

# Freedom News

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## Hobson's choice!

**HOBSON'S CHOICE** – that just about sums up the options facing the British electorate today. Just take a look at the “three main parties”, and what do you see?

**Take Labour** – traditionally the party of public services and the working man. We doubt if a single member of Tony's inner circle has used a bus or train in the last five years, or has worked at anything more strenuous than shuffling pieces of paper in some left-of-centre “think tank”. As *Mail* journalist Quentin Letts recently put it, there is something decidedly unconvincing about a Government of “favour-swapping millionaires” talking (with lump in throat) about the “poor and disadvantaged”.

### But what about the Tories?

Here is a party that has given up any pretence of being a conservative movement. At their last conference, they were treated to a speech by their Chairman (sorry, Chairperson) Mrs Theresa May which sounded as though it could have come from Ken Livingstone's GLC handbook. According to Mrs May “if you're black or white, gay or straight, rich or poor, the Conservative Party is for you”. Well, that may be so,



Theresa May  
(or possibly  
Ken Livingstone)

but it doesn't really explain why they can barely gain three thousand votes in a multi-ethnic area, even when fielding a much-publicised minority woman candidate. The Tories claim to be interested only in “individuals”, yet they make the classic mistake of seeing all ethnic minorities as “black”, and all homosexual people as belonging to the “gay community” – something which is bound to lead to charges of tokenism. Europe? Asylum? The misuse of the NHS? The collapse in law and order? Forget it! The Tories are now more “new Labour” than New Labour itself!

**Finally, the Lib Dems.** Yes, like the Freedom Party they are active in local government and are pragmatic people who like to get things done. Unlike the Tories, they have lots of active local folk, who genuinely put ordinary people and their services first. Unfortunately, the shop window is deceptive, for at a national level, the Lib Dems are a Euro-fanatical party in favour of unsustainable mass-immigration, with many of its members wanting to abolish the monarchy – or in the case of their leading light, Sir Menzies Campbell, “down-sizing” it. Quite how “Sir”



Sir Menzies Campbell  
(or possibly  
a circus clown)

Menzies can be so disrespectful to the Queen, we don't know. (Perhaps she should ask for her knighthood back!)

All three of these once formidable parties formerly had something good about them. The Tories once stood for the nation – with men such as Disraeli talking about

“the Empire of England”. They also pioneered much social reform, and could be relied upon to defend the national interest, even as recently as 1982. Certainly, the Falklands was their finest hour. Labour, too, had a streak of greatness. Their vision of a new Jerusalem, in which men had work and children were lifted out of the slums was fine stuff. Yet today, they stand for nothing – except rich pickings for their leading supporters, and the preservation of a little club of their own at Westminster – a parliament now virtually stripped of all power.

Perhaps the nation could do with a new party – one which combines a burning desire to reform and restore our failing public services, as well as to maintain our self-government and identity as a country? The public

does not want to hear about “gay rights”, or “key performance indicators” on the economy – or be presented with any more meaningless statistics about “decreasing crime figures”. We all know that we are being fed a load of froth, slogans and claptrap.

We need a new spirit in Britain – community and neighbourliness for a start, and yes – tolerance – but tolerance that is not all one way. A sense – not of “authoritarianism” – but of authority and tradition, essential especially in this age of loutishness and crime. We need bobbies on the beat; we need litter to be cleared up; we need clean trains and buses that run on time; we need councillors, officials and politicians that can be trusted; we need open government – not Blairite cover-ups or Tory feuds.

The public is sick of the way modern Britain is going, and we want our country back. Time for a new party in Britain – time for THE FREEDOM PARTY!

## SUCCESSFUL WOLVERHAMPTON AGM & RALLY

Party council, grass-roots members and allied groups unite at “rally for Britain”



Left: Derek Turner, editor of *Right Now!* magazine is a welcome guest speaker at the Freedom Party rally



Right: Dave Ball (Chairman of Market Harborough Branch) addresses the rally; FP Chairman Adrian Davies and Stuart Millson are to his right

The Freedom Party's meeting at the end of November brought together a wide range of people and organisations, and succeeded in generating a strong debate on many issues. The topics covered included: local government and public services; the need to restore our “quality of life” as a society; multiculturalism and nationhood; the countryside and greenbelt; and Europe and the nation-state.

Among the guest speakers were Mike Smith, the Chairman of the Conservative Democratic Alliance, *Right Now!* editor, Derek Turner, and Sam Swerling, a former Chairman of the Monday Club. To much applause, Mike and Sam discussed the failure of the Tory Party, both as an opposition and as a vehicle for conservatism.

Mike informed the audience that a plan was underway to challenge some of the leading “socially liberal” Tories – especially those with slim majorities – and called upon patriots of all groups to unite for the common good of the patriotic, pro-sovereignty cause. Derek Turner (who has written for *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Times*) spoke of the need to restore the “values of our civilisation – the values now so discarded and reviled by a decadent political class which just sneers at Britain”.

Steve Edwards and Dave Ball (Chairman of the Market Harborough Branch) discussed the vacuum which has now opened up in British politics, and the clear opportunities which exist for “our democratic, mainstream party”. In a room decorated with all the flags of the United Kingdom (as well as an Australian flag) our National Chairman, Adrian Davies, concluded proceedings by calling for all patriots to enlist in the Freedom Party – “a party which has democracy and integrity at its heart”. Adrian continued: “In a town so deeply associated with the legacy of Enoch Powell, it is right that the Freedom Party should call for a renewal of British identity. Nationality depends on kinship and a sense of ancestral domain, and that is what we are fighting for.”

Amendments to the constitution, which make for a more democratic organisation (yet preserving internal continuity and strength), were enthusiastically approved. A raffle and appeal for funds succeeded in raising a healthy sum for the party. Details of future local and national meetings will appear in due course, and we wish to thank everyone who joined us in Wolverhampton for their attendance, support and generosity.

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