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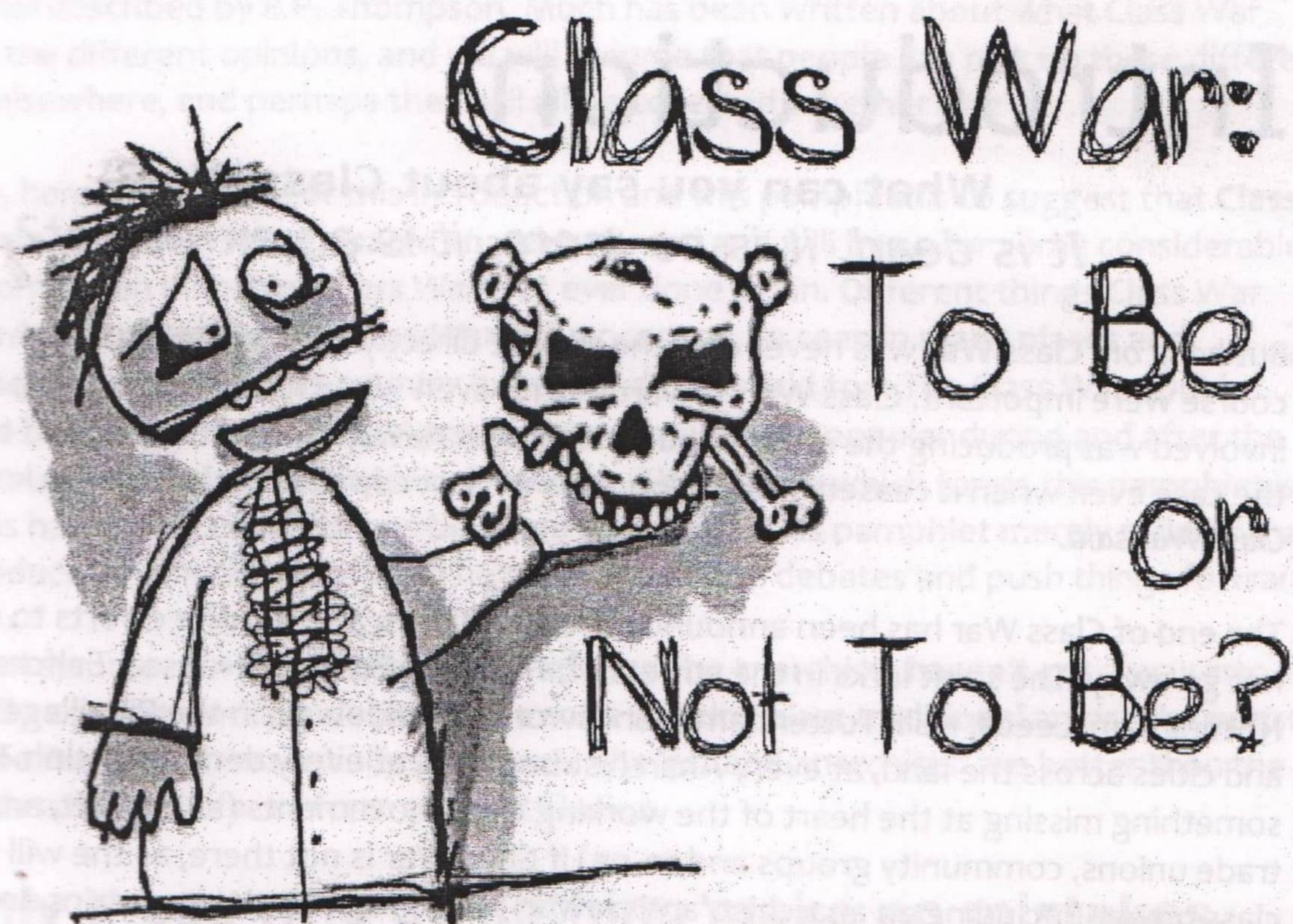
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Introduction

What can you say about Class War?

It is dead, it is no more, it is an ex-parrot?

But hang on, **Class War** was never only the people directly involved in it, though they, of course were important. Class War, towards 2010, even when it had only a few people involved was producing **the most popular anarchist newspaper in the UK**, and this was still the case even when it ceased production with the last copy. *People wanted to know what Class War said.*

The end of Class War has been announced several times, and despite efforts to end it, it will not go away. The spirit lurks in the streets of; Hackney, Bristol, Swansea, Salford, Toxteth, Nottingham, Leeds, Hull, Tottenham, Handsworth, Meadowell, in the Pit villages and towns and cities across the land, at every Anarchist bookfair, at every demonstration. There is something missing at the heart of the working class movements (all the left, anarchists, trade unions, community groups and so on) if Class War is not there, as the will to working class power (including an anarchist 'anti-power') that was Class War remains unarticulated without it.

Class War was and is, [we never gave up, we just moved around& did other things]; the people who bought the paper, those who drank with us, those wildly popular '**Fuck the Poll tax**' and other stickers, those who flocked to our banners on demonstrations and actions, who went on our **Bash the Rich** and other events and confrontations, the **Movement Against the Monarchy** provocations, those who went to **Rock Against the Rich** and other gigs, those who read about Class War in the local newspapers, those who got the notorious '**Keep it Spikey**' leaflets & the '**Heseltine You Tory Wanker**' leaflets& others, those who read about Class War in the regional & national newspapers, who heard about Class War (& MA'M) on local & national radio, and on local and national TV.

We've lost count of the numbers of books and articles **Class War** has been in and that's apart from the books, papers, magazines etc we produced, those thousands of prisoners who read copies of the paper in the 1990s when over 200 prisoners were subscribers to Class War at one time [papers would fly around the prison wing read by up to and perhaps more than 30 prisoners & that's just 1 copy, and posters/stickers etc]. The 20th anniversary reprint[2010] of the **Class War Poll Tax Special edition** paper, which was originally produced for the day that later became known as the *Poll Tax Riot* [March 31st 1990], has distributed close to 5000 copies alone, and this has been done word of mouth, with no ready-made distribution deal or network. The coverage on TV, radio, newspapers and the internet continues to this day too.

Ian Bone and others continue the tradition that Class War was born with; the direct action agitation tradition of the English, Scottish, Welsh and Irish working classes, part of which was so well described by E.P. Thompson. Much has been written about what Class War was, and the different opinions, and we will assume that people can pick up these different debates elsewhere, and perhaps they will all be collected together one day.

However, here the purpose of this introduction and this pamphlet is to suggest that **Class War remains the most recognisable anarchist brand** and will be so for some considerable time to come even if nothing *Class War* was ever done again. Different things *Class War* stylee are still happening, and *Class War* influences can be seen in many places and organisations, not only in this country but around the world too. The *Class War* double sided; *Camoron/Clegg are 'Wankers'* poster was contagiously popular during and after the student struggles, and on Trade Union marches. The debate which forms this pamphlet is one that is happening on Ian Bones blog and elsewhere, this pamphlet merely reflects that and is produced in another format to help concretise the debates and push things forward.

The riots of summer 2011 show that all the left and the anarchists haven't got a way into the actually existing working classes in the solid working class traditional areas. The purist forms of politics, which essentially show how 'the left and anarchists' are better than the working classes, are in fact a form of elitist illusion.

Only those who do nothing make no mistakes.

Class War always engaged as equals, didn't impose a grand plan, or 'the correct strategy', we wanted to be part of the diverse working class as it engaged with the conditions around it, without preconceived notions or expectations. Of course mistakes were made, that is how people learn on the move, but we were 'thinking while doing' and 'thinking while walking' before that last quote emerged from the Italian social centres movement. People do not emerge from the womb as *fully perfect holy educated class warriors*, it is always a process of struggle, failing, and trying again.

We are regularly told by the powers that be that we are not up to the task of running our own lives, and we do not need so called radicals lecturing us with their utopian righteousness and cult like adherence to their organisation, authoritarian or 'libertarian'.

Sometimes we tried too hard, but that is preferable to never trying anything, which is the option of the vast majority of the movement that does nothing that matters and only engages in entirely predictable & cliché social democratic forms of political engagement without ambition.

We described the many oppressions people faced in a funny 'in your face' way that allowed everyday language to be the method of spreading working class truth and propaganda, rather than a bookish and elitist version where students tried to flog the masses a pure solution. Rather we viewed these things as process, it was essential to mobilise people by and for themselves in their own way, rather than an always simplistic grand leftist party, or federation plan.

The suggestion is that Class War had, and could have again, that bridge between radical ideas and the working class on the estates as it was born out of the decline of the male organised labour factory/mine working class, the end of the post-World War Two social compromise, and the riots of 1981. Similar conditions to today, **where class against class is the feel and spirit of the present times**. It is a way of relating to the actually existing working classes rather than the ideal type stereotypical view of what it is to be 'working class' that the Left and most anarchists use.

This pamphlet is a rough edited highlights collection of Ian Bones' blog - <http://ianbone.wordpress.com/> - and released as quick as possible. It is a challenge and a provocation, it's educational and it's also a suggestion that the forms the anarchist movement has been using have been woefully inadequate and that Class War is that bridge between theory and practice. In the different compositions of the working classes, Class Wars' popular forms discover what the working classes are thinking on the mass demonstrations, the local demonstrations and on the estates through practice. 3

The dates and posts in this pamphlet have been selected and an attempt has been made to make the contributions happen in the order that makes sense to progress the arguments. Names have been put alongside contributions which were claimed by their author (keeping any nicknames) and which are already publically available on the internet.

Ian Bone has, with the help of other writers on his blog & comrades managed to show the links very clearly between the class structure, the Oxbridge & Eton Elite, & the political and media class that run UK Plc. with a force that has a synergistic and powerful Class War effect and message. Using popular, confrontational & ambitious methods directly aimed at the class enemy the many different contributions to the class struggle have fused to provide a great tidal wave of Class War feeling.

In conditions that are overwhelming class war ie. Class against class, Ian & fellow travellers constantly humiliate the vast majority of other anarchists and the left by default exposing their lack of initiative, imagination, an inability to work with others and that includes the actually existing working classes – instead the left serves us stale predictable politics too.

One example is the Murdoch/News of the World scandal that rumbles on exposing police and media criminality and corruption, and the stage management of what passes for news.

The left/@'s impotently whine about how 'beastly the Sun was to the miners' or other guff, and that's it. Whereas Ian was exposing the power structure/institutional corruption, the police politicians and media all in the same trough, and providing the Eton/Oxbridge details of those who inhabit parliament and just about all the key areas of the state, AND providing an alternative online paper to the collapsed News of the World, and shaking 'loadsamoney' at the bosses outside Wapping the News International HQ – what a fantastic piece of propaganda, and this happened by seizing the time.

This pamphlet, while not covering everything hopes to be large enough to give a flavour of what Class War politics are, and what they can be in the future, covering if not all, then most of the important issues from the past 2 years

This introduction wants you to engage with the continuing efforts class warriors are making, and join in with the Class War networking. It is likely to continue to occur through Ian Bones Blog, but more things may happen, meetings, other Class War events such as the front cover poster event and talk in London, there has been a Class War drink in Newcastle too, and the future is yet to be made. The truth is that we do not know what will happen by promoting a Class War initiative.

What is certain is that existing efforts are not enough; the organisations there are at times are embarrassing with a precious view of themselves, and are not up to the political situation as they have a complete lack of dynamism and ambition, unable to develop beyond stereotypical forms and existing practices, which have never delivered progress. The interesting activists and initiatives never come from the organisations (or Libcom website etc.) which are meant to promote working class resistance; we need to change that paradoxical situation. 4

It is not the case that people are waiting for the pure anarchist politicals to get their act together, because 'they haven't yet had an opportunity' - conference or event to present their coherent selves to the masses. The masses don't give a toss about navel gazers and we can safely predict they won't go to 'any conference'. You've had opportunities for years to do something, anything even, and blown it. Already from revolutionary events previously (e.g. France 1968) we know that consciousness exists in combined and uneven ways, that dramatic changes occur, and that simplistic slowly, slowly, ever so slowly build the party/Federation plans have no chance of success, and one reason is because they are readable by the state (& pro state forces such as the capitalist media) and thus are liable to sabotage and destruction.

There is no organisation that the secret state cannot infiltrate, and to pretend otherwise is a leftist or anarchist illusion. This is not to say we have no chance of success, but that the purists who pretend that working class initiatives can be kept pure in the messy arena of real world politics are touting (sic) a lie. Popular initiatives hold the only chance of success; they will attract attention of our class, and forces of the counter revolution. Our task is to continue to effectively read and participate in the developing political situations and act with the best intentions towards the goals of the mass movements.

So, we want to draw together the many independents, and think big in this age of crisis. Our tactics are to keep things simple, to have confidence and belief and continue to provide the best working class propaganda. 'But you don't have strategy & theory' the impotent will cry, though we create it 'on the move' and 'you don't have class' we will reply. There is no such thing as a perfect strategy that can be created in advance, for the simple reason that the political situation changes and the reactions of the class enemy (capitalist state) changes everything.

The Friends of Class War

We leave the final observations in this introduction to the spiritual father of all things Class War, Ian Bone;

February 3, 2012

A SERIES OF 'INSOLENCES'

What is to be done by the few of us that want to do? A series of 'INSOLENCES' – calculated insolences..... full of effrontery. Over the last year a few of us have closed George Osborne's cashcow shop in the Kings road for a day; forced the cancellation of the OLD ETONIANS AGM ; forced the closure of Stephen Hester's Broughton gardens website; had an delirious provocation to Eton College leaving hubbub in our wake; chased Danny Alexander from college Green; confronted Digby Jones/Norman Lamont/Kay Birley/Adam Boulton outside parliament and demanded the return of the Norman yoke on an electoral reform rally. **These have all been fun.**

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Sometimes there have been two of us – sometimes a dozen. They are all marked by intruding onto other people's territory, invading their space, being where we had no right to be, chased away by irate lords of the manor or the exasperated PR girl with the clipboard. Except we didn't oblige by being chased 'You can't go there was music to our ears'. We confront our class enemy on their territory – not ours. We make it very personal.

We intend to continue these insolences under the name of CLASS WAR because CW has top brand recognition amongst our class and because we hope the insolences will give confidence to our class to wage all out class war. We could be even more insolent with 20 – 30 of us. So I invite you to be insolent with us. We plan more effrontery. Sometimes publicised - *sometimes not*. Some will happen – some won't. Some will be cancelled – then appear again. WE ARE ALL INSOLENT so don't wait for us – get on with it. Interrupt TV interviews, abuse the local lord of the manor at the village fete, be where you shouldn't. E-mail me off blog if you want to be with us or about what you've done.

