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Campaigning for Britain to remain



within the European Union

Brexit breaking down

The British people were lied to. Leave's false campaign claims have been exposed. Each day brings revelations of how shockingly unprepared the chaotic and divided Tory government is for any form of Brexit.

The UK has been an EU member for 44 years. Exiting it means that the UK will have to renegotiate more than 759 international agreements. The clock that started ticking when Article 50 was triggered has just 20 months to run.

Senior British officials of all stripes are warning the Prime Minister that her vision of a smooth Brexit is at risk of collapsing. Cabinet ministers are deeply divided, expectations are completely unrealistic and the government lacks the resources and expertise to tackle this massive challenge.

The lack of an agreed stance on Brexit is slowing down negotiations with the EU, whose chief Brexit negotiator appealed to the UK government for more "clarity" on its position on crucial issues such as citizens' rights and the 'divorce bill'.

Our shambolic government is putting our wellbeing and economic prosperity at risk. For example, if the UK leaves EURATOM, the agency that oversees nuclear safety in Europe, our nuclear power industry may lose thousands of jobs and cancer patients relying on radiotherapy may also be affected.

The 'have your cake and eat it' version of Brexit the public was sold is a fairy tale. In the real world, where inflation has risen, more people are struggling to make ends meet and public services are at risk, hard trade-offs and more costly international trading arrangements will make all of these conditions worse.



Pulse of Europe:

Pulse of Europe is a pan-European movement linking hands, hearts and minds in cities across Europe to celebrate and defend the values of the EU: peace, freedom, equality, democracy and respect for human rights. Hundreds have joined us on previous Pulse of Europe events.

Join us at 2pm by the Abbey on Sunday 6th August - and on the first Sunday of every month.

Bath's MP Wera Hobhouse says, "My first impression of Parliament is that the Tory party is badly damaged. The mood is sombre and uncertain."



Factfile

In a BMA survey of EU doctors, 42% said they are considering leaving the UK as a result of the Brexit vote.

Britain's net financial contribution to the EU is £9.8b or £188m a week, not £350m.

Since 1999 the British Government has only voted against laws passed in Brussels 56 times out of 2,466 votes – 2%.

We would still be a member of the European Court of Human Rights if we pulled out of the EU. The ECHR has nothing to do with the EU and contains a number of non-EU countries. Its rulings would still be binding on the UK.

The EU did not ban bendy bananas. They did however set standards for imported fruit.

Britain paid in €5.4b to EU research and development funds and received €8.8b back between 2007 and 2013.



How to stop a juggernaut: sideline it!

Get over it! Brexit means Brexit. Done and dusted! You've probably had this type of response from the less well informed. Many in Parliament mouth similar sentiments. Yet most MPs know Brexit could be catastrophic and they want a deal that's as close to membership as possible.

That could mean 'parking' the application to leave while receiving the same kind of EU benefits currently enjoyed by Norway. At some point the Brexit process could be halted. From that 'limbo', as columnist Polly Toynbee calls it, re-admission could eventually follow.



Yet the Cabinet and some Labour MPs seem to fear the backlash that the Murdoch and Mail press, as well as the hooligan fringe in the far right, UKIP and the Tory grandstanders, could stir up.

This is where we come in. Party leaders respond to backbench MPs and these respond to their constituents' views, if they think ignoring them would mean losing their seats. If 'Remainers' and even 'soft Brexiters' pressurise their MPs, these are more likely to follow the rational course than the irrevocable Brexit of the political fringe.

There are some practical things we can all do. Here are two direct ones. Tell your MP a halt to the Brexit process is necessary and desirable: write, email, telephone, or tell her or him in person. Also tell your friends, relatives, neighbours and workmates why and how Brexit can be halted and ask them to tell their MP. More indirect methods mean spreading the word through tweets, Facebook and letters to newspapers.



The core message is this: Because Brexit is not inevitable, nor likely to occur without losses to jobs, incomes, education and national security, the process needs to be halted to take stock of all the options.

Bath has a pro-remain MP but we all know or visit people in other constituencies. Let's also spread the word to Labour and Conservative held seats.

The campaign is not lost. Let's adopt the kind of 'Dunkirk spirit' the Brexit politicians think is their monopoly. They have won one round; there is much more to come. Take hope from the Chartists, women's suffrage or gay rights campaigners. Defeated, rebuffed, fobbed off - they continued campaigning because they knew their cause was right and eventually they prevailed. This is authentic patriotism. Most British people did not vote to leave all EU institutions.

You and we can be their voice.

Join the resistance!

Bath for Europe is campaigning to save our country from the damage of a Brexit that only half of us voted for. It is non-party political and gives a voice to everyone who wants to remain in Europe.

Brexit risks destroying everything that has made Britain great. No-one voted to be poorer, more divided or politically sidelined.

The EU has said that Article 50 can be revoked. There is still everything to fight for.

It is far from being a done deal. Two unpredictable years lie ahead so there is still a huge need for us all to play our part to prevent this suicide and minimise any self-inflicted damage.

Please join us and make your voice heard.

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