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Well we're still here

And guess what? We're still fucking angry!

What does it take to make the press sit up and take notice? A lot of ways to answer that question at the moment

If the TSG had Killed a masked up anarko and not a bloke strolling home from work. Would it have made a difference? Suddenly it's all "accountability"? Give me a break, when have the Police EVER been accountable for what they do and more to the point when will the media acknowledge their own corporate responsibility for what they do? The Guardian, foremost in reporting the tragedy that took place, were also infiltrating demonstrators meetings and enjoying the media foray in the build up to the G20, enjoying making it sound like a potential blood-bath, then acting all fucking surprised when the filth go gung ho and end up murdering an innocent bystander. Well fuck 'em, all part of the capitalist machine, lack lustre lackeys. You whinge about us being "masked" and "anonymous", print your names and addresses at the end of your articles, hypocritical arseholes sitting in your wine bars while you peddle shit and lies.

their own children. Maybe that's how they see all those unsold copies that still litter the Liverpool streets. GO ON you scousers, we're with you. We'll never buy that shit rag either. It's only good for burning (suggestions on the back of an oily rag please!)

Class traitors the lot of 'em. Reporters? Wankers!

Short story is do not trust the media, they have once again proved themselves to be semi-literate liars and scaremongers, selling papers on others grief while the Police get away with murder, again, this ain't the first, won't be the last.

British Press? Bloodsuckers at best.

Let us take a moment to denounce the CUNT that

25 years after the Miners strike with no public industry left, Public services in mess and the private sector, owned by fat cats earning billions, paying their staff peanuts and saying Public sector workers get too high an increase. Fuck 'em They've robbed our banks, we should return the favour. Most ordinary people are struggling to make ends meet, they become intentionally unemployed or get sacked and walk away with millions.

Arms dealers, thieving bankers, bonus bosses, you will feel the revenge of the dispossessed, the people you shit on will have our day..... Anything of theirs is rightfully ours surely? We've already paid for it, they stole it from us, so we can do whatever we like with it surely? Cars, houses, not theirs, ours. Robbing the rich should be our right, it is our obligation! Meanwhile a huge shout out to all our comrades involved in Strikes and occupations, Enfield and Belfast Visteon, Total and many more; The Unions may be toady off to suck off the bosses, the People are with you! We are with you, fight on! It's only us who can change the status quo, only us who can wipe the smiles off their faces! Even the odds, let's do it!!

Canary Wharf? Legitimate target.

Still we got more press coverage than the event itself (what was it about?) Anyway to labour the fucking point, we have the SCUM, printing absolute shit about what went on that day, just about 20 years after they told us the "truth about Hillsborough" the truth as usual is that they fucking lied and lied and never have the decency to stand up and say "I'm sorry, we lied". They covered the anniversary game as if they were mourning

decided to use police corruption and brutality to defy the purpose of the G20 protests...who employed Max Clifford, traded her hippie climate camp gear for a flowery dress that will look better on HELLO magazine's cover when she sells out her comrades of old. This issue is a tribute against police brutality, but ... they should have punched you harder! Deserting bastard... Anyway, the Tank didn't show up, but we had a go! The summer of rage has started and this is only the beginning! Let us take guidance from our comrades in Greece and France, get stuck in there! We need to see a bit more togetherness in our rage as the summer progresses. Remember we've just bailed out the banks whilst having to put up with a fucked Health system and no chance of genuine working class people getting any form of accommodation, whilst these bastards get BUPA and rent out their spare mansions to anyone the housing will accommodate at..... once again a huge cost to the ordinary taxpayer. Seems like we can't win....well we can give 'em a fucking run for their money (or ours!). Let's give them a few happy memories of the Summer of 2009.

Allez le kidknapping!

The Working Class is angry, we've had enough! If you think G20 was a riot, you ain't seen nothing yet. We need to remind these people who it is they are fucking with. Not just you and me but our entire fucking CLASS. We're angry, don't let them get away with it, you can't reform injustice and mass capitalism, just kick it till it breaks. Blow it up, burn it down, kick it till it breaks! Let's get out there remind them we will not be beaten down, give them a summer to remember a Summer of Rage!

For Class War, against the common enemy.



NEW HANDS ON THE TILLER AT FREEDOM

Freedom, the UK's longest running Anarchist publication, has a new editorial team. Thanks should go to Rob Ray, the outgoing Editor, for the considerable amount of hard work he put in, and good luck to the gruesome twosome who are now in charge. To find out more about Freedom, please go to www.freedompress.org.uk or pop into the bookshop at 84b Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (nearest tube – Aldgate East). As the bookshop has now been redeveloped and is on the ground floor, Freedom is in the best health it has been for years. Onwards and upwards. grim economic forecasts, the Ministry of Defence is no doubt hoping to reverse falling applications for all three services. Certainly the forces have not been too fussy

about who they take, or who they keep in the ranks. In April the MOD admitted there were 32 registered sex offenders currently serving in uniform. Be the best anyone? case. Most of the soldiers wounded have been injured in Afghanistan and Iraq, countries that offered no material threat to the UK. Indeed, invading them only offered provocation, and excuses, to the religious lunatics on the global Islamist fringe.

BE THE BEST ?

So goes the current recruiting adverts for the British Army, plastered all over inner cities across the UK. With rising unemployment and

HELP FOR HEROES ?

One of the most hyped charitable campaigns at the moment, is Help For Heroes. This aims to raise money for serviceman wounded in the cause of duty. Given wall to coverage by The Sun, its adverts include billboard posters of young children washing cars to raise cash for the injured, and a series of sporting events have also been held, including a rugby match at Twickenham.

There are several problems here. For all the talk about "our" soldiers protecting us, and our values, recent years show the opposite to be the

Secondly, all of the soldiers injured in the above conflicts, had signed up, voluntarily. They presumably thought they would be adequately cared for in case of serious injury. If they are not, what does that say about the government they are pledged to fight, kill or die for?

If wounded servicemen really are dependent on kids giving donations from their paper rounds, or donations dropped into buckets outside football matches, would be members of all three forces really should take note. Heroes they may be to some, but there comes a point when those being taken advantage of need to think carefully, not just about what they are fighting for, but in particular what the government thinks of them.

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THIS IS ELASS WAR

The Class War Federation is an organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to change the society we live in, to improve the lot of working class people.

