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## GOVERNMENT ON THE HOOK

Pressure from **UKIP** MEP, Mike Hookem, has forced the Government to finally engage with fishing communities and the public over their plans to keep the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) using Theresa May's so-called 'Great Repeal Bill'.

**However**, in an unusual move, the Government sent out a questionnaire to signatories asking for their views on how the UK fishing industry should look in the post-Brexit age.

**The questionnaire** came the day after Mr Hookem criticised the Government's contradictory response to his petition, which stated we would 'regain our rights to manage our fisheries', but would maintain the status quo by adopting EU fisheries legislation. He said "I know it is highly unusual for the Government to send out a questionnaire to respondents after they have already replied."

"**The fact** that the Government have done this signals to me that they are starting to understand the depth of negative feeling out there regarding a second betrayal of our fishing industry." Mike Hookem wants a 200-mile exclusive economic zone.

*Wishing all Euro  
Realist readers a very  
happy Christmas*



## UNDERMINING BREXIT

Although the Prime Minister, Theresa May, has declared that the date for the United Kingdom to leave the EU has been set, and we will leave on the 29th March 2019, there are concerns how much of the European Union's laws will continue to have influence over UK laws.

**It has been** reported in the press that Mrs May is under pressure from at least one senior minister to make a compromise regarding the powers of the EU judges after Brexit. This has created alarm amongst Eurosceptic ministers and Brexit campaigners as such a move makes a nonsense of Brexit because the EU will still have power and influence over the UK.

**By allowing** the ECJ powers this would mean the British Supreme Court would not be the highest court in the UK. Many who voted leave in June 2016 referendum based their votes on regaining full power from the EU, to allow EU laws to override UK laws undermines Brexit.

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## FATEFUL DAY

### BY CHRISTOPHER GILL

The 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 was the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parliamentary debate of John Major's so-called 'Paving Motion'.

**This was a novel** device by which he sought to satisfy himself that he had sufficient support on his own benches to proceed to ratify the Maastricht Treaty or, to give it its proper name, the 'Treaty on European Union'.

**When the House met** at 14.30 on that fateful day I had sufficient pledges of support from sympathetic anti-EU colleagues to ensure that the motion was defeated. In point of fact, acting as Whip for the rebels, I had a potential majority of 10 in the bag, so to speak.

**Realising** that the Government was in real danger of being defeated, Major and the Government Whips then went into overdrive to persuade, cajole, pressurise, threaten and/or intimidate my pledges so that between 6 pm that evening and the vote at 10 pm the rebel majority was entirely eroded and the Government scraped home with a derisory majority of 3!

**If only just two** of those who ratted on their pledge to oppose the motion had not gone back on their word the course of British history these past 25 years would have been dramatically different.

**This was not Major's** finest hour. The Conservative Parliamentary Party was deeply divided on the question of European economic and political Union and yet he was determined that it should be completed, regardless of the cost. The price he paid, of course, was the ignominy of an unprecedented loss of support at the ensuing General Election in 1997 and the Conservative Party condemned to 13 long years in Opposition.

**Aspects of history** are now in danger of repeating themselves. The Conservative Parliamentary Party remains divided on the Europe question, as is the Labour Party.

**The Conservative Government**, by failing to act decisively, has placed Britain in the position of being a supplicant at the EU table and for its part, the Labour Opposition continues to seek political advantage whenever and wherever it



Christopher Gill RD:  
Maastricht rebel.

can find it. It shouldn't be like that!

**In the circumstances** where the main political Parties are split and to all appearances are destined to remain so for the foreseeable future, the final arbiter must surely be the people.

**On 23<sup>rd</sup> June** last year the people spoke. In the Referendum they voted by a decisive majority to 'Leave' the European Union. They didn't vote to 'Remain' and nowhere on the ballot slips was there an option to vote to 'Negotiate'.

