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## Message from the Party Leader

It is a great privilege and honour for me to be the first leader of Veritas to have the opportunity to prepare a short article for this the first issue of *Straight Talk*.

We intend to publish this Newsletter every two months starting with this first edition. We intend to ensure that every member of Veritas receives a copy of *Straight Talk* when it is published.

Hopefully you will find interesting articles and information contained in *Straight Talk* and all members should take the opportunity to have articles and letters to the editor published within its pages.

We all know that the first year of Veritas has been a difficult one but we are now making rapid progress towards having the democratic, member led party that we all want.

The ideals, aspirations and aims that we all shared when we joined Veritas remain the same. We are all members of the party because we believe in the aims and values of Veritas and want to support them in whatever way we can.

To that end Veritas needs your support, we have need for assistance in all manner of areas from administration, recruiting, funding, policy development and constituency branches and constituency representatives.

There is a seriously flawed Government in power at the moment, whose absolute power has led to an absolute disregard for the opinions of the majority of the people in this country. The two other main parties have also got major flaws in their policies, personnel and aims for this country.

We in Veritas can be the voice of the silent majority who see their country and future being morally and financially on the road to ruin.

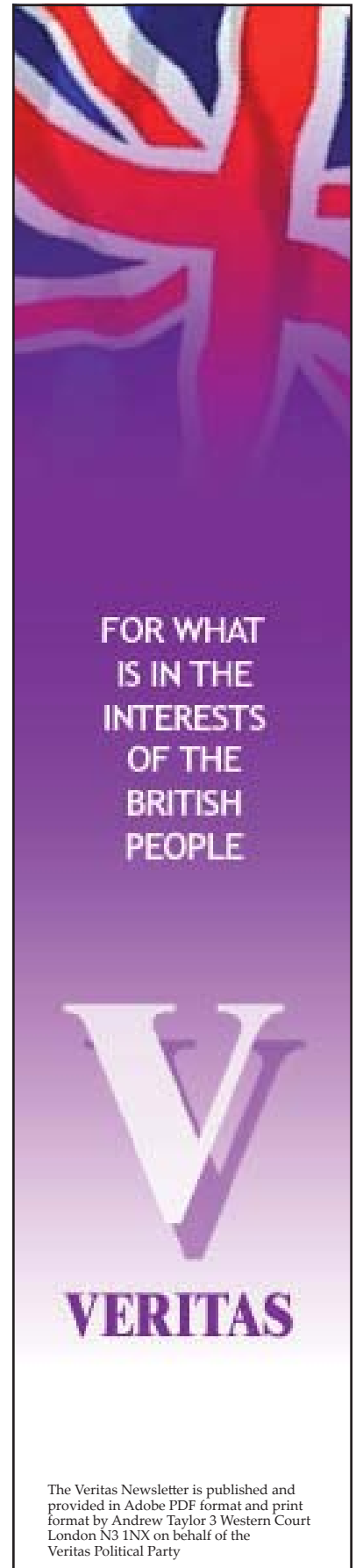
Edmund Burke once said: "All it takes for evil to succeed is for good people to do nothing."

I would urge all Veritas members not to sit idly by as our country and its future is taken from us as we sleepwalk into oblivion.

Stand up and be counted, be proud to be a member of our party and together we can make a difference if we only believe we can.

Regards and best wishes to you all

*Patrick Eston*



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## from the editors desk

Welcome to the first edition of our new **Straight Talk**. I am using a new desk top program so I would ask members to bear with me as I get to know its quirks and learn to conquer them!



In addition, I am working with a small handicap this month... No it isn't an excuse, there are eleven stitches still to come out!

Our contributors this month are all busy people with full time jobs, many of them with no experience of writing copy for newspapers or magazines. All relying on an editor to lick their work into shape. But as you can see, I have done very little "licking" so all things considered, I think they all deserve an applause for their efforts.

