

SOCIALISTS ENTER FIRST COALITION

Birchington • *ad HOC* Editor

The House of Commons was gripped by coalition negotiations last month, as the government was formed following the general election

Parties had a week to fight it out and organise their plans for governing the HOC. Labour emerged strongest from the election, with 15 seats. The five-strong Socialists joined Labour in government for the first time in their history, along with independent, Addzter, who received the second highest vote share.

Speculation surrounds the future plans of the new coalition government, deemed by one MP as “the most left-wing ever”.

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Labour, in coalition with the Socialist Party and
Addzter (Independent)

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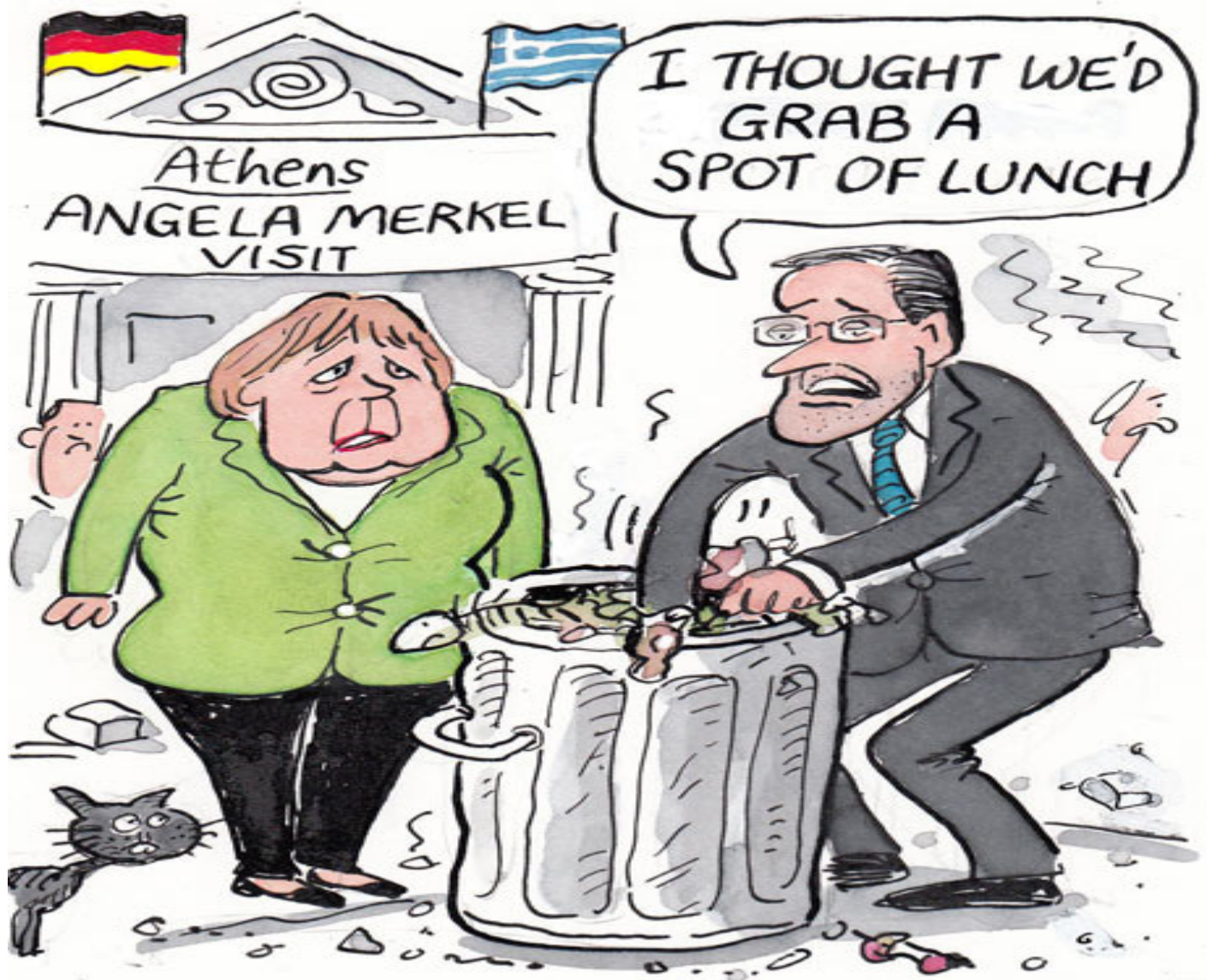
Thanks for reading this new edition of Ad HOC. We have had a break since August, so September and October have been merged into one large copy for your reading pleasure. I would like to say a big thanks to everyone who has

contributed to Ad HOC, but in particular our deputy editor Rory, who has decided to stand down. He has been an asset to Ad HOC since April, and I personally extend my thanks to him for his help. Enjoy reading, and keep sending in your content!

