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NewsViews

The Conservatives have proudly boasted¹ that £330 million has been taken from dormant accounts under Gordon Brown's Dormant Bank and Building Society Account Act. This Act allows the Government to raid your account if it has not been touched for 16 years. If an account is dormant one might have thought that the account holder should at least be declared dead first (because if they are still alive then it is their money) and then allow relatives to lay claim to it before proceeding to confiscation by the Government. And there is nothing to prevent the current 16 years being reduced to allow the Government to help themselves to even more of your money. A third of this money is to be given to another Labour initiative the [Big Society Capital](#) for 'social investment' through Social Investment Finance Intermediaries. Social investment is an ill-defined term but it makes the left feel good and that must be worth a few million quid. Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, proclaims that this exercise in redistribution of the wealth is to further the Conservatives' aims of "building a fairer society and tackling the social injustices that hold people back from achieving their full potential." - why worry about Momentum when we have the Conservatives! While social investment is better than simply paying out welfare benefits, however, it is still open to abuse and the Conservatives' need to prove that other people's wealth is not being frittered away, and that there are genuine, measurable, outcomes in all cases.

All the Conservative councillors in what had been Conservative controlled Desborough Town Council have stood down after raising Council Tax by 400% - hopefully they have set an example for all tax-raising Tories to follow. These councillors alleged they have been the victims of abuse² - though is anyone surprised after a 400% tax rise! Conservative Party policy is to raise taxes now that austerity is no longer fashionable, rather than tackle the cause of the problem as they should have done in the first place, with Sajid Javid, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government waving the red flag for tax increases. Even the Labour-supporting *Mirror* has called the Conservatives' tax hike "eye-watering"³. Lord Hayward has predicted that the Conservatives could lose half their councils in the forthcoming local elections in May⁴ - but will anyone at all be voting for the Corbyn-lite Conservatives in these elections?

The Welsh Assembly is seeking to follow Scotland and lower the voting age to 16. As democracy is just a numbers game why not lower it to 6? Once you are wise enough to know how to use a crayon then putting an x in a box is child's play. For the Labour Party lowering the voting age is all about giving young people "a say in their future", whereas older, wiser, heads know that the Labour Party is all about denying the British a say in the present let alone them having a future. Indeed, Alun Davies, Labour's Cabinet Secretary for Local Government and Public Services in the Welsh Assembly has made that quite clear as he also wants those "who might not be UK citizens to be able to vote" and he stated "We are not just looking at the EU but people from wherever they come from across the world, who live and are resident and who pay taxes in Wales should be part of our democracy."⁵ If everyone else from around the world is allowed to determine Wales' future then it will be 'their democracy' not 'our democracy'! Needless to say, phoney nationalists Plaid Cymru have made no effort whatsoever to resist this and to keep Welsh democracy Welsh, but that is hardly surprising when they are still crying over Brexit giving independence to Wales.

¹ Government Press Release [Government unlocking £330 million from dormant accounts to build a fairer society](#)

² RT: [Resigning Tory councillors cry 'abuse', forget to mention 400 percent council-tax hike](#)

³ The *Mirror*: [Tories reveal eye-watering 6% Council Tax rise that would add almost £100 to the average bill in 2018](#)

⁴ *Evening Standard*: [Theresa May could lose half of London councils in Spring elections, reveals Tory election expert](#)

⁵ BBC: [Votes at 16: Wales voting reforms see voting age lowered](#)

Darkest Hour Reviews

by Allan Robertson

Definitely a film you should see if the viewer is at their darkest hour. Mr Churchill himself sat in the dark and pondered the future of the nation, trying to resist the siren voices urging peace talks with Germany. My view is once war is embarked upon you MUST NOT GO into peace talks, certainly not when the other side was as much on top as Germany was in May 1940. Peace talks with Germany at that juncture would have been our darkest hour. Later on the Allied policy was unconditional surrender. This was to appease Stalin. If the July Coup against Hitler had succeeded in 1944, would we have negotiated with the new German Government and done a deal with them, thereby saving Germany from being partitioned? Fine performances all round from Gary Oldman as Churchill, Ronald Pickup as Neville Chamberlain, Stephen Dillane as Lord Halifax and Lily James as Miss Layton, Mr Churchill's Secretary.

