

# THE SURVIVOR'S GUIDE TO THE POLL TAX

Forest Fields / Hyson Green



Anti-Poll Tax Campaign

There's only one way to survive the poll tax - **DON'T PAY IT!** This leaflet tells you why millions of people refusing to pay is the only sure way to get rid of the poll tax, and how to join the non-payment campaign - even if you've already started to pay.

## WHY YOU SHOULDN'T PAY THE POLL TAX

Not paying the poll tax is the quickest and most certain way to get rid of it. Millions of people refusing to pay the tax will make it simply unworkable.

This is already happening in Scotland, where the poll tax started a year ahead of us. There are thousands of missing people, fake rebate claims mixed up with genuine ones, and countless changes to the poll tax register. And as we write this in July 1990, more than a million Scots still haven't paid the poll tax bills they got in April 1989.

If we get the same level of non-payment in this country there will be **TEN MILLION OF US!** With non-payment on this scale, collecting poll tax debts is impossible. Talk of deducting it from benefits/wages, using the bailiffs or sending us to prison are largely empty threats.

The Labour Party, our Labour council, the newspapers and T.V. all tell us that non-payment is wrong because it's illegal. At the same time, they praise the actions of people in China and Eastern Europe in their brave struggles against dictatorship - even though these struggles are all illegal.

Their answer is that in this country we've got a democracy, and in a democracy you change things by voting. So we must wait until the next election and vote Labour.

There are some problems with this.

First, the next election isn't likely to happen until at least Autumn 1991. That's two poll tax bills into the future. What are we meant to do until then?

Second, suppose Labour don't win the election? This is possible, even though they've got a massive lead in the opinion polls at the moment.

Third, even IF Labour win, they've already admitted (very quietly!) that getting rid of the poll tax will take at least two years after the election. That's **FOUR YEARS** of the poll tax. And how are



the millions of us who can't afford to pay meant to survive for that long? Being told "hang on and vote Labour" isn't very helpful.

Besides, you didn't actually vote for the poll tax in the first place, any more than you voted for your gas and water supplies to be privatised, or for the NHS to be run down.

The fact is that real improvements aren't usually just voted through. They mostly happen only after people like us make a stand together - and this can involve breaking the law. For example, we already had a democracy eighty years ago when the Suffragettes suffered fines, prison and even death to win voting rights for women.

Laws alone don't make democracy. Nearly everybody thinks that the government should spend more money on the N.H.S., but health spending is being cut again this year - legally.

And the poll tax is *legalised robbery*. Rich people all over the country have saved thousands of pounds since the rates were abolished. They pay the same poll tax per person as we do. As for the money the council used to collect in rates on their large houses - now it comes from us. **This is the main reason why the poll tax is so expensive.**

Millions of people in this country simply can't afford to pay the poll tax. Unless those of us who *could* pay come to their defence, these people will be punished.

Refusing to pay the poll tax does three things. *First*, it lets you make your own, personal protest against this unfair and vicious tax. *Second*, it makes it harder for the authorities to victimise anyone - with ten million of us refusing to pay, where can they start? *Third*, by clogging up the system and depriving the council of money it helps to make the poll tax unworkable.

There's a massive con trick going on. Both the government and the Labour Party say that not paying the poll tax is wrong because it's illegal. But this government *make* the laws, and the Labour Party just want to be the *next* government.

We're told that democracy means the government listens to the people and tries to give them what they want. But Thatcher doesn't listen to **ANYONE**, and we can't wait four years for the Labour Party to come to the rescue. We have no choice but to take action. This is why we say that protesting against the poll tax by **refusing** to pay it is our democratic right.

## FACTS ABOUT NON-PAYMENT

**Will I get a criminal record?**

NO. Not paying the poll tax is only a civil offence. **Wont the council just take the money from me anyway?**

Not without a struggle. Before they can do anything else, they have to take you to court and get a "Liability Order". With 70 000 people in Nottingham not paying a penny and another 130 000 well behind on their payments, this is going to take them months.

**What happens when they take me to court?**

You're not forced to turn up for the hearing, but it's best if you do because it helps to clog up the system. **THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING NASTY TO YOU**, like fines or prison. All they can do is ask questions. Contact us as soon as you get your summons, and we'll arrange for someone to go to court with you - as a legal advisor, and to help you waste their time.

If they get a Liability Order against you, you must give them information about yourself within 14 DAYS. It's not worth making a stand over this - you can be fined £100 for not replying, or £400 for giving false information. Just tell them what they want to know, then sit back and wait.

**Can I lose my job?**

NO. Not paying the poll tax is a matter between you and the council. You can't be sacked for it. Where employers have tried it in Scotland, workers and the anti-poll tax campaign together have forced them to back down. **NO-ONE HAS BEEN SACKED FOR NOT PAYING THEIR POLL TAX.**

**Will I get evicted?**

NO. Whether you're a council tenant, a private tenant or buying your own home, not paying the poll tax makes no difference.

**Will they stop all my dole money?**

NO. The most they can steal is £1.84 a week from a single person, and £2.88 from a couple. This might work out cheaper than volunteering to pay - and even if it doesn't, you've made them work hard to get it.

**Will they take it from my pension?**

NO. Poll tax can't be snatched from pensions, nor from invalidity benefit.

**Will they freeze my bank account?**

NO. This idea met with such opposition in Scotland that they haven't made it legal here.

**Will I get fined?**

NO. The only charge they can make is for court costs. In Nottingham this will be £13 - a vast saving on £390 poll tax!

**Wont they send the bailiffs in to take all my things?**

Well, they can try. So far in Scotland this tactic hasn't succeeded even once. Anti-poll tax groups have organised mass pickets outside people's homes, and stopped them getting in. Besides, with only a handful of bailiffs for the whole of Nottinghamshire and thousands of us refusing to pay, it would take them years to get round everyone even if there was no resistance.

**Will I get sent to prison?**

We don't think that **ANYONE** will go to prison for not paying their poll tax unless they decide that they want to, as a protest. Here's why:

**Firstly** the council has to prove that you deliberately didn't pay the poll tax. This is harder than it sounds.

**Secondly** the courts are trying to only send violent offenders to prison at the moment, because the prisons are overcrowded already.

**Thirdly**, the council don't actually want to send anyone to prison: it makes them unpopular, and doesn't bring them in any money.

**Fourthly**, if you **CAN** afford to pay then you can clear the debt at the last moment - even waiting until after you've been sentenced.

**Fifthly**, rather than imprison you the court can reduce your debt, or accept an offer of payment.

**Finally**, they can see how angry we all are over the poll tax. They'll try very hard not to make us even angrier by sending people to prison for not paying it.

## SURVIVING AS A NON-PAYER

### Join your local anti-poll tax group.

It isn't easy making a stand over something you believe in. Its even harder to do it alone. Forest Fields / Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign can offer legal advice, information, and defence against the bailiffs. And we need people like you to get involved, even if you can only give out a handful of newsletters and leaflets once a month. Our address is at the bottom of this leaflet.

### Talk to other non-payers

If other houses in your street have anti-poll tax posters in the window, call round and talk to the people who live there. They'll be glad that you called. Get to know them: you might need them if the bailiffs turn up - and they might need you.

### Know what's happening

Carefully read anything you receive from the council or the courts. If you're not sure what it means, ask somebody about it. **IF YOU'RE NOT CERTAIN, CONTACT THIS GROUP FOR HELP.**

### Beware of snoopers

If someone comes to your door asking questions about who lives next door or other people living in your house, you don't have to answer them. **DON'T LET THEM INTO YOUR HOUSE** even if they make excuses or show you identification cards. Warn your neighbours that snoopers are around, and tell this group too - use the phone numbers printed on this leaflet.

