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The market is still subdued. No matter what the creamily complacent Brexit politicians like to believe activity has been hit by the uncertainty that Mr Cameron's ill-judged gamble has wrought on the British economy. Mrs May – undoubtedly the best choice for Prime Minister – is nonetheless stymied by the desire to, as they like to say, respect the wishes of the British people. The margin was slim, the campaign poorly managed by both sides but the weight of mendacious rhetoric certainly falls on the rejectionist camp. We are only a few months into a period of “phony divorce” and, as at the time of the phony war before hostilities really kicked in, we have yet to see the worst.

We, a nation of some 60m have opted to leave a group of some 500m to try to paddle our own canoe against, for example, a nationalistic and protectionist 325m strong USA. The warm words from the new President, Donald Trump do not mean that the US will, overnight, start importing UK goods, why should it? Indeed it is far more likely and natural that it will impose its terms and conditions on us and that we will have no-where to turn. We may be close friends with the States (and why not, it is a marvellous country) but we have abandoned the natural Family of Nations with which we have been associated for forty years. So many of our young have died as part of the process leading to the creation of a European Union; these sacrifices now are thrown on the rubbish heap of history.

That there are unimaginably poor systems in place for the governance of the EU is an unavoidable truth. It would however have been far better to negotiate an improvement in the governance of Europe from the position of strength that the result of even this referendum gave us rather than to capitulate to the dreams of the Little Englanders in the Conservative Party and others. For years we have had Commissioners in place Mr Neil Kinnock being a prominent example; what have they done to insist on transparency of process? And if they have tried why has it not been reported and why have the respective Prime Ministers of this country not taken up the arguments from time to time? The reality is that instead of improving the management of Europe our Commissioners and our MEPs have become part of the self-inflated and self-serving elite that fails to run Europe.

An engineering company with which we are working has been buying the highly specialised steel it requires for the manufacture of its products from Germany. Now those products have become far more expensive. The devaluation of Sterling that politicians trumpet about does not necessarily help. Thus the company finds itself in a bind; it must increase its price in Sterling terms to cover the extra raw material costs and yet its export market is expecting a reduction in the Dollar price of its goods. A fine judgement has to be made particularly as no-one is clear as to the future.

In the same vein; banks – the eternal bogey men of modern economies – are planning moves out of London; Dublin, Paris or Frankfurt have been mentioned. Meanwhile buyers from overseas are simply treading water waiting to see how the dice run. There is no certainty; the catch-phrase Brexit-means-Brexit is merely utterly meaningless political froth.

Time and Tide wait for no man people will reach a time in life where a sale of their business must be contemplated. Whereas 50 years ago 60 seemed to be a sensible time in life to consider a sale now 70 seems to be the threshold and how marvellous is that? Nonetheless when a sale is considered it is sensible to speak to an experienced and knowledgeable broker; companies are not sold on a push-button basis, talk to Chesham because you only sell your business once!