By John McTearwan, our 'Rightwards of Ghengis Khan' correspondent



Labour in Scotlandshire's deputy Dugdale has warned viewers not to support BBC Scotlandshire for funniest blog in the Bella Caledonia <u>#IndeRefAwards</u> which are taking place this week.

Ms Dugdale (née Fifi le Bon) warned a vote for BBC Scotlandshire was 'a sure way to let in the Tories' and that viewers of the controversial BBC channel should 'just join the Labour party instead - it's only a pound\*."

Advising Scottish voters to 'forget the past' she said: "Don't vote with either your head or your heart, but cast your ballot instead using your colon, and give Scottish Labour(sic) the same kind of support it has always given you.

"This upstart BBC Scotlandshire is the sneering smirk on the face of the Scottish body politic. Nobody likes them. I personally hate everything they stand for, as does my wee pal Ruthie, and so do all our mutual friends. And nobody I know finds this sort of thing remotely funny.

"And that bloody hat has so obviously just been Photoshopped in. I ask you - is that in any way amusing?

"Just like David Cameron and that nice Benjamin Netanyahu, I'm a great believer in free speech - but not when it's been *weaponised* and aimed at me and my friends.

"However, if their viewers don't take the few seconds to vote for them, then the funniest blog

category will be won by a Dug - just like Britain's got Talent. A dug that can write, apparently. (See my deputy Dugdale column in the Daily Record for examples). I would love that.

"BBC Scotlandshire has given you almost a thousand ridiculous and irreverent stories over the past couple of years, some of which they simply made up. Not to mention the thousands of images and cartoons they have produced, and all of it for free.

"If you, like me, want to discourage this kind of 'political satire', and make life much more comfortable for people like myself, then please vote for anyone but BBC Scotlandshire.

"I understand that their team is working on a brand new site with lots of new material, which will be released later this month. I beg you, don't encourage them by <u>visiting this page</u> and giving them your vote!

"For those who are not yet convinced, here are BBC Scotlandshire's top 10 most popular hard news stories from 2014.

"This kind of scandalous 'reporting", at the expense of hard-working politicians and their little helpers, must end now!"

Rank 1 susceptible to space	Published 21 March storms, say scientists	Headline Separate Scotlandshire may be
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IT, says Andrew Mar 6	<u>r</u> 26 October	Johann La Mont resigns from Labour to

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7	11 November	Scottish Government reveals new plans
for Trident replacement		
8	24 August	Chief Counting Officer announces
dramatic change in voting	g arrangements	
9	26 February	Scots "not genetically programmed to
make political decisions",	reveals astonished Lamont	
10	03 August	BBC saves the Great British Imperial
Games from the Scots	5	<u>_</u>

\* Labour membership costs £1 for the first year (then hundreds of billions in austerity cuts for the duration of your contract)

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