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- I'll let MPs vote to end ban on fox hunting, says Cameron

8th March

- Poverty forces record number of women into low- paid jobs
- PM fury as Osborne tries to slash Defence by yet another £1bn
- Tory cuts will put protection of public at risk – police chief

9th March

- Labour 'in pocket' of SNP after deal
- Hammond fails to rule out even MORE cuts to defence budget
- Cameron pledges 500 new free schools

10th March

- Praise for TV host who slapped down sexist UK Islamist
- Hundreds of sex offenders 'missing'
- 'Terror apologists must share blame'

11th March

- Cold War's back... Putin branded the main threat to UK
- Pension reform 'to boost house prices'
- Top Gear halted over Clarkson 'punch'

12th March

- Miliband 'doesn't know how the world works'
- Farage: I'd axe 'much of' race laws
- Sturgeon defiant on devo max as deficit hits £12bn



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- Clegg wades into row over Lib Dem funding
- We'll make sure the 'undeserving rich' pay more in tax, says Gove
- Afghan president salutes UK war dead

14th March

- It's an insult say families as SNP chief snubs Afghan war memorial
- Nigel Farage: 'NHS almost killed me'
- Comic Relief raises £1bn in 30 years

15th March

- MPs call for 'kinder, cheaper' state-funded end-of-life care
- Osborne in new pensions giveaway
- Housing crisis forces soaring benefits bill

16th March

- Farage offers Tories deal on early EU vote
- Plan to let critically ill die at home 'may repeat flaws of death pathway'
- £1m bid to loosen union grip on Labour

17th March

- Miliband refuses to rule out deal to share power with the SNP
- How Britain wastes £ 33bn each year on red tape from Brussels
- Minimum wage to rise by 20p an hour

18th March

- Cameron opens the door for 2015 EU referendum
- Morbidly obese could get free flu jab
- Sturgeon to reject salary rise and title of the UK's highest-paid politician



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- Even government advisers are rejecting PM's migrant pledge
- Balls 'won't reverse any of Budget'
- Miliband: Chancellor is failing families

20th March

- Osborne still won't commit on defence
- Solar eclipse creeps across Earth
- Multi-billion pound plans for rail

21st March

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- Clarkson: I've been 'sacked'
- Clegg: 'We'll prevent Salmond's return'

22nd March

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- NHS under strain as hospital bed-blocking hits record levels
- Cameron TV victory as Miliband forced into 'battle of the minnows'

23rd March

- May: The game's up for UK extremists
- 2.5m tenants WILL get the Right to Buy in Tories' manifesto
- MPs attack civil servants on referendum neutrality

24th March

- Theresa, George or Boris could be my successor, says PM
- Labour to pledge not to increase VAT
- Leadership speculation as Cameron rules out a third term



25th March

- I'm taking nothing for granted, says Cameron in row over third term
- Tories and Labour neck and neck as Ukip support slips
- 'No convincing case' for £50bn HS2

26th March

- Salmond: How I will stop a Conservative government
- Agony of Alps plane crash families
- 0% Inflation at historic low

27th March

- Criminals to pay new court charge
- Landslide to hand SNP a multi-million windfall
- Air safety overhaul after crash jet suicide

28th March

- Cameron to pledge 'seven-day NHS'
- Knox acquitted of Kercher murder
- German crash pilot 'had been planning spectacular gesture'

29th March

- Don't stigmatise depression over Alps crash – top doctor
- Election is on a knife edge, Cameron tells party activists
- PC on wife kill charge

30th March

- £ 3k Labour tax blow for every family
- PM warns voters of 'stark choice'
- Probe on Clarkson kill threat

31st March

- Cut UK welfare to end migrant chaos says Calais mayor
- Up to 40 Labour MPs plot with SNP to hold Red Ed to ransom
- Protests as campaigners call for cut in rail fares



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- 100mph storms ruin Easter getaway
- 100 business chiefs back Tories and warn: Labour will threaten recovery
- Nige: 30k migrants in 1 year

2nd April

- Violent criminals can go to open jails, judges rule
- 9 Britons seized at border amid alarm over rush to join IS
- Police chief Sir Stephen under fire at rank-and-file conference

3rd April

- Coming home, British family with baby who tried to join Jihadists
- 147 die as terrorists target Christians
- Lack of school places 'tipping point'

4th April

- Call to axe 'absurd' foreign aid target
- Teachers set for national strike ballot
- Most dangerous woman in Britain

5th April

- Attacks on Muslims will become specific hate crime, say Tories
- Sturgeon offers new deal to help Miliband into No 10
- Holiday firms set sights on billions from pension pots

6th April

- 6 Tories will defect to avoid Lib Dem pact insists Farage
- PM: It's immoral to keep spending and taxes high
- HIV migrants: Half of Britons back Ukip on curbing treatment



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- Jihadi bride's father took her on protests
- Girl, 16, held in security swoop could have been playing a joke, says mother
- Labour seeks summit

8th April

- Come home to the Tories, Cameron tells Ukip voters
- Sturgeon: Raising pension age is unfair on Scots – they die younger!
- UK leaders condemn persecution abroad

9th April

- Air mayhem as French strike grounds flights
- House in warning on removal of consensual stop-search
- Sturgeon under fire over debate devo max pledge

10th April

- Ukip launches drive to woo women voters
- UK pollution forecast prompts warning
- PM pledges 'paid volunteering leave'

11th April

- Bake Britain! At 71F it's hottest day of year
- Tories: We'll find £8bn more for NHS
- Scotland set for boom in extraditions as UK gets wanted list

12th April

- Met faces jewellery heist bills
- Tories: give £1m to your children tax-free
- Labour pledges huge fines on tax avoiders to raise £7.5bn a year



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13th April

- At last! Britain set for a 3- month heatwave
- SAS on
- Schools fa

14th April

- Leaders warn PM over TV debates
- Cameron sets out his vision of the Tory dream
- Labour pledges 'no extra borrowing'

15th April

- Cameron is 'frit' of TV debates says Miliband
- PM's web terror plea to Obama
- Jewish people's fears for future in Britain

16th April

- EU chief blocks PM on exit treaty talks
- Ed's US adviser pays no tax in Britain on his £300,000 salary
- Cameron accused of paving way for a 'grubby deal' with the SNP