What's an insolent action look like? Well take the Boat Race – an insolent action would be to pull out from the banks a few hundred yards from the end with BOG STANDARD COMP on yer gunnels and win the race or ram the other boats or just jeer the fuckers. ' Stupid action....could have endangered lives'..... **meanwhile our class chortles**. A certain jauntiness in their collective gait that wasn't there in the morning. FORWARD TO HESTER COMRADES – WE ARE ALL INSOLENT.

February 2, 2012

CLASS WAR IN TUCSON ARIZONA

There seems to be a surge of groups/individuals round the world identifying with Class War: I reported on the CW camp at Zuccotti Park and here's one from a food queue in Tucson: <http://truthout.org/underclass-wont-wait-join-obamas-everybody/1306424307>

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Bring it Back people – it does what it says on the tin!

When I saw a propaganda show called Coppers last night I was shaking with anger – the fucking cunts could be seen on camera abusing people, people who were standing up for themselves going about their lives in most cases and these fucking cunt cops just got away with their little 'talking head' pieces about how that can spot the safus (subnormal and fucking useless) people from the 'normals', which in effect they (and the programme makers) saw as a good enough reason to go around interpreting the law (i.e. CS gassing, pushing over people they'd already handcuffed etc) through their prejudiced little minds. Give them a gun, a truncheon or an unseen fist and they will kill us people.

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If Ian Tomlinson had been wearing a suit he wouldn't be dead. That's the truth. We need to fight their unchallenged discourse of workless (read worthless) scroungers and scum. We need a war on them. We NEED Class War. KELLY

Kelly your bang on, I saw that programme, especially the bit when they were kicking the door in because they were after someone inside (Whomever it was got away) they shoved people around after they'd opened the door, assaulted them in their own homes and one of 'em inside the house punched the copper back. So because the copper couldn't catch the one he wanted he decided to have the guy in the beanie hat with the gold tooth instead. They assaulted him first and it would appear that we the public can no longer defend ourselves when the police attack us in our own homes..... Well I say FUCK THE POLICE & FUCK THE PROGRAMME COPPERS.....ACAB PATRICK

They were smirking and saying they were the biggest gang, and saying they really don't care about "those people" or what they think. Amazed the police hierarchy let it be shown.

Given that at least 1000 people have died in police custody, shouldn't these members of "the biggest gang" be arrested for the new "joint enterprise" crime of murder association? GREG You've made a good point Greg – it is important to remember that the Police press department will have vetted what was shown. So what we have in reality is a manipulated view of the police which the Force deem acceptable. To me this makes it all the more incredible.

When I first saw Coppers I honestly thought it was a very clever mockumentary. It took me a couple of episodes to realise it wasn't. That's when I stopped laughing too. GUY

Yeah it was a bit like one of those spoof documentaries. All I can think is that the police press department must have thought the public would like to see those drunken proles getting humiliated by the boys in blue. With a hefty dose of schadenfreude. Probably on a high with the perceived positive reaction they got from handling the lumpen tea leaves during the riots. The reality was that the cops were exactly the same as the people they were battering apart from the salary and an imbued superiority based on arrogance and prejudice. It reminded me of a documentary on SS Einsatzkommando in the Ukraine. Far from being the superior Aryan warriors, when scrutinised they were mentally ill and ignorant individuals plied with drink and a wage. GREG

I'd suggest a relaunch of CW in the current climate would be massif! It would need to be done smartly however. Built proactively on inner city estates with another invasion on Notting Hill with a 'Downsize The Posh' march? That'd do it. GLASNOSSHT

Totally agree with you mate, a proper relaunch of Class War London & Class War UK. We do have comrades in Bristol, Notts, Tyne & Wear. Some in London have thrown their weight in with ALARM who get stuff done, do a lot of good, however I don't think they want to be linked to Class War due to our past history of violence & mayhem on the streets.

Politicians & the Rich hear Class War are coming and they go into hiding hoping the police will drive us away. Just five people closed down the posy wallpaper shop Osbourne & Little on the Kings Road. 7

Only a few went to Eton including some from ALARM and look at the fucking toff cunts scatter. Just imagine not five, not eight people, but 500 strong marching on the toffs. To rebuild and relaunch Class War we need to be on the streets every Saturday, sell a few Thatcher Posters party the Saturday after her death there's loads of em around that's how to **rebuild Class War. I'm right up for it, always have been.** PATRICK

"Only a few went to Eton including some from ALARM and look at the fucking toff cunts scatter." Did you really send the "fucking toff cunts" scattering? Or did you "march" (all 8 of you) along public roads shouting abuse at 13 year olds, while they carried on with their day? Probably one of your greatest victories so far..." ARSE WAR

Look here sonny (aimed at right wing bastard ARSE WAR), your system is fucked, our time is coming and little wankspatters like yourself will be history- 'World Bank fears Europe's crisis could set off deeper global slump than Lehman collapse' <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/financialcrisis/9023099/World-Bank-fears-Europes-crisis-could-set-off-deeper-global-slump-than-Lehman-collapse.html> You and your class will only be able to push us so far... Events are slipping out of your control -The August riots will seem like a walk in the park... INCUBUS

All of these police, drug buster, anti-dole scrounger bullshit so called tv programmes are government propaganda.... I fuckin hate them as for the pig saying we're the biggest gang in town more like the biggest cunt in town!!! MARTIN

I completely agree with you, Martin. SPIDEYSAVES

In Hackney shoppers are fed up with every weekend being the same ole bollocks with the SWP, one week in the Narrowway by McDonalds, the following week they are up at Dalston Kingsland Station bleating out the same old shite, "DON'T ATTACK IRAN" "SAVE THE NHS" "SIGN THE PETITION" the only thing the petition does is brings em in a few quid on a Saturday. In more than 30 years they've never changed, it's the same crap they dish out. "STOP THE NASTY POLICE BEATING US UP" we all know about the bastard police sticking it to the punters, deaths in police cells / custody / Ian Tomlinson, Harry Stanley. (The SWP soon ditched his wife Irene when the papers stopped selling).

Well I say that every time a bastard cop kills someone and gets away with it, we should deface their bastard memorials "PC FLETCHER -DIXON FELL HERE" Good ya cunts shame a few more of ya didn't fall at the same time as this bastard.

I was out with a number of Class War papers / posters (the last ever issue) and found there is plenty of support on the street 20 posters & 10 papers in the first 15 minutes and people asking where they could get the Hospitalized Copper Calendars.

The Anarchist Federation do it up outside Camden Town station, take a few quid and are able to continue operating, we would clean up and recruit in working class areas, Hackney, Holloway Road, Camden Town, Lambeth Brixton Stn, Whitechapel, Walthamstow market on a Saturday, Haringey/Tottenham High Road / Seven Sisters Station. It just takes a few of us each weekend to get it all started. Ian can contact those who hold onto the merchandise / papers / badges / posters etc. Informing them that they can continue to sit on their lazy arses, hand over everything to those of us who'll get out there and rebuild. We'll always get a few of the lads / ladies from Brighton and Bristol coming along to help us out from time to time. 8

People in these areas are pissed off over being trampled on by pistaking politicians lining their own pockets and the boys in blue who protect them so they can continue their onslaught on the working class. Even bastard Labour have lost touch with the working class of this country, they did many years ago.

So for those really interested in getting Class War up and running again send Ian an email to get mine and we'll organise a meeting to discuss whatever you wish to, but directly getting the movement on every council estate, in every college, youth club and all over pirate radio. PATRICK

Suggested features for the 'All New' Class War-

'Greedy Rich Cunt of the Month'- Name names, connect the faces with their crimes against our class.

'Why We Hate'- an antidote to all those failed, naive, reformist pacifists out there (Like Occupy)

'Respect Due'- Working class individuals and communities that resist and attack that which attacks them.

'Scams 'n' Skives'- workers tips on how to 'work one' at work.

'Shoplifter's Tips '- Self-explanatory...

'My boss and what I think of Him/Her'- A space for individuals to vent their spleen, and for others see the common traits across the boss class.

'Useless Unions'- personal accounts of just how shit unions are at actually representing their rank and file- up to and including slagging off Union Bosses who 'are all right Jack'... Plenty of laughs, and just basic theory- Self-management, Hatred, Self-organisation, Direct Action, unrelenting militancy- good writing to connect the dots of the reality of class society that the mainstream makes every effort to obscure- and please, please no bastard boring ideology, (perhaps not even 'Anarch-ism?!'). More laughs- in amongst the red raw class anger... INCUBUS

The buildings are bigger and brighter and the cars bigger and shinnyer but apart from that it's the 80s again and before you all start on at me, we have 2.5 million on the dole an illegal war a Tory government that would give the thatcher cunt a run for her money!!! Its prime time for class war to take to the streets again the fight is bigger than ever and the chips are stacked against us ten fold but fuck it would be a laugh and that's what class war was all about taking the fuckers on with a wry smile and sarcastic tongue that was the essence of class war.... FUCK EM WE ARE UNGOVERABLE!!! MARTIN

Class war, as good as it was is dead. Don't dig it up an make it dance. If you want that kind of group look at today's mob coming up , ALARM see Class War as part of its past, were bones bastard grandchildren.

Why try an get a rusty broken wheel turning when there's a greasy new one spinning that needs help to keep going. GWAIN

I think we had this conversation only a couple of Saturday's back. ALARM does it's thing in the local community. Unfortunately it appears to be mainly serving the Tower Hamlets area. All London Anarchist Revolutionary Movement, funny thing is you're not all over London are you? No mention of ALARM in boroughs in West London or in South London. Yet in the areas where you could find massive support, in areas like Kilburn High Road, Brondesbury, Kensal Rise, Shepherds Bush, White City Estate, you do nothing because your quite happy to continue to whine on about Eastend Homes and that other lot selling off council homes. How many homes in Stepney Green are there that the council have boarded up & continue misleading the community that the old flats will be demolished to make way for new council homes? They've not built any council housing in any borough in three decades. Just the token 10 properties out of 200 end up being real social housing, the rest are sold off.

Instead of being a whole of London organisation, you remain Waggers in Whitechapel, why aren't you in Brixton rallying up people to defy the cuts, defy the Government, Lambeth, just like Hackney & Haringey is a very working class community. Why is there no mention of ALARM along Woolworth or the Old Kent Road in Southwark? Again both areas full of working class people being pissed all over and you claim the defend council housing? Ha Ha how comes no one bothered to defend the Aylesbury Estate? Do I really need to carry on. At the conference you said more about what's happening to your own block of flats than about all the flats being boarded up behind Whitechapel Station or behind Sainsbury's or behind Bethnal Green overground, that's what we in CW expect from former members of the SWP. Think of yourself before all in the community.

When you were being pushed around in your buggy as a toddler members and others linked to Class War were defending the squatters on the Stamford Hill Estate, fighting the bailiffs in

Kennington, squatting all over London was rife & brilliant, keeping the police an scum off the Pembury, off Northwold off Nightingale, fighting in Hoxton, chasing the old NF members who once lived on De Beauvoir Estate and getting them out. Long before ALARM we had pitched battles with facist skinheads on Bethnal Green Road, we fought them on Brick Lane everytime they came to try to make the Last Resort shop their own so they could continue to spread their racist puke. Who fought them? CLASS WAR MEMBERS, who smashed up their newspaper stands and their former building on Bethnal Green Road (Now a Noodle shop) Antifacists in Class War. Who punched a couple of teeth out of the BNP councillor Derek Beackon outside York Hall swimming baths? A Class War member, who went into the ward he supposedly represented to take 'em on? Members of Class War, not the SWP or ALARM or WAG. I bet you never even knew about one of our more famous members former boxer Michael Watson, he was very active in Class War against the fash still living around N1 back in the 80s his family still live on the De Beauvoir Estate.

I respect that you have your right to your opinion and I have the right to come back at you, so let's not fall out over a petty squabble. Your position is ALARM is the way forward, I disagree and state for the record that it'll go the very same way as WAG did. I say Class War is a brand just like NIKE only far far better than that shower of cunts, you say it's a rusty broken wheel not worth fixing. I say that's the view of a fluffy not someone keeping it spikey. LONDON CLASS WAR

@gawain

Yeah it's maybe a bit like all over the place those comments but it is important to remember that: you have unsatisfied people here (enthusiastic, passionate... so not defeated) fed up with the continuous same old crap (the "anarchist" nonsense)* who want "to stop ranting over the internet and start" something. A efficient group like CLASS WAR.

To me this is respectable.

Patrick - London Class War, Glasnosht, INCUBUS, martin ... I fully committed to supporting your initiative.

*They realized the obsolescence of ALARM. And in my humble observation ALARM is in the fact a renunciation, a negation of CLASS WAR experience. DELANDA FRANCE

I'd have to agree with that... The fact is the rich are on the back foot- all this empty talk of a 'John Lewis Society', Camoron talking about workers forming co-operatives, the Big Society and 'Moral Capitalism'- meanwhile the newspapers report how nearly one million supermarket workers are being paid poverty wages, (an average £6.83ph) some unable to buy their kids new shoes, while the execs and CEOs of the major supermarket companies are paying themselves packages of between £3-7 million each.

These are the 'lucky ones' since the major food stores aim to push ahead with automated self-service and are now using free/slave labour from the Workfare Scam... Next to call-centres, these are the new mills of the 21st century, exploiting both workers and customers with bullshit deals, with the owners bloating themselves with their ill-gotten gains. So the rich talk openly of reforming the system, because they know it's gonna get worse, and because the crisis has rumbled their centuries old game... It's all to play for now- and the next wave of the crisis will completely tear the arsehole out of the social contract-)and then they'll try to push us into another world war.)

So enough of the old dirigiste politics-The class war needs 'a' Class War- so fucking what if the old paper and org has a history, as it is too many people are attached to an even older mode of political thought and action as it is- whatever the bloody name, something fresh, like CW, is needed... An organisation that can exploit the crisis on its own terms, one that is not steeped in dull tradition or stale thinking. Enough of pissy little semi-victories of the odd demo here and there, a two day national riot, the odd occupation- None of it is good enough- what we want to see is the occupation of entire industries and sectors- expropriations on a grand scale- Insurrections that create Autonomous zones- entire city districts taken back from the forces of the state, mass wildcat strikes and walk-outs, mass spontaneous demonstrations in all major cities... INCUBUS

We've been playing around converting the original (and best!) CW logo and Soldier Dolls' Skull to manageable SVG files so if anyone needs them - or has any ideas for new posters - just let us know...

