

LONG EATON AND DISTRICT  
ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

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**NEWSLETTER:**



**DOOMED POLL  
TAX SINKING BUT  
STILL HURTING!**

**APRIL 91**

**SO THE POLL TAX IS DEAD!!**

The news should have been greeted with jubilation (not least by our group) but let's for a moment just consider what the reality of this declaration really is before we feel comfortable to sit back on our laurels and pat ourselves on the back at a job well done.

Firstly the Poll tax is definitely not dead and is most definitely still hurting those it was designed to hurt.

Secondly do we see a move to a system based on the ability to pay. It seems unlikely given our present government.

We hear talk of massive rebates, a huge mistake by the government and the abolition of the poll tax.

What we see is those responsible for the Poll Tax still profiting from it, Councils and Courts hell bent on summoning anyone they can get their hands on (regardless of whether they can pay or not) and a fresh bill with fresh threats coming, to quote Erewash Borough Council, "sooner rather than later".

No! there is plenty for us to do yet and that must be the main purpose of this Newsletter. Where do we go from here?

Only this week Erewash Borough Council has summonsed around 2,000 people to Court in Ilkeston who were dealt with in the customary "Shut up and Pay up" fashion now familiar to Poll Tax cases. We have a Council seeking desperately to have the use of private Bailiff firms to collect Poll Tax debts. They do this in the knowledge of the appalling and illegal conduct of Bailiff firms in other areas. We have been given no apologies and no assurances that a tax that has been rejected by the British Public will not continue to be collected with the same disregard for the people who are expected to pay it.

Secretary: Maureen Brown Telephone: 728229  
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Long Eaton

**Pay no Poll Tax!**

We have been going now for over a year after we started at probably one of the largest public meetings Long Eaton has seen at Long Eaton Lower School, attended by around 800 people. We have lobbied local Councillors, held a demonstration through Long Eaton, challenged the Poll Tax in Court, tried to help and advise non-payers and most importantly been one of the thousands of anti Poll Tax groups which have led to the downfall, although not the death, of the Poll Tax. It was not the Labour party, a change of heart by government or a lack of determination by Councils to collect it that has led to the downfall of the Poll Tax. It has fallen because the system was made unworkable by non-payment, by ordinary people who weren't frightened or intimidated into paying and saw their cause as being just. Their actions have now been clearly vindicated as the government grovels to save what it can from the biggest U-Turn of recent political history. We have been accused of being scroungers, criminals, left-wing loonies and responsible for the high Poll Tax bills we have received.

I hope now the truth is emerging, our movement, by bringing about the downfall of the Poll Tax, and reductions, (if questionable ones) of £140 to this years bill, have done just the opposite. We wanted to get rid of the Poll Tax and replace it with a system which is fairer and based on the ability to pay. Things the Poll Tax never was!

We realise that many of you will now have paid your Poll Tax in part if not in full. You should not feel that you are not part of this group. It is open to all who oppose the Poll Tax, non-payment is not a membership condition. It is on this note I want to tell you about our Forthcoming Annual General Meeting and to request your attendance. We're having a party as well and want you to come to that (details on back cover).

We obviously need to change direction and decide where we go from here. We could continue to lobby for a speedy removal of the Poll Tax and to replace it with a system based on the ability to pay. We could continue to try and prevent the courts simply steam-rolling' over peoples rights in order to make them liable to pay the Poll Tax so that Councils can use their bailiff bully boys to frighten people into paying or steal it from your wages. Maybe they'll still threaten us with imprisonment if we don't pay. They haven't said they won't! Or we could simply wind-up and call it a day? We want to know what you think and for that reason it's important for you to attend the A.G.M. or if, for a good reason, you are unable to attend, fill in the tear off slip on the back letting us know what you want us to do. We have achieved a lot and can achieve a lot more. No government in the near future is likely to try to impose a law as hated as the Poll Tax thinking they can get away with it because people will do nothing. If we are to continue and finish off the Poll Tax though, we need a few more bodies and a clear picture of what we need to do. We've already achieved the impossible and have proved the people must be listened to. Please come along to the A.G.M. at The Sportsman so we can talk about what's been done and what needs to be done.

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone that has been involved in the campaign through its ups and downs and to thank you for joining Long Eaton and District Anti-Poll Tax Campaign.

Pay no Poll Tax, no persecution of non-payers.

Yours fraternally

*S Cottam*

Stuart Cottam  
L.E.A.D.A.P.T.C.

For the time being we still hold weekly meetings.

WEEKLY MEETINGS!

