Rumours of our demise have been greatly exaggerated...

Transition periods are always frustrating, but sometimes they are necessary. We would like to thank all of our supporters and readers for their patience while we got the CIB website up and running again following John Petley's departure as Operations Manager.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch to enquire about the future of CIB. It is reassuring to know that our input has been missed. We would like to make clear that CIB has no plans to wind down. We have been campaigning for UK sovereignty since 1969, and we will continue the fight for as long as it takes to guarantee this. Even assuming a satisfactory Brexit in March 2019 (something which currently looks in great doubt), the threat the EU poses to our sovereignty will not dissipate immediately. We have no doubt that Ultra-Remainers will try to surrender our sovereignty for years to come, whether by dragging us back into the EU, or by signing us up piecemeal to so-called 'co-operation' and 'partnerships', such as in defence or law and order. As long as the threat remains, CIB will be here to fight against it.

To be completely frank, we could no longer afford a salaried Operations Manager because our funds might well run out before independence is securely achieved. We simply do not have the financial means to continue to employ a permanent member of staff. Dr Anna L. Bailey, a political scientist and CIB committee member, will now be updating the website as well as running our Facebook page, but she will only be working for a few hours a week. Please therefore accept our apologies in advance if we cannot respond to everyone individually as before.

This serves to underline how reliant we are on the financial

support of our members, be it through membership fees, donations, or legacies. Unlike Remainers, we do not have wealthy elites bankrolling us. We are funded entirely by ordinary people who care about their country's sovereignty. There are several ways you can help support our cause.

If you are not already a member of CIB, please join. It's only £20 per year, and just £10 per year for under 25s and over 65s. We're sure you'll agree that this is a tiny price to pay to ensure that CIB can continue to fight for the UK's independence and sovereignty at this critical time. If you are able to contribute more, please make a donation, and keep your eyes peeled for our upcoming annual Christmas appeal. If you have a will, please consider leaving a legacy to CIB so that we can continue to fight for independence for future generations.

And now, back to business. We will be posting some analytical pieces on the EU and Brexit later this week. In the meantime, if you're not already following our Facebook page, please give it a 'like' to keep up to date with everything we post.