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## THE COUNCIL CHILD SNATCHERS

**Racket makes £4.5 BILLION for social workers, psychiatrists and lawyers**

**C**ouncil workers and firms of solicitors are milking £4.5 billion annually from Council Tax by snatching children from their parents on the false pretext that they need to be taken into care.

The resulting court battles, council specialists and consultants are then able to stretch out the custody, care, foster and adoption procedures for a year or more, pocketing around a £million per child.

All this is paid for by our taxes, used in the most evil extortion imaginable, wrecking innocent children's lives and devastating the lives of parents, all for private profit.

### Isolating defenceless mothers

The racket begins when social service officers identify defenceless parents, preferably a single mother. They then snatch her child or children, quoting a false deficiency in her parenting.

The next step is to call in their own consultants, either themselves or their associates, to prepare expensive psychiatric reports on both the children and the mother, for which they pay themselves as much as £25,000 a month in additional fees. They follow this by calling in solicitors, one set for the council social services, the other a firm to represent the mother. However, our information suggests the one pretending to represent the mother is actually working for social services too.

The two sets of solicitors then work together against the interests of both the mother and child, dragging out the affair for as long as possible, demanding more psychiatric reports, often taking the mother into care too. The solicitors bills grow to hundreds of thousands of pounds, hundreds of thousands more with deliberate delays, adjournments and retrials; the social services staff make fortunes out of consultancy fees.

The trauma the mother goes through is unbelievable; the trauma the children suffer with the separation and moving around inside the ghastly council care system can be with them for life; it is as traumatic as child abuse. None of that matters: there's a million to be shared between council workers and solicitors.

### Secret network

This exploitation is managed via the EU's Common Purpose (CP) organisation. Common Purpose is like a freemasonry society operating secretly inside and outside government. If social workers need a firm of solicitors to act corruptly, the Common Purpose network has solicitors as members. If they need to shut up parents or grandparents, the CP network has members in the police who will harass or arrest them on trumped up charges. If they need external psychiatrists to falsify reports, CP has members who will do it. Common Purpose members in the Council Complaints Department ensure complaints by parents are buried. There are even magistrates and Judges in Common Purpose.

The former Chairman of the Law Society herself, Janet Paraskewa, is in Common Purpose. That may explain why corrupt lawyers are protected, instead of being struck off by the Law Society. The £800 million firms of solicitors scammed from the government's compensation for miners is an example of how corrupt lawyers are, and how they protect themselves. The Serious Fraud Office had to be called in to get investigations started into solicitors like Beresfords.

Maria Wallace, Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall Police, who had to leave hurriedly, is also in Common Purpose. Common Purpose has been set

up to run local government after the European Union abolishes our 19,000 councillors and our 48 counties.

You may see details of similar cases of child abuse by Council Social Services departments at [www.fas-sit.co.uk](http://www.fas-sit.co.uk) or [stopinjusticenow.com](http://stopinjusticenow.com). A recent case is as follows:

### Melanie's hell

It started in Bournemouth; Melanie's children were taken by their father. Bournemouth County Court awarded Melanie, aged 23, custody, and she returned to Falmouth with her children to live with her parents, Paul and Elaine Garvey, on 27th October 2005. Melanie had post natal depression after a difficult birth and a caesarian with her daughter, who was 5 weeks premature. Those were the excuses the council used to pounce.

In November Cornwall County Council Social Services said Melanie could not look after her own children, and they forced her to move out of her parents house. Mr and Mrs Garvey continued to look after them.

### WESTMINSTER NEWS EXCLUSIVE STORY

In December 2005 Melanie was put on heavy medication for over a year (600mg a day of Quietepane "enough to bring a grown man to his knees"). In May 2006 social worker "A" came to their house and left saying "I'm off on a snatch now." That was a foretaste of the future.

In June 2006, Social Services snatched Melanie's two children, now aged three and a half, and eighteen months old, from the Garvey's nice family home and put them in foster care with a view to having them adopted. They were devastated. A Dr "B" wrote a report in September 2006 saying Melanie had learning difficulties. This is extraordinary; Melanie has 10 GCSE's, and a City and Guilds in hairdressing and beauty treatments. He also accused her of substance abuse; she's never taken harmful substances and has hair strand analysis reports to prove it.

Then Melanie was told she would have to live with her children in an assessment centre in Swindon, Wiltshire, if she wanted them back. After a further 4 months she passed the assessment with flying colours, even though drugged with Quietepane while being assessed. Cornwall County Council said they would stop the adoption and look for a house for Melanie. Mr and Mrs Garvey suggested a second house owned by a family member, and then a flat they could rent. Cornwall County Council rejected both.

Just before Melanie left the assessment centre one of the staff verbally assaulted her son and shook him violently, and Melanie complained. Dr "C", who runs the assessment centre, changed the report from good to bad. Social worker "A" and Dr "C" got Melanie in a room and told her she had to sign the children over for adoption or they would be split up and put in different foster homes. Melanie, who said she felt like a zombie on Quietepane, still had the sense to refuse.

About this time she was led to believe Dr "C" was paid a consultancy fee of around £75,000 for the three months by Cornwall County Council. In March 2007 Melanie and the children were then moved into a foster family in Devon. There are three pit-bull terriers in the house - she is terrified. "A" has seen them; is that why he chose that foster family? "A" visited and again threatened Melanie with the children being moved up country and being split up. He has verbally bullied and tortured Melanie for a year now.

Social Services staff recommended a firm of Plymouth Solicitors to represent Melanie. They had gathered no evidence for Melanie and did not fight her

corner in court. In fact their main contribution has been to write threatening letters to Mr and Mrs Garvey and get a court injunction force them out of the proceedings altogether. Melanie is isolated, controlled by Social Services.

Melanie spent the 19th to the 23rd March 2007 in Truro County Court. Cornwall County Council had a barrage of "Expert witnesses" falsifying their statements to suit the Social Services line. The trial was effectively rigged - the only person to speak up for Melanie was the CAF-CAS representative.

### Incompetent or Common Purpose?

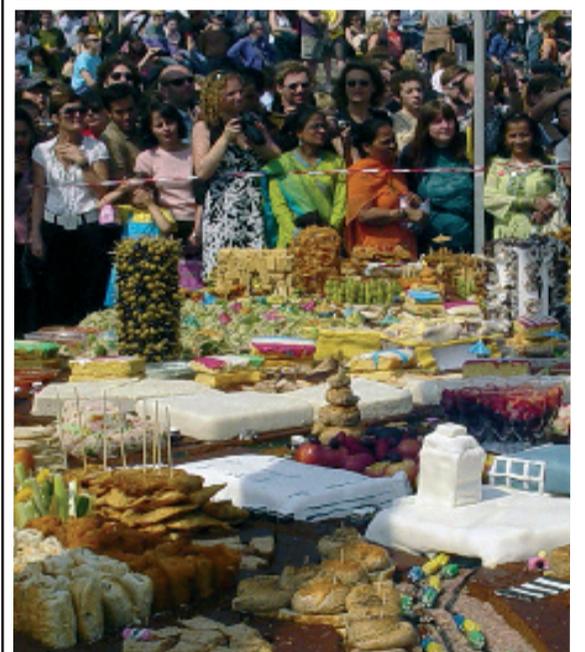
Judge Vincent ruled in favour of the council - we ask is he incompetent or a member of Common Purpose?

The barrister appointed for her was equally useless, and Melanie quotes her as saying "I'm off to get my money now; don't worry you'll see your children in 16 years." (Barristers have to get a legal aid signature from the court before they can be paid.)

The Judge granted Cornwall County Council both a care order and a placement order for adoption. Now Melanie had lost her children, they told the Garveys she would be taken off the Quietepane - but she still seems to be on it.

As all Paul Garvey's attempts to get his grandchildren back through official channels have been blocked by the council, he has put signs up on the main A39 and outside his house telling the public the County Council are child snatchers. He soon got a call from the police threatening to arrest him.

