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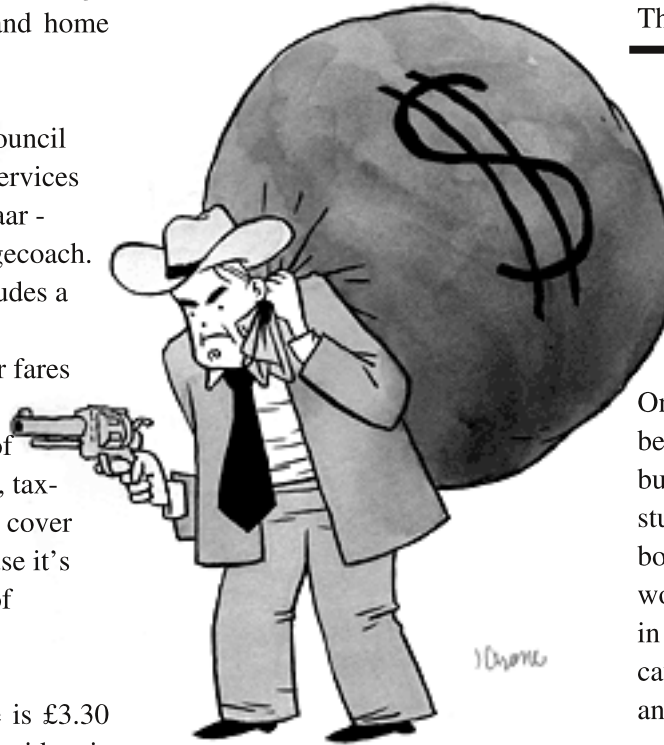
STAGECOACH BANDITS!

Cambridge buses are overcrowded, infrequent and often late. While village passengers have a poor service by day and hardly any buses at all after six o'clock. But we still have to pay through the nose to get to work and home again!

Cambridgeshire County Council are subsidising private bus services to the tune of £2.77m a year - most of which goes to Stagecoach. Although this subsidy includes a cap for their fuel prices, Stagecoach like to put their fares up when oil prices go up. As soon as the base price of fuel reaches a certain level, taxpayer subsidies are used to cover the increases. Why? Because it's extra cash in their pocket of course!

A dayrider for Cambridge is £3.30 and the seven day megarider is £11. But if you're travelling to or from the surrounding area it's a whopping £5 for a dayrider and £20 for a megarider. This is daylight robbery. But do we all get the same shit service? Forget it. The bus companies and their county council cronies have been happily axing "un-economic" bus routes like those through Newmarket and

small villages like Horningsea stranding local working-class people. How often do you see councillors using the bus services or any form of public transport? Or our MPs swapping their free first class train tickets for a bus pass? Not fucking often!



As for the drivers they do a great job, putting up with Cambridge traffic even though they are underpaid and overworked like the rest of us. So while Stagecoach announces redundancies for its rail staff, axes bus routes and pushes up the fares Stagecoach bosses are just stuffing their faces with our money. This is not over-dramatic, it's the truth. For instance,

Stagecoach Chief Executive Brian Souter and his sister and company co-founder Ann Gloag, "saved themselves as much as £6.5m in tax by transferring shares into trusts before the end of the tax year." (Guardian 3-4-2008)

That's what we call a rip-off!

POSTIES VS BNP

Posties in Cambridge and around the country are being asked to deliver BNP election propaganda. Response? Like fuck!

One postman told us: "We are being made to dish out this rubbish but I don't even want to touch the stuff." How have Royal Mail bosses responded? By threatening workers with the sack! But posties in Cambridge feel determined to cause trouble for management and the BNP.

Our chums in the main delivery office tell us that resistance has been firm but the bosses have tried to squash antifascism. We think the posties have shown the way. It's direct action that get results not pointless electioneering.

Put party propaganda, BNP or not, right where it belongs - the bin! You know it makes sense.

PRODUCED BY CAMBRIDGE ANARCHISTS

REMEMBER THE FALLEN

Anarchists organised a break-away march from the "official" TUC Mayday rally at the Guildhall, Cambridge, to the Parkside Police Station to remember the martyrs of the class struggle. Around 40 people assembled outside the police station. Flowers and a note were placed in memory of Ian Tomlinson, who was killed by police at the recent G20 demonstrations in London, and other fallen brothers and sisters. We remembered the victims of the Hillsborough tragedy where police penned Liverpool fans in leading to more than 90 deaths.

A G20 arrestee spoke briefly and so did the grand-daughter of a man killed at Hillsborough. There was then 2 minutes of silence.

ST. NEOTS KICK OUT FASH

On the 18th of April Cambs anti-fascists heard that the local BNP were intending on "reaching out to the general public" by having a stall in the St Neots Market Place. A small greeting party met our politically challenged friends of the "Master Race" as they were

handing out their bullshit to the unimpressed passers by. The BNP had £60 worth of leaflets confiscated. Despite smears in the Cambridge Evening News and the Hunts Post calling the antifascists "thugs", there was no violence against the fascist scum. This time.

Despite plans to continue their campaign of leafletting, a week on from their piss-poor performance in St Neots the South Cambs BNP bottled it. They failed to show up on the 25th April at their next planned leafletting spot. (Too busy hiding behind the police and local press!) Apparently the phone calls making sure they were coming scared the Aryan stormtroopers off...

BEAT THE BAILIFFS

People are being thrown out of their homes for not being able to pay their rent or their mortgage – the rich as usual are afraid to do the job themselves so they hire bailiffs to do it for them. We won't stand for fascists terrorising people because of their race so why should we allow the rich to terrorise the poor! Stick together and we will beat the bailiffs!

COUNCIL CON

In spite of its failure to provide sufficient homes for people South Cambs Council is continuing its persecution of people who try to provide homes for themselves. Last week, after ten years of harassment of the families living at Victoria View, Smithy Fen, councillors gave the go-ahead for bulldozers to clear caravans, smash up hard-standing and erect a protective barrier around the site to prevent the homeless returning at an estimated cost of over £40,000. In March the Council evicted several families from Victoria View, Smithy Fen. Four members of one family were also jailed for returning to the site in breach of injunctions obtained by the Council. This eviction highlights the failure of the Council to provide sites for travellers, and failure to build houses for the homeless.

We must stop the ethnic cleansing of Irish traveller and Roma communities. To contact the Traveller Support Network e-mail cambridge@lists.riseup.net.

ANARCHY, FOOTBALL & BBQ IN THE SUN!

Cambridge Anarchists are holding a picnic on Saturday, 4 July, at Stourbridge Common within sight of the footbridge going over to Green Dragon pub in Chesterton. Look for the big black and red anarchist flag! Bring balls, musical instruments, beer and food to share. Everyone welcome - get your kids, parents, workmates, neighbours, mates and random strangers along. Put this on your calendar!

LOVE US? HATE US? WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?

We welcome comments, complaints and contributions. We'll also send you a free bundle of The Cambridge Leveller if you want to give it to YOUR friends, neighbors, family and workmates!

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