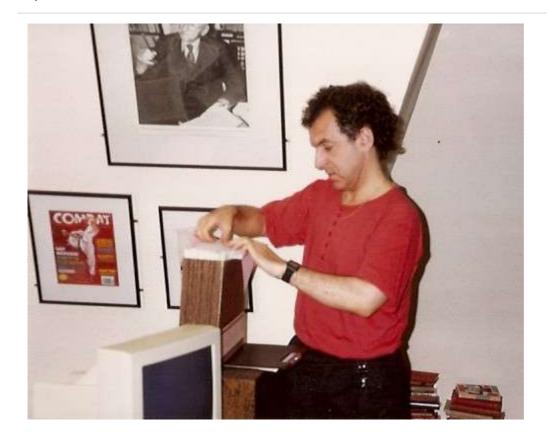
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Chris Tame died ten years ago today; the founder and head of the Libertarian Alliance was a fitness fanatic who was, ironically, struck down with a rare and particularly virulent form of bone cancer that took his life at the relatively young age of 56. Although his personal life was not a success – he was married and divorced twice – his *raison d'être*, indeed the very purpose of his existence, was wildly successful, and it is thanks to him in great part that Libertarian principles are now so widely accepted throughout the UK and to some degree beyond. Unfortunately, those principles do not appear to extend to our so-called Conservative Chancellor who has endorsed price controls such as the minimum wage, but they have been argued for vociferously in the ongoing assaults on freedom in the name of fighting terror.

Chris argued against the war on drugs when the idea of legalising not only marijuana but hard drugs like heroin and cocaine seemed laughable, but these substances were all legal at one time, and once the vested interests behind their prohibition are recognised, the harm they cause can be seen in perspective.



For about two years I was closer to Chris than anyone, including his second wife, who was not a political animal. She was always very nice to me, so I won't speak ill of her, but the way she treated him after he lost his post as Director of FOREST was shameful. The last few years of his life were not happy ones; the last time I saw him in the flesh was when I ran into him at the British Library where he was doing bibliographical work. Chris owned a truly massive personal library of books and other publications on political and related subjects; he speed-read, and I have no doubt he had read them all. After his death they were transported to the Czech Republic as the Chris Tame Library by his successor Sean Gabb, who has done his friend and mentor proud over the past decade. Unfortunately, not everyone who was close to him has, but again it is best not to mention that.

Chris had a wonderful discourse, and I could listen to him for hours; three things in particular he introduced me to: hoaxers; the concept of what might be called unconscious conspiracy; and feminist indoctrination on rape. The former saw him lending me a pamphlet called *Crying Wolf*. Although he acknowledged the existence of conspiratorial *élites*, Chris was skeptical about so-called conspiracy theories; he introduced me to a book call *Fire In the Minds Of Men*, and pointed out that what

appeared to be a conspiracy was just the way people had always acted, especially those in and those who aspire to power. There was no one at the top giving orders.

By the time I became a member of his inner circle, I was already aware of the way hysteria about rape was used, but I didn't realise the full extent of it, especially on the American campus. Although he never denied the reality of sexual abuse, Chris said that most allegations of date rape resulted from feminists brainwashing (young) women into believing they had been raped. I was extremely skeptical about this, but with the antics of Mattress Girl and airhead Kamilah Willingham now thoroughly exposed, it is clear that if anything he understated the problem.

I didn't agree with all his ideas nor he with mine, but best not to mention Social Credit. There is no doubt though that he got right far more than he got wrong. Although there is no dedicated Chris Tame website, you can check out the man himself on YouTube at the Libertarian Alliance channel. Here is a short sampler of him explaining how the vested interests behind socialism work. Eat your heart out, Donald Trump.

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