

# NEWSLETTER

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## Editorial

The Festive Season is now in full swing, the commercial side dominating our newspapers, televisions and screens, with a new and challenging year just around the corner. This final issue for 2018 features an inspiring article from the Party Leader, Robin Horsfall, whose words ring true: a rallying call. We must continue to move forward with our Manifesto and to welcome new members into the Party next year and beyond.

Behind the scenes, Ray and Caryn forge ahead with candidate selection. I hope to include an update on progress in either of the next two Issues. The Newsletter is a Party-wide journal, and I hope to see from next year an increased number of articles and letters on our editorial desk from our membership at large. At present we are short on contributions.

Ge up everyone and get your tablets, laptops, desktops, iPods, mobiles, et al, out of sleep mode.

As an aside, not that I am superstitious of course – pass the Tarot cards Janet – I found that the Chinese symbol for next year is the year of the Pig and read some favourable omens. Some of the commentary included: Pigs are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action, Pigs are the opposite. They are a bit ambitious but this is motivation for them to work hard. They are energetic and are always enthusiastic, even for boring jobs. If given the chance, they will take positions of power and status. They believe that only those people have the right to speak, and that's what they want. Sounds familiar?

Your editorial team, Helen, Janet and I, wish each and every one a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, safe and prosperous 2019.

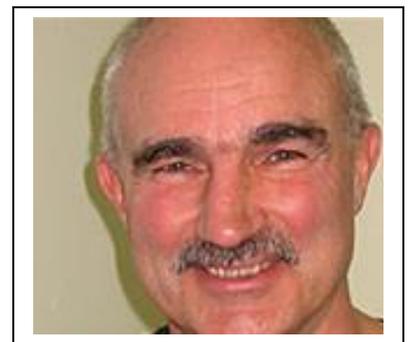
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## A Safe Country and a Safe Home!

*Robin Horsfall*

The old adage 'Rome wasn't built in a day' is especially relevant when it comes to politics.

The Veterans' and People's Party has existed for two years. Year one 2017 was about administration, paperwork and personalities. Year two has been about creating a core group that have the intelligence and fortitude to carry the Party forward. The membership has increased and as a result our finances have improved.



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Year three will be about more growth, raising our profile and gaining sponsorship from affluent supporters. 2019 will be about getting out there and making our voice heard.

Our [Manifesto](#) was published this year for the first time, this manifesto will be updated as required but it holds the foundations of our beliefs. Our members should read it and carry the message to others.

We are a moderate, centrist Party. Our program is founded on decency and truth. Moderate parties cannot whip up the population with highly emotional and divisive issues such as immigration. We are the Party of the moral majority, a Party of the decent, non-violent, critical thinkers that don't want war, division, fear and hatred to rule our society.

That doesn't make us pacifists - if the people of Britain are threatened, they will defend themselves as a last resort. To defend ourselves we must have strong, well-trained armed forces. We must maintain

alliances but not depend on others for our protection.

Our banner this year will be twofold: campaigning for a strong military and campaigning for a new state-funded housing program that provides shelter and homes for all, even the dull and the ignorant. We want to create a safe and secure environment - a safe country and safe homes.

Rome wasn't built in a day but this Party is still here and growing. This Party will continue to grow if the members stick with the program and believe that, through endurance and perseverance, we will be strong enough to influence the future of our country.

Change is coming; populist and extremist groups are threatening the peace of Europe with fear and division. We must move forward and gather momentum, we must let the people know that there is an alternative to rich and poor, to left and right, and that an alternative can be provided by those who understand that the

difference between right and wrong stems from decency.

Those who stand with us must be in this for the long haul, they must have the patience to stay with this Party as it develops. Some have fallen by the wayside already; perhaps they will return, perhaps not. The future is for those who are brave enough to stick with us.

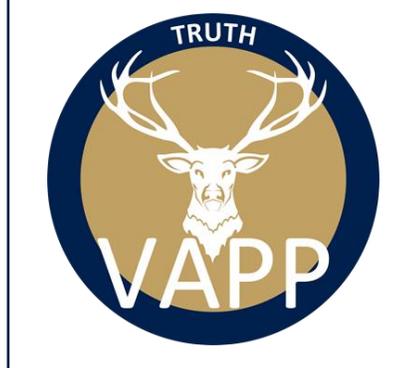
So, key words for 2019:

**A safe country and a safe home!**

**VAPP Supporters T-Shirt**



**VAPP Window Sticker**



## Why Politics?

## Why VAPP?

## Why Now?

### *John Pagett*

#### *VAPP Website Manager*

Why Politics? Well, I was sick and tired of being in situations and discussing with friends something that I could not change, so about 4 years ago I looked into politics with a view to joining a party, in order to help others.

Why VAPP? I found VAPP through a news article in May 2017 and I liked what VAPP stood for, so I joined. First, I was a moderator and that was a really hard role. I then moved to head of moderating and invited others to join the team. This is now headed up by others and they are doing an amazing job.

Why Now? I now manage the website, which involves blogs, latest updates, customer member queries and various other roles surrounding website development.

We wrote the Manifesto using values, ideas and beliefs in order to represent the people of the UK, which incidentally is our aim. We asked our Facebook

members to put into posts items they would like us to build the manifesto on. In my eyes the manifesto is absolutely amazing; we are all volunteers in this.

I can really see that VAPP is out to make changes, but proper consistent changes that will be of benefit to all. We're not out to make names for ourselves; we just want to right the many wrongs of failed policies over many years, I personally feel we have the ability to appeal to everyone as a "centrist" party.