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 7.30 p.m. SPORTSMAN (FUNCTION ROOM), DERBY ROAD. TEL: 301490

**ANGRY? WANT  
TO HAVE A GO?**

Below is the leader  
of our local Council  
He is a staunch supporter  
of the Poll Tax.

**GIVE THE MAN A  
CALL! OR A LETTER**

HENRY SHAW

19 BELPER RD., WEST

HALLAM

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## MARCH 23RD

### ONE YEAR ON -

SATURDAY MARCH 31ST 1990

**Scrap  
poll tax  
now!**

It was a day that will be remembered and talked about for many years to come. On that day last year the largest post-war demonstration in London of over 200,000 people culminated in violence that both rocked the nation and the government. The next few weeks saw a blaze of political controversy over the Poll Tax but sadly much of the attention was taken away from the Poll Tax and onto the demonstration itself. It has been, and is likely to remain, in a blaze of controversy over the causes, effects and fundamental question of who was to blame for the violence and rioting that followed it. The undeniable facts of the matter are that it was a massive demonstration against the Poll Tax involving over a quarter of a million people in demonstrations around Britain and that the government heard loud and clear what people thought about the Poll Tax. Still it has taken a year of protests, which often turned ugly, before the Conservative government, which has so jealously and vigorously defended and upheld the Poll Tax have finally lost their grip on it. The Poll Tax is sinking but not as a lack of volunteers to bail it out. The Poll Tax still has its friends in high places. It has caused the resignation of one of Britains longest serving PM's. It fell because the whole system was made unworkable and uncollectable by non-payment and non-cooperation with its collection.

This years demonstration came just a few weeks after the governments apparent decision to abolish the Poll Tax. The timing of the announcement was seemingly, not least motivated by the timing of this years demo. A repeat this year of last years events would have been a political catastrophe. It was avoided and this years demo, of around 40,000 people, passed peacefully. A massive steward and legal back up was mounted by the anti-Poll Tax campaign and the Police used, lets say, less inflammatory tactics.

A coach from Long Eaton attended the demo and all of us returned safely.

It was more of a celebratory march, one which received precious little press coverage. It seems that unless you are prepared to get into a fight, then the press are simply not interested. They then condemn the violence they so desperately crave, if it happens. A peculiar moral standpoint.

The Poll Tax is not dead yet and until it is the protests, the demonstrations and the confrontations will continue.

The Government is now squirming and desperately seeking alternatives. The Tories wish to retain, to quote, "An element of the Poll Tax". We asked and continue to ask for a system based on the ability to pay. That seems unlikely to happen.

This years, and particularly last years, demonstrations will mark a point in history.

A point where the government wouldn't listen to its people but after a year of protest, they had to.

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IF YOU WISH  
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LONG EATON



## LETTERS

### Pleased to be on non-payers list

OK, so Erewash Borough Council may publish the names and addresses of poll tax non-payers.

I thought this was a civilised country so why do they see fit to persecute the few who have the courage to rebel and bring about a fairer system for all?

A point perhaps the people who sneer and jeer at the non-payers might like to bear in mind.

I, too, will be pleased to see my name on the council's list.

### Not incitement to anarchy

THE rights and wrongs of breaking the law appear to be the essence of pro-poll tax's letter in the December 27 issue.

It would be a paragon of virtue indeed who could state and prove they had never broken the law. Standing on a street corner or tuning into police broadcasts on FM radio can be punished in a court of law, together with innocuous actions.

It is not an incitement to anarchy as stated by pro-poll tax, to insist on your fundamental rights. To withhold payment of taxes while you challenge the authenticity and legality of the issue is democracy in its highest form and it's a pity more people don't exercise these rights.

Finally, there is no basis whatsoever for pro-poll tax to fear physical abuse from a non-payer, and to suggest such a thing is an outrage. We depend on the public's support for a successful conclusion to our campaign and violence of any description would run counter to our beliefs in justice and fair play.

DAVID TOBIAS,  
Bracken Close, Long Eaton.

## Scrap poll tax is vote message

THE message from the voters in the Ribble Valley by-election where a Tory majority of 19,000 was overturned is — scrap the poll tax and scrap it now.

The Tories boast that it was only a protest vote and come the next general election they will regain the seat. It was a protest vote and if they continue to ignore the protests they will follow Thatcher into the political wilderness.

They say the fundamental principle that everybody should pay something towards local services is not only fair but popular, and that the protest is only over the size of the poll tax bills.

Beeston and Stapleford Anti-Poll Tax Unions agree that everybody should pay something towards local services, but add the most important element is that it

must be based on an individual's ability to pay. An individual bill by definition cannot be based on joint income.

With councils around the country setting April's poll tax bills we can witness creative accounting as never seen before, all for short term political gain.