A lot of the ideas I wanted to introduce will have to wait until our next edition but, until then, please feel free to "write to the editor" with your views, comments, criticisms so you may have the dubious pleasure of seeing your name in print soon.

What does it mean to serve on the NEC? Six times a year, council members travel half way across the country to attend an all day Saturday meeting. Many travel long distances by train, or car, with petrol constantly rising. There are no expenses for this. Well done chaps and chappesses, keep up the good work.

Last but not least, now that you have something to show to your friends and acquaintances, recruit a member this week. I bet you could if you put your mind to it.

*Andrew Taylor*

## Agriculture Fisheries and Food

Stephen Morrison is the spokesman for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and has a particular interest in the development of policies on Environment, Energy, Education, and Defence.

He will, over the coming months, announce policy developments in the area of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food."

Our farmers need the opportunity to help produce the quantity of food required. Diversification and farming co-operatives may be the way forward, although there will always be the need for intensification of certain crops. Due to competition we need to subsidise certain types of farming. Some argue against subsidies as few other businesses get such help. However, food is not a business, it is a necessity.

90% of the the CAP subsidy goes to 10% of the farmers. This does not work. We need to reduce dependence on imported food which is often of sub-standard quality. Our fisheries are abused from over-fishing by foreign trawlers. This over-fishing along with radioactive, chemical, oil and other pollution have affected the ecology of our oceans. Over-fishing has lead to fish stocks falling, to the detriment of the birds, sea mammals, and the people that depend on them.

No long-term international strategy of sustaining fish stocks has yet been implemented and in this respect, the Common Fisheries Policy has failed. Pollution is directly tainting the sea-food we eat, affecting our health and well-being.

If you have a knowledge within these fields contact Stephen by e-mail at [sjmveritas@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sjmveritas@hotmail.co.uk), or by post

## Veritas Core Values

Veritas is the straight talking party and all our Crystal Clear Policies are straightforward, honest and are built on these common sense values:

**Veritas is committed to freedom of speech** - only by all points of view being heard can problems truly be solved.

**Veritas is committed to democracy** and our policies aim to re-engage the public in the democratic process.

**Veritas is committed to the rule of law** - we will implement a zero tolerance of crime.

**Veritas is committed to the politics of reason** rather than the politics of emotion - we will eradicate political correctness wherever it is found.

**Veritas is committed to the UK controlling its own borders and being governed by its own laws** - and whilst this means withdrawing from a corrupt and bureaucratic EU Administration, we will maintain cordial relations with each country of Europe.

**Veritas is committed to making the UK a meritocracy** - we must start to encourage our brightest and most able if the UK is ever to regain its place on the world stage.

**Veritas is committed to education** - we will replace trendy ideas with those traditional methods that produce meaningful results.

**Veritas is committed to encouraging self sufficiency** - while providing a safety net for those less able to look after themselves.

**Veritas is committed to equality of opportunity** but totally rejects the concepts of positive discrimination and social engineering.

**Veritas is committed to making the UK a secular state** - we believe that religious doctrine has no place in the law making process.

**Veritas is committed to freedom of religion** but all religions must operate within the law.

**Veritas is committed to end the myth of multiculturalism** - we agree with Trevor Phillips, chairman of the CRE who recently warned that the UK was sleepwalking our way to segregation.

**Veritas is committed to rolling back the "Nanny State"** - we believe that people are quite capable of assessing risk and taking responsibility for their own actions.

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via head office, with information or problems that need highlighting. However, please check they are genuine. All correspondence will be treated confidentially.

We may not be able to acknowledge any enquiries or comments immediately as Stephen has his full time job to attend to.

*Stephen Morrison*

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## Political Correctness

PC makes crime worse.

Howard Martin, Veritas spokesman for political correctness eradication, writes: "We live in an increasingly lawless and violent society where discipline, self control and ultimately good policing and justice are desperately needed. What has been New Labour's response?