**David Cameron**, the man who, only under enormous pressure from UKIP, granted the Referendum in the first place and had assured us that he would deliver whatever the outcome, immediately quit rather than honour his pledge.

**His successor** delayed and delayed before finally serving notice on the European Commission in March this year that we would be leaving under the Article 50 provisions and we now find ourselves negotiating heaven knows what – on terms dictated by the EU !

**All that** we do know is that our Government, instead of making it clear beyond a peradventure to the EC that we are leaving the EU and all its institutions, has opened a veritable Pandora's Box which all and sundry are exploiting for all its worth – not just the EU itself, but all the Opposition Parties and not least, all those Remainers who are persuaded that the majority, who last June voted for the restoration of parliamentary sovereignty, got it wrong !

**It would** be a brave person to bet on the eventual outcome of the negotiations but a wager that they will either end in deadlock or that our Government will make wholly unacceptable concessions looks like a pretty safe bet.

**Already** the Prime Minister has offered £20 billions as an inducement to speed up the negotiations - every penny of which will have to be borrowed and added to Britain's already massive and growing National Debt – whilst I am surely not alone in thinking that, given our previous generosity, we owe the other EU countries absolutely nothing!

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**More than once**, with British blood and treasure, we have liberated them from tyranny and it is plain for all to see how we have, at least in part, paid for infrastructure projects throughout the EU, the likes of which we would dearly like to have here at home.

**With the help** of so-called 'EU money' supplied by taxpayers in the relatively few net contributor countries we see, for example, splendid new roads and railways in the Irish Republic and on the continent which we ourselves

are denied.

**Theresa May** needs to take courage and once and for all stop the nonsense of trying to buy off her opponents at the cost of selling her own supporters and potential supporters down the river.

**Charity** really does begin at home and in current circumstances she should realise that not just her own future but the future of her Party, this nation and all its people are what is truly at stake.

**Christopher Gill** was the Conservative MP for Ludlow from 1987 to 2001, he has been a member of UKIP since 2006.

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## WHAT IF WE HAD LOST?

BY DEREK BENNETT

In the run up to the 2016 referendum, someone asked me what will happen to UKIP if we lose the referendum? My reply, as a long standing and committed UKIP member, was that I was more concerned what would happen to UKIP if we won on June 23rd.

**My concern** at the time was that by winning people would consider UKIP's job to be done and, as such, there would be no further need for the UK's only true anti-EU political party. To a certain degree my fears have been born out, especially considering the two elections in 2017, the local and general elections, in which the UKIP vote plummeted as people returned to their old parties thinking it was safe to do so - but of course, this was the most foolish thing they could do as we have still not left the EU yet and are still under threat from it, and its Quislings, based here in the UK.

**We are now** witnessing a resurgence in the ranks of the remainers, who last year were defeated and demoralised. They are being covertly funded by the EU and are organising to wreck the democratic will of the people, while we in UKIP have been waiting for our leadership to sort itself out - we have had a wasted summer and not been vocal enough regarding the threat of the EU and its sycophants calls for a second referendum, which even that they have wrong as it would be the third referendum since 1975.

**This brings me** to the question, what would have happened had we lost the referendum? The first thing for those of us who have campaigned for democracy and sovereignty would have been, like the remainers last year, utter depression and a feeling of hopelessness. However, would we have given up? The answer would have been a resounding 'no'. After a month

or so licking our wounds we would have regrouped and knowing the battle had just got very much harder, we would have been even more determined to leave the EU than ever before and worked much harder for that positive end. In reality the remainers are doing exactly as we would have done had we lost.



Derek Bennett: 'remainers demoralised.'

**Ironically**, one of the biggest boosts to have helped us, had we lost, would have been the actions of the EU and remainder MPs themselves. After being warned of disaster and all the other pro-EU scare stories if we left the EU, which was the tactic the pro-EU campaigners used, it would have quickly been realised by a duped electorate these were just scare stories and lies. Following a 'Remain' vote the EU and its followers would have acted very quickly, the vote would have been like a green light to accelerate the federalist project to full speed. Things would have changed rapidly, the first being the route for any further referendums and the opportunity for the people to have their say being eradicated quickly.