This society is divided into classes based on control of its institutions and wealth. The Ruling Class - those who "own" the factories or natural resources - whether it's through shares or being chairman of the board etc, who are under normal circumstances supported by the Middle Class - those who gain their position in society by patronage of the Ruling Class - who do their dirty work of controlling and (dis)organising the working class who do all the necessary work. Such a society is the root cause of most of the problems experienced by Working Class people the world over. As the Ruling Class has every intention of keeping its privileged position it must be destroyed - this is Class War. Real change can only come about by working class people organising themselves to deal with the problems that they experience and to provide for ourselves. It is not about becoming better treated slaves but masters of our destiny. Direct action is necessary against the individuals and institutions who stand in the way of this. There is no alternative. Violence is a necessary part of the Class War - not as elitist terrorists but as an integrated part of the class - they started it, we'll have to finish it! Class society creates other abuses based upon the prejudices of the Ruling or Middle Class such as gender, ethnic origin, sexuality, disability. The Ruling Class often use these to divide our class. We must unite on the common basis of what we have in common - our Working Class background and needs. The Class must fight these divisions on all fronts. Above all the CWF believes that politics cannot be separated from life - and life from politics. We reject the missionary/righteous so-called "revolutionary" Left. Our politics must be fulfilling and relevant to our everyday lives. Working Class people must take responsibility for their progressive revolutionary politics - fly by night middle class radicals have been the bane of our movement for as long as the Working Class has existed. Our Aim

HOBERTAIZED COPPER

Therefore the aim of the CWF is to increase the militancy and self awareness of the Working Class in defending their interests and solving their problems. We do this through propaganda, active participation and debate as equals. Class War membership is open to anyone



who agrees with the above, and has been in touch with their local Class War group for 3 months. Membership is £12 waged and £6 unwaged per calendar year – although you are free to pay more if you want to!

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lass War are not known for holding back or minding our words, so we were pleased to post on our website the new front cover of our paper entitled 'How To Keep Warm During The

matter who they are or why they are in the vicinity of a demonstration.

Most of us are used to being pushed around by the slags from the Met et al. Most of us accept that we are involved in a long-term struggle and getting hospitalised can sometimes go with the territory. Most of those on April 1st and 2nd who were beaten up and abused however were not 'known faces', just protesters expressing anger at the sorry state the world is in, many for the first time. Let's hope the old adage 'There's nothing quite as politicizing as a truncheon on the head' bears fruit.

ested in seeing justice for the victim. The TSG officer involved was allowed to go off sick and encouraged to go away on holiday after feigning a heart attack. The idea of him being suspended on full pay is simply vile. With backing from the Police Federation it is likely this particular officer will be able to milk it for a good couple of years before, very likely, getting off 'scot free' following an attack that would at least merit a conviction for manslaughter if anyone else were involved. The other officer suspended due to his actions on April 2nd at the memorial for Ian Tomlinson, where video footage showed he backhanded and truncheoned a woman, is well known to many of us who frequent demo's in London. He is a sergeant and one of the more 'in your face' members of the TSG. To be

Credit Crunch-Burn A Banker!' That was last November prior to our annual bonfire night party which was violently brought to an end by the police.

Weeks before the G20 was to roll into town we were equally pleased to launch our 'Free Sheet' and put that on the website too with the headline 'Ready To Riot!'

This followed many groups, even those that have been lying dormant for a decade or more, receiving a nice letter from the Metropolitan Police stating in no uncertain terms that 'We're up for it and we're up to it', should any of us wish to turn up and protest against the G20.

It's then that the world went a little crazy. The media, being fed the usual disinformation from the Met started predicting all kinds of fun and games such as 'Anarchists Plot Mayhem From Seedy Pub Cellar' and 'They Have A Tank And Aren't Afraid To Use It!'

Whoever was behind these 'new' tactics the Met were using must have felt 'in total control, job done, we showed them who is boss' kind of a mood even when news started to come in that a protester was dead. The police are used to handling this kind of scenario, in their world it happens a lot, people just seem to drop dead on their watch. 'We can 'manage' this situation, no



realistic, his actions on the day were simply a display of behaviour endemic in the TSG at large. This is not a question of one or two bullying and lawless coppers but a whole unit of

> them. These people are told they are the elite and they are on the streets acting out their little fantasies day in day out. The majority of the time while they are skulking around London, there are no cameras available to catch them out, but it goes without saying they are capable of battering and/or fitting up innocent people whenever they leave their stations. How many people have actually suffered due to their actions is anyone's guess.

Each day the news got more and more ridiculous, and each day the coverage of just who was going to be putting in an appearance from the darkest corners of the continent had even the most long-toothed of us crawling with anticipation for the next fix of hack lunacy.

Class War's very own front pages from the website were being shown on national TV with commentators accusing us of 'inciting violence' and predicting we, among others, were plotting total bloody carnage. The website became so popular that it crashed several times during the lead up to April 1st. We have rarely had so much free publicity given to us.

problem.'

Only they couldn't. Very quickly it was clear the 'protester' was nothing of the sort, but simply a member of the public on the way home from work. Soon after, with the ball in play, protesters were blamed for causing the death because they 'attacked the police as they tried to revive a dying man, Ian Tomlinson'.

Liaison Officers were quickly sent to the family to minimise damage and to get them 'on side'. And when witnesses began to emerge threats were made towards newspapers for potentially 'traumatising' the family. The ball finally got burst when a member of the public sent the press some footage of Ian Tomlinsons' final minutes. (AT THE TIME OF WRITING, SOME 14 DAYS AFTER THE DEATH, NO 'OFFICIAL' CCTV FOOTAGE HAS BEEN MADE PUBLICALLY AVAIL-ABLE).

The Territorial Support Group (CO20) was formed in 1987 after the disbanding of it's predecessor the Special Patrol Group whose reputation the TSG seem to be trying to mirror for it's brutality and willing-

ness to act 'above the law'. The SPG's moment of glory came during the Southall Riots of 1979 when they were responsible for the killing of a teacher, Blair Peach. In the inquiries which followed, various weapons were found in the possession of SPG officers, including baseball bats and hammers. No SPG officer was ever charged with being responsible for his death. While the TSG have yet to live up to the SPG's infamy their willingness to use extreme violence over the past 21 years is becoming increasingly more apparent and Ian Tomlinson is not the first to be killed as a result of their actions. He is unlikely to be the last. So instead of the media printing cock and bull stories about hordes descending on London with tanks, perhaps they could spend more time investigating a real story, the one about violent tooled up thugs in white Mercedes Sprinters issuing out punishment to all who get in their way.

Naturally we took the Met up on their offer, it would have been rude not to.