## DEALING WITH THE BAILIFFS

There are only 3 bailiffs and 12 assistant bailiffs for the whole of Nottingham, and more than 200 000 of us are well behind on our poll tax payments. So its unlikely that YOURS will be the house they visit - but its best to be prepared. Here are the facts:

Bailiffs have to give you notice of when they're first coming. As soon you get this notice, **CONTACT THIS GROUP.** Use the phone numbers on this leaflet.

Remember that bailiffs are like vampires. They can't cross your threshold without being invited in - but invite them in once and they can come back at any time **USING FORCE IF THEY HAVE TO.** Garlic doesn't stop bailiffs, and stakes through the heart are effective but a bit messy. **SO KEEP YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS SHUT WHEN THEY'RE AROUND. DON'T OPEN THE DOOR TO ANYBODY WITHOUT CHECKING WHO IT IS.**

Bailiffs have been known to cheat by peeping through windows. If they can see inside your home and spot things that could be stolen and sold off, **THEY'RE ALLOWED TO USE FORCE TO GET IN ANYWAY.** So if your windows can be reached, **MAKE SURE YOU CLOSE THE CURTAINS,**

or use something else to block their view through the window.

There are some things that bailiffs can't take. They have to leave you £100 worth of clothing, and £150 worth of working tools. They also can't take things that are on H.P., on credit, being rented, or things that don't belong to you.

So if they manage to get in to your home, you might tell them that they can't take anything because you don't own any of it. You could prove this by showing them a contract like this one:

I [your friend's name] agree that in exchange for a rental fee of £1 per year, the following items belonging to me are hired to [your own name]:

### A LIST OF ALL YOUR BELONGINGS GOES IN HERE

Signed: [your friend's signature]  
Signed: [your own signature]  
Witnessed: [another friend's signature]  
Date: [a date a few months ago]

Even if you haven't drawn up a contract, if they somehow manage to force their way in there are still other things you can try.

\* If you live in a rented home, some of the things they'd like to take could belong to your landlord/lady?

\* If you share your home with other people, perhaps those other people own the things they've got their eyes on?

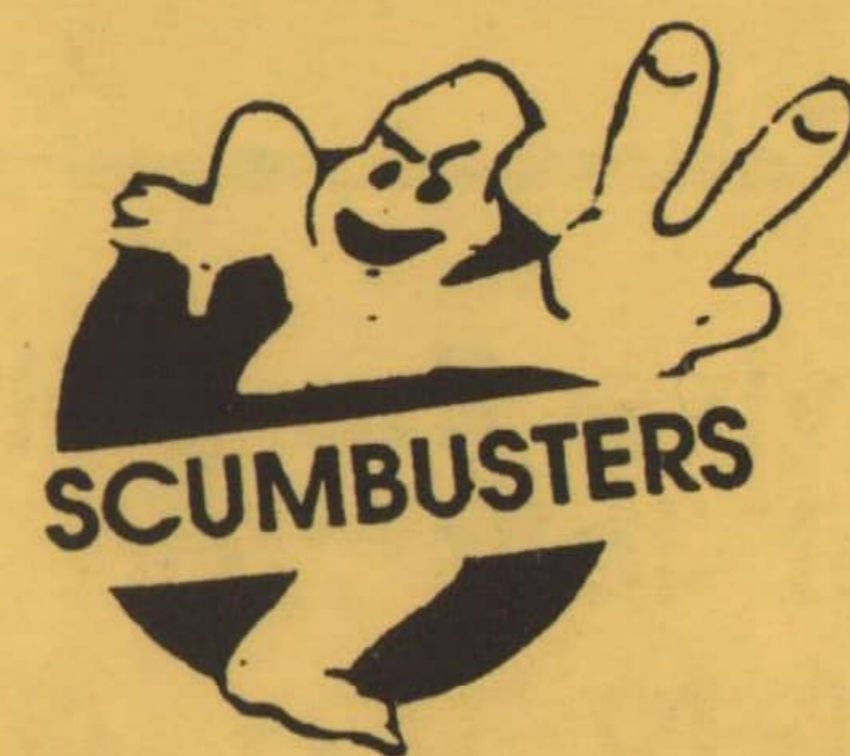
Get the idea? Never forget that the bailiffs are doing a job. Like anybody else, they want an easy time. If you make things complicated or difficult for them, they're likely to go away and annoy someone else instead

**If they come to your door, its likely that they will make threats about what will happen to you if you don't let them in. DON'T BE INTIMIDATED. The information on this leaflet has been checked by professional welfare rights workers, and is the correct legal position.**



"O.K. Just one more bailiff, then you come in to bed,"

## WHO YOU GONNA CALL ?



Use these numbers if you get notice that the bailiffs are going to be paying you a visit. Phone us, and we'll arrange a reception committee for them.

In Scotland, whenever this has happened they haven't been able to get into people's homes because poll tax campaigners have stopped them. In most cases, once they saw the crowd waiting for them they didn't even try.

**IF YOU PHONE THE FIRST NUMBER AND DON'T GET A REPLY, KEEP WORKING YOUR WAY DOWN UNTIL YOU GET AN ANSWER**

These people already have even longer lists of phone numbers. As soon as you call, they will phone other people in this group and all over the city. Each person who gets a call will phone half a dozen more. Within an hour, hundreds of people all over the city will be preparing themselves to come and defend your home against an attack by the bailiffs.

SANDRA 702427  
GILL 704892  
KEVIN 622627  
DAVE 621117  
ROB/JOHN 703553  
JAZ/LOU/MIKE 700230  
JILL 785637  
STEVE 705788  
CHRIS 786616

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## STAND FIRM - WE WILL WIN!

Its natural to feel nervous about not paying your poll tax, especially if you're not exactly used to breaking the law. But don't start to think that it isn't worth it or that it wont get us anywhere.

All over the country, the fashion for Summer 1990 is non-payment of the poll tax. Here are a few of the latest (July 1990) figures for non-payment (and these are the official estimates - the true figures are likely to be much higher):

BIRMINGHAM	50%
BATH	38%
HACKNEY	48%
CAMBRIDGE	25%
LAMBETH	60%

And here in Nottingham, where they've tried bribing us with free holidays, and where we've got more ways to pay than almost anywhere else, **OVER 70 000 PEOPLE HAVEN'T PAID A PENNY. MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE ON THE REGISTER EITHER AREN'T PAYING OR ARE WELL BEHIND ON THEIR PAYMENTS.**

### BUT I'VE ALREADY PAID IT ..

If you've already paid them the full lot - well, never mind - don't make the same mistake next year.

If you've already paid them part of it, its very easy to stop paying. If you've got a direct debit, write to your bank and tell them to cancel it right away. If you pay monthly over the counter or in bits at the local corner shop, just stop - its as easy as that. But don't keep it to yourself. Talk to friends and neighbours about it, and contact us - our address is just below.

## JOIN THE RESISTANCE

Your local contact is:

Forest Fields / Hyson Green A.P.T.C.  
Box 5, Hyson Green Wholefoods, 72 Radford Rd  
Box 5, Basics, 42 Foxhall Rd, Forest Fields

# PUBLIC MEETING

RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX

TO ALL THE NON-PAYERS AND THOSE WHO SYMPATHISE

Dear Residents

By now you have probably received your Poll Tax bill for 1991-92.

This is written proof that the Poll Tax is still with us.

Worse still we have to finance the so called £140 reduction in 'published Poll Tax figures' by paying higher V.A.T. This is as intolerable as Poll Tax since the majority of low paid are hardest hit, and unless they stop purchasing their basic needs are unable to evade it.

