

## Why I joined UKIP

By Mike Speakman

I joined UKIP in 2011 and was looking to help support the party in promoting its policies with which I wholeheartedly agreed. I was happily working at reviving the Scunthorpe Brigg and Goole branch with my wife Barbara, when along came the PCC elections and I was asked to support Godfrey. I was plunged into the hurly burly of electioneering and campaigning with absolutely no previous political experience.

I was a policeman for 32 years, starting as a beat bobby walking the streets of inner city Liverpool and eventually moving to Humberside in 1995, from where I retired in 2000 as Deputy Chief Constable. From then I was pursuing my hobby of flying at North Coates Flying club in Lincolnshire but was then asked to go and work for Abu Dhabi Police in the United Arab Emirates. I spent a year living in a Muslim country and working alongside their top police management. I was teaching and introducing community policing, a bit of a challenge when you think how difficult it is to walk around as a foot patrol in temperatures of 40-50C! Nevertheless, a fascinating and hugely educational experience.

I am very pleased to bring my experience to bear in Godfrey's campaign and if elected we have a very solid background upon which to base our work to improve life

for the public of Humberside and those unfortunate enough to become victims of crime.

We want to build on the excellent work that the Humberside force has done in the last few years. We do not agree with the government cuts and I am personally rather alarmed at the prospect of a Tory Police and Crime Commissioner and even worse, Lord Prescott.

I have now been married to Barbara for 43 years and lived in North Lincolnshire for 17 years. We have a daughter who is a serving police woman in a North West force.

Whatever the outcome of the PCC elections, I intend to be active in UKIP for many years to come.

Mike Speakman  
(Proud to be Pleb.)



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.....

#### Police and Crime Commissioner Elections, 15th November 2012

Make sure you support Godfrey Bloom in his bid to become Police and Crime Commissioner of Humberside. Keep an eye out for the Police and Crime Commissioner election in your area and don't forget to vote for the UKIP candidate.

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## UKIP Party Conference 2012

By Ken Hordon

As you will have undoubtedly heard, seen or experienced at the Town Hall Birmingham, our Summer Conference 2012 was a huge success. All the sessions were packed including the training day on the Thursday, a time when the experienced pass on their knowledge to the hopeful candidates who are already putting in the work on the ground. This is where elections are won and lost. Teamwork being a key word here, "there is no 'I' in team".

I was asked this year if I would contribute to the Yorkshire & North Lincolnshire regional team by helping to put together our display for Conference. This is a very large 4m x 2.5m display system that has been used on a number of occasions and has previously won prizes! The team met each week in Mike Kendall's tractor shed. First we built the display and over the next weeks filled it with relevant material, information, news, photo's and latest developments. Of course we had very little idea where this stand was going to be placed. Would it be a light or a dark corner? We decided to renew the lighting as it was a little old hat and on top of that managed to get it sponsored by CEF (City Electrical Factors). They supplied the 3x4 bar halogen bulb units, you could have landed an aeroplane with the light!

together that make up our region. So we tasked ourselves to get in as many Officer Team photos as possible and preferably with branch committee members too. As most photos have been around for years and recycled on numerous occasions, we sent out a new photo request to all branches for Branch Officer photos, preferably new and including, in one photo, the Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and any Committee members. The theory being, if a branch can get together their team, have a photo taken, possibly over a social drink then cohesion is clearly demonstrated and we all know the saying "Many hands make light work". It was a simple task but as we maintain, if you cannot get the basics right, then we have no chance with the more intricate work.

It was a great success, with many branches taking up the challenge. We managed to put together collages and as with all photos, each person was named with their role. This generated quite a bit of interest at the Conference and something that we pushed on a personal level the whole time. It was certainly the best display by far at this year's conference.

The outtakes are always good! When we arrived at the Town Hall, unloaded the coach and started to erect the display, the jobs-worth's were on us like a rash, asking if the lights, the extension leads, the TV monitor and the driving computer were PAT tested (portable appliance testing). All venues are now checking this apparently to cover their backs. No, is the answer. So we had to source an electrical company, (the whole team had input into this!) and within 2 hours the job was completed and a certificate given to the Town Hall. Team work, Team work, Team work.

We are still requesting your latest team photos for Branches and Constituency Associations. We'll keep names on our computers, especially so that if the press need photos quickly, we can demonstrate that we are team players for the country.



**Godfrey Bloom, UKIP MEP,  
Yorkshire and North  
Lincolnshire**



**Jane Collins  
Regional Constituency  
Manager**



**Mike Hookem  
Regional Chairman**

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**UKIP Leader Nigel Farage, MEP Godfrey Bloom, Deputy  
Chief Constable of Humberside Mike Speakman**

Team work was this year's theme. The make up of the Regions through Branches, and Constituency Associations, and the officers behind the momentum is very important. It is all these things combined



## The Journey and Discovery with UKIP

By Malcolm Lindley (Chairman) and Jeff Shepherd (Secretary)  
UKIP East Riding of Yorkshire

After spending some time reading about and studying UKIP policies, both Jeff and I agreed that we had found a party that hit "all the political buttons", not just the Euro question but other mainline policies such as Police, Immigration, Defence and Overseas Aid. I am a former Conservative, Jeff a life long Independent.

