

PUBLIC MEETING

# ***Why YOU Shouldn't Pay the Poll Tax***

**Speaker from Scotland**

**Speaker from DSS offices in  
London, striking against the  
Poll Tax**

**Local Speakers**

**Thursday February 15th, 7.30 PM  
The Green Centre (corner of  
Noel St & Gregory Boulevard)**

**Meeting organised by  
Forest Fields / Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign:  
Box 5, Basics, 42 Foxhall Road, Forest Fields  
Box 5, Hyson Green Wholefoods, 73 Radford Road**

# **Join the Poll Tax Revolt !**

The first poll tax bills will arrive in April. Right now, our Labour council is deciding how much to charge. They will probably be demanding around £400 for each adult. This means that just under three-quarters of Nottingham people will be worse off than under the present rating system.

But it isn't only our pockets that will be hit. Under the poll tax our council services will be cut back even further, when already they're not good enough.

## **Fighting Back in Scotland**

Up and down Britain, people have been getting together to fight this unfair tax. In Scotland, over 600 000 people still haven't paid a penny of the tax. An extra 500 000 started off by paying, but later realised that they too could refuse. Whilst many people are not paying out of principle, most people simply can't afford to pay.

The campaign in Scotland has been tremendously successful. Because of the vast numbers involved, the authorities are finding it extremely difficult to keep the system going. Isn't it interesting how the press and T.V. generally ignore this level of opposition?

## **Neighbourhood Campaigns**

Local groups are springing up throughout England and Wales. As these campaigns build up steam we can look forward to repeating the Scottish success.

## **Fighting in the Workplace**

Already, union members have taken action against the tax. DSS workers in London have gone on strike over attempts to force them to hand over personal details about claimants to poll tax officials, and in Scotland workers and anti-poll tax campaigners have stopped employers taking poll tax arrears from people's wages.

## **Forest Fields / Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign**

In Hyson Green and Forest Fields, over 300 people have joined our local anti-poll tax group, and there are many, many more who are planning to resist the tax. The more people who refuse to pay the better, but the Scottish experience shows that resistance is more effective if we act together with our friends and neighbours. Individuals can be hassled and picked off; together we can support each other and be stronger for it.

We are most likely to stop the poll tax if we organise together, but the Forest Fields/Hyson Green group will offer help and advice to anybody who finds themselves with problems because they won't pay the tax.

## **Getting Ready**

The Forest Fields/Hyson Green group has been active for over six months. During that time we've produced newsletters and leaflets, run a regular stall in Hyson Green and organised social events. Generally, we've tried to keep people informed of what is going on.

## **This is it !**

But now its crunch time. The Labour council is deciding how much we'll pay from April onwards. We must stand up and say "No Poll Tax Here" !!

# **Its Time to Fight Back!**

Forest Fields & Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign  
Benefit on Friday 16th February, 8.00pm,  
at the Boulevard Hotel, Hartley Road.  
Featuring July Days, Matt Marks Swinging Affair  
& Wholesome Fish.

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# DON'T NOT PAYING THE POLL TAX?

**You're Not Alone!!**

*Thousands of local people are with you. And together we can win!!*

The Council have admitted that they're in deep trouble over the Poll Tax. Some areas have still not had their bills. Reminders haven't gone out. Thousands of people in Nottingham are committed to not paying and many who paid the first instalment are refusing to pay more.

The Hyson Green and Forest Fields Anti-Poll Tax Campaign has organised this meeting for all those who are not paying, or who don't want to pay but have worries about the consequences.

At this meeting we will be able to: discuss any worries and concerns we do have over non-payment; find out about the legal situation; talk about what we should do next; meet other non-payers who live near us.

Everyone who is not paying or thinking about not paying should come along. The more of us prepared to get together, the stronger we will be!

**When: Wednesday, 11th July at 7.30pm.**

**Where: The Family Centre on the corner of Russell Road and Laurie Avenue, Forest Fields.**

There will be a creche available.

For further information contact:

HYSON GREEN AND FOREST FIELDS ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

"DON'T PAY THE POLL TAX."

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c/o Basics, Berridge Rd, Forest Fields.

Nottingham Anti-Poll Tax Federation

# DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE POLL TAX



**SATURDAY 20th JANUARY 1990**

Assemble on the Forest 11.00am. Move off 11.30am.  
March to Old Market Square. Rally at 1.00pm.

SPEAKERS

**Dave Nellist** Labour MP Coventry South-East  
**Anne Craig** Lothians Anti-Poll Tax Federation (Scotland)  
**Labour City Councillor Hassan Ahmed** St Ann's  
**Steve Hoare** All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation

SPEAKERS

• Anti-Poll Tax Theatre • Bands •

**FOR MASS NON-PAYMENT**  
LABOUR COUNCILS – DON'T COLLECT, DON'T PROSECUTE



**DON, T BE SILENCED**

## **THE NOTTINGHAM TWO**

GUY WADDINGHAM AND KEITH DUNSCOMBE WERE IMPRISONED ONE MONTH ON JAN 8th 1991. THEIR "CRIME" WAS DRESSED AS ROBIN HOOD TO THROW CUSTARD PIES IN A PROTEST AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WHILST THE CITY, S POLL TAX RATE WAS BEING SET.

THE SENTENCE HAS SHOCKED MANY PEOPLE WHO SAW THE PROTEST AS A NON VIOLENT AND COMIC SPECTACLE. UNLESS THEY ARE FREED WE ARE SANCTIONING THE CRIMINALISATION OF ANY PROTEST THE AUTHORITIES SEE AS UNACCEPTABLE.

DON, T BE SILENCED SPEAK OUT TELEPHONE [REDACTED]

**PROTEST: COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**THURSDAY 17th JAN 7.00pm**

**PICKET: LINCOLN PRISON**

**SUNDAY 20th JAN 12.00 NOON**

**WRITE TO GUY WADDINGHAM**  
no. JH2568

**KEITH DUNCOMBE**  
no. JH2569

**H.M.P. LINCOLN**  
**GREETWELL RD**  
**LINCOLN**  
**LN2 4BD**



**SPEAK OUT**

# *March Against The Poll Tax*

## **BURN THE BILLS!**

***Sunday 29th April***

***Assemble 11.45am***

***Berridge Road/Sherwood Rise***

***\* Music \* Balloons \* Fun \****

***Rally & Bill Burning on the Forest 1.30pm***

Carnival & March start at 12 noon  
at Berridge Road/Sherwood Rise,  
then along Berridge Road, Bobbers Mill Road,  
Craven Road, Birkin Avenue and  
Bentinck Road onto the Forest

***BRING YOUR CHILDREN  
BRING YOUR POLL TAX BILLS***

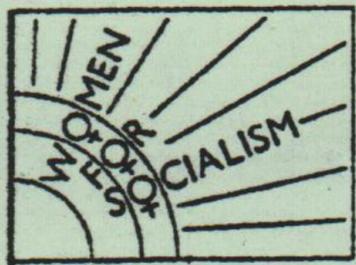
FOREST FIELDS / HYSON GREEN



ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

CONTACT:

Box 5, Basics, 42 Foxhall Road  
Forest Fields  
Box 5, Hyson Green Wholefoods,  
Radford Road



# WOMEN AGAINST THE POLL TAX

DAYSCHOOL

Saturday 6th. October

11.00am - 3.00pm

International Community Centre  
Mansfield Road.



A day of informal discussion, learning, sharing experience and ideas for action - open to all women interested in fighting the poll tax.

*Morning* : Speakers invited from local groups, Scotland and the Trade Unions.

Workshops on: Preparing for court  
Setting up local groups  
Working in the Trade Unions  
Using the media  
Organising meetings

*Afternoon* : The future? Discussion groups on what we do from here - how to involve women in fighting the tax and how to raise women's issues in the fight.

**FREE CRECHE\*DISABLED ACCESS\*REFRESHMENTS**

This dayschool has been organised by women active in the anti-poll tax campaign locally.

Sponsored by Nottm. and District Trades Council and Forest Fields and Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Group.

# WOMEN AND THE POLL TAX

Women are doubly victimised by the poll tax.....

- \* Many will have to pay who never paid rates
- \* Women are the majority of low paid/part time workers - who can least afford it
- \* Most single parents are women - they will really struggle to pay
- \* Women will have to pay for unemployed partners or other dependents
- \* Victims of domestic violence will have nowhere safe to go - the poll tax means their addresses will be publicly available.

## WOMEN FIGHTING THE POLL TAX

Many women are already involved in Anti-Poll Tax Unions throughout the country and are extremely active members; we have least to lose and most to gain!

Yet, there are many others who could be involved but for lack of confidence or time, aren't. The campaign needs these women and they need the campaign.

For more discussion and information on how the tax affects women and how they can be more effectively involved in the growing fight against the Poll Tax join us on Saturday 6th. Oct.



**REGISTRATION SLIP** ( Fee: Labour Parties and Trade Unions, £3.00 Waged and Anti-Poll Tax Group delegates, £1.00, Unwaged free)

Name.....Address:.....

Organisation..... I enclose ..... fee.

I will need the creche ....yes / no. Number of children .....

Please return to address below. Entry also on the door.

p&p Nottm. Women for Socialism, 93, Zulu Road, Nottm. NG7 7DR.

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RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX

## PUBLIC MEETING

Guest Speaker: **MATT LEE**

recently released from

1 year in prison (Trafalgar Square)

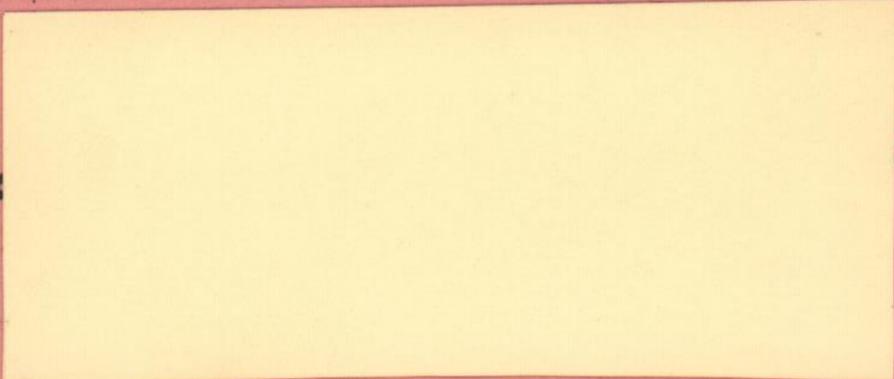
**7.30 p.m. Wednesday 11th March**

Stumps Bar, Test Match pub

Gordon Road, West Bridgford

ALL WELCOME

Contact: Jan



# LABOUR AGAINST THE POLL TAX

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

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**ALICE MAHON MP**

**PAUL GOSLING**

LEICESTER CITY COUNCILLOR

**FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM**

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSFIELD ROAD

The non-payment campaign has been given full support by sections of the Labour Left, including the two speakers, who have regularly challenged Kinnock's must pay line. With Labour almost certain to form the next Government it is vital that the campaign in the Labour Party is stepped up.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

p&p LAPT, 191 Burford Rd., Forest Fields. Tel. 705788

**FIGHT THE POLL TAX!**

**LOBBY**

**THE COURTS!**

at the Guildhall, Burton Street,  
(Opposite "Evening Post" offices)

**THURS 20TH SEPT**

**9.00am onwards**

**DON'T PANIC!**

**DON'T PAY!**

*Contact your local Anti-Poll Tax Campaign*

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# **TODAY**

*outside the Guildhall Court, Burton Street*

## **COME AND JOIN THE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE POLL TAX**

Today, all day, ordinary people from the City of Nottingham are standing up in court refusing to pay the Poll Tax. For many this is quite simply because they cannot afford to pay it. Others oppose on principle a tax which blatantly takes from the poor to give to the rich.

If you oppose the Poll Tax please come along and give them your support - even if it's only for 15 minutes!

**TELL THE COURTS**

**IT'S THE POLL TAX THAT SHOULD**

**BE ON TRIAL - NOT US!**

**DON'T PANIC!**

**DON'T PAY!**

# DON'T PAY THE POLL TAX

If you don't agree with the poll tax, why pay it?

Some people say you have to because its the law, but throughout history unfair laws have *only* been changed by people making a stand against them. For example, earlier this century the Suffragettes had to suffer fines, imprisonment and even death so as to win votes for women.