We won't dwell however on smashing banks up and twatting coppers, you don't need any reinforced justification from us on that particular subject, suffice to say the cops talked up and encited a ruck with great enthusiasm and they got the desired result, even if on a much smaller scale than we'd have hoped for. What quickly became apparent very early on April 1st was exactly what the day was going to be like. The police true to their word were in fine form, but something had most definitely changed. No longer were the powers that be behind the Met seemingly worried about their public face. The states 'bully boys' seemed happy to punch and kick and crack heads in direct view of cameras. It seems it is now procedure to attack at will anybody that dares to publicly protest no

The actions the Met have since taken are true to form and truly repugnant.

Kicking their flat ball between themselves, the Met, the City of London Police and the IPCC, together have blatantly stuck two fingers up at the family and everybody else who has an interThere ARE violent bastards threatening the peace and quiet in 'London Town' but it isn't anarchists. Not yet anyway.

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The latest inquest regarding the killing of Jean Charles De Menezes began on the 22nd September 2008 and ended on the 12th December. The judge recommended an open verdict as the only legal verdict and so that was the verdict. These inquests have been insult after insult to the De Menezes family and the public, there has been no justice, responsibility or accountability from the state at all, almost as if it hadn't happened.

Jean Charles De Menezes was shot dead on the 22nd July 2005 inside Stockwell tube station. He arrived at the station at 10:00am and bought a Metro paper. As we now know and contrary to initial lies by the state, he did not jump the ticket barrier, he used his Oyster card to pay and walked through. He then descended the escalotor and ran across the platform to board his train. Witnesses say he did not advance in any way on the officers following him, as claimed yet again by the officers involved. The police have lied about this in order to attempt to cover up what really happened and so far they have got away with it, this is totally wrong and unacceptable. Two officers fired a total of eleven shots at De Menezes, including seven point blank shots to the head. Before this happened officers followed De Menezes for five minutes as he walked to his bus stop. Two officers then boarded

word murder because it was a deliberate and illegal killing of an innocent man, he may have been the wrong man but this just makes it worse, it was deliberate- if it wasn't De Menezes would still be alive. Three so-called surveilance officers later claimed that they had got the right man, noting that De Menezes had 'Mongolian' eyes.



The pursuing officers

contacted Gold Command and told them that De Menezes matched the discription of the previous days failed bomb attack suspects, including Hussein Osman. Gold Command then authorised 'code red ' tactics and gave the order to stop De Menezes boarding his train. According to a senior police source at Scotland Yard, Police Commander Cressida Dick told the surveilance team that De Menezes was to be detained before he got to the

The murder of Jean Charles De Menezes and the inquests that followed are clearly criminal injustice, an abuse of law and authorirty. The way this has been handled by the state is a sham, it has been engineered and manipulated by the law and the elite and is typical of a hierarchial society. There has been more concern from the state and the media for the guilty officers than for the victim of a murder.

Everything about this is proof that our system is rotten to the core and that our rulers are

station. Gold

Command transferred the operation to CO19, who dispatched fire arms officers to Stockwell

corrupt, considering themselves above the law- as do the police. They behave in a criminal way, believing themselves to be superior to the working class and people from overseas. The working class are just expendible pawns in their rigged game, their war against the working class and freedom itself. We must fight back and win the class war, destroy this dictatorship, practice solidarity with our working class brothers and sisters, create autonomy and take back what is ours! This whole affair is proof that most police are wankers! And that their oppressive hierarchy is fucked up and totally inefficient, incompetent, useless and elitist!! And should be destroyed!!

tube station.







Allez les Roug

PARIS — In the indomitable nature of the French workers, fucked off with being fucked over by their bosses, they have found a more productive negotiation tool: Le Kidnapping!. They gave the bosses a reminder that power is not only in the hands of the wealthy last week when workers took three top managers of Faurecia hostage and held them for five hours on Thursday. It follows many "go slows" and Wildcat strikes and occupations all over France that show how it should be done!

The Thatcher-alike, b-list shagger, Sarkozy is, unsurprisingly becoming a hate figure but has basically no political opposition. The French working class are angry and are setting the country alight. Their anger exacerbated by the bail out of the rich. Political and financial scandals have added to their rage as it becomes clear that. Sarkozys opposition is millions of increasingly militant French citizens who have no faith in "leaders". The Working class French majority refuse to become helpless onlookers and are taking the fight back to the fat cats who started it!

and "Scum."

The dispute began after 3M (US) announced job cuts of 110 people out of a workforce of 235 as well as the relocation of 40 others to another site. Workers went on unlimited strike on March 20 in order to force the renegotiation of the compensation offer. Rousselet began to announce a useless compensation arrangement, challenged by righteous workers, he bravely hid in his office before being taken hostage.

Other bloated blow-flies who were "detained"

Threatening letters with bullets enclosed have been sent to prominent politicians, the railways were recently sabotaged by a self-styled revolutionary group and urban riots are becoming increasingly common.

You have to admire the French for their no nonsense approach to the Class Struggle and thieving fat bastards, Armez les battalions we say!



SO far their actions have been restrained.....but as fat cats whinge with Sarkozkys backing, maybe a return to the guillotine would be a quicker way to get results! include bosses of, Caterpillar, Gucci and Kléber-

Michelin, among others

Kidnappings and factory blockades are a regular occurrence in France during union negotiations with management as a means of increasing pressure, and have included wiring up factories with explosive materials. And the best may well be to come.

Recent nationwide strikes are supported by the French public.

The last one, called last week, attracted millions of people out onto the streets. Many of those pres-

Most recently targeted were bosses of Faurecia, 70 percent owned by auto giant PSA Peugeot Citroën they lost more than \$732 million in 2008 and announced plans to cut 1,215 jobs between 2009 and 2011 and are keen to take it out on the workers who profited not a cent when the company was making twice that in profit.

Greedy bastard Serge Foucher, head of operations for Sony in France, was held overnight by workers at a factory near Dax in southwestern France that has been marked for closure offering a pittance to sacked workers, whilst he walks away with a fortune.

3Ms slave driving sceptic puppet, Luc Rousselet was held for 2 days and could have got off a lot worse. He left the plant, in Pithiviers, south of Paris, on Thursday morning. As he left he was Other occupations underway right now are that of the Sorbonne University, occupied by students protesting against proposed government measures to reform the university system, and the occupation of the headquarters of the CNRS, which is the French National Centre for Scientific Research. Hundreds of people, researchers for the most part, have taken over the building after violently disrupting an Administration Council meeting.

The frequency of strikes and demonstrations has reached alarming proportions, and this in a country already well known for going on strike. Recent nationwide strikes and go-slows have involved teachers, university staff, researchers, public transport employees, magistrates, port and refinery personnel, schoolchildren (yes, schoolchildren can and do go on strike here) and many others. More national general strikes are being ent, gave it some and the marches culminated in violence against the Police and government offices.