ANARCHIST MEDIA PROJECT

<http://anarchistmedia.wordpress.com/2012/01/19/they-only-call-it-class-war-when-we-fight-back/>

Patrick- it will be the same as WAG did? WAG was a learning curve. The anarchists had done fuck all in this country since the Wombles so we had to teach ourselves how to produce papers, raise money, learn how to boot people out, run meetings, sure we had a bit of help from a few veterans like martin wright but most people were just pricks to us. When I came to anarchism 3 years ago there was fucking nothing going in London WAG taught a crew of us the skills necessary to operate an Anarchist crew. | |

When class war first started people had to battle to have their ideas heard and overthrow the pacifists and "non-sexist" chinless gits that moaned on about anarchism. Today young anarchists have to deal with internet warriors who grew up with class war and see everything else as not radical enough.

Class wars dead, it was out of date 15 years ago. It's time to move on, if the class war crying brigade spent ¼ of the time they spend crying that class war isn't around anymore on street fighting, creating new papers or just talking to people then maybe there would be something new around but instead yet another cry to raise the dead.

In all honestly I just don't fucking get it, for me class warfare isn't a brand or a paper, it's an attitude, an action.GAWAIN

Oh Yes I remember the WOMBLES, many expected them to be right at the front of any protest getting stuck into the police and on numerous occasions they did just that and when the cops came back at them they found themselves on their own with other watching them on Oxford Street 2002/3. Some however also got stuck into the coppers who weren't wearing white overalls as some of the former WOMBLES are well aware of.

What happened to the WOMBLES? They disbanded just like WAG did and so will ALARM. There's no one crying here. On the subject of talking to people, I'd remind you of the story of the former SWP member in Lewisham who met with some anarchists and over a conversation with them found that the SWP were not for him.

A lot of Class War stuff was organised in pubs in an area, how'd you think we caught Charles & Camilla of guard in Hoxton? How do you think the police were never able to keep one step ahead

of us? We didn't bother with meetings which could easily be infiltrated; we always chose a different location each time. You had to know someone in Class War to get in. This is why they had a membership paying subs. We got stuck in with others, ran a small group and had a good laugh sticking it to the upper classes.

We need Class War so we don't have a similar situation like we had last weekend in Whitechapel when some EDL turned up. If you let them get away with it, they'll return in bigger numbers next time, so being on the street, having stalls and giving the public a change to the Socialist party and the SWP will give them a far better choice.

I would say that you and one or two others who were in the SWP wised up to their shit and got into Anarchy, you all did that by talking to people like myself, so talking to people does work. Finally, nothing's dead, I think you may be a little jealous if we did bring back the Class War paper, because far more would want to read it so I'll put a little wager on it.

(10 quid & a bottle of 12 year old scotch) says I'll get a meeting organised and have all those still interested in CW an get a meeting organised to develop all over London and the rest of the UK Class War groups, you watch what happens.

We'll go to Bristol to help our comrades build and they'll help us here in London. We'll have a group in Newcastle Upon Tyne and sooner or later revive those who've been having a long sleep because they're tired of the same old fluffy attitudes. CLASS WAR

Deluded Thatcher-lookalike at the end thinks she's a sheep- and insults everybody around her by describing them as livestock too! I can hear the strains of 'Maggies Farm' wafting through time- seriously though, the comments on the vid are depressing and so are the ones on the page... This isn't the '70s, there are no more Grunwicks, Saltley Gates or 15,000 Ford workers taking wildcat action... 12

The composition of the British working class has long been changed by the elimination of the heavy and light industry in the UK- the mines, the steelworks, the ship-building, the heavy engineering, the car industry and manufacturing in general (which now only accounts for 12% of the economy)- all these industries were destroyed by Thatcher (just as other European countries, and the US, 'outsourced' industry to low-wage economies in 'developing nations' in the south and then to eastern Europe).

This is why Thatcher announced that there was 'no such thing as society', and then Major said 'we are all middle class now'- essentially saying there was to be no more working class communities gathered around industries in which the workers could find, and forge, their common interests as a class... In Italy factory workers were known by revolutionary theorists 'mass workers' precisely because they worked in mass industry- The ruling class realised that workers who organised around an industry, threatening them with strikes, go-slows, occupations, boss-napping (and ultimately workers control) to resist the high rate of exploitation, had gained just too much social power- so they deliberately made entire communities redundant and exported the jobs abroad. The jobs once held by British, French and Italian workers are now either being done by robots or Brazilians, Chinese or South Koreans...

What has the UK got now? The service sector (clerical work with white collar and all), Retail, and Public sector jobs... In fact, the high level of people on benefits is an industry in its own right- the more deprivation there is, the more need for social services, the more illness, the more need for healthcare... All the rest is just paper/pixel shuffling, being a retail 'till monkey' pushing buttons, bagging up and restocking, burger-flipping, temp, and short contract working. In this day and age, you're just as likely to be a graduate in a call-centre as an estate kid working in Boots or JD

Sports, or a single mum working in a housing office, or a labourer on a building site... or signing on and at college. This is our class that rioted in August, and this is our class that didn't riot... Our class to whom Russia, Spain and Bakunin don't mean a damn thing!

The entire western world including the UK has been living off an enormous credit bubble- one which has only partially burst, but like some deep-rooted abscess, there is plenty more pustulence to come...

Our class has been smashed and atomised by the withdrawal of investment, of real jobs and the UK's ruling class has coasted along at the largesse of the City as its one major source of income... and that Golden Goose has been cooked by greed, until all that is left for us are the ashes... Britain is broken alright and it's the rich that broke it.

Unemployment is still set to rise and the IMF's Christine 'yet another pearl necklace' Lagarde is again warning of a 30's style slump... The Upper Classes have left no room for manoeuvre for our class, their executive Human Resource Management arms -the Labour Party and the TUC are ensuring 'serenity' across the board. The only option left open will be through urban uprisings... that's where the 'vox-pop' of the 21st century will be heard- in the streets and on the estates. INCUBUS

Yep... there's not enough class unity or class politics in the collective consciousness of those that did riot in August or those that didn't. It was an explosion of anger and fucking justified, but target selection was at times piss poor, often economically and not politically driven (not necessarily a bad thing) which led to some unfortunate outcomes IMO.

Knowing your enemy is gonna be key and that's where you veterans excel for sure.

Class War is as relevant now as it ever was. It's not just a graphic or an attitude... its information... information that could provide some context and direction to MODERN day class anger and the inevitable explosions to come. It could bridge the gap between the perceived street underclass and the more traditional working class mind-set. It's all the same enemy after all. ANONYMOUS

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CLASS ANGER:

What's coming is going to create some real anger, some will be led astray by the racist scum out there & they'll believe it, blaming it all on the influx of people from other countries. Recently on the evening news they've brought up the issue of squatting, and for good measure stated that the property shown on the news had been taken over by Eastern Europeans, they even have a petition online in an attempt to get the law changed. We need to be fighting this and getting the housing law changed so that all those empty properties like so many bedsits and one bedroomed properties are used to house single homeless people who are currently sent packing by all local authorities unless they have some form of illness which gives them an A Medical Grade housing priority status. Local authorities end up sending people / couples to night shelters / hostels that charge nearly 560 a week just to live there, on top of that anyone on benefits ends up handing over more of their money in service charges. If these people were given a home and a hand up rather than a hand out, it would cost all of us less around 350 less to be exact.

We should be on the street campaigning, gathering support, making new comrades and building plenty of resistance in working class areas. We thought the cuts last year cut in deep, not as deep as they'll cut into us this year. We are going to be hit with one hell of a

wake up call because they are pissing all over us right now, the cunts in Eton, Notting Hill, Chelsea Henley, Richmond, Kew, West Hamstead are laughing at us, they even joke about it saying they're not worried because we'll all sit down and shout out in union "THIS IS NOT A RIOT" while having our heads bashed in by cops with truncheons, many who still get away with murder.

Where has that old fighting spirit gone? In years gone by we gave the former racist minority inside the South African Embassy a right throttling, we rose up in working class towns & cities against the Poll Tax. We fought off the bailiffs when they came in to housing estates to throw out those who wouldn't pay the poll tax.

The French or even the Greeks wouldn't accept what we are taking right now, so why should we? We should be organising on the streets outside the job centres because if we don't then the facists will as they have been doing in the Hounslow, Feltham, Ealing, Northolt, Chiswick, Dagenham, Barking, Bromley area. If they are not stopped their racist puke will spread like a virus and we'll have BNP scum councillors getting in like they've done in the past in Tower Hamlets. We'll have a return to the days when the racist scum stood on one side of Bethnal Green Road & the SWP on the other selling papers and as was the case a few times in the 80s chatted about the weather (The ANL standing along Brick Lane by the Bagal shop selling papers next to a facist selling his) We should have stalls outside Brixton station, in Camberwell, in Oval, in Kennington, in Elephant & Castle, in Holloway, in Highbury & Islington, in Hackney, in Dalton, in Walthamstow, in Tottenham, in Newham, in Tower Hamlets, in Camden every bastard weekend, handing out paperwork, leaflets, posters, get the info to attend community / tenants & residents association meetings. If we don't do it the SWP and other trots will and we'll continue along the path we've been going along for far too long.

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We've heard from Gawain saying Class War is dead, yet so many out there in numerous boroughs are just waiting to get on board, loads are sick of every week the same old trot bollocks from the SWP & others. If we all got stuck in now & got out there we'd all see that class anger and CLASS WAR was very much alive. CLASS WAR

It's such a shame that Class War was killed off in favour of Alarm when it is more relevant (in terms of more people willing to see through the mass mediated lies of our society) now than for at least a decade. Good luck with the CW night, let's hope inspiration evolves into a rebirth of Class War in name as well as spirit. KELLY

The most effective anarchist-related actions in recent years have been more spontaneous - the organisation generated from the ground - reflecting the needs of ordinary people or reflecting a heartfelt call for the end to the slavery of capitalism & the state. I'm thinking of the squatters movement, radical technology, flash mob type organisation of protest - not revolutionary organisations needing 'leaders'. If you look at the Spanish Revolution in Catalunya - spontaneous actions secured the region; deals between leaders destroyed it. The Platform lacks imagination, flies in the face of experience & is thankfully not on anybody's serious agenda anymore. KEITH

It's just a pity that for many years all these eager Class Warriors didn't seem that keen to buy the paper, let alone get involved with the group. And it's not as though for many years CW was idle – among other things CW were there at J18, heavily involved with MA'M, out on the May Days, up in Scotland for the G8 and of course were behind the Bash the Rich march in 2007 – as well as bringing out the paper.

While class war is alive and well, Class War is, as Gawain said, dead and buried. HARRY WHITE

at least someones on my side hahahaha=) To be honest itotally respect what you say but class war is not redundant if it was why are we having this conversation I agree with you its more than a paper its an attitude and but think it still has its place in the class struggle !!! MARTIN

Class War was still the largest circulation anarchist publication in the UK when it folded. Nothing else with ambition is emerging, we have a recognised CLASS WAR brand so why don't we use it!

I gave out shedloads of Class War posters on the Manchester TUC demonstration without any problem at all, they've been given out successfully in Newcastle, Sunderland, London and more too. We have a successful product, let's use it some more. Class War propaganda, or working class truth as it's known, lives or dies, as all political work should, by its ability to generate interest and spread itself (somebody picking it up, and passing it on easily and quickly because it's so good).MAYDAY

July 28, 2011 ROYAL WEDDING GUILLOTINE ARRESTS – NO CHARGES

Yes comrades PATRICK MACROIDAN is a free man. Bindmans have informed Patrick, Chris Knight and Camilla Power that charges against them relating to preparing a guillotine and wearing an executioner's outfit for the royal wedding have been dropped. You may remember the farcical arrests as the local plod searched for that well known terrorist FLOPSY THE BUNNY – a confidant of Carlos zee Jackal. I was on the mobile phone to Patrick as the arrests took place and heard the whole farce live. Well done Patrick – forward to the compo!

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@Class War (and Patrick – London Class War, Glasnosht, INCUBUS, martin ...)

- Yes the French wouldn't accept what the Brits are taking right now. The Greeks and the Romanians now (the europeans in general) strongly believe that the insurrection can be successful only if the City –40 % of the world finance, 2nd place in the world – is “neutralized”.
- Despite what we read here from the anarcho-ghetto and others (conformism and discouragement) the old fighting spirit is still active. The prove is that they is an equivalent of CLASS WAR (adapted to our period). A group called “Comité invisible”(The Invisible Committee). He appeared by a book intituled “L'insurrection qui vient” (The Coming Insurrection). Even a pushing-ball like Glenn Beck mentioned it : <http://youtu.be/pWZasFNksLw>

Extract:

The Coming Insurrection (Comité invisible)

The commune is the basic unit in a life of resistance. The insurrectionary surge is probably nothing more than a multiplication of communes, their articulation and inter-connection. Depending on how events develop the communes regroup in larger entities, or fractionalize into smaller ones. The difference between an affinity group of brothers and sisters connected to life and death and the coming together of multiple groups, committees, and crews to organize the supplies and self-

defense of a neighborhood, or even a region, in revolt is only a difference of scales. All these groups are basically communes.

A commune can only move towards self-sufficiency and experience money within it as something useless and ultimately out of place. The power of money is to create a connection between those who are unconnected, to connect strangers as strangers and thus by creating an equivalency between all things to put all things in circulation. The cost for the power of money to connect everything is the superficiality of the connection where deceit is the rule. Distrust is the basis for the credit relation. The empire of money must therefore always be the empire of control. The practical abolition of money can thus only be achieved by extending the communes. Extending the communes must be done while taking care that the commune does not surpass a certain size beyond which it loses contact with itself, and inevitably generates a dominant group. In that case the commune would prefer to split up and to extend in this way, while avoiding unfortunate power issues.

