

Francis Bennion, the former Parliamentary counsel and law lecturer, is one of those rare oracles who carries the unwritten British constitution in his head. Writing in next week's *Justice of the Peace*, he has a go at the Attorney General for suggesting that the Court of Appeal could stop the Hunting Act from coming into force and that Lord Goldsmith could introduce a blanket policy of non-enforcement. These are mistakes of law, says Mr Bennion — who must surely be the only lawyer to carry an “epistolatory thought for the day” on his personal website. Yesterday's dates from 1971 when he launched a private prosecution against Peter Hain — then an anti-apartheid firebrand but now Leader of the Commons.