A massive cut in jobs and services, countless millions taken from local council reserves and additional billions in the form of central government grants.

In a couple of years' time, if the Tories are allowed to continue, there will be no local jobs or services to cut, no money in local council reserves and no additional money in the form of

government grants.

Now is the time to protest.

MIKE CROTON,  
Beeston Anti-Poll Tax  
Union,  
Victory Road,  
Beeston.

### POLL TAX BAILIFFS GO BUST

■ A FIRM of bailiffs hired to collect the Poll Tax has gone bust, it was revealed last night.

Bosses have filed for bankruptcy—bringing a brief respite for tens of thousands who have not yet coughed up.

The news stunned councillors in Plymouth, Devon, who had employed the firm to deal with a debt crisis.

#### Arrears

Nearly ONE THIRD of all the city's 190,000 Community Charge payers—who face bills of £350 each—have not settled their arrears.

Tory councillor Reg Scott admitted: "It's totally bizarre. It's like a pawnbroker going bust."

Plymouth-based Phillips, which employed 14 people, was set up in the mid-1970s. It was said to be suffering from "economic problems."

## Bailiff in poll tax vendetta claim

## Poll tax terrorism

### THE TEARS OF A CLOWN

So Margaret Julios is appealing to the Police and public for sympathy. Her problem, it seems, is that she is being intimidated. It seems ironic that a woman whose business is to frighten and intimidate people into giving her company money, is complaining of intimidation. Her company has acted illegally on several occasions and makes no bones about the fact they 'mean business'. They like to wake non-payers up early in the morning by hammering on our doors and looking through our windows. Her bailiffs work on fear, threat and bluff to gain entry into peoples homes and maybe it is worth this parasitic womens while to consider that the actions she complains of are exactly the actions she condones from her own employees.

Incidentally anyone who wishes to meet us "left-wing extremists" only needs to come to our meetings. I think you'd be a little surprised at our description. When we paid her a visit last Saturday (the 23rd) she decided to throw at us and hit us with empty milk bottles.

A BAILIFF company boss in Nottingham claims militant thugs are terrorising staff in a bid to drive her out of business. Ann Julious, proprietor of bailiff firm M A Julious & Co, claims workers have received death threats, 'rest in peace' messages, hate mail and threatening phone calls. "We're being victimised simply because we're doing our job of lawfully seizing property in lieu of poll tax," she said.

Oh Margaret, we all do feel so very sorry for you. Your tears are simply those of a clown We will be back!!

**B**AILIFF Ann Julious claims she is the victim of a hate campaign by anti-poll tax protestors holding down demonstrations outside her Derbyshire home.

Mrs Julious says she has been plagued by protests since her bailiff's business was called in to help collect the community charge from non-payers.

At first the anti-poll tax campaigners held demonstrations outside the offices of Mrs Julious' bailiffs firm.

But now they have switched their protests to her home in the Draycott area. Mrs Julious claims windows have been smashed, and early morning demonstrations have harassed her family.

Now police have been called in to investigate the problem, after one recent protest in which Mrs Julious claims she was struck by a demonstrator.

The drama unfolded after a coach taking anti-poll tax protestors from Ilkeston, Kimberley, Stapleford and Long Eaton to a national rally in London stopped off at Mrs Julious' home at around 8am one Saturday.

**'Threatening'**  
Around 40 demonstrators banged drums and blew up whistles to wake up the household. Mrs Julious claims some of them came through her gate to argue with her and as she tried to remove them one of the protestors struck her with a ambouline.

"They were prancing around all over my property and that is trespass," she said.

"It is a personal vendetta against me, and my husband and family, who have nothing whatever to do with my bailiffs firm, are suffering."

"They have made it personal because they do not know how to get hold of any bailiffs," she said.

by Mark Hodgkin

Mrs Julious, who owns the largest private bailiffs firm operating in the area, said she had also received threatening phone calls and was getting mail order furniture turning up at her home and office.

"For 12 years we have collected the rates and to us this is just another form of tax. We have never had this kind of trouble before," she said.

But the anti-poll-tax unions say the demonstration was not aggressive towards Mrs Julious, who they say over-reacted.

Steve Clements, of the Long Eaton Anti-poll Tax Federation, admitted the protestors had held demonstrations outside Mrs Julious' home.

