

# REMAIN!

Campaigning for Britain to remain

within the European Union

## No time to lose!

*Bath for Europe supporters have been on the move and in the news: at rallies and marches in Bristol, London, Bournemouth and Manchester, in the press and on BBC Points West and Channel 4.*

The process of forcing the country to follow an extremist agenda, that only half of us voted for, is becoming ever more damaging and divisive:

**Chaos at the top:** Mrs May promises "calm leadership" while facing dissent from fellow Tories and calls to give Boris Johnson his P45.

**Crisis in the negotiations:** Germany and France scuppered her dream of fast-tracking talks on a two-year transition deal post-Brexit, insisting the UK settle its EU divorce bill first.

**Abandoned by our 'allies':** the Trump administration is taking a hard line on trade deals.

**Deepening recession:** the economic news worsens as the reality of Brexit begins to bite. Sterling has already crashed; now the domestic economy is following.



But it's not too late to change it. We've signed up lots of new members who share our passion to stop Brexit. Help us spread our message at our weekly **Commuter Call** and **Saturday Pop-Up Protest Stall**. We also need volunteers to help with **leafletting**, both in the streets and through letterboxes in your own street.

We must keep turning up to show our feelings and gather more helpers to our cause. Now is not the time to give up – there's no time to lose!

### Join us at these events

Remember, remember: **Pulse of Europe is back in Bath on Sunday 5th November**. Meet at Abbey Churchyard at 2.00pm for a rally and march through Bath. And then on December 3rd and the first Sunday of each month following.

**Ian Dunt, editor of politics.co.uk and author of Brexit: What the Hell Happens Next? will be in conversation with journalist and author Celia Brayfield at St Michaels Church starting at 7:30 pm.** A lively evening is in store! Ian's book will be on sale on the night courtesy of Mr. B's Emporium of Reading Delights. Tickets on Eventbrite through [bathforeurope.com](http://bathforeurope.com).

Visit **Upcoming Events** on [bathforeurope.com](http://bathforeurope.com) and our Facebook pages for details on these events and more.

### 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 5th November - and on the first Sunday of every month.

## Factfile

**The EU does not ban vacuum cleaners that suck powerfully.** There are EU rules on performance, including noise, ability to pick up dust, and energy efficiency (similar to other domestic appliances). The objective is a better product for consumers and in 2014 some cleaners meeting these standards were in the "Which?" best buy list.

**Wind turbines and solar panels in the countryside are built to meet renewable energy and carbon emissions targets set by the UK government.** There are similar EU targets, but the UK has been a leading advocate of EU targets.

**Inefficient incandescent light bulbs have been phased out following an EU decision. This was made by elected national ministers and MEPs, not by bureaucrats.** They are also being phased out in the US, Canada, Switzerland, China, Australia, Brazil, Russia and many other countries.

**The EU has not banned imperial weights and measures. Metrication in the UK is not the result of EU membership.** Metrication commenced in 1965, 8 years before Britain joined the EU. An EU directive agreed by the UK government does require goods to be displayed and sold in metric units, but imperial units can be used alongside metric.

**There are no EU imposed fines for speeding drivers. Each EU member state is in full control of its own traffic rules and level of fines.** There are EU rules, agreed by national ministers and MEPs, and introduced in 2015, to ensure people cannot easily avoid fines for dangerous driving in other EU member states.





# Stopping Brexit

*The clock is ticking. In little more than 17 months, Britain is scheduled to leave the EU. To stop it we have no time to waste.*

The government is trying to create the impression that all is in hand. The Prime Minister believes we will get a good deal; we are leaving the EU, not Europe. A small majority (326/290) of MPs supported the EU Withdrawal Bill in its first Parliamentary vote.

But there are no indications of a good deal. And reality cannot be avoided indefinitely. At a packed event on October 4th organised by Bath for Europe, Bath's MP Wera Hobhouse gave a first-hand account from Westminster and a view from Brussels. Negotiations are in chaos. EU officials and MEPs do not understand what the UK is doing or what we want. British civil servants can give little detail to businesses and major organisations about what we are heading towards.

## **Division in Westminster**

Fronting all this is a hopelessly divided Conservative government, nominally led by a weak Prime Minister struggling to reconcile the Brexit fundamentalists

## **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. One and a half 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.**

and the moderates. Her credibility plummeted further with the conference debacle. We can sympathise with a coughing fit. But her lost voice and the collapsing set provide a perfect metaphor for the government's loss of credibility. This is no way to approach the biggest decision in Britain's modern political history.

Stopping Brexit requires enough MPs to vote against the EU Withdrawal Bill, to vote against the final deal, or to support a referendum on it. At the moment many pro-European MPs seem to accept Brexit. They hope for a good deal not too different from remaining a member. But with increasing realisation among the wider public of a disaster in the making, we believe pro-European MPs will stand up and be counted.

## **Challenging the referendum**

We must keep reminding everyone that it is entirely democratic to challenge the referendum result. For 40 years Leavers have challenged the 1975 vote which, at 67%/33%, was decisive. Now we are told that it is undemocratic to challenge a much less decisive 51.9%/48.1% result. This is intolerable. Democracy is ongoing. It doesn't end with a single referendum or election.

A crucial feature of democracy is having the opportunity to reconsider decisions as circumstances change.

As new evidence comes to light about the disastrous impact of Brexit on our country, we must give both soft Leavers and soft Remainers the space to reconsider the options we collectively face and to bridge divides to find solutions. We passionate Remainers want to ensure the best possible future for the UK. We are patriots; patriotism and internationalism are not mutually exclusive. In our interconnected world, close cooperation with other nations is the best path to peace and prosperity.

The campaign against Brexit is growing. Tom Bruffato, chair of Britain for Europe, and Wera Hobhouse spoke of Bath for Europe going from

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strength to strength, how it has broken down party barriers and how it is a model grassroots campaign. Similar campaigns are growing across the country. Please join us now to help stop Brexit in its tracks.

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