FUNNY JUNK

Best wishes, **Birchington**

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DEPUTY SPEAKER REVEALS ALL

Interview by **Birchington** • *ad HOC Editor*

TheCrackInTime serves as the Deputy Speaker of the HOC.

How did you get involved with the HOC and become Deputy Speaker?

Quite by accident really. I was looking for information on the real House of Commons on Google, and came upon a link to TSR's HOC. I started reading the debates and joined the Conservatives shortly after, which is when I started posting in the HOC and decided to stick around. As for becoming Deputy Speaker, it just sort of happened. I figured that I'd be good at it, so I chucked my hat in the ring and ran against Toronto353. I somehow managed to win and the rest, as they say, is history.

What is your role within the HOC?

As Deputy Speaker, I'm a regular member most of the time. My job is to fill in as Acting Speaker when the Speaker is not around and to offer advice when needed. I also have moderating duties, which include working with Paddy and TSR's Community Team on development of the HOC, as well as ensuring that TSR rules are followed.

What plans do you and Paddy have for the HOC?

Oh I can't tell you that. You're just going to have to wait and see.

What politicians do you admire in real life and why?

I'd have to say Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party nominee in November's US Presidential election. I admire him because I believe in what he stands for: economic and social liberalism, limited government and military non-interventionism.

What advice would you give to people looking to get involved within the HOC?

Don't feel that you need to have an answer for everything.

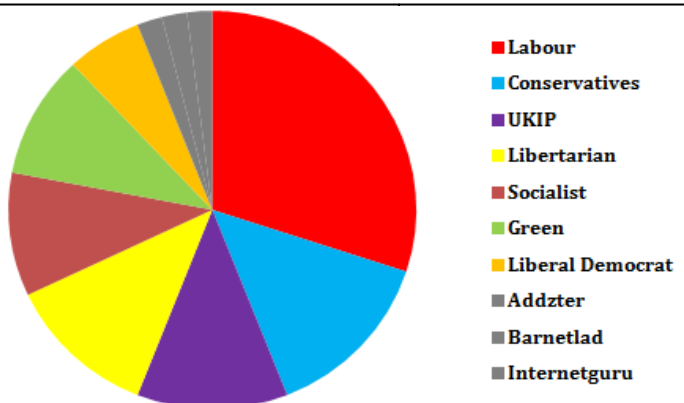
The HoC is as much about learning and exploring your own views, as it is about beating the other side in debate.



Deputy Speaker's Choice

ELECTION IN BRIEF

Party	Seats
Labour	15
Conservatives	7
UKIP	6
Libertarian	6
Socialist	5
Green	5
Liberal Democrat	3
Addzter (Independent)	1
Barnetlad (Independent)	1
Internetguru (Independent)	1



House News

TSR HEADS TO THE POLLS

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TSR's HOC has recently held elections for its sixteenth parliament.

Voting was held for a week – the first time since an amendment earlier in the year reduced this from two weeks. This amendment was widely considered to be a success, as the drop in turnout that some had predicted before did not come to fruition.

Primary concerns for voters included the NHS, education and taxation – issues which also featured heavily in most of the party manifestos.

Real life influences appeared to strongly influence the election results, as Labour won the most seats and the Liberal Democrats were reduced to three seats. UKIP became the third-biggest party for the first time in the HOC's history.

The election was notable as three independent candidates won seats, and it was also the first time the newly reformed Green Party had contested an election since 2005.

Following the election, the Conservatives are now in Opposition and Labour, the Socialists and and Addzter, an independent, have formed the new coalition government. and the House is now back to regular business.

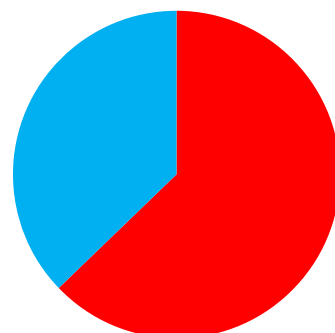
SPEAKER ELECTION

August saw the HOC's MPs go to the polls in order to decide the replacement for long-serving Speaker, Metrobeans.

Following the first round, paddy_power and Toronto353 emerged as the two leading candidates. A second round of voting was held, which some commentators noted as having a left-right split due to the different backgrounds of the two candidates.

After a lengthy debate and vote, paddy_power

emerged victorious and was crowned the new Speaker of the House.



■ paddy_power

■ Toronto353

WHO'S WHO

HOC Speaker

Metrobeans

HOC Deputy Speaker

TheCrackInTime

Prime Minister

Davidmarsh01 (*Labour*)

Leader of the Opposition

Rakas21 (*Conservative*)

Other Party Leaders

Libertarians

Jesusandtequila

Socialist Party

Abiraleft

Liberal Democrat

thunder_chunky

UKIP

Toronto353

Green

Norfolkadam

More Interviews

TWO MORE MPS, ON THE SPOT

Interviews by **Birchington** • *ad HOC Editor*

Wizardtop is a member of TSR UKIP.