Fan the Flames of Every Crisis

Terrorist threats, natural disasters, viral alerts, social movements and urban violence, are for those who manage society, moments of instability when they validate their power by selecting those they like and by destroying those that embarrass them. These are thus logical occasions for other powers to gather and to build-up by taking the opposite side. The interruption of the flow of merchandise, the suspension of normality and of police control liberate a potential for self-organization unthinkable under normal circumstances. It is enough to see the wonders a black-out can do for the return of social life in a single building, to imagine what could happen in a city deprived of everything. People are not blind to this. The revolutionary workers movement understood it too and took advantage of the crises of bourgeois economy to strengthen its might. Today, Islamic parties are never as strong as when they manage to intelligently use the weakness of the State, by for instance, providing aid to earthquake victims in Algeria, or in daily assistance to the population of Lebanon attacked by the Israeli army.

The devastation of New Orleans by hurricane Katrina gave North American anarchists the 16 opportunity to gain a new visibility by rallying all those who resisted the forced evacuations. Setting-up food distribution and soup kitchens showed that people had thought of supplies ahead of time; setting up health clinics demands already having the necessary skills and materials, same for setting-up pirate radios. Such experiences are extremely fruitful politically as they bring joy, a feeling of community, a tangible reality outside of the established order and work. In a country like France, we should count less on natural disasters than on social crises. It is the social movements that most often get to interrupt the normal course of disasters. Of course in recent years various strikes were mostly occasions for the government and corporate management to test their capacity to maintain larger and larger minimum service to the point of rendering work stoppages to a purely symbolic dimension, barely more cumbersome than a snow storm or a suicide on the railways. The high-school students struggle of 2005 and the fight against the CPE-law upset established militant practices. They replaced them with systematic occupation of buildings and obstinate blockades, reminding everyone that large movements can have a capacity for nuisance and diffuse attacks. They left numerous affinity groups in their wake, showing the conditions under which mass movements can become places of emergence for new communes.

Blockade the economy, but measure our blocking power by our level of self-organization

By the end of June 2006 multiple city halls and public buildings were occupied by the popular insurgence in the State of Oaxaca. In certain municipalities mayors have been deposed and official vehicles requisitioned. A month later the access to many hotels and tourist complexes are cut-off. The minister of Tourism of Mexico talks about a disaster comparable to hurricane Wilma. A few years earlier, the blockades became the main form of action for the movement of revolt in Argentina, with different local groups helping each other by blocking such and such arterial, and constantly renewing the threat of paralyzing the entire country if their demands were not met. Such threats had been for years a powerful source of leverage for groups such as the railroad workers, truck drivers, electrical and gas supply workers (in Europe). The movement against the First Employment Law (CPE) in France did not hesitate to blockade train stations, highways, factories, supermarkets and even airports. In Rennes, only three people were needed to block the main access to town for hours and caused a 40 kilometer-long (30 miles) traffic-jam. Blockade everything; this should be from now on the first reaction of anyone standing against the present order. In a de-localized economy where companies function thanks to a constant flux of materials and goods, where value derives from connectedness to the network, where the highways are links in the chain of dematerialized production which moves from sub-contractor to sub-contractor and from there to another factory for assembly, to block production means to block traffic circulation.

But a blockage can only go as far as the capacity of the insurgents to feed themselves and to communicate, as far as the effective self-organization of the different communes. How will we feed ourselves once everything is paralyzed? Looting stores, as it was done in Argentina, has its limits; as large as the temples of consumption are, they are not infinitely full of food stuffs. Thus acquiring, in the long term, the skills to provide for one's own subsistence implies appropriating the necessary means of production. In this light, there is no need to wait any longer. To leave to, as it is today, two percent of the population the task of producing the food for everyone else is both a historic and a strategic idiocy.

Liberate territory from police occupation; Avoid direct confrontation as much as possible

This case shows that we are not dealing with youth demanding more social services, but with individuals who have declared war on the Republic, noted a lucid cop about recent clashes in France. The attack aiming to liberate the territory from police occupation has already started, and is being fed by the endless amounts of resentment that the forces of order have provoked. Even the social movements are slowly taken by the riots, just like the ravers in Rennes who fought the riots cops every Thursday night in 2005, or more recently the partying crowds of Barcelona who destroyed a shopping street during a botellion. The movement against the CPESaw the regular return of the Molotov cocktail. But on that front, certain disadvantaged suburbs remain unsurpassed. Namely, they have perfected the technique of the trap. For example, on October 13 in Epinay (a poor suburb of Paris), a police crew responding to a call, found itself blocked by two vehicles on the roadway and by over thirty people carrying metal bars and brass knuckles who lobbed stones at the police vehicle and used tear gas against the policemen. On a smaller scale, neighborhood sub-stations have been attacked when closed at night and on weekends: broken windows and burned-out police vehicles.

Another achievement of recent movements is the understanding that a real demonstration from now on must be wild, meaning un-permitted, and un-announced to the police. Being able to choose the terrain, we can, like the Black Block of Genoa in 2001, bypass the red zones, avoid direct confrontation, and being able to decide the route ourselves, make the cops strain to chase us instead of being herded by the police, including that of the syndicates or the pacifists. In Genoa we saw a thousand determined people make entire buses of carabinieri retreat, only to be set on

fire in the end. The important thing is not to be better armed, but to have the initiative. Courage is nothing, the confidence in one's own courage is everything. Having the initiative helps tremendously.

If a confrontation cannot be avoided it doesn't mean that it cannot be turned into a simple diversion and opportunity to strike elsewhere. In addition to thinking about actions, we must think about their coordination. Harassing the police means that by forcing them to be everywhere they cannot be effective anywhere.

Each act of harassing the police revives the truth about them expressed in 1842: The life of the police agent is painful; his position in society is as humiliating and despised as crime itself. Shame and infamy encircle him from all sides, society has expelled him, isolated him as a pariah, society spits its disdain for the police agent with his payment, without remorse, without regrets, without pity. The police badge that he carries in his pocket documents his shame. On November 21, 2006, firemen demonstrating in Paris attacked the riot police with hammers and injured fifteen of them. This should be a reminder that having a desire to help others can never be an excuse for joining the police.

Depose the authorities locally

The goal for any insurrection is to become irreversible. This can be achieved by beating authority at the same time as beating the need for authority, beating property along with the taste for appropriating, beating hegemony along with the desire for hegemony. That is why the insurrectionary process carries in itself its victory or its failure. Destruction has never been enough to make things irreversible. Everything is in the method. There are ways of destruction that provoke inevitably the return of that which has been abolished. Where the economy is blocked and police are neutralized, little emphasis is needed on the toppling of the authorities. They will easily be deposed.

In our times, the end of centralized revolutions reflects the decentralization of power. Winter Palaces still exist but they have been relegated to the assaults of the tourist— not the revolutionary hordes. Today it is possible to take over Paris, Rome, or Buenos Aires without it being a decisive victory. Taking over Rungis (the transit and storage facility for all merchandise in Paris) will certainly be more effective than taking over the Elyse (seat of the government). Power is no longer concentrated in one point in the world; it is the world itself, its flows and its avenues, its people and its rules, its codes and its technologies. Power is the organization itself of the metropolis. It is the perfect totality of the world of merchandise in all of its incarnations. Anyone who opposes power locally creates a wave of planetary shock through the world's power networks. Keep on fighting! All power to the communes!

The Coming Insurrection PDF eBook –

http://tarnac9.files.wordpress.com/2009/04/thecominsur_booklet.pdf Delenda France

It does sound good mate, I'd say the less 'orthodox-ism' the better though!INCUBUS

Instead of Hospitalised Copper, could we have a 'Fuckwit Bizzie' section? Example: this plod approaches a bunch of electricians at the end of this Wednesday's oil refinery blockade. First they tell him not to earg on people's private conversations, then they tell him that as a public servant he should be downing tools in support of them.

"But if we go on strike we'll be arrested"

EH? "And who's going to do the arresting if you lot are all on strike?"

"Errr..." ALAN ON TYNESIDE

Diversity is beautiful – let a thousand anarcho groups bloom!GEOFF

I reckon we should bring back the Class War paper and even do an online version (A monthly online one with Fuckwit Bizzies& Rich Cunt of the Month as well as other great articles we'd have a section where the online viewer can have a right anti royal rant. Sound Good? Then let's hook up in one pub or another and get it started. London CLASS WAR

THE 'ATTACK THE BANKERS' CAMPAIGN

January 29, 2012 HESTER'S STATELY PILE: BROUGHTON GRANGE: OPEN DAY APRIL 29TH*****STOP PRESS: RIGHT OF WAY ACROSS HESTER'S BROUGHTON GRANGE ESTATE:

This could be bigger than **Kinder Scout**.

WHO'S UP FOR A RAMBLE THEN?..... brilliant work Ray Hulm on a suggestion from Incubus: <http://www.bloxham.info/walks/?cat=1>

BRING THE CLASS WAR HOME TO THE RICH APRIL 29th

Stephen Hester's 350 acre country mansion is BROUGHTON GRANGE at Broughton near Banbury in Oxfordshire. The next OPEN DAY there is on APRIL 29th – when for a mere £6 you can marvel at Stephen's good luck and shake hands with one of his eight gardeners.....no doubt the scullery maid will also be present. Soooooo..... CLASS WAR are urging as many people as possible to come on the open day and chuck a few more quid into Hester's maw. Fun and games assured. BE THERE – BEST FUN SINCE HENLEY. Our French comrades will be visiting his ski lodge at Verbier on the same day.www.broughtongrange.com

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ANOTHER CLASS WAR VICTORY – HESTER GIVES UP BONUS

Following announcement of our plan to visit Broughton Grange Hester has IMMEDIATELY given up his bonus – following on from the closure of Osborne and Little and the rout of the Etonians in their redoubt this shows that CLASS WAR is the most successful political organisation in the uk. God bless you all. He is still a rich bastard though – if only a spineless one – SOOOOOO....

FORWARD TO BROUGHTON GRANGE APRIL 29TH – THERE ARE NO REFORMS YOU CAN MAKE TO GET RID OF US

January 28, 2012 STEPHEN HESTER – ALWAYS KICK A RICH FUCKING SCUMBAG WHEN HE'S DOWN OH MY FUCKING GAWD – HE DID PPE AT OXFORD – SAME TIME AS BALLS AND MILIBAND??? AND AT OXFORD WITH OSBORNE AND CAMERON???

Class War once had a cover similar to the photo below of RBS toerag STEPHEN HESTER with the caption 'YOU RICH FUCKING SCUMBAG – WE'RE GOING TO GET YOU. Well now we have another chance – the mood of our class is with us – we need some daring and sustained actions to spread

the anger from this one scumbag to the rest of his class. THEY ARE ALL STEPHEN HESTERS. Hester is of course OXFORD educated, owns a vast country pile and his wife is master of the Warwick fox hunt and he regularly hosts hunt balls at his country mansion. To all you hunt sabs out there – now's the time to hunt this fucking scumbag. But while Mr Hester may have 'lost' the London home, he can fall back on his vast country pile in Oxfordshire, a 350-acre estate complete with eight gardeners. And there is always the ski chalet in Verbier.

The Oxford-educated banker met his estranged wife Barbara when both were working at Credit Suisse. They married in 1991. The couple divided their time between London and Oxfordshire and shared a love of fox-hunting – she is a master of foxhounds for the Warwickshire Hunt.

Shortly after taking over the helm at state-owned RBS in 2008, Mr Hester faced immediate criticism over his indulgent lifestyle after hosting a lavish hunt ball at his £7million country estate.

THE ETON CAMPAIGN

September 29, 2011 OUR DAY OUT AT ETON - IT SEEMS THERE'S NOT MUCH ELSE THEY'LL BE TALKING ABOUT IN ETON TODAY

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There were 14 of us – from London, Dover, Margate, Bishops Stortford, Ruislip, Egham, Slough, Windsor, Bristol and Merthyr! A disparate group led by 69 year old Carol with the EMA NOT ETON banner and a mum and dad with baby in a pram. I think this threw the coppers a bit -they were expecting a scarfed up mini black bloc. As a result after one kick at the pram the cops kept out the way. ... though 'bronze comander' wanted to know when we'd be back. We raised our banners on the bridge that divides Eton from Windsor and marched on the college with shouts of EMA NOT ETON. We handed flyers out to Etonians who were mostly keen to take them and set our flags up outside the main entrance. There was a party of visiting kids from Eastbourne who we talked to about the privilege of Eton and two German Communists! The Etonians were I think at first bemused, then quite excited – a posh education enables you to take everything in your stride.

They were well coached in arguments about why Eton is not really an elite privileged school and does 'good works' for the disadvantaged. They certainly didn't cower and we didn't threaten. One older 'scholarship' boy spent some time passionately arguing his case with us. By this time we were right in the middle of the school and able to wander where we wanted. Housemasters hurried the younger boys into buildings. We chanted and leafletted and left. I think most of the Etonians hadn't really thought about their privileged position – they were too busy enjoying it and they are well armed with all the counter arguments by the school. You can see that in the number of them posting on this blog yesterday and today. For those of us who'd never been to Eton before it was a right eye opener.

WHAT NEXT? We will return to Eton on Saturday November 12th – hopefully in bigger numbers. A lot of you – and some local state school kids – have asked for a Saturday demo. So here it is. The school will be closed but I think a big march to the school will be good. It will follow the EMA demo on November 9th in London and we'll be leafletting that. The reason Eton is important is that it stands for the continued dominance of a small wealthy elite in governing us. It's no good waffling on about social mobility or generalisations which mount to fuck all – we can focus all this on one real and specific place and make it the centre of a new campaign of class war. After

November we'll be returning again and again so that Eton college becomes a template for the battle for equality and against the elite who run and own everything. Well done to the Eton 14 and lets see the rest of you next time. If you don't think it mattered – check out the Etonian replies.

October 5, 2011 **EMA NOT ETON: IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST' – THE FILM!**

Here's some good knockabout from the streets of Eton last week

It would be much more fun with 500 of us!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWcewl8gMF8&feature=email>

special thanks to Mike from: www.queuepolitely.com

Oct 5, 2011 **ETON WILL MOBILISE COMBINED CADET FORCE: THE MASK SLIPS**

I am reminded of Sir Ernest Shackleton's advert in the times to recruit men for his polar expedition. "Men Wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success." Ernest Shackleton.

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Etonians posting on the film comments section say the CCF, the First Eleven rugby team, the Rifle Corps must be mobilised against us on November 12th. Against such incredible odds and armed units what can I offer to you comrades? Well you'll notice they don't think the 2nd, 3rd, 4th rugby teams are up to it? Or the rowing club? sounds like Eton will see a recreation of the last scene from 'IF' on November 12th. Take a look at some of the comments on the youtube film site: 'I FUCKING HATE POOR PEOPLE' Our little provocation has made the mask slip – bigtime.

