



HEAD OUT TO PAISLEY to celebrate Sma' Shot Day, the annual workers festival commemorating the victory of the weavers. Saturday 6th July
<https://paisley.is/featured>

Keelie

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

Oxford Dictionary

We aim to be a voice for the dissident, the downtrodden, the troublemaker, the enraged, the anarchist, and we welcome the participation of all true lovers of liberty

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GLASGOW GREEN RADICAL HISTORY

FREE TOUR **GLASGOW KEELIE** **JOIN IN!**

JOIN THE KEELIE AND FRIENDS on a walking tour around historic Glasgow Green. Noon Sunday 30th June. Meet outside the People's Palace

GLASGOW KEELIE

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NATIONAL SERVICE LOL

HOW MANY 18 YEAR OLDS are jumping for joy at the thought of the State requiring that they lose a year to conscription in the armed forces or give up a weekend a month for "community volunteering".

Around ¼ of a million young people who reach the age of 18 in September 2024 would be forced to do this. The estimate however is that no more than 30,000 could be deployed in armed service training. That means 700,000 for a community scheme that is clearly a desperate policy sketched up on , as the saying goes "the back of a fag packet"! How would they enforce this policy? If convictions are to be ruled out.

One thing is clear, young folk, now 17 and under will be well pissed off. A campaign of civil

disobedience is highly unlikely . Like the farcical Rwanda scheme, it is Tory policy designed to shore up reactionary support from drifting to the Reform Party and appeal to those, mostly long-in-the-tooth who get their distorted world view from the Daily Mail & Daily Express.

The Keelie is against all militarism and State dictates to 'citizens'. A sorry state of abuse, including sexual assault has emerged from investigations into armed forces training. It is not a platform for improvement and learning social responsibility. Far from it.



'Hi, Rishi! It's Michelle from Mone Military Uniforms...'



ANARCHIST CRITIC

SO RICHY SUNAK'S fortune has risen to £651 million while he presides over the worst housing crisis in the Western world.

Does he care, of course not, why should he he has several homes dotted around the planet. He doesn't know how to grasp the fact of being homeless.

Are these the sort of people we want running our affairs for us? Or do you think we could do a better job if we got rid of the millionaire parasites that gain from the homeless, as it helps to keep property prices high.

We live in a system that helps the rich parasites fat bank accounts stuffed by keeping people homeless to boost property prices. This won't change until we change the system and take things into our own hands and rid ourselves of the blood sucking leeches that dominate the property market to boost their ill gotten gains.

To preside over homelessness so as to fatten you personal wealth is a crime against humanity and such people must be held to account.

Homelessness is a word that hides a multitude of health problems, leads to children being deprived of a decent life with all the future consequences that all that entails, a stunted future for millions of children, children who will be anchored and mired in permanent poverty.

The choice is ours bequeath or children more of the same or make a stand and change the whole stinking insane system.

Only us will bring about that change the fat cats will fight tooth and nail to keep the system of homelessness boosting property prices.

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



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Brian Lewis

Brian Lewis, one of the unsung heroes of the Anti-Poll Tax campaign, has died.

Equally at home giving informed debt advice at the Poll Tax Shop in London Road, or standing firm against Sheriff Officers at attempted poindings, Brian was always there to give a helping hand.

In over forty years of activity, from Militant, to the Scottish Socialist Party to co-founding Calton Books, Brian kept his belief in the possibility of a better world and fought to make it happen.



'Go well, Brian. Thank you for passing your knowledge to a new generation.'



RED AND BLACK CLYDESIDE held a lively series of events throughout May, including a film screening, meetings, social night, workers memorial commemoration,

May Day picnic, poetry and song night, and a Radical Walk in the City Centre.

Watch out for more events in the near future.

ARMS EMBARGO FROM BELOW

ARRESTS WERE MADE at a protest at the Thales factory in Govan on 15th May.

Thales is directly involved in producing the Watchkeeper drone, developed with Israeli arms company Elbit Systems and based on the Hermes 450 UAV, an armed drone that is used to kill Palestinian men, women, and children.

• **Check GSEC on twitter for latest Gaza news.**



• **Arms Manufacturers in Glasgow are also responsible...**



GLASGOW AUTONOMOUS SPACE have opened their new Social Centre in Govanhill. For more info check their social media pages on Twitter and Instagram

THAT WEE SHITE WES STREETING is busy pushing Privatisation of the National Health Services, hoping to throw open the doors of our hospitals to profit chasing multinational Companies.

Companies like Palantir, who specialize in artificial intelligence-powered military and surveillance technology and are deeply involved in keeping Israel "armed and ahead" in its ongoing bombardment of Gaza. NHS in England have awarded Palantir a £330 million contract for data management.

• **READ MORE:** <https://jacobin.com/2023/12/health-workers-nhs-palantir-gaza-protest>

OUR REAL CHOICE

THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION date is set for July 4th. Coinciding as it does with the first day of the Scottish school holidays, the ongoing Euro Championships, Wimbledon etc, it has not met with universal approval.

Many will see it as the chance to ditch the Tories after nearly 14 years of transferring wealth at an alarming rate to the richest 1% of the population, imposing austerity on the rest of us, and for the way they handled the Covid epidemic, ensuring a mega-profit for their cronies. Sir Starmer is not a popular alternative, Labour is expected to win simply due to a desire for 'change'.

Most voters seem resigned to accepting that this change is going to be minimal and more based on financial stewardship of the

Keelie Comment on the Election

capitalist economy. This is especially the case in urban areas and among youth and those outraged by the plight of the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

The British electoral system is designed to favour a polarisation of appeal between Tweedle Dum (Tories) & Tweedle Dee (Labour) and the mass media will reinforce this by marginalising the ability of alternative parties to command attention. Although this is less of a case in Scotland, or to a lesser extent Northern Ireland, which is a completely different set-up, with Sinn Fein MPs never taking elected seats in Westminster.

The Keelie collective are Internationalists. Even if for

example the SNP offer slightly more progressive views on most issues, they cannot offset the fact that we are trapped in a capitalist economy.

ELITE

Modern capitalism since the 60s has produced a world of plastic, polluting emissions, the cult of private ownership of cars, jetting to holidays abroad... add to this the massive contribution of the super-rich elite to pollution, and it is clear that piecemeal reforms, tinkering with the excesses of capitalism is not the solution.

You can't vote for this alternative. Yes a few left wing parties like Galloways "Workers Party" or isolated figures like Corbyn, or the

Greens offer a chance to say NO. But real change can only come by a widespread consciousness that this can't go on. The planet won't take it. Wars and the War economy must end. Worldwide many already embrace this social revolution and States seek to criminalise their opposition.

The more of us there are, the more a new world is possible.