17th April

- Fluke find could help cure cancer
- British heroes laid to rest... 100 years on
- PUK unemployment falls to 1.84m

18th April

- Millions urged to grab record low home loans
- Labour to tackle worker exploitation
- I will miss Top Gear, says Clarkson



National News Headlines April 2015

19th April

- 'Uncertain' EU referendum hurts UK business, PM told
- Electronic waste worth £ 34bn piling up in 'toxic mine', report warns
- Miliband issues call to moderate Tories: I'll be your champion

20th April

- UK Muslim law Outrage at Holocaust deniers' secret rally
- Boy, 14, held over Australia 'plot'
- SNP to launch election manifesto

21st April

- Schoolboy, 14, quizzed over terror plot
- Miliband: Cameron risking future of UK
- Major: Labour will be held to ransom by Nationalists

22nd April

- Cameron pledges to double free childcare
- Labour-SNP victory would raise interest rates, warns top bank
- Supermarket rip-off tactics

23rd April

- PM to unveil the first manifesto just for England
- Osborne denies campaign too negative
- This time it's personal: Salmond and Cameron in vicious war of words

24th April

- BPM sends in Navy to smash refugee gangs
- Tories take 4-point lead ... but one in 5 is still undecided
- Miliband attacks 'UK failure' on Libya



National News Headlines May 2015

1st May

- Leaders face public on Question Time
- Sturgeon slates Miliband pledge to sacrifice power
- Anger over redundancy laws after staff sacked by telephone

2nd May

- Fears grow for 28 Britons lost in Nepal quake
- Miliband in Scotland to rally voters
- Solar device to bring big savings on energy bills

3rd May

- I won't gamble my party on a deal with Tories, says Clegg
- Didn't we do well, William?
- Britain set to face weeks of political paralysis after poll

4th May

- Grandparents dash to see cherished royal arrival
- Gun salutes mark birth of princess
- Miliband's monolith or is it a tombstone?

5th May

- Nige in blast at Labour
- A homage to Charles, a loving nod to granny
- Safe! Brit girl plucked from quake horror

6th May

- Leaders in last-ditch bid for votes
- Main parties clash as fears of constitutional crisis rise
- Leaders target Scotland in final push for votes



National News Headlines May 2015

13th May

- Rail chaos looms as unions vote to strike in pay row
- BBC licence fee dodgers shouldn't face court
- Time to call Sturgeon's bluff, Cameron urged

14th May

- New laws to target radicalisation
- Doctors urged to stop 'over-treating'
- Harry & ghost of his mum

15th May

- Nationalist MPs demand extra £9bn for Holyrood
- Police 'too aggressive' in dealings with trade, say licensees
- Boris warns of Heathrow C-charge if new runway is built

16th May

- Prince 'calm' about publication of his 'black spider memos'
- NHS tests ang drugs taht do more harm than good
- National rail strike threatens chaos as Tories target unions

17th May

- Queen delighted as four generations of her family have fun at horse show
- Cameron needs quick EU migrant deal – Burnham
- Labour rips itself apart

18th May

- Cameron pledges 7- day- a- week NHS
- Labour crisis deepens as Burnham backs party split
- Companies warned over social media damage by employees



National News Headlines May 2015

19th May

- New anger as Thomas Cook donates £ 1.5m boiler deaths cash to charity
- 'Abroad fraud' costs Britain £ 81m a year
- PM puts Euro referendum Bill at top of Queen's speech

20th May

- How 75% of Eastern Bloc migrants in UK do low- skilled jobs
- Beat bobbies are dying out, warn police
- Charles to visit scene of IRA attack

21st May

- Illegal migrants to be stripped of their wages
- Islamic State terror suspect smuggled into EU on migrant boat
- Net migration to UK reaches 318,000

22nd May

- Charles reaches out across Ulster divide
- Cameron and Merkel clash over benefits for migrants
- Sugar tax to pay for treating obesity

23rd May

- Cameron gets cool reception in battle for a new EU deal
- Councils urge blanket legal high ban
- Europe fears Cameron 'will lose control of referendum'

24th May

- Top general: Get ready to send in UK troops for IS 'fight to the finish'
- Ireland gives huge backing to same-sex marriages
- Duncan Smith in cabinet row over £12bn welfare cuts



25th May

- Snub for Army chief's call to fight IS terror
- Greece refuses to pay £1.1bn bail-out debt
- No referendum vote for EU citizens

26th May

- Labour calls for EU vote for 16- year- olds
- Top judge backs human rights rethink
- Privacy fears over police use of face ID database

27th May

- PM vows to deliver Tory 'one nation' plans in full
- History will not forgive us if we fudge Europe reform
- Staying in 'will be Yes in EU vote'

28th May

- Britain faces massive bill for boat migrants
- PM buys off the Tory rebels on Human Rights
- Methodist Church apologises for abuse

29th May

- May: At last we can tackle immigration
- Rail strike is back on ... and it'll last three days
- Cameron and Merkel in EU reform talks

30th May

- Feel-good factor fuels high street spending spree
- EU reform? Where there's a will there's a way, says Merkel
- No £100 fine for late tax returns

31st May

- Gove's 'English Bill of Rights' puts the Union at risk again
- Ex-Whitehall chief criticises right-to-buy housing policy
- Blatter blasts British press and US justice





By Paul G Bazeley for
Government World

UK News

The Conservatives were the majority winners in the UK general election winning 331 seats out of 650. It was believed it could be the closest election in recent times, however, as the day unfolded it became clear that David Cameron would remain in 10 Downing Street. The other big winners were the Scottish National Party who gained 50 seats, while Labour lost 26 seats and the Liberal Democrats lost 49.

Paul's News Roundup

*Summary of the main news
and sports events over the
Spring period*

Despite UKIP gaining over three and a half million votes, the third highest after the Conservatives and Labour, they only managed to gain one seat. The Green Party held on to their one seat, but failed to gain any more. The shock results led to Ed Miliband (Labour), Nick Clegg (Lib Dem) and Nigel Farage (UKIP) all standing down as leaders; although it transpired Nigel Farage would remain UKIP leader after party members requested he withdraw his resignation as party

leader. In a speech David Cameron reaffirmed his intention to hold an in/out EU referendum

Prince William and Kate Middleton announced the birth of their second child, Charlotte Elizabeth Diana. The younger sister of Prince George of Cambridge, was born on the 2nd May at St. Mary's Hospital in London. Princess Charlotte of Cambridge is fourth in line to the throne after HRH Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales; Prince William, the duke of Cambridge and Prince George.