We have won a great victory by forcing the government to admit its colossal mistake and announce a new system which might be implemented in 2-3 years time, i.e 'council tax'.

It is needless to say that this so called new system still favours the well off and the very rich to the tune of billions, and still relies on greater numbers of people contributing, whether they receive an income or not.

According to Rushcliffe Borough Council, which for the last six months has denied having any non-payers in this area, a mere £2 million! Poll Tax is uncollected.

That means that approximately upto 10,000 people have either not paid or only partly paid their last year's Poll Tax.

According to the Association of District Councils and also the Audit Office, now that the government has admitted the gross unpopularity of this unjust tax the number of non-payers will increase. Also the new figures published by the Audit Office show that not only are there 15 million who have not paid anything or very little, but also there are 3.5 million people who have not registered yet.

That brings the total to 18.5 million !

All this has been achieved through active or passive resistance to this hated tax. But unless we stand firm and continue our fight we could stand to lose the initial gains.

The government will no doubt try every method to force people to pay. (Especially now that local elections are over). The councils throughout the country - irrespective of their political affiliation - have started deducting money from people's wages by illegal means, and have started jailing non-payers. The latest one an unemployed 19 year old - Lee Barrett from Uttoxeter.

We need to be informed and aware, not only of what the campaign is about, but also where it is leading. We request your presence at our next public meeting, to which we have invited speakers to discuss our next steps.

PUBLIC MEETING : WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd, 7.30p.m., STUMPS BAR, TEST MATCH PUB

Soroosh : 814739/868516 Mary : 812529 Ray : 0509 853371 (E.Leake) Gail : 810815  
Pat : 811995

# ARRESTMENT OF WAGES

## - WHAT TO DO NOW

### After Court What Next?

When the court have got a LIABILITY ORDER against you they will probably send you a SUMMARY OF MEANS form.

**DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY**

### What You Can Do - There Are Two Choices

1. YOU CAN REFUSE TO SEND BACK THE FORM AS 12,000 PEOPLE IN COVENTRY HAVE DONE. You take the risk of prosecution and fine of £100 *but it is unlikely* that there will be enough court time for the Council to do this.

2. You can return an incomplete SUMMARY OF MEANS form with a list of questions that need answering if you are to fill in the form correctly - It is your democratic right!

**DO NOT FILL IN YOUR EMPLOYERS NAME AND ADDRESS OR WHERE YOU ARE EMPLOYED**

### The Questions

Some of the questions explain themselves but you could ask the council for more information on some of them.

### Examples:

Question 1d "In what capacity are you employed?"

You could ask - Does this mean.... am I a full time or part time employee? - am I on a permanent or temporary contract? - what is my actual job description? - what is my actual job title?

Question 2a "What is your pay before deductions per week/month?" - Do deductions include rent/mortgage or trade union subs etc?

### Remember - Avoid Details About Your Workplace

Put all these questions in a covering letter and return it with an incomplete form to the council (within 14 days). Remember this is just a delaying tactic.

### At Work

Find out who the other non-payers are at your place of work. Arrange a meeting with them in a dinner break or after work. In this way you can compare notes and work out what approaches you could possibly make within the union or to the employers. Just making contact with other non-payers at work is useful.

### Wages

There are maximum legal limits set down by law. These are based on your net earnings (ie. after tax and

stoppages). **REMEMBER - UNLESS YOU GET A JOINT BILL YOU ARE NOT LIABLE FOR YOUR SPOUSE.**

weekly net	max deduct
exceeding £65 but under £75	£3 per week
" £90 " £95	£7 "
" £110 " £120	£11 "
" £150 " £160	£18 "
etc etc...	
monthly net	max deduct
exceeding £260 but under £280	£11 per month
" £340 " £360	£24 "
" £380 " £400	£30 "
" £560 " £600	£60 "
etc etc...	

### What About My Employer?

Your employer may be liable to a fine (max £400) if they fail to provide information on you. Your employer can also deduct £1 from your wages each time a deduction is made (their costs).

### What If I am Self-Employed?

If you are self-employed you would have to state this on the SUMMARY OF MEANS form. The council would then ask you to send them your latest income tax computation - a very difficult process to enforce!

### What if I am on Income Support?

Deductions can be made direct from the DSS through the council. The most they can take from a single person is £1.75 per week; from a couple £2.75.

### What About Me?

You will have to decide what course of action to take. It is unlikely that you will be taken to court for not returning the SUMMARY OF MEANS forms. You are more likely to get a nasty letter threatening you with bailiffs...in which case refer to our "How to Stop the Bailiffs" leaflet.

**REMEMBER YOUR CAMPAIGN WILL SUPPORT YOU AND GIVE ANY INFORMATION YOU NEED.**

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES !

There are a lot of false rumours going around about the Poll Tax.

- For example :
1. The Poll Tax has gone
  2. The Anti-Poll Tax Campaign is over
  3. £140 off is fair
  4. Non-Payers are harming local services

THESE ARE NOT TRUE !

HERE ARE THE FACTS !

1. The Poll Tax has not gone :

We are still being hounded for last year's Poll Tax. And the bills for 1991/92 are on the way.

The government have not scrapped the Poll Tax. They have only promised to scrap it, in 2 to 3 years time.

The Labour Party have also promised to scrap it. But even if they came to power this year (if) they say it will take them another year to actually get rid of it.

So we have the Poll Tax for at least another 2 to 3 years.

UNLESS we do something about it ourselves.

2. The Anti-Poll Tax Campaign is not over :

The Anti-Poll Tax campaign will continue for as long as the Poll Tax does. In Nottingham over half those on the register (and not everyone is on the register) have paid nothing or only a part of last year's bill.

We expect many more to join us this year. (In Scotland there were more non-payers in the second year than the first).

The campaign will continue until the Poll Tax is scrapped completely, until there is an amnesty for all non-payers, and until all Poll Tax prisoners are released.

3. £140 off is not fair :

The Poll Tax is unfair because it is a flat rate, regardless of income. Even with £140 'off' you will still be paying more than the rich. Why should we subsidise them ?

Households with more than one adult will still be paying more than under the rates in most cases.

On top of which the increase in VAT, which has been introduced to pay for the 'reduction', will soon take care of your 'savings'. (Remember that even 'VAT free' things, like food, will go up as increased costs of transport, etc. are passed on).

4. Non-Payers are not harming local services :

a) Government capping and cuts in local council grants have been cutting services for years. The introduction of the Poll Tax itself, which is not only unfair but costs twice as much as the rates to operate, has added to this.

Getting rid of the Poll Tax can only help local services. And it's the Non-payers who are doing this !

b) What about the 'other' non-payers ?

Not those who simply cannot afford to pay, or those that stand with them out of principle, but the rich who have received yet another back-hander and are paying less than ever before.

Like last year's bill of £150 for the Duke of Westminster, the richest person in Britain (except for the Queen of course, who is also a Non-Payer!)

Or nearer home, the leader of the Tory Group on Nottingham City Council, Bill Bradbury, who gained £1,500 when the Poll Tax came in.

DON'T BLAME THE POOR FOR HAVING THEIR SERVICES CUT !

(Acknowledgement to F.F.R.H.A. APTU)

WE ARE WINNING

"The Audit Commission has estimated that 7.5 million court summonses will need to be issued to enforce collection of Poll Tax debts owing from April last year"

"Councils were facing difficulties in recovering debts, even after securing liability orders from the courts"

"Bailiffs' attempts to seize non-payers' goods had met with a low success rate"

"Direct deductions from ... people on benefit... was only producing a small amount of money"

"Attempts to deduct outstanding Poll Tax from defaulters' wages... was not happening in most cases"

"... all the measures, taken together are not producing payment in 80 per cent of cases"

(The Guardian 15.5.91)

The Environment Department's local tax working party are pressing the government to ease this situation by completely exempting from payment all those on benefit, and students, for as long as the Poll Tax lasts.

