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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST
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RUSHCLIFFE & CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX GROUPS

Legal Information

Keep this card with you at all times

If you are **ARRESTED** ask what you are being arrested for; you have a right to be told. Shout out your name. Make a note of the numbers of the arresting officers.

You are obliged to give the police your name and address. **DO NOT** give them any other information. You have the right to remain silent - exercise it. You have the right to see a solicitor of your choice **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE A PHONE CALL**. Sympathetic solicitors and doctors available on:

071 733 4245

If you **WITNESS** an arrest write down the name of the person being arrested and the numbers of the arresting officers. Give this information, along with your own name and number to one of the Legal Liaison Volunteers (see over).

In the event of arrests come to the meeting in Lambeth Town Hall on Sunday 21st October at 11 am. **ALL DEFENDANTS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, AND WITNESSES SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.**

We intend this to be a peaceful demonstration. This can only be ensured by being well prepared and looking after each other. Make sure you are always with a group of people who know your name and look out for you.

Legal Liaison Volunteers, organised by the TSDC are on this march; they are not stewards; they are clearly identified. Their role is to assist anyone being arrested by gathering as much information about arrests as possible. Some of these volunteers are equipped with video and other camera equipment; they are not the press and the pictures will be used to help defend anyone arrested. Please co-operate with these LLVs by providing any information asked for. Your assistance may help save a protester from unjust imprisonment.

The telephone numbers on this card are for the legal coordination office of the TSDC which will be in operation all weekend. We will also provide information for friends and relatives of anyone arrested. for such information please call

071 737 1614.

**Pay No Poll Tax Defend The Right To Demonstrate
Drop The Charges Against Those Arrested**

ENJOY THE MARCH

Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign

LEGAL INFORMATION

important - keep this card with you at all times

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED ask what you are being arrested for; you have a right to know.

Shout out your name. Make a note of the numbers of the arresting officers.

You are obliged to give the police your name and address. If you are under 17 years of age, you are entitled to extra rights, so tell the police. **Everybody has the right:**

1. To remain silent - we advise you *not to make any statements*.

2. To a solicitor of your choice **3. To make a phone call**

Sympathetic legal support and solicitors are available on:

071 637 1181

IF YOU WITNESS AN ARREST: 1. Write down the name of the arrested person

2. Write down the numbers of the arresting officers

3. Give this info and your own name and phone number to a Legal Volunteer.

Please come forward as a witness.

The telephone numbers of this card are for the legal office run by the Trafalgar Square

Defendants' Campaign. The Office will be open **all weekend**. We will also provide

information for friends and relatives of anyone arrested - please call:

071 636 0246

In the event of arrests, come to the special meeting in Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq.
Monday March 25th, 6pm onwards. **All defendants, witnesses and supporters should attend.**

ON THE DEMONSTRATION

Look after each other.

Make sure that you are always with people who know your name and look out for you.

LEGAL VOLUNTEERS are on this march; they are not stewards; they are wearing day-glo pink bibs or sashes. Their role is to assist anyone arrested by gathering information. Some are equipped with videos or cameras; *they are not from the press*; pictures will only be used to help anyone arrested. Please co-operate with the Legal Volunteers.

Your assistance may help save a protestor from imprisonment.

THE TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN (TSDC)

Legal support and self defence are the responsibilities of all who call protests. Our operation today aims to scrutinise and therefore inhibit the police. The TSDC was set up by defendants and supporters following the brutal police attacks and 650 arrests on last year's two anti-Poll Tax demonstrations in London. Trials continue. We organise unconditional support for all defendants and prisoners (20 now, some doing *three years*). Your support is essential.

We need: 1. Your group's affiliations and donation;
2. Your support for any local defendant; 3) Your involvement.

APPEAL:

Today's legal costs £4,500

Ongoing defence £50,000

TSDC: Rm 205, 38 Mt. Pleasant, WC1 – 071-833-8958. The Campaign meets Weds, 7pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Sq. WC1

Defend the right to demonstrate. Drop the charges & free the prisoners. Pay no Poll Tax.



PUBLIC ELECTION MEETING

WHAT IS THE FUTURE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT?

Beeston Library

Tuesday April 30th

7.30pm

A year after the introduction of the poll tax in England and Wales, the Government is trying to escape the mess of its own making by pouring billions more of your money into it, and proposing yet another hasty re-organisation of local government.

WHAT WILL THESE PROPOSALS MEAN FOR YOU?

Beeston Anti-Poll Tax Union will only support a tax related to ability to pay, and a system of local government that is genuinely democratic. We cannot support these proposals.

Beeston Anti-Poll Tax Union believes that local democracy should be the issue in the council election. We have invited candidates from all parties to speak in this debate.

THE END OF THE POLL TAX?

Don't Be Fooled - The Wreck Is Still Afloat

Beeston Anti-Poll Tax Union:-

Stuart & Alison - 222153

Jane - 252602

Jessika - 431423

Mike & Lesley - 257414

Karen & John - 228201

THE END OF THE POLL TAX?

The Government claims they will replace the poll tax but the wreck is still afloat. The hated tax will be with us until at least 1993, perhaps until 1994 (they won't say), and then it will be replaced by a new tax - part rates, part poll tax. How much of a poll tax element will remain has yet to be decided, a decision that will have more to do with keeping the Tory Party together than uniting the country.

A LOWER POLL TAX?

The chancellor has put up VAT by 2.5% to take 140 pounds off everyone's poll tax. Reduced bills are welcome, but....

- Only the better off will get the full 140 pounds. People on low incomes, income support or student grants may only get a few pence.
- The rise in VAT will put up prices in the shops. Poor people pay a greater proportion of their income in VAT than the better off.
- Extra VAT will put extra pressure on local businesses like corner shops, already hit by 1.6 billion pounds rise in business rates to keep down the poll tax in February's handout.
- Broxtowe families faced with four sets of poll tax bills could still have to find 1,000 pounds, while people in Wandsworth and Shetland will pay nothing.
- Re-assessing and sending out new bills is causing chaos for councils, a waste of time and YOUR money caused by a Government acting in haste and panic without any clear policy.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY IS THREATENED

- They plan to abolish Labour-controlled County Councils, just like when they abolished London County Council, Greater London Council and the Metropolitan Counties because they couldn't win control at the ballot box.
- Further Education Colleges and Sixth Forms will be brought under central control, removing them from local accountability. If you are unhappy with these services you will have to complain to Whitehall.
- Decision making by local government is to be reviewed. It may need improvement, but do councils need a lesson from a Government that spent 15 years dreaming up the poll tax, then a year later, panics, dithers and rushes into more badly thought out plans for local government.

DON'T BE FOOLED

DON'T PAY THE POLL TAX! STOP THE COUNCIL!

The official number of poll tax non-payers in Scotland is now well over a million. Thatcher has gone and the Tory government is in disarray. The poll tax is on the way out.

But still Labour controlled Lothian Regional Council are trying to implement this rich man's tax and force through cuts in services - even though they themselves declare the poll tax "uncollectable".

In the second half of January the Council are meeting to set the poll tax rate for 1991-92. Anti poll tax groups throughout Lothian are organising a massive protest at the council chamber. Preparations are already underway - join us. Stop the Council!

Planning meeting 2.30pm Sat. 15 Dec., Trade Union Resource Centre, basement, 12a Picardy Place.

SOLIDARITY WITH JAILED NON-PAYER

In Scotland it is not possible to be jailed for not paying the poll tax. But in England and Wales the law is different - and on 7 December Grantham magistrates jailed 21 year old unemployed man Brian Wright for 21 days for not paying the poll tax. He is the first non-payer to be imprisoned.

We need to show our full solidarity with Brian. And we need to show the authorities that they cannot get away with barbaric acts like this.

SUPPORT TO -

Brian Wright, Prison no. JH 2335, HM Prison Lincoln, Lincs.. (Remission is not given on 'civil penalties', so Brian could be inside till Christmas)

Grantham Anti Poll Tax Union, 11 Queen St., Grantham. tel. 0476 75951.

PROTESTS TO -

Grantham Council tel. 0476 591591.

Council leader : Percy Wilson, 1 Beech Ave., Bourne, Grantham PE10 9RN

Magistrates Court tel. 0476 63438

Magistrate who jailed Brian Wright : Jill Speechley home tel. 0476 63797

For more information on the January protest at Lothian Regional Council and on local anti poll tax activity contact 332 7547, 229 9552, 229 9591.

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STOP THE JAILINGS

It is now 15 months since the Poll Tax was introduced into England and Wales.

In this time this vicious and unjust tax has been opposed firmly and massively by people from all walks of life - the 'gainers' as well as the 'losers'.

The government has itself admitted the tax to be both wrong and unworkable.

And yet it's still here :

With millions of pounds still unpaid from the first year, people are now receiving a second year's bills.

Councils are still sending out summonses and bailiffs to harass and intimidate those who do not have the money to pay these bills, and those who, in solidarity with the poor, refuse to pay them.

And now, in Rushcliffe, they are bringing people to court for committal to prison.

What will this gain anyone ?

Imprisonment doesn't bring in the money (in fact it costs more money !) - it is purely intimidatory and victimising.

In June a Nottingham Magistrate handed out sentences of 1 month in jail to a young student, unless he finds £5 a week; 1 month in jail to a young, low waged man with a baby on the way, unless he finds £20 a week; 3 months in jail to an unemployed man, unless he finds £50 a month.

This month more committal proceedings are to be held.

But they cannot jail 18½ million non-payers !

And it is clear that people are prepared to go to prison in the fight against this draconian taxation.

Give your support to these people.

We will not - we must not - stand quietly by and watch the poorest or the bravest amongst us being picked off.

Go to the Guildhall on July 18th (and future hearings) to voice your opposition and give support to those summonsed. Write to your councillors to protest.

NO JAILINGS !

NO VICTIMISATION !

NO POLL TAX !

RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX

Meetings : Wednesday 10th July
and fortnightly

7.30 p.m.

Stumps Bar, The Test Match Pub
Gordon Road
West Bridgford

(extra meeting this month - 17th July)

Contact Numbers :

Soroosh 814739 / 868516

Mary 812529

Gail 810815

Yvonne (Cotgrave) 899293

STOP PRESS - Scotland: 2 out of 3 not paying - that's official!

SHERWOOD AND DISTRICT ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

Our next meeting is on:

Tuesday July 16th, 7.30pm.


SHERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE,

Mansfield Rd. (Opp. Woodthorpe Park)

Speaker: **Saroosh Ayendeh** (Rushcliffe Campaign)

Rushcliffe Borough Council are threatening to jail **Saroosh** and others for not paying their Poll Tax. The Poll Tax is dead but obviously not completely buried - it still has a nasty sting in its tail! We must defend **Saroosh**, **Tony Tiso** and people like them. His situation has implications for us too. If we stand together we can force all councils to stop the use of jail. Remember - *they haven't got room to jail 14 people let alone 14 million!*

