

NEW VENTURE

WE ARE SURE THAT MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF B & G WOULD WISH TO JOIN WITH US IN WISHING MR & MRS BAZ CORNELL SUCCESS IN THEIR NEW BUSINESS. THIS IS BASED AT 30A HIGH ST WARSOP SELLING FRUIT FLOWERS A RANGE OF FLORAL TRIBUTES. HOPEFULLY MEMBERS WILL REMEMBER THEM WHEN NEXT THEY CONSIDER ORDERING THESE ITEMS. WE ARE SURE BAZ AND CAROL WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME OLD FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. BEST WISHES TO THEM FOR THE FUTURE

JACKS CORNER.

FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

AS WE ALL KNOW, THIS TORY GOVERNMENT HAS DONE ITS BEST TO DEFEAT TRADE UNIONISM AND COMRADESHIP AMONG THE WORKING CLASS PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY. THIS IT WILL NEVER DO.

OUR WAY OF PROVING THEM WRONG IS BY ONCE AGAIN BEING PRESENT AT OUR BLACK & GOLD XMAS SOCIAL. FINALLY WE WILL MISS OUR COMRADE PETER IN MANY WAYS. LET US THEREFORE ALL BE TOGETHER ON DEC. 4TH IF ONLY OUT OF RESPECT FOR HIS MEMORY.

IN SOLIDARITY,

JACK TAYLOR.

APPROXIMATE BUS TIMETABLE

FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 4TH - RE: BLACK & GOLD SOCIAL.

LEAVING OLLERTON WELFARE 7.00PM PROMPT.

VIA EDWINSTOWE - TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

CHIPSTONE - WELFARE

GARIBALDI - SHOPS 7.15 APPROX.

VIA NEW MILL LANE TO MANS-WOODHOUSE

THE ANGEL INN TO FOUR WAYS

FOREST TOWN TRAFFIC LIGHTS.

SOUTHWELL ROAD - OPPOSITE BELLAMY ROAD 7.30 APPROX

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THE TIMES CANNOT BE GUARANTEED SO MAKE SOME ALLOWANCE FOR IT BEING A FEW MINUTES LATE/EARLY.

XMAS MESSAGE

THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND AREA PRESIDENT ALONG WITH THE AREA OFFICE STAFF, WISH ALL MEMBERS AND EX MEMBERS A VERY MERRY XMAS AND THE BEST FOR 1994 ALTHOUGH WE ALL FACE DIFFICULT TIMES IN THE



BLACK & GOLD NEWS.

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WELCOME ONCE AGAIN TO OUR PRE-XMAS ISSUE OF B & G NEWS. MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE AND UNFORTUNATELY NOT A LOT OF IT HAS BEEN FOR THE BETTER.

OUR USUAL XMAS FANCY DRESS SOCIAL NIGHT WILL THIS YEAR BE HELD ON SATURDAY DEC. 4TH AT THE RAINWORTH DRILL HALL, OPPOSITE THE RUFFORD PIT LANE. WE HOPE AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL MAKE THE EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE EVENT AND ONCE AGAIN MAKE OUR RE-UNION THE SUCCESS IT SHOULD BE. THE DOORS WILL BE OPEN AT 7.15 AND A LATE BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE. TICKETS AS USUAL WILL BE £2 EACH.

A BUS WILL LEAVE THE OLLERTON WELFARE ON THE NIGHT AT 7.00 PM PROMPT PICKING UP AT VARIOUS POINTS EN-ROUTE TO RAINWORTH. AN APPROXIMATE TIMETABLE IS INCLUDED ON THE BACK PAGE OF THIS ISSUE. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR OWN ORGANISATION ONCE AGAIN AND ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL EVENING.

WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE XMAS WITH THE HOPE THAT 1994 SEES THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THIS MOST REPRESSIVE AND HATED GOVERNMENT.

THE FATE OF THE PET PIG

The fate of Roy Lynk, President of the U.D.M. is reminiscent of a scene from Thomas Hardy's novel, 'Jude the Obscure'.

The scene concerns the butchering of a pet pig, told with great sympathy, the author empathising with the pig. Reared close to the family, as was common in nineteenth century England, the pig was well treated, mothered like a pet and fed on tit-bits - all the better to fatten it up so that at the right moment it could be turned into as much pork and bacon as possible. The pig is happy and contented, not knowing it's place in the human scheme of things, until, one day, the indignant, bewildered animal finds himself seized and hauled up by his hind legs, squealing and kicking.

Then, with relief, - Hardy presents it from the point of the poor betrayed pig - he sees the woman who has petted him and favored him with tit-bits approaching, a long shiny thing in her hand.

The pig relaxes, as he knows he has nothing to fear from this woman who has treated him with such kindness in the past.

The woman promptly cuts his throat.

For her, the fat pig, who had thought himself a member of the family was just so much potential bacon.

