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## **PREPARED FOR TAKE OFF?**

### **Round & About By Judas Iscariot**

The Grand Old Duke of York marched his men to the top of the hill, and you know the rest. But at the least the noble lord got to the top unlike our bewildered troops who passed by the half-hearted TROT paper sellers at the entrance of the Brighton Centre on Monday. And this was reflected at the aimless Group conferences with complacent grandee leaders, an impotent rudderless 4TM opposition and an increasingly irrelevant Independent Left rehearsing their old tired routines to a jaded audience that consists almost entirely of their own respective followers.

Huddled in the corners of the seedy bars of Brighton's seafront the grandees are planning their next move and top of the agenda is the campaign to re-elect MARK SERWOTKA. It starts tonight with a launch at the THISTLE HOTEL and a panel of speakers including John McDONNELL MP, NUJ General Secretary JEREMY DEAR, a Visteon striker and some LUNITY luminaries – but not BAUGH, LANNING or any one from the SOCIALIST WANKERS PARTY. 4TM wonderboy ROB BRYSON is almost certainly going to run against MAREK when the GS post comes up for grabs in November. WILLIE SAMUEL is coming down today to organise the 4TM fringe meeting so stand by for an important announcement. Meanwhile DAVE BEAN is bracing himself for a challenge from GWENDA BINKS in the HMRC chair race next year. Not a great choice. BINKS is an appalling snob with a taste for antiques while MR BEAN has made a virtue out of his own incompetence. GWENDA, who is 61, looks considerably younger than DAVE, who looks and dresses like a tramp. Both are utterly useless.

And Middle Earth comes to PCS. CHERYL GEDLING, who looks like a wood-elf, will replace JANICE GODRICH as President, rumour has it, while JANICE goes for EDDIE REILLY's juicy Scottish job when the old SECRET LEFT capo packs his bags for good in a few months time. And more changes are expected as the senior officers review takes its toll at Falconcrest. JEFF EVANS will be the spare leek in the casserole but no-one's told him yet.

Another Secret Lifter, TERRY HOBBS, is chair of his DWP branch. In the absence of other candidates he has also made himself treasurer. As the chair's job is to oversee the work of the treasurer it's one doubling-up that should never take place. It's a constitutional no-no. This doesn't bother Comrade HOBBS who is very pissed off at the moment because he's been turned down for the early retirement he'd been planning for years.

Members will, no doubt, sleep more soundly in their beds basking, as they do, in the expertise of their overpaid professional bureaucrats at FALCONCREST. Step forward Research Officer IMOGEN RADFORD. She is responsible for the union's response to the Government's Shared Services agenda – which is intended to get rid of thousands of members' jobs through rationalisation and outsourcing. Her devastating analysis on the proposal to accelerate shared services includes:

*"I don't really know what this means, but it sounds worrying"*

*And on the IT agenda?*

*"the rest of the chapter is about IT and I haven't analysed that..."*

Probably just as well IMOGEN.

The editor of the *Voice*, the DWP rag, one Alan SMITH, is no doubt smug about his 'Elected Unopposed' status. One wonders if it has dawned on Alan that even the brains of Trotsky's Independent Traders and 4TM have realised that the post is essentially one of GEC stooge and should one of alternative factions actually get elected to the post their lives would be untenable unless their group won a majority on the GEC: a chance about as likely as Dagenham & Redbridge FC making it to the FA Cup Final next year. Hence they have put up no candidate. SMITH can surely not believe it is because he is doing such a good job, even if he did publish an entirely unsolicited letter from one his own Branch members saying just that.

The evidence that it has not dawned is the advice Alan offers long standing GEC members which would appear - at best - condescending. Prospective contributors are told to check the BBC website and copy that style. Also to "check the facts" and that if they want to write an article without the headline, first paragraph and sub headings Alan will do this much for them. He later points out that "many readers will only read the first paragraph". Clearly his confidence in the creative writing skills of the Grandee GEC is such that he feels it necessary to ensure that the bits members are actually likely to read are mostly written by himself.

The Revolutionary Command Council of the PFLCPSA gave a warm welcome to TONY BORTON on Monday. TONY has returned to Conference after 20 years of voluntary exile in the backwoods of Southend-on-Sea. BOOZER BORTON, as he was known in the halcyon days of CPSA back in the late 1970s, was once a senior member of the PFL and a blessing to all publicans until he had to cut back on his union and drinking activities when he got married.



