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We must unite against the BNP, says Andy Richards of Unite the Union

Fascism: enemy of the workers

THE Labour Movement has a long and proud history of fighting the scourge of fascism, both abroad and in our country.

After all the devastation and misery that fascism caused during the last century, the labour movement is still fighting the fascists, now in the guise of the BNP and the English Defence League (EDL).

In times of economic hardship the fascists can sometimes seem more palatable to people, who in more prosperous times would never give them a second thought.

If this association of economic hardship and fascist support is correct then in the present economic climate, where UK unemployment edges toward three million, we have to be vigilant and on our guard. All anti-fascists must do everything they can to get the message across that the BNP is no friend of the ordinary working citizen.

Oppose the cuts

The trade union movement is mobilising with every sinew to fight back against the ConDem cuts. We saw half a million people march in London against the cuts on the 26 March. The cuts seek to make the citizens of Wales and the rest of the UK pay for the “snouts in the trough” mentality of their mates, the heads of the financial institutions, who dropped us in the mess we are now in.

The cuts are designed to complete the job which Thatcher set out to do — destroy the welfare state and sell off any valuable assets to their pals. The



Marching together in defence of our services

Fascists may well try to jump on the bandwagon and portray themselves as an anti-cuts party.

As regional secretary for UNITE in Wales I am determined to expose the BNP for what they are — racists who would make the destruction of the trade union movement and its calls for social justice as their top priority if they ever achieved political power.

In their “Mickey Mouse” political philosophy they caricature trade unionists as “reds” and

“commies”. Like Hitler and Mussolini, the BNP’s political idols, they hate any organisation that sticks up for ordinary working people.

We must always dispel the idea that ignoring the fascists is the best way to defeat them. It is only by face-to-face, steadfast opposition, such as we have achieved in Swansea recently, that they will be defeated.

Tolerant

We have a duty to our movement, our county and to our families to keep Wales as the tolerant welcoming country that it always has been. To do nothing is not an option, we must all stand shoulder to shoulder.

The precursor to the BNP’s electoral success has been a massive re-branding exercise. You won’t find real BNP intentions on their website. If you are unlucky enough to come across one of their “foot soldiers”, canvassing during the coming Assembly elections, then you will get the real message.

Lies about migrants, lies about benefits and free cars to immigrants, lies about migrants stealing Welsh jobs. Lies upon lies. The BNP’s message can be boiled down to one four letter word: HATE.

The BNP are hate-filled bigots and it is our job to expose them as such. We like to think of Wales as a country where fascism will never gain political office of any kind. But inaction and inertia will lead to a BNP presence in our devolved government.

Get out and vote on 5 May.

No to racism, fascism and Islamophobia!

"Britain's trillion pound national debt crisis: A problem only the British National Party can solve"

BNP News – January 2011

...a big boast for a party that is on the edge of bankruptcy

THE CLAIM to have the answer to the national debt was the headline on the BNP's website back in January. Compare that with the mess the BNP makes of running its own finances.

It is not just that it is constantly in debt, but it is in continual trouble over late presentation of accounts — which are then found to be inadequate — so it is not surprising that they change treasurers every few months.

Fines

They were fined £1,000 for being six months late in presenting the 2008 accounts to the Electoral Commission. The auditors said at the time that, "In our opinion it cannot be said the accounts comply with the requirements of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 as adequate records have not been made available."

The BNP has been fined five times in two years for breaking rules on filing financial records. The 2009 accounts were handed in only two days before a fine of £2,500 would have been due.

Treasurers can be fine £5,000 for breaches in the rules during their term of office. But that may be hard for the authorities to work out because the BNP have had five treasurers since the beginning of 2009.

However the latest treasurer, Clive Jefferson is being quick to



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deny any responsibility.

He says, "I was appointed the party's treasurer on 28 October 2010, which was subsequent to the records for 2009 being made available to the auditor. I can provide no information of any value regarding the accounts."

Lost funds

Which means he also does not know what happened to £90,000 of local branch funds which seem to have been "lost".

The accounts show that the party owes the local branches £93,579

but only has £4,496 available.

The inadequate accounts makes it difficult to see exactly where the £2 million income — mainly from donations and membership fees — actually went in 2009.

Money down the drain

The above 2009 figures do not take account of the big bills to come in the 2010 accounts. There will of course be the general election expenditure but on top of that there will be the tens of thousands wasted by Nick Griffin on legal fees.

The 'Marmite' case could have cost £200,000 in fees and an out of court settlement.

This arose when the BNP made unauthorised use of a jar of Marmite in an election broadcast and were sued by Unilever.

Instead of saying "Oops, sorry," Griffin tried, at first, to fight the case so adding to the eventual costs.

More money went down the drain in court cases against former employees.

In January the BNP failed to pay an instalment of £45,000 to the court. Total costs are expected to top £100,000.

Nick's doing nicely

As an MEP Nick Griffin gets £82,000 annual pay plus nearly £300 a day attendance allowance. That is on top of receiving staff and office expenses of over £250,000.