They have also requested the power to write off all unpaid bills on hardship grounds. This is backed, so far, by 44 M.P.s.

WE, THE NON-PAYERS HAVE BROUGHT THIS ABOUT !      WELL DONE !

KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK :

If you didn't pay last year - Don't pay this year

If you are paying - STOP NOW

ABOUT THE BAILIFFS

Rule 1 : DON'T PANIC ! Their main weapon is fear; they have very little power.

Rule 2 : DON'T LET THEM IN. They have no right of entry, whatever they may say. Even if they turn up with the police they can do nothing without your permission. The police can only uphold the law - which in this case is on your side! In fact if a bailiff harrasses you, threaten to call the police yourself! This has been done ! Bailiffs have been charged !

Rule 3 : Keep your doors and windows locked; don't let children answer the door. Once bailiffs have entered your house by any 'peaceful' means, they do have the right to come back and force entry. So ensure they are never able to enter in the first place. Be on your guard. These are not honourable people, and are not above impersonating canvassers, or even the Avon lady.

Rule 4 : If you are worried, or require support, join together with friends and neighbours. Or call us. In fact let us know if <sup>you</sup> receive a letter or a visit anyway. We like to be up to date with activity in the area, so that we can best help. Better still - join the group and we can all help each other.

For any information, advice, dates of meetings and activities, or to join the group or offer help (advising others, leafletting, etc.) telephone any of the numbers below :

Frank : 582059

Dave : 504078

Florence : 583297

Jacqueline : 608363

Niccola/Simon : 482132

# ST ANNS ANTI POLL TAX UNION

IF VOTING COULD CHANGE  
ANYTHING IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL!

It's true isn't it!

So the last thing we want to do is to con anyone into voting for your ANTI-POLL TAX candidate on the basis that power lies in Nottingham Council House. It does not. They simply do what they are told to do by central government. The Labour Party have been constantly telling us that they can't do anything about the Poll-Tax except try and collect it.

Political power lies in London in the hands of the top civil servants/company directors/bankers/military/media personnel etc. In short, amongst the centrally organised ruling class.

For working people to exercise power they need to act together. That's why the ruling class hate the Anti-Poll Tax campaign. Non-payment is not just hitting them financially but politically too. All these Poll tax resisters won't do what they are told!

So, we can vote ANTI-POLL TAX as a way of continuing our protest against the tax. Nothing more, nothing less.

If you are NOT PAYING or have STOPPED PAYING then that is an excellent protest against the totally unfair Poll Tax.

However, whatever you are doing, we want you to do one more thing. Make a protest against the Poll-Tax and local government cuts on Thursday May the 2nd by VOTING ANTI-POLL TAX.

REGISTER A PROTEST AGAINST THE POLL TAX ON THURSDAY MAY 2nd!

VOTE ANTI-POLL TAX ON MAY 2nd.

We don't want "Son of Poll Tax" or "Poll Tax 2 : The Agony Continues"...

Let's get rid of it!

We could let the Tories in. Can't anybody ever do anything for themselves in case it "lets the Tories in"? With that attitude working people can never do anything lest it spoils Labours election chances. Labour policy on the Poll-Tax...you should pay it! People who are waiting for Labour to make life easier are in for a big shock!

At local level there is no shock at all. For the past year, two years in Scotland, the Labour councils have been hammering the people with cuts and Poll Tax demands. It matters less who crawls in than people carry on fighting against injustice.

NO LIABILITY ORDERS! NO BAILIFFS! NO POLL TAX WITH A NEW NAME!

NO CUTS IN LOCAL SERVICES...CUTS ARE DUE TO THE ENORMOUS LOCAL TAX REDUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE RICH!

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ELECTION MEETING.

DAY APRIL 24th SYCAMORE SCHOOL,  
ABBOTSFORD DRIVE, 7.30pm

OTHER CANDIDATES INVITED DARE THEY DEBATE WITH THE ANTI-POLL TAX CANDIDATES?

RFP, F. McCloskey, 23, Primrose Close, Nottingham.



May  
2nd

VOTE ANTI-  
POLL TAX

Ross Longhurst Kevin McCloskey	ST. ANNS WARD	
Paul Walton Frank McCloskey	MANVERS WARD	
Peter Jackson	GREENWOOD WARD	

# TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN

THE NATIONAL DEFENCE CAMPAIGN FOR ALL THOSE ARRESTED AS A RESULT OF THE 200,000 STRONG ANTI-POLL TAX DEMONSTRATION ON MARCH 31ST.

c/o Haldane Society of Socialist Lawyers, Room 205, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel: 071-833-8958 (messages)

7th Sept 1990

Dear Friends,

May we take this opportunity to thank all those APT's in the London area who've affiliated, raised and donated much-needed money for the Campaign, and who've circulated details of all events that we've initiated in solidarity with our arrested and imprisoned comrades from March 31st.

Also, special thanks to those APT's and activists who've turned up at our weekly meetings and pickets of courts and prisons.

The London Federation has given magnificent support at its meetings and in mail-outs, and this picture is more or less the same throughout the movement nationally.

However, the political show trials continue. Two weeks ago a defendant was convicted of 'assaulting a policeman' by spitting at him - two months in jail. And Rob Robinson (aka Simon Reilly), who responded to police vans being driven at speed into a packed Trafalgar Square by kicking such a van, got TWO YEARS! This outrageous and vicious act of political revenge by the authorities must be effectively countered and solidarity shown to Rob and all those facing trials coming up. Rob's was the first in a Crown Court and more savage sentences (possibly up to ten years) are in the pipeline.

It's clear that we need to hold some major protests to put the authorities on the defensive..... to show our determination to fight for the right to demonstrate and to defeat the State's attempt to try and criminalise our movement in the eyes of the millions who're backing the non-payment campaign.

OCTOBER 20th

It is for the above reasons that our last National Defendants Meeting on 4th August decided to initiate the coming demonstration. Although there was some reluctance at first from the London Federation, after much debate it was unanimously agreed. Unfortunately, at the following meeting it was decided not to march past Trafalgar Square, but from Jubilee Gardens to Brockwell Park.

After our original call for the march was agreed, we decided to accept the London Federation's decisions, with the proviso that a major theme of the demonstration be solidarity with defendants/right to demonstrate, and that the route goes past Trafalgar Square or some symbolic site of relevance.

Rather than challenge the agreed route, the TSDC General Meeting on 5th September decided, under mandate from the August National Defendants Meeting, to organise a FEEDER MARCH TO JUBILEE GARDENS FROM TEMPLE UNDERGROUND (past Trafalgar Square), assembling 9.30 a.m.

This solidarity demonstration by TSDC will be the major all-London event as part of our National and International Day(s) of Action, October 19th/20th. Already dozens of solidarity protests are planned - in London boroughs (on the 19th), around the country and internationally. The London Federation meeting on 2nd September agreed to back this Day(s) of Action and to call for solidarity events around London on the 19th. They also agreed to recommend that APT's organising Public Meetings and events that week should invite TSDC speakers.

Note:- TSDC agreed to organise Legal back-up for the Day (October 20th). This is essential and should be done fully and properly. We are calling for an open Planning Meeting to organise this and also the Feeder March, and all APT's and activists are welcome to attend. See over for details.

Please note the Rochester Row protest - please come and bring your banners!

- Together we will defeat the Poll Tax,

Trafalgar Square Defence Campaign.