All Welcome

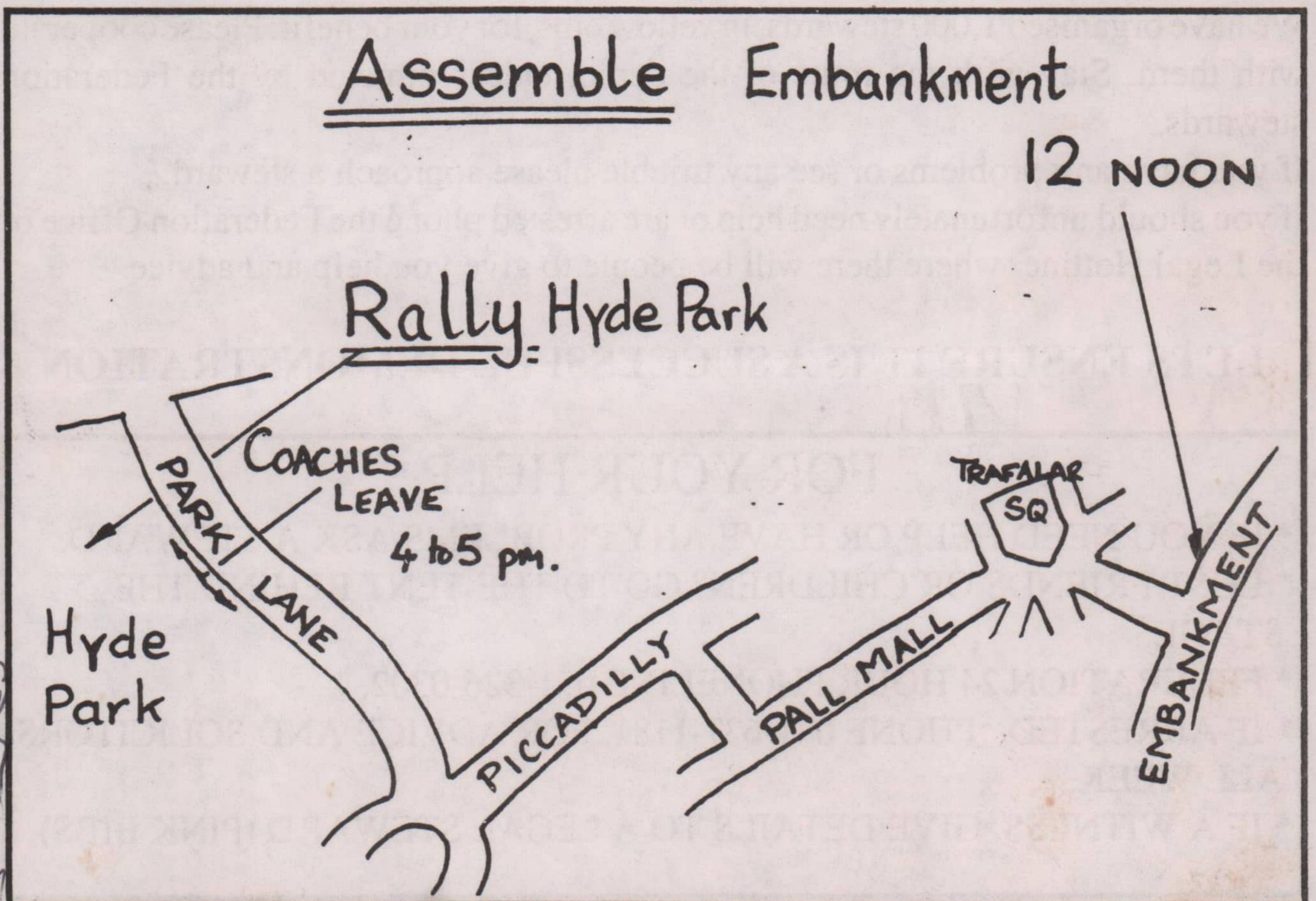
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ALL BRITAIN ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

WELCOME TO THE DEMO!

*On our way to victory
14 million NOT paying*

NO POLL TAX! NO CUTS!



ALL BRITAIN ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

DEMO MARCH 23RD

Today we are celebrating the success of our mass non-payment campaign. In spite of threats, courts and bailiffs, the campaign has gained strength, after 1 year in England and Wales and 2 years in Scotland.

WE ARE WINNING

WE HOPE TODAY WILL BE A PEACEFUL AND ENJOYABLE DAY

We urgently need £10,000, so please give generously to the official collectors. We have organised 1,000 stewards, in yellow bibs, for your benefit. Please cooperate with them. Stay with the route of the demo, unless directed by the Federation stewards.

If you have any problems or see any trouble please approach a steward.

If you should unfortunately need help or are arrested phone the Federation Office or the Legal Hotline where there will be people to give you help and advice.

LETS ENSURE IT IS A SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION

FOR YOUR HELP

- * IF YOU NEED HELP OR HAVE ANY PROBLEMS ASK A STEWARD.
- * LOST FRIENDS OR CHILDREN? GO TO THE TENT BEHIND THE STAGE.
- * FEDERATION 24 HOUR PHONELINE 071-326-0302.
- * IF ARRESTED, PHONE 071-637-1181, FOR ADVICE AND SOLICITORS ALL WEEK.
- * IF A WITNESS, GIVE DETAILS TO A LEGAL STEWARD (PINK BIBS).

HAS THE POLL TAX BEEN ABOLISHED ?

Well, if it has, you needn't take any notice of the bill that will be coming through your door very shortly, need you?

Yes, the 3rd year's bills of this 'abolished' tax are on the way.

The tax that in its first year the government's own figures indicated some 10million people couldn't afford. The tax that this year increases by 3 times the inflation rate.

LAW BREAKERS :

Your Local Authority will argue that it has to issue bills, has to take people to court, has to send in the bailiffs, has to imprison defaulters, because it is the law, and they are law abiding.

So now that it has been stated in the High Court that for 2 years councils (with their solicitors), backed by the Magistrates, have been issuing Liability Orders contrary to the law, will they now apologise and withdraw them?

Of course not ! They continue to harass the poor, elderly, single parents and everyone else issued with these invalid orders.

And the law is to be changed to suit them:

Just as the law wiping out a debt uncollected within two years was changed overnight when it was realised that this didn't suit them. It is now 6 years.

(You'll note, however, that it takes them considerably longer to change the law to 'abolish' the Poll tax !).

As if this cynical manipulation of the law by these 'law abiding' people wasn't enough, not only are councils using your money to send bailiffs in to intimidate people (mainly unsuccessfully, we're glad to say), Notts. City Council even pay a private company (Capita) large amounts of your money to harass people by 'phone.

It seems little has changed since Robin Hood's day !

NOTTS. AGAINST THE POLL TAX

WE WILL ABOLISH THE POLL TAX

Legal or illegal, the POLL TAX is evil and contrary to common justice.

When a Poll Tax was first introduced, over 600 years ago, it was defeated by the united defiance of ordinary people.

And that is how we will defeat it - by MASS NON PAYMENT.

As the 3rd year's bills are being prepared millions have still not paid a penny.

There were more non-payers in the 2nd year than the first. There should be even more this year, because :

POLL TAX is unjust. Millions cannot afford to pay.

Stand firmly together against injustice.

Bailiffs have no right of entry - don't let them in.

Don't talk to Capita if they ring you - hang up.

If you received a Liability Order in the last 3 months, appeal immediately - it is invalid.

But, most importantly DON'T PAY A PENNY !

We demand : Abolition of the Poll Tax NOW.

No use of bailiffs

No jailing over Poll Tax (this is the only country that imprisons for civil debt)

No income - no tax

Wiping out of all Poll Tax debts.

For advice/information phone any of these numbers :

Jacqueline/Soroosh 608363

Claire/Mike 780557

Alison/Stuart 222153

Colin/Chris 846858

Mike/Lesley 257414

Stuart 706654

Public Meetings :

2nd Wednesday of every month - Stumps Bar, (8.00)

Test Match pub, Gordon Rd., West Bridgford

25th March - White Horse, Radford (8.00)

RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX.

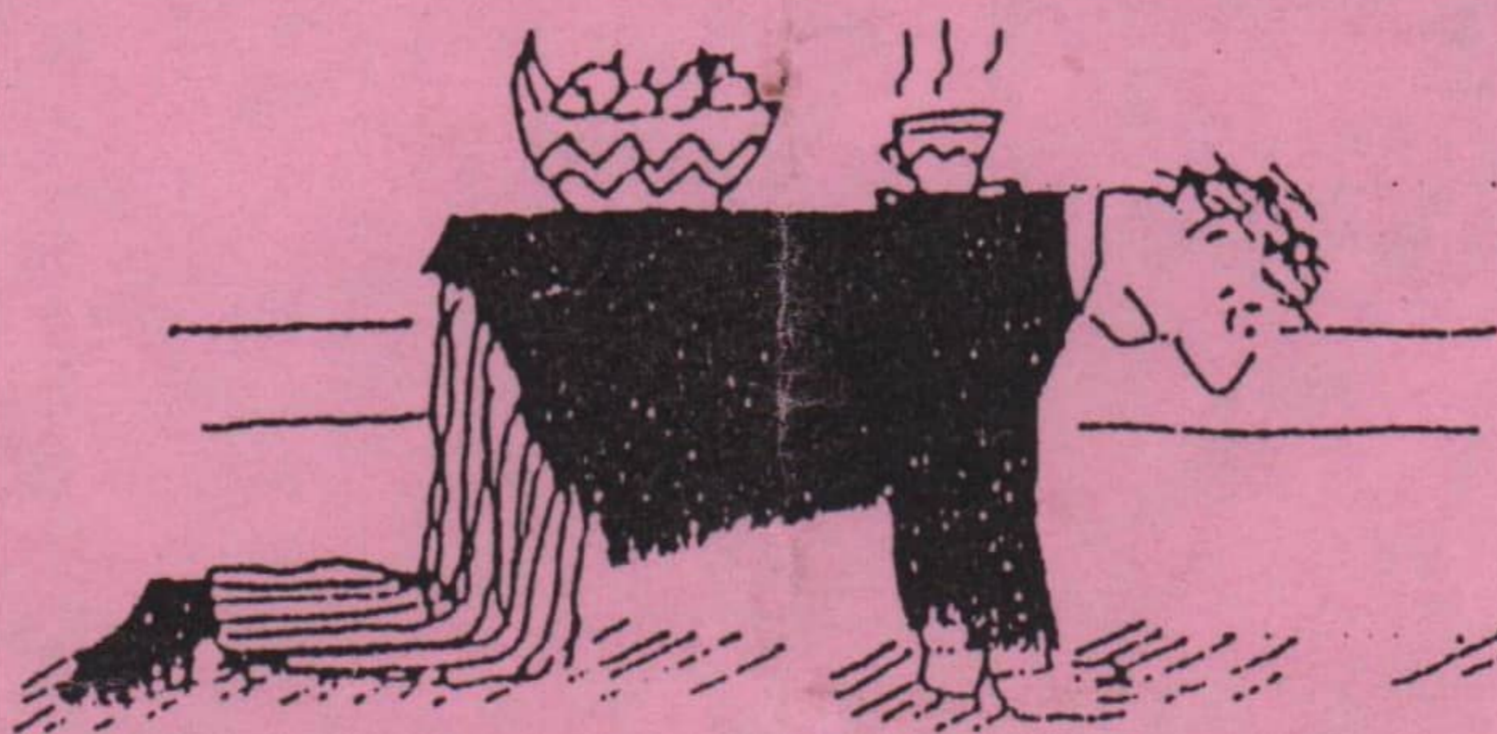
WELCOME TO THE DEMONSTRATION!

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOUR SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY FOR ALL THE
POLL TAX PRISONERS.

On the subject of support, Soroosh Ayandeh, who was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment for wilfully refusing to pay his poll tax, is not receiving much mail lately; in fact, only 5 letters a day. SO GET WRITING!

Address: Political Prisoner
Soroosh Ayandeh JJ0 573
H.M. Prison
Greetwell Road
Lincoln LN2 4BD.

A collection will be taken on the demonstration. This will go towards Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax's costs for the legal visit by Ward & Griffiths solicitors to Soroosh on the 29th July, and towards the cost of Tony Tiso's appeal.



101 USES FOR A DEAD COUNCILLOR
Nº 12: The Coffee Table.

If you want to express your disgust at Soroosh's imprisonment, then why not tell the people responsible? PRESSURE:

Rushcliffe Borough Council Leader, Cllr. Ray Cook tel. 311032;
Chair of Finance & General Purposes Ctte., Cllr. Buckley tel.
06077 4419; Mayor, Reg Gardner, tel. 231453;
Chief Executive & Treasurer, John Saxton tel. 233876;
Chief Financial Officer, Jean Hudson tel. 231032.

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LEGAL BACK- UP.

Anyway, have a good time! If you get arrested or see someone else getting arrested, then either tell a steward or phone 0850 707048 (legal support number). If you are arrested, say nothing until a solicitor arrives. The march is covered by Ward & Griffiths Solicitors. Our thanks to them for all their help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 7th August, 2.30pm : Mary and Renee in Guildhall Court for Section 5(POA) and driving charge

7.30pm : Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax meeting, the Test Match(Stumps).

Wednesday 21st August, 7.30pm : Soroosh's Solidarity Social, Test Match Pub, West Bridgford.

Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August : Anti-Poll Tax day-trip to Skegness (phone Chris on 860975 for details)

Saturday 7th September : Nationwide Prison Picket called by TSDC & supported by Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax - picket at Lincoln Prison. Keep in touch for more details.

CONTACTS: MARY tel. 812529 JACKIE tel. 814739 GAIL tel. 810815

p&p by Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax.

SUPPORT JAILED POLL TAX NONPAYERS

Citizens

Almost 3 years has passed since the introduction of the hated POLL TAX and 2 years since the announcement of its so-called abolition.

Millions who did not pay from year one have far less chance of paying as we have been victims of one of the worst economic slumps this century. More than a thousand people of all ages, many pensioners, have been sent to jail for refusing to pay either out of poverty or principle - or both. Thousands are daily harrassed by bailiffs and courts.