Around the World

Another earthquake, said to be the aftershock of the first, hit Nepal. The original earthquake hit Nepal on the 25th April

killed over 8,000 people and left thousands injured. On the 12th May a second earthquake hit, in a similar spot, close to Kathmandu and the Chinese border. It is believed the earthquake is an aftershock of the first due to its close proximity to the original. It is believed the second earthquake has taken the lives of over 100 people and injuring over 1,500 others.

Seven FIFA officials were arrested in Zurich, Switzerland on corruption charges and Switzerland has opened an investigation into the 2018 and 2022 World Cup bids. The officials are said to have received over \$150 million in bribes in the previous 20 years. FIFA president Sepp Blatter was not one of the officials arrested and days later was re-elected as FIFA president after his only rival Prince Ali bin Al Hussein conceded.

Islamic State seized the city of Palmyra. The Syrian army and allies eventually withdrew from the

UNESCO world heritage site after Islamic State fighters stormed the city. According to the UNESCO website 'Palmyra contains the monumental ruins of a great city that was one of the most important cultural centres of the ancient world'. Smaller artefacts were moved before the IS seizure however, larger items were unable to be moved. There are growing fears the ancient city could be destroyed.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the Boston Marathon Bomber, was sentenced to death by lethal injection by a jury in Massachusetts, for his involvement in the 2013 attack on the Boston Marathon. It is thought he will appeal the charge.

Irish voters said 'Yes' to same sex marriage. Over

60% of the voters backed the 'Yes' campaign to allow same sex couples to marry.

May Sport Review

Chelsea won the Premier League title; Mourinho's men were top of the league for a record 274 days. Manchester City, Arsenal and Manchester United claimed the other Champions League spots respectively, while Tottenham, Liverpool and Southampton earned themselves the Europa league places, as did West Ham after they topped the Fair Play Premier League table. QPR who finished bottom of the league were relegated, along with Burnley and Hull. Bournemouth and Watford who came first and second in the Championship will

replace the relegated clubs, joined by Norwich who won the play-off final.

Arsenal lifted the FA Cup trophy for the second consecutive season in a row, after beating Aston Villa 4-0 in the final at Wembley.

The Saracens won the Rugby Premiership title. The Saracens narrowly beat Northampton 24-29 in the semi-final and were to face Bath, who convincingly defeated Leicester 47-10 in the other semi-final. On the day the Saracens were too much for Bath and were leading 3-25 at half-time. Despite a late fight back from Bath, the Saracens were too strong and went on to win their second Premiership title 16-28.

Lewis Hamilton remained top of the Formula One Driver standing, despite Rosberg winning both the Spanish and Monaco Grand Prix's. Hamilton lead most of the Monaco Grand Prix, but after Verstappen's crash led to the safety car being called out, followed by a strategic error from the Mercedes team the reigning champion saw himself emerging from the pits behind his rivals Rosberg and Vettel.

Floyd Mayweather beat Manny Pacquiao after winning on points after 12 rounds. The fight took place in the MGM Garden Arena in Las Vegas to a sell out crowd. It is believed that Mayweather made over \$150 million with Pacquiao making over \$80 million after the fight. Mayweather has revealed he would retire after one more fight, due to take place in September, the opponent is as yet unknown.

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Cemetery island burial chamber facility

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Protecting our marine environment

Marine Scotland must have more influence on defence related developments in Scottish seas according to Rural Affairs Secretary Richard Lochhead.



Environment Secretary Richard Lochhead

In particular Mr Lochhead believes an urgent review of old defence byelaws is necessary and has called for the Ministry Of Defence to work more closely with Marine Scotland as a first step.

In a letter to Philip Dunne, Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the MOD, Mr Lochhead proposes new arrangements be put in place to ensure full, open and transparent consideration of defence-related activity in Scottish seas.

He also calls for interested parties including local residents and fisheries representatives to be given more time to consider proposed plans to rationalise and improve the operation of MOD Raasay ranges.

Mr Lochhead said:

“We must safeguard our marine environment and I am calling for the Ministry of Defence to speed up

their review of out-of-date restrictions so that legitimate interests are not disadvantaged.

“In my view this should include a clear commitment from the MOD that they will work with the Scottish Government to ensure any consultation relating to Scottish byelaws take onboard the views and concerns of interested parties.

“It is vitally important that decisions on marine use take full account of the impact on other users and on the environment, particularly where proposals impact on fragile coastal communities.

“The huge economic and environmental importance of our seas can’t be underestimated. The seas bring a vast array of benefits through scenery and wildlife

and economic gains through industry including the contribution to food, energy security and the provision of a wide range of goods and services.

“I urge the Ministry of Defence to implement arrangements that produce outcomes that have taken full, open and transparent consideration of the issues and provide the highest level of protection.”



Attacking migrants is a mug's game, say Green Party

The Green Party has entered the debate on immigration by revealing a 'migrant mug' in response to a Labour Party merchandising catastrophe.

The new mug, commissioned only this morning, will feature the slogan: 'Standing up for Migrants'.

Natalie Bennett, leader of the Green Party, said:

"The Labour mug highlights a serious issue - the way in which politicians have pandered to Ukip instead of standing up to them.

"The Green Party is clear - it is government policy, not immigrants, that is responsible for major problems in our society such as low wages,

overstretched schools and hospitals and a shortage of housing.

"The Green party want an immigration system that treats people fairly. We'd see an end to routine immigration detention, a fair approach to refugees and a system that doesn't break up families."

A spokesperson for the Green Party said:

"Labour know the real life effects of cheap rhetoric on immigration, and it's a great shame to see them lower the tone of the debate. The Green Party want a fair, humane and controlled migration system that celebrates, rather than demonises, migrants in this country. Attacking migrants for this country's problems really is a mug's game"



Honda's £200m investment is a massive vote of confidence in Britain



UKIP Industry spokesman Roger Helmer

Following the announcement that Honda is investing a further £200m in their plant in Swindon, Roger Helmer, the UKIP Industry spokesman said, "I'm delighted that Honda has shown this strong gesture of confidence in the UK motor industry, which goes from strength to strength.

