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Why I quit: Duncan Smith tells Marr PA/BBC

Tories 'don't care about poor as they don't vote for us'

by **DOMINIC YEATMAN**

TORY rebel Iain Duncan Smith slammed George Osborne's Budget as 'deeply unfair' and launched a scathing attack on his own government vesterday.

The former work and pensions secretary, who resigned on Friday, accused the chancellor of targeting poor working people and the disabled. 'It just looks like we just see this as a pot of money, and it doesn't matter because they don't vote for us,' he told the BBC's Andrew Marr programme. The former Conservative leader, who

once dubbed himself the 'quiet man of British politics' fears the government is in 'danger of drifting in a direction that divides society rather than unites it, and that, I think, is unfair'.

He said his position had become 'impossible' because he had to cut Personal Independence Payments by £1.3billion a year

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Soak up this period drama

Amy Dawson relaxes amid the scenery at Bodysgallen Hall and Spa, North Wales

A grade I-listed, 17th-century building, it's one of just three Historic House Hotels in the UK owned by the National Trust. The real draw is the breathtaking 200 acres of surroundings, both wild parkland and exquisitely manicured grounds, which come complete with rose garden and a maze. It's also a great spot for day trips, with the lovely Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno five minutes away by car (we walked it in 40).

Spa and signature treatment

IF you're accustomed to next-level spass separated into exotically themed sections, complete with ice palaces and rainforest showers, this might not be the place for you. Otherwise it has everything you could ask for – a 50ft pool, Jacuzzi, sauna and steam room, small gym and calm treatment rooms.

With my skin feeling ravaged by the winter weather, I went for a 60-minute Darphin Instant Illuminating Facial (£65). The top-class botanical ingredients revived my sensitive skin and smelt delicious, especially the hydrating kiwi mask, and I felt in expert hands with my therapist.

Food

DINNER is a fairly formal affair in the main hall, with no trainers or T-shirts allowed. Head chef John Williams oversees a tempting gournet menu focusing on locally sourced ingredients, and we plumped for the option of two courses for £43. My scallops seared with leeks were silky and sweet, and I followed it up with a hearty but healthy Welsh bass with barbecued aubergine.

Rooms

THERE are private cottage suites available (I particularly liked the look of the cute Gingerbread House), but we stayed in a Snowdonia-view en-suite room decorated with chintzy pleated lampshades, flouncy valances and duck egg walls. It's cosy and comfy, with an unbeatably gorgeous view stretching over the gardens, out towards Conwy castle and (on a clear day) Snowdonia.

While the decor is old-school, the bathroom hosts a thoroughly modern power shower with piping-hot water, and there's decent wi-fi and a flat-screen TV. Fellow cuppa addicts beware, though, there's no kettle and a tea costs a fairly silly £3.25 (coffee is £4). Still, maybe it's a good excuse to get straight on the wine instead...

A double room at Bodysgallen starts from £179 per night. Includes morning tea, cooked breakfast and full use of the spa. bodysgallen.com

