

BLOOD ON THE STREETS

By Judas Iscariot

Last night's Conference Austerity Social at the Centre was every bit as dismal as we expected. Like everything else that has taken place in this poxy place over the past week. In days of yore, the Havana Club seemed to flow like water. This year, delegates were rationed to one free slug on production of the compulsory pre-paid ticket. Even this carrot couldn't persuade more than a couple of hundred of ticket holders to cash in and dance the night away. Well, till it got dark anyway.



PC Derbyshire

Who can forget last year's escapade, when MICHAEL DERBYSHIRE (MOJ) sent his fragrant wife, Jennifer, on a fool's errand to the Isle of Wight so he could go to the cricket? (PFL Passim) Would you believe it? She's swallowed another one!

Getting into Brighton just after 5 pm she phoned MICHAEL to ask how to get to the hotel. Too mean to pay for a taxi, CONSTABLE DERBYSHIRE suggested the bus but then realised that her imminent arrival would interfere with planned refreshments arranged with COMER and ALBERT

in the Post & Telegraph. Inspired, he suggested she take the X35, which does go past the Thistle but only at the end of a two and a half hour circular route. DERBYSHIRE gets the drinks in and the bus trip was free thanks to his pensioner wife's bus pass. Win Win.

COMER's finest hour is at last over. PUDDINGHEAD seemed oblivious to the streams of delegates who walked out in disgust as he waded into his soporific peroration which went all the way back to the time before he was FAT. Some delegates just bit their own tongues off, trying to stay awake. It's odd that walk-outs aren't more common given that almost anyone who gets a DLM has betrayed everyone they've ever known, on their way to the award.

No wonder JOHN McINALLY's been in a bad mood all week. He's just been told he's got to go on a "retraining course" now that his facility time has been cut to 50 per cent. BIG MAC is not getting any younger so he may find the going hard over the next few months. If he relapses, he's likely to get a PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP) which is the first stage in dismissal for inefficiency in the DWP. Commiserations to the many other activists about to face their own PIPs.



By contrast, CHRIS BAUGH can afford to relax as his fortunes are on the up. The abolition of the DGS post means that LEON is now No 2 in PCS. But though BOFF is only a heart-beat away from the top job he is only as good as his handlers, and Messrs McINALLY and DANNY have plenty of other things on their mind at the moment.

Baugh - relaxed

One of them is how to deal with the SOCA crisis. Conference, in its wisdom, has denounced the attempt to establish a scab "National Crime Officer's Association" encouraged and abetted by SOCA Management seeking to impose a no strike agreement in return for a sweet-heart deal which gives the high-caste quislings as much facility time as they can eat. What has not gone public, until now, is the sinister role of PROSPECT in the affair. We understand that there has been at least one meeting between a PROSPECT senior officer and the "staff association" leaders to explore possible collaboration. There are even suggestions that PROSPECT has put out feelers in the direction of the loathsome "Immigration Services Union" who divorced us some years ago.

Frankly the PROSPECT wankers owe PCS *nothing* after the DWP facility negotiation fuckup which cost them their own departmental ADC facility time (PFL Monday #1108).

Queen GLENYS MORRIS has been patrolling the Thistle Hotel bars and corridors telling anyone who would listen that the sub-standard food and drink at the Presidential Reception wasn't like this in her day. Canapes anyone?

JACKIE GREEN, new MoJ President for Life, recruited a new member to the DIMMOCRATS and now finds she's fighting her protege PAULA BROWN for top gunnette.



Jackie Green

Senior PFL officers have, sadly, been debating which old fart can boast the longest conference attendance record. HARDING, HALFPENNY and COLONEL ISLAM first went to CPSA conference in Margate in 1975. BRIGADIER HARDING and HALFWIT are still with us, after a fashion, but ISLAM left the service in 1984 and has only attended, since then, thinly disguised as a sordid fringe working class newspaper editor, in order to carry out vital undercover PFL duties. Sir ROY D'LEWIS first attended CPSA conference on the Isle of Man in 1974 but he retired from active duty in 2003 and his attendance as PFL House Manager since then doesn't really count either. However, they concluded, the actual doyen of Conference is in fact MIKE SHAW (DWP Doncaster) who is well into his 70s. He's a conference novice, though, as his own first conference was in 1978. Never a dull moment in the Old Gits corner.

Kind hearted NEC member MARY FERGUSON did a good deed yesterday. She saw a homeless man with a dog near the Thistle Hotel. Mary went off to buy dog food and dog biscuits. Sadly for Mary the man had been moved on by the time she returned. Our dropbox correspondent suggests that LEON BOFF offered to buy the biscuits to serve them up for snacks at a LUNITY meeting, but we don't believe that.