"The UK will continue to be a major hub for auto manufacture and exports, whether or not we remain in the European Union".

New fund will help more tenants to become homeowners

Council tenants unable to take up their Right to Buy will have the help they need to become homeowners under plans announced by Brandon Lewis.



Brandon Lewis Minister of State for Housing and Planning

The Housing Minister announced that 42 councils will each receive a share of nearly £20 million to help tenants with the Right to Buy to buy their own home on the open market.

The Right to Buy Social Mobility Fund will particularly help those looking to move for work, to be nearer to family, or those whose properties are difficult to mortgage.

Housing Minister Brandon Lewis said:

“The Right to Buy offers a helping hand to thousands of council tenants across the country to become homeowners – but some remain trapped in their own homes, unable to take up this opportunity.

“The Right to Buy Social Mobility Fund changes, and offers people the chance to get on the property ladder and buy a home that best suits their needs.”

Helping people onto the property ladder

Housebuilding, and supporting aspiring homeowners, are key parts of the government’s long-term economic plan.

The government reinvigorated the Right to Buy in 2012, increasing discounts so they currently stand at £77,000 outside of London and £102,700 in the Capital.

Since then, more than 33,000 households have taken up their Right to Buy, with nearly £730 million in sales receipts being reinvested in affordable housebuilding.

Overall, council housing starts are at a 23-year high.

Brandon Lewis announced the allocation of £18.48 million Right to Buy Social Mobility funding, to help tenants across the country

to buy on the open market.

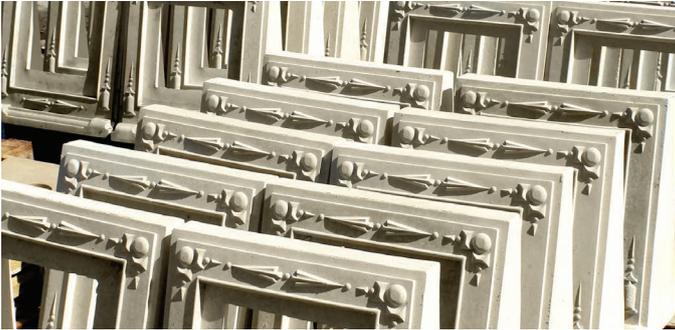
Those councils will now set up local schemes, so that tenants can apply for £20,000 outside London, or £30,000 in the Capital, towards buying a new home – freeing up their social home for a family in need.

Tenants will be able to apply for this support if they are able to support a mortgage but cannot buy the property they are in.

This could benefit older people who want to buy smaller properties or be nearer their family, or someone looking to move to take up a job opportunity.

Alternatively, it could help those who are in properties that are difficult to mortgage because of the way they are built.





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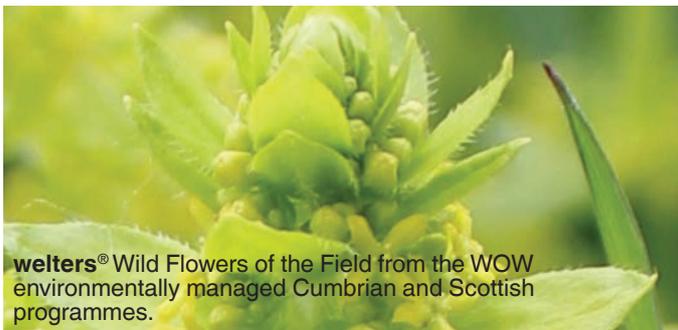
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New Union Jack infrastructure plaques announced



Publicly-funded infrastructure projects – including roads, flood defences and broadband cabinets – will soon be branded with a Union Jack plaque, the government has announced.

On a visit to the South-West Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander will say that the flag plaques, which he developed jointly with Minister for the Cabinet

Office Francis Maude, will brand major projects along the length and breadth of the UK.

The flags are designed to recognise the UK taxpayer's key contribution in funding vital infrastructure projects across the country.

With £466 billion of planned projects in the pipeline, the government has committed to publicly-fund a significant element, providing a

crucial motor in re-starting economic growth.

Only last week, the Secretary General of the OECD praised the UK's investment in infrastructure and called on the government to "continue to build on the progress made with the National Infrastructure Plan" to ensure that the UK's "textbook" recovery continues.



Chief Secretary to the Treasury
Danny Alexander

Having established the National Infrastructure Plan in 2010, Chief Secretary to

the Treasury Danny Alexander said:

"I've prioritised infrastructure in this government because only long-term investments will support UK businesses and get the public finances and economy on a firm footing.

"It's only right that we recognise the contribution of the UK taxpayer in supporting this economic growth, which is why I'm delighted to launch these Union Jack plaques, which will proudly adorn infrastructure investments from roads in Cornwall to broadband in Caithness."

Minister for the Cabinet Office Francis Maude added:

"As part of our long term economic plan, this government is investing in our nation's physical and digital infrastructure. Whether it's High Speed 2 investment in the Northern Powerhouse or superfast broadband connecting Cornwall and Wales, all future infrastructure projects funded for by UK taxpayers will carry this simple UK flag branding."

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Funding for new Life Sciences Innovation Village in Cardiff

The £367,000 from the Welsh Government's Open Innovation programme will part-fund the GE Innovation Village's first phase – shared access office and laboratories based at GE Healthcare's Cardiff site. The facility will include laboratory and office space and have room for 8 to 10 businesses, creating up to 25 jobs initially, with potential for further growth.

Space will be available for existing Welsh life sciences companies and will become available for new businesses and international companies looking to establish a presence in Wales. The life sciences sector in Wales employs around 11,000 people in over 350 companies.

The Minister said:

"I am determined to support the Life Sciences sector in Wales, which has great potential for growth and the creation of highly-skilled jobs. GE Healthcare is one of the Welsh Government's Anchor Companies and this investment will strengthen their presence here and help create new businesses in the sector. The GE Innovation Village will help Wales increase its share of UK activity in commercialising university research, an area in which we are currently underperforming. The facility will also be used as a destination for inward investors looking to establish a presence in Wales."