Tony Borton. Retired Agent

Another high spot was the arrival of STEVE RICHARDSON, late of our union, who (like so many others) had no idea what he was doing here or why he had been invited. In fact he'd come to collect his DLM from the DWP. He gave a ten-minute, largely incomprehensible message of thanks for his grossly unmerited award which was the longest time he's spent in Conference in one go for 30 years. STEVE then repaired to the *Fiddlers' Elbow* to extol the virtues of his hotel, which had "en-suite" facilities or as he put it "it means you can have a tab and a shite at the same time".

Talking of which, NICK SHITE, also late of this union, is running in the European elections on the "No2EU" slate. No2EU is an anti-EU campaign led by RMT chief BOB CROW with a slate comprised largely of Commissars and members of the Socialist Party. NICK calls himself a "graphics designer and teacher" rather than the clap-out editor of the high-caste Society rag before the CPSA take-over in 1998. One of our current Commissars, TONY CONWAY, was also on the slate but he has now withdrawn. Why?

Last night RICHARD HALFPENNY went to explore the night-life of the Conference fringe but all he could find was the HMRC “Britain’s Got Talent” social at the ROYAL ALBION HOTEL. It was predictably execrable. It consisted of talentless members doing sing-songs or strumming guitars all through the night. No biggies were there but all the riff-raff like COLONEL HARDING, HAGGER and the predatory SHIPMAN were let in providing they forked out three quid at the door. HALFBRAIN tried to stop HARDING doing his stand-up routine but on recognising his efforts were doomed to fail, abandoned the venue rather than face wading through the inevitable blood on the floor.

Perhaps on a more serious level IAN POPE, who topped the poll in DWP has now been nicknamed “Peter Tobin” after the notorious serial killer who was the first Glaswegian to top a Pole.

This year’s conference bags – don’t you hate them? They are shite. They look like something more fitting for the postman or pizza delivery man and they’re also highly inflammable. One of the more inventive DWP delegates burnt two holes in one and has been seen wearing it like a KKK pointy-hat (except that it’s red not white but you get my drift). Points will be awarded for other conference bag based art. And we all know what points mean.

Though 4TM’s DI BREEN was booted off the NEC in this year’s polls but she’ll have plenty on her plate to keep her occupied. She’s facing an ET from her former DWP York Branch secretary. Madame BREEN was her first line manager and the person who replaced her in the branch. Best served cold.

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## **MAKING YOUR VOTE COUNT IN PCS ELECTIONS 2009**

### **Pointless Psephological Analysis By the Reverend Thomas Bayes**

Clearly we have not had enough strikes this year as membership turnout in the Full Time Officer elections was a staggering 9.28% and 9.65% for the NEC compared to the massive 11.70% turnout for the NEC in 2008.

Number of papers issued this year for all elections was 283,244, a drop of 2,625 from 2008 President Elections. At least this year the Returning Officer declared the same number of ballot papers issued for each election. Last year the declaration showed 6,187 fewer papers issued for the NEC than the President and Deputy/Vice President.

This year we have had the added excitement of the Deputy General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary elections so we will look at these first. Despite predictions from most sources, especially Left Unity faction bosses, of an easy ride for the incumbents it was anything but. Chris Baugh managed to get elected as Assistant General Secretary ahead of Rob Bryson by just 0.07% of members eligible to vote. Hugh Lanning faired only slightly better by beating John Moloney to the Deputy General Secretary position by 0.78% of members eligible to vote.

Given that Rob Bryson’s vote fell by 3,952 from AGS to NEC and John Moloney’s by 6,291 from DGS to NEC it is clear that rather than being supported by a simple faction vote they gathered a large anti-incumbent or rather anti-full time officer vote. A strong ‘lay’ candidate in a two horse race for General Secretary could see Mark Serwotka genuinely worried.

A total of 3.76% ballot papers returned for the Deputy General Secretary election were spoiled – in a two horse race!

Still awake? There’s more. For President, Janice Godrich secured a vote of 5.19% of PCS members, Rachel

Barrowclough 2.34% and Charlie McDonald 1.73%. Janice Godrich’s percentage of votes cast was 53.88% up 0.77% on last year.