Any chance of instilling an early sense of discipline into children has been removed as now parents are not allowed to smack their kids. When these undisciplined kids go to school, they find that teachers also have no real power over them. As recent 'spy in the classroom' documentaries have shown, children behave as they please and constantly remind teachers that they will sue them if they should dare to restrain them.

Only PC could cause such a bizarre situation where teachers are not allowed to touch or put a plaster on a child but they can offer contraceptive advice or arrange an abortion for an underage child without telling the police or the child's parents.

When children have grown up without seeing a common sense reaction to their misbehaviour by adults, they really have no reason to stop their bad behaviour. Some just content themselves with binge drinking and anti-social behaviour but others turn to crime.

They quickly realise that the police are both so paralysed dealing with accusations of institutional racism and so tied up with PC generated paperwork that they have little time to worry about petty crimes that don't involve complaints of racism or homophobia.

Even for those unlucky enough to get caught and brought before a court (about 1 for every 100 crimes committed), New Labour's politically correct Quango called the Sentencing Advisory Panel has spent seven years arranging it so that very few of those convicted actually end up in prison.

Now, under its wonderful new system called 'Custody Plus', even muggers and robbers will spend an absolute maximum of 13 weeks in prison before being released, put onto Community Service and back in a position to re-offend. Many such early release prisoners have actually committed murder while on parole.

Even the paltry number of criminals appearing before a court is now set to drop. In new guidelines issued to police forces on 1st April (any coincidence?), the government will allow police to caution offenders for a whole range of serious offences such as arson, burglary, ABH, controlling prostitutes, possession of heroin or cocaine and making threats to kill.

Until this government drops its silly PC based approach to crime and takes the whole cycle of behaviour, discipline, crime and punishment seriously, then the future for the UK seems likely to remain pretty bleak.

*Howard Martin*

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## Head Office Manager

Catherine Cracknell, our Veritas Head Office Manager writes that "Basil Fulcher and I went to the London Assembly at the beginning of December to meet John de Roeck, Michael Harvey and Miss Antoine to discuss whether it was feasible to move the head office function to Cornwall."

It was agreed that the plan was viable and a copy of the database was sent to Catherine at the end of December and all the papers from London were sent between the end of December and the end of February.

Our deepest thanks go to Graham Morris and Howard Martin for donating a full working computer and monitor. Veritas paid for a high speed laser printer which has proved invaluable in getting out the membership renewal notices for January, February, March and April.

Basil and I have worked extremely hard to get the office and computer systems up and running and up to date.

The Veritas email address has been moved to my computer and the enquiry telephone number 0870 428 0087 is directed to a new line here.

Currently we are still in the process of learning how to use the various functions of the database and hopefully when proficient, we will produce written instructions for this system. <admirable - ed>

Another time consuming but very interesting aspect of the move has been going through and filing all the papers; these include many letters of desperation from members and potential members regarding the EU and saying how they regard Veritas as the only hope for the future.

Our local branch has booked a stall for Camborne Trevithick Day on Saturday 29th April.

The town is just one huge celebration as Richard Trevithick is revered as the 'Father of the locomotive' and a replica of his original locomotive is on show and chugs around the town, with the people manning it dressed in clothes of the time. Look out for pictures of both our stall and the day in the next issue.

It will be a good opportunity to get a chance to talk to people both local and visitors and publicise Veritas. <pictures? Yes please - ed>

*Catherine Cracknell*

**Writing for Straight Talk**

Who may write? It is easier to say who shouldn't! If you are a "prima donna" who hates editors changing your wording, shortening your article or even not using it at all, then you are too thin-skinned! But if you were that, you wouldn't be in politics, would you?

So, anyone may write articles for Veritas but it may be prudent to contact the editor before you put pen to paper.

## Defence

Robin Drinkwater our spokesman on Defence says "I joined Veritas because I was sick of the lies being fed to us by self serving politicians." Until Veritas, Robin, a 50 year old property owner, had never belonged to a political party before.

