their best to talk down the new prospects now opening up for their own country. Just to prove themselves right they want the UK to fail, they don't care what harm their negative message gives. Despite this, the signs are all there that Brexit is going to be a resounding success.

**In the Boxing day** edition of the daily Telegraph it reports that two-thirds of British businesses are "optimistic" about their future now the UK is to leave the EU. Added to this and the boom in the economy since the Brexit vote, even

experts such as the previous Bank of England Governor, Lord King, has denounced the gloom mongers by saying the economic costs of Britain leaving the EU have been "exaggerated".

**It has even been** revealed in a leak that Her Majesty the Queen, speaking in private, was backing Britain leaving the European Union, although the Monarch, as Head of State, does not give her political opinions in public.

**The people** of the UK now have a great future to look forward to as we free ourselves of the dead weight of the EU and its burdensome bureaucracy. It is those who remain in the EU who have a great deal to fear as the European project goes from crisis to crisis of its own making. Although little reported the Greek economy is in serious trouble due to the folly of the euro, here in the UK we have a new beginning.

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## THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS

BY COLIN BULLEN

It is customary at the end of a year for commentators to assess the year just finishing and as usual we have been treated to the endless opinions of those who like to think that they are the experts. However, as has been rightly pointed out, if 2016 has shown one thing above all it is that self appointed experts in the field of politics, finance and social affairs are not to be trusted and that their views, far from being objective analyses, are nothing more than the result of their own prejudices and groupthink.

**Despite the millions** of votes won by UKIP in the 2015 general election we entered the new year with the so called liberal political consensus still in charge of the UK, continuing to trap us within the EU, while in the United States a well meaning but ineffectual president looked set to pass on the reins of power to another of his party who shared his particular view of the world, having largely destroyed the power base of the main opposition. We leave it with the UK on its way out of the EU, the liberal consensus in tatters, and an incoming American president with diametrically opposed policies to his predecessor, whose party now controls both the House and the Senate. How many of the experts saw any of this coming, and how they have squealed as their cosy club finds itself suddenly thrown on the scrapheap!

**Of course** those of us who were out on the streets during the early part of the year, fighting for a Leave vote in June, were far more aware of the feelings of the ordinary people than were the denizens of the Westminster village and their creatures in the media. The enthusiasm which greeted us on the street stalls and on the doorsteps was in complete contrast to the picture painted by the out of touch elite but clearly, judging by the shock and horror with which the latter received the result of the referendum, they really believed their own propaganda.

**The losers** have spent the second half of the year in denial, while at the same time doing all they can to overturn the democratic will of the people, frequently claiming that the Leave campaign had deceived the poor, gullible electorate while the supporters of Remain had of course behaved in an exemplary manner, so it is worth recalling just what despicable lies the latter uttered.

**'Project Fear'** involved the most ridiculous claims by all the major elements of the pro EU elite if we were to dare to vote to leave, from the Prime Minister downwards, including, inter alia, the Bank of England, the IMF, the Treasury and the CBI. We were told that interest rate would rise and asset values would fall steeply, while the Chancellor of the Exchequer declared that there would need to be an emergency budget. The Prime Minister prevailed upon

his ally President Obama to interfere, promising to put the UK at the back of the queue for any trade deal, while Cameron even tried to make our flesh creep by warning of a Third World War.

**In America**, despite the predictions of their governing elite, and so called opinion formers, Donald Trump spoke to those who had seen their hopes destroyed by the policies of the selfish inhabitants of the Washington Beltway, as he won a famous victory over the arrogant political class. Whether he will be able to achieve what he has promised is a question for the future but his success, and that of Brexit supporters in the UK, can truly prove to be a watershed in the affairs of the Western democracies.

**What has become** clear is that those who shouted loudest about respecting democracy have proved themselves to be arrant hypocrites, who only believe in the will of the people if it accords with the wishes of the elite. The list of those now declaring 2016 to be a terrible year includes the BBC, the left liberal press, many know nothing luvvies and celebrities and, of course, the politicians who have found themselves on the wrong side of the argument. That they are still trying to reverse the decision, through the courts, parliament or even by reviving 'Project Fear' shows just what sort of people they are. They should be treated with the contempt they deserve.

**It might seem** unkind to intrude on their private grief of the EU but, after the way they have responded to British democracy, perhaps we should point out that the Emperor has no clothes. The sacrifice of Greece, and now Italy, on the altar of the common currency, the devastation being caused by the migrant crisis, and Mrs Merkel's insane policy of open borders, and the reversal of democracy in Turkey are but some of the problems that point the way to a grim future for the European project. That these problems may be overtaken by even worse news for Brussels in 2017 is obvious and it may be that the EU will collapse before we have had time to leave, another reason to grasp the nettle now and go tomorrow.

**It hardly needs** saying that the threats of the Remain camp have all disappeared in the light of the new dawn, Britain striding forward towards a bright future, as our old friends around the world clamour to welcome us back, and every economic indicator shows we are on the way to growing prosperity. The fall in the value of sterling was overdue and will have the same beneficial effects as did our exit from the ERM in 1992 and from the gold standard in 1931. For us, and for the USA, 2016 can be the start of a new and marvellous chapter in the stories of our nations.

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## A BRUSH WITH A STROKE BY DEREK BENNETT

Us chaps are very naughty, our wives tell us to do things such as get our blood pressure checked and we, arrogantly say: 'I'm ok, there's no need to bother the doctor, I don't want to hang around at the surgery as I have too many other things to do'. By not taking notice, unbeknown to me, my blood pressure had gone up resulting in my stroke on Saturday 19th November.

**That Saturday** had been not a bad day, I did a job at home in the morning, had a bath then popped into the Lyndon House Hotel, which is our favourite watering hole in Walsall, then off to the cinema on the afternoon to see a film. It was when the film finished my stroke began.

I **stood up** to go home and wondered what had happened to my right leg, I presumed it was due to how I had been sitting. I wobbled out of the cinema, got to my car and drove home and then began to lose more of my right side.

**My wife** called an ambulance which arrived quickly, the paramedics were astonished with how high my blood pressure was and I soon found myself in A & E and on the stroke ward of the Walsall Manor Hospital where I spent just over a week before being transferred to a place where they specialise on getting people like me active again, where I spent another three weeks.

**After losing** the use on my right side I now have some use back but not full control, I am walking with a stick, very slowly, but I have a way to go yet.

**This means** that although I will continue to try to produce a Euro Realist Bulletin each month, I fear what I can do for a while will be limited. However, as they say, after my brush with a stroke normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

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