

**These are personal comments inspired by a desire for
Peace, Friendship, Reconciliation and a better, kinder, fairer, world.
Posted by Malcolm Hawksworth on 22nd^h April 2019
103 years since the death of Private William McBride**

**I feel the need to express my personal thoughts and fears which I believe are shared
by so many people at this very troubled time.**

Thanks to the blundering stupidity of 'Cameron the gambler' and the lies that fuelled the slim majority in an 'Advisory' Referendum the lemmings are all charging for the cliffs.

We witnessed the biggest and most lethal 'e bay' auction in modern history. We who recently petitioned to rescind Article 50 had 6 million plus in our 'automatic bids' box. The other 'bidder' had collectively less than 1.5 million it would appear! That has been the only 'democratic' reality alive in the UK at the moment.

There are two indisputable truths:

- Not all of the people who voted to leave are right wing extremists.
- It is unlikely that any who voted 'remain' are right wing extremists.

Decent people who voted 'leave' must have been having doubts as they witnessed the growth of the extreme right throughout the world since the referendum - so graphically reminiscent of the events in Europe in 1930's.

If we need to be reminded how Fascism can grow like a virus amongst normally decent people we should follow this link-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GN21riPP1Lo>

As you are reading this people are Googling and finding this echoing true story:

"Adolf Hitler's rise to power began in Germany in September 1919 when he joined the political party then known as the Deutsche Arbeiterpartei – DAP (German Workers' Party). The name was changed in 1920 to the Nationalsozialistische Deutsche Arbeiterpartei – NSDAP (National Socialist German Workers' Party, commonly known as the Nazi Party). This political party grew and developed during the post-World War I era. It was opposed to the democratic post-war government of the Weimar Republic and the Treaty of Versailles, advocating extreme nationalism and Pan-Germanism as well as virulent anti-Semitism. Hitler's "rise" can be considered to have ended in March 1933, after the Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act of 1933 in that month. President Paul von Hindenburg had already appointed the un-elected Hitler as Chancellor on 30 January 1933 after a series of parliamentary elections and associated backroom intrigues. The Enabling Act authority- virtually assured that Hitler could thereafter constitutionally exercise dictatorial power without legal objection.

Adolf Hitler rose to a place of prominence in the early years of the party. Being one of its best speakers, he told the other members to either make him leader of the party or he would never return. He was aided in part by his willingness to use violence in advancing his political objectives and to recruit party members who were willing to do the same. The Beer Hall Putsch in November 1923 and the later release of his book Mein Kampf (Translation: My Struggle) expanded Hitler's audience. In the mid-1920s, the party engaged in electoral battles in which Hitler participated as a speaker and organizer, as well as in street battles and violence between the Rotfrontkämpferbund and the Nazis' Sturmabteilung (SA). Through the late 1920s and early 1930s, the Nazis gathered enough electoral support to become the largest political party in the Reichstag, and Hitler's blend of political acuity, deceptiveness and cunning converted the party's non-majority but plurality status into effective governing power in the ailing Weimar Republic of 1933.

Many rational leave voters must now be terrified at the pace that this deadly folly is unfolding again here and now in The UK and all across Europe.

Farage is arrogant enough to play his cards to the end and even, by his own words, to “- don khaki, pick up a rifle and head for the front lines” if Theresa May fails to deliver; Just like extremist leaders did in the 1930’s.

The media is giving oxygen to the mob as it did in 1930s.

Most people are now filled with dread but still have faith and hope for the common decency of humanity when not roused to mob hysteria.

I believe that it is better to hope than to despair at this time. Many of us have been keeping quiet in our hopes – not wanting to un-leash even 1 more Dog of War by responding to the baying cries of the growing mob frenzy .

Farage, Johnson, Rees-Mogg and their bully boys are doing enough of that.

For the sake of our children and grandchildren we must keep faith in common sense and decency. We must stop this mad rush to conflict.

As the extreme right emerges from its bunkers I am reminded of the story of Lisa Kalvelage , you all have Google – look up her story. Do you want your grand-children to find you wanting?

If you think that this is extreme scare mongering ask Angela Merkel why she and other world leaders have been in Ireland in recent weeks.

They are trying to stop an upsurge in violence in the island of Ireland that could be triggered by the current madness.

We are all only too aware that a stirring of the mob could trigger armed conflict anywhere . (Indeed Farage has promised it).

Mrs Merkel is very well aware of the effects that one shot in Sarajevo triggered on 28 June 1914.

We all should, remembers the words of Sir Edward Grey on 2nd August 1914 “The lamps are going out all over Europe, we shall not see them lit again in our life-time”.

All decent rational people must now be brave enough to admit that they were not aware of:

- All of the implications of leaving the EU.
- The lies that were told.
- The illegal manipulation of new media by Cambridge Analytica and others to distort the vote.
- The Irish Question.

As a nation we should stop and think again.

- It may mean a National Government.
- It must mean Rescinding Article 50.
- It may mean having another Referendum now that people are fully aware of what the real consequences of leaving the EU are.
- Better still it could mean that the UK would remain as one united country and retain its rightful place at the heart of the governance of Europe, fully engaging to help put right the obvious shortcomings that the institution of the European Union has.

There is a sad irony in the fact that this year is the centenary of the time in 1919 when the phrase was coined. ‘Lest we forget’.

So many millions died in the 20th century to end the grip of right wing totalitarian regimes in Europe.

We must all encourage everyone to calm down, learn from past mistakes and stop this rush to conflict whilst we still can.

Many of us will remember the narrative of the Peace Concert that took place in a little village in The Staffordshire Moorlands on September 15th 2018.

Please follow this link to see a copy of the programme and to watch the concert
[:http://www.peacethroughfolk.org/page105.html](http://www.peacethroughfolk.org/page105.html)

Please help to quell the flames of anger. Please send this to everyone you know.

Evil prospers when good people do nothing.

Malcolm Hawksworth

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And I can't help but wonder, now Willie McBride,
Do all those who lie here know why they died?
Did you really believe them when they told you The
Cause?
Did you really believe that this war would end wars?
Well the suffering, the sorrow, the glory, the shame
The killing, the dying, it was all done in vain,

For Willie McBride, it all happened again,
And again, and again, and again, and again.



Did they beat the drum
slowly,
Did they sound the fife lowly,
Did the rifles fire o'er you as
they lowered you down?
Did the bugles sing "The Last
Post" in chorus?
Did the pipes play "The
Flowers of the Forest?"