Even opposition political parties were told not to take part in the marches. A clear message, left/ right/shitty in the middle.....you are not the solution, we need a revolution, so fuck off.

Anti-establishment, anti-capitalist and anti-globalist feelings are running rife here, Sarkozy has fuck all support amongst ordinary French men and Women and Youth who have had enough of been fed shit and treated like scum whilst greedy fat bastards live in luxury because of their labour.

its coming closer,

The French-speaking world has been the birth-





place of many kinds of imaginative public demonstrations, from the original tossing-the-shoe-

during the afternoon, their numbers swelled by disaffected youths from the surrounding suburbs.

Rhine which connects France with Germany.

into-the-machinery move that coined the term "sabotage", let's make Le Kidknap their biggest export!

We'd just like to wish our comrades well in the fight; you're setting a great example, allez ons!

Et le Noire.....

Meanwhile in Strasbourg on the final day of NATO talks rock throwing comrades - - stormed

They smashed windows, vandalised cars and barricaded a street At one point, rioters charged a military vehicle that happened to cross their path, with a masked youth hurling a pole through the windscreen.

There was a fierce confrontation near the camp in the evening, with youths hurling stones at security forces who responded with a barrage of tear gas and rubber shot, forcing them back into their tented village.

The bridge is 5 km (3 miles) from the conference centre where 28 NATO leaders, including U.S. President Barack Obama, were meeting, and a pall of black smoke was clearly visible from the summit venue.

50 comrades were hurt in the clashes with riot police.

Anarchist, Anti-capitalist groups and Peaceniks swore to disrupt Saturday's meeting after two days of skirmishes with police.

True to their word!

An estimated 50,00 people turned up to have a go

German police arrested 13 divers early in the morning shortly before leaders crossed the Rhine on a foot-



bridge linking the two European neighbours.

Groups of protesters attempting to cross the Rhine from Germany via the nearby road bridge clashed with French police and were forced back.

An Iranian journalist based in Germany collapsed with breathing difficulties earlier after being hit in with face with teargas and was taken away by ambulance, witnesses said.

a massive police blockade at the Pont d'Anvers bridge, and were only forced back by excessive Police use of water cannon, tear gas, flash bombs and rubber bullets.

A few demonstrators have been hurt, but none of the injuries appeared be serious.

Elsewhere, stacks of old tires were also set ablaze.

Protest groups have said they want to bring chaos to the NATO summit and police warn that clashes at the G20 meeting in London earlier this week have fuelled tensions.

OUR G20 DEATH FUELS ANGER

Security forces tried to restrict access to Strasbourg and Baden Baden as Anarchist Youth waved banners in Solidarity with Murdered Ian Tomlinson

Tens of thousands of activists in Strasbourg and nearby Baden-Baden were harassed by security forces.

"No one here has attacked any police, but we have been hit with teargas and beaten up," said spokesman Monty Schaedel.

Across the Rhine River in Kehl, Germany, 5,000 demonstrators had hoped to cross into Strasbourg but were diverted by scores of police, backed with water cannon.

Not wishing to over-react: Fifteen thousand German police and 9,000 French police were on call for the summit!

April 3, 2009, 10:30

Thursday saw hyped up pigs firing repeated rounds of tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters ahead of NATO's summit in French Strasbourg and nearby cities in Germany. The Blac blok converged in Strasbourg in a spontaneous protest

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Youths defying police in Strasbourg were fired up about the death. "Stop repression in London and Strasbourg," read one banner on Thursday.

April 4, 2009, 15:27

Anarchists set ablaze a hotel and a border post on the river Rhine riot police fired volleys of teargas and shock grenades. Hundreds of proletarians also torched tyres, smashed windows and ransacked shops as they partied through the night.

The fun started close to the French side of the Bridge of Europe -- a road link over the river

With authorities worried about the risk of riots, police even evacuated Strasbourg university and kept it closed for a week.

Students protesting against the government's education policies had occupied the building, and university authorities feared anti-NATO demonstrators would join them.

A Grand weekend for the Autonomes! Closer still

Vive la revolucion!



Class War's History of the People

WE'VE DONE IT BEFORE.

The rebellion of the people has been a constant factor in history the world England is no exception... and over We did it over six hundred years ago in the Peasants Revolt, when thousands of people came together on Blackheath in South East London to voicetheir disgust at the corrupt politicians. Politicians that had imposed a tax on everybody regardless of their income...hmmm, does that remind you of anyone? Yeah that's right The Peasants Revolt was the first Poll Tax Riot! Back then an uprising had been brewing for a while with the peasants getting poorer while the rich got richer, the coming to power of a corrupt council to rule for a boy King, and the decrease in the workforce because of the Plague that put pressure on production demands. In 1380 John of Gaunt, one of the most powerful men in Parliament at that time and leader of the King's Council, convinced his fellow politicians to impose a third poll tax in four years (and we thought Thatcher was bad!), 1 shilling

per person over 15 years old. The people did every thing they could to avoid paying; bribing the tax collectors, lying about the number of adults in the house, the usual stuff people do to keep the government off their back. So when the money from the tax finally came in it was so low that the government decided to tax the people again! This was the last straw...

The people of Essex and Kent refused to pay. Peasants gathered, armed with scythes and old weapons and stormed a castle in Kent to liberate those that had been arrested. They marched up from Kent to London and headed down from Essex too. Across Eastern England and up in the cities of the North West, violence flared as the peasants took revenge on the rich. Across the country rebels attacked abbeys and monasteries, liberated prisons and burned records. In London 20,000 people gathered and tore through London, focusing their rage on the oppressors responsible for their sufferings. Again they liberated prisons and burned the public records as well as burning down the Savoy palace, home of the hated John of Gaunt, setting fire to the Treasurer's Highbury Manor. The enemy was the upper classes, those in authority who wielded it over them – from the lowly tax collectors and sheriffs to judges, bishops, and dukes.

Soon the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chancellor and John of Gaunt's physician were captured in the Tower and, being held responsible for the hated poll tax and labeled 'traitors' with various charges of corruption and extravagance against them, they were executed on Tower Hill.

The rebels held the city for two days and villages around London, such as Clapham, Chiswick and Twickenham were burnt and plundered. But, alas, the tide was soon to turn for the rebels and the rebellion never reached the overthrow it was shaping up to be. The naive peasants had put their faith and trust in the boy King Richard who was soon to promise them the earth before stabbing them in the back. One of the peasant leaders, Wat Tyler, was killed by the Mayor of London and his cronies, and the crowds were conned into following the King. The Peasants Revolt was over, not so much crushed as dissolved.

But lets not get bogged down in the historical politics of it all, the point we're making here in this, the first of Class War's History of the People, is that the people have it in them to rise up against those in authority and get rid of the bastards! We've done it before...

....WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!

ANARCHISTS DATING ON SPEED -Anarcho-Speed dating review

lass War presents Anarcho Speed Dating...open to all, men, women, gay, straight, trans, even couples. A night to meet new people, anar-

chists and non anarchists, chat bollocks or talk politics then check out some great bands playing after the speed dating. Come along and have a laugh, a chance to meet new people and have some fun, you never know you might even pull! Commercial love day (valentine's day) seems to be yet another excuse for companies to try and convince you to buy something. Show your lover that you love them (because you spend most of your time away from them working a job you hate just to survive) by buying something ...making corporations' filthy rich with plastic hearts and boxes of chocolates whose beans have been raped from the land of our poor comrades. So Class War wanted to remind all of you people that we are still here after 25 years and that we are going nowhere!! So for Commercial Love day a few of us realised that we wanted to have a fun social event that might even involve plenty of flirting, spanking, snogging and overall fun! You will notice a few flyers catering for many of our tastes. It was rather ironic and disappointing to hear so many comrades all over the anarchist communities arguing about how sexiest and thuggish we at class war are. Consider-

members putting on ing the majority of class war ANARCHO- SPEED DATING was a joke! Anarbeing slammed by feminists could be an anarchist bollocks to believe that one 4th Feb 2009 saw massive discus-LUST, Plus Bands tbc with all that cleared up we **7PM** ONWARDS LAUGHS, It was great to see sexy and what wasn't sexy. £4 LOVE, among the anarchist create such controversy even The Crocs Kings MUSIC **7PM** in horror that we alweLOVEIT!!!! Many gasped BANDS TRO **Kings** Cross But when comrades **ONWARDS** a piece with our cooperation! NDON event we know that touch to say good luck for the anarchy is needed to UK group, we are global, as beautiful self, com-Join Now on? Mistress Scarlett was her War were disappoint-Cross King just a glance. Many in Class ber took her back and this lady home (but one memlovers!!) Outrage was says that Anarchy isn't for that a dominatrix was as some found it shocking has in the past been how could an instrument that all the courts in the universe, cannot tear it from the soil, once love has taken root.' (Goldman, 1917)





this event were women, chism is feminism. It is and not a feminist. But sions about what was that Class War can still community....diversity lowed jornos to write as far as Africa got in Class War is not just a be global. So what went manding attention with ed we didn't get to take another girl...so who turned into amusement to have a whip with her, associated with slavery and class struggle now been used for kink (for further info look up BDSM). This event was held down stairs at The Cross Kings. Housmans radical bookshop had a stall alongside Class War and we waited nervously for the event to kick off. An hour after start nothing seemed to be happening and then steadily nervous individuals or pairs started to show up. The place got in full swing with people sitting in rows Everyone had a couple of mins to talk to the person in front of them. Then with a sexy order from our Dominatrix host the rows moved so all those taking part sat in front of another person. After we had all been dated out, we were treated to some wicked Anarcho-Punk bands. Axis of Arseholes came up from Brighton, these guys fucking rocked!!! Active Slaughter as always have been actively promoting Class Struggle as well as Animal Rights, was great to see them perform songs from their new album. Headjam carried on into the night smashing up the place with their unique sound. By this time couples were getting off with each other on various sofas. So how did the night go? Many people are enquiring as to when we are holding another Speed Dating event, we might take this further out into the parks and even with bears (see Class War can have a softer side too.) Some people left disappointed that they didn't pull, others left with an array of numbers. Whatever the outcome was for you. It was great having you all there. We hope that whoever out that slated us before even finding out what we are about or what the event was about came to the event and found out for themselves. There is only so much reading as anarchists we can do... the rest is up to action and our own direct experience. How else can we grow? We'll close this review with a quote by Emma Goldman who kindly appeared on one of our flyers 'Love is free; it can dwell in no other atmosphere. In freedom it gives itself unreservedly, abundantly, completely. All the laws on the statutes,

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Much ink's been spilt on the tragic death of Ian Tomlinson. Some of the most pressing questions haven't yet been posed by the mainstream media, let alone answered. The footage aired on C4 News on 8 April clearly showed the officer who struck and pushed Mr Tomlinson subsequently approach a member of the FIT, several of whom are shown in the film. The FIT, a number of whom are public order tactical advisers, are among the most highly trained public order officers in the Met. Questions about Mr Tomlinson's fate must, therefore, involve questions about the FIT.

The FIT are ostensibly there to establish a rapport with demonstrators. Their remit frequently involves assisting senior officers in the handling of public order situations. They provide intelligence briefings which influence the policing of demonstrations. They are meant to identify potential troublemakers. By implication, this means they are also in a position to identify people who pose no risk, and - presumably - to leave them alone. These are the official reasons for the maintenance of the Met's Forward Intelligence Teams.

But none of the FIT shown on videos on the Guardian website or C4 News seem to think there's anything wrong with the vicious assault on Mr Tomlinson. None of them remonstrate with the TSG officer who struck and pushed Mr Tomlinson. Indeed, the evidence suggests that the FIT present colluded in a conspiracy of silence during the week it took the officer who attacked Mr Tomlinson to work up the guts to approach the IPCC.

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None of the FIT present seem to have been able to work out that a middle-aged man with his hands in his pockets, a man walking away from the poist team tasked with identifying the police themselves - cannot not a troublemaker, then they are team supposed to tell the difference testers when they so clearly can't? LIGASS IN THE WORLDICE DECA

> ate and even become complicit in of the public, what part can they on conducting public order opera-

core to the Met's policing of of all relation to their numbers - or ings they issued prior to April 1 way Bob Broadhurst and David event. They therefore bear a great injuries dealt out by the police and Certainly, they did nothing to pre-

vent the City of London becoming essentially a 'free-fire' zone for the police, in which people posing no possible threat to public order or police safety were assaulted in a systematic fashion.

A Metropolitan Police Authority committee is due to discuss the future of public order policing in London in June. Part of this must include the future of the Forward Intelligence Team. Beside the death of Ian Tomlinson, their long-term campaign to deter people from protesting may appear insignificant. But the death of Mr Tomlinson is a logical result of creating and maintaining a team like the FIT, an unaccountable cabal of self-serving officers who manipulate the policing of demonstrations to further their own careers. Many of the more lurid stories published in the run-up to the G20 protests probably emanated from the FIT, the people who claim to gather intelligence on protesters' intentions. Their commanding officer, Superintendent Hartshorn, set the tone with his comments about a 'summer of rage'; there's little doubt that with leadership like that, his subordinates were happy to create a climate in which the TSG and Level 2 officers out in the City on 1 April felt able to assault demonstrators, journalists and passers-by without much fear of any come-back.