Met Office Warns: Never Walk Alone

The Met Office today issued a warning that holding your head up high when you walk through a storm is 'bad advice'. Spokesperson Fiona Moffatt said: 'Our computer modelling, together with anecdotal evidence, suggests that holding your head up high whilst walking through a storm is counterproductive, producing an increased risk of both pneumonia and lightning strike.' She added, 'Not being afraid of the dark whilst walking through the storm may also produce complacency, with increased risk of personal injury. In addition, whilst walking on through the wind, and walking on through the rain, is not dangerous in itself, it should only be undertaken when wearing adequate protective clothing and using a sturdy umbrella.' 'Neither', she concluded, 'should it be assumed that you will never walk alone under these conditions - most people with any sense will stay indoors until they see a golden sky and hear the sweet silver song of the lark.'

Business News

PCS -There is an alternative

PCS shareholders opted to stick with the current board at their AGM in Brighton this May despite narrowly avoiding a triple dip recession and the loss of the Company's Triple-A credit rating. But difficult decisions have had to be taken to ensure that PCS plc retains its dominant place in the market. Managing Director Mark Serwotka said the new board welcomed the resounding vote of confidence in the management team which, he was confident, would be strengthened by the fresh faces joining the board in the near future.

It has been a challenging year. Merger negotiations with Unite broke down earlier on when it became apparent that the Company could not provide the collateral to guarantee the putative financial rescue package. Mr Serwotka and the other executive directors were, however, still optimistic about the possibility of resuming talks with Unite in the future. In meantime the Board would act responsibly to protect the interests of the pension fund as well as the share-holders.

Taking the opportunity to rescale, offer new challenges to existing staff and to improve productivity, Management has decided not to fill any senior vacancies in foreseeable future. The Deputy Managing Director post has been abolished along with that of the Finance Director and Head of Human Resources. Their duties will all be assumed by the existing Assistant Managing Director at no extra cost. This has already led to substantial savings.

To improve Management efficiency and the morale of the staff at Head Office the board room at Falconcrest has been fully refurbished, while the duration of the AGM has been reduced to enhance the work/life balance of the shareholders. Welfare facilities have also been improved following the decision to close the canteen and replace it with a snack bar which meets the changing expectations of the staff.

Presenting the Financial Report Mr Leon Baugh revealed that the current operating deficit had increased to £4 million, significantly accelerating the company's overall liabilities. Further painful cost reductions were inevitable and measures such as the proposed reduction in the number of seats on the board and the overall number of senior regional sales managers would only be a step in the right direction.

Mr David Richards has stepped down to retrain as he felt he had been away from the heart of the business for too long. Mrs Lynda Frankland-Barber (Senior Lingerie Executive) was welcomed back to the board after a short absence. Brig. Stuart Harding has retired but will remain in a part-time consultative role and Mr Lee Rock, one of the senior foremen, has unfortunately retired on medical grounds.

Mr Hugh Lanning was thanked for his tireless work over the past ten years in developing the world-wide services of the company. Other departures included Mr Stephen Comer who was awarded a silver fish slice. Mr Nigel Pearce received a barbecue set in recognition of his services to catering and Mr David Bean was presented with a pewter tankard.

	Yer actual 1st Three Daily Mail (online) Headlines Thursday May 23 2013 2.30 am
1	Blood on his hands, hatred in his eyes: 2.30pm on a suburban high street, Islamic fanatics wielding meat cleavers butcher a British soldier, taking their war on the West to a new level of horror
2	Masked English Defence League supporters flood Woolwich: Far-right clash with police near scene of killing
3	Duchess Kate is a sunny delight in canary yellow



Have a Safe Trip Home

PFLCPSA NEWS

Shut-tap at noon? Hardly worth getting out of bed for. Still, we're here now. Better make most of it. While we can. Which, as we'll discuss below, might not be for much longer. Shame. It's been much easier to struggle through 4 days at the Brighton Centre than 5. We should do this more often.

If you can't bear to be left in the dark for another year, pop down to www.pflcpsa.com to peruse anything - from the Archive (all 36 years online) to the current snippets and background papers we couldn't squeeze into these pages. Dose: not more than one a day; avoid if you have a nut allergy.

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This year's Field HQ has been manned by the usual hacks, SHAFT, Sir WOY, BARRABAS, ISLAM and APOLLO. Sundry passing punters have kept us enormously entertained.

If there is a conference to report on this time (or any time) next year and if you're able to join us, we'd be delighted to have you. Otherwise, you'll just have to keep up online. Which is, obviously, where all this is heading. Who needs Conference when we've got online forums where every member who gives a shit can stick his or her oar in whenever they please, whether or not they are members of or supported by one of the gateway factions? Might actually produce something remarkably like a real democracy. Shit. Did I say that out loud?

Right. Time to bugger off home and let the cleaners do their job. Remember to make your escape that little bit easier by offloading all that shrapnel rattling around in your pocket. Aim it in the direction of our collection bucket if you would. The **Austerity T Shirts** won't wear themselves, so consider providing a good home for one. Plenty of **Self Immolation Starter Packs** still available at a pound apiece. Just the thing to set fire to other things with.

Bibi Conference. I'm not as sure, as when we started, that we'll meet again some sunny day. Worse things have happened.

I shall (probably) return and I shall be Millions – Eva Peron