

Going native. British MEPs vote against own country

This short video may be of interest to our readers. The speaker is none too impressed with the 26 UK MEPs who voted in the European Parliament support of a proposal by the EP's Brexit spokesman Guy Verhofstadt urging the EU not to start trade talks with the UK. The argument by Mary Honeyball, a Labour MEP who supported Mr Verhofstadt, that the UK had agreed to resolving the issues of the Irish border, the Divorce bill and the rights of EU nations living in the UK before starting trade talks cut little ice with many commentators, who accused her and her colleagues of betraying their country. Two Tory MEPs, Richard Ashworth and Julie Girling, were among the 26. The pair promptly received a rap on the knuckles by senior party officials, who were apparently "livid" at their behaviour, especially given the vote took place the day before Mrs May's conference speech. The Conservative whip was withdrawn from them as a result of their actions.

The list of the full 26 is as follows:-

LABOUR

- * Lucy Anderson, London, Labour
- * Paul Brannen, North East England, Labour
- * Richard Corbett, Yorkshire and the Humber, Labour
- * Set Dance, London, Labour
- * Neena Gill, West Midlands, Labour
- * Theresa Griffin, North West England, Labour
- * Mary Honeyball, London, Labour
- * John Howarth, South East England, Labour
- * Wajid Khan, North West England, Labour
- * Jude Kirton-Darling, North East England, Labour
- * David Martin, Scotland, Labour
- * Alex Mayer, East of England, Labour
- * Linda McAvan, Yorkshire and the Humber, Labour
- * Claude Moraes, London, Labour

- * Sion Simon, West Midlands, Labour
- * Catherine Stihler, Scotland, Labour
- * Derek Vaughan, Wales, Labour
- * Julie Ward, North West England, Labour

CONSERVATIVES

- * Richard Ashworth, South East England, Conservatives
- * Julie Girling, South West England, Conservatives

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

- * Catherine Bearder, South East England, Liberal Democrats

GREEN PARTY

- * Jean Lambert, London, Green Party
- * Molly Scott Cato, South West England, Green Party
- * Keith Taylor, South East England, Green Party

SINN FEIN

- * Martina Anderson, Northern Ireland, Sinn Fein

PLAID CYMRU

- * Jill Evans, Wales, Plaid Cymru

On the subject of Mrs May's speech, if the idiotic prankster who interrupted her speech to deliver her a P45 had any sense, rather than waste his time in Manchester, he should have gone to Strasbourg and handed P45s to all these 26. This vote is the ultimate proof that many MEPs have gone native. The sooner these 26 are put out to grass the better.

(Incidentally, the video also mentions the Damascus Road conversion of Stanley Johnson, the father of Boris, who campaigned for Remain but has belatedly been won over to supporting Brexit courtesy of Jean-Claude Juncker's recent speech, which made him realise that the EU was heading "in a direction we don't really want to go.")