Robin writes: "I will keep members informed as we formulate policy. You may contact me on the Veritas forum or by post via head office. I welcome your views."

"At this time our armed forces are embroiled in a number of conflicts around the world. Our forces are having more asked of them, sadly not always with the right tools to do the job. The needless loss of the six "redcaps", whose radios were not compatible with other troops in the area, being one example.

One of the problems of being tied to the EU is that we are not always able to provide our service personnel with the best equipment available. We should be able to buy the best equipment for the job, at the best price to the taxpayer and not what is politically most expedient.

Our armed forces are the finest in the world, we owe it to them to ensure that they are among the best equipped in the world."

Armed Forces Minister, Adam Ingram, welcomed the conclusions of an independent, external report into the deaths of four young soldiers at Deepcut.

Mr Ingram commissioned the review from Mr Nicholas Blake QC to examine the circumstances surrounding the deaths at Princess Royal Barracks.

The Report concluded that, "although the Army did not cause any of the deaths, there were failures to identify potential

sources of risk and to address them". In his statement, Mr Ingram accepted Mr Blake's conclusions, welcomed the opportunity to address his recommendations, and promised MOD and the Army would do all it could to address them.

This report does not deal in detail with the death of James Collinson, as at the time the review was set up it was not known when an inquest into the death would be held and it was felt that the review should not pre-empt the evidence presented at that inquest.

The report finds that the deaths are consistent with the individuals taking their own lives and that there is no evidence to suggest that any of them were bullied to death, although there was evidence that bullying did go on.

Mr Blake appears to have carried out a very thorough and impartial investigation. There is no reason to suspect the familiar whitewash, that we have come to expect whenever there is a government enquiry. For this reason we hope that the publication of this report will bring some measure of closure for the families of those involved in these tragic events.

We must bear in mind that, by its very nature, a training camp will not necessarily be a cosy place to be in. However, those in charge of such facilities need to be mindful to the vulnerability of some under their command, in order to ensure their well being.

These events need to act as a wake up call to what can happen within the armed forces and we call on this Government to stand by its words and make sure that appropriate action is taken.

*Robin Drinkwater*

## Trade and Industry

Graham Morris writes as Trade and Industry spokesman; "I have found the first six months in my new role very challenging. I was invited to a new trade chamber in Leicester being specifically set up to enhance trading links between India and Leicester. I was able to make two or three useful contacts there and made a better contribution than the UKIP representative.

At this early stage of development it is best to try to divide my portfolio into segments, so in this issue I will concentrate on commenting about local trade issues."

Veritas realises that the challenge from a more globalised trading structure goes even to the heart of the smallest community; a typical example might be the closure of post offices, caused by the desire to enhance commercial values of various assets, and the desire of the political elite to take the position that all elements of our social and economic fabric must be exposed to competitive norms found in the harshest of commercial settings.

This may seem logical - the survival of the fittest. Sadly, the reality is the all too familiar sight of the destruction of livelihoods. Small family owned businesses, often generations old, abandoned to the ravages of the commercial global tidal wave that washes over us all. What then of the alternative as practised by our 'partners' in the EU? The covert protectionism practised by the many? Or the even more overt disregard for the 'rules' practised by a few in pursuit of 'National' interests, which boils down to personal political advantage.

Veritas reject both such simplistic positions taken up by the current political elite, the 'one size fits all' mentality of the unimaginative control freaks on both sides of the political posturing that takes place. We see local trading as having an importance in its own right, whereby the retention of local skills and knowledge have a value that far outweighs simplistic commercial considerations.

We accept that we cannot take a 'fortress' mentality to our trading, as this stifles innovation and entrepreneurial skills and embeds the 'king of the castle' style.

So what do we favour? We would openly encourage the revival of local markets, when you stop to think about corresponding issues, such as global warming, being able to walk to your local retailer/purveyor of locally produced and processed produce makes absolute sense.

