

# Nelson's Column

*The man who keeps a watchful eye on the heart of the Nation*



In a breathtaking display of political nepotism, the European Court of Human Rights has upheld the British government's continued and despicable refusal to pay index-linked pensions to more than 500,000 expats living in Commonwealth countries. Meanwhile, the other half a million, resident mainly in EU countries, continue to get the full whack! Where is the justice in that?

Frozen or unfrozen, all paid the same compulsory contributions into the pension system throughout their working lives in Britain and those who emigrated mid-career were encouraged by the UK government to continue making voluntary contributions from abroad. I can only think of one word to summarise this dreadful state of affairs — "shameful" — not that my opinion will have any impact on ministers and bankers already secure with their own gold-plated pensions.



What is the point of sentencing a murderer to life imprisonment then allowing him out after a relatively short time so he can murder again? It makes my blood boil when I read about it and when I think of someone I knew who was cruelly knifed in cold blood but whose murderer is now walking the local streets again. I am all for human rights but only when it does not impinge on the innocent.

I realise it is theoretically wrong for burglars to be shot dead but who can blame the father who chased and beat a peer criminal who had tied up and threatened his family with violence? I think he deserves a medal — not prison!

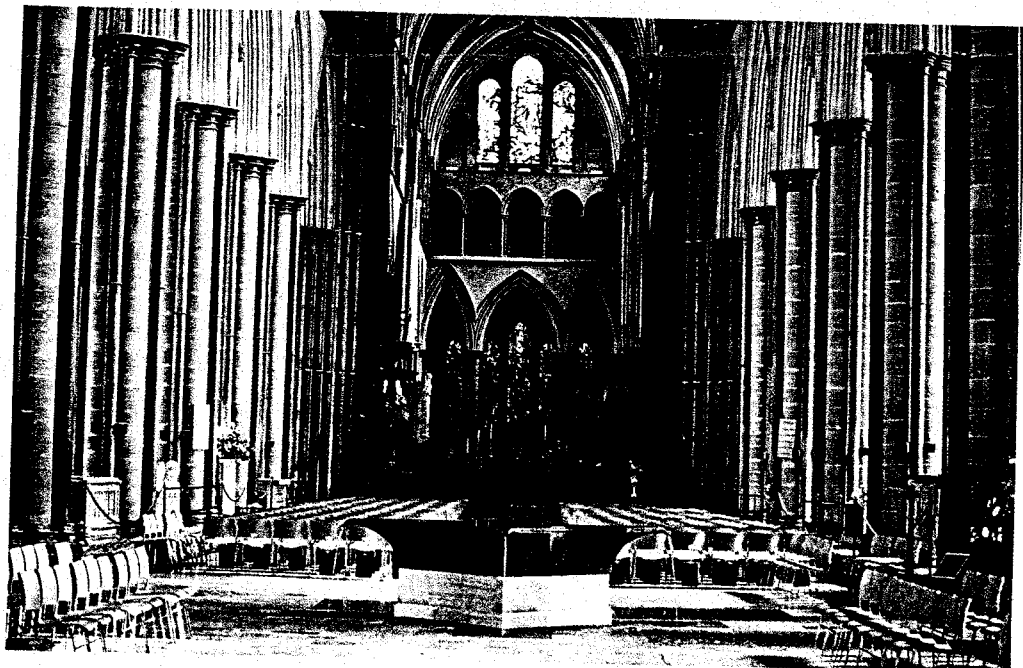
I receive hundreds of e-mails but felt this one well worth passing on: "Common Purpose is a dangerous anti-democratic organisation masquerading as a charity and funded by international pro-EU bankers. It operates in every European country to bring about the desired social engineering and is also active in the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Its aim is to bring about a change in society for the post-democratic era by selecting high profile individuals, particularly in the public sector such as police, judiciary, social workers, both local and regional governments, NHS, teachers, churches, House of Commons, House of Lords etc. for special training. Once they become fully fledged members then they meet regularly together in secret.

Everyone needs to know about it so go to [www.cpxposed.com](http://www.cpxposed.com) for more details."



How on earth have successive governments been allowed to get away with not fully recognising the efforts of our Armed Forces? John Longhorn from Ontario told me about his late brother Ted who served on the wartime Russian convoys and wrote many letters asking for a campaign medal to be awarded. He eventually gave up in disgust and wrote instead to Mikhail Gorbachev. The result? He was sent the Russian Commemorative Medal which John now wears proudly round his neck on Remembrance Day!



▲ Salisbury Cathedral is just one of many hundreds of wonderful churches around the country which badly need the public's support in maintaining their upkeep and appearance. ASH MILLS