Ger Brophy, Chief Technology Officer, GE



Ger Brophy, Chief Technology Officer, GE Healthcare Life Sciences

Healthcare Life Sciences, said:

"GE Healthcare is delighted to invest in supporting growing life sciences businesses with our lab facilities and global biotech and business expertise. The GE Innovation Village will strengthen the life sciences community in Wales and increase GE's opportunities to collaborate on science and technology that will improve health for patients around the world."

Greens slam Cameron over debate proposal

The Green Party has accused David Cameron of 'further damaging trust' in British Politics after he proposed cutting the number of television debates from three to one.

The Greens will take part in the debates, with or without the Prime Minister.

A spokesperson for the party said:

'This swerve by Cameron will further damage trust in our political system. Not only is Cameron's announcement cowardly but it also shows his contempt for the electorate. People want to see a set of debates between all major party leaders, yet the Prime Minister is clearly scared of scrutiny.'

Natalie is very much looking forward to debating with the other 6 party leaders. David Cameron must not be allowed to scupper these plans.'

Suspended solicitor guilty of providing illegal immigration advice



Suspended solicitor convicted on 4 offences of providing illegal immigration advice.

Flora Magdaline Mendes, 37, of Hitchin Road, Luton, was convicted in her absence at Luton Magistrates' Court on 4 offences of providing unregulated immigration advice.

She was sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment for each offence (to run concurrently suspended for two years), a curfew order to run 7 days a week (2200hrs - 0700hrs) until 29.08.2015 and ordered to pay a total of £2,325 in compensation and £2,881 in prosecution costs.

Ms Mendes pretended that she was a regulated solicitor and practiced under the firm name of Arch's Law. She was, however, suspended from practice by the Solicitors Regulation Authority in January 2013.

District Judge Lee-Smith said that he had:

"...heard detailed evidence of the trail of destruction

towards vulnerable people she left in her wake as she continued to practice. The damage is a very significant aggravating feature in this case..."

Speaking about the decision, the Immigration Services Commissioner, Suzanne McCarthy said:

"Ms Mendes chose to operate outside the law. I am delighted with the outcome of this case. I hope it sends a clear message to other people considering providing immigration advice- either act within the law or you will find yourself in court".

Big Brother EU gets its way again with car tracking deal

UKIP Transport spokesman Jill Seymour says she is 'disappointed and frustrated' at the European Parliament's decision to force car makers to use an EU-wide car tracking system dubbed eCall.



Jill Seymour

The decision means new cars and light vans will all have the system fitted as standard from March 2018.

The eCall device is designed to alert rescue services in the event of an accident – but Mrs Seymour says it is yet another example of Big Brother-style surveillance of people's movements.

Paying Tribute on the resignation of Ed Miliband



Rt Hon Harriet Harman QC MP

Harriet Harman MP, Acting Leader of the Labour Party, said:

“I would like to pay tribute to Ed Miliband for his leadership of the Labour Party and to express the gratitude that party members feel for his leadership and for his decency, his commitment and his constant striving for a fairer country.

“On the resignation of Ed Miliband as Leader of the Labour Party I, as his deputy, am stepping

forward to be acting leader until a new leader is elected by the party.

“It is not my intention to stay on as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party when the new leader is elected. Therefore, I am announcing that I am stepping down as deputy leader - with my resignation taking effect when the new leader and deputy leader are elected.

“With a new leadership team in place, after what has undoubtedly been a serious defeat, the Labour Party will be best placed to be the strong opposition this country needs - defending our NHS and our public services, and fighting for fairness, equality and social justice.

“That determination will be all the fiercer in the face of this Tory government.”



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Cemetery Open Days – An important event



New interment facilities at the Cemetery

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Example of open day sign for visitors

welters® describe the installation as a 'Cemetery Village' which is a carefully designed and affordable area within a cemetery that incorporates a multitude of below and above ground full body burial and memorial facilities encouraging a place for commemoration and community.

Typically 'Cemetery Villages' can be further added to with additional phases and similar developments can be planned across the Burial Authorities cemeteries one the first initial phases are established. These facilities not only increase the choice of interment for the bereaved but also provides the Burial Authority with the opportunity to utilise areas of land that are otherwise unsuitable for earthen burial and significantly extend the life of their cemeteries service provision



Keith Welters, owner of welters organisation

Iain Welters said: "Some of the feedback we get from the public during cemetery open days is how elegant and in keeping the design of the new facilities where, and from funeral directors who were saying how keen they were to be involved with the provision of these interment options for the growing market. They are becoming aware of the new and affordable choices for the bereaved available through this process.

The Funeral Directors were also commenting about how favourably these facilities compared to earthen burial options when the cost of the memorial has to be taken into consideration and of the advantages to the bereaved families by taking away the stress of not having a memorial in place for the day of the burial."

England's waters cleanest since records began as bathing season begins

Last year, the English coast was the cleanest since records began, with 99.5% of swimming spots passing water quality tests compared to just 65% in 1988.

However, England's beaches will be under the microscope this summer as much tougher new EU standards come into force.

The new European standards will be twice as tough to pass in a bid by the EU to drive up standards across Europe.

In response the Environment Agency is urging water companies, businesses, farmers, local authorities and householders to continue to take action, reduce

pollution and improve bathing water quality further.

From now until September, the Environment Agency will carry out its annual water quality test programme at more than 400 beaches and lakes. The results will then be made available to beach-goers in close to real-time on the Environment Agency's new Bathing Water Explorer website.

Dramatic improvements have already been made over the last two decades to prevent pollution ending up in the sea.

Since 1990, water companies have spent £2 billion on improvements

to protect bathing waters and they have pledged to invest a further £350 million over the next 5 years. Local councils have also worked to keep beaches clean and increase the information available to the public.

The Environment Agency has pledged that by working with water companies, farmers and local communities 6,000kms of rivers and 50 bathing waters will be improved over the next 5 years.

However, the most important short term influence on water quality will always be the weather. Heavy rain can cause pollution to flow into the sea and sunlight kills off bugs in the water.

Ed Mitchell, Executive Director of Environment and Business at the Environment Agency, said:

“Water quality at English beaches is better than it's ever been after it reached record levels last year, and we are working hard with others to improve it further still.

