

## Witanagemot Political Blog Awards 2007



There was no shortlist, and no list of recommended blogs, you simply entered the name (or URL) of your blog of choice against an appropriate category. And here are the results.

Surveyed from 28 June 07 to 28 July 07.

**Winning blogs have their feed syndicated in the *Winners' Enclosure* on the Witan homepage**


### Political Blog: by Affiliation

#### Best blog by a politician (MP, MSP, AM, Cllr, etc.)

1st	<a href="#"><u>Boris Johnson</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Nadine Dorries</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>John Redwood</u></a>	

#### Best Labour Party supporting blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Kerron Cross</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Paul Linford</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Bob Piper</u></a>	

#### Best Conservative Party supporting blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Conservative Home</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Dizzy Thinks</u></a>	

Best Liberal Democrat Party supporting blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Lib Dem Voice</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Norfolk Blogger</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Peter Black AM</u></a>	

Best minor party blog (UKIP, nationalists, Green, BNP, etc.)		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Tartan Hero</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Independence Home</u></a>	

Political Blog by Alignment:		
Best right-wing blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Guido Fawkes</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Dizzy Thinks</u></a>	

Best left-wing blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Kerron Cross</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Harry's Place</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Chris Paul: Labour of Love</u></a>	

<b>Best centre-ground blog</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Paul Linford</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Norfolk Blogger</u></a>	

<b>Political Blog by Location:</b>		
<b>Best English political blog</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place tie
2nd	<a href="#"><u>CEP News Blog</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Wonko / Guido</u></a>	

<b>Best Scottish political blog</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Tartan Hero</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Mr Eugenides</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Reactionary Snob</u></a>	

<b>Best Irish political blog</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Slugger O'Toole</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>United Irelander</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Small Nation</u></a>	

<b>Best Northern Irish political blog</b>		

1st	<a href="#"><u>Sluggor O'Toole</u></a>	100% of Vote
2nd	N/A	
3rd	N/A	

Best Welsh political blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Blamerbell Briefs</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Miserable Old Fart</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>British Nationalists in Wales Watch</u></a>	

Best Foreign political blog (by foreigner outside the British Isles)		
1st	<a href="#"><u>The Monarchist</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Daily Kos</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Kiwi Blog</u></a>	

Best Ex-pat political blog (by Brit outside the UK or non-Brit resident in the British Isles)		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Last Ditch</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Nourishing Obscurity</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Prague Tory</u></a>	

Best Local political blog for local people (city / town / provincial)		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Gavin Ayling</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>The View from the North</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Live from the Socialist Fortress</u></a>	

**Political Blog: by Mainstream Media, Organisation or Campaign**

**Best Political Blog run from a main stream media website (TV, Radio, Magazine, Newspaper etc.)**

1st	<a href="#"><u>Spectator Coffee House</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Nick Robinson</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Comment is Free</u></a>	

**Best blog by a professional journalist**

1st	<a href="#"><u>Benedict Brogan</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Nick Robinson</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Bryan Taylor</u></a>	

**Best Campaigning Blog**

1st	<a href="#"><u>CEP News Blog</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Bloggerheads</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Nanny Knows Best</u></a>	

**Best Blog by non-media organisation**

1st	<a href="#"><u>CEP News Blog</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Adam Smith Institute</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Speakout</u></a>	

**Political Blog: by Subject Matter**

**Best Election coverage / Polling Blog**

<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Political Betting</u></b>	
2nd	<u>Conservative Home</u>	
3rd	<u>Polling Report</u>	

<b>Best Westminster Village Gossip</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Guido Fawkes</u></b>	
2nd	<u>Iain Dale</u>	
3rd	<u>Recess Monkey</u>	

<b>Best Holyrood Gossip</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Tartan Hero</u></b>	
2nd	<u>J Arthur MacNumpty</u>	
3rd	<u>North to Leith</u>	

<b>Best Cardiff Bay Gossip</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Blamberbell Briefs</u></b>	
2nd	<u>Seneddwr</u>	
3rd	<u>Arsembly</u>	

<b>Best Northern Ireland coverage / Stormont Gossip</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Slugger O'Toole</u></b>	
2nd	N/A	100% of Vote
3rd	N/A	

### Best Economics Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Tim Worstall</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>City Unslicker</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Burning Our Money</u></a>	

### Best Blog Dealing with Religious Matters

1st	<a href="#"><u>Archbishop Cranmer</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Gray Monk</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Ruth Gledhill</u></a>	

### Best Human Rights / Civil Liberties Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>No2ID</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Craig Murray</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Perfect</u></a>	

### Best Foreign Affairs (including Iraq and Afghan wars)

1st	<a href="#"><u>Open Democracy</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Harry's Place</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Informed Comment</u></a>	

### Best Constitutional Reform Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Our Kingdom</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>CEP News Blog</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>EDP Blog</u></a>	

### Best Environmental / Green Issues Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Paul Kingsnorth</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Eco Worrier</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>The Difference Magazine</u></a>	

### Best Law and Order Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>The Policeman's Blog</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Blues and Twos</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>The Magistrate's Blog</u></a>	