The film shows Churchill making mistakes, such as believing too much in French invincibility. He was soon cured of that illusion after becoming PM. The film features a conference not dissimilar to this week's palaver with France. He risked Royal Censure for NOT telling the British people the grim truth immediately after becoming PM. George VI's standing will remain high as a result of this film's depiction. George VI remains our greatest Monarch in modern times. As Churchill said when learning the news that the King had died in 1952, that it was the WORST news.

Undoubtedly the most amusing but the most unlikely scene in the film took place far below ground on the District Line. We are meant to believe that in the duration of one stop between St James's Park and Westminster, Mr Churchill found out the names of all the members of the public on his tube carriage, ascertained their views on the possibility of peace talks with Germany and delivered a short Oration on the task ahead. At lot of work in 5 minutes! The best line fell to Lord Halifax at the very end of the film. HE MOBILISED THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND SENT IT INTO BATTLE.

Strongly recommended.

by Chris Watts

Oh dear, director Joe Wright's much acclaimed depiction of the three weeks from 10 - 31 May 1940 is riddled with historic inaccuracies which spoil what might otherwise be an impressive film. We can overlook minor inaccuracies: RAF Transport Command had no Douglas Dakotas/C 47s in May 1940 to fly Churchill (as shown here) to his visit to (French premier) Reynaud as the full horror of the German blitzkrieg on France began to sink in. The magnificent but doomed defence of Calais by Brig Nicholson - buying the BEF valuable time a few miles away at Dunkirk - was not brought to an end by weight of (CGI) Luftwaffe sorties as shown here but by vicious hand-to-hand street fighting wherein the Germans lost hundreds.

Of far greater concern are depictions of situations which to be kind you might call fallacious or, unkindly, downright mendacious. Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of the BEF from Dunkirk utilising a motley collection of vessels including pleasure craft from across southern England to compliment the Royal Navy, was most certainly not Churchill's idea but Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay's. Additionally, the depiction of Churchill in the London Underground soliciting views of ordinary Londoners where (possibly) London's first West Indian immigrant beseeches that we 'fight on' might have been merely comical but for Churchill delivering his 'Horatius' peroration, which we all know he made to full Cabinet on May 28, 1940. A

knowledgeable cinema goer might overlook these scenes as 'poetic licence'. The historian alas can only look on aghast: Lord Halifax was no Macchiavelli but a deeply honourable man with his country's best interests at heart and it was perfectly valid to consider the merits of Hitler's peace feelers as the Dunkirk saga unfolded. And Churchill's greatest ally in Cabinet in the first weeks of his premiership was.....Neville Chamberlain! Considering himself tricked by Hitler at Munich in 1938, it was Chamberlain if anyone who bolstered Churchill in Cabinet even helping sway sceptical ministers away from Halifax's view and towards Churchill's.

Much has been made of Gary Oldman's make-up for the lead role. Personally, I think Oldman looks more like Robert Hardy playing Churchill in the 1980s TV series 'Wilderness Years' and his voice too high-pitched. Fortunately, we have a wonderful performance (almost redeeming the film) by Ben Mendelsohn as HMKG VI. Inhaling deeply on his unfiltered cigarettes, as a viewer you just wince knowing that cigarettes will kill our greatest modern monarch at age 56. My goodness, didn't that man train his eldest daughter well in the affairs of monarchy!

Regarding the film overall, never in the field of historical film-making was so much got so wrong by so few.

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Christmas Turkey

by Our Media Correspondent

Older readers will remember when *Doctor Who* used to be a programme in which scary monsters frightened the kids. As the Christmas 'special' showed it is now a programme in which its leftist politics frighten the adults. The story, if it can be called such, of the 2017 Christmas episode was a BBC exercise in 're-education' in which the 'out-dated' views of the first Doctor Who (back from when the programme was worth watching) were held up to group contempt with the viewers, who were effectively invited to engage in a 'struggle session' with the character followed no doubt by a bout of 'self-criticism' to reveal any reactionary gender views that male viewers might hold. The theme of the story was the two male Doctor Who characters' reluctance to give way to their regeneration and the future, the future in this case being a female Doctor. Unreconstructed counter-revolutionary types will have already hand-written a letter to the BBC pointing out the programme should now be called *Doctrix Who* while progressive alt-left momentum types will have tweeted the BBC on why it failed to take the opportunity to make the Doctor a disabled transgender asylum seeker. But most people will have simply turned off and asked themselves why they wasted their time watching such rubbish.

