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"Smiter of the High and Mighty"

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>> AVONMOUTH: "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"

ON THE MARCH

PISSED off Avonmouth residents, who have been subjected to dangerous pollution and public health hazards from businesses at the port, have started a campaign of direct action against the BRISTOL PORT COMPANY. Meanwhile, the city's business, political and bureaucratic elites have closed ranks around the MERCHANT VENTURER owned company in order to suppress the truth about the port's unhealthy activities..

Residents have complained for years about dust from the port, some of which is carcinogenic wood dust from biomass stored on site and some is metal dust from the Sims Metal Management plant containing lead, cadmium and arsenic.

Recently, in the last month or so, residents have been subjected to a plague of flies that has been traced to waste being exported by local company BOOMEKO. The company's boss Oliver "Twitter" Latter has admitted responsibility for the infestation but is refusing to pay residents the small cost of fumigating their homes.

Although now, Bristol City Council has stepped in and is paying the cost of fumigating properties in Avonmouth from the council tax.

However, the two regulatory bodies, The Environment Agency for the Port and the city council for

This is the ash that is left over after waste is incinerated and residents say, "literally anything could be in this waste, including TOXIC AND RADIOACTIVE material from stuff like hospital waste. It's obviously a danger to public health so near to homes".

Residents held their first demo at the port on Friday 30 May and a further demo targeting the Mayor at a 'Green' event promoting wind power in Avonmouth on Saturday 7 June. They promise they'll be going "on tour" throughout the summer until the authorities start taking notice, do their job and start looking after residents rather than trying to quietly poison them.

One resident says, "the time for tea and biscuits with these people is over. Direct action has moved us further forward in one week rather than the three years we have been trying to resolve things until now. I'm up for embarrassing the politicians and councillors and giving glorious George and cuddly Augustus a bloody nose every time they appear spouting their false 'green' agenda."



Protest in Avonmouth

public health matters relating to its residents continue to pass the buck to each other and effectively wash their hands of the matter.

It also has come to light in recent weeks that the city council has secretly authorised the Port of Bristol to store - in the open air - 'bottom ash' on land the council owns at the port just a few hundred metres from homes.

Avonmouth Special

DUST WARS

THERE'S NO HOPE

*Right now in a ward
far, far away ...*

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**BOSSES GET
A BRAZILIAN!**



AS the 2014 World Cup gets underway in Brazil, the nearest to the authentic 'Festival de Futebol' vibe most people in Bristol get is hoping the rain, hail and thunderstorms hold off for long enough to sip a cold beer while they watch a match or two on telly.

But that's not good enough for two enterprising directors at Bristol City Council, who have managed to wangle themselves a trip to a certain South American country on a 'fact finding mission' - complete with £900 spending money courtesy of your good selves!

What 'facts' the as-yet unnamed piss-takers - who rake in average salaries of around £85,000 - expect to 'find' on their 'mission' to Brazil, entirely coincidentally at the same time as the World Cup, is not yet clear.

But rest assured, The BRISTOLIAN will make it our business to enquire with them on your behalf..

Lifting lid on the European Green Capital 2015!

BRISTOLIANBITES

BRISTOL'S GREAT DRUGS & ALCOHOL SWINDLE (PART 2)

In October *The BRISTOLIAN* website reported exclusively on the chaos gripping both Bristol Drugs Project (BDP) and the Addiction Recovery Agency (ARA) caused by Coalition cuts overseen locally by Sue 'Off Her Head' Bandcroft of the Substance Misuse Team (SMT).

Bonkers Bandcroft claimed that "re-organisation" of the two services would "place the clients at the centre of the process"... Whilst **SLASHING JOBS** and **INCREASING WORKLOADS!**

Worried drug workers contacted *The BRISTOLIAN* predicting serious problems with the service in the near future - and lo and behold, just a few months later, what do we find?

"A judge in Bristol has raised concerns over a drug addict who did not get treatment **SIX MONTHS** after a court order was given. A probation officer was summonsed to Bristol Crown Court explain the delay, after the nine-month order was issued. The officer blamed a lack of available treatment places and a rise in the number of alcoholics in the area."

A BDP spokesperson added:

"I think what we have at the moment is we just have a very, very large number of new people coming and not enough treatment capacity to be able to see everyone within a reasonable time." Nothing to do with the cuts to the workforce and service then? Has alcoholism suddenly become fashionable in Bristol?

