

Dear Elector,

If the words on the front of this leaflet look familiar, there is a good reason. They are exactly the same words that I used on the front of my 1997 Election Address, before becoming the first MP for the new seat of New Forest East.

EUROPE: Although I haven't changed my position, both the main parties have done so since 1997. Fortunately, the Conservatives are now fully committed to keeping the Pound. Sadly, Labour are now totally bent on scrapping it.

Predictably, the Liberal Democrats want to abolish it too, given their *fanatical* record of backing anything which weakens Westminster and strengthens the powers of a federal united Europe.



Campaigning in 1997 to keep the Pound



Julian after a fast jet flight with the RAF

DEFENCE: The NATO alliance and our vital link with the USA are seriously under threat. The so-called EU Rapid Reaction Force is a European Army in the making. It reopens the prospect of conflict in Europe without the Americans taking part.

Yet, the basis for NATO's ability to keep the peace has been its guarantee of automatic American involvement in any European conflict. The new EU force - backed by Labour and the Liberal Democrats - has rightly been described as "a dagger pointing at the heart of NATO". Conservatives utterly oppose it.

TAXATION: This would pass out of British control if we joined the single currency - a scheme managed by 1 foreign bankers and bureaucrats. At present, the La... government spends £12,000 of our money every second. But, at least we can vote it out of office if we disagree. Economic and monetary union would change all that.

Conservatives intend saving £8 billion of public expenditure by reforming the welfare state, tackling fraud and reducing the cost of government administration. We shall then abolish taxes on the savings of basic-rate taxpayers, raise tax allowances for pensioners, cut petrol taxes and give tax reductions to families with children.



On the first Countryside March