



PENSIONERS ARE HOPPING MAD about the new Labour Government's ditching of the Winter Payment Allowance.

With the highest electricity prices in the world ...and another rise due in January, old folk are hard pressed. And they are having a hard time finding their MPs, who appear to have gone into hiding.

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Sat. 7th December

Keelie

'A disreputable inhabitant of a town or city, especially from Glasgow'

Oxford Dictionary

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LIVING RENT members held two days of action to call an end to luxury flats destroying our neighbourhoods.

Residents are tired of seeing luxury developments being thrown up across the city which push people out of their communities and contribute nothing except inflated rents and gentrified

neighbourhoods.

That's why members gathered from branches in **Govanhill, Shawlands, Govan, Partick** and **Dennistoun** to call an end to luxury developments and to call on Glasgow City Council to commit to introducing NPF4, so that all new developments contain 25% affordable housing. **JOIN LIVING RENT TODAY!**

SUPPORT ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS

**THALES 5 - APPEAL HEARING
TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER
LOCATION & TIME TBC**

Imprisoned Palestine Action supporter who is appealing against the 12 month custodial sentence he was given on 20 August by Sheriff John N. McCormick, after pleading guilty to a single charge of breach of the peace. The comrade is one of five activists who were imprisoned for taking action against the Thales factory in Govan to oppose to its arming of Israel.

• **Follow Palestine Action Scotland** for details & updates.

**BILLY HENDRY - TRIAL
TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER, 9AM
GLASGOW SHERIFF COURT** and

Justice of the Peace Court, G5 9DA
SPSC supporter charged with 'obstruction' during a GGEC demonstration.

• **Follow SPSC & GGEC** for updates.

THE THALES & GOVAN CROSS ARRESTEES

• **Group 1:** Thursday 19 December for Intermediate diet with trial currently scheduled for Thursday 9 January.

• **Group 2:** Monday 30 December for intermediate diet with trial currently scheduled for Friday 17 January.

Supporters are asked to gather from 9am outside Glasgow Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court, G5 9DA, for all of these dates.



**So you know
Glasgow? Well,
do you!**

Glasgow, the name.

Glasgow can trace its history back to at least the 4th century, it was at that time a certain St. Ninian stopped by the Molendinar Burn, where the Cathedral is today, and consecrated a piece of land there as a Christian burial ground.

Some hundred years or so later a St. Kentigern brought the body of a holy man Fergus to be buried at the St Ninian spot. St Kentigern stayed and set up a Christian community in the area. He later became known as St Mungo patron saint of Glasgow.

The name 'Glasgow' has gone through considerable changes over the centuries. The earliest Charters refer to the city as 'Glaschu', while the earliest seals give several different spellings. In the seal of 1180 the spelling is 'Glesgu', and the seal of 1325 it is 'Glagu'. In 1297 the Earl of Warrenne and Surry to the English King refers to 'Glasgeu' in another letter from the same Earl it becomes 'Glascu'. In a letter from Hugh de

Cressingham in 1297 to the King of England it has the spelling 'Glasgu'. In the Charter of 1324 by Robert the 3rd it is written as 'Glasgw'. Another Charter of 1419 by John Stewart, Lord Darnley has it as 'Glaschow'. Yet again the spelling changes in the will of Archbishop Beaton where he refers to himself as Archeuesque de Glasco.

Origins of the name

It is generally accepted the name is not from Gaelic, as at the time of its formation this area was a Welsh settlement. It is probably from the Welsh 'Glas', and 'cu' or 'gu'; translates as 'Beloved Green Place' and is referring to the spot where Kentigern met Columba thus Kentigern becoming the Patron Saint of Glasgow.

Radical Glasgow.

Mention Glasgow and various stereotypes jump to mind, dreadful slums, hard drinking, random violence, razor gangs, shipbuilding, locomotive makers and other heavy industries. What else is written about the city usually refers to captains of industry, architects, inventors, and medical men of note.

Scratch the surface however, and you find another Glasgow with a long tradition, the real Glasgow, 'Radical Glasgow'.