The FIT have carved out a niche for themselves whereby they profit from protest, and can orchestrate events to ensure their prophecies of disorder come true, keeping them in a job. Post-Tomlinson, can there be a place for such a unit within the Met?

A BITTIER WIEINTE

ome of the worst police spin and dishonesty concerning the death of Ian Tomlinson came with the lie, accepted by nearly all the newspapers, that demonstrators had pelted police medics with bottles, whilst they struggled to save Tomlinson's life. Like so much from the Met's spin doctors, this was straight from Walt Disney. It does however raise a question for us all – what should our attitude be towards police medical officers at demonstrations?



something to prove, as at the 10 January Gaza demo in London. One police medic appeared to be foaming at the mouth in his eagerness to get at demonstrators.

First and foremost, police medics are just that – police officers with medical training and some basic medical equipment. They are NOT ambulance men, nurses or Red Cross staff, but police officers in uniform whose medical equipment also comes with all the usual tools of the cops job – handcuffs, truncheons and CS gas. Given this they are not neutral, not independent and not very nice. Indeed, the behaviour of police medics is often worse than that of their Territorial Support Group colleagues. In their macho environment, it frequently appears they have

By all means demonstrators should step back if they see a police medic treating a fallen demonstrator. But be prepared, as soon as any treatment is finished, to nip in and rescue that person from any further (unwanted) attention they may receive. And when you see police medics lined up with their fel-

low officers, remember our intentions should be clear – to dispatch police medics to the nearest hospital, at the first opportunity.

During the G20 demos an iconic picture was captured of protestors smashing the window of a branch of RBS. One of those pole-wielding protestors was wearing a Moral Dilemma t-shirt, so Class War thought we'd take the lead singer, Craig Temple, out for a pint and find out a little more about him....

CW/ What albums like main Silent'?

CT/Being a very angry young inspires you to write 'Right to Re-

CW/ Anarchism is often misunderstood by the masses, what does anarchism mean to you?

CT/ When you can walk away with a sense of

achievement feeling like its actually made a

difference, something which seems rarer and

rarer after the SOCPA laws came into place. I

really like seeing protesters taking a lighter side

of things and not being so serious whether it be

with costumes, sound systems, or some kind of

performance art, it makes things a but more fun

and gives a more creative vibe I guess.

CT/ To me it means denouncing all forms of as well as a variety of anarchist groups, are you drawn towards specific areas of anarchism and certain groups?

CT/ Often I think it divides people, when you see different types of anarchist arguing over tiny differences in political ideals, it just leaves me scratching my head. Isn't there supposed to be some unity here? I think that a lot of problems are about the bigger picture and that more energy should be focused into

revealing how people are getting fucked on a bigger scale rather than picking at these tiny differences and small issues. All the western worlds political problems are down to the entire structure of the political system (I hate using that word) and that is what needs to be challenged or overthrown.

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Hating ignorance, exploitation and abuse of power, Being infuriated with the fact that the majority of people believe what they are told to believe as opposed to questioning and challenging things,

CW//Were you out on the streets for the G20/ G20-meltdown protests?

CT/ Yeah I was out on the streets outside the bank of England, it was a pretty intense but inspiring day, It felt like the first time in a while that a protest in London had been taken seriously by the masses.

CW/ How do you feel about the state of protest movements today?

CT/ After everything that went down at the G20 it's a very exciting time. There seems to be an increase in protesting all over the country. As a result I think slowly but surely direct action is going to end up making a much bigger difference as more people seem to be sympathizing with the protestors as opposed to the state. With the recession and living in a country with an un elected prime minister people are keeping a bit more of an eye on their governments, and radical ideas have become far more available and accessible.

ernment and religion, in order to create a free and equal society. Although I wouldn't necessarily refer to myself as an anarchist, I can definitely relate to it and see things from a similar angle.

CW/ Why do you think Anarchism is given such a bad press?

CT/I think the bad press that anarchism gets is because of a misuse of the word and is a direct consequence of the fact that the main idea of anarchism is that people can be free, which was always and still is very frightening to those in power? The misuse of the word definitely contributes to how misunderstood anarchism is by the majority of people who see it as chaos, something to be feared, rather than something the majority of people want to get involved in. And this is important to the powers that be. I think anarchism will always be a threat to the establishment as it threatens its entire existence, and so the establishment make sure its just represented as a bunch of loonies causing "trouble" so it will not taken seriously by the majority of the population. CW/ There are many branches of anarchism

CW/ Where did you first come in contact with a copy of Class War and how did it influence you?

CT/ When I was

about 14 or 15 at a punk gig, it didn't influence me directly, but it completely blew me away the idea that this sort of publication actually existed, I don't buy it all that often but whenever I come across a copy I read it, I don't always agree with everything written in it, but that's why I read it, to challenge my own opinions on things, and get a contrary view to the otherwise right wing media. I respect and appreciate that class war exists giving a voice to the otherwise voiceless.

CW/ Where do you see the place of direct action?CT/ EVERYWHERE!CW/ What's your favourite type of protest?

CW/What's your relationship like with the police?

CT/Lets just say I'm not their biggest fan and they're definitely not mine - they have a habit of stealing my last spliff for a start.



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HUNT SABOTAGE, "YOUR BLOOD, THEIR BLOOD"

While you and I are working, or queuing on the job centre line. There are those 'privileged' enough to dress up in silly clothes. Ride a horse being followed by hounds, with the aim of murder in the name of 'sport'. These Toffs are barbarians of the countryside, riding over 'their land' which should be common land. Fox hunting started in the UK in the 16th century. Those out of date members of the House of Lords were gobsmacked when their so called hobby was banned (Feb 2005). ... But if you pay attention you will see that this blood sport is still very much active. Many members of Class War have actively been involved with HSA over the years and our experience has illustrated to us the greed and stupidity and perverseness of the privileged classes. Some may argue that Hunt Sabbing and other 'fluffy' animal rights issues is not a class issue. In response to that debate I say bollocks. Hunting shows us very clearly that a few elite own the land which is rightfully ours. That animals can be ripped up in front of innocent passers-by and their families without any consequence. The 'elite class' have so called special privileges and rights. Anarchism looks at freedom and having compassion, there is nothing freeing or loving about murder of a defenceless animal. Killing an innocent animal for fun on the weekends and bossing us around giving us poor wages or poor opportunities during the week is ridiculous. We cannot let them get away with this any longer! For years the huntsman had the police on their side. Hunt Sabs were 'enemy number one' in the countryside and most sabs experienced arrest and police and hunter brutality alike. Here we speak to Sean from HSA to see what Hunting Sabotage is, and what is currently happening out in the fields.

a cracking noise to turn the hounds away from the fox. The whip is not used to hit the hounds." For birds sabs will enter the fields and stand in front of the guns, The shooters are not allowed by law to shoot near people, so our presence stops them from shooting. It really pisses off these posh twats, but killing defenceless birds pisses us off more! So like we said earlier hunt sabbing gets us face to face with the likes of posh cunts who are literally looking down on us from their horses as well as their egos...