Despite all this the number of nonpayers has increased in the third year as living standards have worsened with many millions on the dole and people standing against intimidation and injustice. Nonetheless, the government is determined to "chase the nonpayers to the end of the earth" as Mr Portillo ("Port-A-Loo") declared.

UNITY

Whether it is the Poll Tax or the sacking of 89 women mushroom pickers, or 300 Timex workers, or 5,000 rail workers, or the closure of 31 pits - it is all part and parcel of a ferocious attack on the working class in this country. What is needed more than at any other time to stop such attacks which are destroying the very fabric of our society is a united stand by all decent working class people of all ages and from all industries.

NOTTINGHAM JAILINGS

On 23rd February, Dez Atkinson, a 71 year-old pensioner, was sent down to Lincoln prison for 23 days by Nottingham magistrates; and on the 11th March, the Nottingham bench jailed Jacqueline Evans for 28 days. Her jailing has removed her from her ceaseless work against the POLL TAX and from the intensifying campaign against PIT CLOSURES.

WHAT YOU CAN - AND SHOULD - DO.

The time has come for everyone to realise that as workers we have **NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT.**

So give your support to those who have put their money - and freedom - where their mouth is, and send them a letter of support. It is the least you can do.....

WRITE AS SOON AS YOU CAN TO:-

Jacqueline Evans,
F.V. 3295,
H.M.P. New Hall,
Dial Wood,
Flockton,
Wakefield,
W Yorks, WF4 4AX

Dez Atkinson,
JK 2735,
H.M.P. Lincoln,
Greetwell Road,
Lincoln,
LN2 4BD.

For more information, call:- 0602 608363; or
814739.

DON'T PAY

"One
isnt
paying"



the POLLTAX

Trafalgar Square prisoner

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

COLCHESTER 15

These trials arise out of the March 1990 Colchester APT demo. Of the first eight defendants brought to trial, four were found guilty and four acquitted. The next seven defendants face a pre-trial hearing in May. All those found guilty will be appealing.

Terry Frost DL1911

A-wing, HMP Norwich, Knox Rd., Mousehold, Norwich NR1 4LU. Found guilty of riot. Sentenced to two years on April 6. Earliest Parole Date 6/12/92, EDR 6/8/93.

Andy Hester NL2430

HMP Britannia, Knox Rd., Norwich. Found guilty of riot on April 6. Sentenced to eighteen months. EPD 6/10/92, EDR 6/4/93.

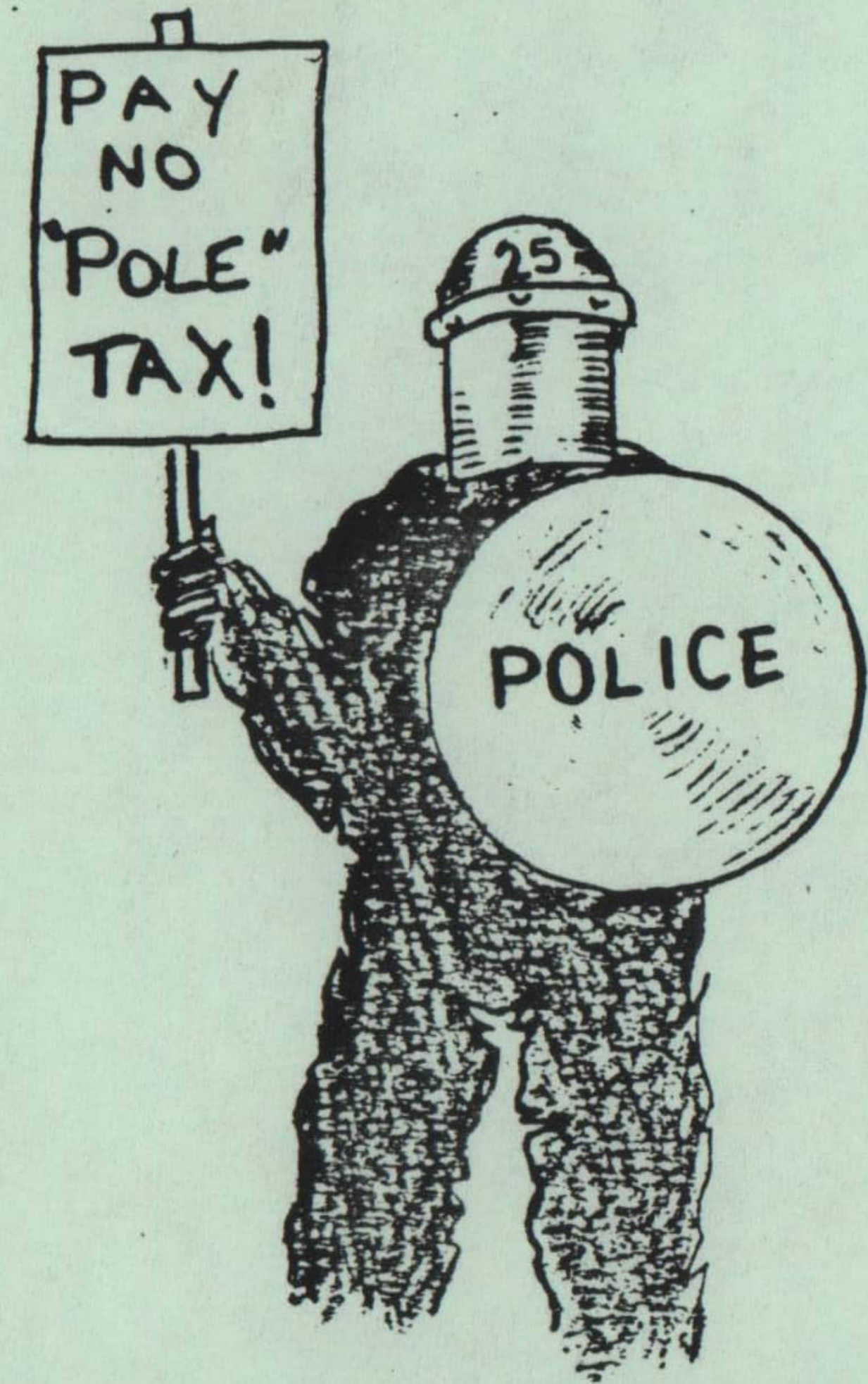
Christine Hammett TV0063

HMP Holloway, Parkhurst Rd., London N7 0NU. Found guilty of Violent Disorder. Sentenced to nine months on April 6. EDR 20/8/92.

Patrick Tyler

HMYOI Norwich, Knox Rd., Norwich. Found guilty of Violent Disorder. Sentenced to six months on April 6. EDR 6/7/92.

Senders name should be on back
of envelope. Enclose S.A.E.
for a reply



SOLIDARITY WITH POLL TAX PRISONERS

●London: TSDC Prisoners Support Group, c/o 506 Brixton
Rd, London SW9. (071) 738 7586

NOTTS ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

LABOUR COUNCIL IS DOING TORIES DIRTY WORK

Such is the level of non-payment that Nottingham City Council is £41 million outstanding in poll tax and has over 100,000 liability orders. Instead of backing the non-payment campaign, Nottingham's Labour Council is disgracefully threatening to jail Gary Freeman, Secretary of the Notts Anti Poll Tax Federation and 9 other People.

The Council is trying to break the back of the anti poll tax campaign

IT WILL NOT WORK!!

Brent Charlesworth (LAB)

CLIFTON WEST



Flat 6b Nottm Polytechnic,
Clifton Lane,
Nottingham. NG11 8NS. Tel:
216692

John Riley (LAB)

CLIFTON WEST



11 Leabrook Close,
Clifton. NG11 8NW.
Tel: 213054

THESE LABOUR COUNCILLORS WERE ELECTED TO DEFEND THE WORKING CLASS, NOT TO IMPRISON THEM. Phone your protest to the councillors in the photos above, and to the Hardship Committee (below) who make the decision:

CLLR HIGGINS 603968
CLLR CLARK 764502

CLLOR RILEY 213054
CLLOR PECK 271064

SUPPORT THE LOBBY OF THE COUNCIL

Monday 3rd Feb. 1pm outside the Council House

For further information and advice contact CHRIS WORLEY on 860975

SOLIDARITY WITH POLL TAX PRISONERS



MW1054 Lee

H.M.P. Featherstone 25/9/91.

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

Dear Julie,
Thanks for your letter. Sounds a great idea to use * Tim's drawings on armbands etc. Before I got sent down one of the things we were going to do in Brum is follow the Republican tradition and carry placards of prisoners with a pic, name, number and length of sentence. Mind you it seemed a good idea before I got sent down- now it seems a bloody embarrassing idea. I suppose it depends on your view though I wouldn't be too keen on it now as I'd feel a total prat if I ever saw a pic of it. But Tim's drawings should be well sound. Still I'm rambling. (* Poll Tax Prisoner Tim Donaghy H.M.P. Downview)

Onto the more substantial points in your letter. First off the Prisoners Support Group (P.S.G.) Conference on October 12th is an important time to co-ordinate our forces and pool our resources. It's really important that all local groups like A.D.C. don't disappear into parochialism. We must try and co-ordinate days of action, publicity (ie national press statements linked to local, etc.) and fund raising. If we don't, problems of isolation and frustration will ruin most of the local groups as activists come up against a wall of limitation locally that can only become nationally.

For instance. The media. You say ignore - but why ? The reasons you give are a little off the point - that they often ignore and always distort is inevitable. The point is that they also raise the profile and let people we want to reach know the issue exists. It isn't a central point of the campaign but should be focussed on and not ignored. If nothing else the left/anarchist press must be hopped on since their coverage is patchy and unco-ordinated. The P.S.G. should regularly feed updates and push radical papers to publicise info. But also the "national main stream" shouldn't be totally ignored. Little gaps can always be found and should be exploited.

It seems from the tone of your letter that you are quite frustrated in Bristol. It is easy to see how. To a certain extent the activists are too close to see sometimes. I am positive, judging by the amount of cards and letters I get from Brighton to Bristol to Glasgow and Aberdeen that there is a lot of interest out there. We need to make the leap from an activist group unknown to a lot of the public to one seen by the people likely to be interested - the left and those who were in the A.P.T.U. and a lot of youth generally.

Give my best wishes to the rest of the Bristol lot. Also to Tony Whitfield on his release.

Love and revolutionary greetings,
Matt Lee.

POLL TAX PRISONERS NEWS

The National Poll Tax Prisoners Support Conference in Birmingham on 12/10/91 decided that Avon Defendants Campaign would be responsible for at least the next two issues of POLL TAX PRISONERS NEWS. These are suggestions for the next issue and the names of those asked to do the work.

FESTIVE COVER ILLUSTRATION EX P.T.P. Richard Andrews
SPOOF AD : HOLIDAY BARGAIN 60 DAYS FULL BOARD..ABSOLUTELY FREE!
EXCLUSIVE FOR ADULTS IN ONE OF MANY CAMPS (Rain or shine bags to do and all indoors) All this could be yours.To qualify: DON'T PAY THE POLL TAX. For 60 days absolutely free or money out guarantee. SEE YOUR LOCAL MAGISTRATE FOR DETAILS.

Round up of demonstrator P.T.P. news T.S.D.C/ P.S.G.

SOLIDARITY ACTION Regional P.S.G. contacts.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS CAMPAIGN Debbie ? Alex ?

POEMS, PICTURES & LETTERS FROM T.S. P.T.P. P.S.G & all of us.

PENSIONERS PAGE Norman Laws
Round up of O.A.P.s who've been banged up plus reports of agitational protests around country.....

REGIONAL ROUND UP OF DEFENCE CAMPAIGNS Manchester Conference

WOMEN'S PRISONS Becky Palmer

BOOK REVIEWS- Bristol's P.T.P. Paul Chamberlain, Matt Lee etc

SURVIVAL Any offers
Head down/accept it? What helps people get through ?

CENSORSHIP ANY OFFERS ?
It seems that books do not have to be new to get through to P.T.P. However prisoners' own writing is seen as a threat. Strangeways branch of the Prison Officers Association do not appreciate publications by inmates or ex-inmates to inmates.

PEOPLE POWER OR CAPTIVE VOICE SOROOSH
Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax, Nottingham Defence Fund etc have rightly expressed their opposition to the £30,000 Appeal by CAPTIVE- the Campaign Against the Poll Tax.