**It would** not have taken long for people to realise the 'Leavers' were right all along as the facts and warnings we gave about the EU quickly begin to become real. That would have been when the voters realised they had been well and truly conned by the pro-EU brigade. Parliament and our Government would have been sidelined by

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new EU laws, rules and directives that would have been rapidly introduced by the EU. The battle for UK democracy and freedom from the EU would have got a lot harder but, at least, the people would have woken and realised how foolish they were to listen to the lies of the remainers. The realisation of what a terrible error they had made when the topic of scrapping our pound sterling, to be replaced by the EU's euro, had become a reality as part of fully integrating us into the EU.

**David Cameron** would still be our Prime Minister happily overseeing the destruction of Parliamentary democracy, there would not have been a general election in 2017 and the EU would be gloating. However, by then the people would have fully awoken to the fact they had been betrayed by those they trusted and the UKIP vote would have soared. Sadly, the voters have been lulled into thinking they are safe because none of the above happened and they no longer think they need UKIP - but they do - more now than ever.

**UKIP** and all those who worked so hard to achieve that historical and wonderful vote on the 23rd June 2016 should now be working every

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bit as hard to counter the 'remainers' treachery. We should be organising 'Brexit means Brexit' marches and rallies, we should be holding mass events outside Parliament on the days the EU Repeal Bill is being debated to remind the MPs that the 'Leavers' are the majority and we are still here. Sadly, those being most vocal currently are the 'remainers'.

**Several years ago** one of the UKIP branch Chairman I used to see a lot of as his Regional Organiser, used to complain that our UKIP MEPs should be protesting outside Parliament by chaining themselves to the railings rather than "poncing" around in Brussels and Strasbourg. That always made me smile and I would have to remind him of the vital work they do on behalf of us all. However, I am now wondering if we should not all be chaining ourselves to the railings demanding 'Brexit means Brexit' and for that lot inside to get on with our instruction made in the referendum. We did not lose, thankfully, but if we allow our politicians to continue doing all they can to wreck Brexit we will be in that same terrible place. It's time to get campaigning again.

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**BOXED INTO A CORNER**

**BY JOHN PETLEY**

In early November, we reached the point when we are now nearer to the day we actually leave than to the day we voted to leave. This landmark should have been a day of anticipation rather than the apprehension which many Brexiteers currently feel.

**Our concerns** revolve around the government's lack of a feasible exit strategy. On the one hand, with the talks with the EU not making progress, some are saying we should give up and rely on so-called "WTO rules" after Brexit. On the other, an outline "transitional arrangement" is being touted which, to all intents and purposes would see the UK continuing as an honorary EU member, paying into the coffers of Brussels, subject to all the current legislation but having no say.

**Both these options** have major flaws. Firstly, the "WTO rules" or "no deal" scenario would be catastrophic for certain sections of the economy. We may enjoy complete regulatory convergence with the EU up to Brexit day, but this makes not a shred of difference. The EU is primarily a political project, not a trading bloc. Outside the EU treaties, we will become a "third country" and must seek a new arrangement for

allowing products to cross into the EU, including addressing many non-tariff rules. Supporters of this option not only ignore these issues but assert that the average WTO tariffs are so low as to be negligible. True to a point, but some sectors would still be hit. The motor industry for example, would suffer tariffs in the order of 10%.

**Equally nightmarish** is the "transitional deal". The EU is willing to play ball, but its guidelines are quite unequivocal. We would still be stuck with all the disadvantages of EU membership from which we voted to free ourselves. We would still have to abide by the Common Fisheries Policy, we would be unable to start trade talks with other countries, we would have to accept freedom of movement of people and the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice – and what is more, if a longer-term deal was not signed off at the end of the transitional period, what guarantee would there be that it wouldn't merely be prolonged? – essentially pushing our real exit from the EU further down the road. This isn't a real Brexit.