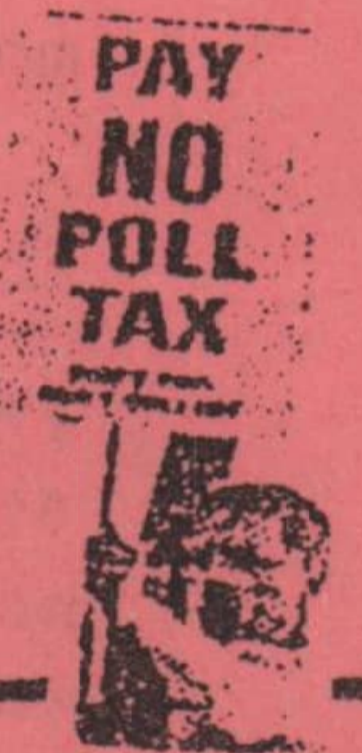
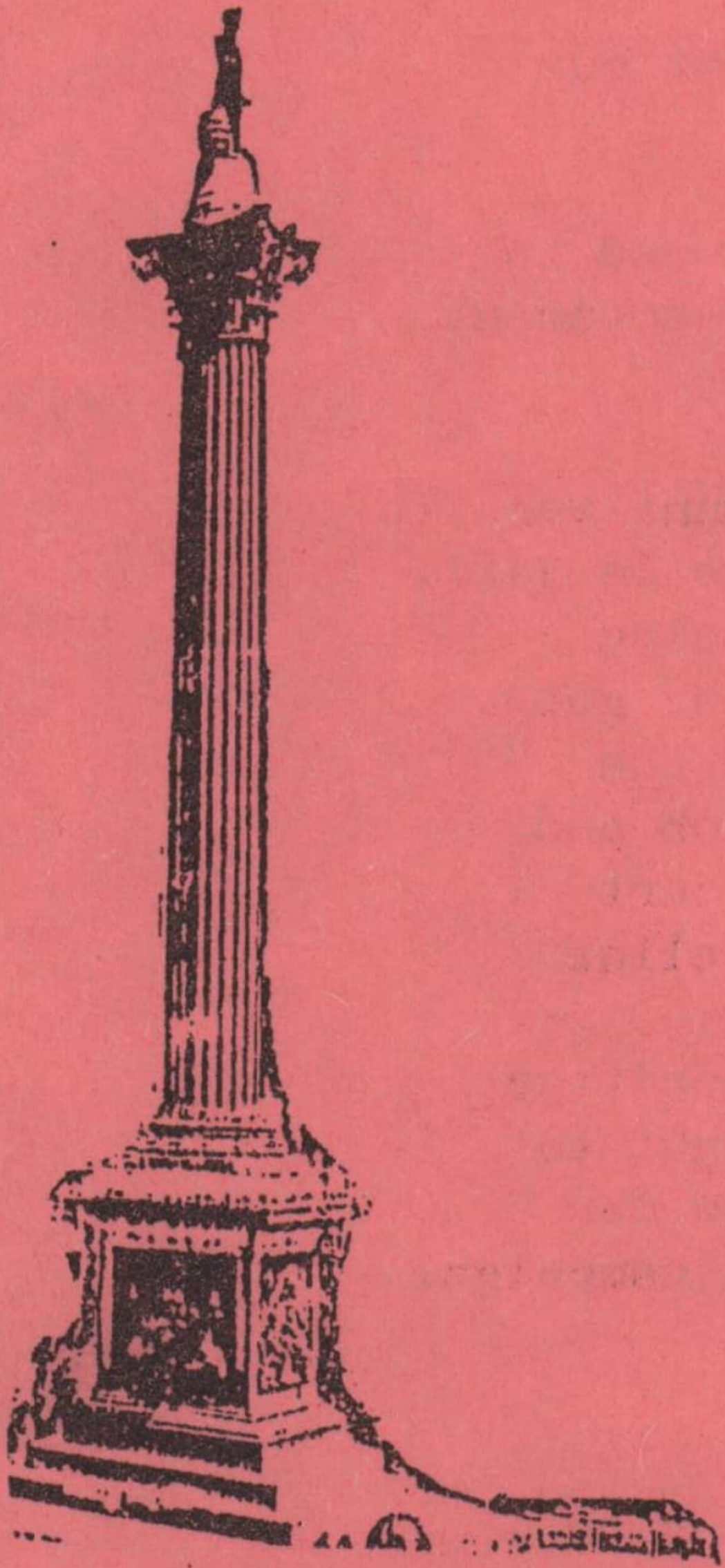
TSDC OCTOBER 20th PLANNING MEETING:

\* Legal Back-Up      \*Feeder March

On Sunday September 16th 1-4pm  
At Unwaged Centre, 72 West Grn Rd, N15  
(seven sisters tube)

- all welcome.      - if unable to attend, phone 081 802 9804  
during the meeting with messages of  
support/offers of practical help/money etc

Note: The picket of Wandsworth prison, previously  
announced for Sept 16th, is postponed as  
Rob Robinson may be moved to the Isle of Wight..



**Protest Against Police Harrassment**

**Thurs Sept 20th 4-7pm • Rochester Row Police HQ**  
Rochester Row, London SW1

.....a base for police arrests, raids and court fabrications  
against anti-poll tax protestors. Come and bring your banner!

**We meet every Wednesday, 7pm in Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC2.**  
**We urgently need to contact every defendant and witness.**

**SOLIDARITY WITH ALL DEFENDANTS. SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE.**  
**PAY NO POLL TAX. NO MORE FRAME UPS**

**NO POLICE COVER UP**

I/We wish to affillate to the TSDC:

Name of Organisation / Individual..... Address.....  
Contact Person.....Phone No.....

I/We enclose £..... (£2 - Indiv'l / £5 - Local / £10 - District / £25 - Regional & TUs) Donatlons needed.  
Return to: TSDC, Room 205, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel: 071-833-8958

# BIRMINGHAM POLL TAX PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP

## one year on - the fight goes on

Today the British state has decided to imprison me for taking part in a peaceful protest against the POLL TAX - the most hated piece of Tory legislation in the last 10 years. They have added my name to the long list of political activists imprisoned by the Tories since they came to power.

On March 31 1990, I participated in a legitimate and peaceful protest - peaceful that is, until the police decided to drive us off the streets, for no reason other than that we were protesting against this government.

On that day I witnessed acts of brutality by the British Police that equalled the repression and brutality of Eastern European governments. Yet when workers and students fought back on the other side of the "iron curtain" the Tories and reactionaries of this country applauded their actions.

I fought back - like many others on that fateful day - because I felt under threat. That threat wasn't from any individual Police Officer, but was from the collective actions of the Police. They behaved that day as if they truly were "Maggie Thatchers Boot Boys".

The aims of the Police were not the maintenance of an objective situation of law and order. Their aims were to drive us off the streets and in the process discredit a political movement. **THEIR AIMS WERE POLITICAL AIMS.** They may not have thought out these aims - they were merely the tools used by the Tory party - but nevertheless their aims were political.

My crime is to be politically opposed to this Tory government. The government - the British State - is waging a political battle against the movement to which I belong. On March 31 that political battle was fought on the streets of London's West End, not the House of Commons. On October 20 it was fought on the streets of Brixton. My fear is that the political battle will continue to be fought on the streets of this country.

