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need politics at
all, the
limitations of
politics, and*

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are areas of life
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social justice can
be used to
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than destroy a
market economy.
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natural units of
government and
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mainstream
media, public
experts and all
kinds of officials.
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there have been
dramatic and
sometimes
shocking events:
the burning of
Grenfell Tower

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and the
Windrush
scandal, the rise
and fall of the
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The state's
response to the

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pandemic was a
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how abnormal

things had
become. As the
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politics and
media has come
under attack,
the basic norms
of public life
have been

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question.

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and nationalist
forces advance
as liberalism
recedes. This Is
Not Normal
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nation that no
longer
recognises itself.

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narrative sense
behind

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regime today

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claims to be
democratic, but
not all
'democracies'
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politics, and free
politics existed
long before
democratic
franchises. This
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the American,
French, and
Russian
revolutions, and
of the usages

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and of human
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limit democratic
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ordinary people
can become
instant online
celebrities to
fans thousands
of miles away, in
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leaders can
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millions globally,
in which humans

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the major
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cultural,
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causes and
effects, and
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the hotly
contested
question of
whether
globalization is,
ultimately, a
good or a bad
thing. From

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levels of
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with Great
Britain is harder
than ever. We
are a nation that

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chose Brexit,
rejects
immigration but
is dependent on
it, is getting
older but less
healthy, is more
demanding of
public services
but less willing
to pay for them,
is tired of

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intervention
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abroad but
wants to remain
a global
authority. We
have an over-
stretched, free
health service
(an idea from
the 1940s that
may not survive
the 2020s),

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prisons, a
military without
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purpose, an
education
system the envy
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we are. It will
not tell you what
opinions to
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help you reach
your own. By the
end, you will
know how
Britain works -

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or doesn't. 'Stig
Abell is an
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two decades

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British politics
has undergone a

remarkable

transformation.

While some

components of

the system have

been eroded,

such as voter

turnout and

membership of

the big parties,

other parts have

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*flourished, such
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as nationalist
parties, the
insurgent UKIP,
as well as the
new media.*

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these changes
and places them
within the
context of the
evolution of*

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*British society
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from absolute
monarchy to
representative
democracy. It
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of the major
components of
British
politics, such
as the Monarchy
and the House of
Lords, the
Commons, voting*

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*behaviour,
parties and
pressure groups,
the Prime
Minister and
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government, and
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such as the*

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the 2015 General*

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and those new to
the study of
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politics.

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The beginning of
the 20th century

wasn't a
significant time
in itself for
change in
British
politics, except
perhaps for the
founding of the
Labour Party,
but a gradual
shift in the

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political

*(Very Short
landscapes had*

been taking)

place. This was

a time when the

status of the

United Kingdom

as a

great imperial

power and as a

strong

industrial

economy was

ceasing to

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*exist. The end
of the 20th
century gave)
quite a
different
picture. It
showed a country
struggling with
the issue of
integration into
Europe (a
concept barely
imagined 100
years*

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*previously), a
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more service-
less industry-
orientated
economy, and a
political system
less focused on
Westminster and
more focused on
the regions than
ever before. The
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institutions,
and places that
have been
important in

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*shaping the path
of political
history of
Britain over the
past 100 years.
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authoritative
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reference on
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British politics*

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distinguished
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*opinionated and
(Very Short
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major political
organisations
that have
functioned
during the 20th
century are
mentioned. There
are biographical
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including longer
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and holders of
key cabinet
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of economic,*

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*Wales, Scotland,
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*events and their
impact on the*

shape of

political

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entries devoted
to them, as do
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international
debate such as
those concerned*

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Party to mad cow
disease and even
the result of the
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*unionists: Frank
Cousins, Arthur
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wareconomic*

*events: Black
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Bruges speech,

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Trade Union Acts

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bus', 'never had

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political
economy of party
support for
British
political*

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*parties since
Tony Blair led
New Labour to
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data collected
in the British
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since the Conser
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2010 and factors
that shaped
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Britain's May
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worst recession
since the 1930s,
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investigate how*

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*the economic
crisis has
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diffusion of
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distinctive, and
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went from
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largest party in
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vote share and
securing their
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a forgotten
portion of the

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electorate
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resulted in an
unprecedented
' Green Surge '
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decades of British
party membership
decline and a lack
of historic far left
electoral success
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does James

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and exaltations,
Brexit is upon us.

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culmination of
events that have
been under way
for decades and

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