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Thousands of people hungry for city life interfaced in Trafalgar Square recently for "Eat London" to celebrate an event organised by the London International Festival Theatre. More details, page 4.

**"Why I became a Council Rates rebel" - see page 4**



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# 'Brain responsible for high blood pressure, not heart'

**LONDON (AFP) - The brain, not the heart is responsible for high blood pressure, according to details of a study by British researchers released recently.**

that hypertension, which can lead to heart attacks, strokes and kidney damage, is an inflammatory vascular disease of the brain rather than the heart, as previously thought.

They discovered that a protein located in the brain, JAM-1, trapped white blood cells, which can then cause inflammation and obstruct blood

flow, leading to poor oxygen supply to the brain.

Professor Julian Paton, from Bristol University, western England, said the findings could lead to new ways of treating the condition.

### Blood flow

"We are looking at the possibility of treating those patients that fail to respond to

conventional therapy for hypertension with drugs that reduce blood vessel inflammation and increase blood flow within the brain," he added.

"The future challenge will be to understand the type of inflammation within the vessels in the brain, so we know what drug to use and how to target them.

"JAM-1 could provide us with new clues as how to deal with this disease."

Conventional treatment for reducing high blood pressure includes eating low fat food, reducing salt intake and regular exercise.

The associate medical director of the British Heart Foundation, Professor Jeremy Pearson, said: "This exciting study is important because it suggests there are unexpected causes of high blood pressure related to blood supply to the brain.

### Poorly managed

"It therefore opens up the possibility of new ways to treat this common, but often poorly managed condition."

About one in three people in Britain and more than 600 million people worldwide are thought to suffer from hypertension.

The findings are to be published in the next edition of medical journal Hypertension.

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# New £24million school for North Westminster

Westminster will be getting a brand new £24 million school in September after a funding deal was struck between the Government and academy sponsors ARK.

The King Solomon Academy at Penfold Street will be sponsored by charitable trust, ARK Schools, and will open its doors to pupils in September. In the long run it will offer places to 840 pupils between the ages of four and 18 and part time nursery education to 60 three-year-olds in an area of the city where the number of primary school children is projected to continue rising.

Work on a new state-of-the-art school building will begin in 2008 and secondary school places will be offered from 2009.

Cllr Sarah Richardson, Westminster City Council's Cabinet Member

for Children's Services said: "It is extremely good news that a deal has been reached so this new academy can go ahead as planned.

"The King Solomon Academy will offer families in the north of Westminster greater choice for their children and will help address the increasing need for school places in the city.

## Priority

"Our priority is to ensure all children in Westminster get the best possible education available to them. ARK shares this vision and we look forward to working with them to continue improving education in the city."

King Solomon is due to offer places to 60 four-year-olds in September and two years later the school will offer its first secondary and nursery places. It

will be the first school in Westminster to offer both primary and secondary education.

The majority of the multi-million pound funding for the school will come from the DfES, with the Council and ARK each putting around £1.5 million towards the building costs and future running of the academy.

King Solomon will be the third academy to be opened by Westminster City Council. Westminster and Paddington academies opened in September 2006.

The academies complement the Council's Building Schools for the Future programme, funded by Government to the sum of around £150 million. Together they will provide more choice to parents and deliver the Council's aim of raising achievements in all the city's secondary schools.



Community Intersection at the Lime Jelly traffic lights

Above, left to right: Councillor Jyoti Vaja, Mayor of Islington; Paddy Chatterton of Eat London organisers Life: London International Festival Theatre; Nicky Gavron, Deputy Mayor of London; Councillor Sajid Jawaid, The Deputy Mayor of Greenwich.

Thousands of people hungry for city life interfaced in Trafalgar Square on Saturday 28 April for Eat London to celebrate an event organised by the London International Festival Theatre (LIFT) which brought together educational and community groups from around the capital such as the Organic Café which provides a three year food and cookery course for people with learning impairments. A multicultural crowd enjoyed the areas of London rendered in edibles as much as the outdoor furniture and water features of Trafalgar Square in the sunshine.



Above: "Stall helpers" - a group of volunteers working with the Organic Café and Nu-Life stalls.

## Not your bog standard toilet: Council launches luxury loo

London's first bespoke toilet was installed in the West End last week.

The "toilet-pod", which cost £52,000, is egg-shaped and has been likened to an "igloo" by the local community who worked with the architect on the design.

It has been specifically designed for local children, community groups and disabled users who can find it difficult to locate a suitable loo in Soho

- an area renowned for its bustling nightlife.

A 108ft meter crane - one of the biggest mobile cranes in the country - will today lift the toilet to its site on Wardour Street.

Stephen Johnson, the architect behind the toilet, said: "It's been a pleasure to build and I'm so excited about the launch. This has been a really worthy project and it certainly brings the art back into going to the toilet."

Eye-catching photography from award-winning artist Elaine Duigenan will decorate the inside of the toilet which took six weeks to build. Local residents and visitors will also be invited to showcase their art within the loo.

Measuring 12ft in height, comparable to the height of a bungalow, it has been carefully crafted out of local woods - chestnut, oak and other softwoods and will be heated and

insulated to keep users warm in the winter.

Westminster City Council and Soho Green contributed to the cost of the toilet, said it would be a valuable addition to local amenities in the area.

Councillor Alan Bradley, Cabinet Member for Street Environment said: "The toilet is a wonderful idea and it has been a pleasure to work with the local community in delivering such a central feature to

the area. Not only is the toilet functional but it's also a piece of art"

## The Council Child Snatchers

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Demonstrating with signs is of course not an offence. But under the government's new legislation he could be arrested on this trumped up charge - or indeed not charged at all, and held for 18 days.

He is worried with every knock on the door - presumably the intent behind the threat in the first place. But he's prepared to go to prison if it gets Melanie her children back.

Melanie's appeal was on the 9th May 2007 at the Appeal Court in the Strand, Westminster. The court costs were astronomical - and lawyers delayed matters further by demanding a full retrial in July. The total costs to your taxes are already over a million; clearly Social Services plan a larger jackpot from this case. The Garvey's have seen the Barristers fees quoted at £35,000 per hour.

We have documentary evidence that Cornwall County Council is working to adoption targets - they plan to snatch children regardless of the rights or wrongs of the case.

Mr and Mrs Garvey have been to the Council Complaints Department, which works at three levels. They send you from one person to another

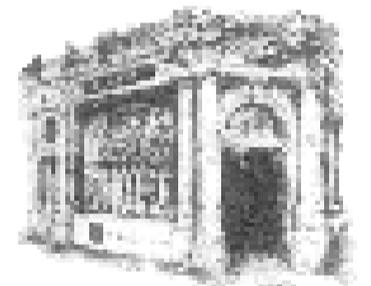
until you get back to where you started from. The Garveys were warned no one who's children have been snatched get past the first level, and their complaints are buried. Many people in the Council Legal Services department must know exactly what is going on, and perpetuate this horror.

Mr and Mrs Garvey have been to the top - to the Ombudsman, who repeats the line he cannot be involved until the case is over. By the time he consents to be involved, the children are usually adopted and it is too late.

We know Cornwall County Council is too steeped in corruption to act on this, so the Westminster News will present this case to the Serious Fraud Office, the Police, the Crown Prosecution service, and the Audit Commission, in the hope one of these bodies is sufficiently free of Common Purpose staff they can still act with honesty.

We ask they investigate our charges of child abuse and this fraudulent method of obtaining public funds. Finally we ask Cornwall County Council that Melanie and her two children are immediately returned to the lovely and loving home from which they were stolen, and permanently left in peace.

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## CONSTITUTION AND POLITICS



# 'Issues that turned me into a council rates rebel'

**As one flagrant breach of the Constitution is piled onto another, Mrs. Elizabeth Beckett is one of those who is prepared to stand up and fight.**

When she discovered that her council tax bill was being used as a vehicle to extract money from her for a European Union inspired regional assembly, she went on the offensive.