Saying you should pay because its the law doesn't help the millions of people who simply can't afford to pay it. The more of us who refuse to pay in protest, the less likely those people will be victimised.

It isn't true that not paying will damage council services. Its more likely that *paying* the poll tax will damage them. The poll tax will force local councils to cut their spending. But they can't cut things like road maintenance, street lighting and waste collection, or Nottingham would grind to a halt. So they have to cut things that only affect "minorities" - like education, social services, help for elderly and handicapped people (of course, if you're rich enough to be able to afford private school, servants and BUPA you wont miss them).

And the poll tax isn't so expensive because councils waste money. It costs so much for two reasons. Firstly, its so inefficient that its twice as expensive as the rates to administer. Secondly, because rich people (who can afford BUPA and all the rest used) to pay thousands of pounds in rates on their big houses, but now only pay £390 each, like us. Everyone paying the same amount would be fair if we all earned the same amount.

Right now in England and Wales, there are 14 MILLION people not paying their poll tax. In Nottingham, at least one third of us - 70 000 people - haven't paid. The non-payment campaign has taken off, and is forcing the poll tax to collapse under the weight of its own inefficiency.

People say there's no point in not paying, because they'll just take it straight from our wages and dole money. Well, even IF employers cooperate with them in docking people's pay, and even IF the unions let this happen (two very big "IF's") - at least you've made them work for it, and shown them you don't like their unfair poll tax. You might also save money, since the maximum amount they can take is controlled by law, and for many people is less than the amount of poll tax they owe.

Some people are frightened by the thought of bailiffs. Here are the facts. Nottingham

Council have only got THREE. Even if we didn't put up a fight, it would take them 23 YEARS just to collect 1990's poll tax from 70 000 non-payers. The council in Nottingham are likely to try other options first, before using bailiffs.

The Tory councils in Rushcliffe and Broxtowe have already tried to use bailiffs - without success. In the last few weeks we've stopped bailiffs from getting into people's homes in West Bridgford and Beeston - and we'll stop them everywhere else too.

If you've already started paying, it isn't too late to stop. Cancel your direct debit or standing order, or simply stop sending them money. Contact your local anti-poll tax group -  
**JOIN THE RESISTANCE ! !**

Arnold  
Aspley  
Basford  
Beeston  
Bestwood Pk  
Bilboro'  
Broxtowe  
Bulwell  
Carlton  
Central  
Clifton  
Forest Fields  
Hyson Green  
Gedling  
Hucknall  
Ilkeston  
Lenton  
Meadows  
Netherfield  
Radford  
Sherwood  
Snapewd.  
Sneinton  
St Anns  
Stapleford  
Top Valley/  
Rise Park  
West Bridgford

Leaflet produced by S.N.A.P.T. - South Notts  
Against the Poll Tax - contact

**OPEN MEETING**

**POLL TAX:  
THE REAL  
OFFENSIVE**

**MEETING ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY  
AT 8 PM, THE YORKER PUB,  
MANSFIELD ROAD.**

**ORGANISED BY FOREST FIELDS / HYSON GREEN  
ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN.**

**SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF ANTI-POLL TAX GROUPS  
IN SHERWOOD, RADFORD AND ST. ANN'S**

**PHONE 705788 FOR MORE DETAILS**

# **POLL TAX:** *organising the fight back*

The first poll tax bills are due to arrive at the start of April. Even now, the poll tax levels are being set. The latest estimates for the poll tax in Nottingham are in the region of £350 – and this assumes that our council simply maintain their current level of spending.

Despite many people refusing to register, the council claim to have registered 95% of potential poll tax payers in Nottingham. Since they have access to many sources of detailed information – the electoral register, and the names of rates payers, benefit claimants and tax payers – this is hardly a great achievement on their part, and shouldn't demoralise the campaign.

We could never have stopped them from compiling a register. But we can stop the poll tax from working, by building a mass campaign of non-payment and non-implementation.

Anti-poll tax groups have sprung up in many parts of the city. So far, only in Sherwood, Bulwell and Forest Fields / Hyson Green are these groups large and more-or-less effective. A lot of good work has been done: door-to-door canvassing, street stalls, mass leaflet drops, and today's demonstration.

Yet much more work remains to be done. Some areas of the city have not been touched. How can we develop and extend the campaign? We need to organise mass leafletting, local public meetings, and look at ways of taking the campaign into the workplace. Communication between groups in different parts of the city needs to be improved.

The potential for success is already there: seventy percent of the population of Nottinghamshire will be worse off if the poll tax is implemented. In Scotland, the non-payment campaign is succeeding. In Edinburgh, Glasgow and some other areas, councils won't be able to take even half of their non-payers to court before the next round of bills appear. Boosted by the strength of the non-payment campaign, workplace resistance to wages arrestment and fines has begun. Let's get that message across in a big way.

We have organised a meeting at 8pm on Monday 22nd January, at the Yorker pub on Mansfield Road – just up from the Victoria Centre clock tower. The more people that are involved, the more effective we will be – so this meeting is open to EVERYBODY.

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BAILIFFS: ??? ORDINARY PEOPLE  
DOING AN HONEST JOB?

NOT ON YOUR NELLY MATE!

THEY PLOT TO STEAL OUR GOODS  
TO PAY THE EVIL POLL TAX

ACTION!!!! DEMO. OUTSIDE  
TO SHOW OUR  
STRENGTH!

(opp. Sunblest  
Factory.)

M.A. JULIOUS + CO.

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Hucknall Road.

Wed. 14. Nov.....

7.30-9.00am

# SMASH THE TORY POLL TAX !

## FIGHT THE NOTTINGHAM COURTS !!

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Councils up and down the country are beginning to drag people before the courts to try and make them pay Thatcher's Poll Tax. Their aim is to break the back of the non-payment campaign. Our aim must be to focus the anger that could break the Poll Tax itself. In the Nottingham area, about 1/3rd of people have not paid a penny. Local councils are preparing to take people to court in an attempt to make them pay. We now have to turn the hatred of the Tory Poll Tax into active, fighting, opposition. We have to build mass pickets outside the Guildhall to disrupt the proceedings and inspire others to join us.

The Tories' problems will deepen if the court protests include large delegations from local workplaces and if there is a prospect of strikes against wage arrestment for non-payment of the tax.

Thatcher is out to break the opposition to the Poll Tax.

## AN ACTIVE MASS CAMPAIGN CAN FINISH THATCHER AND THE POLL TAX OFF.

Telephone your local anti-poll tax group (see below). Tell your friends, your workmates, get as many people you can to support the lobbies. If you get a summons, don't panic. Phone your anti-poll tax group. Most of all, support the Rushcliffe Lobby. If we make this very big, we can force other councils to abandon their court actions.

### **MASS LOBBIES** - at Nottingham Guildhall:

Rushcliffe Council Summons: 1.00 pm,  
Thursday 16th August.

Broxtowe Council Summons: 1.00 pm,  
Thursday 23rd August.

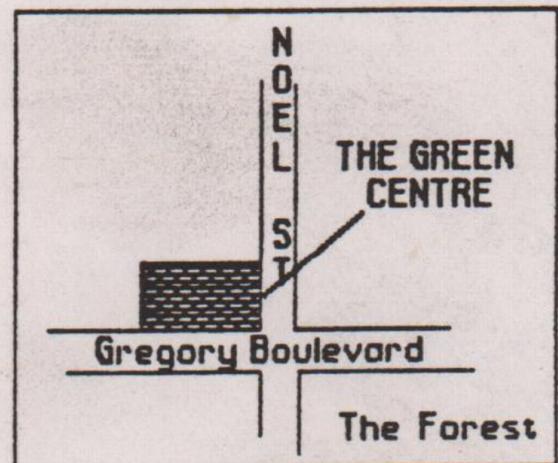
These are the anti-poll tax group contact numbers:

# PUBLIC MEETING

## FIGHTING THE POLL TAX

### LESSONS FROM SCOTLAND

People in Scotland got their first poll tax bills in April this year. So far, nearly half of them haven't paid. A speaker from Edinburgh's "*Community Resistance To The Poll Tax*" will tell us about the problems and the successes of the Scottish fight against the poll tax.



**THE GREEN CENTRE**  
**Wednesday August 2nd, 8pm**

Organised by Forest Fields / Hyson Green  
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# ANARCHISTS AGAINST THE POLL TAX

THE CLASS STRUGGLE ANARCHIST NETWORK IS HOLDING A WEEKEND CONFERENCE ON THE POLL TAX.

ALL CLASS STRUGGLE ANARCHISTS ARE WELCOME!!!!

IDEAS FOR WORKSHOPS WELCOME!!!!

DAYSCHOOL ON 9th DEC. AT THE GATEFIELD SOCIAL CLUB  
536 ABBEYDALE RD.  
SHEFFIELD

11 a.m. till 5 p.m.

WORKSHOPS INCLUDE: WOMEN & THE POLL TAX  
LEFT GROUPS & THE POLL  
TAX

Etc.

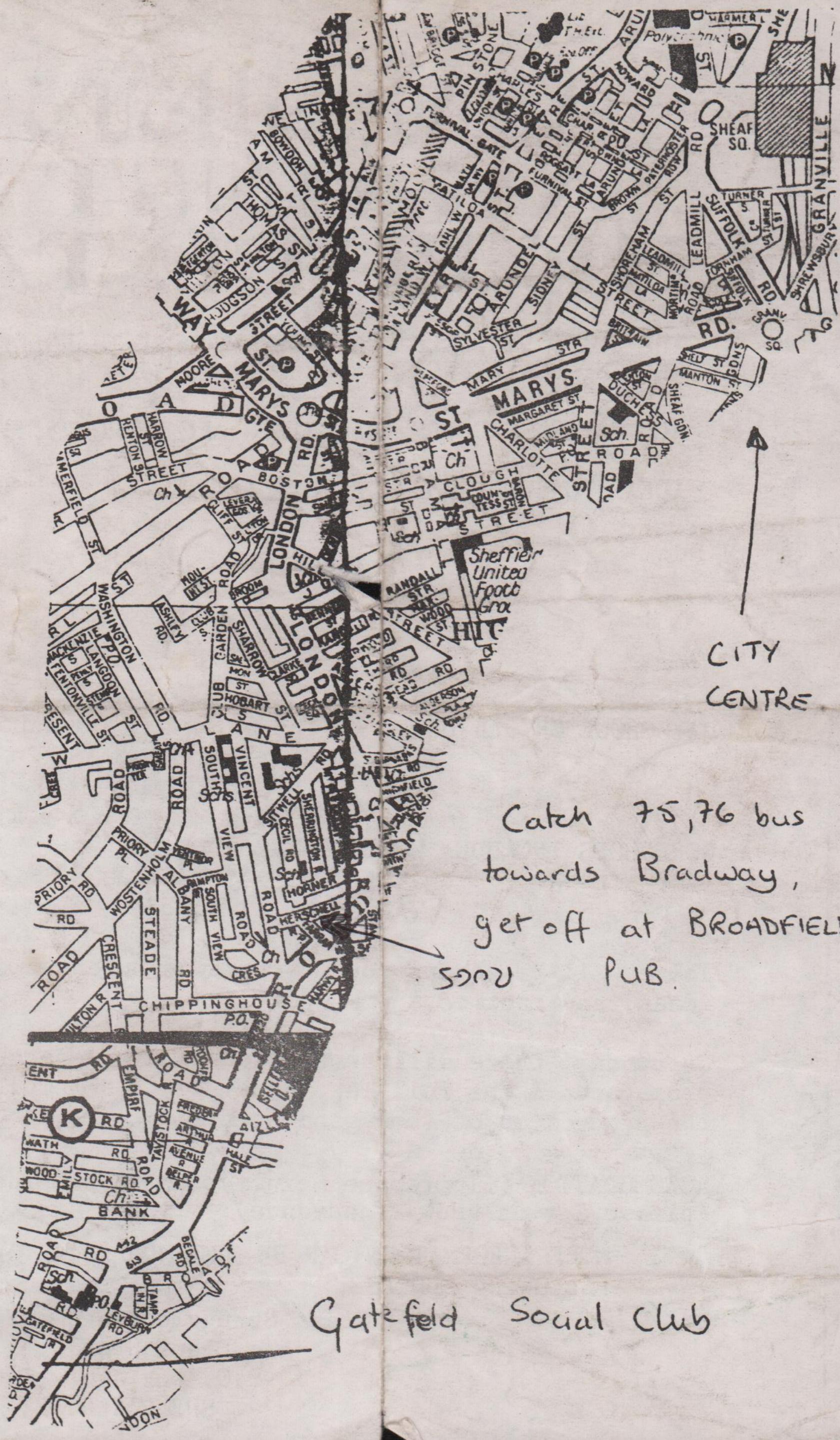
There will be an opportunity to swap information, ideas, and tactics.