So having decided that UKIP was the way ahead, we both joined and waited to receive our new membership cards. These duly arrived, but quicker off the mark was Ken Hordon, Secretary of the Hull and Yorkshire Branch, inviting us to attend their next meeting and get involved.

This we did and found a very positive group of people who were determined to make the most of the unpopularity of the Coalition Government and keep UKIP in the public eye.



Pictured from left to right are Jeff Shepherd, Dorothy Hesp and Malcolm Lindley

By the end of that first meeting, attended by Jane Collins (Regional Constituency Manager) we had agreed to re-launch the East Riding of Yorkshire Branch with me as a candidate for Chairman and Jeff agreeing to take on Secretary/Treasurer subject to a successful branch election.

On the way back to our respective homes in Market Weighton and Pocklington, I recall such phrases as "What happened, how do we explain this to the good ladies!"

The Inaugural Meeting was held on the 28th August. In addition to the previously mentioned appointments, Dorothy Hesp was elected Vice Chairman. The turn out

was good, four new members joined on the night and Godfrey Bloom MEP gave the troops a rousing speech.

We managed to attend one day of the Party Conference and found the enthusiasm amongst the speakers and those attending very positive and encouraging. The speeches given by Dr Peter Mullen and Gerard Batten MEP "Restoring Law and Order" are particularly worthy of mention. The Yorkshire, North Lincolnshire and Hull UKIP Branch Information Display, presented by Mike Hookem (Regional Manager) and Ken Hordon, were impressive and set the benchmark for others to follow.

Following our second branch meeting held in Driffield in September, it became clear that we had the foundations of a very good working team. Thelma and Malcolm Milns and Peter Jackson are proving to be solid and dependable with Dorothy Hesp being almost unstoppable.

Having been members of UKIP for only a few months, the outlook is positive and optimistic. New to UKIP but not new to politics, The Party Leadership must think long and hard before seriously contemplating any deals with the Conservative Party.

They simply cannot be trusted to keep their word. Intolerant, devious and harmful to anyone who does not sing off their hymn sheet (e.g. LibDems despite their party conference bounce) they are divided by internal party rifts on the leadership, coalition government and Europe.

Cameron has proved to be the master of political deception having reneged already on a promised referendum and now unbelievably hints that one might be put in place if the Conservatives win outright the next election. We would lose the hard earned credibility gained with the electorate if we entertain them, Cameron has no intention of leaving the European Union.

We will do better to keep gathering disaffected conservative and other party members, increasing our membership and poll ratings and following our own, now well established path.

## Police and Crime Commissioner Elections update

Godfrey Bloom MEP successfully handed in his nomination papers to run in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections and paid the £5,000 desposit. Special recognition goes to Ken Hordon (seen pictured with Godfrey), who was instrumental in obtaining the nomination signatures.



## Cocktail Party

By Emma Lund



The Old Swan in Harrogate

The Cocktail Party held at the Old Swan in Harrogate on Thursday 4th October was a fun and successful evening. It was attended by over 40 people including not just members, but friends and supporters of the party too. We were all greeted with a glass of bubbly upon arrival and mingled until Godfrey gave us a short address.

He started by talking about the current economic situation particularly with regard to the euro and it's demise, how we had got to where we are and what role the European Parliament have and continue to play. It will come as no surprise that we are in a very sticky situation. We've got riots in countries like Greece and Portugal and they are much more widespread and common than the news (particularly the BBC) portray and the UK is not in a superior position, as our debt problem is equally as bad.

On a slightly brighter note Godfrey went on to talk about his bid to be elected the Police & Crime Commissioner in Humberside, with a particular emphasis on fighting John Prescott for the position! Both Godfrey and Lord Prescott lay claims to having previous boxing experience so it could be more of an interesting contest than it first seems! Questions were invited and as the formal part of the evening came to a close a selection of nibbles were handed out and eagerly devoured!

On behalf of the team, I offer heartfelt thanks to all who attended and also for your kind and generous donations. With the proceeds of the evening we are able to produce a run of 50,000 leaflets to drop through letterboxes and 5,000 brochures to hand out in the "pop up" tent when canvassing in market towns. So it was an extremely successful event.

It's not too late to donate to the campaign. By the time you read this article there will be about 2 weeks of campaigning left and this is the most important time for us to publish newspaper adverts, so any donation you can make will be gratefully received and put to extremely good use.

You can send cheques made payable to UKIP Yorkshire to Godfrey Bloom at 108 Main Street, Wressle, Selby, YO8 6ET or donate through Godfrey's website [www.godfreybloommep.co.uk](http://www.godfreybloommep.co.uk) and I offer our thanks in advance.