## Treason

She had launched four legal cases against the government citing erosion of the Constitution, Breach of Contract, Breach of Trust and for Treason and Legal Fraud. Each time her paperwork was sent back marked "No such case known in Law".

Now she is refusing to pay the local tax on her Old Vicarage house in Alston, Cumbria, and has been the subject of considerable harassment by bailiffs.

Mrs. Beckett, whose father

was Ronald Brymer Beckett, a High Court Judge, has researched the Constitution and states that there are three general principles governing the system of raising money for public purposes by compelling the payment by individuals of sums of money called taxes.

1) Subjects of every state ought to contribute to the support of the Government as nearly as possible in proportion to their respective abilities; that is, in proportion to the revenue that they respectively enjoy under the protection of the state. In the observation or neglect of this maximum consists what is called equality or inequality taxation.

## Arbitrary

2) The tax that each individual is bound to pay ought to be certain and not arbitrary. The time, manner and quality of the payment ought to be certain and not arbitrary, clear to the contributor and to every other person.

3) Every tax ought to be so contrived as both to take out and

## - Eighty two year old daughter of a High Court Judge

keep out of the pockets of the people as little as possible over and above what it brings into the public treasury of the State.

## Immigrants

Mrs. Beckett, who was a District Officer's wife in India, believes that adding onto local taxes the cost of illegal immigrants or local assemblies that are a link to the European Union, itself a body not allowed under our Constitution, are illegal. Money raised for local councils should be described as a service charge, not a Tax.

Mrs. Beckett says the adding to our Service Charges of other items stems from the 1911 Parliament Act when the Marxists, Socialists, Fabians and Sinn Fein and the Liberal Government under Asquith took the power of Taxation from the King and the scrutiny of the Lords, so that the party

that gets into power can tax in any way they like without any supervision or control.

"That Act is to this day illegal, but the words used to destroy the Lords were the same words used to get rid of the Queen's authority," she said.

## Power

"Our Constitution is clear: We the people hold the power (we are a democracy but we are also a Constitutional Monarchy) but for the power of Government and giving assent to Bills, we give the power known as the Royal Prerogative, to the Queen to govern. She governs in our name and according to the laws that we brought on to prevent her or the people in Parliament, from taking over power.

"Unfortunately this has been done both in the 1911 Parliament Act and in the Reform of the Constitution Act of 2005

when Blair and Faulkner took over the power we had given to the Queen for her lifetime. They then gave to Parliament the right to decide on whether or not to go to war instead of putting the power under our laws that say we cannot go to war unless someone is attacking us."

Last week Mrs. Beckett was told by a senior civil servant that Acts of Parliament now go straight into Law. They no longer require Royal Assent because that the Queens agreement is automatic due to Queen Anne being the last Monarch to refuse to accept a Bill passed by both Houses.

"This is not in fact true as both George III, Queen Victoria and Edward VII all sent Bills back. This is a very serious matter as it means that all Bills that have not had assent are in fact invalid. "What this government has done is take from the people

their inherent power under the Constitutional Law. This is the birthright of the British people and their sovereignty under the Act of Settlement."

The fact is that the British people are now fighting a 'war from within.'

## Enemies

The strategy of our enemies is:

- 1) **To abolish the Monarchy and all ordered Government.**
- 2) **To abolish private property.**
- 3) **Abolish Patriotism and Nationalism.**
- 4) **Abolish the family unit.**
- 5) **Abolish organised Religion.**

The intention is from there to take over the world.

## "THE GLORIOUS REVOLUTION"

*Cornerstone of the British Constitution:*

## The Bill of Rights, 1689



**The Bill of Rights Act, 1689 passed through Parliament after the coronation and on December 16, 1689, the King and Queen gave it Royal Assent passing it in to English law. Never again would English monarchs claim their power came from God as The Bill of Rights Act, 1689 represented the end of the concept of divine right of kings, which was one of the issues over which the English Civil War had been fought. It also made kings and queens subject to laws passed by Parliament, this has been called the "Glorious Revolution".**

The *Bill of Rights Act, 1689* was part of a package of laws that reformed the English constitution at this time with the other two being the *Toleration Act, 1689* which promoted limited religious toleration and the *Triennial Act, 1694* which prevented the King from dissolving Parliament at will and placed a legal requirement that general elections had to be held every three years.

### Key Points

In addition to listing the transgressions of James II the *Bill of Rights Act, 1689* legislated on some very important issues:

- "It hath been found by experience that it is inconsistent with the safety and welfare of this protestant kingdom to be governed by a popish prince." Roman Catholics were barred from the throne by this Act.
- "That it is the right of the subjects to petition the king, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal" The right of free petitioning was reinstated by the Act.
- "That the pretended power of suspending the laws or the execution of laws by regal authority without consent of Parliament is illegal." The Act places a prohibition against arbitrary suspension of Parliament's laws by the sovereign.
- "That levying money for or to the use of the Crown by pretence of prerogative, without grant of Parliament, for longer time, or in other manner than the same is or shall be granted, is illegal" The Act limits the sovereigns right to raise money through taxation, with the consent of Parliament being needed.
- "That election of members of Parliament

*ought to be free"*

The Act guarantees the sovereign will not interfere in the free & fair elections of Members of Parliament.

- "That the freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament" The Act guarantees the freedom of speech of Members of Parliament within parliamentary debates or proceedings - This means that MP's are free to say things that could be considered libellous or otherwise illegal while participating in parliamentary debates without fear of prosecution in the civil or criminal courts.
  - "That the raising or keeping a standing army within the kingdom in time of peace, unless it be with consent of Parliament, is against law" The Act makes it illegal for the sovereign to keep military forces within the kingdom in time of peace without consent of Parliament, which is one of the reasons the military is funded on an annual basis by parliament.
  - "That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted" The act makes the imposition of excessive fines or cruel punishments illegal.
- Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons assembled at Westminster, lawfully, fully and freely representing all the estates of the people of this realm, did upon the thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-eight present unto their Majesties, then called and known by the names and style of William and Mary, prince and princess of Orange, being present in their proper persons, a certain declaration in writing made by the said Lords and Commons in the words following, viz.:
- Whereas the late King James the Second, by the assistance of divers evil counsellors, judges and ministers employed by him, did endeavour to subvert and extirpate the Protestant religion and the laws and liberties of this kingdom;
- By assuming and exercising a power of dispensing with and suspending of laws and the execution of laws without consent of Parliament;
  - By committing and prosecuting divers

worthy prelates for humbly petitioning to be excused from concurring to the said assumed power;

- By issuing and causing to be executed a commission under the great seal for erecting a court called the Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes;
- By levying money for and to the use of the Crown by pretence of prerogative for other time and in other manner than the same was granted by Parliament;
- By raising and keeping a standing army within this kingdom in time of peace without consent of Parliament, and quartering soldiers contrary to law;
- By causing several good subjects being Protestants to be disarmed at the same time when papists were both armed and employed contrary to law;
- By violating the freedom of election of members to serve in Parliament;
- By prosecutions in the Court of King's Bench for matters and causes cognizable only in Parliament, and by divers other arbitrary and illegal courses;
- And whereas of late years partial corrupt and unqualified persons have been returned and served on juries in trials, and particularly divers jurors in trials for high treason which were not freeholders;
- And excessive bail hath been required of persons committed in criminal cases to elude the benefit of the laws made for the liberty of the subjects;
- And excessive fines have been imposed;
- And illegal and cruel punishments inflicted;
- And several grants and promises made of fines and forfeitures before any conviction or judgment against the persons upon whom the same were to be levied;
- All which are utterly and directly contrary to the known laws and statutes and freedom of this realm;