ANTI POLL TAX CAROLS St Andrews & Knowle APTU , BRISTOL

Cartoons, letters, articles etc to :

A.D.C. 17, Belmont Rd, Bristol B.S.6 5 A.W. Deadline 9/11/91.
(If the Xmas issue is as good as the September issue of POLL TAX PRISONERS NEWS it sd be sold for at least 20p. Any views ?)

POLL TAX JAILINGS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The hated Poll Tax was declared 'abolished' because it was made unworkable, by millions unable and refusing to pay, by mass demonstrations and disruption of the courts, by resistance to bailiffs and by fighting in the courts to ensure that our few rights were enforced.

Now many councils are trying further to victimise the poor and those whose resistance beat the tax, by taking them back to court, with the threat this time of prison. But if we continue to stand together, to resist and to enforce our rights, we can beat this costly and savage attack too. They can't jail all of us.

DON'T GO TO COURT WITHOUT GETTING ADVICE FIRST

If you get a summons for commitment proceedings or 'means test', contact your local Anti Poll Tax group (see list below) or advice agency.

Your case can not be heard in your absence. If you do not turn up, a warrant will be issued against you, but this warrant must be served directly on you, and they can not force entry into your home to serve it. If a warrant is served (some councils have been doing this before the court case) you will be bailed to appear in court at a later date, and not turning up then could cause you problems. So if you've been summonsed and not appeared, or live in a borough where they're serving warrants first and haven't paid, be careful who you open the door to, and what you say. If asked to go to the police station without a reason, don't.

WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IN COURT

You have the right to an assistant in court with you, to give you advice and take notes, but only a qualified solicitor or barrister can represent you or speak for you, and legal aid is not available at this point. There are various legal arguments that can be used, for example over the time the council can wait before starting committal proceedings, but these are always changing due to new court decisions, so advice should be sought at the time. You, or someone with you, should make notes on the proceedings to ensure that the court acts properly.

The council are meant to show that they have been through the necessary procedures, that they are authorised to appear in court and that the money is actually owing, though recent changes to the law are normally taken to mean that what they say must be true! If you admit that you owe the money they will not have to prove anything.

THE COURT CAN WIPE OFF THE 'DEBT'

The court should then carry out a conduct inquiry, to find out whether your non-payment in the period from the bill to the liability order was due to 'wilful refusal' or 'culpable neglect'. It is worth having prepared a run-down of your income, expenditure and debts for this period, to show why you could not have paid. If wilful refusal or culpable neglect are not proved, you can not be jailed and the court can remit (wipe out) the 'debt', but most magistrates take a lot of convincing.

OR THEY WILL PROBABLY GIVE YOU TIME TO PAY

If wilful refusal or culpable neglect are found, the court should then carry out a means inquiry into your current financial position. It is not clear legally what the purpose of the means inquiry is, but normally it is used by the court to work out how they can get the money off you. It is worth checking with others how the particular court treats the means inquiry. The court should consider all possible ways of getting the money out of you before committing you to prison. Normally they will postpone a fixed period of imprisonment, to allow time for the sum to be paid off in instalments. If you do not keep up with these payments, you will have to return to court to explain why, and may then be jailed.

If you are jailed, make sure someone informs your local Anti Poll Tax group, and the Prisoners' Support group on 071-738-7586, who may be able to help organise an appeal if the court has not carried out its duties properly, or other support. Many people are currently getting out on bail pending appeal (sometimes the next day) and some cases have already been won. If the courts are not challenged, others will suffer unnecessarily - together we can win our rights.

The maximum term of imprisonment is 90 days, though it is normally much less, and carries civil, not criminal status, so you don't get a criminal record and have more rights inside. If the 'debt' is paid off at any time you will be released, but think carefully before borrowing the money, especially from loan sharks, as this would simply transfer the problem. Although imprisonment does not legally wipe off the 'debt', there is nothing more the council can do to collect it, so you can forget it.

SUPPORT THE PRISONERS

Those in prison, for non-payment or for demonstrating against the Poll Tax, need your support. Contact the Prisoners Support Group for details of those currently inside and what you can do.

PASS THIS INFORMATION ON

LONDON ANTI POLL TAX NUMBERS

Barking 081-590 0704 * Barnet 081-200 1585 * Bexley 081-856
7925 * Brent 071-624 1931 * Bromley 081-650 6715 * Camden
071-431 2760, 071-287 8725, 071-372 6063 * Croydon 081-653 9622
* Ealing 081-840 3445/2351 * Enfield 081-807 5239 * Hackney
081-533 3311 * Hammersmith & Fulham 071-731 1494 * Haringey
081-341 3372, 081 802 9804, 081-348 5399 * Harrow 081-422 3514 *
Hillingdon 0923-827062 * Islington 071-704 8676 * Kensington &
Chelsea 071-727 8763 * Lambeth 081-671 5318, 071-735 0024 *
Lewisham 081-692 4219 * Merton 081-542 0836 * Newham
081-519 1474 * Redbridge 081-518 1987 * Richmond 081-948 6067
* Southwark 071-231 6963 * Sutton 081-640 4348 * Tower
Hamlets 081- 980 9855 * Waltham Forest 081-527 2187 *
Wandsworth 081- 672 9698

Poll Tax Bankruptcy Threats DON'T PANIC ! DON'T PAY !

Recently the press reported Lothian Regional Councillors had agreed to warn 14,000 poll tax non-payers that they could be made bankrupt unless they paid up.

Don't panic :

- * This is not a new threat - people have been getting warnings of bankruptcy for over a year now. But only a handful of non-payers have actually had action taken against them.
- * They cannot take instant action against 14,000 people.
- * It depends on your personal circumstances whether they can use this weapon against you.
- * It won't just happen - you need to get at least one warning letter first.

If you get a letter :

- * Don't panic - but don't bin it.
- * Read it - if it mentions bankruptcy or sequestration, get advice right away.
- * **Phone 556 0903 immediately.** Have your letter handy, so you can quote from it. There's more than one way they can try to use the Bankruptcy law against you - depending on which way they choose there may be avoiding action you can take.

You're not alone!

- * About half the people of Scotland haven't paid this year's poll tax.
- * At the end of March the poll tax will be abolished. You've helped win that victory!

*Issued by Broughton Inverleith Anti Poll Tax Group.
(23 November 1992)*

AVON DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN

10P
DONATION

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

TRAFALGAR SQUARE POLL TAX PRISONER
(T.S.P.T.P.) plus VIDEO (details at Fed
meeting or 248274)

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

BRITISH JUSTICE: S.W.P. MEETING
MALCOLM X Centre, Ashley Rd 7.30 pm
COLCHESTER 16, TOTTENHAM 3. What about
TRAFALGAR SQUARE 520 ? (14 still banged up).

SATURDAY ? OCTOBER

Celebrate T.S.P.T.P. Steve Lynn's release
after 12 months in H.M.P.

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER

National Poll Tax Prisoners Solidarity
Conference- Summerfield Centre, Dudley Rd,
Winson Green, Birmingham .

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER

T.S.D.C. March from Brockwell Park in South
East London to Brixton Prison

FINISHING OFF THE POLL TAX CONFERENCE

26 October Saturday

Martin Ralph 161 707 1584

Norther Anti-Poll tax Forum, PO BOX 9, Eccles
SO, Eccles, Salford, M30 7FX

SOUTHVILLE/ ASHTON/ BEDMINSTER

5 ASIDE FOOTBALL TEAM LOOKING FOR OPPONENTS
231972/668232/636063

ADC : 84, COLSTON ST. BRISTOL BS1. (0272) 255504

"SUPPORT THE POLL TAX PRISONERS" cards

We made 14 SOLIDARITY CARDS for those banged up from Trafalgar Square 31 March 1990 demo. People were amazed at the harshness of sentences, lack of publicity etc and willingly wrote greetings at T.U.C. Tolpuddle Martyrs Day, Bristol Community Festival, Heinekin and Freedom 90.

TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS JULY 21 Solidarity books, posters, tee-shirts

T.S.P.T.P. MICKY NEAL released. Phoned to thank A.D.C. for support

BRISTOL COMMUNITY FESTIVAL at ASHTON COURT

The stall was hectically busy with people getting information or asking advice. The 'Trash the Tory politicians coconut shy' provided fun for all. Took almost £110 so after paying the site fee we have £85 to share between the Fed. and the ADC.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PRISONERS We've sent off a cheque for £50 to the Prisoners Support Group c% T.S.D.C. (071 738 7586)

HEINEKIN MUSIC BIG TOP CASTLE GREEN 1-4 AUGUST

A pleasant way to spend the summer evenings sitting on Castle Green selling posters and books. Very positive response.

FREEDOM '90 FESTIVAL MALCOLM X CENTRE 2 AUG

A quiet day but people cheerfully signed the solidarity card.

BRISTOL CROWN COURT FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

Two men were given 14 days for disrupting the court in protest at single parent's 60 day suspended jail sentence. A.D.C. sent solidarity cards to Richard and Mark plus books and Stuff the Poll Tax t-shirts c% Frome police station.

BRISTOL CROWN COURT WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST

67 year old Tony Whitfield given 60 days for non-payment. There was a Fed. demo outside the courts and a picket outside Frome police station. ADC sent cards, books, t-shirt and writing kit.

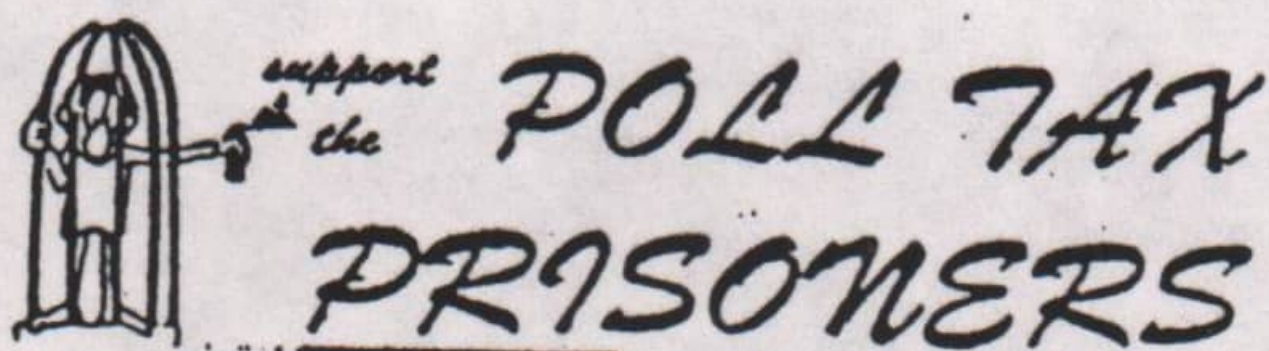
SPEC RADIO 101. 25 FM relayed ADC solidarity message to Tony.

SATURDAY 17 OUTSIDE HORFIELD PRISON

Everyone at the picket signed A.D.C. solidarity card designed by T.S.P.T.P. Cards to: WD3333 Tony Whitfield, HMP Horfield, Clevedon Rd, Bristol .Visits c% Cllr Robin Moss 519274

COMMUNICATION - THE SOLUTION

The authoritative, regular, Ashton/Bedminster newsletter could become the voice of the Fed. if financial support from Fed could be negotiated. Escalation by the council must be counteracted with A.P.T. info/strategy plus reports from the campaign in other parts of the country. Militant and Socialist Worker both cover aspects of the fight against the poll tax but do not give enough information to build at grass roots level.



JAILINGS NOW!

BRISTOL MAGISTRATES COURT

Alone in front of three
Pitied, or worse disbelieved:
Insufficient income
For Poll Tax simple greed.

No excuses needed
Liable no matter what,
A tax to rob the poor
OF THE LITTLE THEY HAVE GOT.

To help the rich get wealthy
And demoralise the rest,
The THREE who sit in JUDGE-MENT
Believe THEY know what's best.

Again the moral issue
To do what I believe is right:
To pay, or not to pay,
And so help another's plight.

DEBBIE SMITH
KNOWLE WEST ANTI POLL TAX UNION

WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST 1991



Helen Perlini

EVENING POST,

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 1991

Now is the time to share what experience we have learnt from other parts of the country. Trade union action in Portsmouth protected the job of T.S. P.T.P. who spent a year in prison. Manchester NALGO have successfully protected the job of a non payer while in prison. Avon County NALGO are pledged to do the same.

The court issued 28 arrest warrants on 9/8/91 (Evening Post) for people who had failed to attend. Those persecuted in this way for non payment may take comfort from the fact that T.S.D.C. has found that the police in other areas do not make harrassing non poll tax payers a priority.

MAGISTRATES CAN DISMISS THE CHARGE.

Under regulation 42 (2) Community Charge (Adminstration and Enforcement) magistrates have the power to remit payment of poll tax where it is in the interest of justice to do so. This was successfully done for Sharon West, mother of three, in Taunton. But she was supported by a massive demo. Could be more than a legal lesson from Taunton !

Anyone wrongly
persued could complain to Chair of the
Finance Sub-committee Graham Robertson
672420.

TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS CAMPAIGN

NEW ISDC OFFICE.... 071 738 7586

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

We are now fighting from inside



Number: JJ0573 Name: Soroush Ayander

To Avon Defendants Campaign,

Thank you for sending me your mailing, the postcard is great especially that I am now sitting in Lincoln Jail floor 4 penthouse 18. I thoroughly enjoyed the letters from prisoners in SOLIDARITY WITH POLL TAX PRISONERS and soon I'll be writing to them.

I was sentenced on July 18th and since I said that "Poll Tax has brought misery to millions of people and I'd rather lose my right arm than to pay a penny Poll Tax" after much begging by the stipendiary magistrate I was sentenced for three months.

I am honoured to be able to stand for millions who are too frail to fight for themselves and I have already received two lovely letters from O.A.P.s.

To go to prison for something petty or to go to prison even for Poll Tax and sit inside and twiddle your thumbs and dance to whatever tune the authorities in here are playing is very hard. But to go to prison because of your firm beliefs and the stand you make in the court - a chance which I have been waiting for, for 16 months - and to come here to fight, to learn, to review what went on, to educate yourself and your cell mates and even the prison staff is easy. The only thing sad is that I only have 3 months and the last few days I haven't had the time to scratch my head. Our campaign has become stronger as a result.

And in relation to above I am asking you to prepare a declaration and distribute it with the help of T.S.D.C. and other defendants campaigns and hopefully Federation to demand political status for all Poll Tax prisoners. I have been fighting for 16 months and despite all favourable circumstances on our side, I have - due to certain facts - always looked at this as a very long campaign. Longer the better, we learn more, but I am concerned about the energy and enthusiasm of the masses.

I will continue to fight this hated tax as long as it takes.

No Poll Tax for non-workers in any position i.e. pensioners, housewives, unemployed.

Progressive taxation according to ability to pay.

Complete scrapping of Poll Tax and V.A.T. on necessities.

POLITICAL STATUS FOR ANY POLL TAX PRISONER

SOROUSH POLITICAL PRISONER 24-07-91 Good luck.

P.S. Send my best regards to Exeter A.P.T.C. and ask them to send me any news they have. Thanks.

Soroosh Ayandeh,
JJ0573, HMP Lincoln,
Greetwell Road, Lincoln,

You keep fighting outside

NATIONAL ANTI-POLL TAX DELEGATES MEETING

Sunday July 14th 2-6pm

Manchester Town Hall
(City Centre)

Agenda

- * The National Conference - 'Finishing Off The Poll Tax'
- * Regional Reports and News
- * Strengthening The Links
- * Any Other Business

Open to all APT organisations - all city/regional federations and networks are especially urged to attend.

NATIONAL ANTI-POLL TAX CONFERENCE **Autumn 1991**

To discuss and share experiences and ideas for the way forward, and to strengthen the flow of information and co-operation throughout the movement. It is being organised democratically by APT groups and federations through open Planning Meetings.

Conference contacts:

South of England: Haringey APTU, 72 West Gm Rd, London N15 (081 802 9804)

Yorkshire: Yorks 3D, 2 Lunley Walk, Leeds 4 (0532 623822)

North West: N.W. APT Forum, PO Box 9, Eccles, Salford M30 (061 707 1584)

South West: South West APT Fed, 84 Colstone St, Bristol (0272 255504)

Scotland: APT Action Network, P.O. Box 311, S.D.O., Edinburgh (031 229 9552)

THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES

Faced with the mass campaign of non-payment, non-cooperation and protest, the Govt. has been forced to scrap the Poll Tax and to admit it is unworkable and uncollectable. But the struggle continues against the Courts, bailiffs and jail. The Tax must be scrapped immediately, all debts to be written off, and all those imprisoned (for not paying, or for demonstrating) must be freed. AMNESTY NOW! And all cuts in local services must be restored.

THE MOVEMENT

Basic local solidarity work and protests continue, but good communication and co-operation, regionally and nationally, needs to be greatly improved. We must be effective in spreading information, sharing experiences and discussing ideas and strategies for the next stages of the campaign. This means strengthening the city-wide, regional and national federations and networks, bulletins, conferences, mailouts, contact lists, protests and other initiatives. In particular, a National Conference with the widest possible involvement, is essential.

THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE - 'FINISHING OFF THE POLL TAX'

The aim is a conference with the maximum amount of sharing experiences, discussion and planning for the future. It is being organised democratically through open Planning Meetings.

Your Organisation - Please ensure your APT group is represented at the July National Delegates Meeting. It is especially important for every city/regional fed/network to attend.

We send our solidarity to all of you.

Scottish Anti-Poll Tax Action Network, South West Regional APT Federation, Sheffield APT, Lothian APT Forum, North West APT Forum, Haringey APT, Warrington APTU, Yorkshire 3D Network, London Fight The Poll Tax Forum, Trafalgar Square Defendants' Campaign.....and others..

Tear Off Slip -----

We agree to back the National APT Conference.....

NAME OF ORGANISATION.....PH.....

ADDRESS.....

Suggestions for Agenda/other ideas.....

.....

Return to: N.W.APT Forum, P.O.Box 9, Eccles, Salford M30

THE CRICHTON 2 FRAME UP

On 9th April 1991 Anti-Poll Tax activists from London attempted a peaceful occupation of Crichtons Bailiffs Office in St. Marys Cray, Kent.

The reason for the demonstration against this firm of bailiffs was that 3 London Councils are using them to try and collect Poll Tax from the masses of non-payers. They have posed as Council workmen in Camden and as Telecom employees to try to gain entry and steal peoples possessions. In several cases they have refused to show identification, which the 'law' says they have to. They have sent people illegal and totally misleading letters in the hope of frightening people into paying - they have called on elderly and sick people, families and single parents trying to exist on state benefits and they have continually harassed them.

All of these instances show what scum they really are and why this disgusting intimidation they are directing at non-payers should be directed at them. However, we decided that we should have a peaceful protest.

On the day about 15 people (not the "30 Poll Tax Thugs" we read about in the papers) went down to occupy their offices. A 'Postman' delivered a parcel (one of us) knocked on the window, the door was opened and he sat down, wedging himself in the doorway and blew a whistle, the sign for us to enter and occupy.

5 people got through the door, 3 of these were assaulted by Stanley Crichton and his henchmen. The postman was kicked and punched. Amid the confusion a rather large bailiff pushed against a female employee, whilst trying to grab a demonstrator, and knocked her to the floor.

This woman who was pregnant, fell behind the door and was obviously terribly upset, especially when the same male bailiff fell shoulder first on her stomach. When we realised what had happened George held the door open so nobody would push against it and hurt her further. We immediately called off the occupation and left the office. Instead of helping the distraught woman like sensitive and caring people would and calling an ambulance the bailiffs followed us, threatening us. Thankfully the woman and her baby are okay, she was released from hospital after 24hrs observation.

Since then two members of Camden Stop the Poll Tax Campaign - Anna and George - have been charged with Violent Disorder (Section 2 Public Order Act).

Obviously the police, instructed by ex-cop Stanley Crichton, are set to make an example of George and Anna for being involved in Direct Action against Stanley and his thugs, as they, amongst others were involved in a successful occupation of their office in 1990.

When these frame-ups go to court we will be asking for a solidarity picket to support us.

**KEEP UP THE STRUGGLE
TOGETHER WE'LL BEAT**

GEORGE & ANNA
19th May 1991

THE BASTARDS

THE TIMES

FRIDAY JANUARY 17 1992

7m poll tax orders could be invalid

Magistrates courts all over the country are adjourning liability order hearings, following a decision by Bury St. Edmunds magistrates that computer evidence is not acceptable as proof of liability.

On 16th January 1992, Nottingham magistrates adjourned cases against Rushcliffe non-payers who disputed the validity of computer evidence.

The Government is now deciding what to do. It can amend the law immediately - so that the courts can accept computer evidence from now on - although this would mean that it accepts that all liability orders issued since April 1990 have no legal status. Under the two-year rule, councils would then have only until April this year to serve valid liability orders (a physical impossibility!); after that date, the "debts" for 1990/91 become null and void, i.e. all those who haven't paid will not have to do so.

It is likely, in these circumstances, that all liability order hearings will be adjourned pending the decision of a Clerkenwell stipendiary magistrate (expected at the time of "going to press") and probable appeals and/or submission to a higher court (which will take months). If you do receive a summons, however, you should argue that computer evidence is not admissible, and/or request an adjournment pending clarification of the legal position.

**WE ARE MONITORING THE SITUATION
WE URGE YOU TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS.**

Rushcliffe Against the Poll Tax meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Stumps Bar, the Test Match pub, Gordon Road, West Bridgford.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 1992 (Speakers will include local non-payers who have been to jail).

RUSHCLIFFE CONTACTS: Mary 812529; Soroosh/Jackie 608363; Gail 810815.

INFORMATION & MEETINGS IN OTHER AREAS:

LENTON 706654; CLIFTON 846858

BROXTOWE 222153 257414 397281.

RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX.

"THAT WHICH IS UNJUST IS UNLAWFUL" (George Washington).

Dear Non-payer,

Please read the important new developments overleaf. We have fought the Poll Tax all along on the grounds that it is UNJUST. It is now being shown that the recovery methods used by councils and rubber-stamped by magistrates are also ILLEGAL. However, this would not have come to light without the massive and continuous opposition of ordinary people to a feudal law.

The media have played down the extent of the NON-PAYMENT campaign, and councils have tried to suggest that people are now paying.

THIS IS NOT TRUE. There were even more non-payers in the second year of the Poll Tax than the first (despite the so-called "reductions" in the amount, which were clawed-back through higher VAT and reduced public services).

Since 8 million summonses have been issued for non-payment, about 2,400 arrest warrants issued and 170 people gone to jail (and may now be able to claim compensation for false imprisonment). Derbyshire police have refused to chase-up Poll Tax warrants, and other areas have threatened the same. In desperation, Nottingham City Council is employing a private company to telephone non-payers to try to "persuade" them to pay something. The Government's own working party has recommended that debts of those due to pay 20% should be cancelled, as it costs two and a half times as much to collect than the amount due.

FACTS: 1. The big local firm of M.A. Julious (bailiffs) has packed-up pursuing Poll Tax cases.

2. Those who go to prison DO NOT have to pay the Poll Tax when they are released.

WE CAN GET THE POLL TAX ABOLISHED NOW. DON'T PAY ANYTHING!

BEWARE

THESE MEN ARE POLL TAX BAILIFFS



DON'T
LET
THEM
IN

OTHER
REGISTRATIONS

WHITE VW VAN 597444E. OR.
BLUE VAUXHALL NOVA. H206 B9Y
IF YOU SEE THESE VEHICLES RING.
MIKE/LEBLEY 257414. ALLISON/STUART 222153
JOHN/KARON 228201 JESSICA. 431473

WHO SAYS THE POLL TAX HAS BEEN ABOLISHED ?

Your local authority will argue that it :-

Has to issue bills.

Has to take non-payers to court.

Has to send in the bailiffs.

Has to imprison non-payers.

because it is the law, and they are law abiding.

A recent High court ruling has confirmed that computer evidence is hearsay evidence and as such is inadmissible in court. The Councils backed by the Magistrates have for the past two years been cynically manipulating the law to suit themselves. Issuing liability orders contrary to their own laws.

For once the Government has acted quickly. They have changed the law to suit themselves. If they can't win the game, they change the rules.

Computer evidence is now admissible in court.

Councils now have 6 years to try and get you to court.

Broxtowe Borough council have employed 4 different firms of Bailiffs in a futile attempt to intimidate non-payers. The firms being M A Julious & Co, Gaults, John Crilley's and Chambers & Co. Nationally non-payment has increased from 14 to 18 million. In Scotland the non-payment figure stands at 56%.

The most blatant piece of intimidation to date comes from Gaults. They say in their letters "Our Bailiffs will attend your premises with transport and enforce the Liability Order by removal and sale of your goods, in your absence, if necessary". They can't force entry and an injunction has been taken out against Gaults to make them change the deliberately misleading wording.