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The above was written by Matt Lee, Chair of the Birmingham Federation of Anti Poll Tax Unions. On 25 March 1991 he was convicted of "violent disorder", and sentenced to 2½ years at Southwark. Much of what Matt stated above, he also stated at his trial, his not guilty plea and his determination that the Police are not vindicated for their actions, ensured that the judge handed down an extremely harsh sentence. **WE MUST STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH ALL THOSE IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF THE POLICE ATTACKS ON ANTI POLL TAX DEMOS,** this means countering Police and political misinformation about what has happened.  
**SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE.**

SUPPORT THE  
**POLL TAX PRISONERS**

## AVON DEFENDANTS CAMPAIGN

The A.D.C. was set up in October 1990 to give unconditional support to all those arrested at anti-poll tax demonstrations. The events below give an indication of our involvement.

23/10/90 Avon Federation of Anti Poll Tax Unions confirmed their confidence in Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign (TSDC) organization of picket of Brixton Prison.

23/11/90 Radio Bristol interview with A.D.C.

January 91 A.D.C. paid travel expenses for Dave (charged under section 5 at Brixton Picket) and Jane to travel to London three times for trial. Dave was found NOT GUILTY.

January 91 A.D.C supporter spent 2 days in London court as defence witness of events at Trafalgar Square March 1990. Travel costs paid by court .

March 23 Bedminster, Easton and Central Bristol coaches benefitted from organization of T.S.D.C. who sent information which contributed to security of marchers.

Bedminster, St. Andrews and Southville APTU are affiliated to A.D.C. which meets at the Wagon & Horses, Stapleton Road at 6.30 pm before Avon Federation APTU meetings.

A.D.C. Top Floor, 84, Colston St., Bristol  
B.S.1 (0270 255504).

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF : MICKEY NEAL

05.30 cell door opened  
05.45 get up  
06.00 slop out  
07.00 cup of tea, breakfast; a chance to wake up.  
07.30 work; cleaning out kitchen bins, mop floors.  
11.30 lunch break.  
12.00 work; cleaning out kitchen bins, mop floors.  
17.00 recreation; on special days 1 hr TV viewing.  
19.00 back to cell; locked in for the night.

Highlights of the week

On a busy day make tea for the whole prison, about 1000 cups! Sometimes work finishes at 12.30 so back to cell and enjoy reading book sent in by TSDC and mail. Thurs: mail brings summons for not paying Poll Tax! Sat: Given Census form to complete. Sun: Fellow Prisoner goes home; feel happy for him but a bit choked myself, dreaming about the time when I will be free to walk out of the gates.

Weekends are always the worst time here; you remember what you are missing. Visits are rare and may only last 15 mins but the good news is that all the mail gets through, so letters and Post Cards are most welcome and very important to keep the spirits up.

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At present Mickey has a job so does spend some time out of his cell but has been locked up for 23 hrs a day.

Mickey Neal is 23 years old and was sentenced to 18 mths imprisonment for taking part in an affray i.e. Trafalgar Demo on 31 March 1990. EDR Jan 1992.

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Messages of support to: MV 3973, Neal, HM Prison, Pentonville, Caledonian Rd, London N7 8TT

Mail to Prisoners in Pentonville.

At present prisoners are receiving all their mail.

Show your name and address on the back of the envelope, if you feel awkward writing to a stranger just send a Picture Post Card with a brief message of support.

Picture Post Cards can be used to brighten up cell walls.

Prisoners can buy 4 stamps out of their wages (if they have any wages) so it helps if you can enclose a stamp.

Don't write anything which might get the prisoner into trouble.

REMAND PRISONER

Paul Jacob - RA0711  
HMP Brixton, Jebb Avenue,  
London, SW2 5XF.  
Arrested 31st March in  
Trafalgar Square. Charged  
Sections 1 and 2 and GBH  
Paul is a traveller whose  
home and possessions were  
towed away and destroyed  
after his arrest. A fund  
has been set up to provide  
money for a new van/home  
for when he is released.  
The address is Box S, 34  
Cowley Road, Oxford.

CONVICTED PRISONERS

Daniel Atwood - KT1303  
HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield  
Rd. Wandsworth, London SW183HS  
Arrested 20th October in  
Brixton. Convicted Sections 2  
and 4 POA and Criminal damage  
on 22 February. Sentenced to  
12 months. EDR 20th May 1991

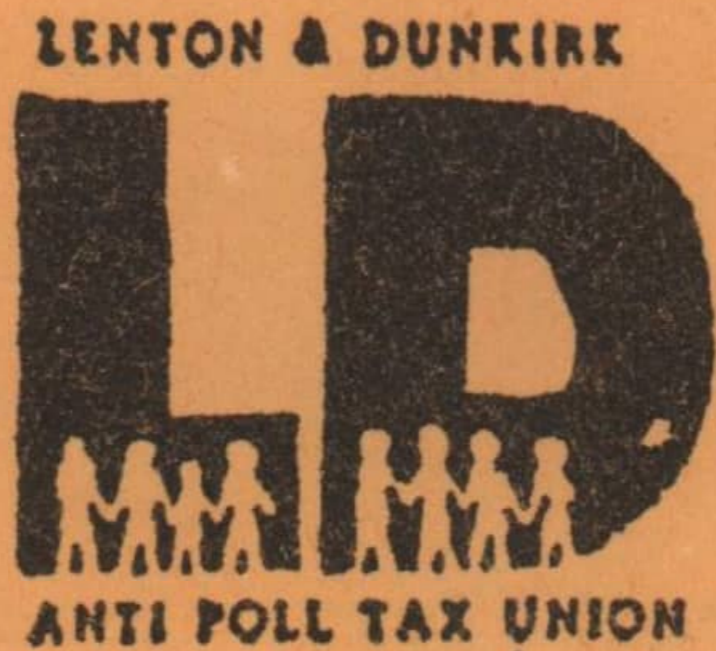
CONVICTED PRISONERS 1st March 1991

Alan Clarke - MV2254,  
HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road,  
London N7 8TT.  
Sentenced to 2 years in July 1990.  
Alan can't read so it would be best  
to send cards rather than letters.

Wayne Calder - NT0082  
HMYOI Huntercombe, Huntercombe Place  
Nuffield, Henley-on-Thames, Oxon  
Arrested on 31st March in Trafalgar  
Square. Sentenced to 2 years in  
October 1990. EDR March 1992

Robert Robinson aka Simon O'Reil  
Prisoner number RA0741,  
HMP Camp Hill, Clissold Rd. Newport  
Isle of Wight, PO30 5PB.  
Arrested on 31st March. Convicted  
under section 2 POA sentenced to 2  
years in July 1990. A Police riot van  
ran over Roberts foot in Trafalgar  
Square but he was tried for kicking it.

Tim Donaghy - MW0105,  
HMP Wandsworth, Sentenced to 3 years for  
section 2 on 29th January 1991. EDR Jan 1993



# LENTON AND DUNKIRK ANTI POLL TAX UNION

## FINISH OFF THE POLL TAX!

The Poll Tax is not yet dead. We still face 3 more years whichever party is elected at the next election. The only real answer is for it to be abolished now! If the Tories can find billions & billions of pounds to massacre innocent people in a Gulf War; write off 5.5 billion poundsworth of tax payers money in advance of the Water Board's privatisation; support mammoth wage rises for Company Directors; then surely they can find the money to write off all the debts, and reimburse all those payers who have been intimidated into paying. And if they still plead poverty then why don't they start Taxing the Rich for a change? There's plenty of them about. Under the last 12 years of Tory rule the number of millionaires has trebled!

### DON'T BLAME US - JOIN US

Non-payers have been blamed for cuts. The whole point of the Poll Tax in the first place was to force Councils to reduce their spending on local services. Only 25% of Council funds come from the Poll Tax, but since 1979 Central Government grants have been cut by 50%. The Poll Tax is being used as a way of increasing central control over council spending. At the same time as squeezing local services, the Tories are giving the rich a massive hand-out.