And whereas the said late King James the Second having abdicated the government and the throne being thereby vacant, his Highness the prince of Orange (whom it hath pleased Almighty God to make the glorious instrument of delivering this kingdom from popery and arbitrary power) did (by the advice of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and divers principal persons of the Commons) cause letters to be written to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal being Protestants, and other letters to the several counties, cities, universities, boroughs and cinque ports, for the choosing of such persons to represent them as were of right to be sent to Parliament, to meet and sit at Westminster upon the two and twentieth day of January in this year one thousand six hundred eighty and eight, in order to such an establishment as that their religion, laws and liberties might not again be

in danger of being subverted, upon which letters elections having been accordingly made;

And thereupon the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, pursuant to their respective letters and elections, being now assembled in a full and free representative of this nation, taking into their most serious consideration the best means for attaining the ends aforesaid, do in the first place (as their ancestors in like case have usually done) for the vindicating and asserting their ancient rights and liberties declare:

- That the pretended power of suspending the laws or the execution of laws by regal authority without consent of Parliament is illegal;
- That the pretended power of dispensing with laws or the execution of laws by regal authority, as it hath been assumed and exercised of late, is illegal;
- That the commission for erecting the late Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, and all other commissions and courts of like nature, are illegal and pernicious;
- That levying money for or to the use of the Crown by pretence of prerogative, without grant of Parliament, for longer time, or in other manner than the same is or shall be granted, is illegal;
- That it is the right of the subjects to petition the king, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal;
- That the raising or keeping a standing army within the kingdom in time of peace, unless it be with consent of Parliament, is against law;
- That the subjects which are Protestants may have arms for their defence suitable to their conditions and as allowed by law;
- That election of members of Parliament ought to be free;
- That the freedom of speech and debates or proceedings in Parliament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament;
- That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted;
- That jurors ought to be duly impanelled and returned, and jurors which pass upon men in trials for high treason ought to be freeholders;
- That all grants and promises of fines and forfeitures of particular persons before conviction are illegal and void;
- And that for redress of all grievances, and for the amending, strengthening and preserving of the laws, Parliaments ought to be held frequently.

# UKIP in local council elections disaster

**O**n May 3rd Nigel Farage led UKIP to disaster. So bad were the UKIP results, national newspapers and TV didn't report them at all. UKIP now have an appalling total of 5 councillors nationally out of the 19,579 seats available. (Yes, that's just five.)

Even the tiny local Mebyon Kernow, with seven seats, beat UKIP nationally. Mebyon Kernow is the confused little Cornish party that wants independence for Cornwall, but supported the European Union, whose Regionalisation Plan will abolish Cornwall, and all our 48 counties, completely.

## No direction

Nigel Farage's leadership involves a good, cheerful TV performance that always misses the main points, then he resolutely follows that up with absolutely nothing. No anti-EU campaigns for his once 29,500 (now 10,000) members to fight, and no direction for his membership to follow.

Farage plans nothing but enforced idleness for Ukipers, except at election time, when he likes them to get him elected onto the EU gravy train, from which he personally makes about half a million a year.

Farage's administration and organisation is appalling. Tom Wise MEP is at last suspended from the party after years of fraud that Farage, one of UKIP's four founders 14 years ago, allowed to go on unchecked. UKIP MEP's tend to be unsavoury characters, lacking competence, with freemasonry rife amongst them.

## Financial irregularities

Farage allowed Alan Bown to contribute to the party, even though he was five times warned it was illegal, as Bown wasn't on the electoral role. As a result the Electoral

Commission levied a £363,000 fine on UKIP this year which it couldn't afford to pay; the party is technically insolvent.

Farage personally controlled the Ashford call centre from which £700,000 went missing. The centre was closed after three years without accounts ever being filed. The Electoral Commission fined Farage's administration £1,500 for failing to file accounts on another matter this year.

## Euro gravy train

All UKIP's ten leaders are on the euro MEP gravy train, and all its Regional Organiser staff are handsomely paid by the EU. As a result they've closed down the anti-EU activists in the party, and it seems none of the hierarchy still want to leave the EU.

Paying party staff who are not in Brussels is illegal, and the EU could demand repayment of the three million so far paid to its Regional Organisers in the UK. The EU can therefore bankrupt UKIP, and close it down, whenever it wishes. This is unlikely to happen - the EU would rather have the total control that threat provides.

Under Nigel Farage, UKIP has become a honey trap - attracting anti-EU activists, and neutralising them.

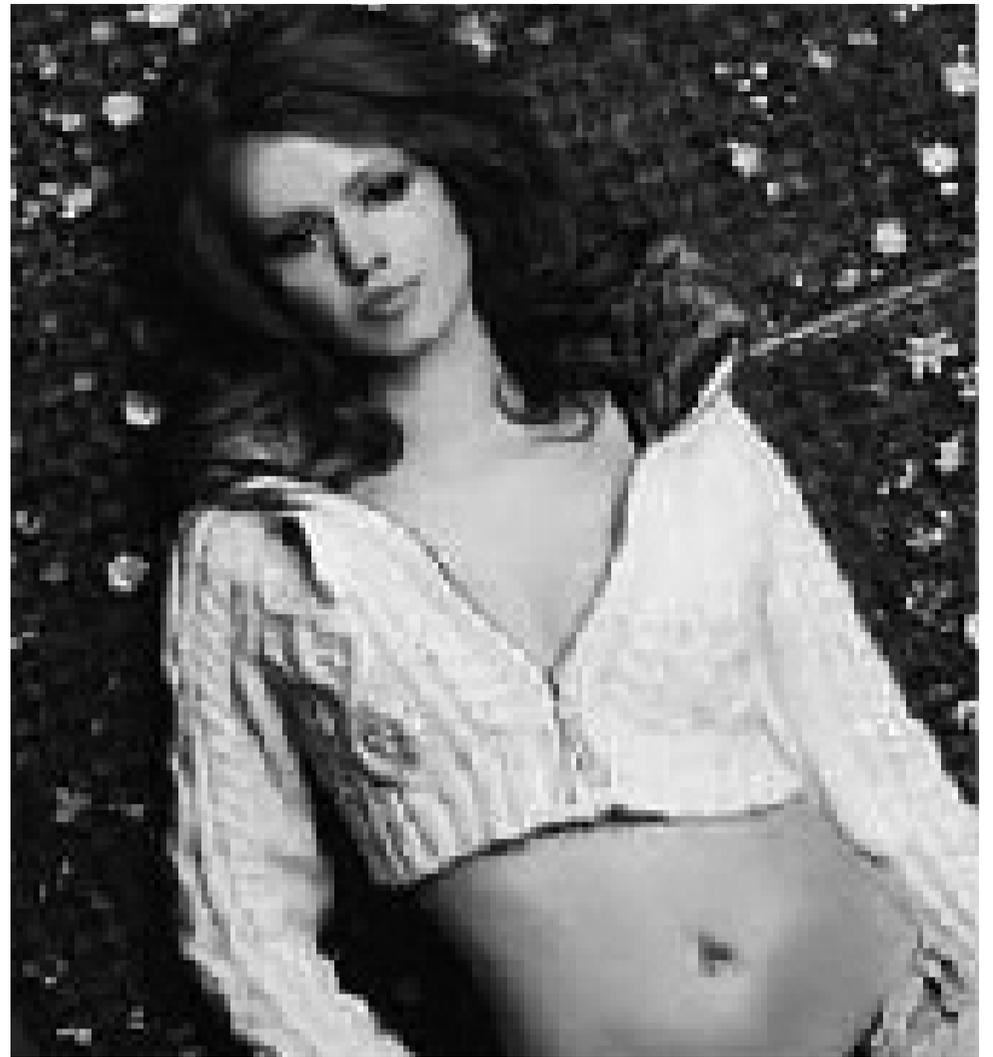
## Pub Management

Nigel's election results prove that you need more organisation than can be passed on in conversation at a bar, where he is a consistent and first class performer. He's made the newspapers for his drinking prowess - whether its collapsing in a pub, or staggering off with a prostitute who then sells her story to the News of the World.

