

**A DOUBLE CENTURY OF TOUGH TALKING FROM THE RIGHT
ROWING AGAINST ADVERSITY: A SURVEY OF OUR RECENT POLITICAL PAST**

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1999-2001: So TTFTR has now reached 200 issues, a great achievement given the odious vicissitudes of 2006 when dark forces orchestrated by the then Labour Government conspired against me. Like the Armada these menacing forces were blown off course. Sadly I did not possess fire ships. [Let us review the work.](#) Issue 1 of June 1999 got us into trouble with John Bercow MP whose attitude to various articles revealed him to be very far from a Tory MP whom the poor electors of Buckingham in 1997 thought they had elected. He was all for the Macpherson Report, finding institutional racism in every crevice, supported subservience to World authorities like the UN/ECHR and seemed to be hostile to the death penalty. On account of this No 1 issue he refused to speak to the Swinton Circle. Over the next 4 years, TTFTR campaigned against the Patten Report on the abolition of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, we campaigned for Rev Martyn Smyth to defeat David Trimble in the UUP leadership election in 2000 and for IDS to defeat Ken Clarke in the summer 2001 Tory Leadership race, which earned us hostility in the Daily Mirror and Searchlight. In every issue we have supported the Governments of countries with the death penalty at a time when the global use of the death penalty has declined (and violence has increased!) thanks to the EU, UN and UK Govt who have used their financial muscle to bully and blackmail many Govts from across the world to abandon the death penalty either through Moratoria or legislation. Even Russia has submitted.

2001/02: We reviewed Peter Hitchen's book 'The Abolition of Britain', Michael Gove's excellent pamphlet attacking the Belfast Agreement of 1998 (Does he still stand by it?), Martin Howe QC's pamphlet on escaping from the ECHR, we opposed the passage of the International Criminal Court legislation going through the UK Parliament, and we campaigned for the return of the stocks and other means to humiliate and shame criminals. We called International Law – the left's new weapon of subversion. We wrote a syndicated paper called '**Human Rights Means the End of British Liberties**'. One of its publishers was the Protestant Truth Society. Sadly in Nov. 2006 they published an article attacking Patriotism. I took the Editor to task but his reply was unconvincing. Rev. Samuel McKay from Co Antrim, the Editor of the PTS magazine back in 2001, ensured my article was published but I cannot see it being published today.

2002: Stuart Millson wrote various articles for TTFTR including the ***Wasteland and the Battle for Rural Britain***. We celebrated Ireland's accession to the Union in 1801 in Januray 2001 and we reviewed the Parliamentary debates of 1922 when The Free State was created. By 2002 TTFTR was really getting into its stride. In February 2002 we reported that IDS had begun poorly as leader of the Tories, to our great disappointment. Things like the Patten Report's implementation and the coming of the Single Currency in the EU had not been opposed with heart and soul. Christopher Gill called this 'shadow boxing'. Meanwhile the Freedom association were suffering from internal subversion – an article appeared in early 2002 in their magazine calling for Gay Marriage. TTFTR condemned this and some TFA members whom I knew ceased to support Freedom Today, agreeing with my comments. Happily TFA has returned to more traditional leadership since that time. Andrew Hunter MP produced an excellent pamphlet called the '**Betrayal of British Ulster**'. This was based on two speeches in 2002 which he gave in Glasgow and Belfast, I attended the Glasgow dinner and address. Later in 2002 Philip Benwell wrote an article for us called **a View from the Realms**, we supported the change in the law on double Jeopardy but opposed Identity cards. We produced a special supplement on Policing in Northern Ireland as part of issue 25. Christopher Luke reviewed a book called 'Harold McCusker – the Apprentice Politician'.

In **2003** we supported intervention in Iraq on account of our historical view that the Baathist regime obtained power illegally in 1963, having taken over from another illegal regime which murdered the King in 1958. We wanted to see Saddam toppled and the Monarchy restored. Sadly Blair and Bush made many mistakes in their post-occupation policies and alienated many people who had hitherto supported their policies at some risk to themselves. Our views are argued for in the April 2003 TTFTR No28. Commenting on Michael Howard's 'election' as new Tory leader we said 'New Leader – same problems'. Our call in May 2003 for George Galloway to be tried for sedition was reported in the Observer. We wrote an article on why Treason was rarely referred to these days. **Christopher Luke wrote an article on the four hundredth anniversary of the Union of the Crowns.** Again the Grand Lodges struck appropriate badges and jewels. An American subscriber contributed a review of the US Civil war film 'Gods and Generals'.