BNP – party of terrorism

WHEN fascists in the BNP and EDL rage against all Muslims as "potential jihadists and terrorists" they conveniently forget their fellow fascists who have been convicted of bomb offences.

DARREN TINKLIN from Blackwood, Caerphilly. Sentenced to three years in 2010 after admitting making explosives, including a pipe bomb and possessing a firearm.

The police found Nazi paraphernalia including items with SS symbols. He also had a T-shirt with the slogan "100% fascist". He admitted having been a member of a far-right organisation but claimed his membership had lapsed.

ROBERT COTTAGE (picture left) stood three times as a BNP candidate. In 2007 he was jailed for 30 months for stockpiling explosive chemicals in anticipation of a coming "race war."

TERRENCE GAVAN was sentenced to



11 years in jail for possessing a huge arsenal of over 50 bombs and 12 firearms. He had joined the BNP in 2007. Letters and literature from the party were found at his home.

DAVID COPELAND (picture left) a former BNP security steward is the most notorious of all — known as the London nail-bomber after setting off bombs packed with up to 1,500 four-inch nails at three targets aimed at black, Asian and Gay communities.

He killed three people and injured 129, many seriously. No warnings were given.



In 2000 he was given six life sentences and ordered to serve a minimum of 50 years.

He told police, "My main intent was to spread fear, resentment and hatred throughout this country, it was to cause a racial war."

It is not accidental that the BNP attracts so many men of violence. When you have a belief that all those who do not look and think just like you, must therefore be evil, inferior or both — then it is bound to lead to paranoia, irrational hatred and violence.

BNP – party of crime and violence

Enis Dalton, the BNP candidate in the Barnsley by-election (picture right), saw her vote collapse to less than half of the result at the 2009 general election.

According to the BNP, Ms Dalton said that her interaction with voters in the constituency had shown that the women of Barnsley had a high appreciation for the BNP's rigorous defence of female rights.

Dalton should look at the record of her party. Here are some examples of the violence her party members inflict on women.

Rape

Nick Eriksen the BNP London organiser made



plain his party's attitude towards sexual violence when he declared, "Rape is simply sex. Women enjoy sex, so rape cannot be such a terrible physical ordeal."

"To suggest that rape, when conducted without violence, is a serious crime is like suggesting that force-feeding a woman chocolate cake is a heinous offence."

Harassment

John Aveyard, former organiser of the BNP's Wakefield branch, was jailed for 22 weeks for assault and for harassment of his partner. The police officer investigating said in six years of service, he had never seen anybody as frightened or as upset as Aveyard's victim.

Assault

British National Party's sole representative on Redditch council, David Enderby was convicted for assaulting his estranged wife and mother-in-law.

Sex attacks on young girls

When a list of BNP members was leaked in 2008 it revealed two members were jailed for sex attacks on young girls.

One of them took snaps on his mobile phone of himself sexually assaulting a teenager.

Griffin – a Nazi in sheep's clothing

NICK GRIFFIN is a Nazi. He is a Nazi in the same tradition as Hitler. He would like to see the BNP take power in Britain, as Hitler saw his party take power in Germany.

If Nick Griffin was honest about his beliefs no-one would vote for him — so he lies about it. He pretends that he is no longer a Nazi and has changed his mind about his Nazi beliefs.

Griffin was taken to his first National Front meeting (the fore-runners of the BNP) when he was 15 by his wealthy father (a right-wing Conservative Party member).

After attending a private school in Suffolk he went to Cambridge University where he founded the Young National Front Students.

He became leader of the BNP in 1999 when it was a rag-tag bunch of skinhead thugs with Swastika tattoos, Sieg-heiling in public. He replaced John Tyndall — a Nazi thug who was famously photographed in German Nazi SS regalia.

Griffin knew that no-one would ever vote for this so he has spent the last 12 years changing the party's image so that he can dupe people into joining it, voting for it, and standing for it in elections.

Griffin was convicted in 1998 for incitement to

racial hatred for producing material for denying the holocaust. He has praised the Waffen-SS for their "courage."

He picketed the remembrance service of the Coventry Blitz describing it as a "guilt trip." He led 500 Nazi thugs to the Genotaph in 1986 to protest against Britain's involvement in the war against Nazi Germany. He infamously described the holocaust as "Allied propaganda."

He claims a "direct link from Oswald Mosley to me." In 2006 he said, "Hitler went a bit too far." He has also shared a platform with the Ku Klux Klan leader David Duke.

Duke was the editor of the anti-Semitic rag called 'The Rune', which ironically now, had a special edition with the headline "SS Special! Sick of Vera Lynn? See pages 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, & 88" (88 stands for Heil Hitler).

Nick Griffin is clearly a Nazi, but he attempts to portray himself as a respectable politician defending the British way of life. He wants people to believe that the BNP are simply a patriotic, nationalist party. The reality is he is trying to get a deeply bigoted Nazi party into power before he shows his true colours. Don't fall for his lies.