UKIP will not fight the EU again, unless the pro-EU MEPs and Regional Organisers,

like Malcolm Wood, who are bought and paid for by the EU, are thrown out of the party.

*If you want to stop the EU dictatorship, please don't allow your time and valuable efforts to be wasted by UKIP's leaders. Fight the EU directly with the campaigns at [eutruth.org.uk/campaigns.pdf](http://eutruth.org.uk/campaigns.pdf). Or call us and we'll tell you how to start your own anti-EU newspaper.*



Miss Westminster is getting ready for the Miss Great Britain final. Clair Cooper is one of the 50 finalists, vying for the national title of Britain's oldest beauty pageant. She is the only ginger lady (inherited from her Scottish Mother & Geordie Father) to make the finals of Miss Great Britain at The Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane on Monday 21st May 2007, after a nationwide search. Comperes for the evening are the legendary Joan Rivers and X Factor & GMTV presenter Ben Shephard.

By day, Clair's job is a far cry from the glamour of beauty pageants. She is usually found in jogger bottoms as Production Manager for the award winning Jazz Café music venue in Camden, where she has worked on shows for the likes of Lemar, De La Soul, Lee Scratch Perry and Candi Staton.

This time last year, Clair was a beauty pageant virgin and was amazed to be crowned Miss London over 700 hopefuls, going on to represent the capital at the Miss England finals. She has had a great reign, including being an ambassador for the Heineken Cup this year alongside "motor-mouth" ex Leicester Tiger Austin Healy.

This year she is hoping to sway the Miss Great Britain judges who include Freddie Ljungberg, Piers Morgan, Christine Hamilton and Austin Mitchell MP.

Since moving out of the Spice Life Pub in Soho, Clair is a Holborn resident and is thrilled to be representing the City of Westminster in the next Miss Great Britain finals.

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# Books

## The Smoking Diaries by Simon Gray

Humane and eccentric, I have decided, are the qualities to look for in a diary or autobiography and Simon Gray does both with flow and aplomb. As the writer of two of the most memorable plays in my theatre going experience, *Otherwise Engaged* and *Japes*, I was highly satisfied by a narrative from which I expected huge wit, observation and a decent amount of background from Gray's life which provided the inspiration for his stage characters and stories.

As a contemporary and close friend of Harold Pinter, Simon Gray is amongst a fading breed of people whose product was shaped by innocence shattering experiences which would magnetise social workers today. Gray creatively divulges his perceptions from that point of view which provides so much context for life but which is erroneously found fault with in today's homogenised society. This diary is a stark reminder that no matter what happens in your life, what you earn or how healthy you are or conformist you are not, society must recognise your point of view as we all make valid ends out of life with applied use of the human mind. Let's not forget it!

## 1599 – A year in the Life of William Shakespeare by James Shapiro.

Although Shakespeare fans will devour this book it is a great initiation to the work of the Bard for those of us like me who have not paid his writings due attention.

Shapiro illustrates how Shakespeare proves the validity of the expression 'necessity is the mother of invention' with the way he managed his career and how he was particularly productive in 1599 near the end of Elizabeth I's reign when so much happened that shaped our world today. The Globe was erected - near where the reconstructed theatre, education trust and museum is today on the south bank - by recycling The Theatre which Shakespeare's theatre



company The Chamberlain's Men had to transport across the Thames to reposition and finance with their performances.

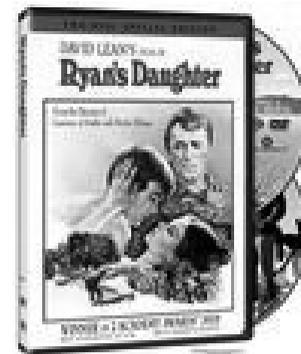
Shapiro gives excellent political, social and environmental insight into the elements that inspired and impacted Shakespeare's career as poet, playwright and actor including his shrewd mix-match of political incidents and climates from different territories such as Venice, Rome and Ireland in his work which educates while entertains the public and court in progressive ways.

# Film

## Ryan's Daughter (David Leane) 1970

This recent re-release on DVD took me back to when a cinema going experience was a spectacular occasion when productions depended on the skill of the cinematographer to impress the audience because no corners could be cut with graphics or animation.

The viewing is over 2 discs, which only adds to this experience with orchestrated music for the



introduction, interval and curtain drop.

*Ryan's Daughter* comes from David Leane, director of *Lawrence of Arabia* and *Doctor Zhivago*. This time he focuses on the daughter of an Irish publican who is central to his rural village community set in the mountain scape of the Dingle Peninsula. Rosie Ryan (Sarah Miles) sets herself apart from the village folk and seeks constant guidance from the wise local priest to fulfil her extraordinary life desires.

Cheered by the expanse of the Atlantic Ocean's distant horizon and golden sandy beaches, Rosie seems to long for a life of romance until the travelling widowed schoolteacher returns and soon become her loyal husband (Robert Mitcham).

The story is set during the Great War and British militia are stationed in southern Ireland in the fragile run up to an explosive breakdown in the relationship between the exploitative and smug British Government and our Irish cousins in 1922.

A traumatised and injured soldier with bleeding eye and false leg is the romantic hero, which is a theme lost today when shell shock and missing limbs get focused on out of all proportion and this imbalance means these – as accurately portrayed in *Ryan's Daughter* – peripheral factors need to be delicately manoeuvred around.

This film boosted the tourism trade of the Dingle Peninsula and rightly so as the views and scenery from the film can still be enjoyed today as the preservation of nature and geology against rabid property development is a valuable commodity in South West Ireland.



It is easy to imagine an Elizabethan world as Shapiro brings it to life with its telling conditions and temperament and this scintillating reminds us that Shakespeare gave enough passion to produce a huge body of work that portrayed his true mind using enough wit to inform the widest audience without political censorship.

# Music

## When the Day is Done by Mazz O'Flaherty

This CD deserves a review as it has done so many spins in my CD player as it rekindles the spirit of the Atlantic Ocean and Dingle Harbour so brilliantly. A mixture of songs about quality of life - i.e. time spent painting pictures - and nature forms such as flowers, driftwood and the ocean is interspersed with traditional Irish songs in English and Gaelic.

### **Dingle**

Mazz's father opened O'Flaherty's pub in Dingle, now owned by her brother who features on the CD, which is where the current enjoyment of traditional Irish music sessions apparently stemmed from



in the 1970s. The tunes are instant, catchy and memorable and are a blend of contemporary song-writing and

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## REVIEW with Sophie Sweatman

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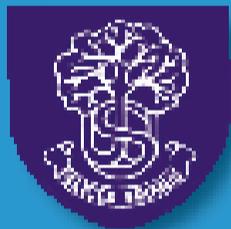
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# Council claims motorists are happy with phone parking idea!

As the London parking meter moves towards its 50th year, Westminster City Council has revealed the results of a survey in which the majority of motorists support scrapping them.

At the end of Westminster's six-month pilot scheme for Pay by Phone Parking, conducted on behalf of a number of Central London Boroughs, 60 per cent of customers favour doing away with parking meters in the capital.

### Satisfied?

Results show that 77 per cent are either satisfied or very satisfied with the new scheme, which allows motorists to pay for their parking on their mobile phone.

Over 75 per cent found it easy to set up an account and 82 per cent said the system was easy to use once they were up and running.

When quizzed on the major benefits of the scheme, around 35 per cent of motorists pointed to the coin-free process, and the top-up facility, as the big plusses.

The Council will shortly decide on whether to roll the scheme out across the city from October, and hopes that other Council's will join them in implementing a pan-

London solution. But with a resounding thumbs-up from the parking public, it could sound the death knell for the humble meter, which was first introduced in Westminster in the summer of 1958.