In March **2004** we campaigned against The Gender Recognition Bill, and European Arrest Warrants. and we wrote a syndicated paper called '**Human Rights Means the End of British Liberties**'. We also attended the Gibraltar Thanksgiving Service at St Clement Danes Church. In October 2004 we visited Gibraltar for the first time. Issue 52 of TTFTR was devoted to a celebration of the British Empire. We sold many maps of the British Empire over the next 18 months. We reprinted an excellent article by Tory MP Robert Jackson called **The Word Empire deserves to be Honoured.** Also in October 2004 we called for the following proposals in the next Tory Manifesto: the restoration of Section 28, abolition of the Gay and Black Police Officers' Association, a British Flags Act, repeal of the Race Relations Amendment Act of 2001, withdrawal from the ECHR, place a statutory duty on Local Councils to promote Christian festivals and St George's Day, repeal of legislation stopping parents from admonishing their children, and the repeal of all forms of staffing quotas in public bodies. The Pocket Book of Patriotism by George Courtauld appeared in December 2004 followed in 2005 by the Pocket Book of Patriots. We sold many copies of the former book. The fact that such books had to be written showed how much patriotism had been suppressed under New Labour. The popularity of the works showed that the spirit of the British people had not been crushed. A third book has subsequently appeared called **the Illustrated Book of Patriotism** by GC.

We produced a special issue of TTFTR in July **2005** following the 7/7 bombings. Self-hating white liberals were a particular target for our ire. In November, we followed the debate on the Equality Bill, noting that only 44 Conservatives voted against it on 2nd Reading. This was followed by the much more draconian Equality Act of 2010 which Cameron allowed onto the statute books. We commemorated the 1000th execution in the USA since January 1977.

2006: In early 2006 we produced a variety of Gollywog stickers in response to a PC-inspired Police crackdown on the public display of gollywogs (a real menace to our society I don't think). We reviewed Bruce Bauer's book on Islam's penetration of the European heartland (**'While Europe slept'**), we celebrated the 100th issue by reviewing Andrew Robert's new book on the UK/US special relationship ('A History of the English Speaking Peoples since 1900') and attending a Bruges Group meeting on the subject in October, we opposed the DUP's support for the St Andrews Agreement, we warned about the sinister new orthodoxies which envisaged Councillors being removed by The Standards Board for England and not the Electorate and a Trade Union campaign for a ban on teachers being members of the BNP. Though never having been a member of that party such a ban would be monstrous and grossly hypocritical. The campaign has not succeeded. There is no legislative ban. Cameron & Gove did want it in 2010 but I suspect that Departmental lawyers told them it would be unconstitutional. Even some Guardian columnists opposed a ban. **So Mr Cameron was to the left of the Guardian on this issue!** We reviewed how the left was hijacking the English language. There was a great deal of political activity in 2006 despite the attempts by some to shut me up. Fortunately I left all that behind on April 12th 2006. Oddly this was the date of the **400th anniversary of the creation of the Union Flag.** Later in the year we reviewed a book on the

History of the Union Flag by Nick Groom. (**The Union Jack – the Story of the British Flag**). **There is also a review of the book by A. McConnachie on the internet – google Union Jack history books.**

2007: The tercentenary of the Union of the Parliaments was the major event in this year. We began the year reviewing a book called '**The Scots and the Union**' by Christopher Whatley which was a detailed examination of the circumstances in which the Union of the Parliaments came about. I marched through Edinburgh on March 18th 2007 in a large commemorative Orange Parade. The moving film '**Amazing Grace**' came out at the cinema that weekend. Brethren from all over the UK attended the Edinburgh parade. I met subscriber Philip Lardner for the first time as he was watching the spectacle. A tercentenary jewel was struck by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Swinton Circle had a special meeting on 7th May where 4 speakers from the 4 UK countries spoke. My own speech on Scotland's contribution to the Union was reproduced in TTFTR and we reproduced Adele Hamilton's address on Ulster. David Vance published an excellent book on the corruption of Ulster Unionism called '**Unionism Decayed 1997-2007**'. William Ross wrote an article for TTFTR on the West Lothian question today. The Traditional Unionist Voice Party was founded in Ulster by Jim Allister QC around this time. In Sept 2007 the US Supreme Court halted executions in the US – this was the subject of much comment in TTFTR. Executions returned in April 2008.