On Sunday, there will be a discussion on anarchist propaganda & the Poll Tax, hopefully resulting in the production of some good stuff.

ACCOMODATION (floorspace mainly) can be provided (please let us know in advance).

MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

Class Struggle Anarchist Network  
c/o Black Star  
P.O. Box 446  
SHEFFIELD S1 1NY



CITY  
CENTRE

Catch 75, 76 bus  
towards Bradway,  
get off at BROADFIELD  
PUB.

Gatefield Social Club

# SHEFFIELD AGAINST THE POLL TAX

BELIEVES THE POLL TAX CAN BE BEATEN BY

**MASS NON-PAYMENT,**  
**NON-COLLECTION** BY COUNCIL WORKERS, AND  
**NON-IMPLEMENTATION** BY THE COUNCIL

**DON'T PAY**  
**DON'T COLLECT**  
**DON'T IMPLEMENT**

**JOIN THE MARCH ON 4th Nov.**

(THE DAY BEFORE BONFIRE NIGHT)

**FROM CABORN CORNER**

(TOP OF SPITAL HILL)

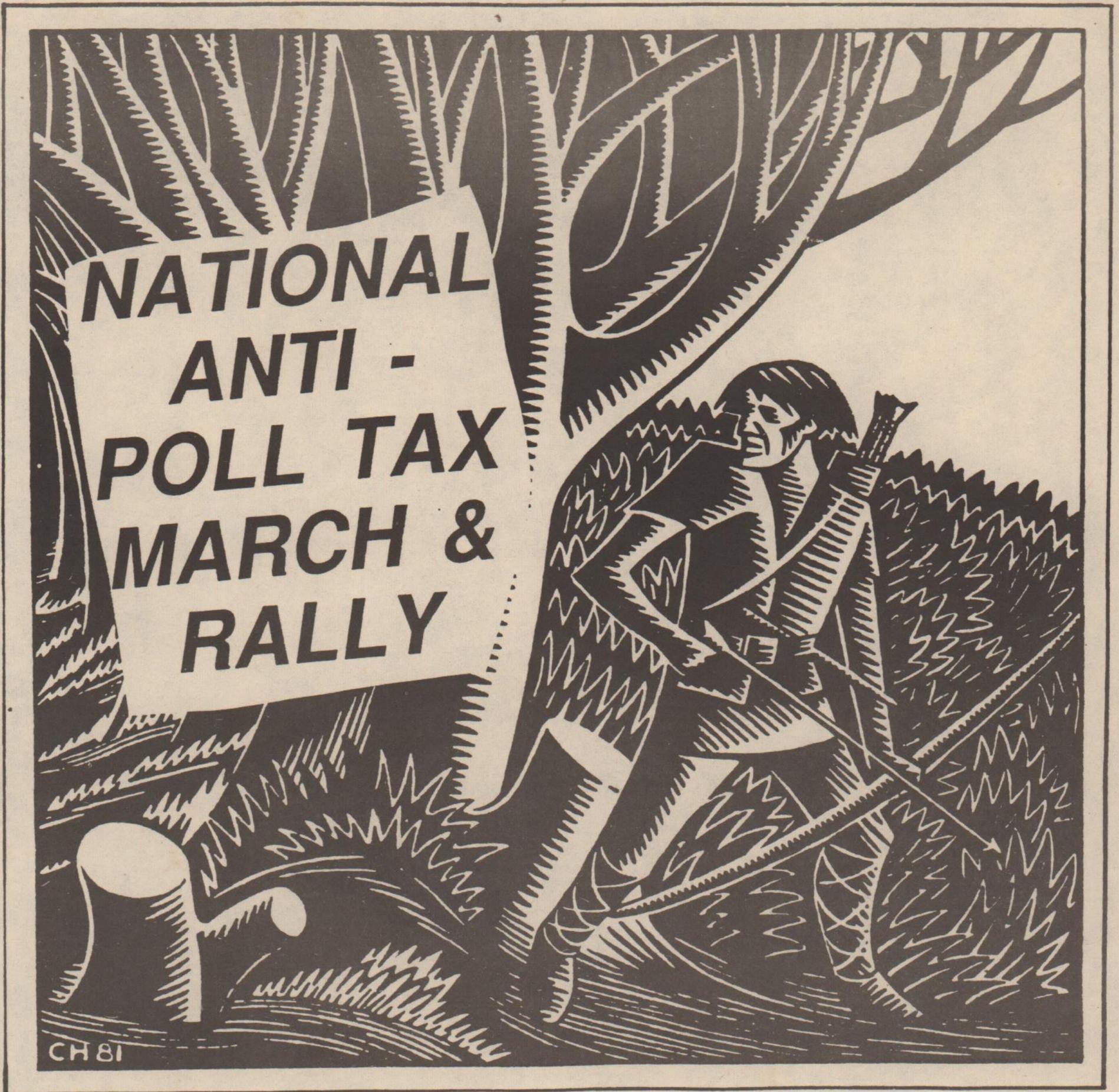
10 CITY HALL STEPS

GATHER AT **11:30 am** MARCH STARTS AT 12:00 NOON

FOLLOWED BY **A RALLY**

ON THE CITY HALL STEPS

WITH LOCAL AND NATIONAL SPEAKERS



## SATURDAY 31ST MARCH

Coaches from the Carlton Pub (corner of Berridge Rd & Noel St) at 7.30 AM. Leave London at 5PM (approx)  
Tickets £5 waged / £2.50 unwaged FROM: Basics,  
42 Foxhall Road or Hyson Green Wholefoods, Radford  
Road or from anti-poll tax group meetings.  
More details from:



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خالفت میں  
احتجاجی  
ریلی / مارچ

بروز ہفتہ ۱۳ مارچ کو مارلٹن پیپ، بیسز روڈ، اورنول سٹریٹ  
کے کارڈز سے کوچز لندن کیلئے سویرے 8.30 روانہ ہونگی۔ لندن  
سے واپسی ۵ بجے ہوگی۔ ٹکٹ 2.50 جو آپ بلیک پول  
فورڈ 42 فوکسہل روڈ، راد فورڈ یا اینٹی پول گروپ سے منگل ۲۷،  
مارچ دی گرین کیوٹی سٹریٹ سے حاصل کر سکتے ہیں۔ مزید معلومات  
جینز سے فون ہلز 700230 یا جان سے 703553 پر رابطہ کریں۔  
نوٹ:- کام کرنے والوں کیلئے 5.00 بے روزگار 2.50 -  
دکشمیر ویلفیئر ایسوسی ایشن،

***TODAY***

**outside the Guildhall Court, Burton Street,  
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**NOTTINGHAM  
ANTI-POLL TAX  
CONFERENCE**

*International Community  
Centre,  
61b Mansfield Road,  
Nottingham.*

*22nd July 11am.*

*Creche Available*

**Fight the Poll Tax  
DON'T COLLECT  
- DON'T PAY**

The Poll Tax system is in chaos in Scotland. Hundreds of thousands of people have not received rebates they are entitled to. Children, even babies, have been sent payment books. Recent reports in the press claim the Government will put an extra £1bn into next years' Revenue Support Grant in an attempt to cut each adults' Poll Tax bill by £30. This has been won because of the non-payment campaign in Scotland. The Tories are desperate to do something to 'ease' the introduction of the Poll Tax in England and Wales, and to stem a mass campaign of non-payment. Thatcher's flagship, the Poll Tax, is fast becoming her Titanic. We can sink her!

Already, in Nottingham, over 500 people are organised in Anti-Poll Tax Unions. The conference on July 22nd is the first step in turning that into an organisation of thousands over the next few months, based in APTU's, the Labour and Trade Union movement, community groups, Tenant's Associations etc. There is a place for everyone to involve themselves in work against the Poll Tax. To build an effective mass campaign against this unfair tax it is necessary to involve all sectors of the community in the build up to April 1st. Tory minister Paul Channon will save £120 a week under the Poll Tax, whilst Notts. ratepayers will have to pay out an extra £33 million for reduced services. We simply can't afford to let the Tories get away with it!

We urge you to get involved in the campaign by attending the conference. Organisations such as Trades Unions, APTU's, Labour Parties, Students Unions etc, can send up to five delegates at a cost of £1 each, and any number of visitors are welcome, cost 50p.

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For more information contact Organising Secretary, Gary Freeman, 97 Bakewell Drive, Top Valley, Nottingham NG5 9AE

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Nottingham & District

Trades Union Council

(REGISTERED WITH THE TRADES UNION CONGRESS)

## POLL TAX: "DON'T COLLECT, DON'T PAY!"



SOME TIME AGO COUNCIL ADOPTED A POLICY OF FIGHTING THE TORY POLL TAX AROUND THE SLOGANS OF DON'T COLLECT, DON'T PAY.

SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO SUPPORT THOSE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST THE TAX IN THE CITY, THIS HAS INCLUDED CIRCULATING PUBLICITY FOR THE STRATHCLYDE DEMO AGAINST THE TAX.

HOWEVER IT IS APPARENT THAT DESPITE THE EFFORTS OF CAMPAIGNERS LITTLE HAS BEEN ORGANISED AGAINST THE TAX OUTSIDE OF BULWELL & MORE RECENTLY ASPLEY.

IN LINE WITH POLICY COUNCIL IS ANXIOUS TO TRY & REMEDY THIS SITUATION. WE ARE THEREFORE CALLING AN ORGANISING MEETING ON MONDAY 5/6/89 7.30pm AT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE 61B MANSFIELD ROAD. WE SHALL DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CALLING A CITY WIDE PUBLIC MEETING WITH KNOWN NATIONAL SPEAKERS AS WELL AS HOW TO BUILD FOR AND FOLLOW UP SUCH A MEETING.

WE HOPE THAT LABOUR PARTIES, TU'S, CAMPAIGNING BODIES AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIVISTS WILL SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE. I FEEL I MUST STRESS THE URGENCY OF THIS MATTER AND THE VERY REAL NEED FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## ORGANISING MEETING

**MON 5/6/89 ICC MANSFIELD RD**

**OPEN MEETING**

**POLL TAX:  
THE REAL  
OFFENSIVE**

**MEETING ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY  
AT 8 PM, THE YORKER PUB,  
MANSFIELD ROAD.**

**ORGANISED BY FOREST FIELDS / HYSON GREEN  
ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN.**

**SUPPORTED BY MEMBERS OF ANTI-POLL TAX GROUPS  
IN SHERWOOD, RADFORD AND ST. ANN'S**

**PHONE 705788 FOR MORE DETAILS**

# **POLL TAX:** *organising the fight back*

The first poll tax bills are due to arrive at the start of April. Even now, the poll tax levels are being set. The latest estimates for the poll tax in Nottingham are in the region of £350 – and this assumes that our council simply maintain their current level of spending.

Despite many people refusing to register, the council claim to have registered 95% of potential poll tax payers in Nottingham. Since they have access to many sources of detailed information – the electoral register, and the names of rates payers, benefit claimants and tax payers – this is hardly a great achievement on their part, and shouldn't demoralise the campaign.