Veritas intends to empower the local trader to compete against the predatory pricing practices of larger retailers. We will target cross subsidy of specific products by using profits from high margin exclusives not available to the smaller retailer.

The best method of doing this would be to reduce the rate of corporation tax paid by retailers under a certain turnover, allowing them to keep a larger portion of their earnings to offset against higher operational costs experienced by the smaller trader. This would be of particular benefit to organic farmers and growers.

We would also help with the locally based infrastructure that would need to be restored. Again this would be best done by interfering as little as possible, but providing a solid and transparent framework that existing local agencies can monitor in the interests of the general public.

*Graham Morris*

## Part of an ongoing series on Ammunition...

We will write a short paper, in each issue, on how to discuss particular objections you may receive by your friends and relatives. You are not expected to learn all this by heart but it has been written to give you an insight on how you can approach your friends and relatives with these types of objections.

## Who should we vote for at election time, and why?

Let us first examine what is happening at present. (And, in fact, has been happening for decades.)

Come an election and people, thoroughly fed up with politics, stay at home and do not bother to vote. Or they vote for the lesser of two evils because they feel one party is not quite as wicked as the other. Unfortunately, these people end up getting the political system they deserve.

When smaller parties, such as Veritas canvass for their votes, the comment sometimes made is "We'd like to vote for you, but we are frightened that we will be letting "Party X" into power. Unfortunately, these people end up getting the political system they deserve. Please excuse me for repeating myself, but this is what is happening today.

Supposing all those who are unhappy with their lot all voted for Veritas at the next election, then Veritas would sweep to power. But that would never happen. And it would be too unhealthy. Any party needs to grow and gain experience before they can be ready to lead a country.

OK, we now have two scenarios. One that nobody votes for a smaller party, and one where everyone votes for them. Is there another way?

Yes, there could be. For example, if those who were bold and brave decided to vote for Veritas, and Veritas got 15% of the vote, this would encourage more to join the party, it would result in genuine news coverage, and would help build up a presence for the next election. I say 15% because marketing experts have declared that this is the average number of real innovators in the country.

But isn't that a long time to wait I hear you asking? Not necessarily. You see, many MPs, especially those in marginal seats, and those on the Government front benches would look at the figures and may possibly worry enough to see if they can embrace some of the smaller parties policies. However, although Veritas has a full compliment of policies, our main theme is to regain our sovereignty from the European Union. The three main parties will never embrace this vision.

At the following election, with highly motivated troops, supposing Veritas gains a handful of seats? This would really be news and the newspapers and television would be talking about it for months to come. This would result in more members and more troops to fight future elections. Out of a hundred new members, around fifteen turn out to be active.

I can hear the same readers asking "But what can a handful of MPs do?" A lot. They can make a noise by asking embarrassing questions in the house about the true cost of our membership of the European Union. They can keep referring to the tens of billions we could save by not being in the European Union when questions keep cropping up about a lack of funds for the NHS, for Education, or for Policing and the Military.

And if the Government has a really small majority? A handful of Veritas voters could actually start to make a really big difference.

The main question we have to ask, is why should the British keep getting the government they don't deserve through lack of will? Could we change our thinking so that we get a government we can be truly proud of, and boast to the world that our democracy is alive and well, and living in Britain? Veritas, with a small number of MPs could begin to bring this change about. As an example, take a look at our core values.

*Andrew Taylor*

### The reason why we joined Veritas

Our leader says: "As you read ***Straight Talk*** perhaps this may be an opportune moment to reflect on why you joined Veritas in the first place.

"Obviously we all have slightly different reasons as to why we are members of Veritas, however I believe we all have one burning ambition for our country as follows.

"I am sure we all want to: ***"Take our country back from those who have stolen it and return it to its people."***

"The individuals, organisations and groups who continue to commit this crime against our country daily are vivid and various. They include the PC brigade and all they stand for, the criminals, jobs and their apologists, this present Government, the main political parties, and of course the main enemy of this country and its people, the European Union.