Some people complain of having to pay more this year because of all "those non-payers". And yet if it hadn't have been for all us non-payers, and the non-payment campaign, the Tories wouldn't have reduced this year's bill by £140! In fact, by now, we wouldn't have the Poll Tax at all if everybody had stood firm and not paid a penny.

So far only about 100 people have been jailed for non-payment of the Poll Tax. The amount of tax they collectively owed was around £40,000. It has cost the Tories and local councils somewhere in the region of £200,000 to try and recover the money, yet after serving a prison sentence councils effectively write the debt off! The cost of enforcing the Poll Tax, over the next 3 years, is likely to run into billions of pounds!

### WHO ARE THE REAL LAW-BREAKERS?

It isn't just Tory Councils but many Labour Councils too that are continuing to intimidate millions of people with the threat of bailiffs & imprisonment. Their excuse - they don't want to break the law. And yet as one solicitor pointed out - "if the law was being followed correctly, the Poll Tax would be unenforcable." The Councils and their Courts have broken the law so many times in their attempt to break the non-payment campaign, that it is hardly surprising that many people feel that the concept of British Justice is nothing more than a sick joke. Justice? There ain't no Justice - Just Us!

\*\*\*\*\*  
\* PUBLIC MEETINGS \*  
\* BAILIFFS & COMMITTAL HEARINGS \*  
\* Wednesday 20th November & Wednesday 18th December \*  
\* Marcus Garvey Centre, Lenton Boulevard at 7.30pm \*  
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THINGS TO REMEMBER

LIABILITY ORDERS

Many of you will have received summonses for this years Poll Tax. We still advise people to turn up to the courts - especially if you think mistakes have been made. Following a High Court Ruling the Courts can no longer deny people McKenzie Friends - so make sure you ask for one.

SUMMARY OF MEANS FORM

When you've been issued with a liability order, you will receive a form asking for information about your job & your income. Last year the vast majority of people simply ignored them, despite the threat of a fine. As yet no-one has had action taken against them. Given how much work they have to do it is unlikely that they will start now.

BAILIFFS/RECOVERY OFFICERS

If you're in, they may tell you they're from the Council and are there to help you to make arrangements to pay. Always ask for identification.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES LET THEM IN, OR SIGN ANY DOCUMENT.

MAKE SURE YOUR DOORS AND WINDOWS ARE LOCKED.

Bailiffs have no legal right of entry and cannot force their way in. It is possible they may bring a police officer with them, but they are only there to make sure there's no 'breach of the peace' - they have no right of entry either. Get in touch with us immediately. Try to get names, descriptions and car registrations.

COMMITTAL HEARINGS

After you've received your liability order, and following at least one visit from the bailiff, they may decide to summons you to a Committal Hearing. Because it will take them years to summons everyone, it is clear that this tactic is being used as a threat to frighten the rest of us into paying. However, once people know their rights, and the options, it is a tactic that should not scare us.

GOING TO COURT: In court they will question you about your income & outgoings, and whether you have attempted to make any arrangements to pay. Most people will be given suspended sentences (usually 14-28 days) and ordered to pay a weekly amount that has been decided by the court. Only those people who make it clear to the court that they WON'T PAY are likely to be taken to prison. If you wish to attend court but cannot then contact the magistrates and ask for adjournment to a later date.

NOT GOING TO COURT: Your case cannot be heard in your absence, and you cannot be sentenced to prison in your absence. If you don't have a reason for not attending court on the date and time they say, the court will issue a warrant against you. However, the only purpose of the warrant is to try and get you to attend court. A warrant can only be issued by a council official, a bailiff, or a police officer. THE WARRANT HAS TO BE HANDED TO YOU IN PERSON. Under NO circumstances can they force entry into your home to serve the warrant.

WHATEVER YOU DECIDE, CONTACT US WELL IN ADVANCE.

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\* For more information & advice about any of the above contact: \*  
\* Stuart/Sheila - 706654. Andy - 414201. Philippa/Colin - 414820 \*  
\* Tor - 423363 \*  
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FUNDRAISER.. FUNDRAISER.. FUNDRAISER.. FUNDRAISER.. FUNDRAISER.. FUNDRAISER

MUSIC QUIZ at the GREGORY HOTEL

(on the the corner of Ilkeston Road & Lenton Boulevard)

Monday 11th November at 9pm. 50p/£1. Cash prizes.

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**THE REAL CRIMINALS**  
by Tim Donaghy

FREEDOM ISN'T GIVEN,  
IT'S ALWAYS WON.



First I feel it's appropriate to quote Malcolm X : .....  
"A protest demonstration is a reaction to what someone else has done. And as long as you're involved in it, you're in someone else's bag. You're reacting to what they've done. And all they have to do to keep you on their string is to keep you reacting, to keep you so busy you never have a chance to sit down and figure out a constructive programme to enable me and you to make the progress that is our due...  
The kind of demonstration that you and I want is one that gets positive results. Not a one day demo, but a demonstration until the end of whatever we're demonstrating against. That's a demonstration. Don't say you don't like what I did and walk in front of my house for an hour. No, you're wasting your time...  
If we're going to demonstrate it should be a demonstration, based on no holds barred....."

The reason for choosing this quote is not, I emphasize NOT, because I live according to such philosophy or acted upon it at Trafalgar Square (31/3/90) but because it illustrates government diversions regarding development within the POLL TAX and its successors..... Also the attempted discrediting of non payers by forcing them into fighting (physically) for their rights and subsequently labelling them "rioters" in the public eye and causing hardship to hundreds of "victims of circumstance" like myself.

Over a year later, with just 20 months to go until I'm fit to walk the streets again, the system has failed miserably in making me feel remorse for my so called "crimes"; at this moment all I feel is contempt. A contempt that grows each time I remember that day when the police were exempt from any law or sense of justice.....The police STILL seem to escape prosecution for their crimes indisputedly committed by their hands: a woman trampled by police horses, a man maliciously run over by a police van - brought to light in my court case. The judge knew the driver broke the law but ignored the fact - all the innocent heads busted, the list goes on. Then came the lies, perjury, fabrication of evidence conspiring to pervert the course of justice. Ultimately this brings into line the judges and lawlords involved in the cover-up as being guilty of false imprisonment.

Living in this "septic" isle with its fake democracy that boasts of no political prisoners, I for one have been incarcerated for an opinion against the State, nothing else. The violence I was involved in was an instinct for survival, or plainly, self defence. I am not alone. Sharing my current accommodation (HMP Wandsworth) are up to a dozen others and we are still defiant.

P.E.A.C.E Positive Education Always Corrects Errors.



31.3.90

SOLIDARITY WITH  
POLL TAX PRISONERS

LEST  
WE  
FORGET

RELEASE TIM DONAGHY

At least 120 men were imprisoned as a result of the anti poll tax demonstration in March 1990. Only two were refused parole. Both were black. The Home Office need give no explanation but the decision appears racist.

Tim Donaghy should be free. This leaflet includes his letters from prison

- \* on his refusal to plea-bargain
- \* on the right to demonstrate, plus
- \* a statement from a witness at his trial.

This leaflet is illustrated by Tim's drawings sent from prison. If released before September he will be able to complete his degree course in film making at the London College of Printing.

HELP TO REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION BY  
RELEASING THOSE WHO SHOULD NOT BE THERE.

A LETTER FROM TIM DONAGHY REGARDING POLICE TACTICS  
OF PLEA-BARGAINING TO SECURE CONVICTIONS:

After the "Community Charge" of Trafalgar Square, I was, unfortunately, one of the community charged with an array of offences resulting from "Operation Carnaby". Most were dropped leaving Riot (Section 1 Public Order Act) carrying a maximum sentence of Ten years imprisonment, and violent disorder (section 2, P.O.A) as an alternative (to back them up if I won section 1) for my involvement with the "POLE (at)TAX".