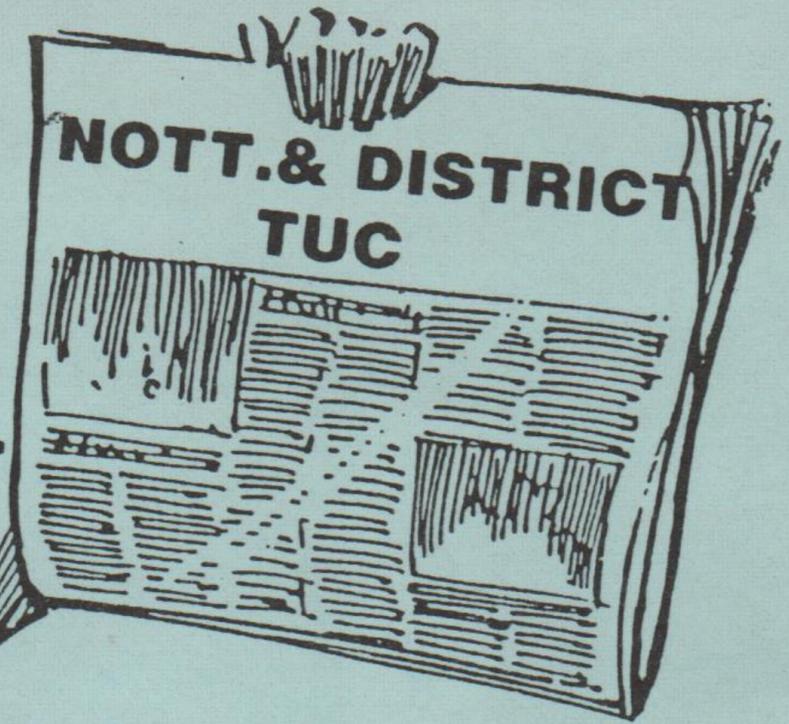
We could never have stopped them from compiling a register. But we can stop the poll tax from working, by building a mass campaign of non-payment and non-implementation.

Anti-poll tax groups have sprung up in many parts of the city. So far, only in Sherwood, Bulwell and Forest Fields / Hyson Green are these groups large and more-or-less effective. A lot of good work has been done: door-to-door canvassing, street stalls, mass leaflet drops, and today's demonstration.

Yet much more work remains to be done. Some areas of the city have not been touched. How can we develop and extend the campaign? We need to organise mass leafletting, local public meetings, and look at ways of taking the campaign into the workplace. Communication between groups in different parts of the city needs to be improved.

The potential for success is already there: seventy percent of the population of Nottinghamshire will be worse off if the poll tax is implemented. In Scotland, the non-payment campaign is succeeding. In Edinburgh, Glasgow and some other areas, councils won't be able to take even half of their non-payers to court before the next round of bills appear. Boosted by the strength of the non-payment campaign, workplace resistance to wages arrestment and fines has begun. Let's get that message across in a big way.

We have organised a meeting at 8pm on Monday 22nd January, at the Yorker pub on Mansfield Road – just up from the Victoria Centre clock tower. The more people that are involved, the more effective we will be – so this meeting is open to EVERYBODY.



**MAYDAY  
MARCH  
& RALLY  
MONDAY MAY 7TH**

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

10.30am

MARKET SQ

Speakers

ARTHUR  
SCARGILL

PAULGOSLING

EMMA COLYER

*Stalls ★ Bar*

*★ Music ★*

*Creche ★*

FOREST FIELDS / HYSON GREEN  
ANTI-POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

# DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE POLL TAX:

LOBBY THE LABOUR COUNCILLORS  
WHO WILL SET THE POLL TAX RATE

MEET: OUTSIDE TGWU OFFICE,  
259 MANSFIELD ROAD

7.00 PM, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

The Tories say Nottingham's poll tax will be £247. Councillors say that rate would mean thousands of jobs and services being savagely cut. They say a 'realistic' rate is nearer £350 for each person.

We will be arguing for no rate to be set, and that the council should join the campaign to defeat the tax. We will also demand that no-one should be prosecuted or fined for non-registration or non-payment.

Let's show them that we mean business. Attend the lobby, bring placards and bring your friends

**TOGETHER WE CAN STOP THE POLL TAX!**

Forest Fields / Hyson Green  
Anti-Poll Tax Campaign  
Box 5, Basics, 42 Foxhall Road, Forest Fields  
Box 5, Hyson Green Wholefoods, Radford Road

# 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.

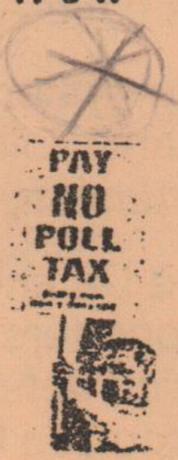
c/o Haldane Society of Lawyers, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel: 071-833-8958 (messager)

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAY(S) OF ACTION

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL DEFENDANTS. DROP ALL CHARGES NOW. FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE. PAY NO POLL TAX.

### FRIDAY / SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 / 20th

IN SOLIDARITY WITH ARRESTED BRITISH ANTI-POLL TAX PROTESTORS AND PRISONERS



The T.S.D.C. have received offers from all over Britain and many other countries to organise solidarity actions in support of the over-550 Anti-Poll Tax protestors arrested as a result of the 200,000-strong National Demonstration in London on March 31st (over 80 of which have spent time in prison on remand or after trial - including a recent 2 year sentence for kicking a police van being driven into the crowd). Also, in support of many other people arrested at Anti-Poll Tax protests around the country.

In the light of this, the TSDC have called for 2 days of NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROTESTS at appropriate sites: (in this country - police stations, courts, poll tax offices etc....abroad - at consulates, embassies, British Airways etc).

The reason for TWO days of action is that people abroad will be able to choose a site with weekday or weekend opening. Also, here in Britain there will be a London March Against the Poll Tax on Sat October 20th - which enables those who attend to organise specific actions on the day before (and publicise the demonstration).

Together, we will be strong to fight oppression.

in solidarity,  
The Trafalgar Sq Defendants' Campaign

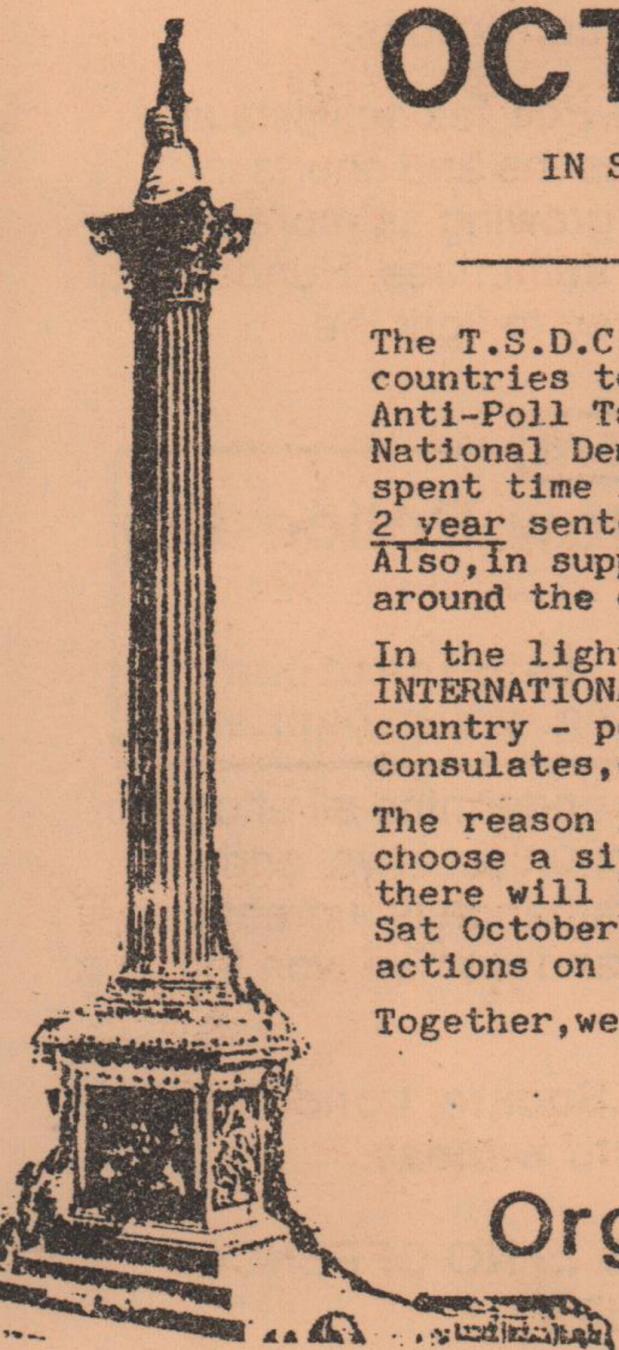
## Organise a Protest in Your Area

Note: we ask all groups to do their own leaflets...

### Send us a report

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WE WILL BE ORGANISING A SOLIDARITY PROTEST ON 19/20th (delete one).....  
NAME OF ORGANISATION.....  
ADDRESS..... PHONE.....  
Contact Person.....



# TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN

## DROP ALL CHARGES NOW!

The Trafalgar Square Defendants' Campaign was established in the wake of the huge anti-Poll Tax demonstration in March. Police attempts to break up the march resulted in a night-long battle.

409 people were arrested that day, and over 100 have been arrested since. Dozens have already faced trial and conviction on the basis of the 90 hours of video material and 30,000 photos seized by the Police. The Crown Prosecution Service has set up a special unit to deal with the cases, and 125 police officers are working full-time on the case – the largest investigation ever mounted by the Met.

The hysterical media witch-hunt has contributed to the systematic police harassment of anti-Poll Tax activists, and trials are being conducted in an atmosphere of panic and confusion, in which defendants are receiving severe and unjust convictions.

The Defendants' Campaign involves defendants, solicitors, anti-Poll Tax activists and supporters. It has already organised pickets of several of the prisons and courts in which defendants are being detained or tried. The campaign is growing as more people recognise the importance of supporting those victimised by the authorities. Hundreds of Poll Tax groups and federations all over the country have pledged to fight the criminalisation of their movement by affiliating.

### Protest Against Police Harassment

**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!

Opposition to the show trials of Trafalgar Square protestors will undermine all efforts to divide and discredit the movement. Successful mass defiance of unjust laws, and refusal to be intimidated by oppressive policing and hostile propaganda is a great part of our traditions. That's how workers won the right to organise, and women won the right to vote.

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

/We wish to affiliate to the TSDC:

Name of Organisation / Individual..... Address.....

Contact Person..... Phone No.....

/We enclose £..... (£2 - Individ'l / £5 - Local / £10 - District / £25 - Regional & TUs) Donations needed.

Return to: TSDC, Room 205, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel:

# NO POLL TAX

● All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation

# *the* DEMO

## Sat 31st March

Meet at Kennington Park at 12 noon

## March to Trafalgar Square LONDON

**Contact Numbers:**

# ● All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation

## ● **The poll tax us and them!**

The poll tax is the biggest attack yet by the Tories on ordinary people. From April 1 everyone over 18 will have to pay it. 80% of adults will be worse off under the poll tax. Even students and those on benefit will have to pay 20%. Everyone will have to pay the same amount whether they are a low-paid worker or a multi-millionaire. The big cities will be hit the hardest; it will be a nightmare.

The rich will be laughing all the way to the bank. Lord Vestey saves £4,700 a year, Thatcher a £1,000 a year. A three adult household in Lambeth pays an extra £1,500.

Millionaires who live in Bournemouth will be paying less poll tax than the unemployed in Hackney. We say enough is enough – now is the time to fight the poll tax!

## ● **Can it be stopped?**

**Yes** – By mass non-payment! Scotland has shown the way with over one million people not paying their poll tax.

The numbers are still growing. This means when the poll tax comes for England and Wales in April 9–10 million will not be paying.

## ● **United action to defeat the tax.**

Tories claim this is against the law. But the Tory government allows big business not to pay £26 billion in taxes and get away with it. Most people have no choice whether or not to pay. Most of us can't pay and won't pay. **10 million non-payers is an unstoppable force.**

## ● **What you can do!**

Join your local anti-poll tax union or set one up on your estate for a mass campaign of non-payment. The Federation will help!

If you are a trade unionist get your union to join the Federation and support non-payment.

Come to the national Demos on Saturday 31 March, in London and Glasgow, and bring your family, friends and workmates.

**Assembly and dropping off point – The Kennington Park Extension, Junction of Camberwell New Road and Bolton Crescent – Nearest tubes: Oval and Kennington (Northern Line).**

I want to join an anti-poll tax union in my area.

We wish to affiliate to the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation.

Name .....

Address .....

.....Tel.....

**Return to ABAPTF, PO Box 764 London E5 9SX**

**TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS' CAMPAIGN**

# **PICKETS:**

## **BRIXTON PRISON**

**Sunday 22nd July**

**1pm - 3pm**

Brixton Hill SW2. Tube to Brixton or bus 50, 95, 109, 133, 159

## **HORSEFERRY ROAD COURTS**

**Monday 30th July**

**9.45 am**

Horseferry Road, SW1. Tube to Pimlico or Westminster, or bus 79, 507, 510

## **WORMWOOD SCRUBS PRISON**

**Sunday 5th August**

**1pm - 3pm**

Du Cane Road, W12. Tube to East Acton or bus 72.

**NO FRAME UPS. NO CRIMINALISATION.**



**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**

# NO STATE CRIMINALISATION OF THE ANTI-POLL TAX MOVEMENT!

Nearly a year ago today, 200,000 people marched through the streets of London in one of the biggest protests this century. A massive police presence, backed up by politicians of all parties—deliberately attacked the demonstration in an attempt to both criminalise the anti-Poll Tax movement and beat us out of the streets. We should be determined that this does not happen again by supporting this year's anniversary march and by encouraging as many people as possible to attend. It is also important that we maintain a united front in the face of police and State intimidation.

Part of the NDF's work has inevitably brought us into contact with the Nottingham anti-Poll Tax Federation, which is affiliated to the All Britain anti-Poll Tax Federation (ABAPTF). Both these organisations have themselves helped criminalise the anti-Poll Tax movement with threats made after Trafalgar Square to "Name names" (Steve Nally, Militant Tendency) and "Root out troublemakers" (Tommy Sheridan, Militant Tendency). Both organisations have chosen locally to support only 2 out of the 21 defendants that we know of from Notts.

We feel that this reflects the obstacle that the Militant dominated ABAPTF has become to a successful, powerful and self-organised anti-Poll Tax movement in Britain today. Only by controlling our own struggles and collectively supporting everyone involved can we hope to win. It would have been a positive step in this direction had speakers from local community based anti-Poll Tax groups and campaigns been invited onto the platform today, rather than the politicians and self-appointed leaders who will be up there instead.

**CONTACT THE NDF AND SEND DONATIONS BY WRITING TO :  
NDF, BOX DF, 72 RADFORD ROAD, NOTTM.**

# **FIGHT THE POLL TAX!**

## **SUPPORT ALL DEFENDANTS!**

Nottingham Defence Fund (NDF) was set up by defendants and their supporters in April 1990 after people from Nottingham were arrested at the Council House and Trafalgar Square. We unconditionally support anyone arrested whilst fighting and organising against the Poll Tax.

We have raised money for defendants travel expenses, court costs and fines, and have organised support activities :- prison pickets, public meetings and speakers to local anti-Poll Tax groups.

We are affiliated to the Trafalgar Square Defendants Campaign (TSDC), and send delegates to their meetings when we can.

Our aims are to continue with this vital and essential work, in particular raising funds and helping to expose police and State criminalisation of the anti-Poll Tax movement. This will enable us to organise more effectively against the Poll Tax and the State which is imposing it upon us.

### **NATIONAL ANTI-POLL TAX DEMONSTRATION**

Saturday 23rd March 1991, London.

Coach details available from local anti-Poll Tax groups and Nottingham anti-Poll Tax Federation.

**SUPPORT ALL ANTI-POLL TAX DEFENDANTS !**

# CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX

STOP THE JAILINGS  
DEMONSTRATION MARCH  
AND RALLY

SAT SEPT 7th ASSEMBLE AT

10/30 am AT THE

"**CLIFTON VILLAGE  
GREEN**"

MARCH via gotham lane  
pastures PO grey mare

kwiksave

MARCH TO FINISH OUTSIDE  
LIBRARY TO LOBBY COUNCIL

MARCH LED BY CLIFTONS ANTI  
POLL TAX BANNER AND "PIPES  
AND DRUMS BAND"

JOIN THIS  
"FAMILY" DEMO. "FREE" BALLOONS ETC

NOTTINGHAM DEFENCE FUND

SOLIDARITY ANTI-POLL TAX ▶

PRISON  
PICKET

- AT -

H.M.P LINCOLN ON  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

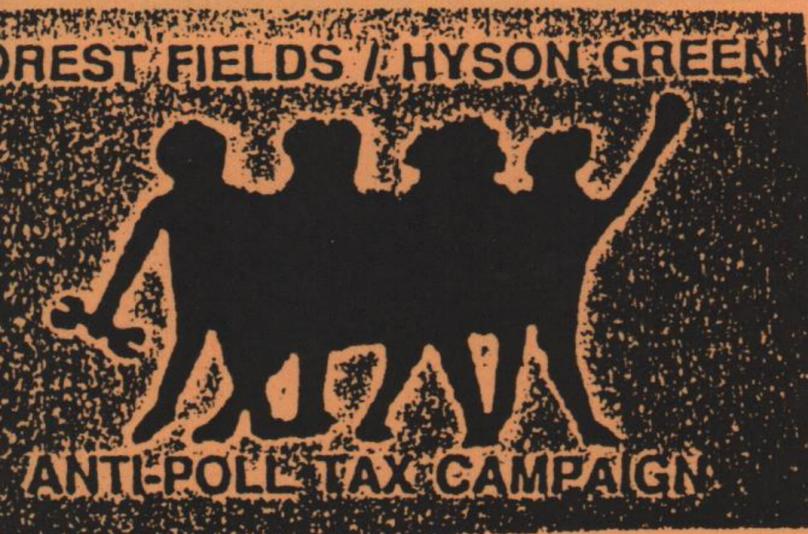
COACH LEAVING FROM "SALUTATION"  
PUB, MAID MARION WAY AT 2:15 P.M.,  
AND PICKING UP AT THE "PEACOCK" PUB,  
REEN LANE, CLIFTON AT 2:30 P.M.

TICKETS: WAGED - £3:50  
UNWAGED / LOW WAGED £2:50

TEL: [REDACTED]

THIS PICKET HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE NDF IN  
SUPPORT OF THE TRAFALGAR SQUARE DEFENDANTS'  
CAMPAIGN'S NATIONAL DAY OF PRISON PICKETS IN  
SUPPORT OF ALL ANTI-POLL TAX PRISONERS.

2. DON'T FORGET MARY + RENE'S BAKIFF-BUSTING  
COURT CASE AT THE GUILDHALL ON THURS. 26<sup>th</sup>  
SEPTEMBER. AT 10:00 AM - BE THERE !!!



SUPPORTS  
THESE  
DEMOS

Buses leave  
Broadmarsh  
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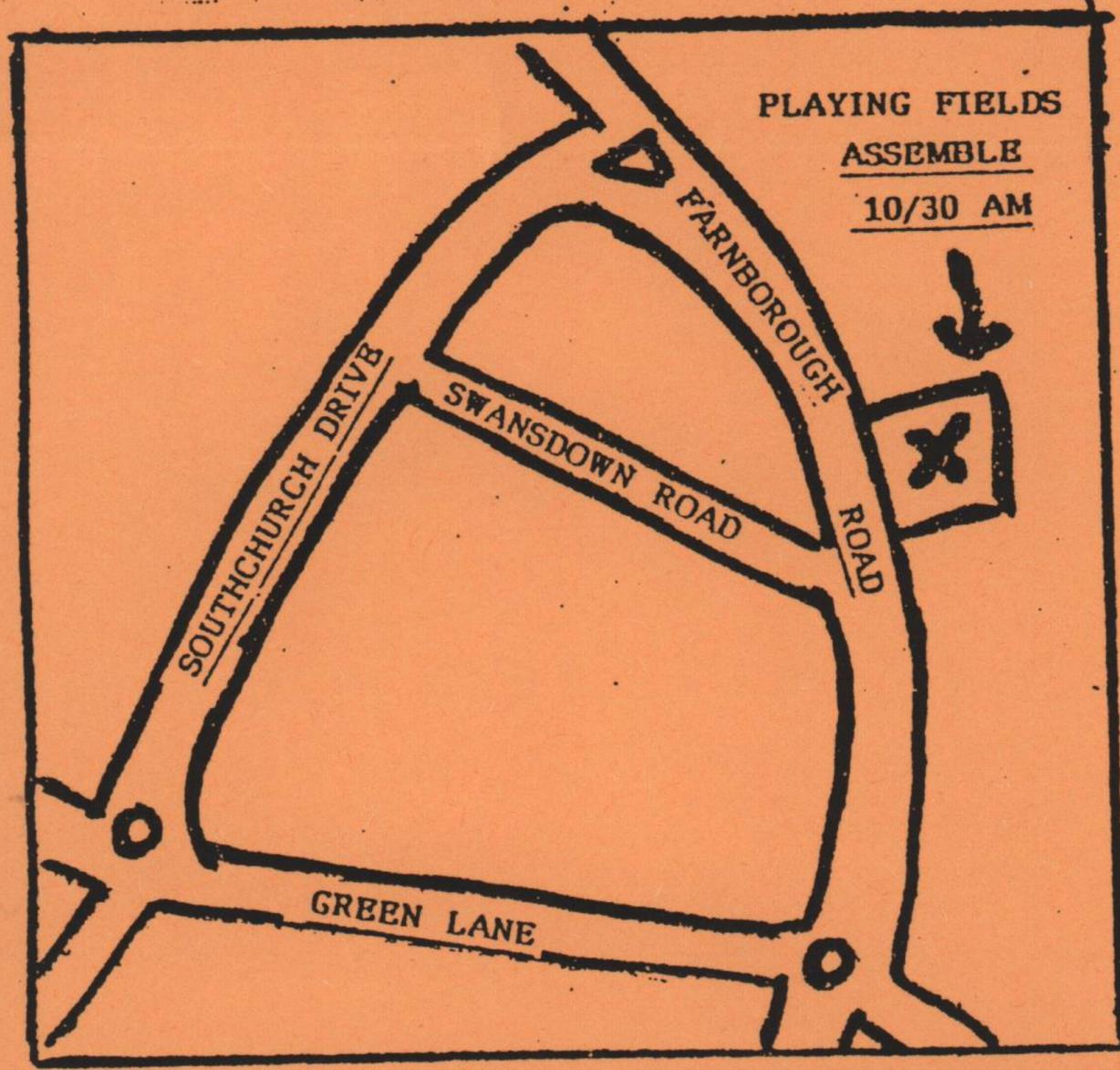
# CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX

## 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

# 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 or 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

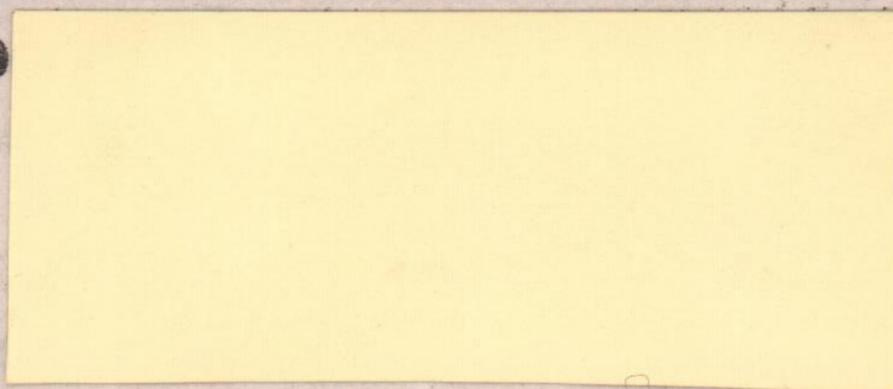
We demand

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

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# DEFEND TONY TISO

## NO POLL TAX JAILINGS

The poll tax is on the way out, beaten by 15 million non-payers. But disgracefully Rushcliffe borough council are attempting to jail a Cotgrave resident Mr Tony Tiso. His only crime is that he and his 6 month pregnant partner Denise CANNOT afford to pay the poll tax. Tony has a very good legal case, as our solicitors believe the council has not acted properly in this case. We will be fighting this and any other attempted committal to prison cases, determined to WIN and stop ALL POLL TAX IMPRISONMENTS.

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### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday 11 June 7.30pm - 9 pm**

**Highfield Primary School Candleby Lane**

**COTGRAVE**

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#### REGISTER YOUR PROTEST AGAINST THIS DISGRACEFULL ACTION

PHONE	RAY COOK (Leader of the council)	811032
	REG GARDNER (MAYOR)	231453
	Mr RODWELL (DEPUTY MAYOR)	232081
	Mr BUCKLEY (Chair Finance)	374419
	Mrs WHITING (Vice chair Finance)	818864

### **Lobby council Finance committee**

Protest outside the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE at Rushcliffe Centre, Pavilion Rd. W/Bridgford.

TUESDAY 18th. JUNE. 5.45pm onwards.  
THIS COMMITTEE CAN STOP THE SUMMONSES.

**JOIN THE  
DEMONSTRATION  
SATURDAY 15th JUNE  
ASSEMBLE**

**10.30am for 11.00am START  
OUTSIDE THE AVIARY PUB  
TRENT BRIDGE**

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**LOBBY THE COURTS  
NOTTM GUILDHALL COURTS  
ON THURSDAY 20th JUNE  
FROM 8.30am ONWARDS**

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If you have received a summons for a means/ committal hearing WE WILL SUPPORT YOU.

Phone

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**RUSHCLIFFE AGAINST THE POLL TAX**

**NEXT MEETINGS**

**WEDS. 12<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

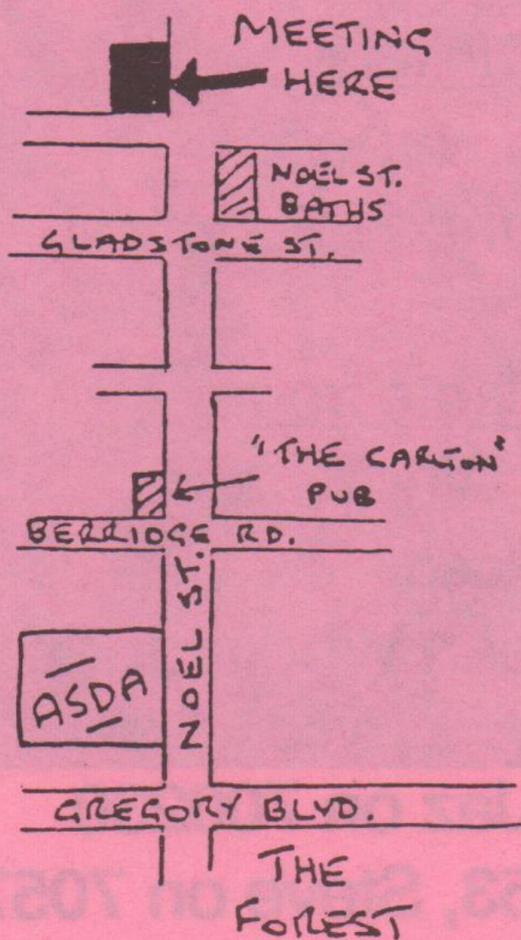
TEST MATCH at 7.30p.m.

# PUBLIC MEETING

# POLL TAX: ONE YEAR OF RESISTANCE

## SPEAKERS:

Chris Tansley (Nalgo)  
Soroosh Ayende (West  
Bridgford APTU)  
A Nottingham Defence  
Fund Speaker



*Indian  
Community  
Centre,  
Tuesday  
March 19th  
at 7.30 PM*

Forest Fields / Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign  
ph [redacted] for more information

**NATIONAL ANTI-POLL TAX  
DEMONSTRATION**

# LONDON

## SAT 23RD MARCH

Assemble 12pm  
Victoria Embankment  
March via Trafalgar Square  
to Rally at Hyde Park

Local Transport

Coach leaves Carlton Hotel  
(corner of Noel St & Berridge Road)  
at 8.00am.  
Coach leaves London at 5.45pm

Tickets

£5 waged  
£3 concessions

Available from:

**Basics Wholefoods**  
42 Foxhall Road, Forest Fields  
**Hyson Green Wholefoods**  
Radford Road, Hyson Green

Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation

# DEMONSTRATION

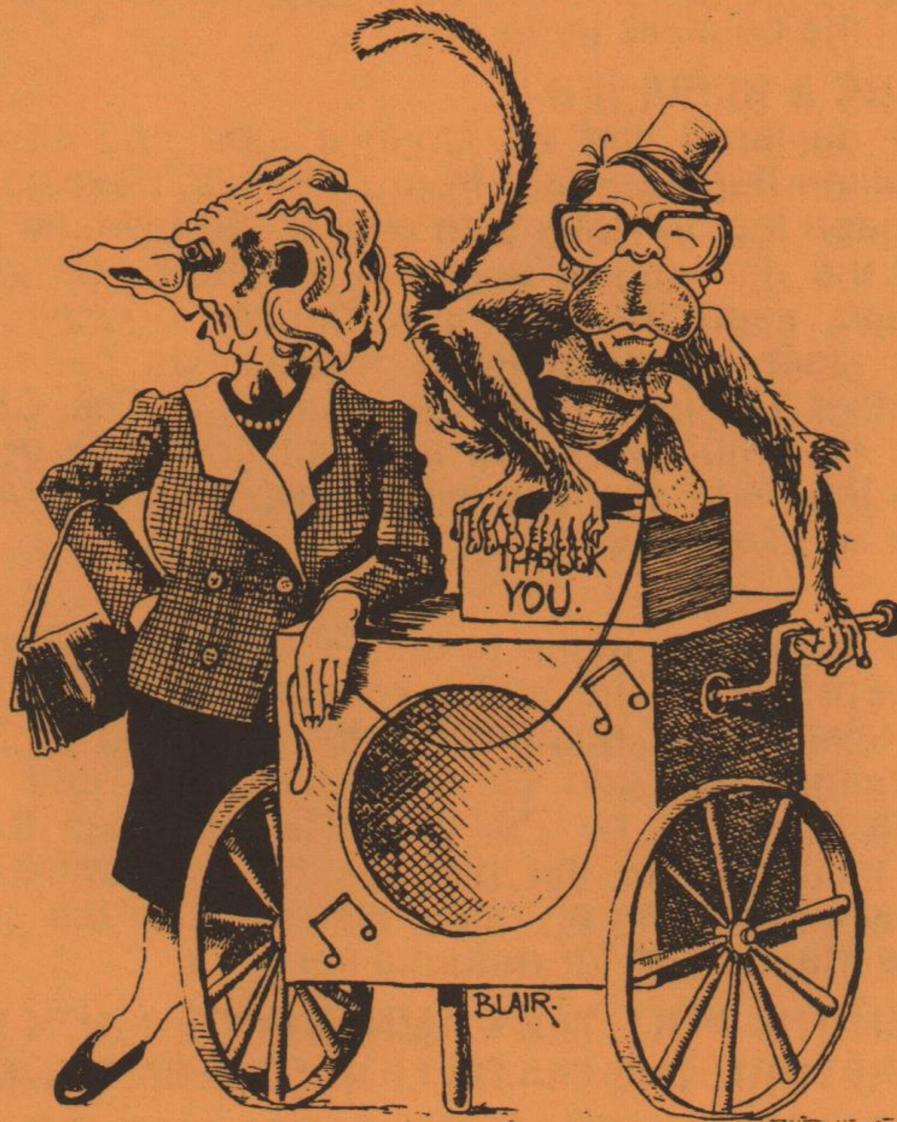
Celebrate one year of non-payment

## PAY NO POLL TAX

### NO CUTS IN JOBS AND SERVICES

### SATURDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 1991

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Assemble on the Forest 10.00am. Move off 10.30am.

March to Old Market Square, via Mansfield Road.

Rally 11.30am-1.00pm

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Bryan Wright

Dave Nellist

Steve Nally

Christine Goodman

Shay MacDonald

Gary Freeman

*Britain's first Poll Tax prisoner*

*Labour M.P., Coventry South-East*

*Secretary, All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation*

*Women's Officer Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation*

*Youth Rights Campaign*

*Secretary, Notts Anti-Poll tax Federation*

**Local Trade Unionists**

**BAND AT END OF RALLY**

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**LOBBY OF THE NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING  
TO SET THE POLL TAX FOR 1991**

**MONDAY 4th MARCH 10.00am - OUTSIDE COUNCIL HOUSE,  
OLD MARKET SQUARE**

Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation  
**SCRAP THE TAX IN '91**

**MASS NON-PAYMENT**

Thatcher has gone. The 14 million non-payers have seen her off. In Nottingham 65% of people, 136,000, have paid nothing or are in arrears. The administration is in such chaos that most people were not summoned for non-payment until January, 10 months after the poll tax was introduced. People who were found liable are still **NOT** paying. £390 is unaffordable. This April's figure will be a disaster. Even more will join the non-payment army.

Tory M.P.'s got rid of 'She who must be obeyed' in a desperate attempt to save their political careers. Thatchers flagship – the poll tax – was sinking and taking them down too. Major has tried to change the Governments image. But he and Heseltine only want to tinker with the poll tax. Major has been on T.V. and said he will not scrap the tax. Well Thatcher said she would not resign! The fight goes on until the poll tax is abolished whatever the Tories and the councils try to do.

**TORY ATTACK ON JOBS & SERVICES**

The Tory Government declared war on Council jobs and services when they were elected in 1979. £46 billion has been cut from Councils, devastating jobs and services. Around £1 billion has been lost in Notts with over 3,400 full-time jobs gone. The poll tax was introduced to aid the rich and to continue the attack on local jobs and services. 1 year on and we have seen the City and County Councils attempting cuts. The disgraceful attempt to close 13 old peoples homes has been followed by a County Council announcement of 147 jobs to go in education. The City Council is trying to close the International Community Centre and cut grants to voluntary bodies. If they succeed, other cuts in jobs and services will follow. The Notts Anti-Poll Tax Federation oppose all cuts in jobs and services.

**WHOSE TO BLAME?**

Disgracefully, attempts have been made to blame non-payers for the cuts and high poll tax. The 3,400 jobs went before the poll tax was even introduced. It is Government under-funding of Councils that is responsible for cuts and high poll tax. Changes in Housing Benefit regulations will add £2 onto everyones poll tax in 1991. This year Government grants are going up by 7%, which is less than the inflation figure. This means there will be increases in the poll tax to compensate, and further cuts in services. Every big business saving on rates, also adds to the poll tax. We will not pay more to help the Tories friends and for reduced services.

**ABOLISH THE POLL TAX – AMNESTY FOR NON-PAYERS  
NO CUTS – RETURN THE £46 BILLION STOLEN FROM COUNCILS**

**JOIN THE DEMONSTRATION WE'RE ON THE ROAD TO VICTORY**

**Local Contact/Meeting**

If you want to join your local Anti-Poll Tax Union, return this slip to N.A.P.T.F.,

\_\_\_\_\_, Basford, Notts \_\_\_\_\_ or telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

# **DEMONSTRATE AGAINST POLL TAX- WORKPLACE VICTIMISATION**

**PICKET OUTSIDE FURLONG HOUSE  
QUEENS DRIVE, NOTTINGHAM.**

**MEET AT 12:30 PM, MARCH 13TH 1991**

On 12th February 1991, British Rail worker Keith Duncombe was sacked by B.R. management following his imprisonment for throwing a custard pie at a Tory councillor in an anti-Poll Tax demo nearly a year before. At no time was Keith informed of what B.R. regulation he was alleged to have broken, either verbally or in writing. At the disciplinary hearing B.R. management made allegations that Keith might corrupt B.R. computer systems and data because of his involvement in the anti-Poll Tax movement. They refused to back this up with any material evidence either in the year since the "custard pie" protest, or in the three years preceding that Keith had been in B.R. service.

Two days after Keith was sacked, another B.R. worker at Furlong House who had helped with workplace organisation in support of Keith, was issued with a written warning for allegedly "poor performance". Management then told him that he would be sacked if he did not "improve".

It is quite clear that both workers are being victimised by B.R. management because of their political anti-Poll Tax involvement. It is also clear that B.R. management must be prevented from further intimidation of workers in this way.

**WE CALL ON ALL WORKERS AND ANTI-POLL TAX  
ACTIVISTS TO SUPPORT THIS PICKET, AND TO HELP  
BUILD LINKS BETWEEN THE WORKPLACE AND COM-  
MUNITY BASED ANTI-POLL TAX GROUPS.**

**PRODUCED BY : NDF, BOX DF, 72 RADFORD ROAD, NOTTM.**

# POLL TAX COMMITTALS

Broxtowe borough council in their campaign to be the most vicious Tory council in the country are the first council in Nottingham to attempt Poll tax committals. While most councils at first allowed the request for a McKenzie friend in court, Broxtowe denied people that legal right. While other councils considered wage attachments to collect unpaid Poll tax, Broxtowe went straight to the Bailiffs to intimidate people into paying.

As Broxtowe takes the final step in an attempt to enforce the Poll tax, they do it with the knowledge that not only will the Poll tax almost certainly be scrapped very soon, but they themselves have been summonsed to court for illegal seizure of a car by M A Julious the firm of Bailiffs they have employed.

Past experience's have shown that councils will back down if subject to enough pressure. Brian Wright (Grantham) sentenced to three weeks imprisonment, released after two weeks. Patrick Westmore (Isle of Wight) sentenced to two weeks imprisonment, reduced to ten days in court, released after three days.

That's why the Beeston anti-poll tax union is calling on everybody to join us in stepping up the pressure on Broxtowe borough council. We might be first but you can be sure that other councils are watching the outcome. Success now will force many councils to abandon their plans on Poll tax committals.

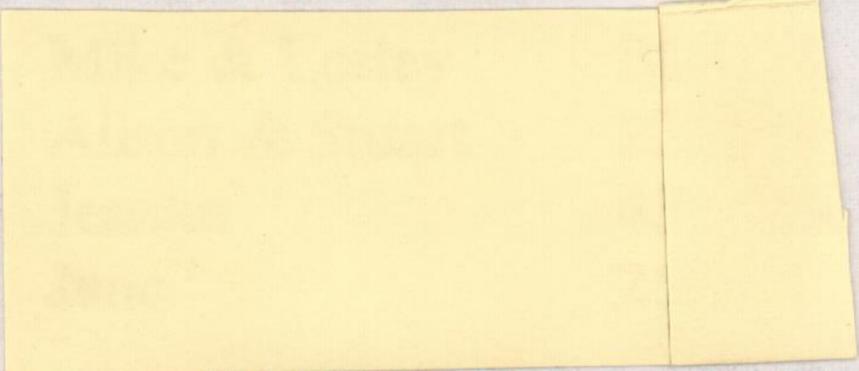
Spread the word about the Poll tax committals and get as many people, banners, and placards to the court as possible. We have to make this a large and noisy demonstration.

Venue : The Guildhall Nottingham  
Date : Monday February 25th 1991  
Time : 9:00am

Make your own complaint to the people responsible for threatening Poll tax non-payers with imprisonment. Phone the following councillors in the mornings, afternoons, evenings, and nights.

Councillor	Sutton	Leader of Broxtowe borough council	256980
Councillor	Lillee	Deputy leader of Broxtowe borough council	636135

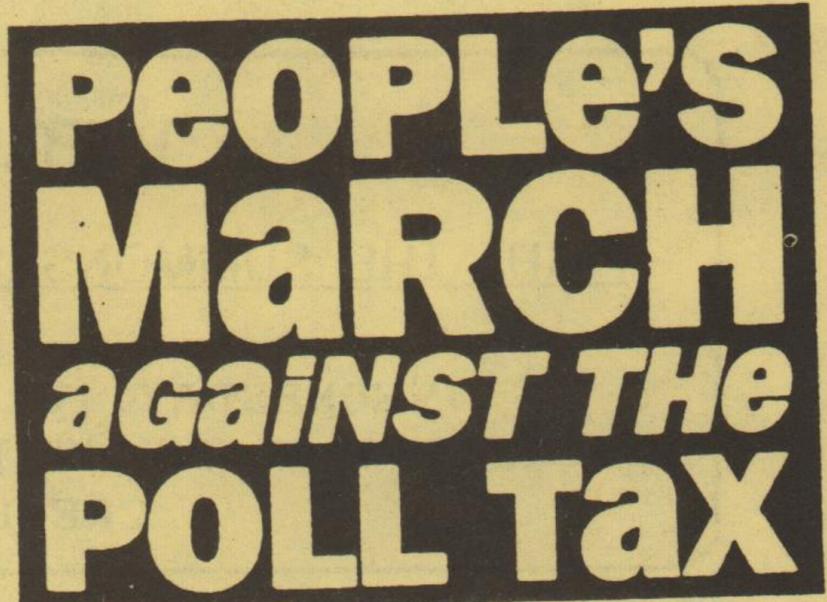
For further details contact :-



**BEESTON ANTI-POLL TAX UNION**

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

12 million people are not paying their poll tax. Every town and city in England, Scotland, and Wales is involved in the fightback. The Peoples March Against the Poll Tax will be marching from Glasgow to London, passing through many of these towns and cities with the message: "WE'RE NOT PAYING".



The march reaches London on Saturday 20th OCTOBER for a demonstration organised by the London Federation. The marchers will be in our area from the 28th September until the 5th October.

The march arrives in Mansfield on Friday 28th September, where there will be an evening rally at the Labour Club in Westhill Drive (starting at 7.30 pm). The march arrives in Nottingham on Saturday 29th September after passing through Sutton, Kirkby, Hucknall, and Bulwell. Greet the marchers as they pass through your area.

LOCAL DETAILS .....

## SATURDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

WELCOME THE PEOPLES MARCH AGAINST THE POLL TAX  
NOTTINGHAM POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS UNION  
BYRON BUILDING, SHAKESPEARE ST. BETWEEN 4.00 & 5.00

EVENING RALLY & GIG AT:-

QUEEN'S WALK COMMUNITY CENTRE (THE MEADOWS)

RALLY STARTS AT 7.30 (SPEAKERS FROM FED & MARCH)

GIG STARTS AT 9.00

ADMISSION 2.50 WAGED & 1.50 CONCESSIONS

If your organisation would like a marcher to address your meeting, or you are interested in finding out how to join the growing anti-poll tax campaign, then phone Gary Freeman on 607498, or fill in the tear-off slip below and return it to NAPTF, [redacted] e, New Basford Nottingham [redacted]

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NAME ..... ORG. ....

ADDRESS .....

..... TEL. ....

I WANT TO JOIN MY LOCAL CAMPAIGN (PLEASE TICK BOX)

# NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI POLL TAX FEDERATION

## PUBLIC MEETING

FIGHT THE SUMMONSES      BUILD NON PAYMENT

WEDNESDAY 10th OCTOBER AT 7.30pm  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE, MANSFIELD ROAD.  
CRECHE PROVIDED

The latest official figures from the Government for non-payment levels in Nottingham appeared in The Guardian on 21st September. A staggering 144,000 adults in Nottingham didn't pay a penny in the first 3 months - that's 66.7% of those eligible to pay. These figures demonstrate the massive task facing the Councils and the Courts with this level of resistance.

The Authorities are trying to intimidate non-payers by denying them legal representation in Court. With more summonses going out this week, it is more vital than ever that local APTU's trace people beforehand so that they can be trained up to defend themselves, and help clog up the Courts. The undemocratic attitude of the Courts had the effect of hardening the resolve of non-payers in the recent cases. The clangers made by the Council in trying to serve liability orders on 2 minors from Aspley, aged 14 and 16, shows the administrative chaos caused by the poll tax.

The campaign has to maintain the pressure on the Courts, stop the bailiffs, and continue to build non-payment in the streets and workplaces.

LOBBY THE COURTS  
GUILDHALL, BURTON STREET

THURSDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER  
THURSDAY 4TH OCTOBER (Provisional)  
THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER

DON'T PANIC

DON'T PAY

WE WILL WIN

# 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.

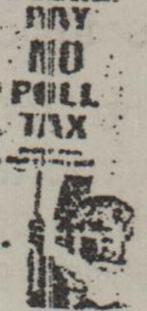
c/o Haldane Society of Lawyers, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel: 071-833-8958 (messages)

## NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL DAY(S) OF ACTION

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL DEFENDANTS. DROP ALL CHARGES NOW. FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO DEMONSTRATE. PAY NO POLL TAX.

### FRIDAY / SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 / 20th

LONDON ANTI-POLL TAX MARCH - OCT 20th. 11am Imperial War Museum, St Georges Rd, SE1. Join TSDC contingent/event (Feeder cancelled).



The T.S.D.C. have received offers from all over Britain and many other countries to organise solidarity actions in support of the over-550 Anti-Poll Tax protestors arrested as a result of the 200,000-strong National Demonstration in London on March 31st (over 80 of which have spent time in prison on remand or after trial - including a recent 2 year sentence for kicking a police van being driven into the crowd). Also, in support of many other people arrested at Anti-Poll Tax protests around the country.

In the light of this, the TSDC have called for 2 days of NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY PROTESTS at appropriate sites: (in this country - police stations, courts, poll tax offices etc....abroad - at consulates, embassies, British Airways etc).

The reason for TWO days of action is that people abroad will be able to choose a site with weekday or weekend opening. Also, here in Britain there will be a London March Against the Poll Tax on Sat October 20th - which enables those who attend to organise specific actions on the day before (and publicise the demonstration).

Together, we will be strong to fight oppression.

in solidarity,  
The Trafalgar Sq Defendants' Campaign

## Organise a Protest in Your Area

Note: we ask all groups to do their own leaflets...

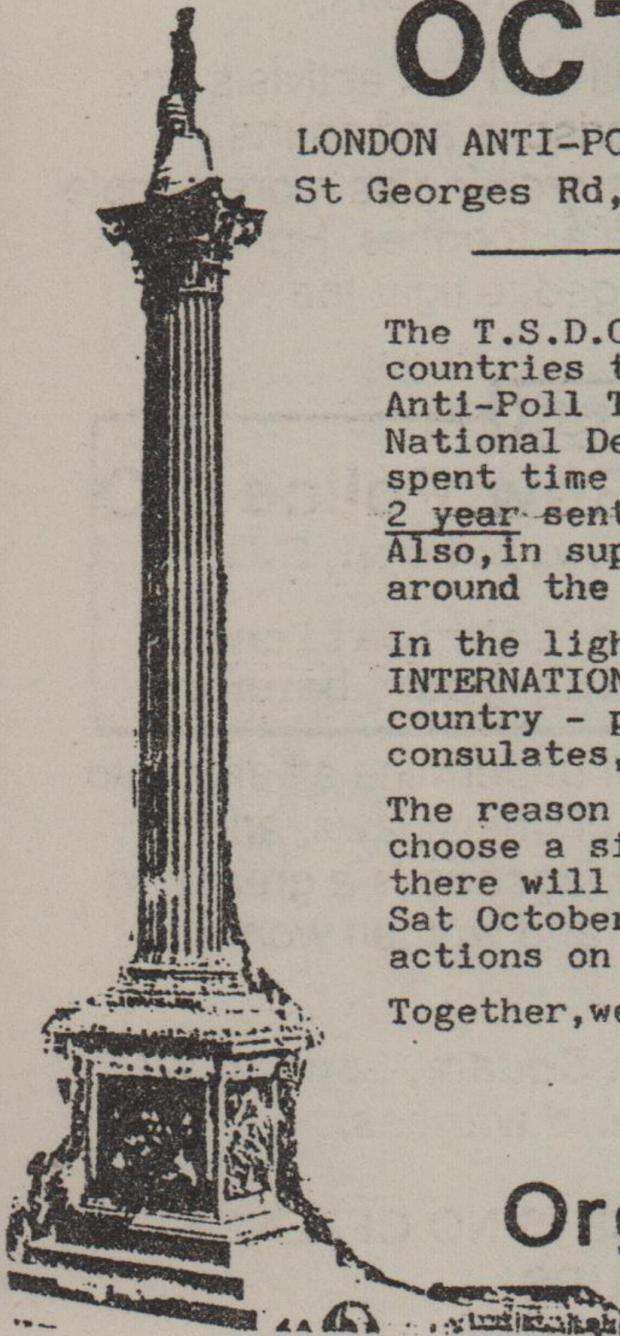
### Send us a report

WE WILL BE ORGANISING A SOLIDARITY PROTEST ON 19/20th (delete one).....

NAME OF ORGANISATION.....

ADDRESS..... PHONE.....

Contact Person.....



# **DROP ALL CHARGES NOW!**

The Trafalgar Square Defendants' Campaign was established in the wake of the huge anti-Poll Tax demonstration in March. Police attempts to break up the march resulted in a night-long battle.