We cannot travel back in time to when the BBC provided entertainment rather than propaganda, but we can all lobby our MPs for a post-licence fee future.

Lies and Deceit

by Jerry Wraith

SHOULD VOTERS NEVER, EVER, VOTE FOR THE CONSERVATIVE, LABOUR OR LIB DEM PARTIES EVER AGAIN?

1 Introduction

The report on Tony Blair's claim that productivity in the UK has fallen since Brexit "hours before new data revealed productivity growth has, in fact, hit a six-year high" is typical of the lies and deceit by the euorphiles. It was not long ago that Nick Clegg vehemently denied during his televised debate with Nigel Farage that the EU was forming an EU army was a dangerous fallacy. This was an outrageous public lie to the British public, yet he is being "rewarded" with a knighthood! (I hope most sincerely millions more people will sign the petition demanding that that he not be knighted.) Conservative Communities Secretary Sajid Javid has claimed the proportion of household growth in England down to immigration is 37 per cent. But Migration Watch says that according to the Labour Force Survey by the Office for National Statistics, 1.65 million of the 2 million new households (82%) needing homes in England between 2000 and 2015 were headed by someone who was an immigrant.

In a stinging attack, Migration Watch UK said it was "entirely false and misleading" to suggest two-thirds of housing demand is the result of natural population growth.

Significantly, despite these obvious lies NO apologies are ever made public and NONE of the three political parties publicly corrects them. They are allegedly ALL in it together. In fact, they are all allegedly following the deliberate lie about the UK's loss of sovereignty by Ted Heath, Conservative prime minister in 1972. This lie was re-inforced and compounded by Harold Wilson, Labour prime minister when he instigated the EEC referendum in 1975 on the basis that the UK had simply joined a trading bloc.

2 The cover-up

It is abundantly clear that the Conservative, Labour and Lib Dem parties have allegedly been following to the letter the advice given in the 1972 FCO paper FCO30/1048. This paper which remained locked away for 30 years, in effect, advised the British Government to "COVER-UP the realities of EU membership so that by the time the public realised what was happening it would be too late." (My emphasis.)

So for over 45 years all three parties have allegedly lied and deceived the British public as to their true intentions with regard to EU membership which was:

"to destroy the United Kingdom as a sovereign independent nation and make it part of a supra-national European country. In the process the British public would effectively be disenfranchised, be made liable for horrendous costs to sustain the project and we would lose our nationality."

Think about that for a while! Their treachery is almost too big to comprehend.

It is absolutely devastating that three of our main political parties have not only deceived the British public as to their true intentions for being in the EU, which was to destroy our nation

BUT INCREDULOUSLY ALL THREE PARTIES HAVE ALLEGEDLY CONSISTENTLY AND DELIBERATELY MAINTAINED THIS DECEIT FOR OVER 45 YEARS!

AND THEY ARE ALL STILL DOING IT!

3 Current examples

3.1 The Labour and Lib Dem Parties and politicians in the Conservative Party advocate staying in the EU's customs union.

WHY?

It costs every household up to £1,000 extra/year.

The EU's customs union is costing the average UK household up to an extra £1,000 per year. This must hurt poorer households, the Labour Party's traditional support base, the most. Why do they not tell their members and the voters that they are making them pay more and for what benefit or purpose?

3.2 The Labour and Lib Dem parties and politicians in the Conservative Party advocate staying in the EU's single market.

WHY?

It has already cost us well over £1 trillion.

Trading with the EEC/EU since 1973 the current accumulated balance of trade is a DEFICIT (loss) of well over £1 trillion. So trading with the EEC/EU has already cost us over £1 trillion. Conversely, since 1973 the current accumulated balance of trade with the rest of the world, using WTO rules, is a surplus (profit) of well over £200 billion.

Membership of the single market also entails free movement of people which inevitably costs the UK a fortune in money and puts a severe strain on all UK services such as the NHS, transport, housing etc and it is the UK citizen who inevitably loses out to the immigrants from the EU. The additional cost, 0.2% GDP, of supporting unskilled immigration from the EU due to free movement needs to be added to the £1 trillion total cost of being in the single market, as does the vastly increased costs of the pressures on the infrastructure and services due to increased population growth due to uncontrolled immigration from the EU. This figure has not apparently been calculated by the government and is not therefore publicised officially.