First things first - how did you discover the HOC and why did you join?

I discovered HOC when I joined First joined The Student Room many months ago, but back then I didn't frequently debated in the various political threads.

It was only when I had joined my previous political party, and decided to run in a by-election and actually to my surprise won that by election, was I thus able to participate more fully in the various political threads. Since then I have now left that party, and I'm now a member of TSR UKIP Party.

What real life political figures do you admire?

I admire Paddy Ashdown, and also Nigel Farage.

What would you like TSR UKIP to achieve in the next parliament?

I would like TSR UKIP to gain more MP Seats in the next parliament. I would also like to see UKIP develop more policies In Education, Defence and Transport amongst other areas. There is still a lot more work to do - we have accomplished a lot as a party, and we need to build upon the work we have already done.

Many view UKIP as a single-issue party. How do you think your party can overcome this perception?

***Rhadamanthus is an MP for the TSR
Libertarian Party***

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UKIP can overcome this perception by educating the general public and electorate, and making them more aware of what UKIP does stand for and what government issues they feel strongly about.

Most of the General Electorate seem to think UKIP is more concerned about getting us out of the European Union than anything else, so only by educating the electorate that UKIP actually has more on the agenda than this will it make this overall perception absolute.

Do you think UKIP will emerge as Britain's third party after 2015?

Who can foresee what the future will hold.

Anything is possible so UKIP could possibly emerge as a contender for Britain's third party after 2015.

Finally, what is your favourite political quote?

My favourite political quote isn't by a politician but by Aristotle: "Man is by nature a political animal"

First things first, how did you discover the HOC and why did you join?

I discovered the House shortly after I joined TSR several years ago. I noticed that people had banners in their signatures advertising fake political parties, so I followed the links and came across the biggest bitch-fest one could imagine. (Which is also the reason I joined it.) And the rest is history.

What real life political figures do you admire?

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It's hard to pick an admirable political figure, not because there are too many to choose from but because the technocrats that (allegedly) run things seem to have forgotten that they have important responsibilities with regards to respecting age-old traditions in government, acting to protect the well-being of the people, and so on.

Many politicians lack any coherent ideology at all, preferring instead to pander to populism or support schemes that seem bound to tear apart the delicate fabric of the British constitution. (A specific example would be Clegg's House of Lords reform plans - drafted up to advance the electoral goals of his party at the expense of hundreds of years of combined wisdom and tradition.) One only needs to look at this year's American presidential election to see this trend repeated - a mediocre Obama, trying his best to save a sinking ship by rearranging the deck chairs, is up against a bland, ignorant Romney whose supporters share largely the same traits.

I do recognise, however, that there are politicians out there who have admirable goals and who are determined to accomplish them. Succinctly, I'm going to nominate Condoleezza Rice for reasons anyone who knows me will surely understand.

Do you think neoconservatism will continue to be influential on our foreign policy in years to come, or will public opinion lead to more isolationism?

Public opinion may well tend towards a dislike of war and conflict, although who can fully support these things? The public recognise that isolationism - i.e. that school of thought that specifically favours cutting off all ties with other nations - is foolish in today's globalised world.

Second, public opinion cannot always dictate policy.

There are many circumstances in which the majority of people hold irrational, perhaps obscene, views, and in these circumstances it is (ironically) in the public interest to ignore the public, so to speak.

The United Kingdom has obligations on the global stage: to prevent genocide, to uphold human rights law, etc. We cannot sacrifice the prevention of massacres at the alter of appeasing the masses.

All of this aside I think the question gets it slightly wrong. Not all interventionism is "neoconservative". The Realists and the Wilsonian Liberals also recognise that foreign intervention is sometimes necessary. Neoconservatism is both a set of foreign policy doctrines and an ideology that promotes free markets, social conservatism, and hostility to moral relativism.

Finally, what is your favourite political quote?

"Man is by nature a political animal." (Aristotle)
The actual quote was probably, "Man is an animal whose nature compels him to live in the polis" - but I think the former has more of a ring to it.

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Opinion and Debate

IT'S TIME TO GROW SOME GREENER GRASS

The HOC has recently seen the formation of a Green Party. In this article, Green Party deputy leader THUNDER AND JAZZ, sets out his vision

There is a tendency among some older members of the HoC to be a little cynical. This can't be done, that shouldn't be done, the Admins won't like that one bit. Such a feeling is bred from our experiences in the party sub forums and in the wider house, as well as TSR beyond.