**Thankfully**, such a "transitional deal" is likely

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to be a non-start due to the complexities of signing it off with the EU. It would probably require a treaty just like a long-term arrangement. Anyhow, a number of figures from the EU, including their chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, have said, politely but firmly, that we have not made sufficient progress on the three sticking points of the Irish border, the “divorce bill” and the rights of EU nationals resident in the UK for talks on any sort of trading arrangement, interim or otherwise, to begin. Also, any interim deal along these lines would clearly not be acceptable to many of Mrs May’s backbenchers and indeed, some members of her cabinet.

**So the government** has boxed itself into a corner, trapped between two disastrous options. Is there anything else out there to save us?

**Thankfully**, there are - or at least were - several. Robert Oulds of the Bruges Group produced *What will it Look Like?* which set out in some detail how the customs and inspection issues could be resolved by March 2019 if both parties got down to serious negotiations straight away. This option would have given us good access to the EU’s Single Market without being part of it. It would have been good to see the government try running with this, but the timescale is now too tight. The bird has flown as far as this option is concerned.

**This leaves us** with off-the peg arrangements. One suggestion mentioned to me recently proposed using the EU-Ukraine association agreement as a template. This would give us a considerable degree of access to the EU for trade but would not involve us having to accept free movement of people. Here again, however, the problem is time. The template would still need to be adapted to the UK’s very different circumstances and this particular template is more than 2,000 pages in length. Could it be re-worked and signed off by March 2019? Again, most unlikely.

**Because of** the government’s dithering, the time has passed for signing off the sort of deal we would ideally like in time for Brexit day. The least bad alternative, at least for a transitional arrangement, is to re-join EFTA and access the Single Market along the lines of Norway, especially if we were to avail ourselves of the so-called “Liechtenstein compromise” and restrict EU migration using Articles 112 and 113 of the EEA arrangement.

**Naturally**, I am fully aware of the many objections which many Brexit supporters raise. As an interim deal, however, it beats hands down Mrs May’s transitional deal. At least we would be out of the jurisdiction of the ECJ, free from the CFP, outside the Customs Union and the Common Foreign and Security

Policy, free to strike our own trade deals and paying a much lower fee to access the Single Market while business would feel more relaxed. We would be subject to about 1 in 4 pieces of EU regulation, not 100%. The bottom line is that Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein are not members of the EU. If we availed ourselves of this option, nether would we be.

**There is another** aspect which is often overlooked – re-joining EFTA would place the whole of the Eastern North Atlantic under EFTA control, apart from Ireland’s 200 nautical mile area. It would also reinvigorate an organisation of which we were one of the founder members – an organisation set up to provide a truly free trade only alternative to the European project. A reinvigorated EFTA would be the final nail in the coffin for Iceland or Norway ever joining the EU and crucially, we would be adding our signature to an arrangement which already exists rather than having to negotiate any new deal.

**No Brexit supporter** of my acquaintance sees this as a long-term solution, but at least we would be out of the EU in a far less damaging way than the Scylla and Charybdis of “WTO rules” or a transitional arrangement which in effect keeps us locked in for two more years. At the moment, I am far more concerned about the consequences of a crash-out than the machinations of the remoaners. In the real world, outside the Westminster bubble or some universities, most people have lost interest in Brexit. Whichever way they voted, they just want to government to get on with it. The Blairs and Cleggs of this world are voices crying in the wilderness, even though parts of the media give their every utterance far too much coverage. A disastrous recession-inducing Brexit would provide them with just the platform they are seeking to drag us back into the EU. I personally would be happy with the less-than-ideal arrangement of EEA/EFTA just to keep them at bay.