Every country in the world already has access to the single market with the EU. The USA and China are massive exporters to the single market without the facility of having a trade deal with the EU yet neither is bound to accept free movement of people or membership of the customs union. In addition, neither country has to bear the horrendous overhead cost of

EU membership, currently estimated to be £185 billion/annum (see "How much does the European Union cost Britain?" by Tim Congdon, 2014 version).

3.3 Again, politicians from all three parties are advocating more referendums in the hope that the result of the 2017 referendum will be overturned and the UK will stay in the EU.

WHY?

Being in the EU costs the UK an annual overhead, currently estimated at £185 billion/annum. The total overhead cost of being in the EEC/EU using that figure since 1973 could be well over £10 trillion, five times our current national debt.

Since 1973 the UK net contributions to EU budgets has currently cost us over £400 billion.

This is equivalent to about 20% of the UK's national debt which is rapidly approaching £2 trillion. In addition, as all this cash had to be borrowed the interest on this amount must be about £10 billion/annum. Even after we leave the EU this £10 billion/annum will still have to be paid until the national debt is discharged. Another adverse legacy of EU membership, conveniently ignored by the Conservative, Labour and Lib Dem parties.

Furthermore, it can be shown that membership of the EEC/EU since 1973 could have cost the UK economy over £10 trillion.

This is virtually a COMPLETE WASTE OF MONEY as it has been shown that there is NO "insider advantage" for trade or inward investment due to being in the EU. This MUST have been abundantly clear to successive UK governments, yet they ALL maintained that being in the EU was "good" for the UK.

3.4 So what have we now got to show for this virtually complete waste of money:

A national debt approaching £2 trillion

Police forces severely cut

Armed forces severely cut

350 million EU residents given legal right to live in the UK

NHS crisis with nearly all NHS trusts nearly bankrupt

NHS crisis due to being overloaded

Housing crisis

Doctors surgeries overloaded

Transport systems overloaded

Ghettos and no-go areas in major UK cities

London a more dangerous city than New York

Increased terrorist activities in the UK

UK prisons full, with a substantial population of immigrants

UK unable to deport criminals from the EU as they have the legal right to live in the UK

UK industry transferred to EU countries using EU grants

UK not allowed to negotiate trade deals

An emasculated UK parliament subject to EU laws and regulations

A UK legal system sub-ordinate to EU judgements

The loss of centuries old civil rights enshrined in the Magna Carta due to the European Arrest Warrant

The UK's shameful treatment of our cousins in the Commonwealth

The above list is hardly a glowing endorsement of the so called "benefits" of being in the EU. For all their agitation to stay in the EU, the EU's customs union and the EU's single market none of the politicians in favour of staying in the EU has explained the cost of these institutions, let alone justified why it is to the UK taxpayers/citizens advantage to be in them.

So how anybody can justify voting for any of these allegedly lying, deceiving parties ever again is a total mystery, particularly as the EU gradually exposed its true intentions and the horrendous costs of being in the EU became more and more obvious over the years.

4 Conclusions

4.1 Clearly all those people who kept voting for the Conservative, Labour and Lib Dem parties over the last 45 years should aware that by doing so, they have been supporting parties that, through their policy of membership of the EU, were and still are, intent on:

Destroying the UK as a sovereign nation state

Making our parliament in Westminster, the Mother of Parliaments, obsolete

Disenfranchising them

Costing them trillions of pounds to support the supra-national EU

Lying to them and deceiving them as to the eventual aims of the EU and the horrendous financial costs involved for the UK taxpayer

4.2 It is essential therefore, that UKIP builds up into a strong, forceful and electable party. It can do this by making clear to the voters of all ages that UKIP is the ONLY party which has told the truth about the EU and that all the other main parties are guilty of lying to the public for over 45 years. Who can therefore trust them to run the country?

4.3 Hence, UKIP must start NOW to campaign hard for election as the next UK government so that it can overturn all the concessions so easily given away by the Conservative Party in its BREXIT negotiations.

4.4 I suggest that UKIP hammers home the 45 years of lies and deceit by the other parties and the costs referred to above as well as other costs involved due to being a member of the EU.

A suitable election slogan could be:

AFTER 45 YEARS OF LIES AND DECEIT

GIVE TRUTH A CHANCE

VOTE UKIP