Perhaps Charlotte 'Bacardi' Leslie should be consulted?

HORSEWORLD: FAITH, HOPE IN CHARITY COMMISSION..?

Word reaches us that the ongoing saga of bizarre management decisions at much-loved equine charity HorseWorld continues apace, with sector regulator the **CHARITY COMMISSION** now in the midst of an investigation.

We understand that a number of people have raised the alarm with the Commission over **SHENANIGANS** at the Whitchurch charity, whose well-paid managing director Mark 'Not That One' Owen has sacked dozens of staff and closed down the visitor centre since his pie-in-the-sky redevelopment scheme fell at the first hurdle in November.

However, it seems that our old chum Pinocchiowen may have friends in high places, given **TEPID** responses from the CC which has been at pains to claim that despite being a regulator it is not able to, err, regulate. Instead it's telling people to talk to the trustees... The very same people who have consistently backed Owen.

Don't they want to fix HorseWorld?

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++ BUDGET SLASHING RISK TO VULNERABLE KIDS ++

'DON'T CARE' BOSS SCANDAL NOW THREATENS BUSH RESPITE HOME

The BRISTOLIAN has already broken news on how **BUNGLING BOSSES** in a desperate attempt to save money have cut services to the vulnerable.

As we reported in issue #4.11, council chiefs inappropriately lumped together elderly people suffering with dementia with adults with learning difficulties, some of whom have challenging behavior and can be violent. Then they actually **SLASHED STAFFING LEVELS**. The result? People are already being hurt, and the needs of service users are not being met. But that's not the end of it.

The two muppets responsible for all this, senior Social Care bosses Sheena 'Grim Reaper' Huggins and Varetta 'Mad Dog' Bryan, have now turned their attention to the **BUSH RESIDENTIAL UNIT**.

A respite centre for children with learning difficulties who otherwise live at home, Bush provides an essential service by giving parents the short but much-needed break they often need when caring for kids with complex needs. Its highly-trained staff are well-respected and professional and can look after the children's physical, social and emotional needs. Excellent facilities include a sensory room, computer facilities, a large garden, trampoline, swings and bicycles.

So what are 'Grim Reaper' Huggins and

'Mad Dog' Bryan going to do? Protect funding for Bush? Commend the hard-working staff? Work with parents to ensure the security of the service? No - they plan to **CUT THE SERVICE BY ONE-HALF**.

If parents lose this service, some will have to put their children into residential care, which will cost the council a whole lot more than the £250K these **DEMENTED MANAGERS** think they are going to save.

Parents were only given a couple of hours notice of a meeting to discuss the plans, despite managers knowing full well that these caring parents find it difficult to drop everything to come to a meeting.

The council now refuses to talk properly to the parents - mainly because they know their plans are barking mad and dangerous.

Meanwhile, 'Mad Dog' is getting a tasty redundancy package of **TENS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS**. Suitable reward for devastating the lives of families in need?

And the poor sods who are working in these conditions are running for the exit, which will lead to more dangerous conditions for staff and service users.

Don't let them get away with it. These managers should be held fully accountable for their decisions, the cost to our city and the destroyed lives. *When will they stop? When they finally kill someone?*

++ BRISTOL'S GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL SHAME ++

PUSHING UP DAISIES?



As Rovers crash out of the Football League, here's a photo to show just how Bristol's **ESTABLISHMENT** supports grassroots youth football - where you'd expect our local footballers of tomorrow to develop.

This pitch is at Stoke Lodge, owned by Bristol City Council, maintained by the

University of Bristol and rented by a team from the Avon Youth League.

The pitch is a **DISGRACE** - dandelions and daisies everywhere, grass inches long and markings on pitches barely visible.

How is anyone expected to play football on crap like this?

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SMASH & GRAB IN EAST BRISTOL

The sun's been a bit behind the clouds in Bristol so far this year - but be warned... It might also be beneath the shadow of the **WRECKING BALL** if profiteering developers threatening some of the charms of Victorian East Bristol get their way.

First under threat from demolition is the old Ebenezer Chapel on Midland Road in St Philip's. A friendly and familiar face greeting passers-by at the end of the Bath-Bristol cyclepath, Bristol's first 'Primitive Methodist' chapel has been around since 1849, but now **FACES THE CHOP** thanks to a landlord and developers who want to replace it with some boring, globally uniform apartments.



