

# Nudge Nudge

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## Decision time



NUJ members should by now have received their ballot papers. Please consider your position and that of everyone else before you make this crucial decision. The current pay offer of 3% is below the rate of inflation, so is effectively a pay cut.

But pay is not the only issue. Apart from the high-profile problems of repeated job cuts, chapel officers have also been trying to deal with many other problems by engaging with a management obsessed with cutting costs.

They have shown scant interest in resolving issues arising from the unfair holiday entitlement for newer employees, computer systems that do not work properly, the canteen which is closed for the eight and a half hours in the evening when staff are working, the mouse infestation, car mileage allowances, student journalists on low pay, casual pay rates and holidays, late lineage payments for freelancers, and the two-tier pension structure.

They have failed to take advantage of government schemes to provide staff with cheap computers and cycles even though it would cost the company nothing. And while our papers are regularly carrying stories about above-inflation rises in food, power and transport prices, the management wants to impose on us an unfair pay settlement.

The only way we can make progress is by sticking together. Vote YES, YES.

