

CLIFTON ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN

NEWSLETTER

11472
Poll Tax

SUMMER 1990

Welcome to the 2nd Clifton A.P.T.U. newsletter. I hope that you enjoyed reading the 1st one and that it gave you some helpful information on the mass non payment campaign that will see the end of this most hated of taxes.

NEWS

The council is having a nightmare trying to collect the poll tax from the residents of Clifton. They are even trying to persuade us that it is easy for us to pay the poll tax whilst we do our shopping. This is an American idea whereby you go along to your corner shop, buy a loaf of bread, go to the counter and while you're there you think to yourself, "I just happen to have a spare £39.00 in my purse, I'll think I'll pay my poll tax." Just who do the council think they are kidding? These shops must be boycotted. When the RICH POLL TAX PAYING SHOP KEEPERS see their profits go down because of our actions, they will soon remove these machines and another round will be won in the fight to defeat the poll tax.

As predicted in the last issue, the council will be looking to "arrest" people's wages/benefits to collect the poll tax. This is a time consuming process and the council knows that even if they do succeed in getting a Liability Order from the courts, that they are still not going to collect anywhere near the amount of money that they should, but the important thing to remember is that once they have gained a liability order they can not then threaten you with the bailiffs if you maintain your payments. So remembering that the maximum that they can deduct from your wages is £9.00 for every £100.00 take home pay (and don't forget the courts have to take into account all of your other outgoings) then even if the council were successful in court you will still not be paying as much as if you went to the corner shop to pay your poll tax.

WERE NOT PAYING THE POLL TAX

WHO EVER SAID LIGHTNING WONT STRIKE IN THE SAME PLACE TWICE ?

In 1381, the government brought in a new form of taxation, they called it the "Poll Tax." A man named Wat Tyler and a group of followers revolted against this unfair tax and marched to London. Once there they beheaded the chancellor and so ended the poll tax.

Well folks, 600 years later and the poll tax has reared its ugly head again. The government has introduced what they say is a fair tax, we say that they have introduced a tax that is fair for the rich but not for the poor and the elderly.

So what can we do about it ? We certainly can't behead the chancellor as they did in 1381, but we can get rid of this evil tax if we stand together and fight! So, come on give the telly a miss for a change, lets get up off our backsides join the ANTI POLL TAX CAMPAIGN and together we will fight untill this tax is defeated and replaced with something that is fair for everyone and not just the rich.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who has joined our campaign to fight the poll tax. The response to the membership scheme has been fantastic, we now have well over 1,200 members in Clifton making us the largest in the Nottingham federation. All of the money that is raised through memberships and donations is used for the printing of leaflets, posters, stickers etc. and for the hiring of halls for public meetings. No member of the committee makes any financial claims from the funds at all, we are not in this campaign for gain, we are in it to get rid of the poll tax.

HELPERS REQUIRED

We desperately need more people to help us fight the poll tax. If anybody can spare a few hours helping to deliver these newsletters and leaflets would you please contact any of the committee members, their telephone numbers are on the back of your RED membership card. Please help us to help you.

CLIFTON A.P.T.U. NEWS

SUMMER 1990

MASS NON PAYMENT CAMPAIGN IS WINNING!

From the very start, we said that the only way to defeat the poll tax would be for those people who could afford to pay their poll tax bills to join forces with those of us who simply can not afford to pay even if we agreed with the poll tax. All over the country this has started to happen and the government is witnessing a campaign of civil disobedience that will defeat this hated tax! In Nottingham, the figures for NON PAYMENT for the months of April, May and June are a staggering 87%. All over the country councils are having a nightmare trying to collect the poll tax. These figures have been released

by the local authorities up and down the country, and prove what a solid campaign is being built. All of these figures represent NON PAYMENT of the poll tax. Manchester=50%, Birmingham=50%, Exeter=70%, Coventry=33%, London=35%, Swansea=35%, Plymouth=75%, Newport=25%, in Liverpool 2 in 10 have not payed a penny towards the poll tax, and let us remember that in Scotland there are 1 in 10 who still have not payed a penny after 15 months of the poll tax. The fight is only just beginning in England and Wales, but if we build on what has been achieved in Scotland then we will
DEFEAT THE POLL TAX

CLIFTON'S NOT PAYING THE POLL TAX!!