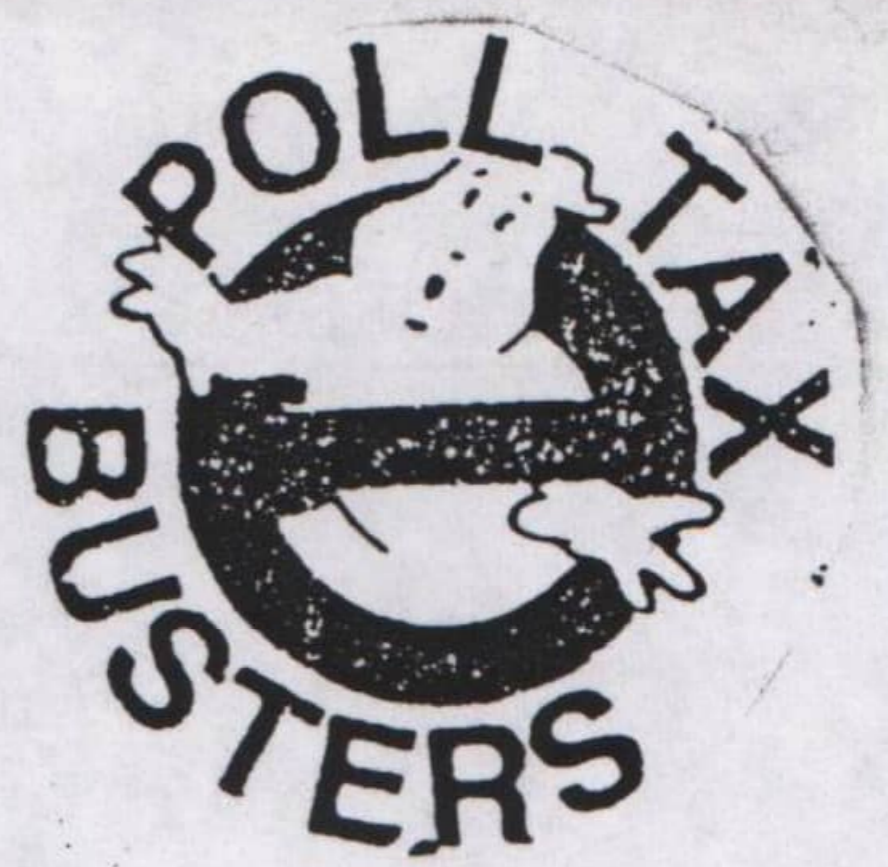
He said they had decided to wake up Mrs Julious because her bailiffs had been doing the same to people around the Broxtowe area.

Mr Clements added that the local anti-poll tax federations was unhappy about the tactics being used by Mrs Julious' firm.

"We are not out in any way to harm Mrs Julious, we are just annoying her to point out how her bailiffs are disturbing people," he said.

Sergeant Bob Mee, of Long Eaton police station, said that the matter was still under investigation and officers were anxious to question one demonstrator about possible public order offences.

# LONG EATON AND DISTRICT ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN



Round the  
courts

## "I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE PIMLICO COURTHOUSE AT ILKESTON SO FULL"

This astonished statement, made by a labour councillor sometime ago at a full Council meeting, gives a picture of what has been and is likely to remain, the situation in courts around our area. Not for a long time have so many people been summoned to court for breaking one law. For many who turned up at Court it was their first time.

The people of Erewash have been treated shamefully at the Courthouse at Ilkeston. The Council and, it must be said the Courts, in their desperation to make thousands of non-payers legally liable to pay, have ridden rough-shod over the rights we all have. They have both been consistently prepared to break laws to uphold the law, the law of The Poll Tax. We have not been in isolation in the way we have been treated in Court.

Since January the 'Guildhall' at Nottingham has been hearing Poll Tax cases all day, every day, 7 days a week. People in Chilwell who were summonsed to court were expected to travel to Bingham if they wanted to appear. The people who turned up at court did not necessarily have fancy legal arguments as to why they couldn't pay. We all knew the law expected us to. Those who turned up expecting the Court to be sympathetic to the fact that they were unable to pay were sadly disappointed.

The Court and Councils must be brought to task for the contemptible way in which these people were dealt (many O.A.P.'s, disabled people and those terrified by the courts). Their tactics were entirely political!

The number of people turning up at Court has declined dramatically since the Government's announcement that it is to abolish the Poll Tax. This is a great shame and our advice to those summonsed to court is still to appear if humanly possible and to raise any queries and questions you can think of. As a result of a member of our group lodging an appeal against the way the court was conducting itself, the magistrates and the council are now very careful to watch their P's and Q's.

We have written to the Council to ask for a meeting to discuss their methods of enforcement of payment in the light of the Government's announcement to abolish the Poll Tax. We received the expected reply 'No'. What we seek is for the Council to agree to a) not to use bailiffs to collect Poll Tax debts and b) not to take Poll Tax debts from persons income support (the only benefit that Poll Tax debts can be taken from).