• **Follow the Anarchist Critic** at <https://radicalglasgowblog.blogspot.com/>



ANY EDINBURGH BASED READERS may already know about the sudden closure of the Peoples' Story Museum. This was shut in August, with no warning or public announcement. Nobody was consulted, not even the city's elected councillors.

The Museum is housed in the Canongate Tolbooth (a 16th century building at the bottom of the Royal Mile).

It was opened in the 1980s, to tell the story of the people of Edinburgh. Its exhibits (including waxworks) vividly depict what everyday life was like for the poor, but also tell the stories (in their own words) of those who organised and agitated for change.

There are 144 early reform flags and banners – supposedly Britain's largest collection – and lots of other items relating to trade unions, cooperatives, protests and struggles (from the suffragettes to the anti-apartheid movement).

A much-loved museum of social history (like Glasgow's People's Palace), its closure has been met with outrage. The council's 'Culture and communities' committee met on 3rd October. They were greeted by a picket outside, and

addressed by campaigner Jim Slaven:

"For working class people in this city, life is pretty difficult. People are pushed to the margins in every sense and the symbolism of having a working class history museum telling their story right in the centre of town is absolutely crucial, and to close it will be the final nail in the coffin".

The closure is said to be a temporary measure, until April 2025. Council officials claim that it has been forced by a projected overspend of nearly £27m and resulting freeze in museum staff recruitment. However no alternative options were considered. It is telling that this is the only council-owned museum in the city to be closed. "Alternative arrangements" for the Queensferry Museum mean it will remain open by appointment (for school trips etc) and the rest are completely unaffected. The excuse given is that these two have the lowest footfall and generate the least income. Both are free to visit.

The full council is due to meet on 7th November but there's no guarantee that they will even discuss this. The committee meets again on 5th December. Some councillors have pledged to reopen it. We'll see if they do.

In good news for the beleaguered city's finances, the 'City Culture Director', Joan Parr, reportedly resigned in embarrassment last week after the closure was criticised in Holyrood. Her departure could save £80k+in one swoop!



RUCHILL CAMPAIGNERS have been meeting each Saturday at the site of the community centre for over 4 years and are determined to reopen the centre for the Ruchill community.

This is one of the longest if not the longest campaign in the city that needs to be won and would have an important impact on other resources under threat.

Solidarity with others. This campaign was also involved during this time in the saving and reopening of Maryhill library, which was also under threat of closure.

• Check Save Ruchill Community Centre on Facebook

**Here's a joke about trickle-down economics:
99% of you won't get it.**



• PROTEST IN HARMONY, singing at the now annual Calton Weavers commemoration, in memory of the six workers killed by Militia in 1787.

GLASGOW AGAINST FASCISM

THE RALLY AGAINST FASCISM at George Square on the 7th September, where a motley crew of racists were outnumbered 10 to 1, is just the latest in a long history of Glaswegians standing firm against fascism. Here are just a few examples:

QUEEN'S PARK

British Union of Fascists leader William Joyce got a nasty shock when he attempted to hold a street meeting at the gates of Queens Park in the 1930s. His platform was thrown in the air by an angry group of Glaswegians, including members of the Workers Circle, a Jewish socialist group based at Gorbals Cross. William Joyce later gained notoriety as 'Lord Haw-Haw', broadcasting



Nazi propaganda by radio to Britain from Hamburg. He was hanged after the War.

TRADESTON

500 Anti fascists blockaded the Kingston Halls, Tradeston in 1975 attempting to close down a National Front meeting. 60 people were brutally arrested, including shop stewards from Rolls Royce, Albion Motors, John Brown Engineering, and members of the National Union of

Miners. Taken to a holding room before being charged at Orkney Street Police Station, many of those arrested escaped through a side window and scaled a large wall into Broomloan Road, and then returned back to the picket. The fascists had to escape on an empty Corporation bus, commandeered by the police. A good few of those arrested almost 50 years ago remain active anti-fascists today.

GOVANHILL

In 1979, 600 protestors picketed a National Front election meeting at Craigie Street Primary School in Govanhill. A tenth of Scotland's police force, along with 40 police dogs and 20 horses were required to protect a paltry 17 fascists.

