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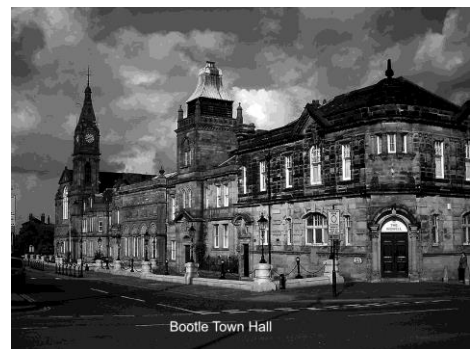
NOBODY GIVES A SHIT ABOUT TUESDAY

Round and About

By Judas Iscariot

Tuesday morning and the Brighton Centre packed with the cheery faces of delegates whistling their way to the DWP and HMRC conferences. But behind the scenes the titanic struggle between the grandee leaders - who want sell the union to UNITE - and the patriotic resistance manfully trying to turn back the tide, sharpened with the news that Standing Orders had agreed to put the anti-takeover motions on the order paper. But nothing is ever quite what it seems in PCS and the grantees still believe they will get their own way on Wednesday morning.

The running order clearly disadvantages the opposition. The arrangement which ensures the NEC motion gets first bite at the ballot, also allows them to use A463 as a Trojan horse which serves as an acceptable fallback position which might be enough to attract a carded majority and fend off the threat of the opposition's A470. Only if both A21 and A463 are defeated will BOOTLE's bailout motion get to a show of hands. It is the only chance delegates will get to halt the Putsch in its tracks.



The Putsch proponents, largely drawn from the ranks of the SOCIALIST PARTY and their high-caste PCS DEMOCRAT allies, have organised two fringe meetings to rally the troops while the resistance has called at least three anti-merger meetings in the run-up to Wednesday.

All the votes will go to cards and the LUNITY grantees already have a good idea of which way the votes will go. While the both sides can count on their dedicated supporters, there remains a tranche of delegates who still haven't realised what the UNITE takeover will mean to civil service trade unionism. They are prepared to be persuaded. Or bought.

More than a few delegates are mildly irritated at the fact that Conference has never given a mandate to the leadership to steam-roller any deal, let alone one that is so obviously inferior to the one they lost three years ago. And some are saying that they are prepared to break their branch mandates on the grounds that circumstances have changed as a consequence of all the information covered here and elsewhere, the absence of which has left them blissfully ignorant until this week and the appearance of the emergency motions. Delegates who do break their

mandates will, of course, have to explain their actions to their branches – though if the takeover goes ahead it will be largely academic as their branches will no longer exist under the UNITE rule-book.

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Barabbas

News from the smirk free rooms...

Some of us will have already cast their postal ballots for the titanic struggle between Labour, UKIP and the Tories in the local and European elections this week. Others, like some of our own full-time officers will be standing for own their nice little earners on the council. But not, alas, PAUL SMITH. PORTLY PAUL, one of the last vestiges of the REAMSBOTTOM era will not be standing again for the West Thornton ward in Croydon as he was deselected last year. The Labour councillor for West Thornton and member of the shadow cabinet was dumped presumably because he was too fat.



NEIL LICENCE won't have to bother about canvassing this year as Rotherham council is not holding elections this year. But the NAKED CYCLIST who is also the Labour councillor for Swinton ward will not be joining us this year because he has ponced off to France for the "Our Europe" conference of the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) in Toulouse.

EPSU claims to be the largest federation of the European TUC and comprises 8 million public service workers from over 265 trade unions; EPSU organises workers in energy, water and waste sectors, health and social services, local and national administration, across Europe and it is the recognised regional organisation of Public Services International (PSI). EPSU is, in fact, one of these obscure European bodies that does very little and is led by people no-one has ever heard of, though one of its many vice-presidents is LEN McCLUSKEY'S foe, DAVE PRENTIS of UNISON.

