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STAIRLIFT TO HEAVEN?

ROUND & ABOUT

By Judas Iscariot

Brighton May 24. Evening: The LADY BOYS are back in town. Those with higher brows are catching the last events of guest director KATE TEMPEST'S Brighton festival. Restaurants and bars are packed with locals and visitors alike. The usual drinking, gambling and whoring continues in the clubs that have made Brighton what it is for hundreds of years. Meanwhile elderly PCS delegates shuffle around the sea-front looking for a quiet drink before settling down to watch repeats of *Bake Off* and *Last Night at the Palladium*.



Kate Tempest

Gone are the days when CPSA delegates and hangers-on (over 1,200 in

CPSA's heyday) could keep the bars and dives going throughout the night and still turn-up on time for the first session in the morning. Gone are the days when you could go to at least three union discos and socials a night during conference week, buy a different Lefty paper for every day of the week and drink yourself silly all within a radius of 250 yards of the Brighton Centre. Why d'you think they don't even charge us for the venue? Brighton made millions from those jamborees. They keep hoping the good times will come back. So do we, but it's not going to happen. The average age of delegates in 1987 was 28¹. Thirty years later its closer to 58. No wonder there's so many familiar faces.

There are reasons for this and not all of them can be laid at the door of the grandees. The average age of the membership has risen over the past ten years and there's been no real recruitment since the slump began in 2008. But there clearly is a deep demographic malaise within PCS. When participation levels drop to 8%, the very viability of the union becomes a significant issue. This week the grandees were gloating over the demise of 4TM and the organised right-wing and gleefully noting the fading influence of the so-called "left opposition" of the INDEPENDENT LEFT. But they've got little to celebrate themselves. All the current senior officers and most of the NEC will retire within the next ten years and no-one knows who will take their place or, indeed, where the successor generation are even going to come from. No-one's missed 4TM and few will shed a tear over CHARLIE and HIS ORCHESTRA when the IL follow. But who will be left to miss LUNITY and the DIMOCRATS when OLD FATHER TIME comes for them? Usual cliché: Last one out, please turn off the lights.

Meanwhile life goes on and this week Naked Cyclist and barefaced attention seeker NEIL LICENSE has been doing his daily tour of the local "tea houses". Following a long liquid lunch, Tuesday, LICENSE apparently failed to respond when prompted to speak for the NEC on Motion A17. After a few kicks, the PCS DEMOCRAT high-caste stumbled along to the platform, with no idea what motion he was speaking on or even his own name. Tried to wing it, on the basis of its uncontentious nature, he was just confirming that the NEC supported (whatever it was) and he would gallantly leave his time for allocation to later motions. No-one was fooled but fortunately it *wasn't* contentious so no harm done to precious policy.

¹ SWAG

But while, it's good to have at least one drunken incompetent at the party, NEIL'S performance left JACKIE GREEN in the lurch as she hadn't expected A18 to be called and hadn't prepared for it. Nor was JANICE too thrilled at her "Order of Business" decision being usurped. Ms GREEN, by the way, is being groomed by DIMOCRAT Svengali IAN ALBERT for a tilt at the presidency when GODRICH retires.



Back in Left Unity, JOHN McINALLY is blaming GORDON ROWNTREE for failure to spell check the LU Bulletin. Sadly John MacDonald couldn't attend the ADC.

Newly elected NEC member MARK BAKER is looking to join LEON BOFF'S fact-finding mission to Cyprus (see communique #1124). He's hoping to form a successful TUSC Cyprus Branch to match his proud record of 84 votes in Bristol.

On this Conference day in PFL:

2007 - **The whole of Geordieland** is rejoicing at the return of KEVIN McWHO to his rightful place on the NEC after ten years of absence while we bid a fond farewell to MATTY McGARRY (HMRC Newcastle) who is taking an early bath in June. A professional Catholic, Fr McGARRY was seen stuffing his pockets with free condoms from the HMRC Young Members stall yesterday. On being questioned he claimed that they were for his sons. This could cause an incident if wife and Big Pope BENNY supporter PAULINE finds out. McGARRY spends his nights at the King & Queen public house on the karaoke. His cover of Purple Haze ranks as a conference must see. Fr McGarry is 58.

1997 - **Goldfish Award** (for the delegate or observer with the shortest attention span) goes to Welsh Officer JEFF EVANS; now well out of pocket. Due to a miscalculation JEFF is staying at the LAGUNA HOTEL -- a long taxi ride from the centre of Bournemouth. He was punishing the LAGER at BARRY'S victory celebration at the HIGHPRICE. When it finally ended he hired a cab to the LAGUNA. When he got there he realised he had left his coat and bag at the HIGHPRICE. He told the cabbie to drive him back. He picked up his coat but forgot his bag. "Sod it," he thought, "I'll pick up the bag in the morning". When he returned to the LAGUNA he realised his keys were in the bag. (Now the Laguna is only a ONE CROWN Hotel. There's no night-porter.) So he had to tell the cabbie to do the round-trip again. Total cost £60.

1987 - **Thousands of fans** were sadly let-down at the failure of the PFL to provoke the sectarian bloodbath, eagerly anticipated by those in the ringside seats in the bogs. The only blood to be seen was RAY ALDERSON's, smacked in the gob by his wife CHRIS KIRK and forced to retire to his corner. Earlier, our leader JOHN ELLIS was forced to brush aside the rabble in order to get served. When this boorishness was related to JONATHAN BRUCE he heroically denied that it happened. On being confronted by the victims he then just shrugged and said `well, he bought me one' .The news that ELLIS had actually bought anyone a drink left BARRY REAMSBOTTOM'S mates (anyone who'll drink with him) speechless. Our leader's meanness is legendary. On winning the General Secretaryship he refused to hold the customary victory beano, on the grounds that `it would upset RAYWOOD', He represented our members in Northern Ireland for two years and only bought a round once, The BELFAST TIMES reported it and said that he must have come into a legacy.

