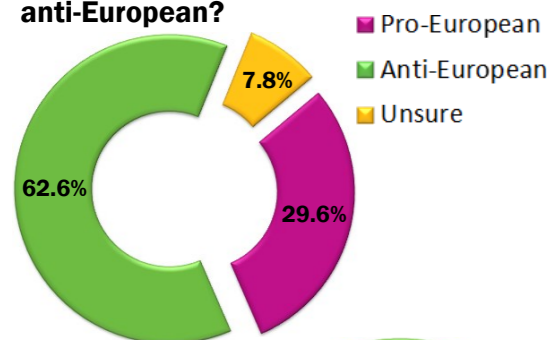


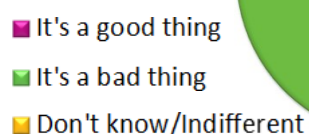
# EU SURVEY RESULTS

In my Spring 2013 newsletter, I asked members 5 questions about Europe and the EU. Thank you for taking the time to complete my survey; I got over 500 responses, and the results are below, which I'm pleased to say mostly reflect my own views.

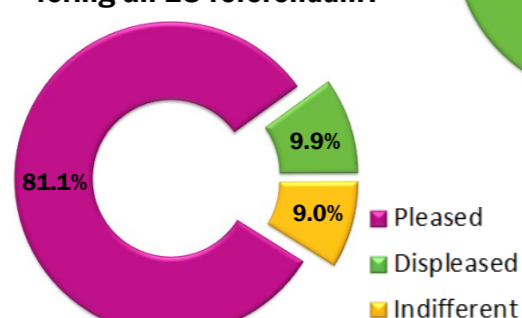
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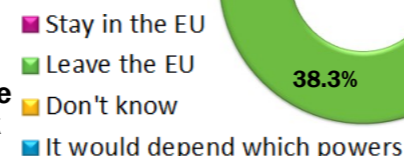
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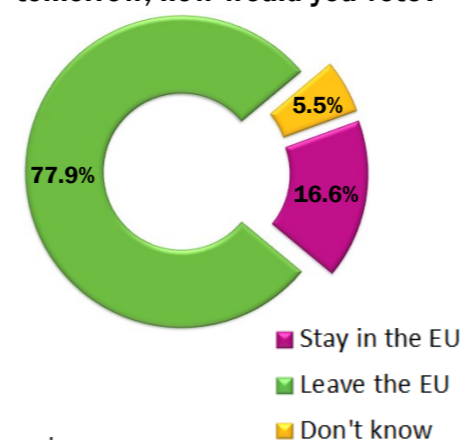
## 3. What are your feelings about David Cameron offering an EU referendum?



## 5. Think ahead to the EU Referendum to be held in 2017. If negotiations in the meantime had managed to bring some powers back from the EU, how do you think you would you vote?



## 4. If an EU Referendum were held tomorrow, how would you vote?



**Don't forget, we are the only party that can deliver an in/out referendum.**

## AECR WORK IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

The Alliance of European Conservatives and Reformists (AECR) campaigns for radical reform of the European Union and aims to spread conservative values. We work alongside the UK Conservative Party and European Conservatives and Reformists Group in the European Parliament. AECR works with Emma McClarkin MEP to strengthen the conservative movement in the East Midlands. In the East Midlands the AECR has invited young Conservative activists to

participate in conferences and offered them the opportunity to engage with politicians from across the continent to discuss different ideologies and policies. By encouraging and facilitating debate in a new generation of young conservative campaigners we hope to advance the AECR's and Conservative Party's vision of Europe.

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**Emma McClarkin**  
MEP for the East Midlands



Your European Parliamentary report from Emma McClarkin MEP

Winter 2013

*Dear Colleague,*

Welcome to my last newsletter of 2013. What a year it has been! I sometimes wonder where the time has gone; it seems a long time since I was elected back in 2009.

This year I've visited as many areas of the region as I can, meeting as many of you as possible. The results of my Members' EU survey are in this newsletter, and it's clear that we need to let Britain decide.

Looking forward to 2014, it promises to be an interesting year with different opportunities and challenges, which together I'm sure we can rise to.

So it just remains for me to wish you a very Merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Emma McClarkin*

## STRASBOURG PROGRESS?

**When I speak to people across the East Midlands about the European Union, there are a number of infuriating issues that we discuss.**

However, none are more downright frustrating than the issue of the continued waste of money and time that is the monthly moving of the European Parliament to Strasbourg.

This pointless and wasteful journey costs about £131 million a year and pumps 20,000 tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere. This is because the French have a veto over the seat of Parliament being in Strasbourg (where votes are held).



