

15 April 2006

Dear Sir or Madam,

BBC Charter Review Consultation.

I appeal most earnestly that the BBC be required to include Christian religious services in its broadcasts; especially on TV.

This is a Christian country with an Established Church and the BBC broadcasts no regular church services except the long-standing Choral Evensong on Radio 3 on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. This is much loved.

Ideally the BBC should broadcast on TV a Sunday morning Communion Service, be it Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, Anglo-Catholic, Evangelical or Roman Catholic Mass — in their turn.

I am disabled and cannot easily get to church. I am one of countless thousands neglected by the BBC.

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## EVENING POST

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### COMMENT

The paper all Bristol asked for and helped to create

## Help us make sure our ship is the winner

IF ever there was a suitable attraction to win the Gulbenkian Prize, it is the ss Great Britain.

The prize is not particularly well-known in Bristol. But it is recognised as the premier award for UK museums and galleries.

And the very fact that the ss Great Britain is now such a wonderful example of a museum that is a real experience for visitors means it should be a strong contender for the prize.

The £100,000 that goes to the winner may not seem in itself to be that significant. After all, the ship's improved facilities, with its now standing proudly in the "glass sea" that surrounds it, became possible following an £8.8 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and a further £2.6 million being raised by supporters and members. But a further £100,000 could indeed

## TV licence 'tax' is too much for those on low income

WERE I one of the 5,400 so-called TV licence dodgers and also a non-taxpayer having to survive on, say, the income of a Jobseeker's Allowance, I would resent being branded a criminal by TV licensing spokeswoman Michelle Hughes ("Licence evaders risk a criminal conviction", *Post*, February 1).

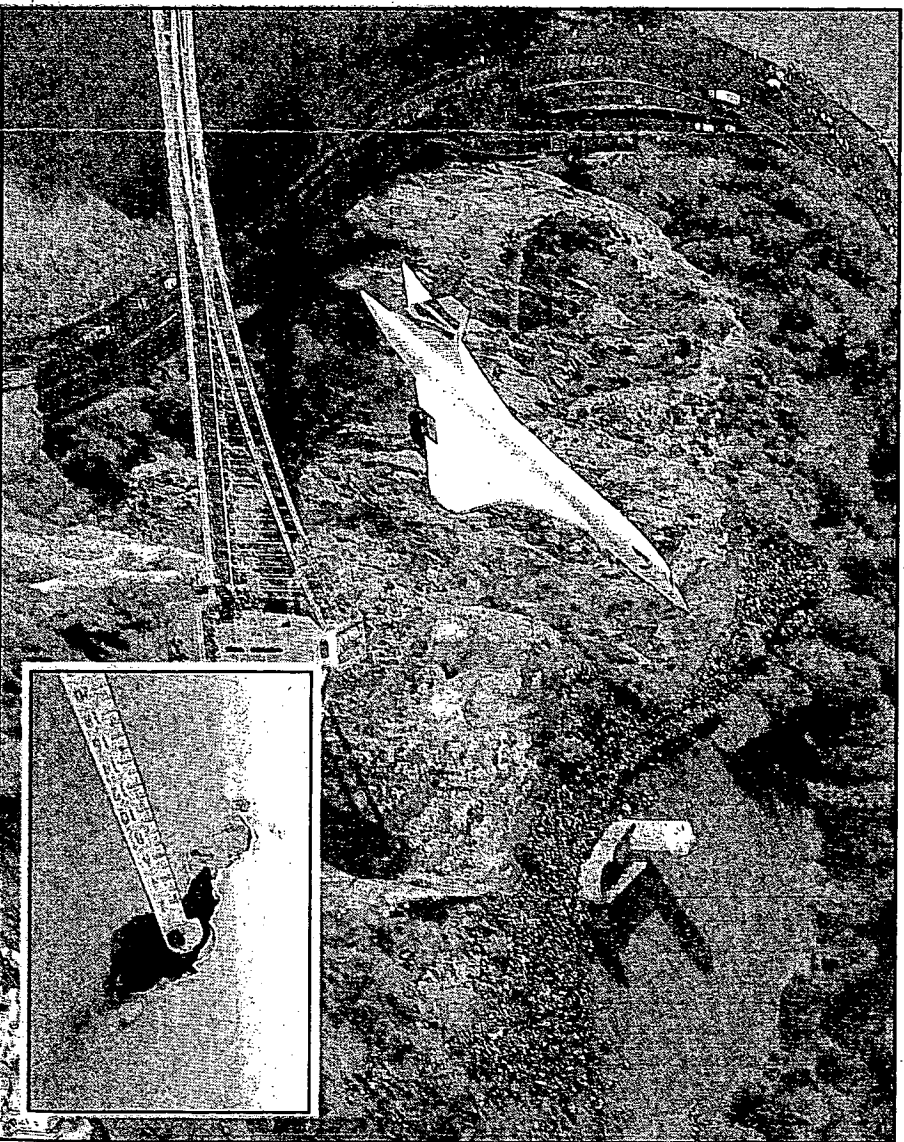
Now that the Government has officially declared the TV licence fee a "tax", I see no reason why people on low income and outside the normal income tax band should have to buy a licence, particularly if they only want to have a television receiver in the home to watch pay-per-view programmes with no connection to the BBC.

This TV licence fee racket needs looking into now, it has at last "come out" as the tax that dare not speak its name - and MPs need to consider the ability to pay situation of this tax charge for people on low income, which for many can be more than two weeks' benefit income.

But don't hold your breath for action on this matter from our MPs while many of them are queuing up to grab generous guest appearance fees from the Beeb.

Gerald Gannaway,  
Knowle Park.

## Pilots cause misery wherever they fly



**Under threat:** It was a proud day for the city when Concorde returned to Filton in November 2003, but since then a hole has appeared on one of the wings (inset) after being left exposed to the elements.

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Miss Walms - 12/2/2006  
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