

Boris should look to the satirists



Sir, As far back as 1680, the great English poet John Dryden commented, "But 'tis the talent of our English nation, still to be plotting some new reformation".

Boris Johnson and the Brexiteers would do well to study their great literary heritage... particularly the satirists. Indeed, Dryden may have had some of their kind in mind when he wrote in *Absalom and Achitophel*: "Great wits are to madness near allied. And thin partitions do their bounds divide".

Yours, etc,
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Tekst 1 Boris should look to the satirists

- 1p 1 What is the point made by William Flynn in this letter?
Making Britain leave the European Union is a decision that
- A deserves to be ridiculed because it lacks support.
 - B should be classified as bordering on insanity.
 - C was inspired by a historical need for change.
 - D would have been supported by intellectuals from the past.

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