I, along with other Conservative MEPs, have for years been at the forefront of the campaign to bring an end to Strasbourg sittings, and in November MEPs voted overwhelmingly to back a report which calls for a single seat.

Rather surprisingly however, UKIP MEPs did not vote for it. Maybe they like Strasbourg too much?

So now we need to take the debate to the Presidents and PMs in the European Council, making the case for the treaty change we need in order

to get a single seat. Rest assured I will continue to fight for an end to this travelling circus, which has become a metaphor for the EU – costly and remote from the public.

## EU TRADE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

**As a member of the International Trade Committee in the European Parliament, I warmly welcomed the recent conclusion of negotiations on the EU-Canada trade agreement.**

It is predicted that the deal will produce annual real income gains for the EU of approximately €11.6 billion, showing exactly what the potential could be for UK and East Midlands businesses to take advantage of this new deal.

Meanwhile negotiations are up and running again on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the new trade deal being discussed between the EU and US. I have been encouraging negotiators on this side of the Atlantic to

push ahead with talks given the opportunities which could be created by brokering a deal. This is already the largest bilateral trading relationship in the world, and if a deal is negotiated it could increase the UK's national income by £10 billion annually.

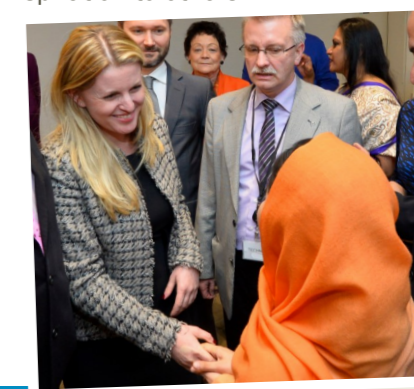
At the same time, we should not forget our other trade relationships around the world, and I have also taken an interest in renewing our trade relationship with Mexico. Earlier in the year I met with the outgoing Mexican ambassador to the EU, Sandra Fuentes-Berain (pictured with me), to discuss this, and I'm pleased to say that discussions have now started. In a globalised world we need to look outside the EU for real growth in future.



## MEETING MALALA

**I was very honoured recently when I had the opportunity to meet the Pakistani schoolgirl, Malala Yousafzai.**

I was able to meet her at a Friends of Pakistan meeting which was hosted by my fellow Conservative MEP, Sajjad Karim. In her campaign for girls' right to be educated, she has been a real inspiration to others.





With Richard Salt of Bell & Co, supporting Macmillan in Derby.



Supporting local football at Ollerton Football Club in Nottinghamshire.

# Out and About in 2013

## With EMMA McCLARKIN MEP



Helping out with Fareshare food collection at Tesco in Oakham, Rutland.



With Lord and Lady Cranshaw at North-west Leicestershire's Hog Roast event.



With Karl McCartney, Member of Parliament for Lincoln.



Campaigning in Harborough West with Blake Pain earlier this year.



On a visit to Rutland Falconry and Owl Centre earlier in the year.

### Meeting East Mids businesses

At various times this year I have visited companies across the region and spoken at business clubs.

Last month I spoke to clubs in Rutland and Branston, Lincoln, and I've also recently met with Northampton Business Club as well as others across the region.

With the economic climate now improving, it is important for businesses to network and learn from each other, in order to maximise the potential from the recovery.

I'm happy to do all I can to help them, and get the East Midlands growing!



Meeting with local companies at Northampton Business Club.



At Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service to help promote Think Sprinkler.

### Supporting 'Think Sprinkler'

I've recently backed Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service's 'Think Sprinkler' campaign, which aims to save lives and reduce serious injury.

Smoke detectors warn occupants about a fire, but a sprinkler system will extinguish it. Sprinklers virtually eliminate fire

deaths and reduce injuries by at least 80%.

No-one has ever died in a domestic property which has had a sprinkler system fitted. It's almost like having a firefighter in every room of your house, and by fitting these systems many more lives can be saved.



Meeting Simon Wildash at Paynes Packaging in Nottinghamshire.



With Boris Johnson in Leicester earlier this year.



Campaigning with Steve Slatter in Braoston, Northants, earlier this year.



With members of Charnwood Ladies Lunch Club in Leicestershire.



Discussing Broadband in Wollaston, Northamptonshire.

### Protecting Retired Greyhounds

Earlier this year I signed a Written Declaration (WD) in the European Parliament against the torture and mistreatment of greyhounds.

The WD calls on the European Commission to ensure that EU animal welfare legislation is implemented correctly,

and to recommend actions to stop acts of cruelty to greyhounds in Europe.

These graceful animals provide so much joy, and we need to make sure that after their racing careers end they find suitable loving homes and families.



At the Retired Greyhounds trust in Nottinghamshire earlier this year.



With the Chancellor, George Osborne, in Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire.