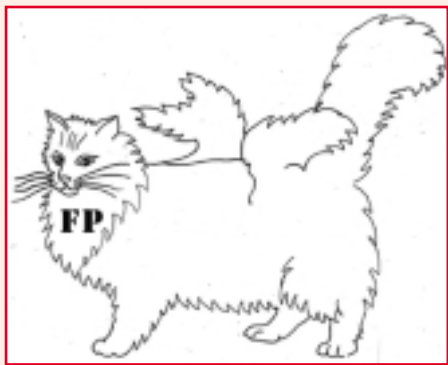


# The Flying Pussy



THE Flying Pussy seriously considers abandoning this world to live the life of an eremite.

Why does your beloved column crave the sanctuary of solitary contemplation?

It's to do with something that is 'divine', dear reader! (The FP intends no disrespect to true divinity, but, as you will see, it uses the word in an historical context).

Three and a half centuries ago, Parliament, through its New Model Army and by bloody civil war, confiscated a king's supposed divine right to absolute power.

Now, as is usual, history has come full circle. The Mother of all Parliaments, in our times, has usurped unbridled power for its own purposes - the 'divine right' once claimed by mediaeval monarchs.

Present day Parliamentary 'divinity' rests on the exercise of dictatorial powers to legislate, virtually unopposed, on matters intimate to the nation's family life and its pastimes.

This is a gross tyranny founded on a warped idea of what democracy is actually for. The Flying Pussy holds that it is an abuse of the democratic principle to impose the prejudices, or even the preferences, of a small group upon the whole nation.

The oppression of past ages is repeating itself. Dominating the House of Commons is the grim, ostensibly benign, face of the New Fascism, more commonly known as 'political correctness'. New Fascism is merciless.

Abraham Lincoln, in his Gettysburg

Address, defined democracy as 'government of the people, by the people, for the people...'

These ten words are worth dying for, and many thousands have, but the pusillanimous corruption of their meaning, evidenced in our halls of governance, inspires nothing but contempt.

The Flying Pussy, from its conception, has tried to be a political nondescript, but it has always had a passion for the principles underlying true democratic process.

Space does not allow a lengthy dissertation on the subject, but the FP is profoundly convinced that the quality of a democratically elected government can be truly measured solely by the way in which it treats the minorities under its power. By this measure, recent 'democratic' government is an arrogant failure.

Your FP column cannot bear the thought of living under a fascist regime (new or old), and longs for the hermit's cave - where it can contemplate the lost liberties of this once great and free country.

*This item was contributed by Simon Turnbull*

## Right to Reply

Your FP column would welcome readers' comments on the preceding paragraphs; they may be sent direct to flyingpussy@hotmail.co.uk or to messenger@wiveliscombe.com

The Flying Pussy is off to a cavern in a hillside.

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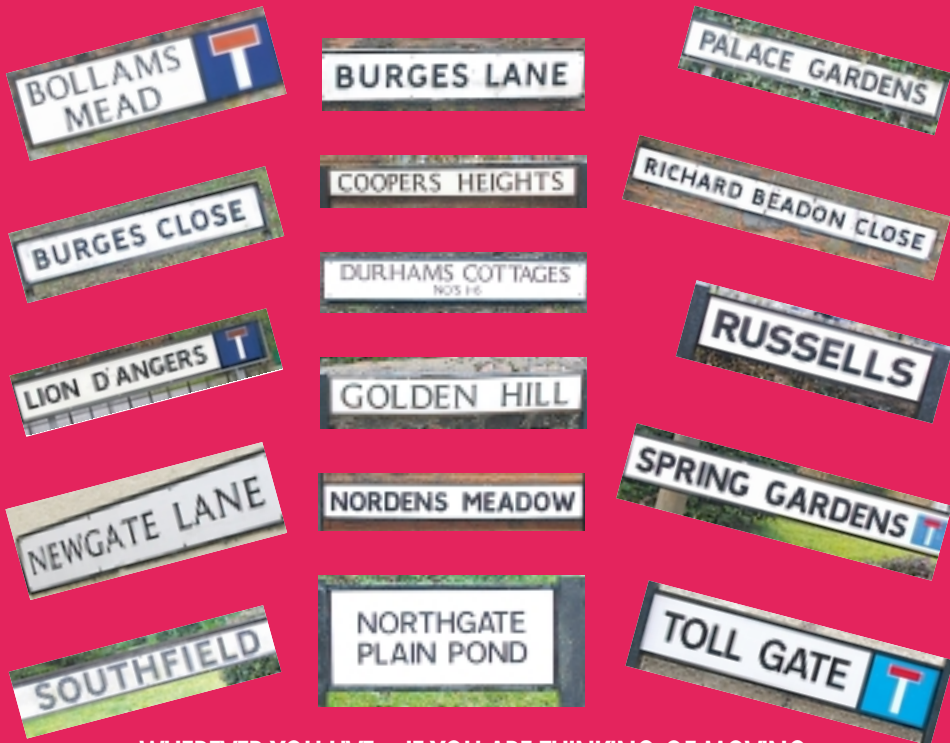
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