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Here are a few thoughts.

Brexit. As the falsehoods, contradictions, dire social and economic effects become increasingly and starkly laid bare, public opinion in Britain is noticeably changing. Gone is the swagger of the leading 'Brexiters' in Government, so evident in the wake of the referendum. Harsh reality is beginning to burst the bubble of the fantasies and false prospectus sold to the British people. It was suggested to me recently that the referendum result was akin to 'turkey's voting for Xmas; I responded by asking if the unfortunate birds would vote that way if they were aware of the consequences?

I welcome the recent change of policy by Labour. It recognises how important the single market and customs union is to protecting jobs and investment. Labour has now pointed the way forward; the timing of the announcement was near perfect.

Political Situation. What a difference from this time last year. Labour is back on track build on the General Election and gain mass support, particularly young people who are the bedrock for the future. The manifesto began to galvanise that support, in spite of desperate Tory attacks, (the infamous 'Money Tree'). Labour policies were seen as relevant, necessary, and affordable. A positive and radical path has been set for the future, and Labour stands united.

As Socialist Parties struggle in many countries; Greece, France. Germany, Spain and others, Socialism in Britain led by a reinvigorated Labour Party, is on the march. By at long last challenging the status quo as destructive and unacceptable (much more needs to be done), and presenting real policies for a better future, Labour has stirred the sleeping giant of hope and ambition. To build a society that once more we can be proud.

Labour has begun to dismantle that that pernicious political poison; indifference.

We can all recall when we thought that debates in L I were ignored; well somebody must have been listening. The list impressive, and here are just a few from memory.

End austerity as the savage economic tool it is. Public ownership of Rail and Utilities. 'Tobin Tax' on the financial markets. Amalgamate Health and Social Care, end privatisation of public services. A Federal System in Britain. Regional Investment Banks. Tuition fees abolished. These issues and many more are at the heart of the programme for a Labour Government, and in the forefront of the political agenda.

Keep up the good work. Hope Pauline and I may be able to see you all again.

Regards. G.W.S.

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