“Good bathing water quality is essential for people's health, local tourism and economic growth, and everyone can play their part. We want water companies, businesses, farmers, local authorities and people living, working or visiting seaside towns to help us improve water quality.

“Everyone can check the water quality for their local beach on the new Bathing Water Explorer website.”

As part of the new EU standards from 2016, local councils will have to display signs at all bathing waters showing if the new measures have been passed and whether or not swimming is advised

Anyone can check bathing water quality for a specific beach or lake on the new Bathing Water Explorer website. <http://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles>

Devolution of fiscal powers must be fair and benefit Wales



Jane Hutt by National Assembly For Wales / Cynulliad Cymru

Fiscal devolution will benefit Wales through:

- A better Budget – giving more flexibility, better control over the budget for Welsh Public services, enabling investment in crucial infrastructure projects, while improving accountability and clarity;

- Better taxes – enabling the development of taxes to meet Welsh needs and adaptability to changing Welsh circumstances and priorities; and
- More Welsh money spent on Welsh devolved public services – retaining taxes raised in Wales as the economy recovers which otherwise would have been retained by the UK Treasury.

The Minister said:

"We're well on track to getting Wales ready for tax devolution. This is our opportunity to design a tax system that works so much better for Wales.

Not only meeting the principles of being fair and simple, providing certainty, and supporting jobs and growth, but also delivering other important improvements that will benefit our public services, and the people and businesses who use them.

"The range of new fiscal powers will bring three clear benefits to Wales – though a better Budget, better taxes and ensuring more Welsh money is spent on Welsh devolved public services."

The paper provides updates on the formation of the new Welsh Treasury function within the Welsh Government and on fiscal developments across the UK.

Finance Minister Jane Hutt continued:

"This important paper summarises recent developments in fiscal devolution in Wales and across the United Kingdom, including the recent St David's Day announcement.

"It's crucial that we now work with the new UK Government to make firm progress on these important issues, in particular establishing a funding floor that is fair to Wales and fair to the rest of the UK."

The paper also sets out essential facts and figures about the taxes that will be devolved, along with key forthcoming dates.

The Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Bill will be introduced in the National Assembly in July. The Welsh Government is consulting on a new Landfill Disposal Tax in Wales until 29 May and recently consulted on plans for a Land Transaction Tax which will replace Stamp Duty in Wales in 2018.

Scotland and the SNP are not the same thing - Kezia Dugdale

Gubbed. Truly and utterly gubbed.



Chief Secretary to the Treasury
Danny Alexander

Congratulations first and foremost to Scotland's 50 new SNP MPs. Among them, some will have known in their bones they were destined for Westminster. For others, their election must have come as a shock, however welcome. I wish them all well.

I remember that feeling of being elected by surprise.

Imagine feeling exhilarated and exhausted all at once. Excited but also absolutely bricking it. Am I good enough? Will I be found out? Where do I go? What about staff, offices – priorities?

That picture of the full SNP team under the Forth Crossing was epic. A healthy mix of young and old. From shop workers to advocates, newsreaders to business owners, they look like Scotland and now it's their duty to speak for it. All of it.

The electoral map of Scotland, beaming yellow, depicts a country united

around one voice at a time when we've never been so divided – and therein lies an early danger for the SNP.

Scotland and the SNP are not the same thing. Just as pride in our nation and nationalism cannot be confused. One-and-a-half million Scots voted SNP and 1.5million didn't. One-and-a-half million didn't vote at all. The vast majority of us voted for an end to austerity, yet we're now governed by a Tory party hell bent on continuing it.

We'll see a referendum on Europe, an attempt to dismantle the Human Rights Act and the fundamental protections that gives each and every one of us.

If that wasn't enough to deal with, there's £12billion of welfare cuts to come that

will be felt deepest by those least able to speak out against it.

It's hard to see a sunny side.

The problems my party face are deep, long-standing and wide-ranging. There's no quick fix and no 400-word column could begin to do it justice.

But they are nothing compared to what working people across the UK now face. Time for some serious reflection and hard truths – but not introspection.

More than ever, we need our Scottish Parliament to be bold.

To use the powers it has and the powers that are coming to be the progressive force it needs to be. Not just with a strong voice, but in deeds and action.

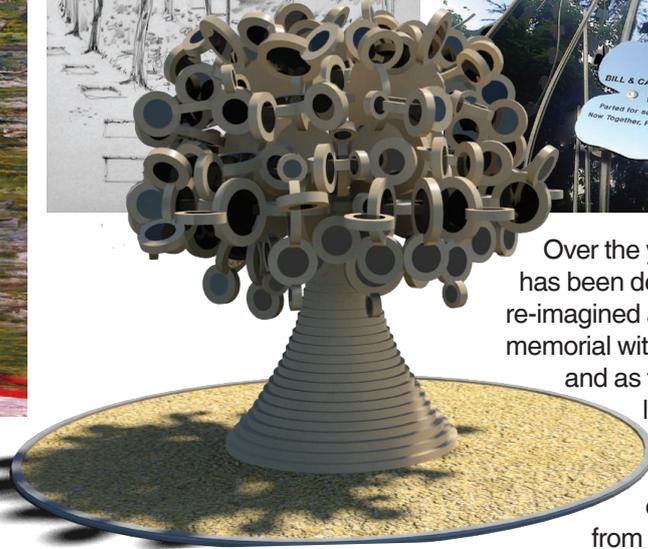
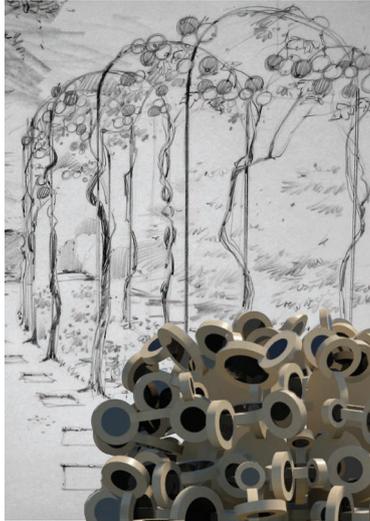
This article by Kezia Dugdale first appeared in the Daily Record on Monday 11th May.

Tree of Life

Keith Walters first conceived the idea of a communal memorial based on the ancient concept of a 'tree of life' back in 1998. The design alludes to the interconnection with our world and acts as a metaphor for rebirth and the evolution of life itself.