Ebenezer's good - for demolition

All of the original fittings have already been ripped out to sell on, with Bristol City Council claiming it's powerless to prevent the chapel's destruction. Locals, backed by the Civic Society have pledged to fight on.

Next up for the **ARCHITECTURAL KNACKER'S** is Avonvale Board School in Redfield, now home to BCC Children's and Young People's Services. There are dastardly plans to replace this school, which has years left in it, with a 'bespoke' modern building with a much shorter life expectancy.



Avonvale: soon-to-be-boarded up

Built in 1898-9 by Victorian architect Herber J. Jones - who in his time notched up a few Methodist chapels of his own - its head was once Thomas MacNamara, one of the first teachers to become a government minister.

So why not give the kids of the future a school with a bit of history they can learn about - instead of condemning them to study in an identikit box to satisfy greedy developers and weak-kneed planners who have forgotten the battles to save old Bristol from the bureaucrats in the decades after the War.

We all know the Regency and Victorian heritage of Clifton or Southville wouldn't be flattened and replaced.

And it shouldn't happen in working-class East Bristol either!

++ SPOTLIGHT ON B.B.C. BULLIES ++

WHAT AN ANCHOR!

COUNCIL LOSES REALITY ON PURCHASES

Former local news presenter **GRAHAM 'COMPULSIVE' PURCHASES** is, by most people's reckoning, an irritating twerp who needs to shut up and learn some manners - but not for awe-struck council managers.

Purchases, who was big and going places at the BBC in the "golden age" of the 70s and 80s when the corporation was a playground for paedophiles and rapists, has for years been running a truly **OBNOXIOUS CAMPAIGN** against er, Elmlea Primary School in snooty Stoke Bishop, which his posh £600k home happens to overlook.

Purchases - whose ascent to media stardom stalled somewhat when Beeb bosses sidelined him, leading him to jump ship to HTV - made the national news in 2012 thanks to his fixation on silencing kids. The washed-up newsreader fixed a massive sign to his house in full view of Elmlea's playground, reading: 'Please do not allow the children to scream or shout near our home. Thank you.'

Purchases has also **TERRORISED** staff and children at the school with a strimmer and a leaf blower, and even reported the head for attempted murder - after she drove down the street when he was walking his dog!

Enter Bristol City Council and its interim



Manager **NEIL TAYLOR**, who recently went to visit Mr Purchases to sort it all out.

And what did he do? Tell the old fool to shut up? Suggest he move, perhaps? Er, not quite. No, our intrepid Man From Shitty Hall agreed to spend **£30,000 OF OUR MONEY** on a six metre acoustic fence so that poor Purchases wouldn't be disturbed by vicious infants!

Does this mean that any resident bordering a school who has an issue with noise will be able to claim a £30,000 fence from the council? Or is this a special privilege reserved for posh BBC types living in Stoke Bishop?

I think we should be told...

BEEB BOSS BANS BROADCASTS

ELECTION DIKTATS FROM RIC THE TWAT



Blackout Bailey: a big fan of status quo

a corrupt mid-level Soviet apparatchik.

Whilst he doesn't show much interest in actually visiting Bristol, Ric certainly enjoys sticking his oar into our local politics - not least by openly doing favours for fellow former BBC hacks in the name of maintaining the Beeb's "political neutrality".

Over the course of the local elections in May, BBC Radio Bristol gave one minute slots every day to the various parties standing in the elections. Except, that is, for the two **GENUINELY INDEPENDENT** candidates - Steve Norman in Avonmouth and Philip Collins in Brislington East.

When Steve complained about this, he was told that Ric, speaking from his **PALATIAL** office suite on the Thames, had decided in his infinite wisdom that a pair of real independents running in 2 of 23 seats wasn't a big enough group to warrant coverage.

Fair enough, you might think.

But why then was the **MAYOR FERGO-LINKED** registered party, 'Indyredpants for Bristol', which had just three candidates running, considered big enough?

Surely nothing to do with the fact that the Indyredpants are led by professional posh twit Steven 'Unsparkling' Perry, himself a former BBC hack with a similar sense of entitlement to Bailey?