Alan Thomson

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Why you should use your vote in 5 May elections

Both, the BNP and the EDL pose as saviours of the white British working class. But the stories on these pages, and in previous editions, expose the reality of who the fascists are and what they stand for behind the propaganda and the image they try to project.

The BNP has tried putting on suits, standing in elections and pretending to be just another mainstream political party.

It has worked for a while giving them an one time over 50 local councillors and the two Euro seats in England.

Some of the media have chosen to take them at face value and give them free publicity — most notoriously the BBC Question Time programme.

But Unite Against Fascism and others have never let up on exposing them for the fascists that they are. This consistent opposition has had its effect as can be seen by their loss of councillors and setbacks at the general election last year.

Myths

They are looking now to the Welsh Assembly [and Scottish Parliament] elections to restore their fortunes.

They hope that the PR voting system that, combined with a low turn out, gave them their Euro seats will work again in their favour.

They also hope that their previous lack of success in Wales



The face of hate — EDL and BNP

has also meant less exposure and that there are still "protest" votes out there to be won.

Cuts

We know that as the ConDem government cuts hit services and unemployment rises some will be tempted to look for scapegoats. That is why every fightback against the cuts is also part of the fight against the fascists.

It also is why UAF Wales has produced three editions of this paper which with the support of the Wales TUC and unions in Wales is being widely distributed.

A resounding defeat at the Assembly polls could not only finish off the BNP in Wales but also put a block on the growth of the 'Defence Leagues'. That is worth making an effort for.

Join the campaign!

'The threat from the BNP and fascist groups in Wales is real and immediate. They bring division to our communities and all thinking, compassionate people should oppose them. Now is the time to mobilise on an all-Wales basis, to meet the threat from these racist, fascist thugs as it arises.' Peter Hain MP

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Use your vote on **Thursday 5 May**

Stop the Nazi BNP

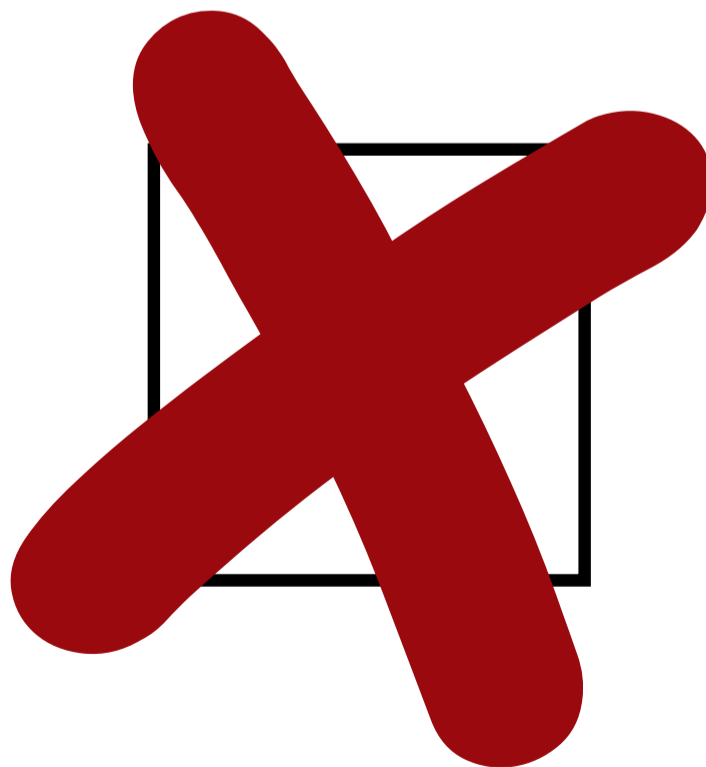
The BNP wants to grab a Welsh Assembly seat. We can stop them.

ELECTIONS to the National Assembly for Wales are due to take place on Thursday 5 May and the fascist British National Party (BNP) will be seeking once again to establish a foothold in mainstream Welsh politics — as they have already done in English local councils and in the European Parliament.

They will try to exploit people's anxieties about economic crisis and Coalition's cuts to and blame scapegoats such as asylum-seekers, migrants and Muslims for our problems.

Their efforts to present a more respectable face in the search for electoral credibility have begun to pay off in Wales in recent years.

The party wants to capitalise on the decline of industrial areas, as well as growing disenchantment with mainstream political parties.



While the BNP did not put up in Wales in the 1997 elections, only one in 2001 and two in 2005, last year they stood 19 candidates—averaging 1,215 votes a seat.

This is not enough to win a seat in Parliament or in the National Assembly—but the Assembly has 20 regional 'top-up' seats, which aggregate votes over a large area gives the BNP a chance of winning a seat.

Threat

At the last Assembly elections in 2007, the BNP won 9,986 votes in the North Wales region (5.1 percent), putting it within 2,580 votes (0.6 percent) of winning a seat.

A fascist voice in Cardiff Bay would be a massive blow to our multi-cultural society. There is an urgent need for everyone who is concerned about this threat, to join our campaign all-out to expose the BNP for what they are, and stop them in our Assembly."

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