Wherever you live get mobilising for November 12th – from Bradford, Newcastle, Bristol, Merthyr, Swansea, Liverpool, Birmingham, Doncaster... time for the old Wild Bunch to saddle up for one last ride into the sunset.....A WORKING CLASS HERO IS SOMETHING TO BE. This is the call you always promised to answer.

October 5, 2011 **ETON FILM – IT'S A MEGA-HIT – WORLDWIDE!**

This is the 2nd most discussed film on Youtube in the UK, 25th most discussed in the World... !!! 34th Top Favorited & 54th Top rated. I would call that a lot of interest and its only been up a few hours.

October 7, 2011

ETON STRUGGLES TO MAINTAIN MORAL HIGH GROUND

'Eton have taken a right bashing over the last week while your provocation has really shook the hornets nest. Just look at all the comments made by Etonians old and new. The small number of thoughtful comments have being drowned in the vicious bile poured onto your blog and the youtube video (bearing in mind some of it is just kids being kids). If i were a teacher/member of the hierarchy at that school I'd be shocked/embarrassed... I reckon

they probably are a bit. Most comments have not being made with the understanding that many people will see them and thus are great propaganda. In offering debate they are trying to get some control of their image and the voices coming out of their camp under the guise of providing their 6th form students with a new perspective. Enter the propaganda war.'

Thanks for this view comrade – I think it sums up the current tactical situation of the class war against Eton well. It'll be all over by christmas.

Here's the moral high ground they currently occupy:

'why are you not allowing comments on????? This site is no longer a fair representation of the public opinion, you guys are twisted, fucked up, little stupid, wanking, dicks, and i hope you Mr Boner, commit suicide cos you should cos you're a fucker
FUCK THE GAY ANARCHISTS FUCK THE GUY ANARCHISTS FLOREAT ETONA DOWN WITH THE RETARDS DOWN WITH IAN BONE FUCKER, FUCK YOU ALL ESPECIALLY THE ONE IN THE VIDEO WITH THE GAY HAIRCUT. FUCK YOU GAY LITTLE WANKERS WHO HAVE NO LIFE AND NO JOB'floreasetona motherfucking cunts

October 7, 2011 **I AM INVITED TO ADDRESS THE ETON MORNING ASSEMBLY – THE GREAT DEBATE IS COMING**

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Dear Mr Bone

I would like to invite you to come and address a morning assembly at Eton College on the 29th of November. You would be addressing Upper Sixth for 15 minutes at 8.30am. I think this would provide you with the perfect opportunity for you to relay some coherent arguments to my year, who I think are genuinely interested in how you would like the country to be run. I think that if you presented your opinions in a more organised, formal manner, Etonians would perhaps be more understanding of your beliefs.

I realise that your weapon of choice is not the spoken word, but I think that a mix of protest and debate might prove rather more productive in the long run.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Henry Wingfield

Whilst I agree that it would be great to hold a proper debate, I can guarantee you that you will not have a larger audience than iff you accept my invitation. As these assemblies are compulsory, you will be addressing at least 260 boys. As for authority, I am in charge of organising sixth form assemblies so I can invite whoever I wish (within reason) to come and speak, provided they are interesting and engaging, characteristics I have no doubt you possess. It's actually more like 20 minutes if that makes a difference.

There are many ideas for debate with Eton arising from our visit and a 15 minute slot is unlikely to be a runner. These range from an informal meeting with some students in the local Costa Coffee to a full on debate with the headmaster and Provost. I am not against a debate – I've always believed in 'by any means necessary Any debate would however have to come after our march on November 12th so Etonians can see the depth of feeling on their class privileged basis and have seen the red and black flag flying over the college. Other members of the EMA NOT ETON campaign – and others beyond - would need to be involved and not focussed on me. Miss'

Maverick has kindly agreed to deal with any suggestions coming from Eton – whether staff or students – and she can be contacted here:

Yeah why not. We will be coming down after all. How many Etonian would be interested in debating? My email guditta@hotmail.com if you're serious and you want to engage.

October 12, 2011 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ETONIANS WHO POSTED HERE – YOU'RE IN THE PAPERS

Yes indeed your views are now reaching a wider audience in today's Guardian.....the school will be very proud of you. I should imagine the misogynist will be in the running for the Lord Lucan award (yes he was an Etonian). Perhaps the headmaster will reduce your fees for getting the school such good publicity. Toodle Pip – do keep 'em coming old chaps.

'An interesting evening in prospect as the gilded flowers of Eton invite Class War founder Ian Bone to deliver a lecture. He is one of many distinguished speakers to address sixth-formers in recent years. But there is a particular history to this. Bone keeps busy, and most recently one of his campaigns, inspired by the stand-off at Dale Farm, has been a move to occupy Eton's playing fields. Tensions are rising on the veteran troublemaker's blog. "I would not return to Eton if I were you," warns one critic. "For although they are disciplined, the school may take legal action and you will lose. Eton College has influence over every level of society." Another is more direct. "Sometimes I wish that there was anarchy because then I could easily kill wankers like yourself without retribution," he says. One, styling himself Dirty Miguel, seems the feistiest. "If you anarchist bitches wanna play ball then bring it." And Class War do like a ruck. Oh dear.' From today's Guardian diary column.

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October 15, 2011 SPECIAL FORCES CHIEF : 'WE WON'T FIGHT UNLESS OUR CHILDREN GO TO ETON'

Ministry of defence keeps allowances for officers to send sprogs to Eton

It must be extremely comforting for our front line troops facing redundancy to know that their commanders have been lobbying hard to maintain the allowance where officers get their childrens public school boarding fees paid. The lobbying was led by one of Cameron's old etonianpals – now commander of our Special Forces -who said this ... that the troops operational effectiveness would be compromised if officers couldn't send their children to Eton'. Straight up.

The Ministry of Defence gave up trying to cut the allowance after intense lobbying from senior Army officers, including a Special Forces commander who was a friend of David Cameron's at Eton.

It was threatened that there would be a wave of resignations from officers already fed up with cuts to troop numbers and equipment if the Continuity of Education Allowance was stopped. The government rowed back on axing the £180million CEA allowance saying it would impact on "operational effectiveness" of personnel.'

This is fucking incredible. While EMA gets cut the army top brass get their Eton fees paid. Cameron has bowed to the Old Etonian network yet again. Basically the army officer corps – the biggest employer of old Etonians – says we won't fight unless our kids go to Eton.

October 19, 2011 OLD ETONIAN ASSOCIATION AGM NOVEMBER 1ST – TOO SCARED TO PUT ON WEBSITE

Them Old Etonians are running scared. Since I posted details of the forthcoming AGM on the blog all mention of the AGM has mysteriously vanished from the Old Etonian website. So just to remind you the AGM will be taking place at WITHERS SOLICITORS (Tax avoiders by appointment) 16 OLD BAILEY at 6.30pm on November 1st. We will be organising a display of public fawning (Gawd bless you guv) outside as our betters stroll in. Mucho fun. Guaranteed to irritate and annoy. Displays of wanton effrontery may also take place.

*****This affords a rare opportunity to 'eyeball' the Etonian Star Chamber arriving and leaving a ritual carve-up of the largesse, all washed down with a fine claret, the blood of the masses, which they have got so used to slurping. They are now complacent and flatulent, unused to challenge, and therefore vulnerable. Such a greeting from the warriors will dominate their thoughts and the conversation will be tempered by the fear of a possible revolt against their time-honoured elitism. It could spoil their digestion, and as they slope away for another twelvemonth, they will reflect that their time may soon be up will flit through their repugnant, corrupt, and hateful heads.

WHEN ETON ANARCHISTS REVOLTED BEFORE – OTHERS WILL JOIN NOVEMBER MARCH BEHIND a balaclava, Matthew MacDonald hid the fact that he was a privileged Eton schoolboy as he joined in the riots that brought mayhem to London on May Day.

But, gloved hand raised in rebellion, MacDonald, 17, also hid a much more sinister secret... he is a member of an anarchist group plotting the downfall of the Royal Family.

And that sparked off a royal security scare because MacDonald was a fellow pupil at Eton of Prince William.

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The alarm was raised when he was found carrying a Movement Against the Monarchy membership card when arrested during the May Day riots.

Detectives now fear the teenager could have passed sensitive information about William, 17, and younger brother Harry to the extreme left-wing group.

MacDonald was in a uniquely close position to the young Prince and would have been regarded as a key member of the anarchist group.

He was in the same year as the Prince, would have shared some classroom lessons and was aware of his movements at the pounds 14,000- a-year school.

It is feared that Movement Against the Monarchy (M'AM) leaders could have told MacDonald to gather compromising information about him.

Special Branch officers raided MacDonald's room at College House, Eton, and his parents' south London home after discovering his anarchist link.

They took away bundles of personal letters, files and books.

It is now likely that Buckingham Palace will order an urgent review of the security operation surrounding Prince William. Detectives are also likely to interview members of Eton's left-

wingOrwell Society which was set up by MacDonald. They are also investigating the activities of the 500-strong M'AM which is led by Ian Bone – former head of violent 80s group Class War.

M'AM is planning a mass demonstration outside Buckingham Place on June 3.

Last night, a highly-placed police source said: "The fact that MacDonald is linked to this group has very serious implications for the Palace.

"Guarding the young princes is a highly sensitive and careful operation. If their security has in any way been compromised, then changes will have to be made.

"It is not inconceivable that pupils with anti-monarchy beliefs could be passing on information."

MacDonald is understood to have become increasingly uneasy about being privileged enough to attend Eton. His father, Professor Theodore MacDonald, said his son had written a letter, resigning from Eton after becoming disillusioned.

October 20, 2011 MARCH ON ETON BEGINS

They are now complacent and flatulent, unused to challenge, and therefore vulnerable.

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October 31, 2011

NOW THE OLD ETONIANS FLEE FROM US – BRILLIANT! AGM CANCELLED! News reaches me from two different sources that THE OLD ETONIAN AGM tomorrow night at WITHERS in OLD BAILEY has been CANCELLED due to 'fears of public disorder'. YEEEESSSS! WHAT A VICTORY! We will of course go ahead as planned and march to Withers to celebrate our triumph – and just to make sure they're not pulling a fast one. Once at Withers we will hold a victory rally – then go and get sloshed. Join us.

'WHERE ARE YOU NOW OLD ETONIANS. YOUR BOYS HAVE TAKEN A HELLUVA BEATING (NOTHING UNUSUAL THERE THEN!) LORD LUCAN. SIMON MANN. DISRAELI. GLADSTONE. KING LEOPOLD OF THE BELGIANS.SON OF BRUCE FOXTON. GLADSTONE. SIR ANTHONY EDEN. DAVID CAMERON.BORIS JOHNSON. YOUR BOYS HAVE TAKEN A HELLUVA BEATING.'

January 22, 2012 HERE IS THE OXBRIDGE NEWS

I am fucking shocked by this. I decided to look at news readers and news presenters on the 4 terrestrial channels – BBC 1 and 2 ITV and Channel 4 – and who went to Oxbridge and public

school. I actually gasped as it soon became clear that all 4 channels news departments are totally – and often exclusively – staffed by Oxbridge. Some I kind of expected – Newsnight – but ITV and BBC Breakfast and Channel 4 news?? And this doesn't even look at producers/directors where it is even worse:

ITV NEWS

Katie Derham – Cambridge Julie Etchingham – cambridge Alistair Stewart – privately school

BBC NEWSNIGHT

Jeremy Paxman – Oxford Emily Maitlis – Oxford Gavin Esler – private school Stephen Sackur – Cambridge

CHANNEL 4 NEWS

Matt Frei – Westminster and Oxford Alex Thomson – Oxford Faisal islam – Cambridge Gary Gibbon – private school Jon Snow – private school Krishnan Guru Murphy – Oxford ZeinabBadawi – Oxford Michael Crick – Oxford.....A FULL FUCKING HOUSE

BBC BREAKFAST

Bill Turnbull – ETON Natasha Kaplinsky – Oxford Sian Williams – Oxford

BBC NEWS

David Dimbleby – Charterhouse and Oxford Andrew Marr – Oxford Nick Robinson – Oxford Simon McCoy – private school Ben Brown – Oxford Jon Sopel – Cambridge Mathew Amrolivola – private school Fiona Bruce – private school Sophie Raworth – private school George Alagiaha – private school MishaHussain – Cambridge Robert Peston – Oxford

Sooooo.....well done Paul Mason for not going to Oxbridge!

This is the last time I bang on about Oxbridge. The case against Oxbridge/Eton is well understood. The question is comrades – WHAT IS TO BE DONE? Ian Bone

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I don't believe that 'Revolutionary Activity' creates the conditions for a revolution... Whereas a big fat crisis in capitalism does, a crisis that is a golden opportunity to exploit, by attacking the centres of power and the 'legitimacy' they are based upon. How otherwise does a tiny minority or rich bastards get away with exploiting a vast mass of people, except through their consent?

Historically anarchists have always been marginal actors during revolutions with the working class being perfectly capable of organising itself spontaneously into autonomous, direct democratic forms (without the need for ideological guidance- see the Sparks). The idea of building an ideological 'movement' or a union is simply out of date. Anarchists need to accept that they are merely a minority of class conscious workers who reject Authority and Capital, that your strength as proletarians lies in the power of subversion, provocation and the spread of radical theory to the rest of the proletariat through effective propaganda of both the word and deed (which is where CW was so successful)... To De-legitimise the class enemy and its structures of control, to destroy consent (See the powerful effect the French 'Enrages' had in France '67-'70, a miniscule group that had an effect, way beyond, utterly disproportionate to its size). Why is it that Occupy has managed to produce a

newspaper in a matter of weeks to represent itself, while the anarchist 'scene' has not? Something that goes beyond what looks like a Parish Council Newsletter (as published by one 'leading' anarchist group)...

The ALARM JAN 7th conference failed to recognise that the greatest achievement of last year was the effect that the student demos and March 26th had on the events of August- doubtless the participation of anarchos in the Millbank Party in conjunction with working class students, and then the actions of the Black Bloc actually inspired the August insurgents- many of whom masked up and donned all-black gear and in some places chanted 'Whose streets..' as they pushed the forces of the state back... None of those people read Bakunin, Malatesta, Marx, Debord nor Chomsky, nor are they likely to in the future, nor are they likely to join any anarchist organisation or local group. They may however form their own organisations...

