

# A Happy Christmas from the Campaign for an Independent Britain

As 2017 draws near to a close, we would like to thank our members and supporters for their help and encouragement during the course of the year.

From the Brexit point of view, 2017 has been very frustrating. The triggering of Article 50 was a welcome development and we believe that it is highly likely that we shall indeed leave the EU in March 2019. The shape of Brexit has yet to be determined, however, with many conflicting voices in government and, indeed, in Parliament as a whole. There have been few indications that the Government has yet come up with a road map that will take us seamlessly to independence and given that almost 18 months have elapsed since the Brexit vote, this is a cause for concern.

During the year, the Campaign for an Independent Britain has been active organising meetings, producing new literature, providing commentary via our website and supporting like-minded organisations committed to the same end. We intend to continue to campaign for a Brexit that will see us properly out of the EU but at the same time one which will not cause any damage to our economy. We will continue to cooperate with like-minded partners, including specialist groups like Fishing for Leave, which have expertise in particular areas. We foresee the first battle of 2018 will be fought over the suggestions for a transitional agreement which would, in effect, see us locked into the EU for a further period.

While we trust that the unacceptability of this arrangement will result in its ultimate rejection – or at least, a rejection of the framework published by the European Council,

it looks likely that our work will not be over when March 29th 2019 dawns.

For this reason, we are asking for your help. As one of the oldest anti-EU campaigning organisations, set up before we even joined, we are keen to see the job done and still to be active right up to the time when we can regard our withdrawal as fully accomplished. Unfortunately, as things stand, we would be left with little in the way of a contingency fund to keep going after the formal Brexit day on 29th March 2019.

If you have not already supported our recent appeal, you can do either

- by sending a cheque to Campaign for an Independent Britain at 78 Carlton Road, Worksop, Notts, S80 1PH
- or by Pay Pal, using this link.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

The Campaign for an Independent Britain