Councillor Danny Chalkley, Member for Economic Development and Transport, said: "We are

delighted to receive such positive feedback from our parking customers on the Pay by Phone scheme, and it confirms how successful the trial has been.

"We launched Pay by Phone Parking in October last year to give motorists a new, coin-free way of paying for their parking. Being able to top-up your meter on the move without returning to your

vehicle provides greater flexibility for motorists and helps them avoid unnecessary fines.

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**Getting up while the morning chorus are still snoozing peacefully in their nests to catch a flight at 6.45am is much easier when a comfy hotel bed waits at my destination at the Dingle Bay Hotel in Kerry, Ireland.**

by Sophie Sweatman

To avoid relinquishing essential items at security requires learning by trial and error. Yes, there might be signs at check-in, small print on my flight confirmation, it might be EU policy across Europe, and on hindsight I found a really helpful page on the British Airport Authority's website when packing to go on holiday I'm not naturally thinking about the exact size container for my contact lens solution or transparent bag to carry cosmetics in my hand luggage as turning up to fly without a passport is a much more daunting prospect than sacrificing a suspicious pot of porridge.

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Kerry Airport is locally nicknamed the Bus Stop due to its

size and I'm welcomed cheerfully at Dooley's Car Rentals counter. After an hour's drive and coffee by the beach at Inch Strand I reach Dingle at a time I would normally be waking up.

Cathleen at Dingle Bay Hotel greets me with my room and I retire to the room which can actually be called a suite and overlooks the sea and Dingle Harbour. It is the best room I've stayed in during my working life.

I go for dinner and start with the Seafood Rose Marie which is a generous portion of fresh seafood, a sauce, decent fresh salad and trademark piece of Irish soda bread.

### Quality food

The food is excellent particularly considering this is the bar menu and I have the steak, as Ireland is known for quality food sourcing, which leaves no room for pudding but rhubarb crumble is irresistible.

Music from guitar, fiddle and squeezebox starts up in the corner and it is wonderful to enjoy a live performance without amplification.

At Killybegs Bed and Breakfast, I join Tim and Irene Collins for a cup of tea with an American cousin of the Collins' and a Californian. We agree to postpone Tim's archaeological tour and they lend me a bicycle for the day

so I head off around the Sleah Head Drive.

The sun shines as I pass hedgerows of furze, which is not native to Kerry yet brightens up the farming fields with its yellow flower. A long golden beach appears ahead: Ventry Beach. The sun is shining so I stop to shed a layer beside some farmland and turn around to find a dozen young brown cows have all stampeded to the gate and are jostling for positions to satisfy their curiosity.

### Fossilised dinosaur ...

Around the corner is the Celtic and Prehistoric Museum, owned by Harris Moore from Connecticut USA. Harris says "I busked for 18 years around Europe and started wheeler-dealing with eccentric old men in New York, Germany and Spain who wanted to sell interesting items to pay off taxes." Items on sale included fossilised dinosaur poo and a Victoria handle-operated apple peeler.

Back in the saddle, a couple ride past in sporting attire and up the hill but I soon find out their superior exertive effort has earned them a punctured tyre. I call Paddy's Bike Hire for them and they wait for a replacement bike.

A short distance ahead is Dunbeg Fort which is late Bronze age dated from 800 BC. I find the historical attractions here well organised and very accessible. For such a remote seeming location I'm surprised when my mobile

phone rings and I make arrangements for the evening to meet Veronica, joint owner with her husband Tom of two sea view bed and breakfasts and self catering accommodation in Dingle.

Opposite is the Stonehouse Restaurant where I had the best seafood chowder I've tasted which sustained me for the whole bike journey. It's amazing that a building that blends so well into its environs was only built ten years ago. The Famine Cottages, a row of farm workers' dwellings built before the Potato Famine of 1845-50, now an outdoor museum, sit further up on the hillside.

The Beehive Huts were habitation for farmers 2,000 years ago and seem to me now like a symbol of longevity as we can share awe-inspiring views of the coastline with prehistoric ancestors. Spiritual life, farming and shelter are still in harmony here today and the continual domesticity of these sites puts the lives of the earliest settlers here into perspective with ours today. With an empty bottle of Kerry Spring water in hand I was aptly directed to a tap to refill with water straight from the mountain spring. It was delicious.

The road passing Sleah Head, the most westerly tip of Europe, winds along the cliff side with an ancient stone wall protecting road users from the sheer drop into the sea. I cross a ford where a stream flows from a mountain lake down to join the ocean water.

An old stone road leads to a golden sand beach which featured

in the film Ryan's Daughter. At Dún Chaoin a similar path winds its way down to where the Ferry crosses to the Blasket Islands where people lived from Medieval times to 1953 and from whence came literary works including Maurice O'Sullivan's Twenty Years A' Growing. A hostel is now where author Peig Sayers lived and Tomás Ó Cíomhthain wrote An Islander.

As most of the shortcuts disappeared into clouds I stuck to main route which was easy riding with a much greater fraction being flat or downhill then up with many interesting places to rest, eat and shop on the way.

### Beaches and coves

For those with large bicycle baskets there is the Holden leather workshop particularly good for handbags, Louis Mulcahy's pottery showroom and Tig Sleah Head for clothing, a tea stop and unofficial museum for the film Ryan's Daughter.

It would be a waste to visit the Dingle Peninsula without gazing at the view that greets me around the next corner of beaches, coves and the distinct rock formation known as Three Sisters. Pity it is April as the Atlantic looks very inviting for a swim.

**To be continued. in next issue**

## Local Independent Retailer Ownership Benefits Whole Community

**I WAS DELIGHTED** when I returned from a self catering holiday last year in County Kerry, Ireland, to find that my local Budgens store had been transformed and now resembled the Garvey's Super Valu store in Dingle which had so impressed me during my stay in Ireland.

It turns out that this is because Budgens and Super Valu are both part of the Musgrave Group. As Ireland's largest wholesaler, the Musgrave Group has long been a champion of independent retailers and is committed to supporting the local communities surrounding its stores. In 2004, Budgens began selling its corporately owned stores to independent retailers.

The majority of Budgens stores are now independently owned, but still operate in partnership with Budgens who supply them with fresh, quality produce six days a week. Apart from being a vital community resource providing variety and character to their local areas, these independent retailers can offer a real personal service and access to some interesting local products that you just won't find in superstores.

### Independent Ownership

In the run up to National Independents Week (4-10 June), which promotes and celebrates independent retailing, Bruce Hodgson, who took on the Budgens store

on Munster Road last October, says: "Independent retailers tend to be much more involved in their community - we're local and proud of it and I believe the customer relationship is much more important to us than to corporate businesses. I talk to my customers regularly and can react quickly to their suggestions and requests."

### Local Sourcing

British farming, locally produced goods and specialist, premium food producers are attracting the support of Budgens stores. Hodgson says: "People are increasingly on the lookout for locally sourced products. While partnering with Budgens means we have daily deliveries of premium fresh food and groceries, we also have the flexibility to introduce local suppliers and products and it's something I'm keen to do. For example, we're trying a new fish supplier called Jefferson's, who was the closest we could find to London."

### Speciality food producers

"The smaller local suppliers care about what they are doing and they do it with love," says Hodgson who is genuinely enthusiastic about the products and service he gets from small food producers. "Food should be all about passion. With all these interesting artisan products it's great fun, too. It interests our customers, it gives us a further point of difference

from other stores and it helps these terrific producers to build their business."

### Supporting British Food

Budgens has long been a supporter of the Red Tractor Assurance Scheme and all Budgens' own label fresh meat and poultry is British, as are fruit and vegetables in season. "Why would you want to eat imported asparagus when it's growing in our fields right now?" says Hodgson.



For the fourth year running Budgens are sponsoring British Food Fortnight (22 September - 7 October) and Hodgson is right behind it. "British Food Fortnight celebrates everything that's great about British food and it does a good job of raising awareness of where our food comes from, especially with school children."