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DOCKS UPDATE: SHOW US THE MONEY

Why is controversial council service withholding their accounts from the public? What are they trying to hide?

More news on Bristol City Council's Docks Service and the bullying, incompetent loony they've got in charge down there, Cap'n Tony 'Ahab' Nichols. We've now been reliably informed that to help steady Ahab's listing ship and manage the growing storm of PUBLIC OUTRAGE over his dodgy management practices and shit attitude, the council has drafted in a troubleshooter.

Welcome, then to our old friend, the private sector property boss paid from the public purse Robert 'Spunkface' Orrett, to take personal charge of matters.

Those with longer memories may recall Spunkface took "personal responsibility" for the council's bent Markets Service in early 2013 - only for the boss directly accountable for markets, Facilities Management boss, Tony Harvey, to kill himself by early 2014. No doubt Ahab is suitably chilled by this news too.

And what a start for Spunkface, with the **BLATANT AND UNLAWFUL** blocking by him and Ahab - who, between them, trouser more than £100k every year out of your Council Tax - of a Freedom of Information request asking to see Ahab's Docks Service accounts. I

It's now been well over fifty days since the request went in, and we're assured intervention by the Information Commissioner is "imminent" if these accounts aren't produced pronto.

General opinion seems to be that Spunkface and Ahab are desperate to keep these accounts away from the public because they're likely to reveal a Markets Service-style **BENT MANAGEMENT CULTURE** of personal financial favours and deals that will have cost the council taxpayer a small fortune. *The BRISTOLIAN* has already been tipped to find out how much Mayor Ferguson's former shit-pub-in-an-old-tug, the Grain Barge, hasn't paid in mooring fees over the years.

Meanwhile, *The BRISTOLIAN* continues to receive plenty of tip-offs regarding Ahab. Complaints include his failure to not properly clean the docks, resulting in lots of rubbish floating around which wraps itself around boat propellers and threatens aquatic wildlife.

Ahab's crap decision to shut the Harbour Office early to bunk off home is another. In the past anybody who wanted to launch a boat into the harbour to enjoy the light evenings over the summer months was able to pay a fee at the office and float away.

No longer - the office is now shut. The fee also used to contain a small amount for third party and public liability insurance should there be any accidents, meaning that some control was kept over who was actually able to launch a boat. Now now; any idiot can launch, with neither any fees gathered or any insurance cover should they have a prang.

That's progress Ahab style.

FULLY CHARGED?

DOING their best to prove opponents of resident parking schemes correct, Bristol City Council has quietly slammed a **20 PER CENT INCREASE** on to car parking charges at Ashton Court without explanation.

A "small" car parking charge of £1 was first introduced there in 2012 despite considerable opposition. Now, within two years, comes the first ("small"?) **INCREASE IN THE CHARGE**, which can only be intended to raise revenue and fill the council's coffers.

How long before similar increases are introduced for residents parking schemes then? Although any such price rise could surely only be for the purpose of improving air quality for our children and preventing commuters driving to work?

Perish the thought that our council would lie to us using green waffle and use residents car parking as a crude cash raising operation.

LABOUR PARTY FRUITCAKE

BRISTOL Labour Party continues a long tradition of foisting **BAT SHIT CRAZY** fruitcakes on the city.

Please step forward **SUE "WHO?" MILESTONE**, the putative branch leader of the Bristol & South-West Counties Elvis Presley Fan Club UK and a big fan of Rudolph Steiner, the notorious educationalist with fascist links.

Perhaps a little unclear on the extent of her limited powers, within days of being elected the new Labour councillor for St George West was on Facebook **THREATENING** a user after they posted some links to very well-known criticisms of Steiner education.

"I am reporting you for posting such utter crap," exploded the deranged new councillor, perhaps not understanding the difference between "utter crap" and historical fact.

Alas, two weeks later and Facebook are still yet to take any action to prevent its users posting links to information on Steiner.

What's stopping them? Do they not know who Sue "Who?" Milestone is?

RIP SHARKY

FAREWELL to long term *BRISTOLIAN* supporter Sharky. Unfortunately he died after a short illness last week. His positive attitude will shine on. RIP mate.

CITY COUNCIL CELEBRATES 100th ANNIVERSARY OF WW1 WITH A RECREATION OF THE SOMME

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