TREE of LIFE - with fruits -
Keith Walters - copyright 1998



Over the years the design has been developed and re-imagined as a stainless steel memorial with inscribed leaves and as fountain feature. The latest envisagement is in the form of a disc tree which echoes elements from the original design.

Royale Pediment

Development in product design can be a fluid process and this is evidenced with the introduction of the Royale pediment which when combined with the 900 Grande housing system becomes the impressive looking Royale Grande memorial.



Inspiration



Royale memorial in stone



Royale memorial with granite tablet

The initial design was inspired by an elegant memorial situated in Lambeth Cemetery and this was the template for our own Royale decorative cast stone memorial.



Royale Grande memorial housing system



Royale pediments in production

This latest incarnation is very much 'of the gene pool' and draws upon the heritage of earlier designs whilst embracing new lines of form to reflect its use as a pediment in its own right.

The GMO debate continues



By Paul G Bazeley for Government World

While many of us may be unaware, the GMO (Genetically Modified Organisms) debate is still continuing under our noses. Currently, there are some worldwide talking points when it comes to the GMO discussion.

The European Parliament has approved new rules. Yes, they went and did it. The new rules mean governments will have more choice over whether or not they wish to grow GM crops. Europe will not be completely out of

the picture though, as all GM crops will have to undertake an initial European risk assessment. What is involved in the risk assessment we don't know. After the initial risk assessment it will be down to the individual country to decide whether or not to allow the crop to be planted. Many believe this is the best way to solve the differing views of pro and anti-GM countries in the EU. It will not solve the differing views in the individual country, but at least the EU won't have to deal with that. Others also fear there will be a significant impact on the import and export of food around Europe.

Pope Francis has also given us his views on GMOs. In a leaked environmental document the Pope shared his concerns stating that the subject

“requires at least one more effort to finance several lines of independent and interdisciplinary research.” Pope Francis also noted that although GMOs had helped some regions benefit from sales there are other aspects that need to be taken into consideration; “in some regions their use has produced economic growth that has helped solve some problems, [however] there are significant problems that should not be minimised”. Basically, they could be good, they could be bad, we don't really know yet. Thanks Pope Francis, that has helped everyone change their views.

A GM wheat that was supposed to repel pests has failed. Scientists in the UK had been working on a modified wheat that would possess an odour restricting the threat of aphids. We don't know if the odour would also repel humans,

I think they are still working on the aphids bit first and then they'll sort that after. Apparently, the laboratory tests had proven a success, however, in the field the tests had failed. The result of the 2012-2013 experiment which cost over one million pounds was recently released in the journal of scientific reports.

Meanwhile, people in America are calling for foods that contain GMOs to be labelled. Anti-GM and consumer rights groups believe labelling the foods would help to ensure customers are more informed about the products they are buying. However, those opposed to the idea believe the costs would be too high and are claiming the scientific community generally believe there are no threats posed by GMOs. The debate continues...



BFM Change of Chairman

John Alston the British Furniture Manufacturers Chairman of two and a half years, stood down at the end of the Board meeting on 17th June 2015, as having sold Alston's Upholstery (together with his brother David) he has now left the furniture industry.

To celebrate John's 40 years in the industry and 12 as a Director of the BFM, a small luncheon was held after the BFM Board meeting at Furniture Makers Hall. Invited guests included George Mitchell (past BFM

Chairman) and his wife Jennifer, Richard Ranklin and Charles Vernon; the latter were both part of the BFM Young Managers group with John and David some 25 years ago.

Matt O'Flynn, Managing Director of Collins and Hayes paid tribute to John's work with the BFM and as his successor looked forward to taking the BFM forward. Jackie Bazeley, Managing Director also thanked John for his service to the BFM, the personal support given to her and wished him well in his new venture.



From left to right John Alston with his wife Julie (right) daughter Holly and brother David at the luncheon held in his honour.



John Alston with former BFM Chairman George Sutcliffe and his wife Jennifer.



Mr Matt O'Flynn, Managing Director of Collins and Hayes and incoming BFM Chairman presents John with an Award for Excellence for his work with the BFM.



Former BFM Young Managers (left to right) Charles Vernon, John Alston, David Alston and Richard Ranklin.



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For those companies that exhibited at Moscow in 2014, invitations will be sent automatically by the organizers. If you are interested in exhibiting for the first time then please contact steve.moore@bfm.org.uk

The BFM has secured grants from UKTI for 10 companies to each receive up to £2,000 towards exhibiting cost which will be awarded on a first come first served basis.

CATALOGUE

The catalogue will be available at the Fairgrounds as of the first day of the event. Exhibitors can collect their free copy as of the first day of the exhibition.

RESTRICTIONS

The following are forbidden:

- Distribution of advertising materials in the halls and within the boundaries of the exhibition complex
- To introduce still or movie cameras within the fairgrounds
- Children under the age of 10
- Heavy and bulky bags
- Dogs or other animals

TV debates - this shows the lengths David Cameron will go to run scared of a debate with Ed Miliband



Shadow Foreign Secretary
Douglas Alexander

Douglas Alexander MP, Labour's Chair of General Election Strategy, responding to this evening's email from the Conservatives to the broadcasters about TV debates, said:

"We continue to support the broadcasters proposals, including for seven-way

debates alongside a two-way debate.

"But this is an outrageous attempt from the Prime Minister to bully the broadcasters into dropping their proposals for a head-to-head debate between David Cameron and Ed Miliband.

"That it comes only hours after Ed Miliband called David Cameron's bluff and said he would debate him any time, any place, shows the lengths David Cameron will go to run scared of a debate with Ed Miliband."

£6.2 million IT investment in North Wales healthcare

The funding will allow the health board to create a new patient administration system, which will record details of patients' hospital visits, including waiting list management, medical records, inpatient treatment, outpatient appointments and emergency visits.

It will replace a number of different IT systems currently in use across North Wales and will improve clinical communication between hospitals, GP surgeries and community care. It will also improve access to the Welsh Clinical Portal, which streamlines access for NHS staff to test results, discharge letters and referrals, saving time and reducing the need for paper records.

Mr Gething said:

"This investment will create a modern IT system, making it easier for clinical and administrative staff to work effectively and reduce unnecessary time spent on several different systems. It will improve the way staff manage information during a patient's journey through hospital, from referral to discharge.