What we've seen in the global occupy movements is a similar phenomenon, the spontaneous formation of assemblies- and in Greece, Spain and in the UK there has been an initial reluctance to join these movements. Why? Because they have contained elements which ideological anarchists find abhorrent, because in their eyes they are 'reactionary' or 'reformist', or because they may have participants who are 'nationalist', 'pro-police' etc, etc... These formations have been of proletarians in all their complex, varied and radical glory, and you cannot get a much more real experience of the masses of individuals than that... Collective action in the streets as a response to the crisis has become the new terrain as collective action in the workplace is stifled by union bureaucrats. The anarchists should have been there in full force, and mature enough to recognise these protests for what they were. Instead they stood on the sidelines and carped, leaving the field open to middle class scum to protest their fall from celestial class-grace and push these movements into theoretical passivity and purely symbolic actions....

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I want to see a new conception born- stripped naked of tedious ideological / political baggage, self-aware ('I am myself first and foremost, not an embodiment of a rigid ideology'), raw in its theory, imagination and approach, uncompromising, daring, truly radical and social, purely revolutionary, of and in, the class - with fire in its belly and rage in its eyes, happy to jettison the old, decayed ideas...

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I actually enjoyed the NUJ speaker, Patrick, Martin, and some of the others. It's a mistake to think that having union positions is worthless, there is a 'war of position' going on that the Trots maneuver for, and we shouldn't let them have it all their own way as it does open up other political space. If people are capable, they should go for it. The more generalised anarchist resistance is of course something we can try for too, they are not opposites. I agree that we need the type of Class War organisation Incubus indicates, but they do not come out of thin air, hard political work will be needed to concretise any signs of an emerging organisational nucleus. TREV

Look, I'm not being critical or bitching for the sake of it, or engaging in some sort of intellectual exercise, and as for being suspicious of my motives, well, I've been subject to capitalism and hierarchy all my life, and I've got 'absolutely nothing from it'... Is the implication being that I'm out

to 'subvert' the conference in some way?- Fuck, it's a good job I kept my mouth shut then, since I didn't toe the line and agree...? If I went to a trot meeting, or any meeting for that matter, am I 'suspect' because I listened, engaged my critical faculties and raised objections afterwards? Does it make me a 'sectarian' because I do so?

Yes, I picked up on the 'inspiration', and 'masking up' bit, but it wasn't really discussed in any great depth cos, as I said, the meeting wasn't structured in such a way to allow for an open conversation. (I think it was well organised, with a tea urn and everything, and thanks to all those involved- I just didn't think the structure was democratic enough- again, part of the reason I didn't speak).

I've done the 'hard political work' and it is bloody unrewarding, as many of you know, but surely this is reason to question yourselves and your theory? In fact, I think there are many proletarians out there who would run a fucking mile to get away from any more 'hard work'. In fact, that's part of the problem I'm trying to address- a great deal of ideological anarchist output is BORING- I mean, to be honest, my brain was starting to melt towards the end of the conference, and it occurred to me (without being facetious) that I could've stayed home, chilled out with my funny, sexy girlfriend, chilled and watched a box-set of 'Dexter' borrowed from the library (yes, let's not forget the power of the capitalist entertainment factory)... I mean imagine, as an anarchist, being stuck in a meeting of academic Marxists droning on, you'd make your excuses soon enough and bugger off down the pub...

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Likewise, there's not many people who want to discuss the finer points of anti-zionism/anti-semitism, they don't have a 'position' on it, as it isn't directly relevant to their everyday lives, nor would they be interested in some of the more ridiculous ideological hair-splitting that goes on- which, thankfully, was on hold at the conference... In essence I'm saying that 'anarchism' in the UK isn't revolutionary enough- not yet at any rate- not enough for me.

All I'd like to see is Completely New Ideas (y'know, 'revolutionary' ones), I'm not asking for the earth (well, actually...) and there's no need to be defensive, or rigid, in being challenged to have some, in order to achieve what we all want. Ideological purity belongs to authoritarians- they can keep it. As Delenda France points out (and 'merci bien' for your comments) Les Enrages were a tiny, tiny group, yet they managed to kickstart a General Strike with occupations of 9-10 million workers! 'Question Everything' and 'All power to the imagination' and all that, no? More than that, 'All power to our humour, irony and lateral thinking'...

As the old Italian anarchist slogan said about revolution:-'It will be a laughter that buries you all!'
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THE 'ATTACK THE GEORGE OSBORNE FAMILIES PRIVILEGE' CAMPAIGN

December 29, 2011

CLASS WAR KNOCK £7.5 MILLION OFF OSBORNE'S FAMILY BUSINESS

This gilded ponce [apologies for the lack of photograph here] is Sir Peter Osborne – George's daddy – relaxing on his poncey chez longue as he contemplates the profits of his Osborne and Little luxury wallpaper company in 2010. This year however his company lost £7.5 million and Sir Peter alluded directly to the Class War action at his shop in Kings Road which closed the shop down.....'trading conditions at the shop were difficult'.....indeed many customers fled in terror never to return. Another great victory comrades – if only a few more cynics had got off their arses and come down.

Loyal son George said 'I am very proud of what my father has achieved – though he came from a very good background.' Well just a little help from your chums then George

BRING THE CLASS WAR HOME TO OSBORNE AND LITTLE IN 2012

We are going to win.

We are going to win, because their system is fucked, because yesterday the European Central Bank failed to get credit lines from the Chinese or the Arab oil nations, because the politicians and bankers are using words like 'apocalyptic', 'facing the abyss' and about how there will be 'massive wealth destruction' and a '50% drop in output across Europe' should one bank or nation default on their debt, because by the end of this year, or the beginning of 2012 the credit markets will crash and they'll drag equities with them- this is why London is still full of cops from other parts of the country- When the banks start to crash, and make no mistake they will, credit lines to major companies will be cut, banks will be forced to take bank holidays and limit withdrawals to prevent panicked savers pulling all their cash out in a huge bank-run, distribution of goods will seize up and the shelves of supermarkets and the ATMs will rapidly empty, companies will issue mass redundancies, there may well be power cuts...

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All the banks and governments are doing now, is delaying the inevitable, rearranging the deckchairs on the Titanic, they are using a 'flamethrower to put out a house fire' by creating more debt to pay down debt... Working people have become the 'lenders of last resort', if they manage by some miracle to delay the biggest financial collapse in history, then the future is already mapped out for us- stagflation- rising prices, rising unemployment, falling wages in real terms...

The end of the Social Contract is here, why else are they aiming to abolish Health and Safety regulations, attack the ability of unions to raise subscriptions through employer payrolls, and time for union members to organise in work time and sending rioters down for months for fuck-all? Their aim is to condemn millions of people to hardship, death and suffering with the destruction of the welfare state, the NHS, and social housing. In reality it means more deaths on building sites, more old folk dying of hypothermia, more people roughsleeping, more families living in overcrowded bedsits and one room flats, slave labour on the dole, more depression and suicides, and more illness (a visit to the doctor will eventually become like going to the dentist- no cash=no treatment...)

We need to keep our hatred sharp, because these soulless bastards want to grind our class into the gutter, they know the game is up, they know that a collapse will rouse those not yet politicised by the sudden realisation that they have been directly impoverished by the greedy arrogant rich pigs and their corrupt political friends in Parliament. Pitiful efforts like the strike and marches yesterday will be a thing of the past once capitalism 'ceases trading' and their won't be

enough soup-kitchens to feed us all, and bullshit TV to distract us, nor enough cops in the whole country.

Fuck them, and the horse they rode in on! We are legion, they are few. Their system is about to implode-

Prepare accordingly Prepare to organise prepare to fight

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Here's the quick ten point talk I (IAN BONE) gave to the Rebellious Media conference on local radical papers based on my experience with Alarm in Swansea and the Bristolian. This is the formula for Class War and independent class war news groups;

1. Content is all important – presentation is fuck all. You'll never need more than two sides of A4
2. Need to get down there and muck rake – it's the NOTW audience your after.
3. Council corruption, regeneration, property deals will get you started. Once up and running punters will give you stories.
4. Aim high – Alarm sold 5,000 a week Bristolian 15,000. Should be possible to sell more than local evening paper.
5. Distribution: Regular street sales, same place/time every week. Pubs will take papers no problem. Use Metro holders to stick your own papers in... especially on buses you can use their distro system
6. Nothing wrong with plagiarism
7. Avoid funding like the plague. Like Bill Hicks said about advertising any paper that takes funding is fatally compromised. Two sides of A4 easily survive on sales/ donations. if it can't its crap.
8. Humour vital – give councillors and bigwigs nicknames. the Bristolian renaming a police operation with a ridiculous name to protect badger cullers 'Operation Gasbadger' brought ridicule on it. Swansea council leader Sid Jenkins renamed Sid Vicious and never recovered.
9. Your aim is to make your paper's view of life in your town the common sense version (Gramsci on hegemony).
10. I was offering a copy of Alarm to a bloke in a pub. he waved me away 'iain't interested in polittics'. 'Oh no' said his mate 'this aint politics this is the truth' Game over

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THE SUMMER 2011 "CLASS WAR" RIOTS

August 7, 2011 BULLET THAT HIT COP RADIO WAS POLICE ISSUE

This is the truth – BULLET THAT HIT COPPER ON POLICE RADIO WAS POLICE ISSUE – therefore all the bollocks on here about Duggan shooting first is bollocks.....cop was shot by copper as was duggan.....early police lies exposed again.....nothing they say is EVER fucking true!

August 8, 2011 **MOBS DEFEAT COPS IN BATTLE OF LONDON**

Rioting in Woolwich, Camden and Ealing, Guerilla tactics outwit cops. Never been anything like it. Everything has changed. All that is solid melts into air. Must be an army of over 30,000 combatants on the streets.....maybe more. But it's fragile. One reckless fire leading to a fatality and besides a personal tragedy everything would be lost and everything gained would be undone. It is fragile.

August 8, 2011 **CAMERON FIDDLES WHILE LONDON BURNS**

The Bullingdon boys fly home from their Tuscan villas tomorrow to chair a COBRA meeting in a county where the illusion of 'we're all in it together' has been well and truly shattered. Whatever happy pictures they manage to cobble together for the Olympics and their VIP lanes they'll know that a visceral anger and resentment lurks just beneath the surface and could erupt at any time. The powerless have fought back not in ways that make sense to the middle class progressives but in the only ways open to them. There has been an amazing unity among the rioters of all races and genders. There has been very little of anti-social attacks and where there has - attacking bus drivers, setting reckless fires where people could be killed, burning down reeves corner the best looking old shop in Croydon - - it should be countered on the streets. No longer can 'our betters' rely on deference. Once people have tasted power - forcing the PM to fly home, fucking the cops over, shopping without money - they make want to taste it again. Despite the tough law and order rhetoric, the fact is they ain't got enough prisons, coppers, money to do it..... or are we going to get prison hulks on the Thames again. The London Mob is back. King Mob.

August 9, 2011 The Ian Bone BLOG -

7th MOST POPULAR IN WORDPRESS WORLD!!!!

Had a message from WordPress today to say that in the last 24 hours my blog was the 7th most popular English language blog on WordPress - with over 31,000 visitors. Cheers all.

August 9, 2011 **FUCKING HELL!**

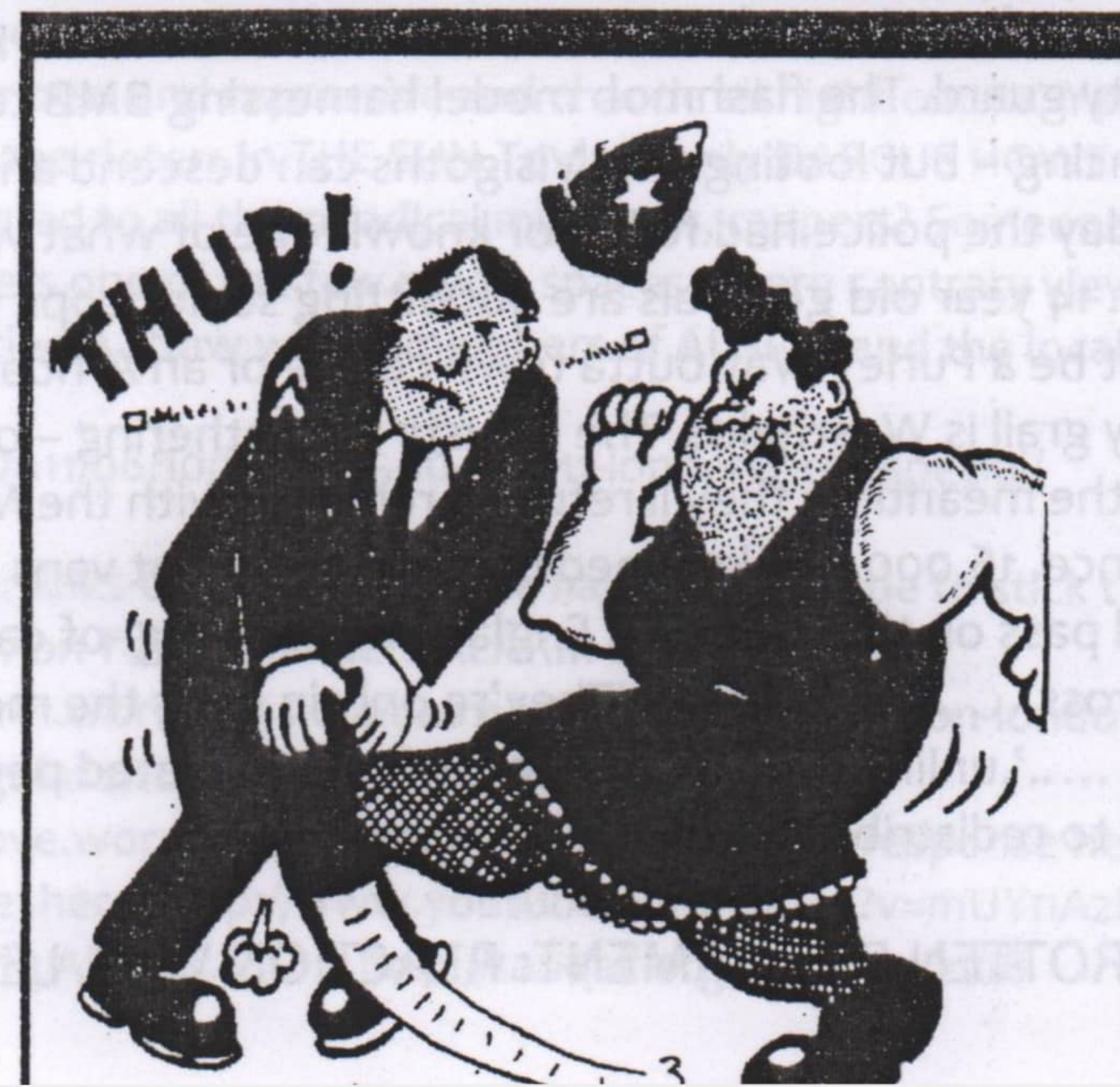
The **scale of destruction in London** is more like the Los Angeles riots than anything previously seen in the UK. The pity is that the only areas that seemed to have escaped destruction are the very rich ones but when people rise up the outcomes are never neatly packaged. People fight where they are and with whatever they can lay their hands on. The ferocity of a long repressed rage has shocked me who only a few days ago was writing 'when will our class ever wake up and fight back'. Thankfully no one has been killed or seriously injured and despite the howls of hypocritical outrage from our political class tomorrow it is property that has been hit - and as we all know property is theft. But it is only by luck that no one has been killed and tonight it's clear that unlike the other nights there has been anti-social behaviour with random attacks on people in the streets and setting fire to houses and flats and small shops often in a reckless way and random cars attacked and many people frightened and scared. This is fucking shit and out of order and

to be opposed wherever it occurs. This will not unite our class but divide it but it's happened and we cannot wish it away.