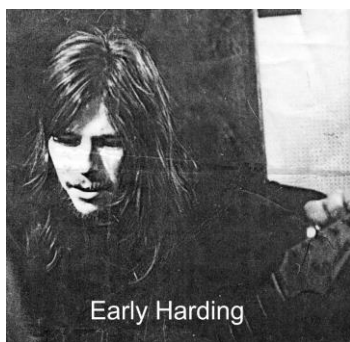
MARK SERWOTKA'S only friend, STEVE BATTLEMUCH, also doesn't need to worry as he won't have to defend his seat until next year. The recently elected Labour councillor - who now serves on Nottingham City Council - used to be a firebrand TROT in CPSA days. Now he meekly accepts the whip with the rest of the ruling Labour group and consistently supports the austerity cuts to the council budget. But not, it seems, without some pangs of conscience. He sanctimoniously told the local rag that: "I didn't get into politics to vote for budget cuts. It's not who I am and it's not what I want to do. Voting in favour of the city council budget on Monday was not a course of action that sat easily with me, and I had thought about the consequences of doing so - or not doing so - for weeks."



He continued: "But my voting for the budget shouldn't indicate satisfaction with it, simply the fact that an alternative position couldn't be agreed at this time. Austerity isn't working. The poor are getting poorer and the so-called recovery is happening to such a small percentage of people that most working people can't see it or feel it."

He wondered who to blame for this: "Who do I blame for this? Well, not the Labour Group leadership in this council who have tried hard to make the best of a bad job. Increasing demand for services, an ageing population and an increased birth rate coupled with Draconian cuts from Government have made this an impossible task to square the circle and satisfy everyone."

“My blame” he went on, “goes to the callous government ministers who are deliberately reducing money to local government and introducing policies where local councils are being used to do their dirty work for them”. So that’s all right then!



Meanwhile WEATHERSPOONS is undergoing severe financial restructuring in an attempt to stem the haemorrhaging of the takings this week due to absent friends like SIR STUART HARDING, who is battling for his life as we speak, with half his liver being chopped out on Wednesday, in the hope it will eliminate the cancer. His immediate target is to make something of it with some nice fava beans as soon as they let him out. Bravely, a previously unknown non-entity labelled ANDY BOYLEM has taken on the temporary task of standing in for the the illustrious BRIGADIER as his stunt-double.

[Photographic evidence awaited – ed]

CHARLIE SLOAN and ROB BRYSON weren’t prepared to give up any of their precious annual leave to slum it with the likes of us and JAKE WILDE is going home at the end of HMRC conference with his tail between his legs. WILLIE SAMUEL couldn’t be arsed either but unfortunately, RICHARD HALFPENNY was allowed out, on licence, and can be seen waving the flag at what’s left of the FORTUNE OF WAR.

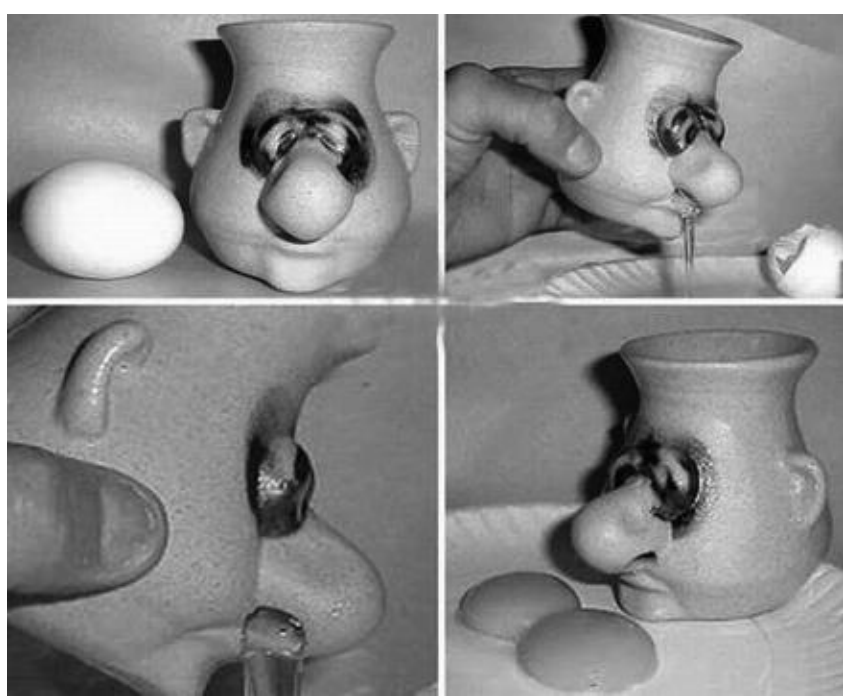
WYNN PARRY, late of this union, turned up as an official FDA observer on Monday and GEOFF LEWTAS was seen skulking around the Centre as well. No-one from UNISON is expected to come but we are all wondering who UNITE will send to see what transpires on Wednesday.