"Mostly the well off go hunting, A Hunt can go out up to 4 times a week. Most people have to work all week but there are a lot of riders out mid

tion! "Direct action saves lives. Other anti hunt organisations use public money to pressure Government and MP's,(Note CW - fat lot of help government do, being that most of these cunts go out hunting themselves) A lot of the money goes on offices, staff and admin. The money that the HSA gets goes out to local groups to help them save lives. No one at the HSA is paid. Getting into a field and standing in-between the hunt and the fox and seeing the fox run away into the distance, safe... No amount of letters or petitions could change that! In February 2005 the government banned hunting with hounds. The day after the ban and every weekend since then sabs have been back in the fields saving lives because the law is ignored" "We have found that 95% of hunts are ignoring the ban.



We are there to monitor the hunts and jump in and save lives if needed. After the ban it was weird for us as we were not breaking the law anymore. If we had footage of illegal hunt activity we had to take it to the police. After running away from the police for so many years now we had to go and talk to them and try and work with them. What we found though was the police we still taking the hunts side. (No surprise there, the police doing their job and protecting only the privileged few) The police are not interested in the hunting act. Before the ban the police were out every time we went out. After the ban they were nowhere to be seen. If they did come out they filmed us and took drivers details. We tried collecting evidence and passing to the police but they are not interested, so most groups have gone back to sabbing and saving a fox using the tactics we used to use before the ban. A lot of groups refuse now to deal with the police." So reader if you are sick of the posh scum parading around like the bastards they are, and wanna ruin their sport as well as save lives. Get involved with sabbing. "Up and down the country groups have been getting more and more frustrated with the police and most have gone back to sabbing. Surrey Pigs had 10 police vehicles with 33 cops out the last two weeks of the Surrey unions Saturdays. The Hunts are looking at more ways to stop sabs interfering with their days hunting. They are all moaning about getting harassed by monitors/sabs. Well if they continue to break the law and kill in the name of sport we will be there to stop them. Hunts are contining to attack sabs Christopher Marles, 48, of Farringdon, had earlier admitted using his horse to knock Helen Weeks to the ground as she filmed the East Devon Hunt. He was serving a suspended sentence for attacking another hunt monitor when the second assault happened in March 2008." More news can be found at the following places **BM HSA**,

"Hunt Sabbing is using non violent direct action to save hunted wildlife, This could be fox, deer, mink or birds. For fox's sabs will get into the fields and use a number of different tactics to distract the hounds from chasing a fox. The tactics used are blowing hunting horns, voice calls, whips and gizmos."(CW notes that 'nonviolent' direct action is often challenged when we are faced eye to eye with the enemy and their huge terrier boys/bully boys and their guns. When faced with silly imitation tactics and seeing them often pick on the smallest members of the hunt sabbing group we often use many means to defend ourselves and each other.) So what is all this equipment for? "A gizmo is a recording of hounds and the noise they make when they chase a fox.> The hounds will respond to this and you can have a whole pack of hounds come over to you when this is played. (This really pisses off the hunt) The hunting horn is the tool of the huntsman, The bastard will use different calls to control the hounds He will have a call for the hounds to return to him and we use that call when they chase a fox. The same happens with voice calls, We mimic his calls and call the hounds back when they pick up a scent of a fox. A whip is used when sabs are in between the hounds and a fox, The whip is used to make

week when the hunts go out. (While most of us are working ourselves to death just to survive these bastards are out taking their aggression out on innocent animals.) A horse is not a cheap animal to keep and they need stables and daily care. Riders have to pay the hunt a subscription each time they attend and this is around £100." "Hunt People are not easy to get along with, We have found that they can be very aggressive. Every weekend around the country an individual or group will be attacked by the hunt or its supporters. Two Hunt saboteurs have already lost their lives and one sab was left crippled because of hunt aggression." The first serious instances of anti-saboteur violence was in 1965. Three members of the Bournemouth group were attacked with an axe by thugs from the Sparkford Vale. a hunt supporter was fined £15 for breaking a saboteur's guitar with the axe, 8 sabs were fined £10 each for 'threatening behaviour' (throwing flour bombs). As you can see it is an injustice that makes our blood boil! Hunt Saboteurs save thousands of animals every year, despite the efforts of huntsmen, terriermen, police and the courts to stop us. Hunt Saboteurs have experienced everything from the ancient (c1361) Breach of the Peace laws to the Prevention of Terrorism Act! The use (and abuse) of the law has been one of the constant factors in Hunt Sabotage. Hunting Sabbing appeals to so many within the class struggle as its tactics our similar to other areas.... direct ac-

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http://hsa.enviroweb.org/hsa.shtml. The Sabs will be keeping us up to date here at class war about the countryside class struggle. Why not get involved and show the elite that there are more of us then them...see you in the field.



Dear anarcho darlings, we here at Class War understand finding love, companionship and warmth during these troubled times of police beatings, demos and many other things, and when you do find love, we at CW are here to help with all your problems, whether he farts in bed, she has a crush on David Mitchell or you think your partner's love for booze might be waning, Anarchy Aunt reaches a hand out to you all.

Come inside and feel the warmth.

Yours in Desperation, Jacqui. Jacqui from South London (and Redditch) writes:

Dear Anarchy Aunt,

My husband and I have had a successful marriage in recent years, however I cannot help but feel things have gone off the rails recently, so much so, I have been forced into living with my sister, due to his pornography obsession. He came home one night with an armful of DVDs bought from dodgy Daz down the pub and forced me to sit through hours of them, namely 'The Arse of Lords', 'Prime Minister's Erections' and 'Black Rod, Opening the Chamber'.

I stood there aghast at how he could afford all this on the salary I pay him, but he reasoned with me, and justified that a happier husband meant a happier wife, therefore I would be better in my job. have plenty of it in a few years! He was right and I understood where he came from, so I charged them to my expense account at work. AA

A response: Dear Jacqui,

Your husband has been going through some troubled times recently and with an unpopular Home Secretary's moral crusade against the sex industry, he's really struggling to get his rocks off. Maybe try wearing less clothes around him, he may feel you put on a bullet proof vest every time he walks in the room. Try spicing up your lust by living in the same house. Perhaps you could both get new jobs as well where you don't have to work so closely together, to avoid abuses of trust such as this. Find work more suited to your abilities and sister, don't let this freeloading little man rob you blind. Take opposition, after all, you'll

going to climate camps on holiday, instead of Glastonwick and other festivals. She then started saying how positive Lindsay German and George Galloway were as speakers and how they really are a great drive and inspiration to us.