Both the Government and local Councils claim that collection of the Poll tax is proceeding smoothly after earlier administration problems. Consider the facts :-

The Poll tax will be abolished.

Non-payment is on the increase.

Councils now have 6 years to try and get you to court.

The law has had to be changed with regard to computer evidence.

Broxtowe Council have had to employ four different firms of Bailiffs.

The misleading wording on letters sent by Gaults.

Everybody knows that Bailiffs can't force entry and as such they tend to leave empty handed. Sometimes however this isn't always true. A Beeston woman was visited by a John Crilley Bailiff who claimed he was from the council and wanted to talk to her about the Poll tax. The woman suspected he was really a Bailiff and told him where to stuff the Poll tax. Ignoring the woman's warning that her dogs were loose he lent over her gate to try and unlock it. Only to be almost dragged over by her two quick thinking dogs. This Bailiff was very lucky to leave with any hands at all. The police have since confirmed that no action will be taken against either the woman or her dogs.

OUR FIGHT IS YOUR FIGHT, GET INVOLVED

PAY NO POLL TAX

BEATING THE BAILIFFS

WHAT ARE THE BAILIFFS?

The Bailiffs are private firms of debt collectors. Councils are using them to collect the Poll Tax. They do this by taking people's possessions and auctioning them. These possessions are undervalued for a quick sale (e.g. colour TV - £25) so even lots of goods might not clear your debt.

WHEN CAN THEY CALL ROUND?

To use the bailiffs a council has to have taken you to court for not paying the Poll Tax and been given a Liability Order against you. IF THERE IS NO LIABILITY ORDER THE BAILIFFS CANNOT BE USED. The Liability Order gives the Council power to ask for details of your income - if you don't fill in the form or deliberately give wrong details you can be fined (up to £400). We are advising people to fill the forms in.

DO I HAVE TO LET THEM IN?

NO. The Bailiffs cannot break into your house. You have a choice about letting them in. You don't have to let them in-but they can get in through an open door or window without permission. If they do get in and value your goods they can break in if they come back to collect them-KEEP THEM OUT THE FIRST TIME. If there is a liability order made against you and you decide not to let the Bailiffs in make sure everyone in your house knows. Put a chain on your door. Don't open your door until you know who is there. The bailiffs should not push past you but if they do it's your word against theirs.

DO THEY HAVE TO LET ME KNOW WHEN THEY ARE COMING?

No they don't-but usually they send an appointment card. If you are out they have to come back. They may try calling without an appointment-we have to be prepared for this.

IF I LET THEM IN WILL THEY TAKE THINGS STRAIGHT AWAY?

Usually bailiffs value possessions and then give people a week or so to pay. But they don't have to do this and could take things straight away.

CAN THEY TAKE EVERYTHING?

No. They can only take things that belong to the person named on the Liability Order. You might have to prove that something is not yours. They can't take things on HP, tools of your trade to the value of £150, clothing and bedding to the value of £100 .

IS ANYBODY EXEMPT FROM BAILIFFS?

No but Leicester City Council has said that it won't use Bailiffs against these categories of people:

- The unemployed;
- Single Parents;
- Pensioners;
- People who are registered disabled;
- Those with a long term or serious illness;
- People who have suffered a recent bereavement;
- People suffering severe financial hardship;
- People experiencing matrimonial difficulties.

We have to make sure that Leicester City Council stick to this. If you fit one of these categories and the Bailiffs get in touch let us know. Complain to the Council. Complain to your councillor and MP.

CAN THE BAILIFFS BE STOPPED?

YES! In Scotland the Anti-Poll Tax Unions have formed Bailiff Busting squads to support people and help protect their property. In many cases demonstrations of several hundred people have stopped the Bailiffs. We can do the same.

IF THE BAILIFFS COME ROUND OR MAKE AN APPOINTMENT GET IN TOUCH WITH US IMMEDIATELY.

Talk to your family, neighbours and friends and work out how to support one another against the Bailiffs. IF WE ALL STICK TOGETHER WE CANNOT BE BEATEN.

CAN I DO ANYTHING TO STOP THE BAILIFFS BEING USED AT ALL?

Yes. We say that Councils should not use Bailiffs at all. Join your local Anti-Poll Tax Union or set one up. Join the Bailiff Busters. Complain to your councillor or MP.

REMEMBER-IF THE BAILIFFS GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU THEN YOU SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH US.

LOCAL CONTACTS

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|---------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| Aylestone | 837322 | | Blaby | 861442 |
| Beaumont Leys | 539634 | 6-7p.m. | Coalville | 811187 |
| Belgrave | 661274 | | Hinckley | 633649 |
| Braunstone | 854407 | | Loughborough | 237372 |
| Castle | 547903 | | Melton Mowbray | 66821 |
| Charnwood | 763497 | | Market Harborough | 432935 |
| Highfields | 553440 | | Thurmaston | 693293 |
| Narborough Rd | 541356 | | Whetstone | 866899 |
| Rowletts Hill | 740137 | | Wigston | 786486 |
| Saffron Lane | 831614 | | Woodhouse Eaves | 768620 |
| Stocking Farm | 367028 | | St Augustines | 531012 |

CONTACT THE FEDERATION ON 885979

LEICESTERSHIRE ANTI-POLL TAX FEDERATION

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POLITICAL PRISONER OF THE POLL TAX SOROOSH AYANDEH



Lincoln Prison

18th July 1991 - 17th October 1991

**Why did he have to go to jail on behalf
of millions on non-payers?
Where does the campaign go from here?**

**Come and welcome Soroosh home
Hear what he has to say**

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER

from 8pm

THE YORKER

Mansfield Road

**NO POLL TAX! NO JAILINGS!
AMNESTY FOR NON-PAYERS
AND ALL POLL TAX PRISONERS**

GOING?..... GOING?.....

**POLL TAX HERE
TILL 1994**

This week it was announced that the Poll Tax is unlikely to be replaced by 1993, as promised.

That it will remain for at least a further year.

Even one more of this despised, discredited and unworkable tax is too long!

It must go now!

This year more people than ever are not paying.

Nottingham has only managed to collect 3.6% of this year's money!

500 million pounds may have to be written off in England and Wales.

If we all refuse to pay a penny the Poll Tax will be written off long before 1994.

WE CAN WIN. WE WILL WIN.

OH NO IT'S NOT!

.....gone!

**CAN'T PAY? WON'T PAY?
DON'T PAY! NO WAY!**

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BRITAIN

We are now fighting from inside



You keep fighting outside

The struggle against the Poll Tax by non-payers up and down the country reaches new dimensions and causes havoc amongst those most in need.

From a 23 year old unemployed father of 3 jailed for 14 days to a 72 year old pensioner with an invalid wife who was jailed by South Tyneside Labour Council for 2 weeks (almost losing his eyesight through lack of medication).

On July 18th, Rushcliffe Borough Council made another attempt at inflicting a dint in the armour of the non-payers' campaign by threatening Soroosh Ayan-deh and 5 others with imprisonment.

This attempt completely backfired, since Soroosh stood firm on behalf of more than 10,000 people in Rushcliffe who have not paid, or are behind through no fault of their own.

He denounced the tax and its implementation in any shape of form.

The magistrate almost pleaded with him to take 'not days but weeks' to reconsider his stance. But Soroosh kept the promise he has always made to the poor, elderly, single-parents, low-waged and all those hardest hit by this vicious tax. He told the Magistrate he would rather lose his right arm than pay one penny of a tax which has brought misery to millions.

For this Soroosh was sentenced to 3 months imprisonment.

**Saturday 3rd August is your chance
to show your disgust at these barbaric acts.**

DEMONSTRATION

**SATURDAY
3RD AUGUST**

Assemble:

10.30am TRENT EMBANKMENT
(outside the Aviary)

March through the streets
of West Bridgford

We demand

**ABOLITION OF THE POLL TAX NOW!
THOSE WITH NO INCOME PAY NO TAXES!
AMNESTY FOR ALL NON-PAYERS!
FREE ALL ANTI-POLL TAX PRISONERS NOW!**

Contact:

RUSHCLIFFE ANTI-POLL TAX UNION

Soroosh & Jacquelin: 814739

Mary: 812529

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE A LIFE OF RILEY?

may 91

WHILST CAMPAIGNING FOR RE ELECTION TO NOTTM CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY TOLD VOTERS HE WOULD NOT VOTE IN FAVOUR OF COMMITTING ANYONE TO PRISON FOR NON PAYMENT OF THE POLL TAX

John Riley (LAB)
CLIFTON WEST



july 91

AFTER RE ELECTION AS CITY COUNCILLOR, JOHN RILEY ON THE 22 JUNE VOTED IN FAVOUR OF COMMITTAL TO PRISON PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE PLACE AGAINST NON PAYERS

CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

statement

COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY CLEARLY CANNOT BE TRUSTED, HE HAS VOTED IN FAVOUR OF COMMITTING PEOPLE TO PRISON FOR NON PAYMENT OF THE POLL TAX AS SOON AS HE GOT THEIR VOTE, AND HONEST PEOPLE OF CLIFTON WILL NOT FORGET THIS.

HE HAS VOTED IN FAVOUR OF COMMITTALS DESPITE OUR LETTER OF MAY OF THIS YEAR, POINTING OUT THAT UNDER THE GOVT PRACTICE NOTES, IF IT IS NOT COST EFFECTIVE TO PURSUE A POLL TAX DEBT FURTHER, THEN THERE ARE NO LEGAL OBLIGATIONS ON THE COUNCIL AND COUNCILLORS TO DO SO.

IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT IF ANYONE IS COMMITTED TO PRISON, WHEN RELEASED THEY DO NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY OUTSTANDING DEBT, SO HOW CAN A PRISON SENTENCE BE COST EFFECTIVE COUNCILLOR RILEY?

WHILST COUNCILLOR RILEY HAS ALREADY VOTED IN FAVOUR OF COMMITTAL HEARINGS, HE ALSO HAS THE POWER ALONG WITH FOUR OTHER CONCILLORS TO STOP THEM. WE URGE EVERYONE WHO READS THIS LEAFLET TO TELEPHONE JOHN RILEY, AND PROTEST AT HIS DECISION AND FORCE HIM TO CHANGE HIS MIND.

HE DOES NOT HAVE TO JAIL ANYBODY FOR NON PAYMENT, AND HE REPEATABLY STATES "THAT HE DOES NOT WISH TO."

WELL COUNCILLOR RILEY YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT IT DO SO.

WRITE OR TELEPHONE YOUR PROTEST TO
COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY
11 LEABROOK CLOSE
CLIFTON NOTTM
TEL 213054