### Educating Customers

Bruce Hodgson says Budgens gave the Black Farmer his first big break. The

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Bruce Hodgson, owner of Munster Road Budgens

Black Farmer, AKA Wilfred Emmamel-Jones, makes a fantastic range of sausages and he recently came to the Munster Road store to do a tasting and meet the customers.

Hodgson remembers: "He was flamboyant and really engaged the customers. Giving people the chance to taste products is so important and it's even better when they can meet the people who made them."

### Participation in the Community

Does a store like Budgens sit well alongside smaller local stores? Hodgson reckons so. "Together with other independent stores we offer diversity and choice. A mix of stores makes shopping locally a more enjoyable experience and I believe it benefits communities as a whole."

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6. Our armed forces and police have been told they will swear a new oath to the EU, or be fired.
7. Its 111,000 regulations will rigidly control our personal lives - more so than any nation in history.
8. EU regulations now cost us £100 billion a year. (Better Regulation Commission annual report 2005)
9. When enforced, those regulations will destroy hundreds of thousands

of small businesses.

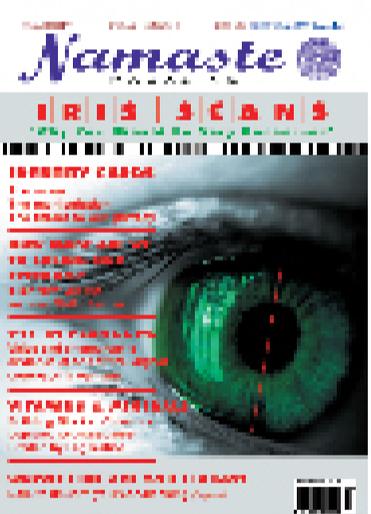
10. Millions will be unemployed after EU regulations close small businesses.
11. The 111,000 regulations will make us subject to continual arrest (SOCPA 2005).
12. There are now 3,095 "Crimes against the EU state" on the British statute book.
13. We will be stopped on the street for continual checks on our EU ID cards from 2009.
14. The EU Constitution will replace the British Constitution (currently planned for May 2009).
15. Under the EU Constitution, there is no place for the Westminster Parliament, which will go.
16. The EU's Road Pricing and then ID chips will keep the state informed of our exact position.
17. Huge taxes/fines by the EU's Road Pricing, Congestion Charging and global warming policies.
18. The EU Regionalisation Plan will abolish our 48 counties in favour of 9 EU regions.

19. The 9 EU regions will report direct to Brussels, not to Westminster, which will be defunct.
20. The EU Regionalisation Plan will abolish our 19,579 councillors.
23. British common law mainly replaced by EU corpus Juris by 1992. Government is now above the law.
21. Police have shot 30 innocent people dead since 1992 with no successful prosecutions.
22. 1,000 deaths in police custody since 1992 and no prosecutions.
24. Police Shoot to Kill policy now in force; illegal under British common law, OK under EU corpus juris.
25. EU conceived on 22nd June 1940 - speech on forming the EEC by Herman Goering.
26. Hitler, von Ribbentrop, and Herman Goering designed the EU.
27. After fall of Germany, the Germans switched the EU from a Nazi to a communist basis in 1946.
28. Hitler's Deutsche Verteidigungs Dienst Intelligence Department (DVD) now controls the EU.
29. Edward Heath, Geoffrey Rippon, Roy Jenkins recruited by the DVD in 1958 as saboteurs.
30. DVD has arranged finance to put pro-EU ownerships into British newspaper groups.
31. EU has been sabotaging Britain with German Frankfurt School techniques since the 1950's.
33. The EU's main subversive organisation in Britain, Common Purpose, is run from the ODPM.
34. The EU's Common Purpose has trained 24,000 local leaders for "the post democratic era"
35. Common Purpose has been inside the NHS for 20 years, controls it, and has wrecked it.
36. Common Purpose has 400 staff inside the BBC censoring out anti-EU news and and current affairs.
37. Common Purpose has staff in hundreds of local newspapers censoring out anti-EU news
38. Common Purpose is transferring

- power from councillors to the unelected council executives.
39. Common Purpose has built the EU gravy trains inside local and national government.
40. Common Purpose has built most of Britain's 8,500 quangos costing us £124 billion pa
41. These quangos bribe compliant, pro EU local officials and businessmen with £150,000+ salaries.
42. EU quangos are the reason our council tax is going through the roof.
43. The EU is utterly corrupt and cannot account for 95% of its expenditure (yes, ninety five % lost)
44. The EU has over 200,000 offshore bank accounts from which to pay bribes.
45. We now lose £30 billion a year trading with the EU. Outside, we had an even balance of payments.
46. EU Constitution is similar to the Soviet - EU Commissioners similar to Soviet Politburo members.
47. The EU parliament is a sham with no power - just like the old Soviet parliament.
48. The leadership of the Conservative Party has been controlled by the EU since the 1960's, and Labour and Lib Dem parties controlled for over a decade - that's why your vote doesn't count.
49. 1997 Amsterdam Treaty gave the EU control of our immigration, now running at a million a year.
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## BELIEF

# America leads the way in abolition of religion in schools



**The breakdown of morality of young people in Britain is on the increase despite our teaching religious studies in our schools.**

A teacher from California currently working within our Education system is stunned that we teach Religious Education as part of the National Curriculum. Back home, she tells me, she is banned from discussing religion with her students and if she was to teach it, she would be instantly dismissed. If parents want their children to learn about Christianity and world religions, there are schools that charge hefty fees. Only a few American families are able to afford them.

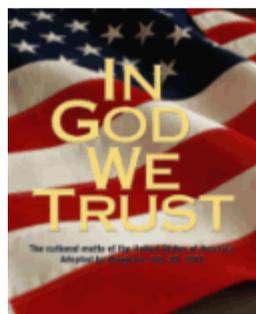
The motto "In God We Trust" was put on America's coins largely because of the increased religious sentiment existing during the Civil War. Records from the United States Department of the Treasury show a letter from a Reverend M. R. Watkinson of Pennsylvania dated November 13, 1861 which read as follows:

*"Dear Sir:  
You are about to submit your annual report to the Congress respecting the affairs of the national finances. One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked. I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form on our coins. From*

*my hearth I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters. To you first I address a subject that must be agitated".*

A somewhat flowery and sentimental letter that seems very much out of place in today's world.

However it prompted an immediate response from the U. S. Department of the Treasury as the following reply was sent on November 20, 1861:



*"Dear Sir:*

*No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins.*

*"You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition."*

The Act of Congress dated January

18, 1837 prescribed the mottoes and devices that should be placed upon the coins of the U. S. A. This meant that the Mint could not make changes without the enactment of additional legislation by Congress. In December 1863 the Director of the Mint submitted designs for a new one cent, two cents and three cents coin to the Treasury for approval. In a letter to the Mint Director on December 9, 1863, the Treasury stated: *"I approve your mottoes, only suggesting that on that with the Washington obverse, the motto should begin with the word OUR, so as to read OUR GOD AND OUR COUNTRY. And on that with the shield, it should be changed so as to read: IN GOD WE TRUST."*

A law passed by the 84<sup>th</sup> Congress and approved by President Douglas J. McKay on July 30 1956, approved a Joint Resolution of the 84<sup>th</sup> Congress, declaring IN GOD WE TRUST the national motto of the United States.

## Atheists fight back

The Atheists of America are fighting back. They are obliterating the "In God We Trust" motto from dollar bills; others are using rubber stamps or inserting their own messages like "In Reason We Trust" or "Keep Church and State Separate".

Some would like to see a return to the secular "E Pluribus Unum" "One

From Many" that was used earlier in the nation's history. Into the fray comes The American Family Association. They have launched a national poster campaign which they wish to see displayed in every American classroom.

## Dislike

Their website states "In a time when many are working to remove any acknowledgement of God from our public life, these words are legally sound, since they were officially adopted by Congress in 1956".

