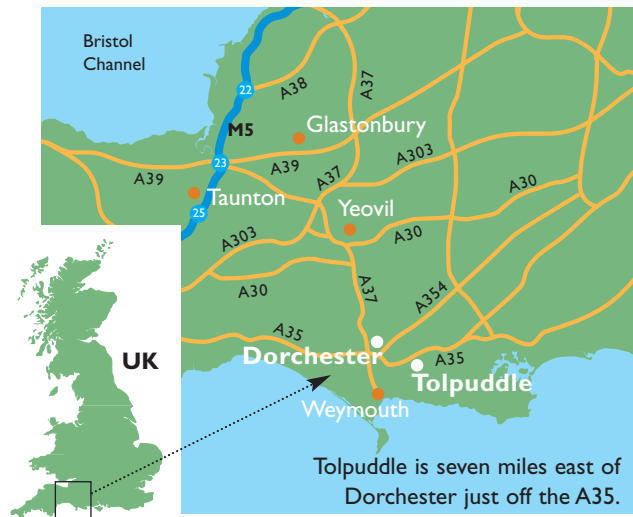


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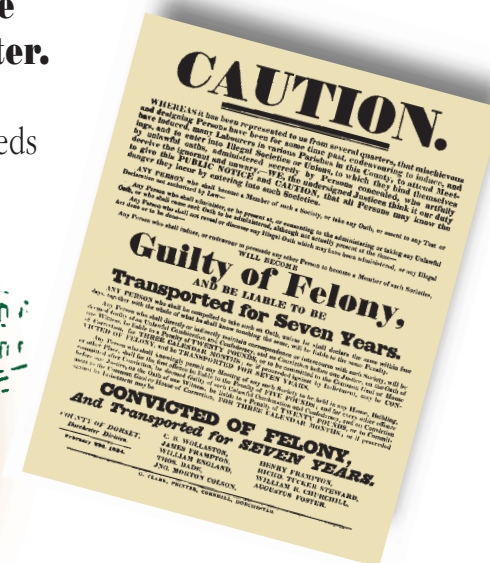
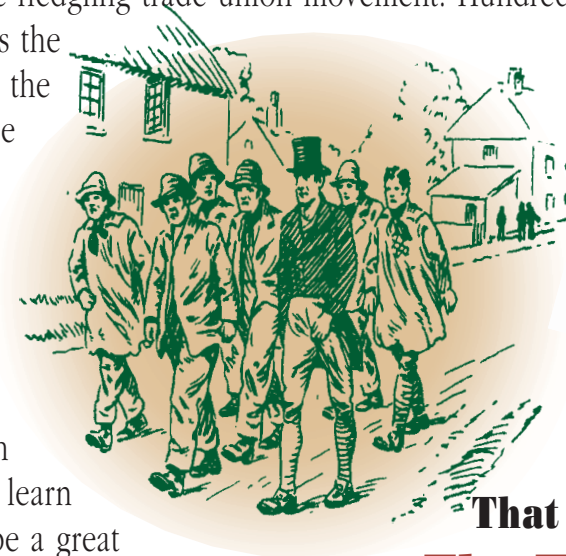
From the first mass trade union campaign to today's global challenges

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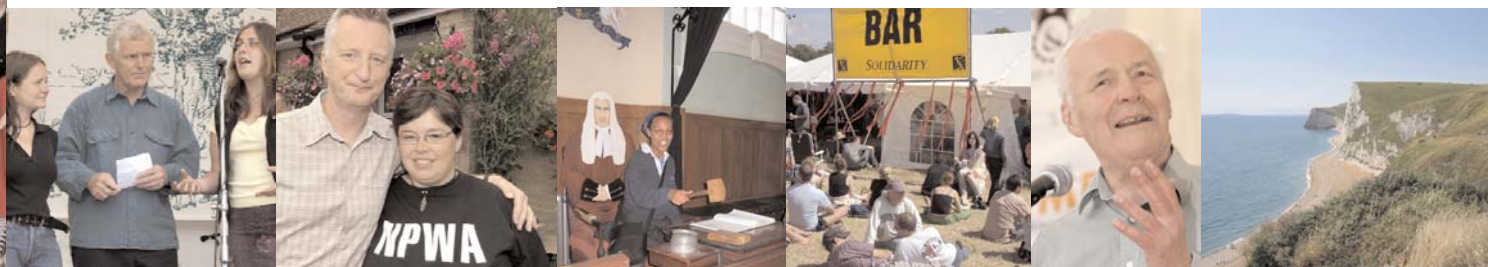
One dawn, in the bitter February of 1834, six Tolpuddle farm labourers were arrested and escorted to Dorchester.