**More than this** – the best way of ensuring that we will never re-join the EU is to see it undermined. EFTA hardly registers on most people’s radar. Our re-joining it would flag it up and particularly if we were able to leave the EU fairly seamlessly via EFTA, others may be encouraged to follow us through this particular door. The EFTA option may prove quite appealing to Serbia or even Turkey. For these countries to turn their backs on the EU would be another body blow which would further weaken its credibility. Even our brainwashed young people might begin to see that the EU is not the be-all and end-all. In short, EEA/EFTA may not be the best outcome in the current Brexit battle, but it will help us win the war, which is what really matters.

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**most Tory MPs have no desire for electoral  
 meltdown in 2022.**  
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## HONOURING SACRIFICES

BY EDWARD SPALTON



Edward Spalton: CIB  
President.

On November 12th as we attended Remembrance Sunday parades, perhaps we should consider the words of the German Chancellor concerning the European project - “ We must create a . . . European Economic Association to include France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Austria, Hungary ...Italy, Sweden and

Norway....All members will be formally equal but in practice under German leadership and must stabilise Germany's dominance over central Europe”. (Theobald von Bethmann Hollweg, Imperial Chancellor, 9 September 1914).

**The European Union** is well-suited to these long-nurtured ambitions. It is noteworthy that the states of Central Europe are today becoming increasingly restive under their predetermined subject role in this geopolitical construct. For home consumption, today's German politicians occasionally refer to their “benevolent hegemony” over the area. Few would deny that it is exercised in a more enlightened way than earlier attempts – but hegemony means hegemony, just as Brexit means Brexit.

**This geopolitical** *Weltanschauung* predates the political unification of Germany and remains influential in academic and political circles. One eminent German businessman broke free from the mental shackles of the past in a rousing speech in the House of Lords on 24 October by invitation of Lord Fairfax at a meeting arranged by Global Britain. He was Dr. Markus Krall, Managing Director of Goetz Partners in Frankfurt.

**He contrasted** the top-down, authoritarian rigidity of the EU project with the long-standing tradition of liberty typified by the Britain's parliament. He said “ Germany is probably the one country in Europe that was emotionally and intellectually least prepared for the news that a majority in the United Kingdom had decided to call it quits with the European Bureaucratic Union.... We Germans – regrettably- have a tradition of belief in the infallibility of government. While the liberal school of Anglo-Saxon origin views the state and its bureaucracy with a healthy dose of scepticism, this is not so between the rivers Rhine and Oder”. **Let us hope** that Dr. Krall's refreshing wind of change will blow through the corridors of power in Germany and Europe. We can then look forward to honouring the sacrifice of our war dead in the reasonable expectation of a happy “Concert of Europe” - something like the “Europe des Patries”, envisaged by General De Gaulle and the association of countries advocated by Winston Churchill.



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## HATE YEAR BY COLIN BULLEN

Those who know George Orwell's novel *1984* will be aware of his description of the daily two minute hate, and the annual Hate Week, when the populace is expected to express unreasoning hatred for the enemies of the ruling party. We, in the real Britain of 2017, have been experiencing what can only be described as Hate Year, although it seems likely to extend far beyond twelve months.

**When the results** of the EU referendum became clear the political establishment and their creatures in the media, and among so called opinion formers, were so shell shocked that they initially seemed to accept that the people had spoken, many saying that the wishes of the electorate must be respected. Of course, within a few months, they had regrouped, and we have now been subjected to an increasing volume of lies, ridiculous prophecies and downright hatred, directed at those who have dared to oppose their traitorous views.

**Although** I do not use so called social media, as it is totally dominated by those who are ignorant of facts, and who seem to consider that the right way to conduct a debate is to heap personal abuse upon others, I have attempted to answer some on the BBC forum, before realising that the same people also infest that outlet. Recently, when pointing out to one that his contention that supporters of the Leave campaign were inevitably rightwing was incorrect, as so many past and present Labour figures also opposed membership of the EU, I received a reply which ignored the names given and merely referred to me as a "mouth breathing elderly racist". This illustrates the mental level of those whose support for the EU seems based on nothing more than an hysterical refusal to believe that the proud British nation can survive without direction from arrogant EU bureaucrats.

