## **Birth**

In the Conservative manifesto of the 2015 general election David Cameron the then Prime Minister ejaculated the seeds of his referendum into the womb of our beloved country United Kingdom. It was not that he loved Britain but instead it was a political act of stupidity to try to silence the hard - lined right wing of his own party the European Research Group (ERG) of which there were over 60 members. He thought that the "Remain" would win the argument without preparing Britain for a "Leave" win. However, the leavers were also unprepared.

Not well known is the fact that the (ERG) group is funded by us the tax payers, through the Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) - a funded pooled service within the scheme of MPs' Business costs and expenses and is one of two such publicly funded pooled services maintained for Conservative MPs. Taxpayers money is being used to fund an influential group of hard lined pro-Brexit conservative MPs who are operating as a party within a party. Ten of these members were active in the Vote Leave policy - to leave without a deal. They were Steve Baker, ERG chairman, Ian Duncan-Smith, Liam Fox, (Brexit Trade Minister who said it will be the easiest thing in the world to do trade deals with anyone we please,) Michael Gove, Chris Grayling, Bernard Jenkins, John Wittingdale, Douglas Carswell, Pritti Patel, and Ann-Marie Trevelyan. All well known MPs. In the 2016 Referendum result they had their wish, thus the "Brexit" child was born. What did the father do? Like most irresponsible fathers he did a runner. The Tories were left to choose another Leader.

## <u>Accident</u>

Enter our midwife in the form of Teresa May to wild acclaim. Not for her a consensus with other parties to get the Withdrawal Agreement done, instead, she chose to appease the ERG who would never be appeased. They would only accept "No deal" and would vote her down 3 times. Our midwife in the height of her zenith in the opinion polls, decided to go to the country, appealing to the electorate to endorse her strong and stable government with an attempt to increase in her slim majority. Here, the greatest car crash accident occurred, courtesy of Jeremy Corbyn. For she even lost that slim majority and had to rely on the DUP to bolster her government. The ERG tried to oust her by calling for a vote of "No Confidence" which they lost handsomely.

The money tree has just been found to the DUP a bribe of a Billion Pounds. What of our Brexit child now three and a half, angry, inclined to tantrums, rejected and inconsolable the House of Commons would not endorse his behaviour. In the end Teresa May resigned.

## **Escape**

How can we escape this mess that our politicians have got us into? What another one? Yes, another Conservative Leadership election. There were ten candidates nominated for the leadership election and after five exhaustive ballots of Tory Members only; which took place on the 12th, 15th and 20th of June 2019 the two remaining candidates were Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt. The result, announced on the 23rd June gave Boris Johnson twice as many votes as Jeremy Hunt. giving us a new Conservative leader and Prime Minister with no majority as the "One Nation Tories" mainly Remainers would never vote for Johnson's renegotiated deal which included a border in the middle of the Irish Sea, a deal to many that was worst than May's deal. How can it be democratic that only Tory members can vote for a Prime Minister without regard to the rest of the country? Boris Johnson as Prime minister was unable to get any of his proposals through the House so he resorted to illegally prorogue Parliament and had his fingers burnt. Finally he was able to get his deal through the house and immediately called for a general election.

We are now in the sway of another General Election. What another one? Three elections in the course of four years 2015, 2017 and 2019 when we were only to hold elections every five years. Boris has removed the whip from twenty one of his rebellious Tories, some joining other parties and some standing as independent candidates against their old allegiance so Boris no longer commands a working majority. That is why it was necessary to call the election .Boris's appeal for "Let's get Brexit Done" is his only perpetual motto. And in the debate between the leaders of the conservative and labour parties, they were both pleased to have concluded that it was a close run thing and too close to call. Let's hope whoever wins will let us escape the Brexit mess.