"The new system will eventually allow patients to tell the health board how they wish to be contacted, helping the health board to modernise appointment booking and issue reminders to reduce the number of missed appointments.

"Hospitals in North Wales received 1.27 million patient visits last year and it's vital computer technology is able to keep pace and help staff to work effectively as they treat more people than ever."

Protecting the UK from cyber-attack



Dstl is working to tackle the threat of cyber-attack against the UK.

The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) is playing a key role in mitigating the risk of cyber-attacks against the UK.

The risk of cyber-attack was identified as one of the top risks to the UK in the National Security Strategy. In order to help tackle this, Dstl has been working with several government departments to develop best practice advice for protecting UK critical

national infrastructure and cutting edge cyber capabilities for military operations.

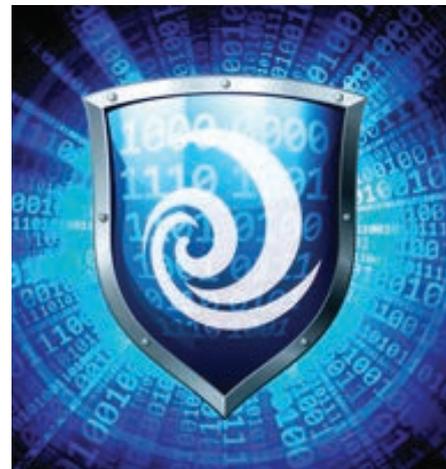
Professor Penelope Endersby, Head of Dstl's Cyber and Information Systems Division, says:

“Cyber security is vital to the nation and defence. Dstl is proud of its record in helping to defend our critical national infrastructure and also in developing new and novel capabilities to preserve the freedom of our armed forces to operate on a digital battlefield.

“Our adversaries present a real threat and it is therefore important that we too have the option to achieve military effects through and in cyberspace.”

As part of this work, Dstl is increasing its investment into cyber capabilities with the opening of a new facility to evaluate and assess cyber threats. The Cyber Evaluation and Assessment Laboratory will help streamline cyber assessments to better understand where possible vulnerabilities in cyber defence capabilities could lie, and make recommendations on how to offer better protection.

Dstl is already innovating in this area. Last year it was announced that APMG International is working with Dstl and Ploughshare Innovations Ltd, Dstl's technology transfer company, to deliver a new Cyber Defence Capability Assessment Tool (CDCAT®). Originally developed by scientists at Dstl, CDCAT® is a way for



Cyber Defence Capability Assessment Tool (CDCAT®)

businesses to assess their own cyber defence preparedness, understand where any gaps in defence capability may exist and what mitigations can be applied.

Dstl continues to seek experts for roles within its cyber capability, including cyber vulnerability engineers and embedded systems software specialists. Information is available on current vacancies at Dstl within the cyber programme on the civil service jobs site.



Fourth phase burial chamber during installation



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Second phase mausoleum and burial chamber during installation

Memorial Orbs installations



Another industry first sees **welters®** driving forward another unique and successful comprehensive design driven exclusive partnership package.

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harmonise with the natural landscape.

This is as an integral driver to the main concept for the entire philosophy behind this amazing state of the art and yet environmentally driven new build crematorium business model. The client benefits from our full design expertise, manufacture, install and inscription site support services.

Poll shows major swing from Labour to SNP

The SNP is welcoming the results of a new opinion poll for ITV News showing strong backing for the party in Labour-held seats across Scotland – but is taking nothing for granted and continuing to work hard for every vote.

The ComRes poll conducted in constituencies won by Labour in 2010 shows a 19-point swing to the SNP from Labour – as SNP support in the 40 constituencies stands at 43 per cent.

Commenting, SNP Campaign Director Angus Robertson said:

“This latest poll is another welcome indication of the strong backing for the SNP we are seeing in communities across Scotland, as Labour continues to pay the price

for working hand in glove with the Tories during the referendum – and for lining up with them at Westminster to vote for George Osborne’s plans for another £30bn of cuts.

“While this poll is very welcome, we are taking absolutely nothing for granted and we will work harder than ever to win people’s trust on 7th May – so we can deliver jobs and investment, instead of yet more Westminster austerity cuts.

“Electing a strong team of SNP MPs is Scotland’s opportunity to hold real power in the House of Commons, to ensure the things that matter to people in Scotland are firmly on Westminster’s agenda – and to advance the cause of progressive politics across the whole of the UK.

“And by electing more anti-Tory MPs than Tory MPs we can lock David Cameron out of Downing Street – and put an end to the ideological commitment to austerity which is hurting communities across Scotland and elsewhere in the UK.”



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*Green Party saves more deposits than ever before

*Greens beat 45 Liberal Democrats

*Green Party Deputy Leader: "This is only the beginning."

The Green Party has already saved 25 deposits – more than in any other election it has stood in, and is receiving strong results across the board, coming third in eight seats.

The Greens have beaten the Liberal Democrats in 45 seats. In 2010, they beat them in just one.

The party's surging vote

share has also seen it achieve a record London result, with Charlotte George taking 11.8% in Hackney South & Shoreditch.

Deputy Leader Amelia Womack said:

"It's fantastic to see the Green Party increasing our vote share. We've already saved more deposits than at the last election and we've beaten the Lib Dems in seats across the country.

"The Green Party is the only real alternative to business-as-usual politics in the UK. As the Lib Dems crumble we're building a growing movement across this country - this is only the beginning."

Best Green Party results so far:

Isle of Wight: 13.8% (9,404 votes)

Hackney South & Shoreditch: 11.8% (5,519 votes)

Oxford East: 11.6% (5,890 votes)

Islington North: 10.2% (5,043 votes)

Tottenham: 10% (3,931 votes)

These strong results reflect the Green Surge, which has seen Green Party membership more than quadruple in less than a year, to reach over 62,000 in England and Wales alone. The Green Party is standing candidates in almost 95% of seats, and its vote share is expected to be three-four times larger than in 2010.

Mausoleum Installations

Another installation to continue a 5 year rolling programme of large scale community installations for above ground interment and memorialisation systems designed specifically to be contemporary and complimentary with existing architecture on a fixed unit cost basis.

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