



**John A Pedder
MBE, Teacher**

“Parliament has again opted to take on the role of the ‘Nanny State’ It is simply a case of guarding the health of the nation, whilst still putting the

vast revenue paid by smokers into Gordon Brown’s coffers with an apparently clear conscience. Or do I detect another agenda, namely more eroding of our civil rights? Smoking is still to be permitted by prisoners, who will have more freedom than the prison staff and, of course, in the bars of Westminster as it is classed as a Palace. So it is either stand for Parliament in the next election or commit a heinous crime in the hope that I *may just* be sent down the line to serve at Her Majesty’s pleasure.”

**John Salmon,
Banker**



“I was surprised at the vote, as the present system of smokers having their own areas works well in restaurants. But if the ban leads to a healthier nation then it will be seen as a success.”

**Brian Skelton,
Secretary, Wolstanton
Working Men’s Club**

“It’s common sense to help people not do something that’s bad for them. But to enforce it by law in places of leisure where people choose to go (and pay for the privilege) is not really fair.”



JUDGE TELLS CROOK – ‘ZIMMER FRAME? – NO ZENTANCE!’

A Stoke-on-Trent man who is disabled, was let out of prison because the British prison service cannot cope with ‘his needs.’ He had been sentenced for three years for his part as a lookout whilst his able-bodied mate burgled the homes of Staffordshire pensioners – committing 77 offences in all.

Birmingham prison reported that his disability was so severe that they could not guarantee his human rights so it now looks like his punishment will be suspended. He appears to have had a lot more consideration than his victims. *It’s an odd world.*

A final comment from Dr Stirling of CCC



“Generally it is an excellent law and will greatly reduce illness but I am of the opinion that there should be some freedom of choice for smokers in strictly controlled surroundings.”



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Friends and family sprung a surprise 90th birthday celebration for former pub landlord NORMAN BARROWDALE of Newcastle. This distinguished client of Castle Comfort was pretty impressed especially with the arrival of the Mayor, and summed up the event with his stock phrase – “So nice!”