

Anne Palmer RIP

The Independence movement has lost a redoubtable champion with the death of Anne Palmer at the age of 91. The report in the *Express and Star* gives an account of her life and remarkable contribution to the life of her local community.

“ A Black Country magistrate who founded two Girl Guide groups in Wolverhampton and helped lay the groundwork for Brexit has died aged 91. Anne Palmer was well known in Wolverhampton as she was Littlewoods first manageress and ran her own hairdressing business in Wednesfield in the 1960s.

Born in Manchester in 1930 she moved to Featherstone after her house was bombed in World War Two and remained in the black Country for the rest of her life. She married her husband Ken in 1950 and went on to have two sons, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was an early advocate of leaving the European Union, frequently describing Britain as being “locked in a dying institution”. She was a voracious writer of letters to the *Express & Star* and was an early supporter of the UK Independence Party...

Her son Philip said “ She did a lot in her life and was well known in Wolverhampton as the manageress of Littlewoods and as a magistrate...She appeared in the *Express and Star* a lot as she was always writing letters...She helped Derek Bennett in his attempt to charge Tony Blair for treason. When she decided to do something she would go all in and was an incredible researcher in her own right”.

In the 2000s Mrs Palmer spent a lot of time working with the Freedom Association helping critique government legislation and trying to prove EU treaties should not determine law in the UK.

In 2012 the retired magistrate gave evidence to the House of Commons as part of a Foreign Office enquiry into the Commonwealth, an institution she loved dearly. She told Parliament "Not far from where I live are some of the graves of those Commonwealth Forces that gave their lives for us- where we can go at times and remember the sacrifice they made for us."

"They gave their lives so that all of you in that magnificent building could continue to govern this country according to its 600 year old constitution – for that is the only lawful Constitutional foundation other new laws can lawfully be built upon. That is what our Members of the Commonwealth fought for, that no British person could or would allow a foreigner ever to set aside our own Constitution for any foreign laws".

Members of CIB and all campaigners for independence remember with admiration Anne's determination in the cause of our country's freedom and send our deepest sympathy to her family in their loss.

The funeral is due to be held in the East Chapel of Bushbury Crematorium on 14th February 2022 at 2.30pm.

(Bushbury Crematorium, Underhill Lane, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, WV10 7JG)