Lynk was an important man with an important role in Mrs. Thatcher's 1984/85 war against the miners. The press, radio and TV renounced the miners for their 'violence'. The militarised Police broke miners skulls and terrorised the mining villages. Lynk and Co. helped organise the 'working miners' to break the strike, they were petted and feted by the press, some of them no doubt, were given special tit-bits now and again. Mrs. Thatcher called the striking miners, 'The enemy within', but Lynk and his friends were part of the national family, at the head of whose table sat the Tories. Lynk and Co. were the heroes of the British national family as defined by the Tory press, in fact, the typical heroes of Mrs. Thatchers brave new Britain.

Lynk and the 'Working Miners' would be taken care of. Notts coal had a future, they could be sure of that! The Tory Nation would not forget, and Roy Lynk was the extra-special leader of this 'Special breed of men'.

Well Lynk has now found out his place in the human scheme of things and the pampered, tit-bit fed, pet workers leader having served his purpose got no more special treatment than Thomas Hardy's pet pig.

Albeit that Lynk, who saw a major battle looming on the horizon, did two things, firstly he found the deepest hole he could, buried himself and hid in it, and secondly, seeing the writing on the wall for his Organisation, decided to go while the going was good. It was his members who would have to stay and face the butchers knife.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE RECORD THE PASSING OF ONE OF OUR GREATEST SUPPORTERS. PETER HARRISON WAS TRULY A UNIQUE FIGURE WITHIN THE LABOUR AND TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. HIS TOTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF MINeworkERS, THE LABOUR PARTY, JUSTICE FOR MINeworkERS, THE NOTTS COALFIELD CAMPAIGN AND OF COURSE BLACK AND GOLD WAS TRULY PHENOMENAL. THAT HE ALSO FOUND TIME FOR HIS EXTENSIVE GARDENING INTERESTS SPEAKS VOLUMES FOR HIS STAMINA AND COMMITMENT. WE ARE ALL THE LOSERS FOR HIS SAD PASSING. REST WELL PETER YOUR EXAMPLE WILL BE REMEMBERED.

NERVES OF STEEL

A GREAT EXAMPLE OF THIS HEADLINE WAS RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY GORDON (GEORDIE) HINDSON WHEN HE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A BUNGEE JUMP. HIS EFFORT WAS HE TOLD US, IN AID OF A CHARITY CALLED TENOVS CANCER FUND AND TOOK PLACE AT FINDERN IN DERBYSHIRE. GEORDIE'S JUMP WAS ONE OF 180 FEET, WHICH FACT ALONE ILLUSTRATES THE NERVE NEEDED TO EVEN THINK OF SUCH AN ESCAPE. AS A BONUS HIS JUMP RAISED £140 FOR HIS CHOSEN CHARITY. WELL DONE GORDON.

PENSIONS.

SURELY WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO FEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR MINeworkERS PENSION FUND. THE WAY THE TORY GOVERNMENT HAVE LEGISLATED TO ENABLE THEIR INDUSTRIAL FRIENDS, THE ONES WHO CONTRIBUTE SO READILY TO THEIR PARTY FUNDS, TO PLUNDER THE ACCRUED SURPLUSES IN INDUSTRIAL PENSION FUNDS AND THEIR PERCEIVED RELUCTANCE TO PROSECUTE THOSE WHO 'ILLEGALLY' RAID THE 'PCCY BANK (SHADES OF MAXWELL) IS NOTHING LESS THAN LEGALISED THEFT ON A GRAND SCALE. NO ONE CAN FAIL TO RECOGNISE WHAT IS HAPPENING FOR THE CORRUPT AND IMMORAL PRACTICE IT MUST CERTAINLY IS. AT THE SAME TIME THEY HAVE PUT OFF YET AGAIN THE MUCH NEEDED REFORM OF THE PENSION FUND LAW. NEED MORE BE SAID? BRITISH RAIL PENSION FUND TRUSTEES ARE CURRENTLY FIGHTING TO PREVENT THE GOVERNMENT GETTING THEIR GREEDY HANDS ON BETWEEN £6 AND £8 BIL KEEN TO SIPHON OFF "EXCESS" SURPLUS CASH. WE NOW KNOW THAT ALONG WITH THE POST OFFICE PENSION FUND, OUR OWN PENSIONS ARE RECEIVING VERY CLOSE ATTENTION FROM THESE PRESENT DAY 'PIRATES'. UNFORTUNATELY OUR OWN POSITION HAS NOT BEEN HELPED BY THOSE APOLOGISTS FOR HUMANITY AT BERRY HILL OFFICES WITH THEIR OPEN SUPPORT FOR THE 'PENSION HOLIDAY' WHICH MEANS THAT BRITISH COAL WILL NOT BE MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR FUND UNTIL THE YEAR 2003 IN TOTAL THEY WILL HAVE BENEFITED TO THE TUNE OF £800 MILLION. WE DO HAVE A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS FROM THIS HORRIFIC RAPE. WE URGE EVERYONE TO WRITE AND PROTEST IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO M.P.'S AND GOVERNMENT MINISTERS % WESTMINSTER LONDON.