The dawn arrest created the Tolpuddle Martyrs and led to the first ever mass mobilisation by the fledgling trade union movement. Hundreds of thousands of people across the country gave their support to the campaign that led to their free pardon and triumphant return.

Where better for young trade unionists to come to learn more about the challenges of the 21st century? The Tolpuddle Summer Youth Academy will be a chance to learn and share ideas. It will also be a great week with music, good food and new friends.



**That dawn arrest created
The Tolpuddle Martyrs**



The experience

Each July there is an annual celebration of trade unionism in the small Dorset village of Tolpuddle. The event remembers the part played by six farm workers who, in 1834, were arrested and transported to Australia for seven years for daring to form a trade union. The massive protest, organised by fledgling unions, led to the first great victory with free pardons for the Tolpuddle Martyrs.

Where better to hold a camp for young trade unionists where they can learn more about what unions stand for and how they organise? The location allows participants to be involved in the main festival and visit the places that were part of this great episode in the history of the Labour Movement.

Staying in Tolpuddle also means that participants can enjoy the glorious Dorset countryside. Tolpuddle is a few miles from the World Heritage coastline and seven miles outside Dorchester.

When?

The Programme will start on Sunday 10 July and run through the Festival that ends on Sunday 17 July.

How much?

Unions are asked to pay £180 for each young person, for seven days, including catering. This does not cover travel costs to and from Tolpuddle but includes organised travel during the week and any entry fees. Lifts will be arranged to and from the nearest railway station.



Who comes?

The camp is open to young trade union activists (aged between 18-30). Unions are invited to nominate or sponsor young members. Last year around 40 people attended from a wide range of unions and backgrounds. They came from all over the UK, Germany and South Africa.

International Partners

The German TUC (DGB) is involved in the planning of the event. They have considerable experience of such events and use them to engage young people with trade unions. The international dimension of this event is very important. It allows participants to get to know the situation in other countries, learn the different ways of working, yet appreciate how similar the challenges are.

Social Side

There will be time to enjoy the area, with local walks, visit the Tolpuddle Museum and the old court and cells in Dorchester. For those who like a walk, follow in the footsteps of the Martyrs when they were taken to Dorchester. Walk some of the spectacular Dorset coast and visit the popular resort of Weymouth. We hope to arrange a programme of films and there will be a daily diet of music leading up to the full festival programme.



The Programme

The format for the week will be informal, with a mixture of discussion groups, main sessions with speakers and visits. Getting people to work together and share their own experiences will be at the heart of the programme. Issues covered will be diverse and designed to provoke debate and interest amongst those attending.



There will be lots to do and plenty of choice. Participants will be able to determine much of the programme for themselves as the week develops. Some of the topics that will be covered include:

- ◆ Organising Young Workers Today
- ◆ Fair Trade ◆ Globalisation
- ◆ Fighting Racism ◆ Festivals
- ◆ Equality issues in general
- ◆ International Trade Union Solidarity
- ◆ Justice for Colombia
- ◆ Unions and Europe ◆ Make Poverty History

Workshops

Delegates will be able to join more practical workshops on subjects such as:

- ◆ Handling the media
- ◆ Workplace organising
- ◆ Skills exchange (participants learn from each other)
- ◆ Campaigning techniques
- ◆ Festival organising

Visits

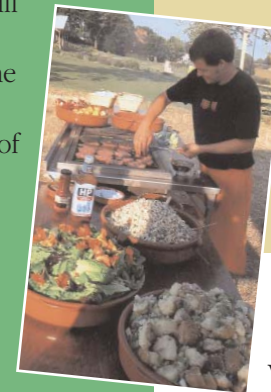
The programme last year included visits to Parliament, unions in a local tank factory, brewery, young persons prison and local tourist sites. A similar agenda will be on offer this time.

Food and Drink

The Workers Beer Company is supporting the event and will be running a bar on site. There will be a full menu of largely local, organic food. The evening meal will be hot, with a choice of vegetarian and meat dishes. This will be supplemented by meals during visits, barbecues and opportunities for delegates to help prepare international cuisine. The Tolpuddle Martyrs Inn is a short walk away which offers a full range of excellent food. During the Festival weekend, extra food outlets will offer a wide range of food.

Accommodation

It is a camp with hot showers and facilities. For those without a tent, one can be arranged at a small extra charge.



How to Apply

Send the form to your union or direct to the South West TUC who will contact your union for you.

Name	
Union	Region
Address	
Postcode	
Phone	
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Occupation and workplace	
Union positions (if any)	
Age	Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>

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