I decided to have a look for myself and went "Googling". The American Atheists' website directed me to the British Humanist Association website and I trawled through that, too, for some time.

One of their leading lights is Ms Polly Toynbee, a regular contributor to *The Guardian*. She and her family have never hidden their dislike of the nation state - being strong supporters of the European Union and fervent atheists.

Peter Hitchens, columnist for *The Mail on Sunday* and Richard Littlejohn of *The Daily Mail*, have regularly referred to Ms Toynbee as a member of the liberal elite they see as bringing about the downfall of British moral values. The world she, and others like her are building, is a scary place. How long until our classrooms have no reference to morality, spirituality, decency?

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# Free theatre festival website opens

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The new website - at [www.westendlive.co.uk](http://www.westendlive.co.uk) - provides a detailed history of the event as well as information about the world-class acts performing at this year's event which include Lord of the Rings, Avenue Q, Dirty Dancing, Chicago, Stomp, Mamma Mia, Drowsy Chaperone and Wicked.

The event - organised by Westminster City Council - will also feature other musical and dance acts, live broadcasts, arts workshops and interactive exhibitions from some of the capital's best known attractions including the Science Museum, the London Dungeon, the Wallace

Collection and the National Gallery.

Further highlights include exhibitions by comic superstore Forbidden Planet, Film London, the Serpentine Gallery and BAFTA.

The website also features pictures from last year's event which attracted more than 130,000 people over the course of the weekend and featured guest appearances from West End stars Bonnie Langford and Tom Conti.

Visitors to the website can also access the latest information about the West End including theatre shows, shopping, food and drink, travel information and nightlife.

Councillor Robert Davis, Westminster's Cabinet Member for Special Events, said: "We are thrilled to have so many top acts confirm their appearance at West End live. Their support and

backing is proof of what a major event West End Live has become.

"There is no other free event like it in London. From the very best that Theatreland has to offer to the latest children's shows, there really is something for everyone."

The festival is set to attract more than 100,000 people over the weekend of June 23 and 24 from 12pm to 6.30pm.

It will be held in Leicester Square which will be transformed into a huge open air venue with a giant outdoor stage to showcase the best of the entertainment and leisure industry within the heart of the capital.

The West End has the highest concentration of theatres of anywhere in the world and attracts around 12 million visitors each year.

# Growing rickshaw use threatens "dangerous free for all" in West End

**Westminster City Council is backing calls to give local highway authorities powers to take effective enforcement action against pedicab riders who flout traffic laws.**

In an adjournment debate, tabled by Mark Field MP (Cities of London and Westminster) the problem of pedicabs will be raised following a 50 per cent rise in their numbers in the West End alone.

In the last six months the number of pedicabs has soared by 50 per cent to around 450, and with the tourist season ahead the problem is set to get worse.

Councillor Danny Chalkley, Westminster's Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Transport, said: "Sadly we have reached the point where the number of pedicabs in central London means there is a very real possibility of someone being seriously hurt or even killed.

"Evidence of drivers brazenly flouting traffic regulations is plain for all to see. We urgently need to have the powers to be able to issue Penalty Charge Notices for flouting traffic regulations."

Mark Field MP said: "I believe that the streets of London have become a dangerous free-for-all and it is now a matter of when rather than if a serious accident - perhaps even a fatality - occurs on one of the hundreds of unlicensed rickshaws and pedicabs currently zooming around the streets of central London."

Cheaper pedicabs, also referred to as rickshaws, with no lights or safety harnesses to protect passengers, have been spotted touting for trade at night. Many also obstruct bus lanes and pavements and frequently flout traffic regulations.

Figures released by the Metropolitan Police show that in six months since September 2006 until to the beginning of March this year 124 pedicab operators were warned for obstruction of the highway, with nine being arrested for wilful obstruction of the highway.

At present the pedicabs cannot be issued with PCNs and the pedicab riders park on the footway, ignore one way streets and place all road users at risk.

However, to tackle the problem the City Council, Transport for London and Mayor of London are jointly calling on the Government to give highway authorities the powers of enforcement so pedicab riders and operators can be penalised for traffic violations, either through the Greater London Authority Bill or the Road Safety Bill.

Ken Livingstone, Mark Field MP and Karen Buck MP have helped to lobby the Government for the changes needed.

The Council also believes that they should be registered like any other hire vehicles that carry passengers.

At present a Penalty Charge Notice cannot be issued to a vehicle that has not been registered with the Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA).

The City Council has stated that it will consider parking facilities for pedicabs in addition to any provision secured through TfL.

The Council's call for rickshaws to be registered is being backed by the London Pedicab Operators' Association, (LPOA) as well as the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, (LTDA) the trade body for black cabs in London, although the LTDA has serious concerns about safety and would prefer rickshaws not to be allowed on busy roads.

Chris Smallwood, Chairman of the LPOA said: "With regulation

and powers of enforcement given to local authorities, as well as the introduction of strategically placed ranks where passengers could reliably find a pedicab, in the knowledge that the rider is trained, insured and has a properly maintained and approved pedicab, we believe that rogue operators would disappear, leaving a respectable and very positive contribution to life in London. "However, it is important that any measures introduced are fair, effective and do not prejudice the industry's ability to operate in a safe and ordered environment."

## Licensing

The Council's call for rickshaws to be registered is being backed by London Pedicabs Limited, a prestigious operator of rickshaws, as well as the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, (LTDA) the trade body for black cabs in London, although the LTDA has serious concerns about safety and would prefer rickshaws not to be allowed on busy roads.

Under a scheme suggested by the Council, every rickshaw or pedicab as they are also known would register with Transport for London's Public Carriage Office, with a unique number plate, which could be used for enforcement of parking and moving traffic controls. What is the difference from licensing?

Transport for London (TfL) is responsible for licensing cabs in the capital. It believes that rickshaws should be licensed and has recently consulted on a licensing regime.

Licensing would covers areas such as suitability to be a rickshaw rider, including criminal record checks, as well as insurance, the age of the driver etc.

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# Skyscraper threat to Westminster

**The skyline in central London and the West End could be blighted by a rash of tall buildings if Ken Livingstone wins new planning powers, Westminster City Council warned today.**

The sensitive areas around Victoria, Paddington, Tottenham Court Road and Chelsea Barracks have been identified as "opportunity areas" in the Mayor's London plan which will "deliver ... where appropriate, tall buildings".

Although decision-making on tall buildings in Westminster is currently in the hands of the City Council, Mr Livingstone is set to be granted planning powers that will allow him to overrule the local authority on buildings which he considers "strategic".

The Council has rejected the Mayor's claims that tall buildings are a necessity for the economy or urban regeneration and is deeply concerned that he could end

up with complete control over a number of key future development sites in Westminster.

In particular, it fears the proposals for 50-storey twin towers at Victoria Station would break the currently uninterrupted roofline of Parliament as seen from the Albert Embankment.

Councillor Robert Davis, Cabinet Member for Planning, said: "We accept that the opportunity areas identified in Westminster such as Victoria, Paddington, Tottenham Court Road and Chelsea Barracks provide significant potential for growth.

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"But Westminster - as the heart of London - has a thriving economy in its own right and growth can be accommodated without the need for skyscrapers.

"As a council we believe we should have the power to decide what is built in Westminster. These are decisions that are based on our detailed assessment of what is desirable in our borough, with its unique heritage, historic buildings and world famous skyline."

Westminster is also concerned that major planning applications could suffer from long delays if the GLA Bill becomes law.

Figures show that the average time for planning applications referred to the Mayor to be decided was 24 weeks last year. In contrast, the council decided more than 80 per cent of all major applications within less than 13 weeks in 2006.

Westminster believes this will do nothing to help make the planning system more efficient.

Other opportunity areas as identified by the Mayor include: Greenwich, Ilford, Catford, New Cross, Lewisham and Waterloo.

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