2008: We celebrated the 90th anniversary of the creation of the Royal Air Force, I wrote a syndicated article in February of that year on the anniversary. I also defended in print the fine hymn '**I vow to thee my Country**' which has become unpopular in some PC Anglican circles where it has been banned. How can you ban a hymn which talks about how different Christianity and Heaven are far from aggressive nationalism? Happily it was part of Baroness Thatcher's funeral service.

2009 – present day

Looking back on my **titles**, '**Cameron in Office but not in power**' was the TTFTR verdict after the General Election. Nothing has happened in the intervening 3 years for that verdict to change. We reviewed the Coalition's performance after 100 days – at that stage we did not know how heavy the defence cuts would be and that Cameron would stick rigidly to more spending on foreign aid, waving this commitment in the air as if he was carrying garlic, warding off the Conservative Party's past when it was a party of sovereignty and nationhood. Many thanks to **James Annett** for providing me with the book '**How the Scots created Canada**'. It was reviewed in May 2009.

We are grateful for the articles since 2010 by **Arthur St Hugh** on subjects such as immigration, local Government and Prisons & Crime. We have returned periodically to the conflict in Afghanistan when Australian and New Zealand SAS operatives won the Victoria Cross and after a day in summer 2009 when ten UK soldiers were killed in Afghanistan we highlighted previous conflicts since 1945 where such losses were previously sustained such as Aden in 1967 and Warrenpoint in 1979. In 2011 we had a major feature on Corporal Punishment in the UK (issue 181), covering all 4 UK nations as well as IOM and the Channel Islands.

In April 2011 we opposed British military involvement in the Libyan revolution. We published an article on the issue of intervention in foreign conflicts. Our view was that the decision had to be made on a case by case basis rather than have a blanket prohibition.

As well as Film Reviews, we have reviewed political plays such as '**Three Days in May**', about whether Britain should fight on in 1940 or enter peace talks and '**Collaborators**', a play about Stalin in December 2011 & January 2012. One of the saddest reports which we have written was in February 2012 on how Unionists themselves had collaborated in destroying an excellent and long

standing mural of Oliver Cromwell on Shankhill Parade in Belfast. It was not replaced by a superior mural but by a pile of crap called a modern sculpture.

In April 2012 we reflected on the Centenary of Jim Callaghan's birth. Our Conclusion was that he was one of our better Prime Ministers since 1945. He was betrayed by his Trade Union Colleagues as Mrs T was betrayed by his 'friends in cabinet'. However, Unionists view Roy Mason as one of our most successful Ulster Secretaries of State. The SAS were introduced in to the Ulster terror war. It was Jim Callaghan who recognised that policies on Education and public spending had to change and he deterred aggression against the Falklands. Sadly his Gambling Act of 1968 was largely repealed by New Labour in 2005 with dire social consequences.

In June 2012 Christopher Luke wrote an article called **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**. The article reflected on the many dangers besetting Monarchy & Union at the current time. In Issue 189 I celebrated the unveiling of the Bomber Command Memorial. A long overdue creation. A vast and beautiful edifice at Hyde Park Corner, now sadly defiled by an apologist for Islamist terror.

Last November I published many colour pictures of some of the memorials at the Field of Remembrance at Westminster Abbey. One memorial remembered the 12 men from the Northumberland Regiment killed in Aden in June 1967. We reviewed a new book about **Operation Storm**, the SAS involvement in the Oman war of 1971-75 where the regiment helped to prevent the country falling to the Communists. Recently in TTFTR we paid tribute to the Noble Baroness Thatcher as well as to Michael Winner for setting up the Police Memorial Trust and to Sir Patrick Moore for his being himself as well as a great Patriot and Englishman. May they rest in Peace.

We also took great delight over the past 14 years in referenda victories. Please read again the January 2013 issue of TTFTR where we list referenda successes achieved against the forces of globalism, the EU and Political Correctness

In conclusion I pray that Almighty God grants me the strength to write another 200 issues of TTFTR.

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