Back on the front-line, JUDAS, BARRABAS, APOLLO and SHAFT suffered an immense loss when the PFLCPSA A-TEAM staff car was robbed by some scum-bag in the shitty REGENCY CAR PARK on Monday night. Irreplaceable documents were lost as well as the entire PFL takings for the day. See PFL news, at the fag-end of the bulletin, for further details.



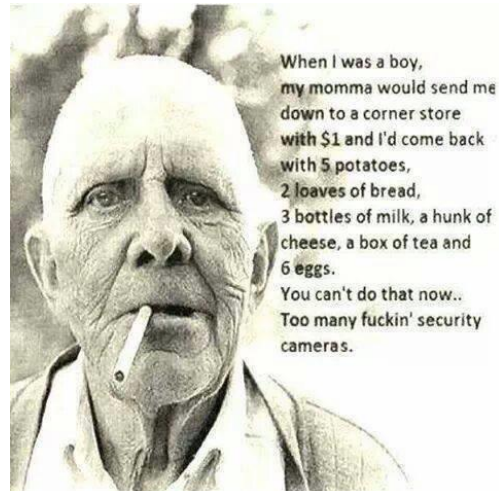
**EMERGENCY SELECTION FROM
UXBRIDGE ENGLISH DICTIONARY**

- Articulated lorry: a well-spoken road goods transporter
- Barcode: a poem written by a dog
- Circumnavigate: I invite you to steer, sir
- Dialog: telling a Welshman what a lump of wood looks like
- Ensemble: how cowboy spent last night at the rodeo
- Gastric: lighting one's farts
- Oyster: someone fluent in Yiddish
- Photosynthesis: a PhD in pornography
- Rectangle: correct position to sit on the toilet
- Swedish: a bit like a root vegetable



Godwin's Law to go?

Simon Hall, spokesman for Liberty, is an enthusiastic supporter of Godwin's Law. "It's been on the statute books for years", he said. "If we let this discredited government abandon it, without consulting the electorate, then we're on a slippery slope. We might as well be living in Nazi Germany". A source close to the Prime Minister said that no decision on Godwin's Law had yet been taken. "Discussions are at an early stage", he insisted. "We are a long way from a final solution"...



PFLCPSA NEWS

The enemy struck while we were at table. Bastards.

Have you tried calling 999 recently? Bastards.

Apparently having the back window of your car smashed and a conference suitcase stolen from the middle of a "secure" underground car-park in the middle of Brighton is not an emergency. Call 101.

Bastards

Call 101. Wait in queue for 45 minutes. Give up. Bastards

Get Tom Tom to find nearest Police Station. Tom Tom loses satellite every 300 yards in that part of Brighton. Bastard.

Friendly native inquires if we're aware we're driving around with a smashed back window. Bastard.

Friendly native tells us where the real Brighton Police Station is and how to get there. Hugs and kisses all round. Can't possibly remember his directions, but fortunately Tom Tom works in that part of Town.

Great Joy. Police log incident. Crime ref passed to insurance company. EE blocks ipad mini. Car park "Security" company examining CCTV footage for someone emerging on foot carrying suitcase. And so to the office...

How was your day?

The attack failed, so you'll still find us in battle formation awaiting intelligence from our agents in the field. That's you. And frankly you're not living up to your reputation. If you don't buck up your ideas and start delivering actionable intel, we might have to find another union to abuse. So get cracking.

Apologies for our non appearance at the OLD SHIT for the late briefing but we were unavoidably detained (see above). Normal service will resume in the ten o'clock slot tonight. Be there if you've got the dirt. If you fail to make that briefing, and you're a digital dude, dropbox@pflcpsa.com will accept your offerings with alacrity and only the mildest of abuse.

We also lost the first day's takings in the blag, so your sympathy, understanding and dosh will be even more appreciated than usual. **T-Shirts** (tenner) and **Self Immolation Starter Packs**, (quid) will provide souvenir tokens guaranteed to provide a warm glow of satisfaction at your support for our worthy cause.