"Those and many others are the real enemy and Veritas will continue on a daily basis to fight the good fight and oppose them and their cohorts at every opportunity.

"The struggle we all know is a difficult one but we will continue to oppose the enemies of the UK and its people till victory is ours. Together we can do it, have no doubt that the battle can and must be won, we all owe it to our children, their children and our future generations.

"I will leave you with a little passage that sometimes pops into my mind when things seem to be going bad.

***"Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man. But sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can."***

"That saying could very well apply to Veritas and its members, we can and will win if we continue to stick to our beliefs and maintain our core values and aims.

"Thank you for taking the time to read this and the other articles in this first issue of ***Straight Talk*** and I look forward to meeting as many Veritas members as possible personally in the coming months."

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If so, please could you let me have their name, and either an e-mail address or phone number or postal address?

I will then include them on our list for sending out press releases?

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## Profile: Our Party Secretary

Therese Muchewicz (49) is a retired teacher of Religious Education and part-time lecturer in Law. She read Theology at Durham University and later completed a post-graduate degree in law at Leeds University. She lives in Bradford with her partner of over eighteen years and Oliver, her beloved Westie. Therese writes;



“Since my retirement in 1995 I have been heavily involved in helping my Bradford community dealing with contentious planning issues and more sensitive issues relating to the Bradford riots of 2001. I was a director of the Bradford Community Housing Trust delivering affordable housing to 23,000 homes in the local community and sat on various related committees.

“When Veritas was launched in the February of 2005 I believed it to be the only political party which would have both the vision and the courage to address the problems which Britain is facing in the 21st century and having met both Robert Kilroy-Silk and Patrick Eston, I was convinced that Veritas was for me.

I am a founder member of the Party. Since joining Veritas I have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Party, standing in the General Election for Bradford South and quickly becoming involved at the heart of policy and decision-making within Veritas.

“The year has been a roller-coaster in terms of my workload, having been Chair of the Standards Committee during the Party’s troubles with the VMA, drafting Party rules and contributing to the drafting of the new constitution, including offering legal advice when required by our leadership.

“Also, as Spokesperson for Health, I am at present working with a small team of people – one an academic from Edinburgh University – with a view to developing a Health policy which will be fit for the modern age.

“Just several months ago I became the new Party Secretary which places huge responsibility on me in terms of ensuring that the Party conducts itself within the existing legal framework.

Part of my duties related to the conducting of the ballot on the Party’s new constitution and the recruitment of members onto the NEC.

More recently I have been largely responsible for the drafting of the guidance document for those members standing in the Local Elections and am part of the Local Election Campaign team.

“The Party is now fortunate in that we are now in a period of stability with a dedicated team willing to take us forward under the leadership of Patrick Eston, to whom I owe so much.

With continued dedication of our NEC I believe that the Party will grow from strength to strength...

Therese Muchewicz is the Party Secretary and also Health Spokesperson.

*Therese Muchewicz*

“To be Scottish, Irish, Welsh, American or even French is wonderful and patriotic.  
To be English means you are racist, a little Englander - you are nasty, dirty, disgusting!”

We have to eradicate this Marxist way of thinking.

### Membership Request form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_

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I am interested in joining Veritas and would like a full membership form and details of your membership fees.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(If you have given an email address we will email the form as a PDF file. If you haven't an email address but have a fax number, we will fax the form to you.)

Our membership form asks a few questions such as, if you are a member of another political party, will you leave that party if we offer membership? Also if you have ever been a member of the BNP or NF, then you have more difficult questions to answer!

Veritas, a straight talking party, leans both to the left and to the right. We have a social heart, but that doesn't go as far as punishing victims and rewarding criminals! Neither does it include flooding our country with every Tom Dick or Harry wanting our social services.

Yes, the leaving of the EU, although central to our core, is not what we are only about. Apart from reclaiming British Sovereignty, we want to reclaim those values which made Britain great, but have been lost over the last few decades.