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ORGREAVE TRUTH & JUSTICE
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SATURDAY 17TH JUNE AT 1PM
ORGREAVE ANNIVERSARY RALLY
ORGREAVE LANE, SHEFFIELD, S13 9NE

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THE ORGREAVE TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN CALLING FOR A PUBLIC INQUIRY FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE FOR STRIKING MINERS BRUTALISED BY POLICE AT THE ORGREAVE COKING PLANT ON 18TH JUNE 1984. PLEASE JOIN US TO COMMEMORATE THIS 33RD ANNIVERSARY. SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

YVETTE COOPER Labour MP and Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee
FRANCES O'GRADY General Secretary, TUC
MIKE JACKSON Lesbians and Gays Support the Miners
KAREN REAY Regional Secretary, Unite the Union, Yorks and Humberside
BARBARA JACKSON Secretary, Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign
EILEEN TURNBULL Shrewsbury 24 Campaign
CRAIG MANSELL Ex-miner arrested at Orgreave
CHRIS KITCHEN General Secretary, NUM
MATT ABBOTT Poet

Compèred by **CHRIS PEACE** of the Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign.

WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE EVERYONE, EXISTING SUPPORTERS AND NEW ONES. BRING BANNERS AND PLACARDS AND MARCH WITH US THROUGH ORGREAVE. MUSIC PROVIDED BY RETFORD & DISTRICT PIPE AND DRUMS. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.

THE ORGREAVE TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN

The **Orgreave Truth and Justice Campaign (OTJC)** was set up in 2012 to campaign for a public inquiry into the brutal conduct of the police against striking Miners at the mass picket of the Orgreave coking plant on 18th June 1984. The cover up and doctored evidence by the police at Hillsborough has strong parallels with what occurred at the Orgreave coking plant during the 1984-85 Miners' Strike. The OTJC has considerable support from many individuals, trade unions, political parties, social justice and community groups.

THE POLICING OF ORGREAVE

The Orgreave coking plant supplied the British Steel Corporation Works at Scunthorpe. During the Miners strike a decision was made to step up deliveries and Orgreave became the subject of more intense picketing. The height of the picketing occurred on 18th June when thousands of Miners and supporters arrived to picket the plant. On their arrival the Miners were met by thousands of police. They were charged by mounted police on horseback and officers wielding truncheons and shields. What happened at Orgreave appeared to be carefully pre-planned police tactics that involved violent and aggressive practices aimed at demoralising and breaking the Miners.

95 Miners were arrested on the 18th June and many of them suffered the most terrible police brutality but these Miners faced serious charges such as riot, a charge that could carry a life sentence. However, the cases against the Miners were dismissed. All Miners were cleared amid allegations that the police fabricated evidence after the incident, committed perjury, acted with impunity and perverted the course of justice. No police officers are understood to have been disciplined for anything arising out of Orgreave, for either the alleged assaults on Miners or the allegations of fabricated evidence.

WHY THE ORGREAVE TRUTH AND JUSTICE CAMPAIGN MATTERS

The Miners Strike of 1984-85 was the longest national strike in British history. For a year, thousands of members of the National Union of Mineworkers, their families and supporters, in communities all over Britain, battled to prevent the decimation of the coal industry on which their livelihoods and communities depended. The attacks on the Miners involved the use of the courts and anti-trade union laws, restrictions on welfare benefits, the involvement of the security services and deliberately biased reporting from the BBC and other sections of the media to demonise the Miners and people fighting for their jobs. These tactics have been used countless times since.

Bringing the police to account and the people who ordered this action against people fighting for their jobs and communities is seen as key in resisting the government's attempts to implement more oppressive and violent attacks on the trade unions and people campaigning to protect wages, working conditions, jobs and services.

For more information please visit the OTJC web page at https://otjc.org.uk or email us at orgreavejustice@hotmail.com