We felt that these two methods were the most painful to those least able to pay. In return we offered to call off our mass campaign of non-payment from this group. This would leave the Council with only one option an 'Attachment of Earnings Order'. These ironically are linked to the ability to pay which the Poll Tax never was and give the Council the power to take usually around 10% of your net earnings. The table of what the council can take is below. Read it and find out what they could take from your wages if you've had a liability order served on you at court.

DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY TURN UP AT COURT

STOP PRESS - STOP PRESS - STOP PRESS

New Scottish figures after 9½ months of 1990/91 54.6% uncollected in Strathclyde, 50.2% uncollected in Scotland. There are more now not paying than paying the poll tax. Charles Grey-leader of Strathclyde Regional Council said "the poll tax is now doomed.."

## ATTACHMENT OF EARNINGS ORDER

Local Government Finance Act 1988  
Community Charges  
(Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1989  
Regulation 32

### THE EMPLOYER'S DUTIES

#### Earnings

Earnings which may be attached are defined (by reference to the Attachment of Earnings Act 1971) as "any sums payable by way of wages or salary, including fees, bonuses, commission, overtime pay or other emoluments payable in addition to wages or salary, or payable under a contract of service; and by way of pension, including an annuity in respect of past services, whether or not rendered to the person paying the annuity, and including periodical payments by way of compensation for the loss, abolition or relinquishment, or diminution in the emoluments, of any office or employment". This definition does not include a student grant and therefore charging authorities' powers of enforcement do not extend to attaching such grants.

#### Deductions under an attachment of earnings order

The sum to be deducted by an employer under an attachment of earnings order is regulated by the three tables prescribed in the Community Charges (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1989. These tables can be changed by order of the Secretary of State at any time. The current tables are reproduced below:-

Table A  
Deductions from weekly earnings

Net earnings	Deduction
Not exceeding £35	Nil
Exceeding £35 but not exceeding £55	£1
Exceeding £55 but not exceeding £65	£2
Exceeding £65 but not exceeding £75	£3
Exceeding £75 but not exceeding £80	£4
Exceeding £80 but not exceeding £85	£5
Exceeding £85 but not exceeding £90	£6
Exceeding £90 but not exceeding £95	£7
Exceeding £95 but not exceeding £100	£8
Exceeding £100 but not exceeding £110	£9
Exceeding £110 but not exceeding £120	£11
Exceeding £120 but not exceeding £130	£12
Exceeding £130 but not exceeding £140	£14
Exceeding £140 but not exceeding £150	£15
Exceeding £150 but not exceeding £160	£18
Exceeding £160 but not exceeding £170	£20
Exceeding £170 but not exceeding £180	£23
Exceeding £180 but not exceeding £190	£25
Exceeding £190 but not exceeding £200	£28
Exceeding £200 but not exceeding £220	£35
Exceeding £220 but not exceeding £240	£42
Exceeding £240 but not exceeding £260	£50
Exceeding £260 but not exceeding £280	£59
Exceeding £280 but not exceeding £300	£68
Exceeding £300	£68 in respect of the 1st £300 plus 50 per cent of the remainder

Table B  
Deductions from monthly earnings

Net earnings	Deduction
Not exceeding £152	Nil
Exceeding £152 but not exceeding £220	£5
Exceeding £220 but not exceeding £260	£8
Exceeding £260 but not exceeding £280	£11
Exceeding £280 but not exceeding £300	£14
Exceeding £300 but not exceeding £320	£18
Exceeding £320 but not exceeding £340	£21
Exceeding £340 but not exceeding £360	£24
Exceeding £360 but not exceeding £380	£27
Exceeding £380 but not exceeding £400	£30
Exceeding £400 but not exceeding £440	£36
Exceeding £440 but not exceeding £480	£42
Exceeding £480 but not exceeding £520	£48
Exceeding £520 but not exceeding £560	£54
Exceeding £560 but not exceeding £600	£60
Exceeding £600 but not exceeding £640	£66
Exceeding £640 but not exceeding £680	£75
Exceeding £680 but not exceeding £720	£85
Exceeding £720 but not exceeding £760	£95
Exceeding £760 but not exceeding £800	£105
Exceeding £800 but not exceeding £900	£135
Exceeding £900 but not exceeding £1,000	£170
Exceeding £1,000 but not exceeding £1,100	£207
Exceeding £1,100 but not exceeding £1,200	£252
Exceeding £1,200 but not exceeding £1,300	£297
Exceeding £1,300	£297 in respect of the 1st £1,300 plus 50 per cent of the remainder