We live in an absurdly unjust society where we will see tomorrow our privileged Oxbridge and privately educated leaders fly home from their Tuscan holiday villas to condemn those at the bottom of the shitpile of capitalism. This will be grotesque. The Bullingdon bullies and toffs of the Chipping Norton set - with the Milibands no different in the privilege stakes - have no idea that life is like for those who have been rioting. Social mobility in Britain is non-existent - you cannot rise up. The political class controls all aspects of our society and owns all of the land. The bankers get millions while someone who loots a mobile phone will get a long jail sentence. It is a grotesque absurd society - no wonder the explosion when it comes is viscerally ferocious. My own belief is that this day will mark the end of the rioting - all passion spent. We will then have to be strong because to speak positively of the rioting will be difficult in the face of the welter of reaction to come. While all the political class will outdo each other in condemnation it will not be the time for us to duck below the parapet. The rioters will revert back to silence. The Daily mail will incite the 'decent' working class to ally with the frightened middle class and demand retribution. The witch hunts will begin. The voices of reaction will dominate again but in a way they never dared before. But everything has changed. The police can only operate by consent. 32 Yesterday that consent was withdrawn and they and the government were powerless. they could no longer call the shots. The rioters were the ones with the power. They will now lie low but they will know they can exercise that power collectively again. Maybe during the Olympics. Maybe sooner. But they will rise again. The Tuscan villas will no longer be immune from the sound of class anger. Things are never going to be the same. WE ARE MANY AND THOSE CUNTS ARE FEW. That we now know.

★ RIOT, RIOT ★

THOUGHT: FUCK DA POLICE !!



August 10, 2011 'THEY MAY HAVE GONE TO THEIR EARTH'S BUT THE HOUNDS ARE PERSUING THEM DOWN'

Boris Johnson on radio 4 this morning. Reminds me of a racist chain gang boss initially, then a Tally Ho toff after a fox then I realise it's both those.....and Winston Churchill's instructions to police about the Tonyandy striking miners'DRIVE THE RATS BACK DOWN THEIR HOLES'. For fuck sake this is what Johnson and the Bullingdons think of us...our class. Looters are being demonised and turned into sub humans in the media... all the old Chav shit coming out.....'looting from Poundland'..... how common and stupid we are compared to the Sara and Tom mop armies of Clapham. Johnson would send the hounds after us if he could alongside the water cannon and baton rounds. This is naked Class war comrades. And which side is Comrade Ken Livingstone on comrades – the side of curfews, rubber bullets and water cannon of course.

August 10, 2011 LIKE A SUMMER WITH A THOUSAND AUGUSTS

The Wise Brothers pamphlet 'LIKE A SUMMER WITH A THOUSAND JULYS' is still the best guide to the summer uprisings of 1981. Similarities with now are many like the spread round the country but I'm going to explore the differences. The riots of '81 were always in the areas where the rioters lived – mainly the old front lines like St.Pauls and Chapeltown. In the last spasm of rioting in 1992 it was the peripheral council estates that rioted – Hartcliffe, Stoops – but again never transgressing the boundaries of the locality. 33
Tottenham this weekend started like a 1981 riot but ended up a very modern 2011 riot.. What is different and so perplexes the cops is the new Retail Shopping Centre riot whether local like Tottenham Hale or City centre like Oxford Circus and the Arndale. The Wise brothers lamented the fact that the Toxteth rioters never made it to the Shopping Palaces in the city centre. In Newcastle in 1992 the rioters of Scotswood hovered all day like Visigoths on the margins of the city centre. There was panic in the town – shops closed early. The rabble inspired fear and loathing – they were coming to get what's theirs. But they didn't. Yesterday's painicky mood all over London was like that – rumours, boarding up, finish work early. But now the mobs do dare. They are no longer content to press their faces to the plateglass shopping palace windows or mooch around picking fights with a fiver an hour security guard. The flashmob model harnessing BMB technology is no longer in the mood for dancing – but looting. The Visigoths can descend and loot at will. In Manchester yesterday the police had full prior knowledge of what was going to happen and couldn't stop it. 14 year old generals are outwitting senior cops with all their technology. It might be a Purley Way outta town centre or an Arndale. it might be Bluewater. The Holy grail is Westfields. The locusts are gathering – one day they'll swarm over Westfields. In the meantime they'll refuse a rematch with the Met. Which boxer gives a loser another chance. 16,000 wankstained cops sitting in riot vans all night bankrupting the government. I'll pass on that one guv. England's dreaming -of cabot circus, the Arndale, Bluewater, Brent Cross.....Westfields. 'They're only in it for the money' disillusioned anarchists tell me.....'unlike the TUC marchers for gold plated pensions' I reply. There's more than one way to redistribute wealth comrades.

August 11, 2011 THE ROTTEN PARLIAMENT: REACTION WILL LEAD TO REACTION

Reaction will have it's day. The slaving blather of Bojo's attack hounds, the Old Etoniansdehumanising our class, a whole raft of repressive legislation rushed through, Sir Peter Tapsell wanting Wembley stadium used as prison camp..... but within a week or so such reaction will provoke its own reaction.This is truly a rotten parliament and far from being their finest day as they would foolishly have it it will be seen shortly in a different light. Any young person looking at the composition of this parliament – will they see anyone like themselves there? Will they think this parliament is in any way reflecting their world. They will see a panicked and self-righteously smug political class – many of them super rich. Does anyone there in their suits and ties reflect their world?

All those being rounded up and processed through the night courts and railroaded into prison have mums and dads and friends. I guarantee within weeks the backlash against this rough injustice will start. Then people will look at this pathetic slaving shower and think – who the fuck are they apart from a gang of expense fiddlers and the Oxbridge elite? Liberal commentators will cast aside their mops and be emboldened to ask 'Is this fair?' I can see the opinion pieces 'I didn't like the riots but ididn't like this either'. But anger and courage will return to our class. Demonstrations, marches, meetings, community actions will be called to protest a hundred injustices, a hundred lies, a hundred Mark Duggans. Then this ROTTEN PARLIAMENT won't look so fucking good. Self-satisfied, smug, privileged elite bullying and hectoring, representative of no working class people or anyone under 40 not fast tracked via Oxbridge andpolitical party research departments. This lot ain't like us. They despise us. They've jumped on people's fears to rehabilitate themselves. The shine will soon tarnish and we'll see more anger than ever. Comrades turn off your tellys and radios.Don't watch Question Time tonight. Don't torture yourselves.Go and lie down. You're going to need your energy. 34

August 11, 2011 THE THERMIDOR OF REACTION IS UPON US.....

We are in for a day when our MPs strive to outdo each other in hysteria and ramping up reaction. Boris Tally ho Johnson has already set the tone – stop benefits, evict people from social housing. Johnson is the outrider of class terror on the Chavs.At such times few will speak up for those at the receiving end of our new and repressive and chaotic all night courts. Yesterday we had good ol' PLAN B denouncing the rioters in THE SUN.To date only DARCUS HOWE gets an honourable mention. What's happened to all them radical musicians, rappers? Someone needs to seize the time. Resonancefm offers one of the few media spaces where contrary views get an airing. Here's a link to last night's Circled A show where members of ALARM and the local community speak up:

<http://thecircleda.com/2011/08/10/show-15-10-8-2011-london-riots-special/>

Happy to post any other links or news of anyone having the bottle to stick their head above the parapet. From interview on Tower Hamlets ALARM here:

<http://towerhamletsalarm.wordpress.com/2011/08/10/voice-of-reason-london-riot/>

Here's the excellent regular show 'From Bristol with love'

<http://frombristolwithlove.wordpress.com/> and first musical response here:

'We don't like the police' here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUYnA2k7c40>

welliaint a big fan of tariq Ali but.....<http://tariqali.org/archives/2108>

August 11, 2011 **BANGED AND OLUFSEND TO RIGHTS**

Case Study One: Gerald Kaufman MP fraudulently claimed £8,750 for a Bang and Olufsen television on his parliamentary expenses. He was not prosecuted but asked to repay the £8,750
Case Study Two: A young woman with no previous is alleged to have looted a £750 Bang and Olufsen television (that's £8,000 less than Kaufman) from a store in Manchester. She was remanded in custody to crown court to get a sentence longer than 6 months

PLEASE SPREAD THIS FACT AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE.'ONE LAW FOR THEM ANOTHER LAW FOR US'.....as a certain band once sung.

Kaufman could be seen in parliament today demanding ROBUST action against rioters. Robust... robust..fucking ROBUST....FUCKING ROBUST....IF I HEAR THAT AGAIN..... ROBUST AARGGHH!

August 12, 2011 **COPS APPEAL FOR CALM IN NORTH WEST LONDON AFTER MAN FOUND COLLAPSED IN POLICE STATION**

This stinks of yet another police/IPPC cover up. A man was arrested at Northwick park station on wednesday lunch time. taken to a British transport police station he was found collapsed later on Wednesday afternoon – but news has only just got out. They have covered it up till now for fear of local reaction. Man is seriously ill in hospital. They never learn the cops or te IPPC – first instinct is always to lie. Any info please post.

August 12, 2011 **NICK CLEGG IS CONVICTED ARSONIST** **35**

The twisted firestarter gloats as another greenhouse goes up in flames and mumsy gets him off. Untouchable. Burned down two greenhouses when he was 16. Hypocrite. Because he went to posh Westminster public school he was let off with community service.

August 12, 2011 **CLASS ANALYSIS AND NAPPIES**

Looters: 'It was like a shopping spree'

Whenever rioters speak for themselves a clear class analysis emerges – this time accompanied by a jerk of the thumb to Canary Wharf and then to the council flats behind and an attack on 'The rich' and the removal of EMA. Comrades will recall on the EMA march the 'WE COME FROM THE SLUMS OF LONDON' – well now they have. I think the anti-rich feeling is far more pervasive than many comrades realise.

The girls from Croydon know as well which side they are on. top analysis. Widely derided of course 'stupid chav Croydon girls' – seems to me they grasped the tenets of anarcho-communism pretty well. patronising snobs fuck off.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-14458424>

August 12, 2011 **TAKE ROBUST ACTION AGAINST THE THUGS**

Click here to download a free PDF of our Anti-Looting poster.

More good stuff from the Anarchist Media Project – these should be robustly plastered all over the UK. Our degenerate elite..... Peter Osborne, political commentator with the Daily Telegraph, was the man who first identified 'the political class' which runs Britain. Today he's followed it up.....blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/peterosborne/100100708/the-moral-decay-of-our-society-is-as-bad-at-the-top-as-the-bottom

August 13, 2011 **ALARM STATEMENT ON UK RIOTS**

Understanding The Riots – Where Next? Since last Saturday, a situation has escalated around the UK, with eruptions of long-repressed anger in most major cities. Whilst this anger may have certainly, at times, taken on forms that we disapprove of, we all know where this anger comes from. We are all suffering at the moment. Trying to make ends meet can be a living nightmare – benefits, jobs and healthcare going down the drain whilst the cost of housing and living rises sharply. Not to mention systematic Police harassment on our streets, daily injustice and deaths in police custody. For those right at the bottom of the pile, the young and unemployed, it seems like everything they were brought up on was false. The promise of easy credit, easy access to consumer goods, an education and social support. All this just disappears into smoke when the rich decide we don't deserve it anymore; when they are desperate to save their system from the consequences of their own greed.

We condemn:

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- * The police, the political elite and the media for creating an atmosphere of fear, justifying greater state repression.
- * The opportunism of the EDL/BNP and other far right groups

We refuse to condemn:

- * People who looted high street chain stores, pawn shops, betting shops, banks and other symbols of capitalism.
- * People who attacked the police, police property, courts, probation services and other symbols of the state.

We are inspired by:

- * All the people who stood up for each other in the face of attack by the police and other violent gangs
- * The communities that stood outside preventing arson to neighbouring flats, houses and locally-owned businesses.

But whilst we are categorically against the arson of homes, the muggings and the burglaries, are we really surprised this is happening? Here is a whole generation brought up on Thatcherism and Blairism – two ideologies that totally glorify individualism and ruthless competition. That have gone out of their way to destroy working class solidarity and colonise our areas with wealthy young professionals. That place those who trample on their communities for their own personal

gain up on pedestals. These ideologies have BRED gangster behaviour amongst some of the poor and the only way we can counter such behaviour is by rebuilding our community spirit NOW, in spite of these doctrines, out of the ashes of this rebellion.

We are also categorically against any notion that greater police powers are a remedy to this situation, that the violence of the state and of capitalism is somehow preferable to the violence of those in our communities. Even if it was preferable, it would solve nothing – the problem here is inequality and injustice. Only we can bring about equality and justice; working together to advance our collective interests. We believe that when we build strong communities, we have a better chance of fighting back and winning. When we assemble to support each other through the difficulties of recession, instead of hiding away in our homes. When we get on the streets to defend our communities from any kind of attack. When we strike against our bosses instead of taking it on the chin. When we allocate resources for the benefit of the many and not the few. When we organise to take back what is rightfully ours instead of submitting to the thieves in Westminster and the City. When we target the rich and the state and not each other.

