

A Note from the Editor

Since the day it happened, Hillsborough has both saddened and angered me in equal measure, but ever since the legal trials were concluded the overriding emotion became one of anger.

I am angry that the people whose incompetence caused the Disaster escaped; that the authorities who are meant to protect us merely sought to protect themselves and sometimes not even each other. South Yorkshire Police blamed Sheffield Wednesday FC, who themselves blamed Sheffield City Council, and everyone blamed the LFC supporters.

I am angry that the lies spread to, and then by, certain media reflect to this day what the majority see as the causes of the Disaster. I am angry that I could not do anything about it until now. The author presented an opportunity for me to give something to the campaign for truth and I sincerely hope that her work will go some way to educating people that things are not what they seemed; that you cannot, should not, rely on what you read in the newspapers.

'Justice' is a word often used in the context of Hillsborough - people challenge it and ask what kind of justice is being sought, since they do not understand the depth of deception behind the Disaster. Therefore 'injustice' is, I feel, the most representative word to describe the whole affair and maybe that will emphasise the miscarriage of justice following the investigation process carried out by the authorities.

That the lies and spin have etched themselves into the conscience of the nation and beyond is a damning indictment of the establishment and confirms the need for re-education of a population that has desensitised itself to objective reporting and review, allowing itself to be steered, like sheep, by the machine of authority.

From day one there have been those willing to place themselves above the parapets in order to challenge the lie. Many have suffered unimaginable loss and pain, yet continue to try to clear the sullied names of their relatives and friends. These people are heroes.

For example, I have huge admiration for Anne Williams for refusing to be silenced, for refusing to give in, for digging deeper and for taking her son's case to the European Courts. Her courage, strength and determination are nothing short of inspirational and should serve as an example to all those who are adamant that they will not allow a corrupt system to ride roughshod over the truth.

I fervently hope that the European Courts deliver a verdict that will enable us all to pursue our democratically-elected government, the very people who represent us, for a new review that will finally bring to public scrutiny all of the facts, not just the ones that were altered or ignored in order to make it convenient for certain people to dodge their responsibility and to cover up the real causes of the Hillsborough Football Disaster.

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