



Arthur Scargill: "It's all malicious gossip."

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**MINERS' leader Arthur Scargill has become the victim of a vicious smear campaign with lies about a secret lover . . . a daughter at a Swiss finishing school . . . and plans to bid for a swish £100,000 farmhouse.**

And last night one said: "It's time people left him alone. We have heard some of these stories. They are pure malicious gossip."

**FIB:** Mr Scargill is reputed to have a mistress. **FACT:** He is happily married to his wife of 23-years, Anne, aged 41.

**FIB:** He is forking out a fortune to send his daughter to a finishing school for the super-rich in Switzerland.

**FACT:** Mr Scargill has only one daughter, Margaret. She is 22 and studying to become a vet.

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**FIB:** King Arthur was rumoured to have a brand new Daimler Jaguar supplied by the Union at £19,000 sitting in his garage.

**FACT:** As first revealed by The Sun on July 7, the car is on order, but he will not be taking possession until the strike ends.

**FIB:** Mr Scargill has been banned from his local pub, the Edmund Arms at Worsbrough, Yorkshire.

**FACT:** He seldom uses the pub, and when he does pop in he lingers over a half of lager.

The landlord said yes-

angry NUM colleague

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terday: "He has not been banned. He can come in here whenever he likes."

**FIB:** Mr Scargill is said to be pocketing his £27,500 a year salary as president of the NUM while his striking pitmen are destitute.

**FACT:** Every penny of his salary is donated to the strike fund.

**FIB:** Word spread that Mr Scargill had bought a rambling farmhouse at Hatherenge, Derbyshire for £100,000.

**FACT:** The prankster owner spread the rumour and infuriated his neighbours — then revealed the joke in a telephone call when he sold the property and moved away from the area.

Mr Scargill still lives in the modest bungalow near Barnsley which he bought 18 years ago.

**FIB:** Pub talk recently around Barnsley: "Have you seen Arthur's new white Rolls - Royce?"

**FACT:** The car doesn't exist. Mr Scargill keeps his all-expenses paid NUM Jaguar XJ6 in silver-grey livery, until the new Daimler/Jaguar rolls into his life.