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Enjoyed the film greatly and brought back so many memories.

I was brought up in Eldon Place before we had to move out to Fazakerley where there already seemed to be a stronghold of Tate's employees. People like Henry Brown, Owney Moran etc. and they all tended to congregate in Holy Name Club.

My father was Frank Callaghan who was a shop steward alongside Bobby Bannister. They both (along with many others) fought like tigers to stop this injustice and to be honest I still blame Tate's for the stroke that my father suffered during the campaign. He fought back but was never fully himself again afterwards.

Memories (as Brian Bannister said) of the Crystal Club where even the most hardened 'Philadelphia Lawyers' would be hard pressed to outwit the union nouse of people like Bobby, Peter Leacy, my Dad, Paddy Branigan and many many more. Meetings and discussions would last forever and allied to a few pints and a 'drop of nonsense' would become the baseboard for numerous campaigns to stop the closure. If in depth arguments ensued then it was a trip over to the Green Man and let the walk across cool tempers down.

If one word comes out of the Tate's scenario it is pride. Pride in a job well done, pride in wearing a Tate's uniform, pride in a product, pride in the dilligence and commitment to a company who ultimately stabbed them in the back, pride in doing a fair days work for a fair days pay.

Pride is NOT a word that Tate's can use for their behaviour.

My dad has been passed away since Feb 19th 1988 and he would have loved that film, he is even in it holding a banner with Bob Bannister.

To all of the people of Tate's who fought the good fight I salute you. To the friendships that were formed and lasted a lifetime may they never be forgotten.

If only Tate's had been as proud of you as you were of them and if they had given back only half of what you gave to them then 'Eldy' and Vauxhall would never have suffered the hurt and pain that it did.

If there is anyone out there who remembers my dad I would love to hear from you. I have no pictures now of any Tate's bevvies in the Crystal, Green Man, Queens, our Our Lady's club and 1000 other local pubs and I would love to see any if you have them.

Good luck to you all.

John

Comment left by John Callaghan from Liverpool on 22nd February 2011