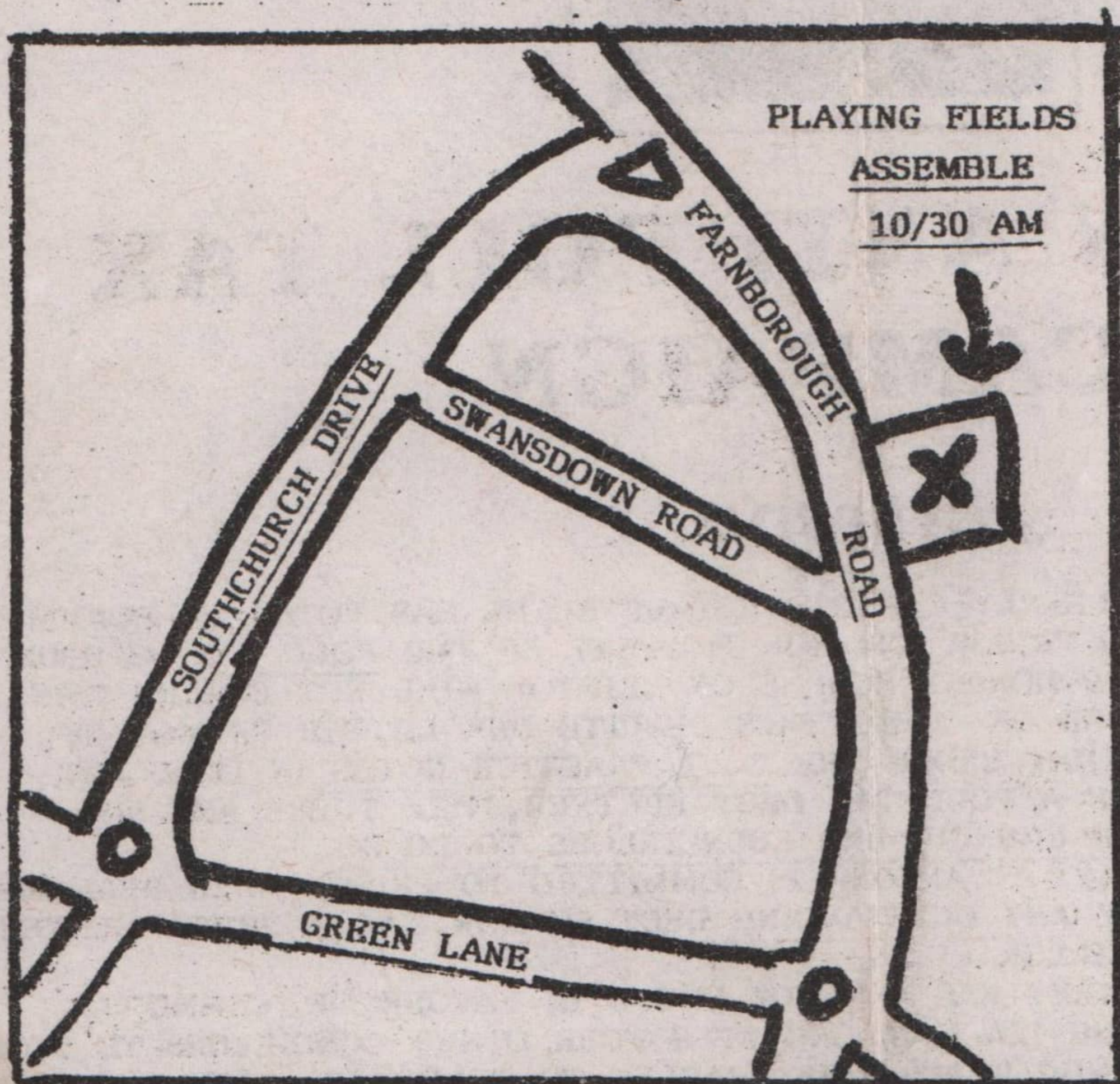
THANK YOU

LOBBY THE COUNCILLORS

LOBBY OF THE HARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING/ 30 8 91 AT 9 30AM ONWARDS
NOTTM CITY COUNCIL HOUSE (MARKET SQUARE)
THIS COMMITTEE HAS THE POWER TO PREVENT COMMITTAL TO PRISON HEARINGS
IN NOTTINGHAM CITY,
ATTEND THIS LOBBY MAKE THE COUNCILLORS WORK FOR THE PEOPLE THAT
ELECTED THEM.

CLIFTON DEMO SAT 7TH SEPT 1991 *assemble*

*10 30 am for 11am start
playing fields farnborough road*



statement

WE ARE DEMONSTRATING TODAY BECAUSE THE NOTTM CITY COUNCIL HAS VOTED TO PROCEED WITH "COMMITTAL TO PRISON HEARINGS", EVEN THOUGH THEY KNOW THAT THIS WILL BRING IN NO MONEY.

AND MAY ADD TO THE COST OF NEXT YEARS POLL TAX BILLS.

WE ASK THE PEOPLE OF CLIFTON, BOTH PAYERS AND NON PAYERS TO SUPPORT THIS DEMO, AND SHOW THE CITY COUNCIL PARTICULARLY THE CLIFTON COUNCILLORS, RILEY, WHITE, GIBSON, AND CHARLESWORTH OUR

DISGUST AT THEIR DECISION, AND DEMAND THAT THEY STOP PURSUING THIS COURSE OF ACTION FOR A TAX THAT EVEN THE PRIME MINISTER MAJOR STATES, "IS UNFAIR UNWORKABLE AND UNCOLLECTABLE".
AND TO US UNWANTED.

JOIN THE DEMO VOICE YOUR OPINION

FOR MORE INFO PHONE
CHRIS/846858
COLIN/848218
GARY/217525

COUNCIL TAKES POLL TAX

REFUSENIKS TO COURT



AND WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Show your support TODAY to the protesters as the City Council takes them to Court for refusing to pay this unfair tax! Already the Council is threatening more cutbacks on top of the job losses already squeezed out following the contracts "won" in competition with the private sector. The next step is for the Council to stop money from wages or send in the bailiffs. A fine way for a Labour Council to behave - leeching off the poorest of its local workers & residents! We should be looking to refuse to co-operate with all this, not helping the weakest go to the wall!

JOIN THE LOBBY OUTSIDE THE COURTS AT LUNCHTIME OR AFTER WORK OR SIMPLY MAKE AS MUCH NOISE AS POSSIBLE WHEN YOU GO PAST THE GUILDHALL IN YOUR LORRY, VAN OR CAR! AND REMEMBER THE MORE PRESSURE WE CAN PUT ON THE COURTS, THE COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT THE QUICKER WE GET RID OF THIS WICKED TAX!

OREST FIELDS + HYSON GREEN
ANTI POLL TAX GROUP

HELP NEEDED NOW
- PLEASE !!

We desperately need to get more leaflets out this weekend about people's summonses & the court cases next Thursday. SO please give an hour to leafletting this weekend

MEET: 11am Saturday & 11am Sunday
outside the Carlton Pub
(corner Noel St/Berridge Rd)

if you can't make these times but could leaflet your own street, say, then ring Rob/John on 703553 to arrange a time to pick up some leaflets

PLEASE HELP!

***CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX
CAMPAIGN***

FIGHT THE SUMMONS

**IF YOU HAVE
RECEIVED YOUR COURT
SUMMONS
FOR NON PAYMENT OF THE
POLL TAX**

**PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF
THE FOLLOWING
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**217525 846858 842116 217766
846167 217656**

DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY

CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

WHAT NEXT ?

IF YOUR CASE HAS BEEN ADJOURNED TODAY, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OWN PERSONAL VICTORY AGAINST THE POLL TAX. THE COUNCIL WILL NOW SUMMONS YOU AGAIN, BUT DON'T RELY ON THE COUNCIL TO NOTIFY OF THE DATE AND TIME OF YOUR NEXT HEARING. THEY HAVE FAILED TO NOTIFY OTHER NON PAYERS AND THEN DELT WITH THEIR CASES IN THEIR ABSENCE.

YOU MUST TELL THE CLIFTON APTC THAT YOUR CASE HAS BEEN ADJOURNED SO THAT WE CAN HELP YOU AT A LATER DATE. THE IMPORTANT THING THAT YOU MUST REMEMBER TO DO IS TO CONTACT THE CITY TREASUREY AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK (EVERY DAY IF THIS IS POSSIBLE) ON NOTTINGHAM 483500. YOU SHOULD ASK TO SPEAK TO GORDON EDGE AND DEMAND TO KNOW WHEN YOUR CASE WILL NEXT BE HEARED.

WHEN YOU KNOW THE DATE AND TIME CONTACT THE CLIFTON APTC ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND WE WILL HELP YOU AT THE COURTS AND SUPPORT YOU AGAINST WHAT EVER THE COUNCIL TRY AND TAKE AFTER THE COURTS.

CHRIS/COLIN 846858, BILL/ANITA 842216, COLIN 848218,
GARY 217525, TERRY 217766, ROBERT/SANDRA 846167,
JEAN/GERRY 217656.

DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY

CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

WHAT NEXT ?

IF YOU HAVE HAD A LIABILITY ORDER GRANTED AGAINST YOU TODAY, DONT WORRY, THE COUNCIL STILL HAVE NOT GOT ANY MONEY FROM YOU, THEY HAVE ONLY THE PERMISSION OF THE COURTS TO COLLECT THE MONEY.

THEY CAN DO THIS BY EITHER WAGE/BENEFIT ARRESTMENT OR BY USING THEIR BAILIFFS. YOU WILL PROBABLY RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL WITH A PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM ENCLOSED. THIS FORM REQUESTS INFORMATION ON WHERE YOU WORK AND HOW MUCH YOU EARN ETC. DO NOT FILL THIS FORM IN UNTILL YOU HAVE CONTACTED THE CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN.

IF YOU ARE PAID A VISIT BY THE COUNCIL BAILIFFS OR RECOVERY OFFICERS AS THEY LIKE TO BE CALLED, DONT PANIC THEY HAVE NO LEGAL RIGHT OF ENTRY UNLESS YOU INVITE THEM IN. ASK THEM TO COME BACK AT A MORE CONVEINENT TIME AND THEN CONTACT THE CLIFTON APTC AND WE WILL PREPARE A WELCOME PARTY FOR THEM THAT THEY WILL WANT TO FORGET.

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN OR WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN OUR FIGHT WITH THE BAILIFFS, THEN PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONE NUMBERS: CHRIS/COLIN 846858 COLIN 848218, BILL/ANITA 842216 GARY 217525, TERRY 217766, ROBERT/SANDRA 846167, JEAN /GERRY 217656:

DON'T PANIC DON'T PAY

CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX

CAMPAIGN

THE NEXT PUBLIC MEETING

WILL BE AT

WHITEGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL

ON

WEDNESDAY 7th NOVEMBER

AT 7:30pm

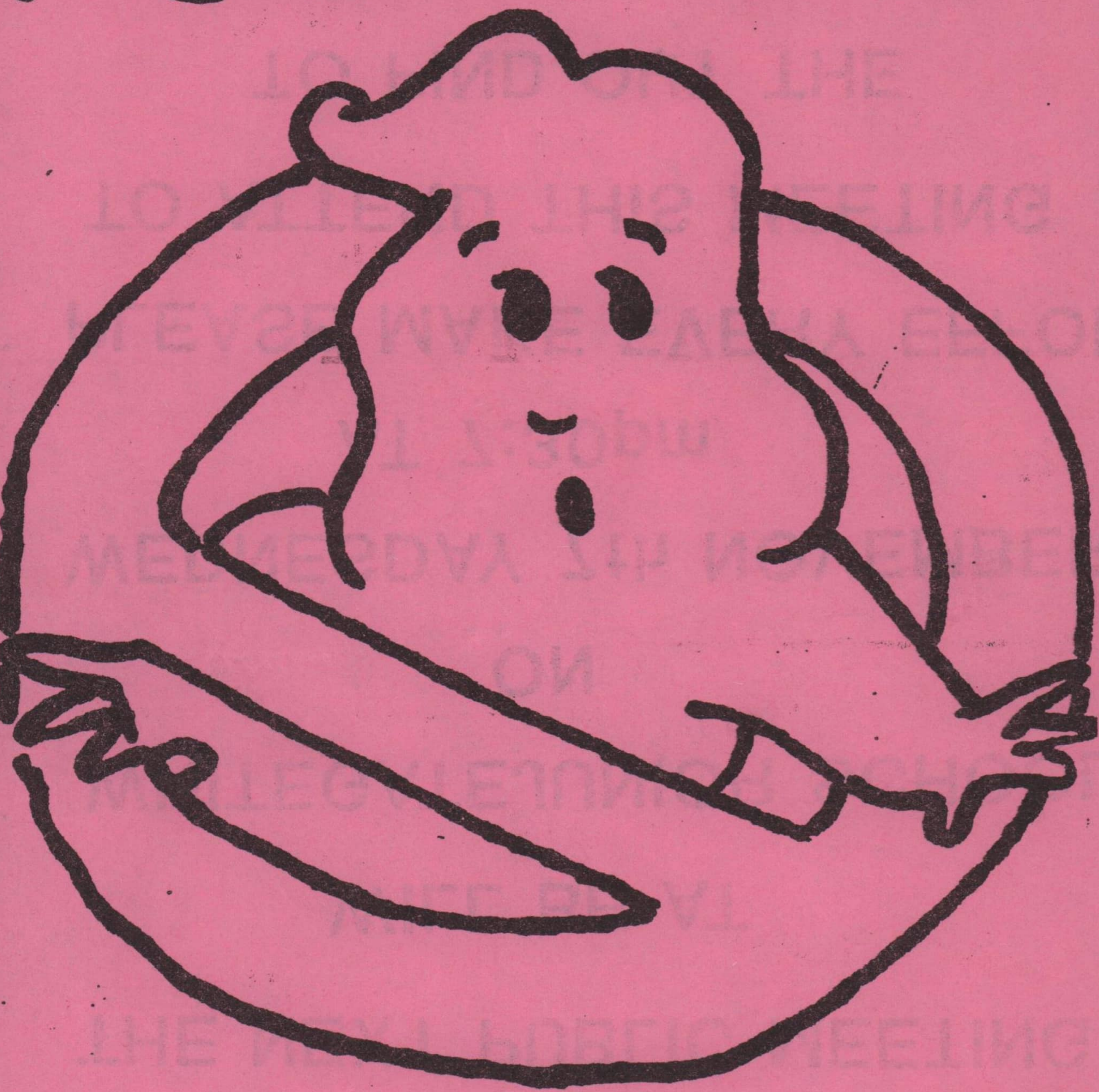
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TO ATTEND THIS MEETING

TO FIND OUT THE

LATEST CAMPAIGN NEWS

POLL-TAX



BUSTERS

NOTTINGHAM & DISTRICT TRADE UNION COUNCIL

**MAYDAY MARCH
& RALLY**

MONDAY MAY 7TH

**NO POLL TAX
DON'T PAY!
DON'T COLLECT!**

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

ARTHUR SCARGILL, PRESIDENT NUM

EMMA COLYER, NAT. SEC. ELECT NUS

PAUL GOSLING, LEICESTER ANTI-POLL TAX COUNCILLOR

ASSEMBLE 10.30AM MARKET SQUARE

MARCH LEAVES 11.00AM

RALLY AT VICTORIA LEISURE CENTRE

STALLS ★ MUSIC ★ FOOD ★ BAR ★ CRECHE

S.A.A.P.T.U.