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Arguments get so petty, everyone wants to know precisely how you'll fund your policies, everyone's obsessed with making sure the voting system is absolutely perfect and finding the perfect time to post a roll eyes emoticon. It all gets a bit much.

I know this feeling well. I often share it. Furthermore, I often find myself watching debates between elder and younger members of the HoC and wonder how we ever stuck it out. Currently, we're engaged in a pointless argument about changing the electoral system, no consensus to be found and everything so ad hominem it makes you sick. Everything about the EU referendum is riddled with petty childishness and basic empirical errors. The Lib Dems can't make a move without an attack against them, whether from within or without. Vultures are circling around us.

I think it's time we grew up.

The TSR Green Party has burst on to the scene with something of a flourish. We won five seats in our first election without so much as an internal structure or elected leaders, smashing our wildest predictions and giving us a fantastic opportunity. Already we've a forum bursting with flavour, discussions of all policy types starting to spring to life. It's something beautiful to behold, but sadly there's not that many people to share in the fun. We need members, we need youth, we need passion.

This article is not a Green Party membership drive, though. There was a time when everyone here was energised and passionate. The Libertarians, the Socialists, the Liberal Democrats; in all parties there are those who have fire and verve. They want to do the impossible, they want to see the fantastic. My worry is that we're strangling that power in a mess of boring petulance. I say that we need to inject some life into the house.



A Green Future?

We need to be more open to new ideas and more welcoming to newer faces. Not in how we greet them but in how we act, how we think. Let's do away with negging someone we disagree with, let's stop having endless and pointless debates about the importance of inter party unity. Let's actually let parties unify, heal, grow. Let's co-operate on joint bills and joint projects. End the negative campaigning and the bitter jibes. No-one here knows it all. Everyone on this site is learning, be they 15 and choosing GCSEs or 26 with letters after their name. Let's form a greater community of knowledge and ideas, deliberate not decimate. Let's be better.

The Green Party is a watershed in our politics. A model for the future. We bring new life and new ideas to the table. Labour and the Socialists have formed a government, and that's great. Maybe they'll display some ambition and get some fantastic legislation out there. On the other side, maybe the Conservatives will use their electoral drubbing to reform, remake their ideas and bring a whole new paradigm of right leaning policy to the table. Perhaps every party contains those bright sparks who can bring the House fun and warmth. Maybe this is the dawning of a whole new parliamentary age for us. We don't know.

As Deputy Leader of the Greens, I want to see so many more of you joining our ranks and driving us forward. You should; we're building a thriving community of laughter and fun and a wealth of expertise on all kinds of policy areas relevant to everyone, not just those at Uni or in sixth form. But this article is about more than that. As a returning MP, a former Speaker, I want to see all parties, all independents, come together to create something good for everyone. Join the parties that interest you. Inject your passion in to the debates. Form alliances and craft new policies for the future. This could be the beginning of a great term, if we make it so.

These are exciting times. It's time to sow the seeds. Let's grow.

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A CONSERVATIVE OUTLOOK ON THE ECONOMY

multiplexing-gamer • *TSR Conservative and Unionist member*

Gordan Brown, and his senseless group of Labour MPs have deep routed the left wing ideology into the minds of many young adults across the UK. For too long have people taken from the taxpayer, and clearly, with the economic pickle we're in, it hasn't done us much good.

As Dominic Raab and Elizabeth Truss quite rightly pointed out, the UK "rewards laziness" and we must emulate the work ethic of that in Asia.

Prosperous nations have risen through their dilapidated history and prospered greatly on the international and European stage. Take Germany for example, suffered hyperinflation in 1923 and acquired huge economic turmoil in 29' via the Wall Street Crash. But look at them now - with an unemployment rate of 6.3% compared to Britain's detrimental 8.0%, and with their flourishing Audi, Mercedes and BMW manufacturing business', it'd be acceptable to say "they've upstaged us".

But by no means am I saying the work force should work for very little pay, or lead unhappy lives. No, no, we have a system called 'minimum wage' to combat that...

But a little more vitality wouldn't harm us, and where better to kick start this, than after the Olympics?

The 30th Olympiad, it generated mass patriotism throughout the veins of the UK. Collectively we cheered for the successes of our nation's athletes and the pride that came with them. Olympic champions, Chris Hoy and Katherine Grainger didn't become international stars overnight, somewhat similar to the Germanic economy, it took hard work. Obviously, the £27,000,000 price tag helped the likes of Rob Williams and co on their struggle for Olympic success, but money can't buy you skill. There was blood, sweat and tears and they gave it their all. When mornings were cold and when muscles were fatigued, the work continued. And oh boy was it worth it!

The anecdote palpably illustrates the success of the Conservative way of life. "With hard work comes success" as Mayor Johnson told us. Like the Olympians, we must drive forward with vigor in our step and vitality in our minds.

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