

Monday Club investigates neo-nazi infiltration

ANTHONY MURPHY, chairman of the Conservative Party pressure group the Yorkshire Monday Club, has fiercely denied any links with the neo-nazi British National Party.

Speaking in response to last week's *Leeds Other Paper* investigation 'Decline and fall of a nazi plot' — which alleged the BNP had tried to infiltrate the Yorkshire Monday Club — Mr Murphy described the article as "a slur on my name" and said he was taking legal advice.

Anthony Murphy said that he turned up at two British National Party rallies "as an observer to ensure that in a democracy there wasn't a breakdown of law and order from whatever side". He denied claims by BNP organiser Eddy Morrison that he was booked to speak at a Bradford rally. "I've never met Eddie Morrison", he said.

Mr Murphy acknowledged that a number of British National Party members attended a Monday Club meeting in February this year held in Baildon at which the guest speaker was Jonathon Guinness. He accepted they were invited to attend, but only as individuals and not as members of any organisation.

He explained that people who wrote to local newspapers expressing similar views to those of the Monday Club were often contacted and invited to meetings. He acknowledged meeting BNP press officer Geoff Brown but said he did not know at that time that Brown was a member of the British National Party.

Those attending the meeting were then invited onto Yorkshire Television's James Whale show which was recorded later that night. But Murphy said only he and Sean Pearson were there as official representatives of the Monday Club.

Anthony Murphy said the links between Monday Club member Sean Pearson and the British National Party — revealed in *Leeds Other Paper* — would be investigated. "Until that photograph appeared in the paper I had no proof of that at all. The Monday Club has a very strict vetting system and Sean Pearson was vetted through that."

He said that Pearson had recently moved to Truro and was now a member of Truro Young Conservatives. "If Sean Pearson does have BNP links then he'll have to decide where his future lies."

Anthony Murphy was expelled from Bradford Conservatives last year after distributing racist leaflets in the city centre, but he said he retained his national and regional positions in the Monday Club through his membership of the Thurrock Conservative Party in the south of England. He described the BNP as "a pack of idiots, a bunch of losers" and said "there are no links whatsoever between the Monday Club and the BNP. There never have been and never will be."

However, he accepted there may have been an attempt by the British National Party to infiltrate the Yorkshire Monday Club.

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■ An anonymous caller alleged that British National Party press officer Geoff Brown — identified by *Leeds Other Paper* as Adam Black. — also uses the name Alexander Barron although his real name is 'Paul'. Geoff Brown said the anonymous caller may have been a member of a rival neo-nazi group. (*Leeds Other Paper* would like to thank Leeds Anti-Fascist Action for their assistance in this research.)