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"If you keep working until you're 85, you can afford an early retirement."

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PCS – For the Many Not the Few

Despite the election of a controversial figure in the United States, crisis on the Korean peninsula, a divisive vote to leave the European Union, continuing uncertainty in the global financial market and Bake Off's transfer to Channel 4, PCS plc maintains its leading role in the human resources sector. During the last financial year the company managed to increase its market share despite losing 40,000 subscribers, justifying the Board's belief that the decline resulting from the lingering adverse effects of the 2008 global shock has been arrested. Others successes include the ongoing negotiations with EHRC concerning improvements to their employment termination practices and the successful conclusion to the case of Donovan V ER

PCS shareholders gave a resounding vote of confidence to the current board at the PCS plc AGM in Brighton this week and a warm welcome back to Managing Director Mark Serwotka who has returned to his duties after a successful heart-transplant operation. To improve Management efficiency and the morale of the staff at Head Office, Catering facilities were reduced in line with changing expectations of the staff. A feasibility study has been commissioned, to provide costbenefit insights on the possibility of providing the shareholders with a more modern environment for their future general meetings. Messrs McCluskey & Co are opening their purpose built venue at the Aston Centre in Birmingham in the near future and, if attendee numbers can be massaged down to 170, significant cost savings are in prospect. Shareholder resistance is expected.

In the Children's sector, the long ailing 4TM brand and its last remaining branches have been liquidated to realise their remaining assets after their sales director, Mr Howard Fuller, agreed to a voluntary severance package last year.

Mr Serwotka welcomed the changes to the Board, which he said, could only strengthen PCS in these complex and challenging times. He thanked Mr John McInally - who remains a Board member but has stepped down from all executive posts on health grounds this week - for his sterling efforts and said he looked forward to continuing to work with him on the Board. He also welcomed back Mr Lee Rock who has returned to work after prolonged а absence due to а misunderstanding with local management. Prospects for the next cycle were challenging, but achievable.



ALL TRITE

Last day of the Rally. Best ever. Biggest turnout ever seen for a workers festival. Just a few more I's and T's. So much agreement with the Ozone it's truly magnificent. The Sea Air. I won't keep you. Homes to go to. Here are our last thinking on the matter.

A75 Support

Another beautiful motion from the NSA. Fantastic getting our own Laws back – we invented the Human Rights anyway so what are they afraid of? The people have spoken.

A76 Oppose

Jeezus H – don't they know this is where it all starts; Vagabond kids wandering -they carry bombs and no one suspects. Suffer the little children and the real ones press the button. Deranged.

A77 Oppose

Nanny State how many chances do they want. Forever?

A78 Support

If they don't even know what toilet to sit on, they shouldn't be allowed on the street. I touched one once. You couldn't tell. Could not tell.

A79 Qualified Support

If they've paid their Jews, they're entitled. But complacency can spoil the fight, so as long as we're all agreed, then yes.

A80 Suppose

Do we really need yet another Credit Card? Government has many fishes to fry but these aren't the droids you're looking for.

A84 Support

Aren't the Welsh cute with those funny accents got their own parliament now. Great golf course. **Oppose**

The fairest is percentage. Retire at, say, 90%. We might live to 100 – only 60 in Glasgow – and you pay according to that. Then live out the rest in comfort. And here's the clever. If you die early, you get a refund. Fixed.

I'm tired now. Make them go away

PFLCPSA NOOSE

If you have read this far, you've certainly got the stamina and will to fight the good fight. Yes, it's been a struggle to stay awake most of the time, but that means we've got all that energy left to get out on the streets to campaign for the abolition of Parliament we so desperately need. Vote for the candidates who will tear the house down. That'll make the buggers' eyes water.

Roll Credits. Can't remember last time we had this much s un for a PCS do. Not that that means much. None of the PFL forward command even managed to remember that **One Digital** (our illustrious Printers) had already moved out to Woodingdean last time we were here. The déjà vu when we collected Monday's edition was positively spooky. No surprise with their performance though. Nice one siblings.

Agent SHAFT couldn't be with us this year. And, of course, Agent Halfbrain could only join us in Spirit. But ISLAM, BARABBAS and APOLLO all made it to the starting gate and duly staggered over the finishing line a couple hours ago. Thanks to you, our loyal audience, for consuming our self-indulgent drivel.

Your devotion makes it all so unlikely. We're going to let you into a little secret. Steganography is the practice of burying a secret message in another, larger document or picture. For 39 years, with only minimal interruptions, PFL has been practising this art in the form of Conference Communiques and occasional interconference articles; all most of which are online at www.pflcpsa.com. (not safe for work - or much else) – and remember to practice good digital hygiene; use a proxy, you really don't want the Islamic Left showing up in your ISP retained browsing history for the next 12 months. And after you've taken proper precautions, your job is to filter the signal from the noise. Do let us know if you find anything...

And could we bother you for one last dip into the pocket? I'm not even going to mention T-Shirts. I think we're done. Now fuck off and we'll see you next year. Inshallah.

.Bibi Conference. Bibi Richard. Bibi Mum.