Our usual Saturday morning lay ins have gone too as she's off out selling The Socialist Worker. Strange thing is, she comes back with more than she leaves with as she buys one off a mate for herself too. I really think she's turning into a SWP member. Help me. Jon, Bethnal Green

Dear Jon,

This is a truly terrible revelation for you and we send our sincere condolences. The loss of a loved one and the end of a relationship are always hard to take, even harder when she becomes SWP. There are plenty of positives-from this if you leave her. Firstly you'll be relieved to have noticed that annoying buzzing in your ear has stopped and you don't feel guilty every time you look at a kebab shop. You'll also find your love for beer and punk returning as the James Blunt CDs and smoothie bottles go out with the bins. Jon, take heart in this, dump the whinging old cow and get back to having fun! AA

The stream of pornography is growing and is really getting out of control, my bosses all know my husband loves bashing the bishop, word's spread and people are coming up to me on the street calling my husband a wanker. I don't think I love him anymore. Please help.

Dear Aunt,

I've been getting quite worried about my girlfriend recently. She started asking if we could stop our usual drunken nights out and perhaps think about protesting against cheap flights and



Review of 'ARENA on Anachist Cinema' **Richard Porton (ed.)** ChristieBooks, £7.50

When I got this I thought that it would be a sort of trip through anarchist films, like those listed in the database on the christiebooks.com site. However, it is something rather different.



Review of 'The Wheel's Still in Spin' **Dave Douglass** ChristieBooks, £12.95

Dave Douglass' books about the Miners' Strike are doubtless familiar to many readers. This book, his second volume of memoirs, takes his story from the late 1960s

Rather than looking at films about anarchists, this first issue of the new journal ARENA contains chapters looking at different anarchist experiences of film. For example, there's a

fascinating chapter by Emetrio Diez examining anarchist cinema during the Spanish Civil War, and another Pietro Ferrua looks at anarchist film festivals.

ARENA, which will cover all artistic disciplines, will look at the anarchist experience of each. If they're all like this one, it will be well worth collecting. Although at first some topics covered in this slim (174pp) tome did not appeal, perseverence was richly rewarded. This well-researched and produced book is a valuable addition to any anarchist's library



to the rise of Thatcher, thus providing his personal background to the great strike. Those of you have have encountered Dave's writings in the past will know his

sense of humour. There's plenty of laughs in here - and some tears. But the abiding atmosphere is that of the energy of the 1970s and the great potential of the time. Told in his own initmitable style, this is a sound sequel to the first book of Dave's autobiographical trilogy, 'Geordies - Wa Mental'. Highly recommended.

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FILTH IN THE PREMIERSHIP?

As the football season draws to a close in Ryman 1 South, the top five are emerging strongly, with one going on to win the league and the other four destined to battle it out in the play offs. Kingstonian lead the way, followed by Cray Wanderers, Fleet Town, Worthing and lastly the Met Police. Yes, the filth have a semi professional football team.

In the eighth tier of English football, the Met Police play at Imber Court in leafy Esher at a very well maintained Met Police sports complex, one of the best kept grounds in the league. The club wear an old Chelsea kit, donated to them as Chelsea ladies play at their ground, whilst Cap Gemini (who have offices on Inland Revenue sites and provide many IT services to the Government) are their kit sponsor.

The Met Police squad reads like a who's who of some of the better players in this level of football and after scrapping the 'Must be serving cops' rule, money has flowed into the club, with the club able to punch well above its weight in terms of transfers and wages.

Whilst most top Ryman 1 South sides get 200+ fans a week and pay approximately $\pounds 1,500$ a week on wages, the Met usually get 40 or 50 home fans, their gates significantly boosted by away support. Their wage bill is certainly over the average as well as one of their substitutes revealed he was earning over $\pounds 200$ a week playing for the Met and he "fucking hates the police".

Further enquiries show the club are funded partly by a police lottery, which is falling away due to the fact that the members of the lottery know no players are real serving pigs and are getting pissed off funding it. So where does the money come from? Us!

It's not just the taxpayer the Met gets help from either, the league bend over backwards to play on a date suitable to them, as despite having no playing officers, games are moved from Bank Holidays to midweek, taking away a bigger crowd and revenue for the home sides affected. Fingers crossed the Met will stay down and not get promotion ahead of other sides who have worked with minimal budgets and a real fanbase who care about their clubs.

STUPPD ASBO'S

There's a lot of crap laws that the government comes up with, we all know that. One of the worst for activists is be the SOCPA laws (The Serious Organised Crime & Police Act), part of which is designed to criminalise everybody's right to protest. But the law which really screws over everybody has to be The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 and its instrument of punishment the ASBO! Thanks to the government and its stupid law you can get banged up if you're given an ASBO then break it - and the things you can get an ASBO for are fucking ridiculous! Feeding the birds in your garden (a 72 year old women was threatened with an ASBO for feeding the birds! What would Mary Poppins say)

Riding a bike (some poor sod got jailed for riding a bike after breaking the ASBO banning him)

Moving furniture about (a bloke was banned from moving furniture in his house if people outside could hear it)

Walking around the house in your underwear (SERIOUSLY!!)

Complaining to the neighbours about their bad parking (poor fella got a restraining order against him and had to pay over a grand in compensation then the council put yellow line in the place that he'd complained about!) Singing in your own home (ordinary people who can't sing are criminals while Ricky Martin made millions!)

Slamming doors to loudly (surprising they didn't do this poor sod with criminal damage too!)

Being sarcastic to the neighbours (criminalised for a British pastime...!)

Trying to kill yourself (proof, if ever you needed it, that politicians really are scumbags)

Saying the word grass (GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS GRASS - come on, all together now...)

You can get an ASBO for...

Sitting at a bus stop (a bloke got done for waiting for a bus on ASDA's land after being banned from ASDA stores)

Swearing (a guy with Tourett's syndrome got done for swearing too much!)

Howling at the moon (a werewolf enthusiast did four months in prison for howling like a wolf after breaking his ASBO) The fact is that ASBO's really are bollocks! Not only do they ruin people's lives, they mean that some people are given prison sentences for behaviour that is completely legal for everyone else. If you want to read more about crap laws a good place to start is Dan Kieran's I Fought the Law

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