



encouraged by the vigour of his speeches.

Lord Pearson of Rannoch, who worked extensively with Lord Stoddart in the House of Lords over many years, said: David Stoddart will be hugely missed in the Lords, even by those who disagreed with his passion to take this country out of what he saw as the corporatist project of European integration. He was forensic in debate, sure of his facts, firm but kind in how he put them as well as good natured and humorous outside the Chamber with those who didn't agree with him

Not bad for someone born the son of a coal miner in the Rhonda Valley, who rose via grammar school to take his place in the Lords, and to see what in 1962 was a very lonely vision brought towards fulfilment.

We have lost a truly great and generous man.

In the coming weeks we hope to expand this very short, inadequate summary of a long life of great political courage and principle by sharing some recollections of his colleagues. If you have any special memories of Lord Stoddart that you would like to share, please do get in touch.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.