With the offer of a 3 year sentence for Section 2 guilty plea, the Gestapo offered to drop the section 1. This though, was only available if my co-defendants and myself were willing to plead guilty; the bastards wanted all or nothing. One of my co-defendants was willing, having served 8 months in custody, the other was just plain pessimistic and wanted it all over and done with as soon as possible. This offer looked tempting as an alternative to a possible Eight years that we were to expect if found guilty of Riot.

What could I do? It was all up to me. My co-defendants future was in my hands (deliberately, I think). A guilty plea would ensure the reputation of the police went untarnished. Morals, ethics and personal principles hammered at me alongside a sense of duty to keep the other two out of the shit.

Ultimately, I thought "Bollocks!" and decided I wouldn't surrender. It would be a fight to the death if they were going to nail me.

After over two weeks of a gruelling trial at the Old Bailey, three verdicts of "not guilty" were reached for Section 1 [Riot]. For Section 2 Myself and one other defendant were found guilty, the other (after 8 months in custody) walked free. I got Three years and the other guy got Two. He also had a third count for which he got Six months consecutive totalling Two and a half years.

Conclusion: we got at least (or better than) what was offered on a plea bargain, plus one of our number walked away. We also exposed to the jury gross negligence of duty and other atrocities committed by the police that day (although hurriedly swept under the carpet by Judge Machin Q.C.). Finally, I went down with peace of mind knowing the full outcome of the trial, rather than exploring what "could" have happened from a police cell.

Therefore, if the Gestapo offer a plea bargain, tell them to stick it where the sun doesn't shine and FIGHT THE POWER to the bitter end.

"I don't advocate violence, but I don't call the use of violence in self-defence violence, I call it common sense"

- MALCOM X - P.E.A.C.E.

(Positive Education Always Corrects Errors)  
STAY STRONG, Tim Donaghy

● Tim Donaghy MW0105,  
HMP Down View, Sutton Lane,  
Sutton, Surrey, GU24 9EX.



WITNESS AT RIOT TRIAL

My friend and I went to the ANTI POLL TAX DEMONSTRATION on March 31 1990 because we considered it to be an unjust and immoral tax. We enjoyed marching along and felt happy as everyone was friendly but at the end of the demonstration as we were leaving Trafalgar Square to return to our coach we witnessed an unprovoked act of aggression by the police against ordinary British people. I was so outraged by what I had seen I was determined to make a statement to someone about the police behaviour. So I contacted my M.P., Dawn Primorolo, who took my statement, and those of many others, and sent them to the Home Secretary calling for a full public enquiry.

The Home Office answered thus:

"It is recognised that the majority of those who took part in the demonstration wished to express their views in a peaceful and law-abiding manner. However, it is evident that a minority in the crowd were intent on causing trouble. The police were subjected to a sustained, ferocious assault which resulted in more than 370 officers and 20 police horses being injured. As to the way in which the police responded to what was clearly an extremely difficult and dangerous situation the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police is conducting a full review of the events of the day, which will involve a thorough examination of how the police planned for the demonstration and their tactics for dealing with disorder.

I have made arrangements for this correspondence to be copied to the Metropolitan Police so that they are aware of the points made by your constituents. If any of your constituents feel any of the officers acted improperly on the day it is open to them to pursue the matter with the commissioner"

Yours sincerely, Ferrers

As I did not know who the police were or even the number of the police van I could go no further.

However in October I read that a video of the demonstration called "The Battle of Trafalgar Square" was being shown in Bristol and from this meeting obtained literature appealing for witnesses. After sending my account of the events of that day to the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign I was contacted by solicitors who were acting for Tim Donaghy and I agreed to give evidence on his behalf. During the trial I was shown a video of a police van being attacked by demonstrators and asked if this was not provocation. They were trying to insinuate that the vans were attacked first further up the road but this is untrue because my friend had looked up the road as we were walking out of the square and she saw no trouble. The police vans were just waiting there. I was glad that the trial took place so that I could tell what I saw. The plan rebounded on them. I gave evidence for Tim Donaghy just as I hope anyone would give evidence for my son if he was in a similar situation.

Heather

June 1991

**LEICESTERSHIRE**  
*Anti-Poll Tax Federation*

**HAVE YOU BEEN  
CONTACTED BY THE**

**BAILIFFS?**

**...DON'T PANIC...REMEMBER...**

**1: RING**

**547903**

**531012**

**553440 551075**

**FOR THE ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION**

**2: IF THEY CALL**

**DON'T LET THEM IN**

**[they have no right of entry]**

**NO POLL TAX HERE**

**Highfields**

**Anti Poll Tax Union**

**NO**

**POLL TAX**

**HERE**

**DON'T COLLECT**

**DON'T PAY!**

RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST  
THE POLL TAX

**PUBLIC MEETING**

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

Guest Speaker



**MATT LEE**

(1 year in prison - Trafalgar Square)

TEST MATCH PUB 7.30

Gordon Road, West Bridgford

# ST ANNS ANTI POLL TAX UNION

IF VOTING COULD CHANGE  
ANYTHING IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL!

It's true isn't it!

So the last thing we want to do is to con anyone into voting for your ANTI-POLL TAX candidate on the basis that power lies in Nottingham Council House. It does not. They simply do what they are told to do by central government. The Labour Party have been constantly telling us that they can't do anything about the Poll-Tax except try and collect it.

Political power lies in London in the hands of the top civil servants/company directors/bankers/military/media personnel etc. In short, amongst the centrally organised ruling class.

For working people to exercise power they need to act together. That's why the ruling class hate the Anti-Poll Tax campaign. Non-payment is not just hitting them financially but politically too. All these Poll tax resisters won't do what they are told!

So, we can vote ANTI-POLL TAX as a way of continuing our protest against the tax. Nothing more, nothing less.

If you are NOT PAYING or have STOPPED PAYING then that is an excellent protest against the totally unfair Poll Tax.

However, whatever you are doing, we want you to do one more thing. Make a protest against the Poll-Tax and local government cuts on Thursday May the 2nd by VOTING ANTI-POLL TAX.

REGISTER A PROTEST AGAINST THE POLL TAX ON THURSDAY MAY 2nd!

VOTE ANTI - POLL TAX ON MAY 2nd.

We don't want "Son of Poll Tax" or "Poll Tax 2 : The Agony Continues"...

Let's get rid of it!

We could let the Tories in. Can't anybody ever do anything for themselves in case it "lets the Tories in"? With that attitude working people can never do anything lest it spoils Labours election chances. Labour policy on the Poll-Tax...you should pay it! People who are waiting for Labour to make life easier are in for a big shock!

At local level there is no shock at all. For the past year, two years in Scotland, the Labour councils have been hammering the people with cuts and Poll Tax demands. It matters less who crawls in than people carry on fighting against injustice.

NO LIABILITY ORDERS! NO BAILIFFS! NO POLL TAX WITH A NEW NAME!

NO CUTS IN LOCAL SERVICES...CUTS ARE DUE TO THE ENORMOUS LOCAL TAX REDUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE RICH!

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ELECTION MEETING.

DAY APRIL 24th SYCAMORE SCHOOL,  
ABBOTSFORD DRIVE, 7.30pm

OTHER CANDIDATES INVITED DARE THEY DEBATE WITH THE ANTI-POLL TAX CANDIDATES?

RSP, F. McCloskey, 23, Primrose Close, Nottingham.