409 people were arrested that day, and over 100 have been arrested since. Dozens have already faced trial and conviction on the basis of the 90 hours of video material and 30,000 photos seized by the Police. The Crown Prosecution Service has set up a special unit to deal with the cases, and 125 police officers are working full-time on the case – the largest investigation ever mounted by the Met.

The hysterical media witch-hunt has contributed to the systematic police harrassment of anti-Poll Tax activists, and trials are being conducted in an atmosphere of panic and confusion, in which defendants are receiving severe and unjust convictions.

The Defendants' Campaign involves defendants, solicitors, anti-Poll Tax activists and supporters. It has already organised pickets of several of the prisons and courts in which defendants are being detained or tried. The campaign is growing as more people recognise the importance of supporting those victimised by the authorities. Hundreds of Poll Tax groups and federations all over the country have pledged to fight the criminalisation of their movement by affiliating.

## **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!

Opposition to the show trials of Trafalgar Square protestors will undermine all efforts to divide and discredit the movement. Successful mass defiance of unjust laws, and refusal to be intimidated by oppressive policing and hostile propaganda is a great part of our traditions. That's how workers won the right to organise, and women won the right to vote.

**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 affiliate to the TSDC:

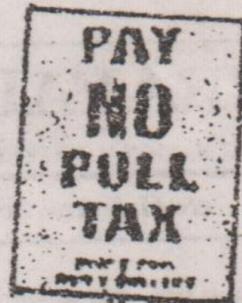
Name of Organisation / Individual ..... Address.....

Contact Person.....Phone No.....

I/We enclose £..... (£2 - Individ'l / £5 - Local / £10 - District / £25 - Regional & TUs) Donations needed.

Return to: TSDC, Room 205, Panther House, 38 Mount Pleasant, London WC1X 0AP. Tel: 071-833-8958

# STOP THE TRAFALGAR SQ. SHOW TRIALS



## DEMONSTRATE OCTOBER 20TH - LONDON -

9.30am - COURT PICKET - Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court,  
Nr. Lambeth Bridge (Westminster-⊖)  
Speakers incl Mildred Gordon, MP.

10.30am - FEEDER MARCH - To Kennington Park assembly pt.  
(from Horseferry Rd)

12.pm - TSDC CONTINGENT - On the London Anti-Poll Tax  
Federation demonstration

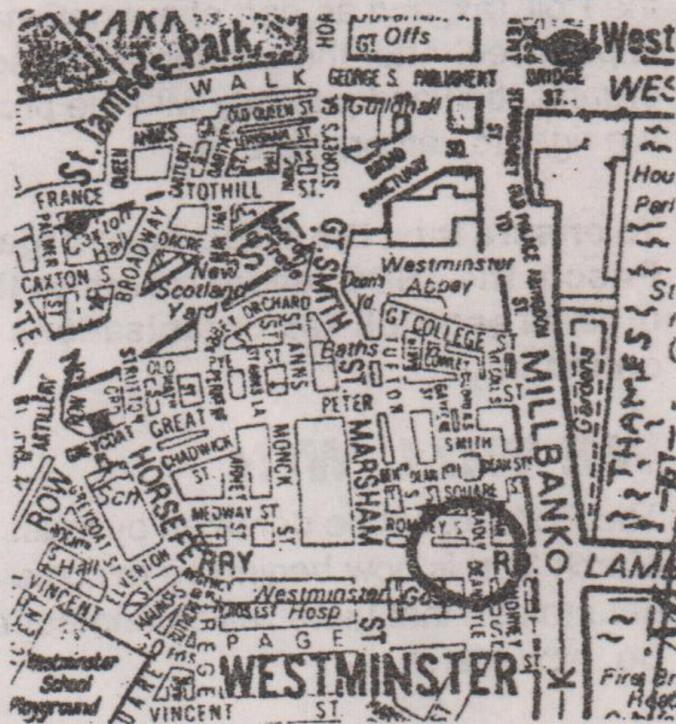
2.pm - LONDON FEDERATION RALLY - Brockwell Park, Brixton

4.30-6pm - SOLIDARITY PICKET - Brixton Prison, Jebb Av. SW2  
Nr. Brixton ⊖. Speakers  
invited include Paul Foot.

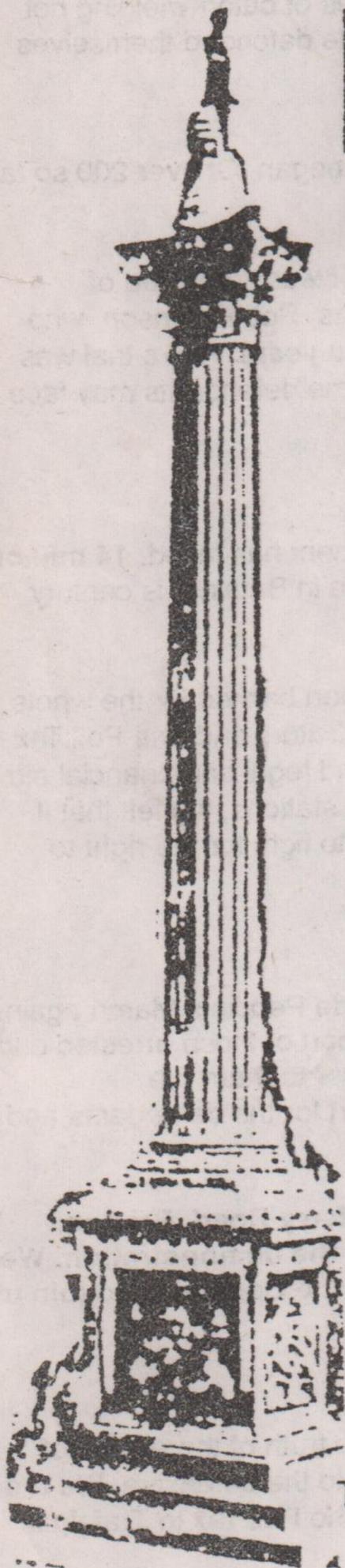
We call on all anti-Poll Tax  
organisations and others to show  
their solidarity with the arrested  
and imprisoned March 31st  
protestors, by supporting these  
events with their banners.

We are arranging legal cover for  
the whole demonstration.

TRAFALGAR SQ. DEFENDANTS'  
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## THE BATTLE OF TRAFALGAR

On March 31st this year, the eve of the implementation of the government's hated Poll Tax, over 200,000 people took part in a magnificent demonstration through central London. At Downing St. and Trafalgar Sq., police rode horses into a peaceful sit-down, and then sent waves of baton-wielding riot cops and vans into packed crowds. This provoked a night-long battle as people defended themselves.

## SHOW TRIALS

520 protestors were arrested and charged, and a hysterical media witch-hunt began. Of over 200 so far tried more than 150 have been sentenced to heavy fines and prison terms.

These political show trials continue. At the beginning of September, a protestor was convicted of "assaulting" a police officer by spitting at him. He was sent to jail for two months. Rob Robinson, who kicked at a police van being deliberately driven at demonstrators, received *two years*. Rob's trial was the first in a Crown Court, and more savage sentences are in the pipeline. Some defendants may face life imprisonment.

## THE FIGHTBACK

However, the authorities' plan to frighten and discredit the anti-Poll Tax movement has failed. **14 million people are now not paying!** This is the largest campaign of civil disobedience in Britain this century, and protests are continuing all over the country.

The TSDC, set up to provide unconditional support to every defendant, has been backed by the whole movement. We have brought together hundreds of defendants, supporters, solicitors and anti-Poll Tax activists. We have been able to help get charges dropped, trials postponed, and legal and financial aid to defendants. After a series of solidarity protests at courts, prisons and police stations, we felt that it was time for the anti-Poll Tax movement as a whole to show its determination to fight for the right to demonstrate freely....

## THE OCTOBER 20TH DEMONSTRATION

The TSDC called the London March on October 20th to welcome the nationwide People's March against the Poll Tax, and as part of our national and international Day of Action in support of those arrested and imprisoned. After the London APT Federation agreed to back it, we handed over to them the organisation and publicity with the proviso that a major theme would be support for the defendants and the right to demonstrate.

To ensure this, the TSDC have organised the solidarity protests at Horseferry Road, Brixton Prison, the TSDC feeder march to the assembly point, and contingent on the demonstration. We urge all anti-Poll Tax organisations and members of the public who back the Campaign to join us on the day.

## WE WILL WIN

The Poll Tax will be defeated by mass non-payment and non-co-operation. The truth of the events of March 31st is now beginning to come out and we are forcing the authorities onto the defensive. We are determined that there will be another massive national demonstration against the Poll Tax in Trafalgar Sq. next March.

Wherever there's oppression, there's resistance. Solidarity is our strength. Together we will win.

# ***FIGHT THE POLL TAX!***

# ***FIGHT THE COURTS!***

In Nottinghamshire, thousands of people haven't paid their Poll Tax and are receiving reminders and summonses. In the City, according to the Guardian, 144,000 people haven't paid which is 66.7%. This means that if the City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Councils try to take everyone to court it could take years.

To delay the process, the community anti-poll tax campaign urge all those who've not paid to turn up to court for a personal appearance when summonsed. The groups can provide legal advice and support, please contact the names overleaf.

These people need your support outside the court. The hearings take place on Thursdays at the Guildhall. Make the effort to come along even if it is just for half an hour at lunchtime.

Bring your banners along if you're a member of a trade union or a sympathetic organisation. Bring your musical instruments & whistles. Bring your placards.

***SUPPORT THOSE NOT PAYING THE POLL TAX***

***THE GUILDHALL COURTS***

***BURTON STREET***

***NOTTINGHAM***

***on the following Thursdays***

***18th October: 9.30am onwards***

Summonses from around the City

***25th October:***

9.30am Summonses from Gedling

1.30pm Summonses from Rushcliffe

***and on the same day at Bingham Magistrates Court:***

9.30am Summonses from Beeston

1.30pm Summonses from Bulwell

**If you want to get involved in your local  
community campaign then contact:**

**Arnold  
Aspley  
Basford  
Beeston  
Bestwood Park  
Bilborough  
Broxtowe  
Bulwell  
Carlton  
Central  
Clifton  
Forest Fields  
Hyson Green  
Gedling  
Hucknall  
Ilkeston  
Lenton  
Meadows  
Netherfield  
Radford  
Sherwood  
Snape Wood  
Sneinton  
St. Anns  
Stapleford  
Top Valley/ Rise Park  
West Bridgford**

# WE'RE STILL NOT PAYING THE POLL TAX

MARCH & RALLY AGAINST THE POLL TAX

## SATURDAY 23RD FEB

Meet: Forest Recreation Ground

at 10.00am

Rally: Market Square

at 11.30am



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### SPEAKERS INCLUDE:-

Dave Nellist M.P.

Brian Wright (Imprisoned for refusing to pay)

And Others.

Forest Fields & Hyson Green Anti-Poll Tax Campaign

## DISCO

INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, Rawson Street

SATURDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 8 'til late

# CAN'T PAY! WON'T PAY! DON'T PAY!!

Mrs Thatcher went, but the Poll Tax remains! We were promised a Poll Tax review - and Heseltine was brought in to do it - but so what! John Major has stated that the review won't be complete for another 15 months at least, and they won't deliver anything until after the next election. Even then the superficial changes - a weeny bit here, a teeny bit there - will make little difference.

Despite the pressure non-payers have been under - by the courts, from the media - there are still over 60,000 who are either in arrears or who haven't yet paid a penny! The campaign is still going strong.

The Government is trying to push the poll tax onto the sidelines. The media have tried to relegate it to the back pages of the press. But it remains! A vicious, unfair attack on ordinary people throughout this country.

In March, a new Poll Tax rate is being set in Nottingham. It promises to be at least 50 pounds higher! "Our" Labour Council, will try to blame non-payers for this increase, just as they will the round of service cuts being planned.

But the blame for service cuts and Poll Tax increases lies squarely with the Government who introduced it and the Councils who are implementing it. We've seen that there's money around when they need it.

Come on the march  
and show the Government and the Council  
that we won't be intimidated.

## We are not paying the Poll Tax!!!

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*For more information about how to fight the Poll Tax,  
contact [redacted] or [redacted]*

*or come along to our regular Tuesday meetings at the Indian Community Centre,  
Rawson Street (just past Noel St. Baths), 7.30pm.*

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