For Deputy President and Vice President Elections Dave Bean polled top with 4.90% of PCS members vote and Glenys Morris lowest polling successful candidate secured 4.12% of PCS members vote. Highest runner up VP was Diane Breen with 3.03% of PCS members backing her. Lowest losing VP candidate Diane Chitolie saw 1.62% of members voting for her only a 0.01% drop in her achievement of last year. Dave Bean’s 50.87% of votes cast was an increase of 2.06% on last year.

Highest placed NEC candidate was Hector Wesley of the Democracy Alliance securing 4.18% of PCS membership and 43.32% of those bothering to put pen to ballot paper. (Last year’s highest placed NEC candidate was Democracy Alliance’s Dominic McFadden with 42.34% of those voting and 4.96% of the PCS membership.)

Lowest elected candidate was Mark Baker with 3.22% of PCS members behind him just 0.03% ahead of David Richards the highest losing candidate and also lowest polling Democracy Alliance candidate. (The same margin as last year between John Moffat and Danny Williamson.)

This year’s lowest polling candidate was Brian Simmons of the Metropolitan Police with 1.00% of the membership wanting him on the NEC.

Lowest polling Independent Left candidate was Christopher Hickey with 1.25% of the membership behind him equating to 12.99% of those voting. Christopher was supported by 28 nominations.

Lowest polling 4themembers candidate was Gurmit Kang who could only convince 1.91% of the members and so 19.87% of those taking part to vote for him.

And so on...

**Shifting Values:**

"Satisfactory" is no longer acceptable, while conversely "acceptable" is now unsatisfactory. "Working towards" now means doing nothing, as does "doing everything we can". "Looking into something" now actually means not looking into anything. Just a few examples of language entering negative territory, while extreme language continues to be devalued daily:

Fucking Hell, for example, has been revalued and is now approximately equal to the 1960s blimey or the 1950s gosh. Jesus Christ has fallen to equivalence with the 1960s golly, while the golly has adopted a whole new meaning rising in opprobrium to trade at



about 80% (in old money) of the N-word which even we are not allowed to say. The American mother-fucker continues its rapid decline. Being hung out to dry has been reduced to a short period of exposure followed by a cover up, while the cover up has become indistinguishable from the independent enquiry. Never mind.

**GOVERNMENT'S 'BANNED LIST' MAKES EVERYTHING ALL BETTER**

The government's decision to ban some foreign people with unpleasant views has been vindicated by the news that it has made everyone incredibly

nice, it was confirmed yesterday.

Within minutes of the Home Office announcement, racists, violent extremists and homophobes agreed to put down their placards and stop being so damned unpleasant all the time.

The Reverend Fred Phelps, the US psychopath who thinks all soldiers are gay witches, said: "The British government makes an excellent point. I will stop thinking these thoughts immediately." He playfully added: "Would you like to touch me on the bottom?"

And psychotic militant Islamic, Safwat Hijazi, said: "Did I really say the infidels should be beheaded and that we should paint our mosques with their blood?" That doesn't sound like me - I must have been drunk.

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**PFLCPSA NUDES**

Still waiting for it all to kick off? Don't hold your breath.

Newcomers to these proceedings will be wondering where the action is and what it's all about. Why indeed, are we here at all? This feeling will pass. Like bad VR, eventually the brain adapts and you begin to believe that what goes on within these walls has some effect beyond them. This too will pass.

Meanwhile, taken as part of a balanced diet, PFL Pain Relief can reduce grown men to blocking web sites and assist in the management of embarrassing skin conditions. For a satisfyingly trivial commitment of a pound or ten a day, you can help fund our ongoing revolution and resistance. Remember, your purchase of a **fashionable PFL T-Shirt (still only £10)** will keep up to 50 delegates confused for one more day.

Business as usual. 10.30 till bored shitless. Final debriefing deep cover agents Old Shit 22.30. Bring a bottle.

Ye are a pack of mercenary wretches and like Esau sell your country for a mess of pottage and like Judas betray your God for a few pieces of money.  
**Oliver Cromwell** Lord Protector of the Republic of England, Scotland and Ireland. 1588- 1658