**Of course**, those whose intelligence is somewhat greater than the swamp dwellers of social media (I can exchange insults with the best of them!), do not express their hatred in such terms, but use patronising language, implying that we of the Leave campaign are just poor misguided fools, who do not understand what is involved and should really listen to their betters. These include the organs of the liberal left such as the *Guardian*, the relics of the *Independent* and the selfish, incompetent denizens of the City, who nearly destroyed the economies of the Western world in 2008 and whose mouthpiece is the *Financial Times*. Naturally one must not forget the overpaid, tax dodging, uninformed spokespeople of the BBC, an organisation which has betrayed its founding principles, and one which I am sure Lord Reith would reject as unworthy of his vision. The bias shown is so



Colin Bullen: political establishment reneged.

blatant and constant that it becomes almost laughable.

**Among the froth** of society we see a supposed satirical magazine such as *Private Eye* turn its back on years of criticising the EU in order to spew bile at those who have dared to point out that the Emperor has no clothes. Alternative comedians, the type who think it clever to attack the Queen, or Christianity, or the views of ordinary people, but who carefully avoid provoking the ire of the Islamist fundamentalists, are almost, although not quite, of one voice in applying their limited talents to attacking Brexit, and of course,

that other target of the liberal left, Donald Trump. Football pundits, many of whom it turns out are avoiding tax on their already bloated salaries, and obscenely overpaid members of the luvvie profession, who managed this year to make a mess of their most prestigious awards ceremony, think themselves qualified to give their anti democratic opinions from the lofty heights of their celebrity.

**Naturally** the worse of the hate mongers can be found among the politicians, whose contempt for the electorate drips from every pore, and who are determined to protect their enhanced career structure, and well paid European sinecures, even if it means sacrificing the interests of their own fellow countrymen. Those who really stand for the interests of the people, such as Priti Patel and Boris Johnson are subjected to attacks far more virulent than is justified by their so called faults. Recently the Remainers have thrown up a smokescreen for their treasonous activities by promoting an overblown campaign concerning supposed sexual harassment, based largely on unsubstantiated allegations, not proven facts.

**Finally**, one should never forget that this sort of hate propaganda is not confined to the UK. Donald Trump, elected by the American people sick of the incompetence of the liberal elite, who have done so much damage to their country, is a target of the same set of anti democratic forces, while those in other European countries, putting forward Eurosceptic views, and thereby succeeding at the ballot box, are dismissed by the liberal chatterati as right wing, almost fascist, when in fact they are nothing of the kind, merely being people who are concerned that their nation not become a part of a federal state.

**As always** Orwell knew the nature of the enemies of democracy and those of us now facing them must never allow ourselves to be deterred or defeated by those whose motives are self serving, and who would betray everything this country has fought for over centuries.

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## ONE YEAR ON BY DEREK BENNETT



Derek Bennet: enjoying a beer in the Lyndon House Hotel.  
Photo courtesy of Craig Winyard.

See anything unusual in the above photo of me enjoying a pint of Bathams real ale in my favourite watering hole, the Lyndon House Hotel in Walsall? For those who remember receiving an incomplete Euro Realist rather late a year ago last December, I am holding my beer in my right hand.

**This time** last year to consider holding anything in my right hand was an impossibility after suffering the stroke which took away most of the use on my right side. I consider myself extremely fortunate to have made such a good recovery during those twelve months.

**I am eternally** grateful for the dedication of the nursing staff and doctors at Walsall Manor Hospital, as well as Hollybank House where I went after and was put on the road to almost full recovery. One year on I am around 95% back to normal. I am also grateful to all of you who sent e-mails of support at the time. It is sad to say the powers that be now want to close the stroke ward at Walsall Manor and move it to another hospital several miles away.

**One year on**, along with all of you, I am still in the campaign and working for our final goal - full and complete Brexit



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