I am not a person that likes to be in front of the screen - I'm far more needed behind one - but we do need candidates, volunteers, publicity. If you feel you can help and wish to become a volunteer like myself, we would really love to hear from you.

## Why I joined VAPP

Hi, my name is Ray and I've been involved with VAPP more or less from the beginning.

Having just retired and wondering what to do, I came up with the old chestnut of giving something back to society after a lifetime of work. Reading on Facebook about this Party and the concept of Truth and Integrity they promote I thought why not?

So, in the beginning, I joined the Facebook page (along with 17k plus as it was then) and proceeded to join in with the current topics being debated. For me it was a new way to gather information on the nation's thoughts and aspirations for our politics which, like many others, I felt needed a shakeup.

This eventually led to me being asked to join 'behind the scenes' as a Moderator. Wow! What have I let myself in for, having never done it before? Well the experience and insight into how politics affects all of us was amazing. Eventually the Party had to move on and I was offered the position of Candidate Officer, involved with

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We can achieve far more together than we can apart.

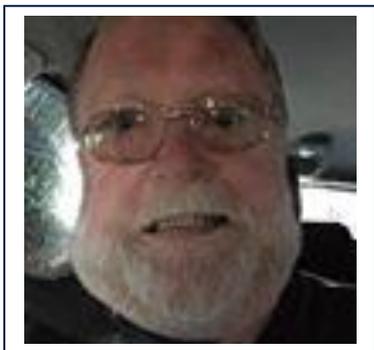
Please click [here](#) to apply to become a UKVPP volunteer.

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recruiting and supporting our prospective Candidates. For me it's a responsible position as these people are OUR future. Get it right now and who knows what they can do for US in the future?

To date, all this has been on a volunteer basis because a fledgling Party has to start from scratch, including finance. I, for one, would not like to see or be in a Party reliant on individual wealthy donors who call the shots. I am under no illusion that it's going to be a long rocky journey but with your support I'm sure the VAPP CAN become a force to be reckoned with in UK politics.

**Ray Grant**



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**How VAPP introduced me to politics**

**Jett R. Pease**

Hi, I'm Jett and I am 28 years old. I live with my wife-to-be Tanya, our two daughters Krystal and Lily, and our two cats, Lunar and Dexter. I have served as a volunteer for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution with the Southend Lifeboat Station. I try to stay active and used to play basketball for the County Durham Spartans. My family and I like the outdoors and have many adventures planned, from climbing Ben Nevis together to one day trying out freefall parachuting.

I think it's important to say that, prior to joining the Veteran's and Peoples' Party, I had no interest in politics. I came across VAPP on a shared Facebook post; that's when it all changed for me. VAPP represents everyone, no matter your race, colour, sexuality or religion. They don't judge anyone. It's a party for everyone. This is a party that wants to help the everyday person, from the poor homeless to the richest

millionaires, with one goal in mind: a better country for the people of the United Kingdom.

In Parliament there are different parties screaming and shouting at each other, deciding what's right and not right for this country. VAPP is made up of the very people that government decisions affect: both veterans and non-veterans, just ordinary people that want to see change that benefits all.

Eventually, I would like to be a candidate for local Council. I want to make a difference in my community. There are 30 councillors in the area where I live and not once have I seen them out and about in the community. I read about the good things they are doing but how can you be a councillor for your community and yet never be seen in public? We have so much litter in my community; everyone, from the public right up to council employed workers, just chuck their trash on the floor like they don't care. Surprisingly, there are no recycling bins anywhere. We have youths using our roads for drag racing with not enough speed prevention measures in place

to stop them. There is much Anti-Social Behaviour; I personally have to deal with this on a weekly basis as I live opposite a pub. So, I joined a party that cares for everyone. This is a party I am proud to be a part of and hope to represent them one day in my local community.

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### Discovering a Party for the People

My name is Andy MacMillan and I am the General Admin Manager for VAPP. I am a former member of the RAF, married with 3 children.

I got involved with the Party after consistently being let down by local and national governments. All of the big main parties appear to be self-serving and not for the benefit of the voters.

I wished on many occasions for a different kind of party, one for the people. I had heard rumours of a party run by veterans and, after some searching, I found VAPP.

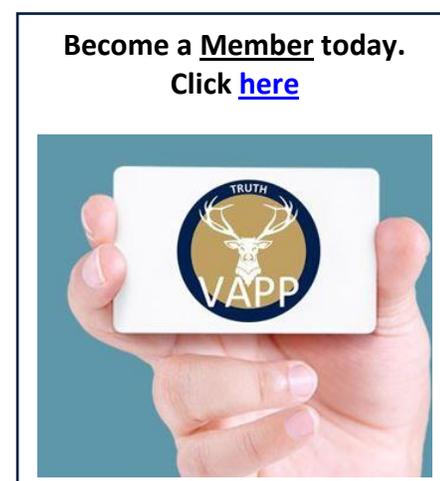
Having read what they proposed, I very soon became a member, offering what assistance I could. Bearing in mind that my political knowledge is very limited, I wanted to make a difference, to be part of something unique and to be involved in its infancy years. I have never looked back.

I stand with some amazing people who, like me, work behind the scenes in their spare time to drive the party and its message forward. These are not people that would be classed as the political elite but people like you and me, who wish to speak to the people on a level that they understand.

Although it's very early days, with the right support we might just do it.

**Andy MacMillan**

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