Whilst the riots may have taken their toll on our communities, there is no turning back now. We cannot wish them away. The screams of our youth have been heard; its time we turned them into the battle cries of our class.

Against ALL attacks on our community! For EVERYONE against the system! **ALARM!** – All London Anarchist Revolutionary Movement

www.soundthealarm.org.uk www.facebook.com/Alarmists

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Also statement from the 'Porkbolter' here: <http://www.eco-action.org/porkbolter/riots.html>

August 5, 2011 **HIGHEST EVER BLOG RANKING – UP TO 65!**

Well I want people to read my blog so I'm chuffed to see I'm now the 65th most influential political blog in the UK according to the Wikio ratings for August. Not bad considering the opposition. Big thanks to all regular readers and especially you 'ard core of regular commenters many of whom are far more popular than me! Bastards!

November 11, 2010 · 8:15 am

TORY HQ RIOT :

REPORT FROM CLASS WAR STUDENTS

I'll be putting my own account of the day up later but in the meantime here's a report from Leeds Class War students: "Was good to see you on the demo today, thought i'd share some thoughts for you to use in a write up tomorrow. First and controversially i want to give credit where it is due to the student members not only of the SWP but also of the other "trot" student groups. I'm not one to usually say this as the SWP are a hundred times more annoying to deal with in the small pond of the university than they are in the real world. But these comrades, and I today have no difficulty calling them comrades, actually followed their words with deeds and got stuck in with the rest of us, paper sales forgotten.

Today these people acted like class conscious students and not like the pawns of their political cliques and I only hope they can keep it up.

Secondly and to some equally controversially, i am pleased to say that the anarchos and libertarians were completely out done by our "non-political" fellow students. I don't want to sound all wanky and go on about Temporary Autonomous Zones but something did seem to happen when that glass broke, it seemed that people's inhibitions smashed with it. We all suddenly came to realise that the police were not only outnumbered but out maneuvered and out gunned. Students baring placard with slogans like "I only popped out for a pint of milk" were in no time at all happily breaking them over the heads of the nearest copper.

And the first chant that these silverspooned students began after the doors went down and people got inside: "burn it down!-burn it down!- burn it down!" We realised that we not only controlled the entire building but also the square in front of it and the road it was on, the police were kettled in by us! Fires started to appear as people began stripping the card board from their placards in order to pass the wooden sticks to the front line burning the resulting piles. As the smoke rose so did the song (which Leeds class war students did have the honour of singing first at the Millbank) sing along with me: "build a bonfire, build a bonfire but the tories on the top! Put the libdems/coppers/bosses in the middle and we'll burn the bloody lot!". The samba band was met by a huge cheer, seriously, and believe me comrades there is nothing better than fighting against a police line with a tribal drum beat at you back.

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At the climax it started to snow. Students from the roof had located large foam fire extinguishers and set them off from the top of the building, dubstep blaring from the bike sound systems and chants and songs rippling across the crowd the violence against the building and the coppers seemed to become part of the dance, quite literally in some cases, students would dance in the buffer zone in front of the police. Bouncing along to a samba beat with an in time rendition of "lets go fucking mental" I felt that this could really be the beginning of something big, hopefully now the anarchist movement and in particular our elders and betters, and all those who still believe that you can't be working class and go to uni will give the students the support they deserve AND stop treating them as a separate class in society, use us! We are workers, in fact we are paying huge sums of money to be trained in to better workers we're angry and have little to lose.

Leeds Class war students favourite chant: "we 'ate tories and we 'ate tories, we 'ate tories and we 'ate tories, we 'ate tories and we 'ate tories, we are the tory [clap] haters!"

It helped that the anarchist students were fairly on it: smashing down the CCTV cameras and sending the fit team off very early on in the proceedings, but all in all I'm happy to announce we were outclassed by the ingenuity and fighting spirit of students who had never been on a demo before.

at current count there were 32 arrests, not bad on a demo of 45,000, (and we lay-about students managed to hospitalise 5 coppers at the last count.) THIS IS IMPORTANT

COMRADES, THOSE ARRESTED WILL BE FACING SERIOUS CHARGES AND MANY FOR MANY OF THEM THIS WILL BE THERE FIRST DEMO AND POSSIBLY FIRST ARREST, FIND OUT FROM YOUR LOCAL UNI WHAT SOLIDARITY ACTIONS ARE GOING ON (Leeds comrades look out for the new and improved Leeds class war blog) AND OFFER WHAT EVER SUPPORT YOU CAN, IF WE WANT THIS SORT OF STUFF TO CONTINUE AND ESSCULATE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW THEY'LL BE LOOKED AFTER.

I'll leave the last words to my fellow students, chanting in unison against the terrified and out numbered metropolitan police: "You ain't seen nothing yet, b-b-b-baby you just ain't seen nothing yet"....

Support those arrested: <http://nov10.wordpress.com/>

Class War was on the front page of the Sunday Express as a result of the politics of the student revolts.

IT'S ALIVE.....ALIVE! Oct. 13, 2010

Communique from Class War HQ, The Cave, Sherwood Forest:

'Class War awoke from it's semi-vegetative state at the Topuddle Festival in July. Some had declared the patient dead but a robust regime of heavy drinking ensured a lively presence on the Tolpuddle Martyrs march with particular invective being saved for the Prison officers Association pipe band.

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The Class War banner was also to the fore at the Birmingham Tory Conference demo where a mob of about 50 former and present Class warriors enlivened the day later on by roundly abusing every tory in sight. So great was the press of the Class warriors at the pub bar that CW arranged a handsome collection for the single barman on duty.

Noticeably with the return of a Tory government many former Class warriors are returning to the Colours. Class War has always had a good relationship with its ex- members mainly due to our reciprocal liver transplant arrangements. A new edition of the paper – first for two years – features a re-run of the infamous Thatcher with axe in head cover but this time featuring Snooty Cameron.

Class War's aim over the next six months will be to recreate the kind of street opposition to the Poll Tax that is needed to stop the cuts. We aim to cause as much trouble, build a big street mob again and drink lots of alcohol. If you can find a better deal go for it.'

Anyone interested in re-establishing London Class War – see you on October 20th at Downing Street or e-mail me.

FINALLY, to add some background to what Class War was, here's a review of Ian Bones book, 'Bash the Rich', from someone who was not involved, who has different politics & so cannot be expected to be sympathetic - if you want more it is best to read original Class War material, such as the papers, and the "Decade of Disorder" book Class War produced;

Class War Remembered

Michael Ezra, April 10th 2010, 8:00 am Harrys Place blog

With the help of financing from a Ladbroke Grove based prostitute, in 1983 Ian Bone founded Class War, an "extremely violent anarchist paper." Bone was quite clear in that he aimed to put "violence back at the top of the anarchist agenda." The following year the Sunday People branded Bone, "the most dangerous man in Britain." They described him someone with "a degree in sociology, a face like Himmler... and a heart over-flowing with hate." Bone was involved in the anarchist movement from the 1960s and his book, *Bash The Rich: True-Life Confessions of an Anarchist in the UK* (Tangent Books, 2006), recounts the history until 1985. Well, not quite. The disclaimer at the beginning gives an idea of what was to come:

"The details of all the events in this book are a true and accurate record to the best of the the [sic] author's recollection. However, in order to protect the guilty, some names have been changed. Also, we have substituted names to protect the identity of individuals where they could be charged with acts of riot, conspiracy and public order offences resulting from their attempt to overthrow the state or from having a good old ruck with the law. In particular, when Class War caused damage to property through riot we have substituted the names of those responsible for the majority of the trashing and violence."

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Bone was disgusted with the Trotskyite left-wing groups. They were simply sell outs. An Anti Vietnam War demonstration was due to be held in Grosvenor Square outside the American Embassy in 1968 where it was rumoured that some of those attending wanted to attack the Embassy. The Anti-Vietnam War Movement, headed by the 1960s Trotskyite radical Tariq Ali, took a decision that the march would not end in Grosvenor Square but Hyde Park. As far as Bone was concerned, the Trotskyists had abandoned revolution "for a picnic in the park." Bone has never forgiven Ali for this act of betrayal.

But it was the Class War newspaper and the surrounding activities that make Bone's book particularly interesting. Bone recounts a Class War conference where nothing much was achieved apart from those attending getting very drunk. At another conference, it was not deemed controversial to suggest that "Everyone was bisexual." Although a proposal that Class War activists who were not actively bisexual should be "forced to be free" did cause some controversy.

Bone was not one for advocating pacifism. Far from it, the more violence the better. There was some "jostling, well-placed kicks, and one outstandingly well-placed smack in the gob" to "the rich filth" who attended a ball at the Dorchester Hotel. At a CND rally, Neil Kinnock was pelted with cans and banner poles when speaking on the stage and a police officer who was patrolling got punched directly in the face. Bone's account of his group's actions on a "Stop the City" march commenced as follows:

"We're part of a mob charging down Fenchurch Street with black flags flying like a Makhnovist column – unfortunately, unlike the Makhnovists, we ain't got any weapons. There's not many weapons that come to hand in the city, and the cops have taken care to remove street furniture and builder's rubble. But look! I kid you not – a ... lorry load of bricks hones into view. A swarm of anarcho-locusts strip it bare within minutes, windows caving in like dominoes along the street.

There's some ... huge bank windows about 50 foot high, but some proletarian typists are sitting behind them, blissfully ignorant that they're about to be guillotined by huge shards of glass. Charlie does his Marcel Marceau bit, bangs in window to get typists' attention, points to brick in his hand, steps back and mimes throwing brick through window. Typists scarper sharpish. Charlie's brick arcs its mime through the window. A ... huge whoop at such ethical brick-throwing and we're off."

As he stated in one article in Class War, Bone did not want to "Stop the City," he wanted to "Wreck the City." Class War went on to organise "Bash the Rich" marches through Kensington and Hampstead. The stickers advertising one of the marches included the instructions, "attitude hostile, balaclavas optional." They aimed to leave Hampstead a "smouldering ruin." At Henley Regatta in the summer of 1985, Bone informs us that his crew of over 200 were "tripping the toffs up, accidentally barging into them, opening shook up beer cans next to their faces, spitting, threatening, standing in their way, smashing their sunglasses." He described what subsequently occurred:

We are now surrounded by the cops outside the Red Lion pub but the toffs are still too scared to cross the bridge. We launch into a few choruses of The Rich, The Rich, WeGotta Get Rid of the Rich and assorted battle cries of 'rich scum.' The bridge is blocked by cops and their tow-away vehicles. The cops pick me out and threaten to arrest anyone who doesn't move on. We've got to break out of here before we get corralled in. We filter away in twos and threes to resume our guerrilla marauding around Henley. A BMW is turned over to cheers, the Tory Club window goes in, fists start to fly, and some hoorays decide to sunbathe fully clothed in the streets. First celebrity victim – a straw boatered Rick Wakeman is knocked out cold and hospitalised! Bricks and bottles fly over back lanes into the gardens of the rich mansions as startled sunbathers flee inside. Now a Mercedes has gone over, all its windows caved in. Posh cars are booted as their drivers try to speed pass us, cops vans sirens blazing are racing around trying to keep up with the action. A few vicious little rucks break out with the steroid-rich rowing crews....

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For many people not in the group, including those who did not attend any of the rallies or witness any of the violence, Class War will be remembered for its provocative newspaper headlines and stories. By 1977, when he was writing a Swansea based local anarchist paper, Bone realised that outlandish material combined with vulgar language sold newspapers. He puts it bluntly:

"If you called a council leader a 'wanker' in print that was fine, but if you called the council leader a 'fucking wanker' that was even better. If you called the council leader a 'FUCKING WANKER' and stuck it on the front page, that was better still. Circulation would shoot up and you'd see people pouring out of the city centre boozers on Saturday afternoons trying to find more copies."

Stickers promoting Class War with statements such as "Bash the rich – but first, where's my pint" and "Our lives will be better when the rich are dead" were printed. The second issue of the newspaper had the following on the cover: "Now is the time for every dirty lousy tramp to lie in wait outside the palaces of the rich and shout to stab them to death as they come out." In one Class War article, headlined "Crime," Bone stated: "We're totally in favour of mugging the rich, burgling the posh neighbourhoods, looting, assaulting the police and putting the boot in whenever we can." This particular article appeared in an issue of the newspaper which had its most famous cover, a picture of Margaret Thatcher with a meat cleaver through her head and blood splattering everywhere. The caption next to the picture was "Best Cut of All." Another

article stated categorically, "We fight the bastards with all their forces and all our strength with bricks and petrol bombs, we confront them and maim and kill them. Because we hate them."

One of the most popular regular features in the newspaper was the "Hospitalised Copper." Here, Class War published a photograph of a police officer who had been attacked. The photograph had a suitable caption such as "PC Billy Bollock bashed bruised and beaten in Bristol bundle." This feature was so popular that when they left it out of one issue they received a number of complaints from their readers.

Bash the Rich is not a full history of Class War, it is a personal account, albeit an important personal account as the book was written by the founder. It is possibly time that a full history was written, as it may be of interest to sociologists and psychiatrists looking into depraved and violent social movements. I finish with the lyrics to a song by Ian Bone's band – Living Legends:

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Tory Funerals

There's some occasions, some special events
You could say they were heaven sent
They engrave the stones with Roman numerals
My favourite ones... They're Tory Funerals

Conservative Ministers or Tory MPs
There's one sure way for them to please
They can call me a bastard, call me a red
In return... Just drop dead

Tory Funerals... Tory Funerals
I want more of Tory Funerals
Tory Funerals... Tory Funerals
I want more of Tory Funerals

ORDER! ORDER!

The Speaker of the House of Commons – for it is he!

"It is my painful duty to have to inform the house that the Rt.Hon member for FinchleyMrs Margaret Thatcher has... dropped dead!"
(Cheers, laughter, party poppers, etc)

I couldn't care less I couldn't give a toss
At the sudden death of a factory boss
The ruling class are really hated
All I want... Is them cremated

Dig 'em out the graves when they're dead
Corpse don't care if it's kicked in the head
Rip 'em apart, forget former glories
One good thing... More dead Tories... Tory Funerals....