### Best Libertarian Blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Samizdata</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Dodgeblogium</u></a>	

### Best anti-EU blog

1st	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>EU Serf</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Eurealist</u></a>	

### Best pro-EU blog

<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Nosemonkey</u></b>	Only two nominations
2nd	<u>Jon Worth</u>	
3rd	N/A	

<b>Best Political Satire</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Theo Spark</u></b>	
2nd	<u>The Daily Mash</u>	
3rd	<u>Guido Fawkes</u>	

<b>Best coverage and analysis of politics and current affairs</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Iain Dale</u></b>	
2nd	<u>Dizzy Thinks</u>	
3rd	<u>Political Betting</u>	

<b>Best English nationalist blog</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>CEP News Blog</u></b>	
2nd	<u>Little Man in a Toque</u>	
3rd	<u>Wonko's World</u>	

<b>Best Scottish nationalist blog</b>		
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Tartan Hero</u></b>	
2nd	<u>1820</u>	
3rd	<u>Baillieston Independent</u>	

Best Irish nationalist blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>United Irelander</u></a>	100% of Vote
2nd	N/A	
3rd	N/A	

Best Welsh nationalist blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Miserable Old Fart</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Ordovicius</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Welsh Independence</u></a>	

Best British nationalist blog		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Bondbloke</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Central News</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Young Unionists</u></a>	

Political Blog: Miscellaneous		
Best discussion / Community (which blog generates the best comment threads)		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Political Betting</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Conservative Home</u></a>	

Best multiple author / group blog		
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1st	<a href="#"><u>Samizdata</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>A Tangled Web</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Our Kingdom</u></a>	

<b>Blogger most likely to vote for a donkey if you slapped the correct colour rosette on it</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Bob Piper</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Luke Akehurst</u></a>	

<b>Most vindictive political blogger</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Guido Fawkes</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Tim Ireland</u></a>	

<b>Blogger most deserving of a book deal</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Archbishop Cranmer</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Waking Hereward</u></a>	

<b>Best Blog design</b>		
1st	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Iain Dale</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Samizdata</u></a>	

### Best new blog (a new addition to the blogosphere in 2007)

1st	<a href="#">Spectator Coffee House</a>	
2nd	<a href="#">Our Kingdom</a>	
3rd	<a href="#">The Final Redoubt</a>	

### Blogger you would most like to share a pint with

1st	<a href="#">Iain Dale</a>	One Comment: "Iain Dale because he doesn't drink"
2nd	<a href="#">England Project</a>	
3rd	<a href="#">Mr Eugenides</a>	

### Blogger you would most like to shag

1st	<a href="#">Rachel from North London</a>	
2nd	<a href="#">Girl with a one track mind</a>	
3rd	<a href="#">Little Man in a Toque</a>	

### Blogger with the best sense of humour

1st	<a href="#">Theo Spark</a>	
2nd	<a href="#">Devil's Kitchen</a>	
3rd	<a href="#">Harry Hutton</a>	

### Blogger most desperate to win blogging awards

1st	<a href="#">Iain Dale</a>	
2nd	<a href="#">James Higham</a>	
3rd	<a href="#">Recess Monkey</a>	

### Blogger that you never agree with

1st	<a href="#"><u>Recess Monkey</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Neil Harding</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Terry Kelly Councillor</u></a>	

### Most dyslexic blogger

1st	<a href="#"><u>Blog of Kev</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Alun Cairns AM</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Tim Ireland</u></a>	

### Blogger most likely to be suffering from Tourette's syndrome

1st	<a href="#"><u>Devil's Kitchen</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Ministry of Truth</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Twenty Major</u></a>	

### Blogger most likely to have bi-polar disorder

1st	<a href="#"><u>Bondbloke</u></a>	
2nd	<a href="#"><u>Guido Fawkes</u></a>	
3rd	<a href="#"><u>Recess Monkey</u></a>	

**Shouldn't be allowed to own a computer, let alone have a blog**

1st	<a href="#">Terry Kelly</a>
2nd	<a href="#">Bondbloke</a>
3rd	<a href="#">David Milliband</a>

Most gratuitous use of Facebook to promote a blog	
1st	<a href="#">Iain Dale</a>
2nd	<a href="#">Kerron Cross</a>
3rd	<a href="#">Recess Monkey</a>

Political Blog: Overall	
The British Isles' best political blog	
1st	<a href="#">Iain Dale</a>
2nd	<a href="#">Political Betting</a>
3rd	<a href="#">Conservative Home</a>

The British Isles' most influential political blog	
1st	<a href="#">Iain Dale</a>
2nd	<a href="#">Guido Fawkes</a>
3rd	<a href="#">Conservative Home</a>

Political Blog: Witanagemot Club	
How often do you read The Witanagemot Club?	
Answer	Percentage
The what? I've never heard of it	36%

Rarely, only if I'm desperate	16%
Occasionally	27%
Often	11%
Daily	10%

<b>Which is your favourite Witanagemot Club blog?</b>	
<b>1st</b>	<b><u>Iain Dale</u></b>
2nd	<u>Archbishop Cranmer</u>
3rd	<u>Little Man in a Toque</u>