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So-long sad times. Go along bad times. We are rid of you at last. Happy days are here again. The skies above are clear again. So, let's sing a song of cheer again.

Happy days are here again?

I am writing this on Election Day. I am expecting to see the back of the worst government (or party in leadership) since...well since we last had a decent government – and you can decide when that was.

I recall not that long ago, sitting at lunch with a group of industry people and one person was quite loud in his disparagement of the Conservatives and of their chances of winning another election. This might have been a dangerous ploy – you don't know who you might offend...politics is best kept away from the lunch table. But nobody flinched. Even those I guessed may be more Conservative leaning in general, rolled their eyes and agreed.

There is nothing this bunch (or by tomorrow, that bunch) could do to restore any kind of confidence.

Sadly, as in the USA last time around, people are likely to have voted not because they want the representation they may get – they just don't want the representation they have had (and I am not sure the voters of America can stand to do the same this time around).

Labour has manifestoed its commitments to house building. We should all be glad of that. However, so did the Conservatives this time...and last time...and the time before that. I think if Labour does not deliver and just becomes another plod along, no innovation party in power, it will serve one term and then we will all be back in the mire.

We need to hold them to their promises. We need our industry representatives – the GGF and FENSA – to hold them accountable. We need to get Britain building – and building decent, affordable, energy efficient homes, with our industry playing a crucial role in that.

Hey – I could wake up tomorrow and have to call the printers to swap out this page as I have not considered that the Tories could rise like Lazarus and surprise us all...but should the most unlikely of unlikelies happen, I will immediately go out and have a large bet on England to wind the Euros and me to win the lottery. Who knows? Happy days really could be here again.

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