ANTI-POLL TAX BENEFIT

MARCUS GARVEY CENTRE

LENTON BOULEVARD

27th APRIL 8 TILL LATE

ROB HARDING
BLUES BAND

STEAMING ISAACS

I WAS MONTY'S DOUBLE

*SPECIAL
GUESTS*

SISTERS FROM
ANOTHER PLANET

+ SIMON SMITHS SOUND SYSTEM

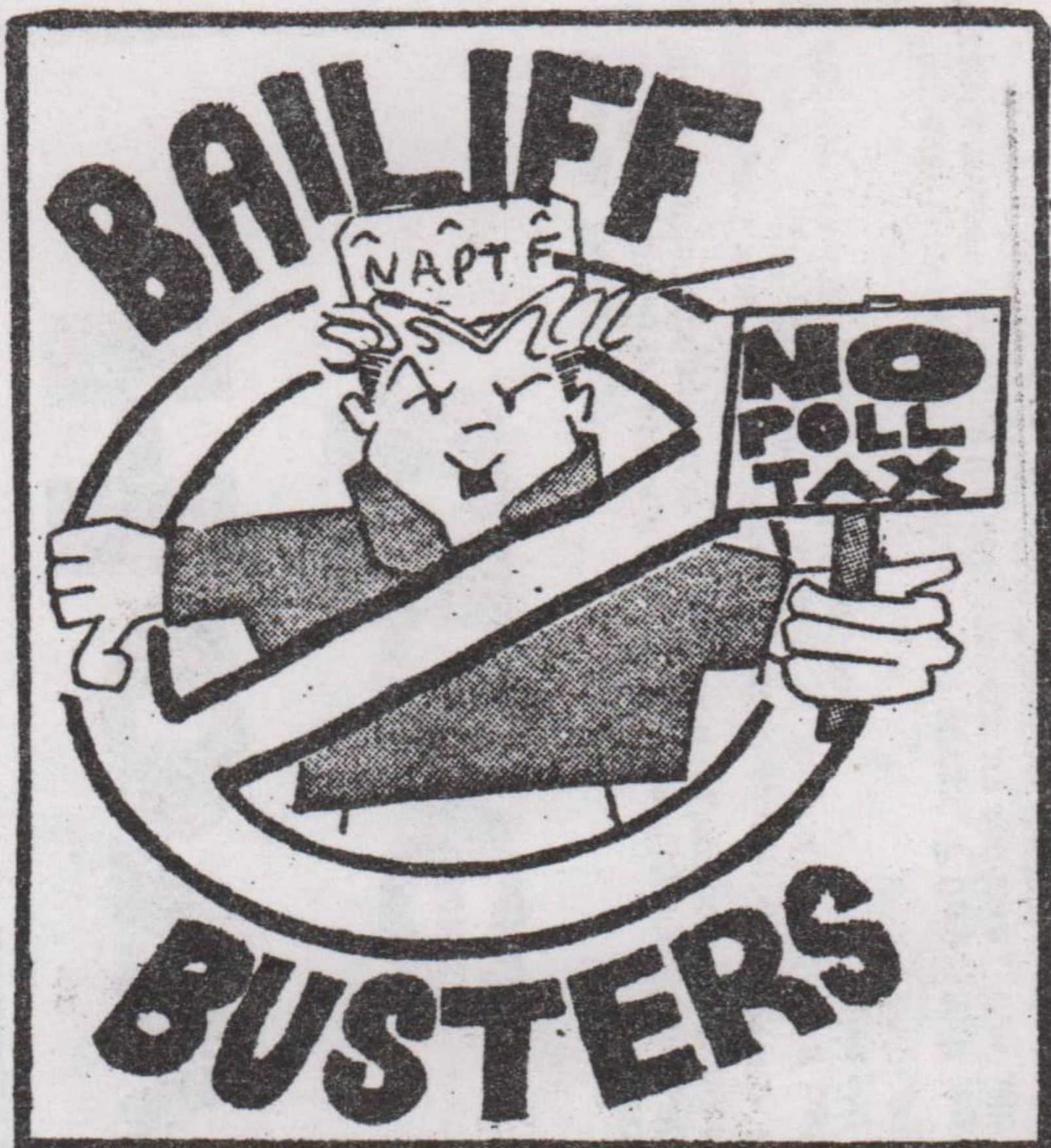
+ LIGHT SHOW

TICKETS

£2.50 w.

£1.50 u.w.

members & guests



DON'T LET THE

Protesters stop poll tax bailiffs

ANTI-poll tax protesters trapped two bailiffs in their van and smeared the windscreen with petroleum jelly to stop them seizing a man's possessions.

Cars blocked the end of Burrows Crescent, Beeston, when the bailiffs tried to enforce a court order for non-payment of the community charge.

Around 50 members of the Nottingham Anti-Poll Tax Federation and neighbours surrounded the van

while children threw fruit and vegetables.

The bailiffs, from the Nottingham firm M. A. Julious, stayed in the van.

Gary Freeman of the Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation said: "It might have been nasty, but it was not a violent demonstration."

Inspector Doug Richardson of Beeston Police said: "There was a peaceful demonstration which eventually dispersed. There was no damage caused."

DON'T PANIC
DON'T PAY
BAILIFFS IN

NOTTS. ANTI-POLL TAX
FEDERATION

DAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
AT THE
QUEENS WALK
COMMUNITY CENTRE
THE MEADOWS

10.30AM - 12.30PM
LEARN THE LESSONS
FROM SCOTLAND
'BAILIFF BUSTING'

SPEAKER FROM SCOTLAND

1PM - 4PM
INSIDE COURT WITHOUT
A MCKENZIES FRIEND
SPEAKER FROM N.A.P.T.F.

CRECHE PROVIDED

£1 ADMISSION

ALL BRITAIN ANTI-POLL TAX
FEDERATION
AND
YOUTH RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

**PICKET
THE
BAILIFFS**

WATCH
THIS
SPACE

'JULIOUS'
140 HUCKNALL ROAD
FROM
8AM ONWARDS

The council issued 300 summonses and non-payers who turned up for the hearing were again refused the right to free legal advice — a 'McKenzie Friend' — from the Anti-Poll Tax Federation.

Councillor Higgins said: "The decision to refuse non-payers McKenzie Friends was made by the court and not by us. If we had been asked we would have said we had no objection. We would not want to deny anyone their legal right."

Only one
third of
the tax
has been
collected
so far

How to stop the bailiffs

What do bailiffs do?

Bailiffs are usually private debt collectors who will try and collect payment for poll tax or a fine for non-registration.

The council must first get a liability order against you from a magistrates court — then it is the council's decision whether to use bailiffs or not.

The legal term for what bailiffs do is 'distress'. If they can't persuade you to pay the debt they can try and take some of your personal possessions to the value of the debt.

Are bailiffs like the police?

No. They have no powers like the police and are not employed by the courts. You cannot be in contempt of court and the criminal law is not involved.

What powers do bailiffs have?

Their powers are strictly limited and the procedure is different to that in Scotland. There is no equivalent in England and Wales of a 'poinding' — valuation of goods — prior to a warrant sale.

The court must provide a warrant for the bailiffs in addition to the liability order. This is just an administrative step, with no additional court hearing. They might tell you about the warrant just to put the frighteners on.

Putting the frighteners on is what the bailiffs try and do — they hope to intimidate you into paying. Bailiffs are adept at getting into homes and will try every stroke in the book.

SO KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.

1) As soon as you get wind of the bailiffs contact the anti-poll tax union (see below). The bailiffs don't want any hassle and will retreat when we mobilise hundreds of people against them.

2) If bailiffs come they should show identification and give you a copy of Regulation 39 and Schedule 5 of the Enforcement Regulations 1989.

3) If you are not in they may leave a note saying when they will return. Make sure the anti-poll tax union is warned.

4) Otherwise, the bailiffs can only get into your house if you let them in. **THEY CANNOT FORCE THEIR WAY IN** but can climb in through an open window.

However, they may be within their rights to force a second door if they've been let in the first one, as in flats with a communal entrance.

If they push past you and force their way in you can call the police to have them removed.

5) Bailiffs can only come in daylight hours. Put pressure on the council, through the anti-poll tax union, to publicise the dates and times when bailiffs are coming. This makes it easier to mobilise people outside your home to keep the bailiffs away.

6) If the bailiffs get in they can 'lay claim' to goods that belong to you. But they cannot claim fixtures and fittings, or goods that do not belong to you — ie. things on HP or things you have just sold to a trusted friend for a nominal sum!

7) The bailiffs will ask you to sign an agreement to pay something by a certain date (including something towards their costs). If you sign and they leave the goods in your house this is a 'walking possession'. If they take the goods with them it is a 'close possession'. You then have a time limit to pay before they sell the goods at auction.

8) Once in possession, the bailiffs can return and forcibly enter your home and take your goods. It is a criminal offence to remove goods after they have been 'laid claim' to.

9) So everything hinges on the bailiffs getting into your house. They might claim to have 'walking possession' just by looking in the window. This is nonsense — they cannot know what is yours and you haven't agreed to anything as the regulations require.

10) They may claim that looking in the window is a valuation — this is waffle to make you think they have started a process. Don't worry, they're panicking.

Remember, bailiffs are the only real power that councils have in Scotland and they have got nowhere after 17 months! In Scotland the bailiffs — called sheriff officers — have a procedure to use force but still have not succeeded.

There are only 1,000 bailiffs for all the councils in England and Wales. They don't stand a chance against 14 million of us — the poll tax non-payers — as long as you know they can't get in unless you let them. The anti-poll tax unions are ready to back you up!

BASFORD ANTI-POLL TAX UNION

WERE YOU SUMMONSED TO COURT

If you were summonsed to court in Bingham and did not attend, the court will have a liability order against you. You will shortly be getting a form from the Council requesting certain information, (a personal information form.) Before you fill it in we urge you to contact your local union for advice on what to do. Otherwise the Council will try to arrest your wages or benefits. Phone numbers are listed below.

ANOTHER VICTORY AGAINST THE COUNCIL

When hundreds of people, many from Basford, turned up at Bingham last week, only ONE person got a liability order made against them. All the other cases were adjourned. Some of those adjourned have been summonsed to reappear at the Guildhall on Monday 26th of November at 10am. As our next public meeting is not until 26th November 7.30 pm. please contact Paul, Russell or Jean for advice on what to say in court. You MUST turn up on that day or the Council will make a liability order. If enough of us turn up again they will be swamped and will not be able to deal with all of us.

PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 7.30pm.

ZULU ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PUBLIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 7PM. NORTHERN BATHS VERNON ROAD.

PROTEST LOBBY

Local labour councillor Meg Munn has disgracefully supported the Council's policy on the poll-tax. At a public meeting where we debated with her, she supported the use of bailiffs. Join us at her next surgery on Wednesday 5th December 6.30 - 8.00pm. Hyson Green Community Centre, St Pauls Avenue. (Off Radford Rd. near Asda).

NO TO THE USE OF BINGHAM COURT!
NO TO WAGE AND BENEFIT ASSESSMENT!
NO TO THE USE OF BAILIFFS!

Basford A.P.T.U. Telephone Numbers.

Lindsey 421559. Russell & Shirley 703511. Amanda & Melvyn 788120
Jean 607498.

If you want to join Basford A.P.T.U. please cut off this slip & send to:- Paul Moore, 54 wilton St., Old Basford, Nottingham NG6 0ER.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TEL. No. _____