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### **RORY BREMNER: SENIOR YORKS MEP JOINS IN URGE TO VOTE**

As Britain gears up to vote in the most important election in a generation, top British satirist Rory Bremner and senior MEP Edward McMillan-Scott joined forces to urge people to vote on 6 May. Yorkshire MEP McMillan-Scott, who is Vice-President for democracy and human rights in the European Parliament, stated: "Millions across Europe and beyond have fought and died to secure our democratic rights. Voting is the ultimate expression of democracy. It is our responsibility to exercise our right to vote".

In the run-up to polling day, Rory Bremner - described as a 'one-man opposition party' – is travelling around the United Kingdom, bringing his unique take on political events to audience up and down the country. Yesterday [Thurs - 15 Apr] evening, Edward McMillan-Scott - who has gained international recognition for his strong stand against open and hidden political extremism - joined Rory Bremner at the recently refurbished Harrogate Theatre to take part in a lively political debate with Conservative candidate Philip Davies from Shipley and Labour's candidate Kevin McNerney from Harrogate and Knaresborough [please see **picture below and attached in full size**].

After addressing a full house, with 450 voters in the LibDem heartland of Harrogate, McMillan-Scott, a former Conservative and now a LibDem MEP, said:

"Rory Bremner's roadshow adds life to the campaign. I admire his determination to promote democracy and to call on people to vote in this crucial general election. Thursday 6 May could mark the start of a new fresh start for Britain. People have a clear choice, including a fair electoral system which would not only help the LibDems, but also the Conservatives because their support is widely spread across the nation."

"The first ever televised Leaders' debate has allowed people to see the Nick Clegg that I have known and respected for many years. Judging from the overwhelming public response, Nick's message is being widely welcomed. Nick Clegg promises fairness and change: this election should result in a balanced parliament to deliver that", stated McMillan-Scott.