



Flying The Flag

British victories over our European partners

By John Taylor QC

When isms beget schisms

What is a country coming to when its own Institute of Education recommends that patriotism is no longer taught in schools on the grounds that children should not be taught to love a 'morally ambiguous' country? On which grounds the majority of said schoolchildren could presumably be discouraged from loving their parents!

Even unarguably great British triumphs such as World War II should be played down insists the Institute, so that more shameful episodes in British history are not themselves played down or excluded. A legitimate attempt to redress the imbalance of history always being written by the winners you might think. Or could something more sinister be afoot?

Either way recruitment to the RAF has fallen 20% since 1999 and Army recruitment is down 14% for the same period, so it makes sense that John Taylor has chosen

the most obvious barometer of patriotism, military action, to debate these and other salient points against a historic backdrop of many centuries warfare and victory by Britain over her European neighbours in his timely book *Flying the Flag*.

John Taylor is a former QC with many years training in what is wrong with the world and opinions of equally long and careful apprentice. Replacing the tatty Union Jack flag in his garden recently he suddenly realised he wasn't sure on which days he out to 'fly the flag'. Which set him thinking, how many of his countrymen were any the wiser? He tested his twenty-something gardener on the Battle of Trafalgar anniversary, only to be rewarded by a blank look and an admission of ignorance. John Taylor decided then and there that the time had come to put matters straight with *Flying the Flag* and took up his pen.

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