



U'KIP WITH NIGEL - YOU'LL WAKE UP WITH ED!!!

We know only too clearly that you were fed up with the European arrangements, including immigration and interference in our laws, especially the Human Rights laws. Only later this year, the Prime Minister has promised reform from the platform at the Conference 2014. We still believe that a referendum has to be held sooner than later and waiting until 2017 is far from desirable.



Conservatives say "NO, NO And NO" To European Union Absurd £1.7 Billion Surcharge

The situation of European funding and membership will be subject to change but at the time this newsletter is printed the Conservatives remain firm that the European Union has gone too far and even Labour has begun collapsing into chaos with its Scottish Leader resigning and former Prime minister Tony Blair saying that Cameron will win the Election 2015 because Ed Milliband is out of touch with the British people!

Clegg's speech was forgotten and Ed forgot but we remembered Cameron

The experience of UKIP has been in St Laurence and we have worked with the UKIP Councillor, but the contribution has been limited.

EU Referendum debate in October saw the Labour Party abandon the debate apart from a dozen Labour MP's, including Kate Hoey, who stated:

"I don't know how anyone cannot make a reasoned case for not backing the Bill today."

WE ARE WATCHING the following:

2015 Council Tax • Ebola • Borrowing at Council by LIL Council



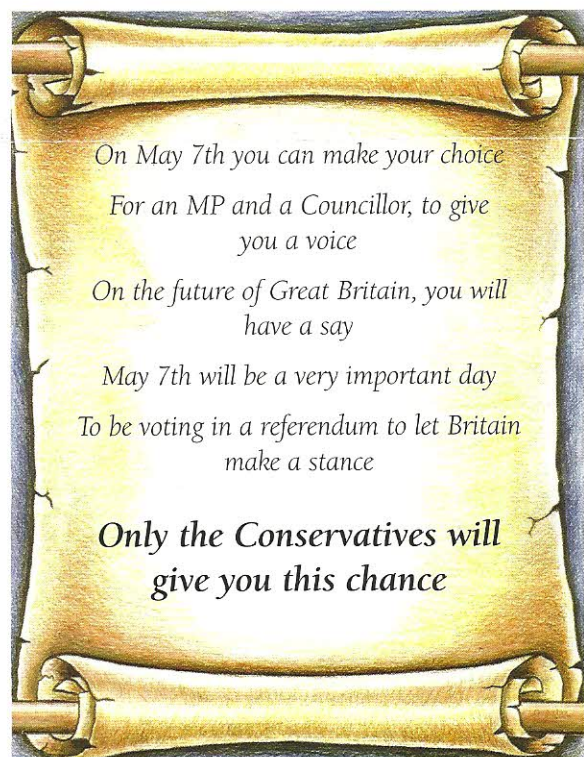
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Inspired by the European issue, our Surgery Secretary, Pam Farley, has penned this ditty....





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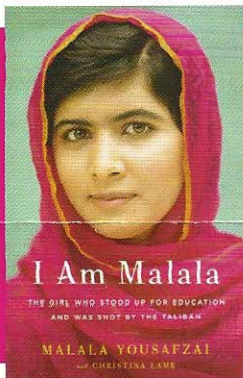
It has been that kind of year for so many of you and us too!!

Time though to be as positive as possible about personal decisions and for those not retired, about work but for all income issues are jointly of concern to all of us.

The team around both Adam and Mark are determined to embrace the season with optimism and offer this double-sided leaflet as both a seasonal and political opportunity.

We have had considerable amounts of case work in 2014 and of course we are sorry to see Adam deciding to leave or retire from the councillor role in 2015, but we wish him well for the future.

Some reflections of the year are selected below, but with little space we cannot say that these are in any way comprehensive.



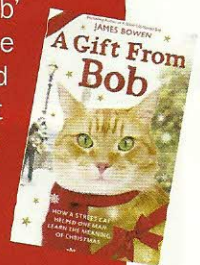
The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban!

Malala was shot in the head at point blank range on 9th October 2012; she was just riding home on the bus within her home area of the Swat Valley. Our happiness must be the survival of this amazing young woman who went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize this year.



An unlikely alliance between man and pet - they saved each other

James Bowen was a recovery drug addict who, living in hostel accommodation, found that a stray cat called 'Bob' had followed him out while he went busking. The two adopted each other and James later went on to sell the 'Big Issue' and wrote about this amazing friendship in a series of books - the latest, 'A Gift From Bob'.



2014 saw the return to stage, after 35 years, for Kate Bush

Kate Bush had in one of her audiences, 35 years ago, Mark Flewitt with family and school friends at the 'Tour of Life'. This year, tickets sold out for the 70,000 audiences in 15 minutes. None of us got tickets, but the 'Before the Dawn' tour has been given critical acclaim. If you can find a copy, do listen to her old Christmas single - 'December will be Magic Again'.

From all of us, do have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS