

**West Papua** The top of a whole mountain removed: Grasberg Mine is the world's biggest gold and copper mine. The companies involved are Freeport, and those bastards Rio Tinto.

organisations in the towns and villages, and armed assault on the OPM guerrillas in the forest. The PDP long ago lost its standing among Papuans - who can smell the sweet scent of bullshit for themselves.

Never trust a bureaucrat. Certainly very few people in West Papua trust Theys Eluay - Presidium leader. Under his direction,

## GUERRILLAS, GUNS 'N' GOURDS: A WAY OF LIFE FOR THE OPM

"We have 6,000 troops split into 15 battalions in Meruke. We have enough weapons and war equipment. All these forces will make their move once I instruct them to do so," says Willem Onde, leader of the OPM battalion responsible for seizing over 20 employees of a Korean logging company in the past few weeks. Onde, a wild looking character with long matted hair and huge whiskers, holds the unofficial rank of 'colonel' and steers his troops from a jungle HQ in the Asiki forest, eight hours drive from Merauke. Only a radio transmitter and a mobile phone link them with the outside world. Onde learned to fight young; joining the OPM aged 12 (he's now 40), he's perfected the OPM tactics of sudden surprise attacks on a target followed by a swift retreat into the heavily forested mountains. Onde and his troops have been holed up in the Asiki forest since 1976. Often, they'll have only corn to eat, not even any vegetables or salt. This war is, as the cliché goes, a lesson in survival. Onde's is but one of numerous such OPM guerrilla units. Pretty much autonomous, each unit fights the war against



## Morning Star Is Raised

**November 27th:** The Indonesian Embassy in Grosvenor Square gets visited by people armed with a large model Hawk jet - and the outlawed West Papuan "Morning Star" flag is raised in front of the Embassy in solidarity with the 1 million Papuans who are threatened to be massacred whilst defending their flag in the troubled Indonesian province on December 1st. British-made Hawk jets were recently used to intimidate Papuans during a massacre in the highland town of Wamena in which more than 40 people died as a result of the Indonesian police shooting into an unarmed crowd who were trying to defend the flag. Britain is currently exporting the final 6 Hawk jets to Indonesia!

Visit [www.koteka.net](http://www.koteka.net), [www.westpapua.net](http://www.westpapua.net).

Council members have managed to alienate most of the population- not least by lumping the Indonesian army and the OPM together as 'violent extremists'. The Jakarta regime has tried various tactics to appease the pro-independence multitudes. Obviously, handing Papua back to the Papuans isn't on the cards; instead Indonesia has tried to buy the people off with the promise of a bigger slice of the profits from the mining and oil concessions which are Indonesia's reason for being there in the first place. This is where liberals like the Presidium Council become dangerous- they tend to negotiate 'sensibly' around such offers, securing compromise deals that sell out the true demands of the people they're meant to represent. Yorrys Raveyai, notorious one-time leader of a Jakarta-based 'thugs for hire' group and an executive member of the PDP has publicly voiced opposition to independence. "I want Irian Jaya to remain part of the Motherland" he says, somewhat controversially for an 'independence leader', urging the government instead to spend more on 'economic development' of the province.

The People of West Papua don't want this. They don't want copper mines, money, or next years' cops in the shape of the Presidium Council. They want their forests un-raped and they want the freedom to live without being fucked over. 'Yi Wa O'- Just leave us, please.

Indonesia in its own territory, always from the comparative safety of a wild hideout. The OPM know the mountains, swamps and jungles; it's their birthright. Even with their M16's against the OPM's primitive weaponry, the Indonesian Army wouldn't stand a chance here.

OPM Military Area III is under the command of Kelly Kwalik, the guerilla chief best known for the kidnap of seven European botanists in 1996. To get to his battalion HQ near Timika involves a trek of several hours, usually conducted under the cover of darkness and in total silence. Such is the way of the guerilla; the roads are the enemy's territory. Being spotted could mean death. Instead, visitors to camp walk single file, with an armed guard front and rear, up and over a landscape littered with the tailings from the Freeport mine. Stops are made en route at intermediate camps. Guerillas sit around, cleaning weapons and chewing betel nut, eyeing visitors with necessary suspicion. Spies and suicide bombers are ever-present dangers; strip searches and body inspections are mandatory.

At Post III, Kwalik's headquarters, security is even more intense. It has to be. But inside the heavily-guarded perimeter, life is well, normal. The softly spoken Kwalik munches sweet potatoes and sleeps on the floor of a simple thatched hut, his pillow a block of wood covered with black cloth. The life of the guerilla is not glamorous. It is a life stripped to the bare necessities. None of these people are professional soldiers; none of them want to have to fight. They are proud mountain people who have the audacity to want to live their lives unmolested by the rapacious industrial hydra. Who favour the full, deep relationship with nature of their forebears over a never-never land of tv-sets, cars and cancer. For this crime, they are forced to take up arms. To wage war on the dismal tide of progress. Their fight is also ours.

May all their arrows find their targets!



# East Timor: NGOs a go-go

East Timor is one half of a small tropical island 400 miles north of Darwin, Australia. Formerly a Portuguese colony, Timor has just emerged from Indonesia's violent occupation. It is at present under administration by the United Nations. The Indonesian invasion in 1974 and the subsequent violent occupation of Timor has been ignored by the rich countries media because of vested interests. Indonesia was a stable anti-communist power and a good armaments customer. Australian government wanted to get their hands on the black gold in the Timor gap and American military want to play with their nuclear subs in the deep-sea channel there. (Isn't it strange how the uranium poison seems to be part of almost every bad story?) So Timor gets subjected a quarter of a century of terrorising nightmare, killing a third of its population, genocide and destruction on a scale and duration that is hard to imagine. Now all that has changed, the hypocrisy is staggering. Governments who conspired to perpetuate the agony are now expressing glib sympathy and offering tokenistic aid packages. The same mainstream media agencies that previously turned a blind eye to the situation are happy to run human-interest stories about the reborn nation. In Dili, city cafes, the incongruous Sydney style UN and Non Governmental Organisation worker's haunt, is packed with coffee sipping, well meaning foreigners.

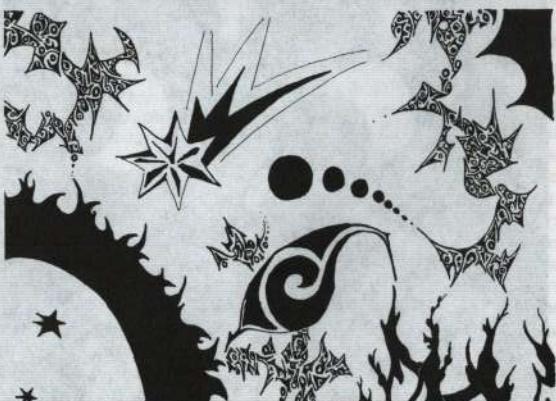
I went to Timor to work with friends on musical and theatrical projects. They had come their as part of the Earthdream convoy. Earthdream is an international convoy of artists, performers, musicians and activists who brought a show and a sound system to Timor in August, when most people return to Australia these friends decided to stay and start their own N.G.O. They call themselves 'Bibi Bulak' which means crazy goat and they are running amazing creative and educational projects with children and young people. Arriving in Dili what blew me away the most was how much every body smiles and laughs there. Make eye contact with someone and they instantly beam you the most sincere and sparklee smile, soon I got in the habit too and took to walking around with a permanent grin. Walking around Dili market is a full-on experience, and although people love to mob a foreigner, or Malai as they call us, they are never really pushy or aggressive. Once I had a few tetum words I had loads of fun and attempting to chat to the beetle chewing grannies, singing Elvis with the guitar sellers, ducking and diving down the narrow alleys of flip flops and bootleg D.V.D discs amid constant cries of 'hello Mrs! How-are-you?!' This is Dili's bizarre beach front: lined by a shanty of shacks and cooking fires, populated with hairy black pigs, men with coconut barrows and prize fighting cocks with showy plumage. Shiny white U.N. vehicles and beat up taxis cruise past. In the water, slippery swimming boys clamber between the gangway of the incongruous luxury floating hotel and a rusting hulk that was once a landing platform for the invading Indonesians. We were staying with a family further round the bay in the direction of the Jesus statue, a silhouette with out-stretched hands marking the farthest edge of the mountains that cup Dili. The Indonesians put Jesus there to honour the pope on his visit during the occupation.

We put together a little musical comical show and set off to present it, in and around Dili, along with creative workshops and games for kids. We spent some days on Atuoro, an island, which managed to escape most of the violence but is none the less a very poverty stricken place. Although the U.N. and N.G.O.s have been in Timor a year, progress has been frustratingly slow and many people still do not have access to clean water and food. We visited one project, back on the mainland, which seemed to be addressing local problems in very constructive way. This was a course which has

trained more than 100 Timorese permaculturalists. As well as learning practical skills the students learnt about the bad effects of chemical farming in other parts of the world. It was great to see ordinary Timorese people getting access to this kind of information. It's important for people to see that the rich countries don't have all the answers and to have the chance to learn from their mistakes. Armed with knowledge and permaculture skills these people will stand a good chance against the corporate farming systems that will certainly be out to do Timor over. The permaculture approach also emphasis the appropriateness of small-scale traditional techniques, reminding the locals to trust themselves and their knowledge of their homeland.

We presented our little show one evening along with a little skit on chemical farming verses permaculture. This got everyone thinking about ways that theatre could be of use in the permaculture field. One of the biggest ecological problems Timor faces is landslides as a result of the Indonesian regime having cut down a lot of the trees in the mountains. It was proposed that Bibi Bulak could be of use providing an educational show about replanting trees, to take to remote rural areas. We also performed at the student solidarity centre while the first monsoon rains pounded down. It was an honour to perform for the student crew, Timorese students have always been very active in the independence movement, putting their lives on the line on many occasions in order to publicise their country's plight through bold direct actions. Some of these proved to be turning points in Timorese history, such as when a group of students managed to meet and talk to a visiting American politician in the presence of international media. Many of them were killed or tortured for their trouble but their message did get out to the world.

Two and a half weeks in Timor has given me lots to think about and has shifted my perspective and priorities in some fundamental ways. Back in the rich world, I feel it is important to focus on how our governments colluded in creating that situation. As citizens of these privileged countries it is our responsibility to be vigilant and noisy, in an attempt to prevent other similarly terrible stories from happening anywhere in the world. This is why the recent protests against globalisation that took place in Melbourne and in Prague are so important. A look at the Timorese experience should also make us keen to appreciate and defend our civil liberties such as the right to freedom of movement and to protest, we may get arrested, sprayed with chemicals or beaten but we don't get shot, raped and tortured to death. Let's make certain it never happens. The people of East Timor have suffered more than we can easily imagine but in spite of this, they seem to have a great capacity for joy. One year into independence Timor Lorasi is buzzing with life, may it always be so!





7th December: The Queen and Prince Philip came to Newcastle to open the Bio-Science wing of the International Centre of Life (er a genetics research facility). They were greeted by a two-headed queen and several cloned Queen Mum's - the Queen graciously waved to them all as she drove by (left).



November  
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Greenpeace  
Eco-Chickens  
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Cargill GM soya  
factory at  
Liverpool  
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WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER GATASTROPHIC!

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## MIND THE GAT!

"The GATS is not just something that exists between governments. It is first and foremost an instrument for the benefit of business."

*European Commission website  
"If GATS gets the green light Europe can kiss goodbye its public health services"*

*Susan George, economist*

It's just over a year since the World Trade Organisation (WTO) got a good kicking in Seattle (see SchNEWS 240). But behind the closed doors of the world's most powerful trade organisation, bureaucrats backed up by their mates in big business have been busy plotting.

What they've come up with is a few new ways of expanding the General Agreement on the Trades in Services (GATS). First signed in 1994 the agreement is all about eliminating 'barriers to trade' (see box)

So they've come up with a cunning plan to privatisate the world's public services. Everything from water to housing to education to hospitals, and a whole lot more are now 'barriers to trade' creating unfair competition that must be put on the open market to the lowest bidder.

A European Commission representative singled out the European health service as ripe for 'liberalisation' (that's corporate chat for privatisation), with a US healthcare industry lobbyist complaining that health has "largely been the responsibility of the public sector (making it) difficult for US private sector health care providers."

Now that would make a hell of a lot of difference in the UK where New Labour are pressing ahead with handing over hospitals, schools, prisons, council houses etc. to the private sector. Hey, last week the UK even became the first country in the world to part privatised Air Traffic Control.

Elsewhere European water and energy companies are keen to expand their interests in the Third World. This is of course out of a noble sense of duty in wanting to help developing countries obtain things like clean water and not as the more cynical amongst you might think about further lining shareholders pockets.

### Trickle Down

Imagine getting a water bill that cost you one third of your wages. Or needing a permit to collect rainwater in rooftop tanks. This was a reality for some of Bolivia's poorest families when the Government sold the public water system with Bechtel taking a major share. The charges that the

company imposed on peasant families were so crippling that they sparked mass protest. Hundreds of thousands took to the streets of Cochabamba City in April. Soldiers sent in to quell the protests killed six and injured hundreds others. The Governor of the State resigned saying he did not want to be responsible for the 'bloodbath' that would follow the Bolivian Government's refusal to reverse the privatisation. But in the end, the protestors won - Bechtel were kicked out of Bolivia and the Government accepted the protestors' demands to put control of water in local hands.

But it's not just been protests in Bolivia. Around the world this year there have been mass strikes in Indonesia, calling for the government to end contracts with private water companies, while in Costa Rica huge demonstrations took place against the privatisation of the country's energy and telecommunications sector. In South Africa, protests and strikes are taking place in response to privatisation, with the ANC government taking a heavy stance against protestors.

However, if the new GATS agreement had been in force, all these protests would have been futile, because as the WTO Secretariat points out, one of the benefits of GATS is helping "overcome domestic resistance to change."

What that means is that once a country signs up and decides to open up a particular service to WTO rules, it would be practically impossible to go back on any agreement. Any change of heart - tough. Change of government - tough. Popular protest - grin and bear it. Or face the trade sanction consequences.

### Fair trade or 'free trade'?

Environmental laws, union rights, health and safety regulations, business regulations... We're sorry but these are 'barriers to trade' and if you try to enforce them then we will have to hit you with our economic sanctions stick.

\* The World Development Movement are running a campaign against GATS, 25 Beehive Place, London SW9 7QR 0800 328 2153 [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk)

\* To celebrate the Seattle anniversary the Independent Media Centres has put together a collection of essays, photographs, videos and audio. Check it out at [www.indymedia.org](http://www.indymedia.org)

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

*For slapping someone with a fish!*

Randall Mark has just recently spent two months inside for throwing a dead salmon at Canadian Congresswoman, Helen Chenoweth, in protest at the destruction of a forest. A week after this sentence finished Randall was then given another 45 days for previously blocking a forest road.

In effect, the 'new world order' way of running the world is being forced on every country and every person on the planet, whether they like it or not. SchNEWS reckons its time to give the WTO and its friends another good kicking...

### Race to the bottom

"Globalisation is not about trade. It is about replacing local or democratic government with corporate rule."

*Bob Olson, anti globalisation campaigner*

\* Last month, a secret tribunal ruled that under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA - see SchNews 200), a US hazardous waste company had been discriminated against by the Canadian government. The reason? Because of Canada's ban on the export of highly carcinogenic PCB waste. The ban is part of an international environmental protection treaty signed by over 130 countries who agreed to reduce their exports of hazardous wastes to a minimum and instead focus on reprocessing the wastes at home. Tough - the treaty is a 'barrier to trade' and the company can expect compensation of up to \$50 million.

\* In August, the Metalclad Corporation of America won \$16.7 million compensation and the right to pollute an area in San Luis Potosi in Mexico after a NAFTA ruling. Local protests blocked a hazardous waste treatment and disposal site being built because it would poison the local water supply. Tough - that's an infringement of the corporation's rights.

\* Thanks to an interim ruling by NAFTA the US may have to open its borders to Mexican lorries, regardless of safety concerns. Mexican lorries regularly break US safety regulations. Drivers can drive as long they like, can carry heavier loads and their trucks have common safety problems including faulty brakes, tyres, tail-lights and brake lights. Tough - stopping dodgy trucks entering the US is a barrier to trade.

\* Talks to extend NAFTA take place in Quebec next April. Demonstrations are being organised. To stay in touch click on [www.oqp2001.org](http://www.oqp2001.org) (but you'll need to speak French)

## In Harmondsworth Way

Picture this ... you leave the country you were born in because either you're in fear of your life from a despotic regime - or because NATO - in its wisdom, has bombed your country back into the dark ages, covering it in depleted uranium and unexploded cluster bombs. You end up in Britain hoping for a new life and what happens? You're locked up and treated like a criminal. One of the places you could end up is Harmondsworth Detention Centre, near Heathrow Airport which, by spring next year, will have increased its capacity by six times, to hold 550 people including families.

There have been regular demonstrations held outside the prison and at Heathrow, where on 3<sup>rd</sup> August activists highlighted the case of Amanj Gafor, a Kurdish refugee who was about to be deported. The police were ready, and early in the morning took Amanj to Gatwick instead, but because he put up such a fight he was taken back to Harmondsworth. Mike Taylor, branch secretary of the Bristol N.U.J., was arrested at Heathrow and charged with "organising a demonstration to interfere with passenger safety" and "refusing to leave airport property". Mike is appearing at Uxbridge magistrates court on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. Campaigners are hoping to use this trial to bring about a change in the law under the Human Rights Act for the right to demonstrate. Bristol Defend Asylum Seekers Campaign has called for a picket outside the court on the day and on the 16<sup>th</sup> Dec there will be a demo outside Harmondsworth itself. Close down Harmondsworth Campaign 07931 198501

\* Speak Out Against Racism - Defend Asylum Seekers. Candlelit vigil, 14 December, 6pm-7pm on the steps of St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square 020 7247 9907.

## Stop Badgering Us

After killing 30,000 badgers over 25 years the Ministry of Agriculture (MAFF) are killing another 20,000 to try and prove badgers are responsible for tuberculosis in cattle (bTB). According to official figures the new culls cost a mere £7,000 per badger!

Despite the culls, cases of bTB are continuing to soar, MAFF seem blind to the fact that bTB is likely to spread amongst cattle because of the poor conditions they are kept in. Rather than victimise badgers MAFF should invest in decent cattle welfare. Contact National Federation of Badger Groups [www.badgers.rg.uk/nfbg](http://www.badgers.rg.uk/nfbg)

\* Badger culls are happening now in Exmoor National Park, contact Plymouth Badger Action Group 07780 984835 [www.badgerkillers.co.uk](http://www.badgerkillers.co.uk) and also in North Devon, contact 07765 631877 if you can help.

## Hazardous

This week has been a tragic week for workers in the construction industry. Three workers have needlessly lost their lives. Work stopped out of respect at one of the sites in the City of London, on Wednesday, and there will be a vigil in Sheffield on Monday for another of the victims. The first six months of this year saw twice as many construction workers being killed (68) than in the same period last year. It had been hoped that the government would include a new Health and Safety Act in this week's Queen's speech, which would have increased fines and made companies criminally liable for injuries due to poor safety. The government appears to have given into big business and didn't introduce the Act. There will be a day of action for construction workers in London on 27 Feb to coincide with the Government's Health and Safety Crisis in Construction Conference. Contact London Hazards Centre 020-7794-5999 [www.lhc.org.uk](http://www.lhc.org.uk)

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## SchNEWS in brief

Conscious Cinema will be screening *Suits and Savages* at Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, London E3 (Bromley By Bow Tube) on Thursday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. The film examines the relationship between The World Bank, Indian Tribes and the disappearing Bengal Tiger. Also speakers, discussions, food and refreshments. Entry is by donation with proceeds to the Gandhi Foundation. Details 020 8981 8409. \*\* Vigil outside the US Embassy, 12<sup>th</sup>- 14th December to protest against the massive escalation of US military aid to Columbia in the 'war against drugs'. 6pm - 8pm Grovesnor Square, London (tube Bond Street). \*\* If you want to stop the political Police snooping on you go to [www.fipr.org](http://www.fipr.org) and click on Regulation of Investigative Powers Act. \*\* Reclaim the Beach, Midday Sunday 17 December at Royal Festival Hall Beach London. Mass picnic party on the beach in central London for a few hours. Bring food, picnic rugs, music, and all your friends. [www.swarming.org.uk](http://www.swarming.org.uk) \*\* Radio4A (106.6fm) will be broadcasting to Brighton Town this weekend \*\* To show hypocrisy of the Government's road building programme while the Hague conference was going on Earth First! occupied the DETR \*\*\* MayDay 2001 - mini conference, 10am-5.30pm December 16<sup>th</sup>. Button Factory, Hardess Street off Herne Hill Road, Brixton. Contact 07989 451 096 \*\* National Peace Council farewell/Christmas Party, 5.30pm 18 December, at the Coronet, Holloway Road, London N7. The Peace Network, was launched on Saturday, new address: c/o UNA, 3 Whitehall Court, London SW1A 2EL. \*\* On 18<sup>th</sup> December A Concrete Response to the Countryside Alliance. Discussions, including opposing next year's landowners and foxhunters London march. Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, Holborn, 7.30pm. The Urban Alliance, PO Box 14672, London E9 5UQ\*\* Dial House, the home to Crass, is under threat from developers, they need £150,000 to buy the house. Donations urgently needed, should the bid for the house fail all money will be returned. Dial House, Onger Park Hall, North Weald, Epping Essex DM 16 6AE Tel/Fax 0199 252 3845 [Info@southern.com](mailto:Info@southern.com)

\*\* Five people have been found guilty of criminal damage to genetically modified crops, despite the ruling of 29 Greenpeace activists being found not guilty of a similar charge earlier this year. The crucial difference in this case was that a judge tried these five, but a jury tried the Greenpeace activists.

## Bhopal Update

Last weekend saw the burning of numerous effigies in the Indian city of Bhopal, home to 200,000 who are still living with the chronic effects of the 1984 Union Carbide gas disaster (SchNEWS 238). Women protesters blocked off the central traffic area and shouted "Death to Union Carbide". The next day another effigy was burnt right outside the Union Carbide factory (still seeping lethal chemicals into these people's drinking water supply). This was a symbol of the way the Indian government has little choice but to pave the way for multinationals to exploit communities, livelihoods and environments. The survivors' organisations have appealed for renewed international solidarity. [www.bhopal.org](http://www.bhopal.org)

Help is needed in The Sambhavna Clinic (food and accommodation provided). Office help is also needed. [www.bhopal.net/volunteer.html](http://www.bhopal.net/volunteer.html)

\* The People's Caravan 2000 touring India and Philippines for the last couple of months, finished with a large protest against globalisation calling for genuine land reform, free from IMF/WTO restrictive policies.

## Inside SchNEWS

\* Samar Alami and Jawad Botmeh were sentenced to 20 years for the 1994 Israeli Embassy bombings. At their original trial vital evidence that could prove their innocence was withheld. The European Court of Human Rights has ruled that non-disclosure of evidence, which leads to unfair trials, is a breach of Human Rights. Samar and Jawad's case is a clear example of this. Picket on the 4th anniversary of the wrongful conviction, 11<sup>th</sup> December 3-6pm at the Crown Prosecution Service, 50 Ludgate Hill, London EC4. 0121-554-6947 [www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus.html](http://www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus.html)

The following prisoners are serving time for anti-capitalist activities, they would all really appreciate a card to wish them a bit of seasonal cheer. \*\* Michael Collins, FR6303, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS. \*\* Paul Revell, FR5599, at HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, Wandsworth, London SW18 3HS, UK \*\* Simone Sabeddu, FB2520, HMVO Feltham, Bedfont Road, Middx TW13 4ND (Italian) \*\* Nikki Koole, FB6530, HMVO Feltham, Bedfont Road, Middx TW13 4ND \*\* Darryl Walker, FR5843, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS \*\* Kevin Townsend (AKA Skip), FR6275, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757, Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS \*\* Kuldip Bajwa, DN 7230, HMP Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 9YG, UK \*\* Angel Makoly, FB4689, HMVO Onley, Willoughby, Rugby, Warks CV23 8AP, UK

For a full list of political prisoners click the prisoner icon on our website.

## Playing with their Organ

Anti-vivisection group Uncaged is back in the High Court on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10AM. The group is trying to overturn a gagging order against them, which is preventing them publishing their hard-hitting report *Diaries of Despair*. Which tells of the horrific animal suffering caused by Xenotransplantation experiments (animal-to-human organ transplants) (SchNEWS 279). Imutan knows that the report could be devastating for their attempts to make pig to human transplants a reality, and so are claiming that the report breaches confidentiality and copyright. If Uncaged are unsuccessful they may be made liable for massive legal costs. To mark the Third International Animal Rights Day on 10<sup>th</sup> December there will be a candlelit vigil outside Imutan, Wingate House, Maris Lane, Trumpington, Cambridge. 4pm-7pm. More info Uncaged 0114 2722220 or check out [www.xenodiarries.org](http://www.xenodiarries.org).

## ...and finally...

We couldn't make it up. Nottingham University has accepted £3.8m from British American Tobacco (BAT) for an International Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility! The Centre will "study the social and environmental responsibilities of multinational companies to the communities in which they operate".

\* Cigarette makers, Philip Morris recently spent \$2 million on domestic violence programs in America and \$108 million on the advertising campaign to tell people about it. Tobacco can't be advertised on TV, but tobacco makers' token support of good causes can!

## disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all those 'living in the real world' to GAT real or GAT lost. Then we'll be contented. Honest.

# Corporate Cops

**Jim Carey reviews a remarkable out-of-court police settlement with widespread implications for the relationship between big business and the police.**

Out-of-court settlements are usually a way of avoiding embarrassment. A way of mollifying claimants without admission of guilt.

So it was highly unusual when an out-of-court settlement agreed by the Metropolitan Police in July was accompanied with a public apology. It was perhaps less unusual that the details of a case with wide implications went unreported in the mainstream media.

The case revolved around the admission by the vice president of a corporation that its security department had easy access to confidential information held on the police's database. And that he and his corporate colleagues used this conduit to gather personal information on its critics.

"All the security department have many, many contacts in the police service," said Sid Nicholson in High Court. "If I wanted to know something about someone, I would almost certainly make contact with the local crimes beat officer, the local CID officer, the local collator."

Nicholson's telling admission was made on May 14 1996 during one of the many lengthy cross-examinations which took place in the mammoth McLibel trial. Before joining McDonald's in 1983, Sid Nicholson had spent 31 years as a police officer, firstly in South Africa and then with the Met. As Vice President of McDonald's UK, Nicholson's job was to oversee several departments including security.

Serving under him as head of McDonald's security department was Terry Carroll, who, like Nicholson, had reached the rank of Chief Superintendent in the Metropolitan Police before joining the burger corporation. In fact, as Nicholson said under cross-examination, the McDonald's security department "are all ex-policemen".

It transpired that both Terry Carroll and Sid Nicholson had met with Special Branch agents on several occasions at a variety of venues, and even stood with them on public demonstrations. The exchange of information between police and corporate security involved personal information on, and the home addresses of, several activists including the two defendants in the McLibel trial. Helen Steel and Dave Morris, subsequently launched proceedings against the Met in September 1998, claiming damages for misfeasance in public office, breach of confidence and breach of their right to privacy.

The two named targets of their claim were the Metropolitan Police Commissioner and a CID officer, Detective Sergeant David Valentine.

DS Valentine's appearance in the frame came via a circuitous investigative route. When McDonald's first considered suing activists for distributing critical material back in 1989, the Corporation hired the services of two investigation agencies to infiltrate the activist group, London Greenpeace.

In the run up to the rights-to-privacy trial, Dave Morris and Helen Steel "became aware" that McDonald's had failed to disclose all the log book of one of the undercover agents, Allan Clare. McDonald's claimed the missing sections were not relevant. However, Steel and Morris discovered that the missing sections noted two meetings between Allan Clare and DS Valentine at Southwark Police Station. During the meeting confidential information was exchanged. Police records now confirm the meeting took place. It was discovered that DS Valentine was involved in Operation Carnaby, the police investigation which followed the Trafalgar Square anti-poll tax demonstration. When Dave Morris applied under the data protection act to view his police record he found the words "Veteran of the poll tax riots" next to his name even though he had no convictions associated with the event.

The evidence now demonstrated a three way exchange of so called confidential information between the police, a corporate security department and a private investigation firm in the service of a corporation. And what's more, it all appeared quite normal.

Faced with such damning evidence, the Met Police agreed to a £10,000 plus all legal costs settlement in July in order to avoid what they called "a difficult and lengthy trial".

Under the terms of the settlement, the Metropolitan Police agreed "to bring this settlement to the attention of the 3 Area Commanders of the Metropolitan Police force and ask them to remind their officers of their responsibility not to disclose information on the Police National Computer to a third party". Complying with the consent order, DS Valentine stated he "regretted any distress of the claimants caused by the disclosure of their details" to a private investigator.

Many corporate security departments are now made up of ex-British policemen pursuing lucrative service with corporations. They are all likely to have relationships with currently serving officers. Whilst the apology and commitments forced from the Metropolitan Police by Steel and Morris were an achievement in accountability, the relationship they helped uncover appeared par for the course. How effective will the Met Police's memo to area commanders be in curbing the incidence? And what checks and balances are there to regulate this collusion between public servants and corporate agents nationwide?

Cops at McDonalds - tastes the same all over the world  
Left - Prague S26, right - Melbourne S11.

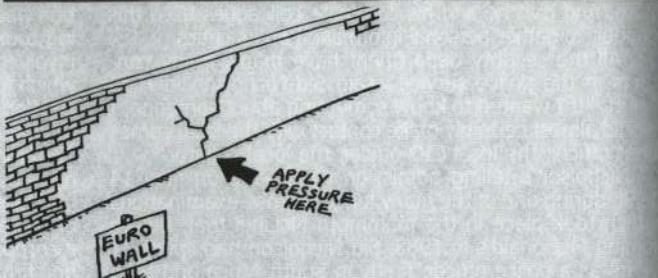
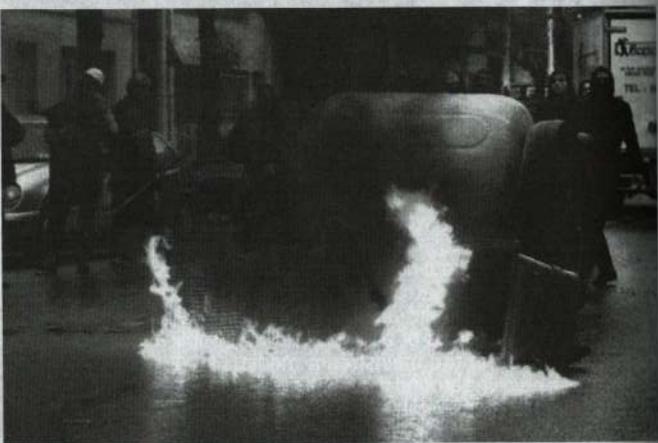


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# NICE BUT NAUGHTY

"(Enlargement) will bring great economic benefits. These countries will bring... material resources including land and energy, and they will bring markets for our products."

*European Round-Table of Industrialists*  
Up to 70,000 demonstrators rallied last week on the streets of Nice before the European Union summit. At the same time as a charter of fundamental rights was being discussed counter-summit meetings were being cancelled or raided while others fought battles with police who wouldn't let them into France!

On the day of the summit a few thousand people tried to storm the centre and were met with the usual greetings of tear gas and stun grenades. A bank was burnt, a few shops were trashed and the French President Chirac said the anti-capitalist demonstrators were "contrary to democratic principles." Yet behind the clouds of smoke, the un-elected and unaccountable faces of big business were once again pushing their agenda onto the centre stage, using the EU as a Trojan horse for more corporate global carve-ups.

## Carve Up

Countries, we are told, are desperate to join the EU club. However, before any can play, their economies must be 'harmonised', y'know, public services slashed and privatised, etc. In fact, you could call it the European version of the Structural Adjustment Programmes (SchNews 256) forced onto the 'Third World'. As Green MEP Caroline Lucas points out "In short, governments are expected to give up control over their own economies - spelling destruction for local businesses."

Take Slovakia. With approximately 50,000 staff, the Slovak Railway Company is the biggest employer in the country. In 1998 the Slovak government announced plans to sack nearly half the workforce, and a year later they signed a loan agreement with the European Investment Bank. With strings attached.

The strings will result in a rise in fares of 30%, a cut of two thirds in both state subsidies and in staff pay, a reduction in rail freight and a cut in railway lines. There was no public discussion about these conditions. Instead the media reported that the government and the rail company were given two weeks to accept: if they agreed to meet them, the Bank was ready to provide the loan immediately.

When a Slovakian environmental NGO sent a protest letter to the President of the Bank, he replied: "The proposed restructuring measures in this case mirror those agreed over recent years between the Bank and virtually all railway companies in the ten Central and Eastern Europe Countries which have applied for EU membership."

So that's all right then.

## Fast Track To Profits

They call it 'qualified majority voting', which basically means countries can't individually veto decisions. Instead the European Commission gets to make decisions without having to answer to anyone. It's called 'fast-tracking' and is popular with big business who are fed up with their great ideas being watered down or blocked altogether by interfering governments or nit-picking protesters. They want swift, centralised decision-making, making it easier to push their demands through an already industry-friendly European bureaucracy. And up to a point, they got their way with more trade decisions passing out of national control. National and the European Parliaments now have little control of Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (see box) and some services.

If you think this is all confusing, EU bureaucrats estimate that it will take two months to produce a consolidated text of the Nice Treaty, i.e. to come to agreement about what has been agreed! To help decipher it read:

- \* 'From Seattle to Nice' by Green MEP Caroline Lucas & Colin Hines. Large SAE to 58, The Hop Exchange 24 Southwark St, London, SE1 1TY [www.greenparty.org.uk/homepage/reports/2000/meps/enlargementreport.htm](http://www.greenparty.org.uk/homepage/reports/2000/meps/enlargementreport.htm).
- \* 'Europe Inc' (Pluto Press) co-authored by the Corporate Europe Observatory crew [www.xs4all.nl/~ceo](http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo)
- \* Nice Public Meeting Mon 18. Asian Cultural Community Centre, Manzil Way, Oxford

## Intellectual Property Rights -ugh?

This is another one of those scams where corporations get to be in control, and this time they get to control knowledge by patenting it! Biotech companies get to own our vegetable seeds and genetic companies are in charge of the human gene. Meanwhile pharmaceutical companies are in charge of the drugs. Right now, the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association has pushed their government to threaten trade sanctions on India and Egypt for having the cheek to produce low cost drugs of patented equivalents to help HIV and Aids sufferers.

## Short Change!

"One of the enduring myths about globalisation is that it is bad for the poor."

*Philippe Legrain, WTO advisor*

So this week Claire Short-Fuse and her cronies in the Department for International Development (DFID) released their much anticipated white paper on globalisation. And surprise, surprise, they found that "while globalisation brings with it opportunities and risks, free trade for the poor people of the world is beneficial".

But did anyone really expect anything different? I mean Claire Short, a woman who believes that "developing countries, governments and their people, want development and multinational companies to invest in their countries". A woman who attacks protesters as rich kids "who sit in the predominantly wealthy rich parts of the world" who "are morally wrong"! Conveniently she doesn't mention the millions of protesters in the Third World fighting quite literally for their lives.

A key phrase that we keep having rammed down our throats is that of "a level playing field". But in reality the game of free trade takes place between two teams where one team has access to the best equipment (the West) while the other team turns out in hand me downs, suffering from malnutrition & kicking an old tin can (the Third World).

A level playing field: One where the West spends annually \$361bn on subsidies of environmentally destructive intensive agriculture and free trade. The mother of all free traders, the US has increased subsidies on over the past decade to the extent that each US farmer receives on average \$20,000 per year in subsidies, to compete against Third World farmer who live on less than \$1 per day.

A level playing field: Since 1980 the Third World has lost 40% of its trade in the world market as protective barriers against trade from the Third World, mainly food and textiles, are implemented by the rich Western countries to protect their own home market. For every \$1 in aid and debt relief given to the Third World the same countries lose \$14 because of trade barriers erected in the West.

According to Indian environmentalist Vandana Shiva "Development is a trick played on the people of the Third World, especially rural communities, to rob them of their resources and wealth." But then what would she know...

## LIVE WILD OR DIE

"The tribal warrior cultures of the native Papuans would rather die fighting than live another minute under the brutal, destructive and genocidal Indonesian regime. I have to say I agree with them".

*Western observer in West Papua.*

This week Indonesian soldiers stormed the university in the West Papuan capital of Jayapura, killing several students and arresting over 100 more. In a show of force in the mountainous, rainforested province, 26 warships are currently moored off the coast and 25,000 troops and a battallion of tanks have been mobilised within the last month. And for what? To gently remind the people of West Papua that the freedom to run their lives themselves just ain't on the cards.

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 37 years since Indonesia invaded the ex-Dutch colony, the rebel West Papuan Freedom Movement (OPM) declared West Papua independent. The banned West Papuan flag was raised in towns and villages across the country, provoking a violent response from the Indonesian army.

West Papua is one of the few really wild places still left on earth. The stunning jungle landscape, rich in biodiversity, is home to rare wildlife like the beautiful bird of paradise and to dozens of different tribes of the Papuan indigenous people who live traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyles close to nature. Over a third of all the world's languages exist here, spoken by remote clans who shun outside contact.

Sadly, it is also home to some of the largest deposits of minerals in the world - which is why Indonesia won't let go of West Papua without a fight. Multinationals Freeport McMoran and Rio Tinto are just two big name mining companies making huge profits from West Papua with serial offenders BP and Shell also in on the action. Cash from mining concessions is being used directly by Indonesia to repress the Papuan people.

The OPM has been in existence for as long as the Indonesian occupation and resistance to the Indonesian military is ingrained in West Papuan society. "We are all OPM in our hearts," says student leader Jatin Wakerkwa.

Rebels believe the massive Indonesian military presence and the attack on the university are intended to provoke the OPM into retaliation, providing an excuse for an assault on the independence movement and the West Papuan people. As in East Timor, Indonesia is busy recruiting an anti-rebel militia and British-made Hawk jets are being used to terrorize civilians. But unlike East Timor, there are no UN resolutions supporting West Papua. The OPM and the West Papuans are on their own. There is nowhere like West Papua on earth. People have a human right to live wild and die wild. Fight for it or lose it.

\*OPM support group UK: 43 Gardner St. Brighton.

\*Support people arrested during the university attack, protest to Chief Daud Shomping at Jayapura police station. Showing that the world is watching could save their lives. Fax 0062 967 533763.\* [www.eco-action.org/oppm](http://www.eco-action.org/oppm)

## Small Talk

"We're a country where people are moving from a time when they could not speak to a time when they can speak – but they are saying too much," said a Moroccan government official following a violent crackdown on demonstrators marking the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. SchNEWS understands he studied at the Widdecombe and Straw Academy of Free Speech – and came top of his class.

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## SchNEWS in brief

Following on from last weeks SchNEWS, for more info on preventing workers deaths check out 'Fighting to Win', under the RPM section on [www.redstar-research.org.uk](http://www.redstar-research.org.uk) \*\* Picket of Father Scrooge McKitterick's Service at St Peter's Church, Brighton this Sunday (17th) 10am. Father McKitterick has publicly backed the government and council campaign that money should be given to charities instead of beggars. Brighton Against Benefit Cuts 01273-540717

\*\* Candles For Peace. For a Just Peace Between Israel and Palestine. 23<sup>rd</sup> December 6:30-8:30 pm, Edith Cavell Statue, junction of St Martin's Lane and Charing Cross Rd., Trafalgar Square. \*\* Visit [www.nuclearcrimes.org](http://www.nuclearcrimes.org) as soon as possible because it may be shut down soon as a result of Shell's intimidation of the web provider. (See SchNEWS 285 for full story)

\*\* BUDD are having a festive season gathering at the Pub With No Name, 58 Southover Street, Brighton, at 8pm this Saturday (16<sup>th</sup>).

\*\* World Voices is looking for people who are addressing social and ecological concerns from across the UK to profile in a new book entitled 'Choose'. [www.worldvoices.org/choose.htm](http://www.worldvoices.org/choose.htm) or call 020 7372 7117. \*\* Non-GM US farmers are suing Aventis for crop contamination by GM crops from cross pollination and contamination of conventional supplies with GM maize \*\* [www.freenorwich.co.uk](http://www.freenorwich.co.uk) is a new website that keeps you up to date with what's happening in Norwich \*\* Picket the US Embassy in protest at their response to climate change. Every Saturday 11am-1pm, Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, London. A member of Hackney Foe is currently maintaining a vigil opposite the Embassy and could do with some support. \*\* Chile has asked for Santiago to become the hosts to the World Trade Organisation's next round of talks next year.

## Ethical disinvestment (1)

The campaign by the indigenous U'wa people of Colombia to prevent the Occidental oil company from drilling on their sacred tribal lands received a big boost this week when US financial outfit Fidelity Investments dumped 18 million shares in Occidental, worth over \$412 million! The disinvestment followed actions by U'wa supporters who mobilised to shut down Fidelity offices, occupy the company's investor centres, and dump blood and oil on their premises. Nice one – proving that people pressure can make big business back down! Next on the hit list is the Sanford Bernstein company - the largest institutional investor in Occidental Petroleum now that Fidelity have jumped ship. Rainforest Action Network [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

## Ethical disinvestment (2)

Another nail in the coffin of Huntingdon Life Sciences – the vivisection company who have killed 171,000 animals this year. HSBC – the world's second largest bank-is pulling out its investment in Huntingdon following a successful campaign by Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty. SHAC's action has caused a sharp fall in Huntingdon's share prices with Phillips & Drew's selling an 11% share in the company and broker WestLB Panmure leaving them as well as HSBC. Who's next?

\* London demo 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Meet 11am Liverpool Street Station, Bishopsgate exit.

\*Also Christmas Party at HLS's Occold lab, from 11am 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. [www.welcome.to/shac](http://www.welcome.to/shac)

## POSITIVE SchNews (sort of)

In November residents of Steward Community Woodland, a sustainable community in Dartmoor, were refused planning permission to continue living on their own land. The planning authority said it was outside the defined settlement zone on a site classified as woodland of conservation importance and that the residents didn't need to be live there. Strangely the local Council had no problems in granting permission for a 148 housing development on a green field site nearby, or a concrete 'eco' office building in an English Nature owned woodland. Undaunted by the refusal, the community remain onsite and are preparing to appeal. They bought the 32 acre woodland a year ago and moved there in April. They have since erected personal dwellings and a workshop, kitchen and communal space. The community is open to visitors by arrangement and willing workers are welcome. Contact Steward Community Woodland on 01647 440233 or find out more on their web-site [www.stewardwood.org](http://www.stewardwood.org) - created using laptops powered from solar, pedal, and more recently hydro power!

## Crap Arrest Revisited

A woman who was arrested at Brighton Reclaim the Streets in 1996 for trying to buy a sandwich (SchNEWS 61) was in Court last week for a civil case against Sussex Police. She was nicked for obstruction for asking why she had to go all the way round the block to reach her fave lunch-time café. The jury found in her favour on 2 counts of wrongful arrest and false imprisonment, but not on the third count of malicious prosecution. The judge awarded her the minimum amount of money possible, but she was also made liable for a third of the Police costs, and now faces financial ruin. Her barrister concluded that if you question the Police you are liable to be nicked for obstruction - so just do what they say, and don't answer back!

## Carbon Con

Activists in Leeds have staged a protest at the offices of a company who are proving themselves to be major players in the decay of our environment. PriceWaterhouseCoopers have a keen interest in the so-called 'Carbon Trading' agreement, which could eventually become a part of the UN climate treaty. Carbon Trading is a devious scheme which allows major polluting countries to actually increase their carbon emission quota by taking on emissions from countries who may not have filled their quotas. Activists managed to blockade the main entrance whilst police closed the two large car parks at the rear of the offices, preventing any staff from entering or leaving the building. [Leedsaction@mail.com](mailto:Leedsaction@mail.com)

## ...and finally...

### Beam me up, Scotty...

Not only do US Police have a fetish for Darth Vader riot gear, they also may soon get Star Trek type phasers. HSV Technologies of San Diego have just introduced a prototype weapon that shoots laser beams to stop people in their tracks. Known either as the "Anti-Personnel Beam Weapon" or "Non-Lethal Tetanizing Beam Weapon", it releases two ultraviolet laser beams that can paralyze the skeletal muscles of people and animals. SchNews scientists are already busy inventing a "Beam us up out of this police cell please Scotty" machine to counter their dastardly plans.

Don't believe us? <http://www.hsvt.org>

### disclaimer

SchNews warns all readers enlargement is always necessary for a successful union. Honest

# PRISONER SUPPORT

## WHY?

Prisons are the bottom line in the state's control over us. Resisting the prison system is part of challenging the status quo, but supporting those who get caught and imprisoned for their beliefs should be a vital part of any movement, too.

## WRITING TO PRISONERS

Prison is designed to grind you down, and it isolates people from the outside world. Writing to prisoners helps break this down. It might be intimidating to sit down and write a letter to a stranger, but you can keep it short the first time. Just sending a card with a few well wishes and some words about who you are can brighten up someone's day and make them feel remembered. It can also possibly lead on to a correspondence. Some people, when they write to prisoners are afraid of talking about their lives, what they're up to, thinking this might depress someone locked up or just not be of interest. But prison life is dead boring, and any news that livens it up is generally welcome. Use your sense, don't write about things that are likely to get the prisoner into trouble with the screws or get you or anyone else into trouble.

Remember to include a return address, also on the envelope. Don't necessarily expect an answer - some prisons restrict the number of letters a prisoner can write or receive, or the person may be out of stationery/stamps, or just not be very good at writing letters.

Passing cards round meetings, the pub or among your friends for people to sign with messages of support is an easy thing to do to brighten up a prisoner's mailtime. Or maybe you have the time to start up regular letter writing sessions with your friends, with the purpose of motivating each other to write.

## SENDING STUFF

If you are up for it - don't offer your help if you aren't - ask what items the prisoner can receive in the post, or give the prison a ring, as this varies from prison to prison. It also often depends on which screw handles your post and what mood they're in!

**Stamps:** You can usually include a couple in a letter without problems - mention that you have in your letter (they might just disappear otherwise). If writing to someone outside the UK, you can include some International Reply Coupons (IRC's) that are available at any post office and can be used in place of stamps.

**Stationery:** Remand prisoners are normally allowed to use writing paper (not wire bound) and envelopes sent to them. Ask convicted prisoners what they're allowed.

**Books:** There are different regulations on this too, so ask. More than often a prisoner can only receive books directly



from the publisher - this goes for alternative magazines as well - or via a recognised distributor or bookshop. A friendly bookshop will usually oblige if you buy the book and pay for the postage.

**Pamphlets/Zines:** These seem to get through to most prisons in the UK okay if they're not too big and folded up inside a normal sized envelope, for some reason. They are often counted as photocopies which are, up to a certain amount, usually allowed.

**Tapes:** Home-recorded tapes are often allowed, but ask. Use see-through ones.

## VISITING

If you are up for travelling to visit a prisoner, mention this to them. But bear in mind that convicted prisoners are only entitled to a limited number of visits (remand prisoners to much more), usually about 2-3 a month lasting up to 2 hours with 2-3 people. The prisoner will then have to send out a visiting order (V.O.) to the persons wanting to visit them, fully naming each visitor. You will need to identify yourself at the gate, so take along sufficient I.D., and 'clean up' before you go - getting caught with even the tiniest bit of drug residue or anything else dodgy can have serious consequences for the prisoner.

## OTHER SUPPORT

Ask whether the prisoner you are in touch with wants publicity for their case, or protest letters written. If you can raise money, ask where it's needed.

### Groups/contacts

There are a number of prisoner support groups around. Get in touch to find out more and to read about some of the prisoners that shouldn't be forgotten.

**Brighton Anarchist Black Cross,** c/o 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY [brightonabc@email.com](mailto:brightonabc@email.com)  
[www.schnews.org.uk/prisoners](http://www.schnews.org.uk/prisoners)  
**Earth Liberation Prisoners,** BM Box 2407, London WC1N 3XX [earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com](mailto:earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com)  
[www.geocities.com/earthlibprisoner](http://www.geocities.com/earthlibprisoner)  
**Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group,** BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

**Miscarriages of Justice UK,** [www.ncadc.org.uk](http://www.ncadc.org.uk)  
[justiceUK@appleonline.net](mailto:justiceUK@appleonline.net)  
**Miscarriages of Justice Organisation,** [mojo-uk@justice.com](mailto:mojo-uk@justice.com)  
 07050-618240

**Haven Distribution** (books to prisoners), BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX

# The Corporation Rules UK

All 700 employees of a profitable British company were suddenly made redundant just a few weeks before Christmas. Why? Mathew Carr investigates how the UK government helped a transnational corporation do the dirty on Derbyshire.

There could not be a more definitive Labour heartland than the north east Derbyshire town of Clay Cross. The birthplace of Dennis Skinner, this small town of nearly 10,000 has a long tradition of political radicalism closely connected to its mining past. Until late last year, the town's largest employer was the ductile pipe manufacturer Biwater Industries, with 700 workers. A descendant of the historic company founded by the inventor George Stephenson in 1837, Biwater was a pillar of the local economy, with an annual turnover of £60 million and a booming overseas order book. Whereas other British manufacturers had been badly affected by the strong pound and foreign competition, Biwater had remained buoyant, more than doubling its production during the past decade.

On April 12 2000 the giant French-based multinational, Saint Gobain, announced it had signed a share purchase agreement for Biwater through its Ilkeston-based subsidiary company Stanton plc. The workforce had no reason to expect drastic changes. With 80 per cent of production already destined overseas, shop stewards assumed Biwater would continue to produce mostly for export whilst Stanton plc concentrated on the UK. In meetings with Biwater's management, they were assured that Saint Gobain would provide much needed investment, whilst the company's owner - former BBC governor and Thatcher crony Adrian White - was equally upbeat, declaring that the merger would "leave the Biwater Group free to focus on its core businesses."

In the same month the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) began a routine investigation to check the merger was in accordance with competition laws and recommended its approval to the Department of Trade and Industry in June. Then on September 4 the bombshell exploded. At 3pm Saint Gobain announced the formal completion of its acquisition. Forty-five minutes later stunned shop stewards were informed by management that the company was to be shut down within three months and the entire workforce laid off. Saint Gobain referred to the job losses as 'regrettable' but claimed closure was necessary to protect its UK manufacturing base.

**THE NEW OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING DIRECTOR GENERAL MADE THE ASTOUNDING ADMISSION THAT HIS OFFICE HAD KNOWN THAT BIWATER WAS GOING TO BE CLOSED ALL ALONG.**

The workers believed that Biwater had become a victim of its own success and that the acquisition had been carried out in order to take over the company's overseas order book and establish a quasi-monopoly in the ductile pipe industry. "They couldn't compete with us and they couldn't undercut us," says GMB shop steward Hugh McNeil. "So this was the only way they could do it, by buying us out."

With the support of local councilors and MPs, the workers began campaigning furiously to persuade the government to keep the company open. The campaign was spearheaded in Westminster by MP for North East Derbyshire Harry Barnes, who called on DTI Secretary of State Stephen Byers to use his powers under the 1973 Fair Trading Act and refer the merger to the Competitions Commission. At the end of September a delegation of Biwater's campaigners met Byers personally at the Labour Party Conference and initially the minister

appeared sympathetic. In a fighting speech to the conference Byers promised that "where there is real pressure and difficulties in areas like textiles, coal and steel and in specific plants like Biwater in Clay Cross, we must not stand to one side. We won't walk away."

It soon became clear that this was exactly what the Secretary of State intended to do. On October 3 he wrote a letter to Saint Gobain's Chief Executive, Jean Louis Beffa, headed "Dear Jean-Louis" and signed "with personal best wishes, Stephen". Byers asked his friend to reconsider, and promised government help to keep Biwater open. Beffa predictably refused, and even claimed with breathtaking hypocrisy that the closure had only been announced with such unseemly haste in order to "avoid future uncertainty among the workforce".

By now Harry Barnes had accumulated a copious dossier of information to show Biwater's financial viability, including its annual report for the previous year, and figures showing a surge in overseas orders during August as a result of rising oil prices. In the face of mounting pressure, Byers took the unusual step of asking the OFT to publish its initial report into the acquisition. On October 16, the OFT published an edited version of its report. In the report the new OFT Director General made the astounding admission that his office had known the plant was going to be closed all along, but that the OFT had not considered this information 'relevant' enough to be included in his recommendation.

This revelation strengthened the case of Biwater's workforce, who were now able to point out that the DTI's approval was based on misleading information. It also appeared to exonerate Byers and the DTI, though some local observers were struck by the speed with which the East Midlands Government Office (EMGO) had reacted to the closure announcement in September, setting up a special response unit that one local government officer described as 'economic first-aid'. As revealed in the minutes of a meeting of the Chesterfield Area Regeneration Team, which took place on September 8 just four days after the takeover, one EMGO Officer explained that his department had been in discussion "for weeks" about the closure and that a "meeting at a high-level" had been convened to discuss the best way to respond to the mass redundancies.

Since the EMGO is responsible to the Department of Trade and Industry, this casts some doubt on the DTI's claims to have been unaware of the forthcoming closure when it first approved the merger. Why was a department controlled by the DTI in discussion with Biwater's management before the closure was announced? Why had local government officers not made this information available beforehand? Under whose authority had the "high-level discussions" been initiated?

Like most officials involved in the Biwater affair, the EMGO has refused to answer any questions on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, the same justification used by the OFT for not having revealed the closure to the unions or local authorities.

**THE DTI JUNIOR MINISTER'S SPEECH CONTAINED ALL THE SKEWED LOGIC OF A POLITICIAN DEFENDING THE INDEFENSIBLE.**

In its original report the OFT said that no unsolicited representations had been received from third parties, though "officials consulted both customers and competitors". But when shop stewards asked how these consultations had been carried out they were informed that the OFT had solicited third party representations broadcasting the imminence of the merger via the Reuters news service. However the likelihood that any third party in-

cluding customers or workers, would read the Reuters news service was extremely low. Furthermore as the intended closure had been omitted from the OFT's report no third parties would have realised a merger meant instant closure, even if they had chanced upon the obscure announcement on Reuters news service.

At this point Stephen Byers could have called for an investigation into the merger on the grounds that he had not been aware of all the facts when he approved it. Typically he handed responsibility back to the OFT and asked the new Director General, John Vickers, to consider whether the information supplied to Barnes was sufficient to warrant an investigation.

At the end of October a new front was opened when MEP Philip Whitehead traveled to Brussels with Biwater workers to press European Commissioner, Mario Monti, to investigate whether Saint Gobain had breached European competition laws and used EU grants in its buy out of Biwater.

On November 1, the Biwater campaigners finally got their parliamentary debate. Both Barnes and Dennis Skinner gave impassioned speeches protesting against both the closure and the OFT's dubious role in sanctioning it. In response Junior Trade Minister, Alan Johnson, admitted that mergers could be revisited in cases where "material facts in relation to a merger not in the public domain were not disclosed". Though this was clearly the case in the Biwater takeover, the Minister now claimed that the information supplied by Barnes did not constitute 'material facts' and that the DTI would still have approved the merger even if it had known. Johnson's speech contained all the skewed logic of a politician defending the indefensible, including his uncritical repetition of Saint Gobain's argument that Biwater had to be closed because of 'over-capacity in the UK market' despite the fact that most of Biwater's production was exported.

The following day the OFT Director General confirmed to Barnes that the OFT did not consider there to be sufficient grounds for an investigation. The tenacious MP continued to bombard Byers with faxes, pointing out that the DTI was not legally obliged to accept the OFT's recommendation and that it could still call for an investigation in cases where mergers a) contravened the public interest b) damaged UK exports and c) affected the balanced distribution of employment in the UK.

The Trade and Industry Secretary was running out of excuses for inaction. So far he had offered what Barnes described as "tea and sympathy" to Biwater's workforce, whilst simultaneously seeking to evade responsibility for the closure. Now he was forced to make a choice whether to reject his own civil servants' advice and risk confronting a powerful multi-national, or abandon the Biwater workers to their fate.

**"IT'S THE GREAT FLAW WITH THIRD WAY POLITICS. YOU CAN TRY AND RECONCILE THE FREE MARKET AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, BUT IN THE END YOU HAVE TO COME OFF THE FENCE AND WHEN THEY [NEW LABOUR] DO IT'S IN THE INTERESTS OF CAPITALISM."** Harry Barnes Lab MP

In the nudge-wink world where governmental departments and big business intersect and nothing is ever written down, it is impossible to know whether any pressure was brought to bear on the DTI by Saint Gobain. The Biwater campaigners relished the prospect of the legal confrontation or judicial review expected if Saint Gobain's plan had been opposed by senior political figures. The campaigner viewed it as an opportunity to expose the multi-national's monopolistic intentions. Unfortunately for them, however, the political courage required was absent at a ministerial level. Byers was happier with New Labour soundbites, promising at the Regional Policy Forum Conference on November 15 to "widen the winner's circle" and "address the needs of the regions". The

following day he informed Barnes in parliament that he would make his decision on the merger "as soon as possible", a reply which the local MP dismissed as "fiddling whilst Rome burns".

By now the EU had claimed that the Biwater merger was outside its competence, and a farcical situation had developed; with the EU Commissioner saying he would welcome 'an expression of concern' from the UK government, and Junior DTI minister, Alan Johnson, saying the UK government would welcome the intervention of the EU. On November 20, the same day as the first batch of Biwater workers were made redundant, Byers finally issued a bland official dispatch announcing that he had decided to accept the OFT's recommendations and that he would not be referring the merger to the Competitions Commission.

The confirmation of Byers' duplicity was a bitter blow to the Biwater campaigners. On November 24, a second batch of 108 workers left the factory for the last time following on from the 50 laid off earlier in the week and preceding the 542 due to follow them into sudden redundancy. Many of them may never work again, unlike some senior Biwater managers, who have already been promoted within the Saint Gobain organization. However, some management voices have clearly been shocked by the ruthless closure of their company as their workforce. On Nov 31 a letter was sent to Harry Barnes from a sympathetic management insider containing information which the writer hoped would enable the MP "to establish a reprieve for the excellent Biwater Industries workforce and the good people of Clay Cross". An edited version of the letter was forwarded to both Byers and the OFT. SQUALL has seen the letter, which states amongst other things that:

\* Biwater Industries were always a competitive thorn in the side of Saint Gobain, in Europe and the Middle East.

\* Saint Gobain has carried out similar asset stripping operations in recent takeovers of Guest & Chimes in Rotherham and the Italian pipe manufacturer Tubi Ghaisi.

\* Various water authorities worldwide strongly suspect Saint Gobain of operating a cartel, in that they are faced with no alternative but to purchase pipes from Saint Gobain affiliates.

\* Saint Gobain is to transfer all Biwater Industries manufacturing equipment to South Africa, a process which has already begun.

All this has been a disaster for Clay Cross, with an estimated loss to the local economy of £0.5 million per week, and the scandalous episode has made New Labour's Thatcherite agenda glaringly apparent, even to local Labour politicians like Harry Barnes. "I don't believe there is any previous Labour Trade Secretary who would not have referred this to the Competitions Commission," the MP told SQUALL. "It's the great flaw with Third Way politics. You can try and reconcile the free market and social justice, but in the end you have to come off the fence and when they do it's in the interests of capitalism."

Defenders of Third Way politics have always argued that national governments are powerless to challenge 'the market' in a globalised economy, but in the case of Biwater, government ministers simply refused to use the legal powers at their disposal. Not only did state institutions actively collude in the ruthless destruction of a successful industry by a powerful commercial competitor, but local government organs demonstrated a complicity with Saint Gobain's designs. Meanwhile the British taxpayer is picking up the tab in the form of unemployment benefit, impact studies and 'cross-authority working groups' including counselling for the newly unemployed. The Biwater workers can feel proud of the MPs and local politicians who fought their cause right up to the end. However, they are unlikely to feel the same about the Government, whose real allegiances are no longer local or even national.



19th December:  
Basingstoke Asda  
Distribution depot  
Pic: Hugh Warwick

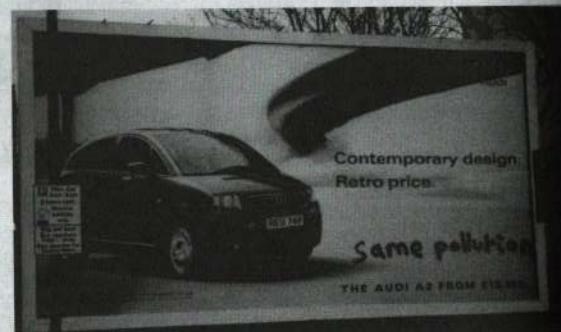
Around two thirds of all GM crops are for animal feed. Actions on the day targeted depots from where the feed is distributed.



19th December: Dartford Asda distribution depot  
Pic: Hugh Warwick



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Your lies and broken promises will always ketchup with you in the end.

9th January, Bristol: Tony Blair is hit with a tomato as a protest against the effects of bombing and sanctions against Iraq. Pic: Simon Chapman

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## GAP GETS SHAGGED IN SHEFFIELD

Activists set up alternative recruitment stand

A group of ardent Sheffield activists, calling themselves SHAG, distributed information of a different kind at a recruitment fair run by the clothing firm GAP in mid January. The SHAG (Sheffield Against Gap) activists set up a 'GAP Information Point' outside the Sheffield Novotel Hotel where GAP management were trying to recruit staff for a new store due to open in the city in March.

SHAG activists distributed information about dire employment conditions suffered by workers in GAP clothing factories in countries like Indonesia and Honduras where union representation is banned and workers are paid £2.50 a day. A delegation from the Honduran National Labour Committee recently reported that GAP's female workers were forced to have pregnancy tests and that the toilets in their Honduran factory are locked during working hours.

GAP is owned by the Fisher family, an American corporate clan reported to be worth \$7 billion dollars. With the profits from their GAP empire they recently bought 25 per cent of Mendocino county in California and intend to chop down some of the last of California's redwood forest.

Following their alternative recruitment action in Sheffield a SHAG spokesperson said: "Almost all the prospective employees came to us first. Whilst some people obviously couldn't give a shit, most people listened intently to what we had to say. Quite a few were so shocked they didn't even bother to go into the hotel."

More info on GAP can be found at [www.gapsucks.org](http://www.gapsucks.org)

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## Wheels of Fortune

"Politicians are in danger of forgetting the lesson of the 90s, when large scale road development played very badly with ordinary people. Communities and environmental groups will now take on the Government over every inch of tarmac."

- Lynn Sloman, Transport 2000.

So you thought the Battle of Newbury, Twyford Down and Fairmiles had forced the government to halt its construction programme for new roads? Well now roadbuilding is back again to haunt us. Last week John 'Two Jags' Prescott announced the transport budget for local authorities for the next five years. Four billion pounds - nearly half the total - is to be spent on roads. That's enough to build forty more Newbury bypasses. It looks like it's time to dust down yer D-locks and take out yer tunnelling tools again.

The protests against the new programme have already started. In a pre-emptive strike, besuited protesters stormed the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions in London, and locked themselves in the offices of ministers Michael Meacher and Lord McDonald. The car park was blocked by a group linked with arm tubes and security doors were locked shut, preventing Prescott from parking either of his two Jags.

It's not all bad news. £4.4 billion is to be spent on improvements to public transport and providing more support for pedestrians and cyclists. But hidden in the small print of the Fat Controller's timetable are plans to build a new Worcestershire Wyre Piddle Bypass, a new stage of the Leeds Inner Ring Road, and the East Leeds Link Road. Seventy seven more schemes are in the pipeline for funding in the next five years.

Bob the Builder's corporate chums will be jumping for joy at the news, but it certainly won't be a Christmas number one for residents in Salisbury, where plans for the bypass which Labour scrapped when they came into office have now been dug up and repackaged. Or in Lancaster, where the Lancaster Western bypass would trash the Lune Valley Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), or Carlisle, where the privately-financed Northern Development Route will destroy a section of Hadrian's Wall - a World Heritage Site.

### A New Battle of Hastings

One of the prime candidates for future funding is the planned Hastings Bypass in Sussex. Despite a load of greenwash about tough measures to reduce environmental impact, the bypass would destroy two SSSI's and pass through an area of outstanding national beauty and the environmentally important floodplains of the Rother and Brede Rivers. And consultants evaluating the project warn that it may actually increase unemployment in Hastings which is not one of southern England's most prosperous areas.

That's not to say there might not be economic benefits. It's just that it's large corporations which stand to gain, with precious little expected to 'trickle down' to the resident Hastings' community. As at Newbury, construction of the Hastings bypass will open up the way for in-fill development, with business parks and housing estates already planned for neighbouring greenfield site areas. As at Newbury, the bypass would become one part of a larger national road scheme - a long-distance south coast link-road leading to Folkestone and Ashford. And as at Newbury, public debate about the Hastings bypass is being heavily manipulated by business, the local media, and the three main political parties, all of whom strongly support the road. All this despite surveys which show most local people would prefer better public transport rather than new roads.

### Bypassing Logic

Meanwhile, plans for a big-budget Hollywood film drama, starring Sigourney Weaver, of the UK anti-roads movement have been put on hold. If you've been lamenting the lack of excitement in your life since events at Newbury, or if you weren't there at all, it looks like we'll all have a chance to bag a starring role as the real-life drama unfolds once again....

**Transport 2000** 12-18 Hoxton St, London, N1 6NG. 0207 613 0743.

**Road Raging** - essential direct action guide to stop road building. [www.eco-action.org/rr/index.html](http://www.eco-action.org/rr/index.html)

**Copse** - Kate Evans' cartoon book of road protesting. Send SchNEWS a cheque for £12. **South Coast Against Roadbuilding** [www.worthing.eco-action.org/scar](http://www.worthing.eco-action.org/scar)

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

The police were out in force last month at a car-park near Windsor and Eton Train Station after one of their number was called a moose. For some time this place has been used by young people to meet up and chill out, so bored cops looking for fun have recently also been turning up to harass them. When one woman, who had had enough of this, called a WPC a *moose* no less than eleven coppers stampeded in to arrest her. After locking horns about it later at the station she was released without charge.

### Christmas Bonus

More than two and a half years after Simon Jones was killed at work, the Director of Public Prosecutions has decided to charge Euromin, the company Simon was working for, and its general manager with manslaughter. Simon was sent to work inside the hold of a ship with no training and was dead within two hours of starting work.

Since Simon's death his friends and family have campaigned for the events surrounding his death to be the subject of court action. Their campaign has involved shutting down Euromin's docks, occupying the employment agency that sent Simon to work for Euromin, occupying the Department of Trade and Industry on the day that Simon's case was being debated in parliament, shutting down Southwark Bridge outside the Health and Safety Executive, winning a judicial review challenging the Crown Prosecution Service's decision not to prosecute and, this September, picketing their headquarters in London demanding a prosecution. These actions, of course, had no influence on the decision to prosecute which, in the words of the Director of Public Prosecutions, was "reached without unnecessary delay". This is only the sixth time that any company director has been taken to court for the charge of Manslaughter by Gross Negligence. So remember - direct action never works. Honest.

\* **The Construction Safety Campaign** are planning a day of action on 27<sup>th</sup> February to coincide with a Health and Safety Crisis in Construction Conference which is to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre. In the first six months of this year there have been twice as many construction workers killed than in the same period last year. London Hazards Centre 020-7794-5999 [safetycampaign@talk21](mailto:safetycampaign@talk21)

\* **Schwoops!** The web address to see 'Fighting to Win' about preventing deaths at work is [www.red-star-research.org.uk/fightframe.html](http://www.red-star-research.org.uk/fightframe.html)

## **Wassa NATTA?**

Anti-terrorism posters by the Met police are being subverted by campaigners from The Network Against The Terrorism Act (NATTA), drawing attention to the new laws which come into force on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Act has such a wide definition that everyone from striking workers to anti-genetic campaigners could be tarred with the terrorism brush (SchNEWS 268). But it is the police powers to stop, search and harass that should get alarm bells ringing - especially if the old Prevention of Terrorism Act is anything to go by. Out of five thousand mainly Irish people stopped under the old PTA less than 7% were charged, even fewer convicted, with one former Home Secretary revealing "The object of the exercise is not just to secure convictions but to secure information."

NATTA 01273 298192 <http://go.to/ta2000>

## **A Right Carry On**

Britain's planning system faces chaos after a ruling in the High Court last week. Controversial planning decisions are often decided by the Environment Minister, however lawyers successfully argued that this is in breach of Article 6 of the Human Rights Act 'the right to a fair hearing.' The ruling is the first time an English court has used the Human Rights Act to declare existing laws incompatible with human rights. The Government are now appealing.

\* A decision last week by Hampshire County Council to grant permission for a waste incinerator at Marchwood, near Southampton is being challenged under the Human Rights Act on the grounds that it breaches the rights of nearby residents.

\* The police have started to threaten people who take their photos at demonstrations with the Human Rights Act. John Voos, a snapper with The Independent was taking pictures at animal rights demo when a copper told him "If you take my photograph and publish it, you will be infringing my human rights and I will take action on that basis." A bit rich when you can't go to any demo nowadays without the police sticking cameras in yer face. Voos has written to the Association of Chief Police Officers to find out their position asking "If the law does provide for this, how on earth do you cover demonstrations in the future?" [www.pressgazette.co.uk/](http://www.pressgazette.co.uk/)

\* Our old friends the Countryside Alliance look set to use the Human Rights Act to defend their 'sport' if MPs vote for an outright ban on hunting. Their lawyers will claim that a ban would be in breach of the rights to enjoyment of property and respect for private life!

## **In House**

A new report by the local government ombudsman has shown a 73% rise in complaints about Housing Benefit over the past year. In London most of these complaints are directed against the performance of 4 London boroughs where Housing Benefit has been privatised: Southwark (CSL), Lambeth (Capita), Hackney (IT net) and Islington (IT net).

In Newham things quickly started to go wrong for CSL, owned by Deloitte Touche. Under new 'private sector management practices' claims lay unprocessed, staff are bullied and victimised and not surprisingly leave on a daily basis creating even more work for those left. Things finally came to a head when three workers, UNION shop stewards, were disciplined simply for raising the issue. All three were suspended on a charge of 'causing grave embarrassment'! Show support by targeting CSL and Deloitte & Touche offices in your area!

Contact : CSL3 Support Group, c/o PO Box 1681, London N8 7LE; email: [housingbenefit@hotmail.com](mailto:housingbenefit@hotmail.com)

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## **SchNEWS in brief**

The Indian state of Uttar Pradesh has recently banned beauty contests, although the country is home to the current Miss World. The state's chief minister, Rajnath Singh argued that beauty was God-given and therefore could not be judged. \*\* As the Queen and Prince Phillip arrived to open part of the International Centre in Newcastle (a giant genetics showcase), they were upstaged by protesters dressed as a two headed queen, and clones of the queen mum. Protestors carried placards with the slogans 'stop interbreeding now' and 'clone the queen mum before it's too late'! \*\* 600 Dudley Hospital Workers are once again on strike, this time for 3 weeks over the Christmas period. They're on strike to stop their jobs being transferred to a private company (SchNEWS 278). Summit Healthcare want to build a new 'superhospital' under the Private Finance Initiative - so super that out of four hospitals, 170 jobs will be shed, 70 beds lost, one hospital will be closed and two hospitals will lose inpatient services. 01384 244350 [www.labournet.net](http://www.labournet.net)

\*\* Polish Nurses fed up with poor wages and corrupt politicians have been giving it some to get their point across. They have occupied the Ministry of Health hanging a banner reading "Restructure government and parliament: 100% downsizing"; also pelted police with eggs, and are threatening to blockade the border. [www.op.pl/hosting](http://www.op.pl/hosting) \*\* This week a gang of anti-GM turkeys invaded the Dartford distribution centre of supermarket giant ASDA, locking on to lorries and dropping banners to highlight the dangers of genetically modified animal feed in Britain. Around two thirds of all GM crops in the world are for animal feed and millions of tons are imported every year from the US. For more info on genetics actions contact Genetics Snowball 0161 8340295 [www.gn.apc.org/pmhpgs](http://www.gn.apc.org/pmhpgs) \*\* Newcastle-upon-Tyne council and incinerator company Combined Heat and Power are to be prosecuted by the Environment Agency due to the illegal dumping of 2,000 tonnes of toxic ash on allotments, parks and public bridleways. The council has currently banned children from playing in 27 allotments close to the incinerator, and the public have been warned not to eat eggs or poultry from the area. Communities Against Toxics, PO Box 29, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, [ralph@tcppublications.freescerve.co.uk](mailto:ralph@tcppublications.freescerve.co.uk)

\*\* The newly established Surrey Anti Hunt Campaign, set up in response to the near-death of hunt saboteur Steve Christmas at the hands of Old Surrey and Burstow Hunt, has the ultimate aim of closing down this hunt permanently. Surrey Anti Hunt Campaign, BM Box 7099, London, WC1N 3XX, 0771 9031066 [www.sahc.org.uk](http://www.sahc.org.uk) \*\* Mast Action UK, is a new campaign bringing together 100 local groups lobbying for planning controls over mobile telephone masts because of fears over health effects. <http://freespace.virgin.net.co.uk/mast.action/> \*\* Keep up to date with the SchNEWS Party and Protest pages on our website.

## **Positive SchNEWS**

After crumbo as the interest starts to pile up on yer loans you might start considering changing your faith. Converting to Islam might be worth considering, not only will you not have to celebrate consumerism annually, it's also against Islamic law to charge interest. The highest court in Pakistan has recently ruled that the country should adopt an interest-free monetary system within twelve months. Malaysia, another Islamic country, stuck two fingers up to the World Bank this year when it refused to pay any more interest to them, or get involved in their structural adjustment programme.

## **Hellafield**

'Because of reprocessing at Sellafield, in the area around the plant there are 10 times more children with leukaemia than the British average. Because of 50 years of reprocessing, the Irish Sea is now the most radioactively contaminated sea in the world' - Kent Against a Radioactive Environment (K.A.R.E)

Last week the first shipment of plutonium nuclear waste left the defunct power plant at Dodewaard, Holland, for Sellafield. Despite the best efforts of protesters - two managed to infiltrate the police exclusion zone by dinghy, while Greenpeace boarded the ship carrying the waste, had a boat crushed and were hauled off to Court - the waste is on its way to Sellafield. There will be consignments of nuclear waste leaving for Sellafield from Dodewaard every month for the next year and a half. Protests are planned both in Holland and over here. The next shipment will be on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2001. <http://kare.enviorweb.org/>

## **Inside SchNEWS**

20 people occupied the Crown Prosecution Services (CPS) offices in Sheffield this week to demand justice for Mark Barnsley. Unfortunately for them the police station was right next door, so it didn't take the bizzies very long to get on the case and nick 16 people for 'burglary with intent'. They have been bailed to appear at Hull Magistrates on 9th January. Mark Barnsley was sentenced to 12 years for defending himself against an attack by 12 students. (see SchNEWS 214). An excellent pamphlet about his case entitled "Beaten Up, Fitted Up, Locked Up" is available from PO Box 381, Huddersfield, HD1 3XX for £2.00. [www.appleonline.net/markbarnsley/mark.html](http://www.appleonline.net/markbarnsley/mark.html)

\* The naked protestor Vincent Bethall is due to stand trial at Southwark Crown Court beginning on January 4<sup>th</sup> and a starkers protest has been arranged outside the court.

Letters of support to Vincent Bethall, DN9542, B-Segregation, H.M.P Brixton, SW2 5XF [www.geocities.com/themumanmind/](http://www.geocities.com/themumanmind/)

\* Jonathan Elliot, who was sentenced to six months for affray at the N30 demonstration would really appreciate letters of support. Jonathan Elliot, FT10TT, H.M.P Petonville, Caledonian Road, London, N7 8TT

\* Support the two Trident Ploughshares activists who'll be spending Xmas in the nick after for entering Wittering RAF base in Cambridgeshire to hammer on the dashboard of a Trident warhead carrier. Martin Newell, EM6780, HMP Bedford, St Lokes Street, Bedford MK40 1HG and Susan Van Der Hadden, EN5880, HMP Brockhill, Redditch, Worcs, B97 6RD.

\* For more on prisoner support check out the Anarchist Black Cross pages on the SchNEWS web site.

## **...and finally...**

Christmas, the season of goodwill, the season for buying presents for children and watching their little faces light up. Not according to Crucial Input Ltd, a debt collecting company based in Liverpool. They reckon this is the time for 'sending the boys round' to people who owe them money because, as their leaflet says, the debtor will be spending more on their families when they should be paying off their debts. Some people are all heart! SchNEWS advises all readers not to give these modern day scrooges a call on 0870 700 4004 or 0870 700 4005 and pretend to be the ghost of Christmas Past / Present / Future or to send them a black fax on 0151 476 6661

## **Disclaimer**

SchNEWS warns all readers who don't put the brakes on the profit driven road to ruin - get on yer bike! Honest.

**That's all folks ! Next SchNEWS 12<sup>th</sup> January**

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## JUST SAY KNOW

"It's a bad day for accountability and a bad day for freedom of expression" - Dan Lyons, Uncaged.

Yesterday the High Court decided that the rights of companies to make money by any means, no matter how horrible the animal experiments or threats to human health, were more important than the public's right to know.

Imutran applied for an injunction to prevent the public from having access to details of horrific pig-to-primate organ transplant experiments, which were leaked to the anti-vivisection group Uncaged (see SchNEWS 279).

The huge volume of confidential documents – the largest set of data on animal experiments ever leaked – suggests that the company, a subsidiary of bio-tech giants Novartis, has not been frank with the public and the scientific community. In addition, the documents also starkly reveal failures in Home Office regulations and the Government's bias in favour of commercial researchers. However, the judge decided that commercial confidentiality was more important than human health risks, animal welfare or the fact that Imutran 'falsified' results. Uncaged has been given the right to appeal.

### TRUE LIES

Hiding behind corporate confidentiality is nothing new, and neither is the Government's continued protection of big business. In the field of vivisection this looks set to continue, as under commercial confidentiality clauses, animal experiments are not included in the Freedom of Information Act that became law last November (blink and you missed it, we did).

The National Anti Vivisection Society (NAVS) launched a legal challenge to the blanket confidentiality clause in animal experiments Licence Application Forms. The Home Office changed the clause, but then advised all applicants to request that everything on their application form be treated as confidential!

NAVS want Freedom of Information to apply to animal experiments: access to the technical details (no names or addresses) of proposed experiments would enable those interested in animal welfare to challenge unnecessary and repetitive experiments and suggest non-animal methods. Most of what occurs in animal laboratories is never published, and what is, is selected by the person responsible. If an experiment proves fruitless, or fails, its oc-

currence is unlikely to see the light of day. Yet this is the research that probably needs the most scrutiny.

Vivisectors claim that if animal experiments were included in Freedom of Information legislation they would be under threat of attack from the animal rights movement. But that's a bit of a red herring as disclosure of names and addresses are not needed. However, vivisectors aren't shy about publishing their names and what they did with puppies and electrodes in Journals like 'Cutting up Little Fluffy Animals Weekly' (OK, we made that name up, but you get the picture).

It isn't just animal experiments that are not covered in the Freedom of Information Act. You'd think such an Act would give us the right to er...get information. How naive! There are so many 'exemptions' that the Government can restrict a whole load of information if they think it would 'prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs'. Whose affairs they're talking about aren't made clear, but you can probably hazard a guess. They don't even have to admit whether such information exists!

### MAD BILL DISEASE

The report into the BSE crisis criticised the secrecy involved, citing "a clear policy of restricting the disclosure of information about BSE" and that "had there been a policy of openness rather than secrecy" this would have led "to remedial measures being taken sooner than they were". You might think that Freedom of Information might have prevented the BSE crisis, but it wouldn't have made any difference, since the Government admitted that "Under the Bill, reports about BSE given to Ministers would be covered by the exemption in Clause 33 but it would then be for the Minister or the relevant public authority to decide whether the balance of public interest lay in disclosure or maintaining the exemption". And we know what the Government's priorities are...

\*From 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January, SPOR are back in Brighton in a Community Space, featuring daily events, performances and installations, food every evening, a kid's space, sounds, etc. To get involved and contribute: spor23@yahoo.com or 01273 321112

\*The Rebel Alliance is happening there on Weds. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm. Venue to be announced nearer the time, watch this space...

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For Playing Spoons... Two Dutch activists were arrested for "public violence" after "slamming" a spoon on the gate of a police station where three fellow activists were being held. After a wild chase by the coppers, which included nearly getting run over, the two were detained for 24 hours and fined about £250 and £300 each.

The Act contains a clause on safety information that would mean all official reports on transport accidents, nuclear incidents, chemical spills, etc. would be kept secret if it wasn't in the public interest. For example we are assumed to have no right to know about problems like British Nuclear Fuels lying about its nuclear quality control data, or trains that ignore warning signals. Whether something is in the public interest will ultimately be determined by the Information Commissioner, who can ask for disclosure of exempt information where there is an overriding public interest. However, the Authorities can reject the Commissioner's requests and keep the information secret!

So you might well ask, what will be the point of the Freedom of Information Act when it finally comes into force in April 2002? As the old proverb goes, "To tell you the truth, we're lying".

\*Uncaged, 14 Ridgeway Road, Sheffield, S12 2SS. 0114 272 2220, [www.xenodiaries.org](http://www.xenodiaries.org)

\*National Anti Vivisection Society 020-8846-9777 [www.navs.org.uk](http://www.navs.org.uk)

\*The Campaign for Freedom of Information are producing a guide on the Act that will be out soon, 020-7831-7477 [www.cfoi.org.uk](http://www.cfoi.org.uk)

### BURNING DOWN THE HOUSE

Free party organisers have complained that Sussex Police thwarted their dastardly plans after stopping 3 free parties on New Year's Eve. One party organiser told SchNEWS, "After fleecing our mates on the door for all their cash and forcing drugs down their necks, we had just bolted shut all the fire exit doors so we could burn them all to death to the sound of a lovely acid trance soundtrack, when the bloody cops stepped in"

A spokesperson for the Webb-Kirby/Zel sponsored police said, "If people want to party then they will have to pay through the nose at one of our corporate clubs rather than trying to do it on the cheap." Accusing the free party organisers of being 'arrogant' the spokesperson added, "How the fuck are we meant to fleece people if these bastards keep putting on free events?"

## FULL ON INFILL

We can't believe it either - but it's five years this Sunday since work started on the Newbury bypass, kicking off the biggest anti-roads protest this country has ever seen.

Some of the south east's most beautiful countryside was trashed to build the nine mile £101 million road, which even the Dept of Transport and local council admitted wouldn't solve Newbury's traffic congestion. Still, the road has meant that developers get their greedy mitts on a lot of previously inaccessible land. So let the infill begin!

\* The town's biggest employers Vodafone threatened to leave if they weren't given the green light to build a massive new HQ on a greenfield site. The company, who helped finance the pro-bypass lobby, refused to move to Greenham Common because it 'wasn't prestigious enough' and because of the threat of the peace women - two women in an old caravan.

\* Trencherwood Homes Ltd. have the council's support in building 1700 houses on land originally laid out by Capability Brown, and which opponents calculate will generate an extra 4,000 car journeys a day. During a Local Plan enquiry it emerged that Trencherwood were one of four building companies who had contributed towards the council's legal fees - which of course has nothing to do with why the council supported the new village.

\* Sandeford Park is to be built on a new greenfield site that will get a new college - and possibly a 3-storey Conference Centre.

\* Sutton Estates is currently testing the water to get permission to build 750 houses on part of the old battlesite. Local resident Janet Griffen told SchNEWS that the questionnaires Suttons had sent out were so 'loaded' that "people have crossed out all three options!"

\* Sunday 14th January. Newbury Bypass 5th anniversary reunion picnic Meet 12 noon Northcroft Park, bottom of Northcroft Lane Tel 07000785201 www.geocities.com/newburybypass/

## The Real Petrol Price

January 16th is the tenth anniversary of the start of "Desert Storm", the land invasion of Iraq in the Gulf War, when after a massive bombing campaign using depleted uranium, Western tanks rolled into Iraq blasting anything that moved. When the war was all but over thousands of Iraqis, Palestinians, Bangladeshis and Sudanese tried to escape along the road to Basra, back to southern Iraq. These people were spotted by American jets who incinerated the whole convoy using napalm B, cluster bombs and rockets. Another incident that wasn't widely reported was the deliberate burying alive of thousands of Iraqi troops in trenches, using snow ploughs attached to tanks and combat earth movers. These troops were not given the option of surrendering. Other massacres include the carpet bombing of civilian areas, seven times more explosives were dropped on Iraq than were dropped on Hiroshima, and the deliberate bombing of the Al-Amiriya civilian bunker in which up to 400 women and children burned to death.

There have been crippling sanctions imposed on Iraq in which hundreds of thousands of children have died of starvation and disease. Two former UN Humanitarian Co-ordinators for Iraq have since resigned in protest stating, "We are in the process of destroying an entire society. It is as simple and as terrifying as that. It is illegal and immoral." Both have called for the sanctions to be lifted.

\* 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: day of action against sanctions meeting outside Westminster Abbey at 1pm. 0117 9141873 www.welcometovoicesuk

## SchNEWS in brief

This Friday (12) there's a London Underground meeting at the Button Factory, Hardress Street off Herne Hill Road, (Nearest tube Brixton). 7pm followed by discussion on actions for the forthcoming May Day. Tel 07989 451 096. [www.freepress.org/mayday2k](http://www.freepress.org/mayday2k) \*\* Also at the Button Factory on Saturday (13) Short 'n' Curly's, Intensivecare, PAIN, Runnin' Riot and Blakelock are all playing a benefit for No Platform anti-fascist network this 9 pm until late. £3.50/£2.50 concs. [www.antifa.net/noplatform](http://www.antifa.net/noplatform) \*\* Still on the anti-fash tip the Kate Sharpley Library have released an inspiring new booklet called **Bash The Fash**. Its a recollection of battles against the nazis between the mid 80s to mid 90s. Just send £1.50 to the Kate Sharpley Library, BM Hurricane, London WC1N 3XX\*\* Couple of actions against the inauguration of George W. next Saturday (20). There will be a picket in support of **Mumia Abu-Jamal**, the African American Journalist on death row in the USA for 19 years. It's outside the US Embassy, Grosvenor Square, London 11am - 1pm, while **The Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases** will be stepping up their campaign following Bush's recently announced star wars plans. They will be outside Menwith Hill spy base, near Harrogate, Yorkshire. 01943 466405 [www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab/](http://www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab/) \*\* Help is urgently needed to save 74 mature trees in Wembley from the chop. They're going to make way for... you guessed it housing! 020 8902 3530 [zerinetata@hotmail.com](mailto:zerinetata@hotmail.com) \*\* **SCHWOOPS**. The web address for Kent Against a Radioactive Environment (K.A.R.E.) in the last SchNEWS should have read <http://kare.enviroweb.org/> \*\*

**Bloody Sunday- Let the Truth be Told March** from Victoria Embankment, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm, followed by rally at University of London and a social in the evening 020 8442 8778 \*\* Brighton's pirate **Radio4A** takes to the airwaves this weekend, 106.6FM, [www.freepress.org/radio4a](http://www.freepress.org/radio4a) \*\* There will be no **Glastonbury Festival** this year following fears over overcrowding at the event due to all you naughty people jumping the fence \*\* Regular SchNEWS readers will be delighted Vincent Bethell has escaped custody by the skin of his teeth, though his claim in his defence that Subbuteo has naked streakers is a bit much!

## POSITIVE SchNEWS

This year's **Pedal Power Convention** will again take place at the RISC centre in Reading on Sunday 4th February from midday until 6pm. There will be pedal powered music, Children's Pedal Generators and all sorts of DIY energy generators from Campaign for Real Events, Coltech, CREAT and others. Now is the time to start building your rig for this year's festivals - come and talk to the experts first. Details on [www.c-realevents.demon.co.uk](http://www.c-realevents.demon.co.uk)

## International Briefs

On January 1<sup>st</sup> Czech TV workers for the state-owned channel went on strike, occupying the TV studios in protest at the appointment of an ultra-right wing director. People showed their support, when an amazing 100,000 people turned out to protest in Prague. STOP PRESS: the director has resigned, the strike continues... \*\* 15,000 striking bank workers in South Korea took to the streets in protest at their government's unpopular financial reforms. Their protest was met with a violent response from 6,000 police. [www.labournet.org](http://www.labournet.org) \*\* People of the **Narmada Valley**, India, were celebrating last month at the news that US based Ogden Corporation are to withdraw their funding from the Maheshwar Dam. [www.narmada.org](http://www.narmada.org)

## Inside SchNEWS

\* Mayday prisoner Michael Collins has been moved, his new address is Michael Collins FR303, HMP Elmley, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AY. Apparently he can't receive any subversive material including SchNEWS!

\* Marcellos Gallegos is a MayDay Prisoner who came to this country from Ecuador a year ago to seek asylum. He is due to be released soon but may face deportation as the authorities probably won't appreciate his conviction. Letters (in Spanish) would be appreciated. Marcellos Gallegos DN8220, HMP Wandsworth, PO Box 757 Heathfield Road, London, SW18 3HS.

\* Protest outside Home Office Minister Paul Boateng's Surgery to publicise the case of **Mark Barnsley**, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 9.15am, Harlesden Library, London. Mark was imprisoned for 12 years after being beaten up by a gang of students.

## Away in a Manger

Unlike us lazy British activists who hang up our black clothes for the festive season, Belgian activists managed to stay right on the ball. A group calling themselves "Operation Jesus 2000" kidnapped nineteen statues of baby Jesus, from right under the nose of the onlooking Mary. The stunt was designed to show how Jesus would be greeted by the Belgian authorities if he arrived today, after fleeing persecution from the nasty King Herod. The Belgian authorities have now scrapped direct cash payments to asylum seekers, to try and stop what they see as a flood of immigrants into the country. All the statues have now been resurrected, [www.jesus2000.be](http://www.jesus2000.be)

## RHUBARB DAY OF ACTION

There are more national awareness days than there are slots in the calendar - 460 at the last count. So, to help out all those poor public relations companies SchNEWS brings you a new column to give more exposure to some of the best ones. And we start off with **National Rhubarb Day** (Sunday 14). And no, we're not making this up.

## ...and finally...

SchNEWS thought it was surely a piss-take when we saw an advert for the annual WorldAware Business Awards where businesses compete for the prestigious "Shell Award for Sustainable Development", and "The Rio Tinto Award for Long-term Commitment". But the awards are real, which saves us the job of making stuff up - though we couldn't come up with anything grimmer if we tried. This year's SchNEWS awards for Corporate hypocrisy, though, has to go to Tesco's, (that well known friendly local shop) who funded a meeting at the Labour Party Conference called 'Renewing Democracy, Rebuilding Communities'. Cor blimley what ever will they think of next? McDonald's sponsoring Keep Britain Tidy Week (oh they already do!).

\* Congratulations to the winners of the WorldAware's Innovation Award, Roke Manor Research, who have produced a low cost, life saving landmine detector. [www.worldaware.org.uk](http://www.worldaware.org.uk)

\* For more on this sort of stuff read the meticulously researched 'Captive State' by George Monbiot (Macmillan)

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SchNEWS warns all readers if they try and get hold of our organ we'll just say know. Honest

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# DYING FOR PROFIT

*"Imagine witnessing devastating plague and sitting on a cure for fear of incurring shareholders revolt."*

- Ben Jackson, Action for Southern Africa

With AIDS sweeping through Africa like the plague, the world's most powerful drug companies are showing the usual corporate compassion by taking the South African government to court to stop cheap drugs being used to help people with HIV.

In 1997 former President Nelson Mandela passed a law which gave the country the right to buy huge amounts of generic drugs and sell them cheaply to help people with HIV. The law also gives South Africa the right to 'compulsorily license' HIV drugs - allowing a drug to be produced more cheaply by someone other than the patent holder, if it's in the public interest.

The response of the pharmaceutical industry, the US and EU governments was swift and deadly. The US threatened trade sanctions, and the European Commission argued the law broke World Trade Organisation rules. Meanwhile 40 pharmaceutical companies took legal action to declare the law unconstitutional.

This has meant, in the words of the South African's health minister "pioneering legislation...has, to date, been crippled by legal challenges, cynically mounted by multinational companies, in order to preserve their narrow self-interest in exorbitant financial profit".

## First Aid

25 million people are currently infected by the HIV virus in sub-Saharan Africa, yet only 25,000 Africans (0.1 per cent of those infected) receive the drugs which are available in the West to help prolong lives.

The big drug firms are scared that if they turn a blind eye to cheap drugs in South Africa it will set a dangerous precedent and hit their future balance sheets. Yet just 1 per cent of drug revenues comes from the entire African continent.

One of the most blatant examples of a company profiteering from AIDS is Pfizer. Pfizer manufactures fluconazole which is used to treat two common infections associated with HIV which are often fatal if left untreated. Fluconazole costs over 10 times more in South Africa than high-quality equivalents available from countries like Thailand and India. The result of Pfizer's profiteering is that many hospitals in the country have insufficient stocks of fluconazole, and many people suffer or

die because they cannot afford the private sector price for the drug.

The Treatment Action Campaign is currently preparing legal action against the company.

## TRIP'ed Out

*"We cannot allow global trade rules to be used to put the commercial interests of drug companies over the public health interests of millions in Southern Africa."*

- Ben Jackson, Action for Southern Africa.

The South African government has come under fire because they have signed up to the World Trade Organisations TRIPS - Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. This allows owners of 'intellectual property' to control the exploitation of their inventions worldwide, determining the price at which they can be sold and the royalties they receive. Brazil meanwhile - which has not yet fully implemented the WTO TRIP's agreement - has cut the cost of anti-retroviral treatments by 72 per cent since 1996 by using locally made versions in a national treatment scheme. In Sao Paulo AIDS deaths have fallen by 53 per cent since 1995.

Still, what do the drug companies care? Well, another one of those companies taking part in the legal action is GlaxoSmithKline who recently became the world's biggest drugs group. It's mission statement says how it "is committed to improving the quality of human life by enabling people to do more, feel better and live longer." But that is, of course only if you've got the cash.

- \* The court date is scheduled for the 5th March at Pretoria High Court and could run for years. Whoever eventually loses will face costs running into tens of millions of pounds.

- \* Action for South Africa 020 7833 3133 [www.actsa.org](http://www.actsa.org)

- \* Read 'The Constant Gardens' by John LeCarre

## AIDS - THE FACTS

- \* More than 31 million people are currently living with HIV in developing countries
- \* Over 90% of HIV Positive people live in developing countries
- \* There are 13.2 million orphans from AIDS
- \* Over 1,000 children die each day as a result of AIDS
- \* 1 in 4 adults in Zimbabwe have AIDS/HIV
- \* It's been predicted that unless something is done the number of people in Africa infected with HIV could reach more than 50 million - the equivalent of the population of the UK.

## CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK

For saying Boo! Last October, during a demonstration against the Biomedical Primary Research Centre in Holland an activist was arrested for saying boo to a cop.

For dragging a flag! Veteran peace campaigner Lindis Percy has been charged with causing harassment, alarm or distress after she dragged a US flag in front of cars driven by Americans at the US Spy Base Menwith Hill. [www.gn.apc.org/cndyork/raab/](http://www.gn.apc.org/cndyork/raab/)

## Crude Operators

If you tried to think of a company that is working to improve our environment, we doubt that Shell would spring to mind. So SchNEWS was shocked to hear that last week they were awarded 'The World Environment Center's Seventeenth Annual Gold Medal for International Corporate Environmental Achievement'. Come again! The judges for the competition choose Shell because of 'their clear commitment to sustainable development'. We must be missing something. Even if you believe, as Shell alleges, they are cleaning up their appalling environmental and human rights record. They're still an oil company that is continuing to make vast sums of money out of shafting our climate. Our message for Shell is that they are gonna have to paste their greenwash a lot thicker to suck us in. Check out the dirt on them at [www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org)

## In Da Area

\*SPOR Community Space in Brighton 23-28 January. Featuring performances, installations, a kid's space, cafe, sculpture, photography, video, and music. The space is to be organised around the theme "The Shape of Nature", there will be events around climate change, alternative energy, permaculture, and other related topics. At the same time there will be a host of information about the people and institutions that are responsible for the current problems we are facing, and creative solutions to those problems. Contributions are welcome.

The venue is in central Brighton and will be announced on Monday. Call 01273-321112 for details, or check [www.spor.org.uk](http://www.spor.org.uk), [spor23@yahoo.com](mailto:spor23@yahoo.com)

\*The Rebel Alliance. Brighton's occasional direct action get together will take place next Wednesday (24) at the Spor community space. Ring SPOR for directions. Food will be served from 6.30pm, meeting starts 7.30pm with films afterwards.

## CRASS PAD

They re-activated the peace and anarchist movement, gave punk a good kick up the backside, had a record label that sold thousands of records with 'pay no more than' stickers plastered all over them and generally trumpeted the DIY get off your arses ethos. Now ex-members of CRASS are trying to save the commune that spawned these and many other ideas from the developers.

They've already saved Dial House from the developers once, arguing successfully in court that the grade 2 listed 16th-century cottage on the outskirts of North Weald was a cultural outpost (described as the punk equivalent of the Bloomsbury set's Charleston House!). Supporters are now trying to raise the £80,000 needed to buy the house. To find out about giving donations email [gcccra@bbs.southern.com](mailto:gcccra@bbs.southern.com)

\*The Stonehenge Free Festival was one of the ideas that came out of Dial house. Read Penny Rimbaud's *Shibboleth: My Revolting Life* (AK Press) to find out what happened to the man who dreamt it up.

## Positive SchNEWS

If you fancy learning the basics about renewable energy, or if you're interested in perhaps installing your own green energy system. The University of Aberystwyth is running a 3-day course on the following dates: 3, 24 February and the 17 March. Interested then contact Green Dragon Energy, 'Panteg', Cwm Llinau, Machynlleth, Powys SY20 9NU Tel: 01650 511378 The course costs £35/25 cons, and needs to be booked in advance.

### SchNEWS TRAINING DAY

Live in Brighton? Want to get involved in your favourite weekly direct action newsheet? Then come along to our next training day on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 12 noon. To book your place and get directions call the office. (It's National Doughnut Week so no-one will be allowed in the office unless they bribe us with a doughnut or two).

**Help!** We currently need help with putting SchNEWS on the web every Thursday evening, and need someone to drop SchNEWS round Kemptown once a week.

\* We are putting our 6<sup>th</sup> book together at the moment. So if you've pictures, cartoons, articles etc you think would be suitable. Send 'em to us along with your name and address on the back if you want stuff returned to SchNEWS Towers (please write on photos where and when they are from)

## BRIGHTON BRIEFS

Whitgift Homes want to build 35 houses and 54 car parking spaces on Whitehawk Hill in Brighton (despite there being over 2100 empty private houses in Brighton). This ancient site's threatened habitat is home to rare downland species. A Planning Inquiry will determine the fate of the site next Tuesday (23<sup>rd</sup>). Demonstrate outside the hearing, 9:30am, Brighton Town Hall, Bartholomew Square. Contact Friends of Whitehawk Hill for more details 01273-620815 \*\*The A27 Action Group is opposing a new superhighway through the downs between Lewes and Polegate. They produce an excellent newsletter. Subs are £3/£1 concessions from A27 Action Group, 56 Firle Village, East Sussex, BN8 6LG. \*\* There is a new website for the Brighton free/squat party scene [www.partyvibe.com/brighton23](http://www.partyvibe.com/brighton23), contributions to [steve@spiralize.co.uk](mailto:steve@spiralize.co.uk)

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## SchNEWS in brief

Corporate Watch have produced briefings for anti-GM campaigners on the two major global grain companies, Cargill, and ADM. 01865-791391 [www.gm-info.org.uk](http://www.gm-info.org.uk) \*\*Stop Privatisation. Invest in Council Housing lobby of Parliament and rally with speakers at Central Hall, Westminster, 1-5pm. 0207 2759994\*\* Rally for the Kurds in solidarity with those threatened by the Ilisu Dam. 27 January marks 40 years since the Tryweryn Dam built by Balfour Beatty drowned this area of North Wales. An information session 10.30 to 12.30am, at the Canolfan Bro Tegid. The Rally will at 1pm, on the banks of Llyn Celyn.\*\* Action against Aviation - 4pm, 4th February for briefings and dinner. Yard Theatre, Old Birley Street, Hulme, Manchester. Action on the 5<sup>th</sup> to co-incide with the opening of Manchester's 2<sup>nd</sup> runway. Please contact 0161-226-6814. \*\* Women Speak Out. 3-4 February. Discussions, films, practical skill sharing workshops, entertainment, kids' space, cheap vegan food and accommodation. The event is free and the exact location will be confirmed in the week before the Gathering but it will be in central Bristol 07979 211897/0117 303 9261

\*\* Anti Private Finance Initiative Demo called by The Save Leeds NHS Campaign to stop privatisation of Leeds Hospitals, 3.30pm, 26 January, Leeds Town Hall, 0113-2408184 or [dwharton@representative.com](mailto:dwharton@representative.com) \*\* Yesterday at Manchester Crown Court today two Trident Ploughshares activists were found not guilty of conspiracy to commit criminal damage after their attempt to decommission a Trident nuclear submarine. [www.tridentploughshares.org](http://www.tridentploughshares.org) \*\* Witness Appeals: Anybody who witnessed the events leading up to the arrests of 7 anti-fascists at the Cock Tavern, Euston is asked to contact Tony Martin of Moss & Co. Solicitors on 020-8986 8336. \* Anyone who was held in Trafalgar Square on Mayday under Section 60 whether arrested or not. Is asked to contact Tim Green of Bernberg & Co. Solicitors - 020 7911-0166. There is a case against the legality of police actions on the day. Your information may make the difference in a possible prison sentence. \*\* Remember to check SchNEWS Party and Protst guide on our website.

## International Briefs

Bosses at Microsoft Poland are reported to be none to pleased after it was discovered that the thesaurus for Word 2000, comes up with "exploitation" and "inequality" if you enter a search for "capitalism". \*\* At least 10,000 "monkeys" occupied government offices in New Delhi, India, in protest at the government's solution to the City's monkey problem, which is to round up the animals and take them to outlying areas, that are already overpopulated with the primates. \*\* Meat eaters in India are being shocked into thinking about their carnivorous habits - PETA the animal welfare group unveiled billboards in Mumbai (formerly Bombay) depicting a chicken tucking into a nice juicy human leg on a plate. This campaign is to extend to the rest of India then to US, UK, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands. \*\* 150 people were arrested in Bhopal, India as they marched in protest against the Development Forum taking place in the city, attended by the World Bank and Asia Development Bank. \*\* 21 protesters were arrested in Ankara, Turkey, for protesting outside a meeting between Turkish officials and the IMF. The country was bailed out of financial crisis by the IMF in 1999, and is now being forced to implement severe austerity measures.

## Inside SchNEWS

Turkey's political prisoners remain on hunger strike in protest against their removal to isolated cells containing 1-3 people with no access to lawyers or medical treatment. The move comes as an attempt by the Turkish authorities to break up the solidarity and self-regulation of political prisoners. The hunger strikers have now been holding their fast for around 85 days and many are in a critical condition.

In recent weeks 4 police have been killed and around 30 injured through retaliation attacks to the storming of 20 prisons on December 20<sup>th</sup> in which 30 prisoners were killed.

The Turkish government has imposed a censor on the press, with all reporting relating to the situation of the detainees prohibited, whilst 5 branches of Turkey's Human Rights Association have been closed with members detained.

Last week four activists were arrested whilst laying a wreath outside the Istanbul offices of the Democratic Left Party, they are currently held in prison awaiting trial which could result in 1 year sentences.

For more information and updates on the situation contact The Free Captives/Anti-Fascist and Anti-Imperialist Prisoners Support Group at London Information Bureau, BM Box 8253, London, WC1N 3XX, 0207 254 1266 [www.ozgurluk.org](http://www.ozgurluk.org)

...and finally...

### A cyber version of Tales of the Unexpected

The Centre for International Legal Studies was stuck for a speaker for a conference on international trade last October in Salzburg. So they visited the website [www.gatt.org](http://www.gatt.org) and sent an invitation to Mike Moore, the World Trade Organisation Director General. They received a reply he couldn't attend, but that he'd send Dr Andreas Bichlbauer to speak in his place.

Dr Bichlbauer attended the conference and gave a speech entitled "Trade Regulation Relaxation and Concepts of Incremental Improvement: Governing Perspectives from 1970 to the Present". The gist of the speech was that Italians have a lesser work ethic than the Dutch, that Americans would be better off auctioning their votes in the presidential election to the highest bidder and that the primary role of the WTO was to create a one-world culture. The speech didn't go down too well, not because of the brutal truth of the role of the WTO, but because of its reference to Italians. Despite receiving a pieing on leaving the conference, Dr Bichlbauer, defended his speech, "While we of course do not advocate vote-selling or siesta-banning at the present time, it is quite true that efficiency and the streamlining of culture and politics in the interests of economic liberalisation is at the core of the WTO's programme". A few days later Dr Bichlbauer was on his deathbed. Allegations began to fly that perhaps the Dr had been targeted by his own organisation who were none too impressed by his honesty. A week later Dr Bichlbauer's death was announced by e-mail.

The twist in the tail then became apparent. Dr Bichlbauer was an impostor - the organisers of the conference had been the victims of a hoax. If they'd looked at the website a bit more closely they would have perhaps realised that it wasn't run by the WTO, but by anti trade campaigners "The Yes Men". A spokesman for the group later stated "We think the ethical thing to do is to represent the WTO more honestly than they represent themselves". Full story at [www.theyesmen.org/wto](http://www.theyesmen.org/wto).

disclaimer

Sorry too tripped out to write one. Honest, Man.



**16th January:** On the tenth anniversary of the Gulf War there was a demo in London against continuing Iraq Sanctions. Amongst the crowd were the WOMBLES - in the white overalls.

'It is the history of the idea of war that is beneath our other histories [...] But around and under and above it is another reality; like desert-water kept from the surface and the sea, like the old desert-answer needing its channels, the blessings of much work before it arrives to act and make flower. This history is the history of possibility.'

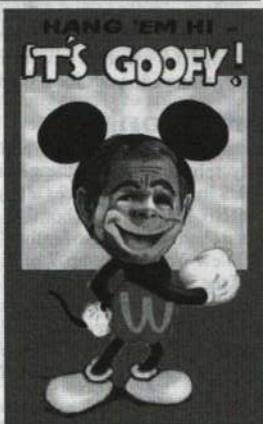
— Muriel Rukeyser, 'The Life of Poetry'



Pic: Richie Andrew



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**20th January:** Counter Bush inauguration demo at the US Embassy, London. Mumia demo left, Green Party above.



Pics: Richie Andrew

# SHAC ATTACK

The Campaign to shut down Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS) is fast becoming one of the most significant in the animal rights movement's history. The speed, methodology, and determination with which one of the world's biggest animal testing laboratories is being brought to its knees, almost entirely by the efforts of volunteer grassroots activists, denotes the endless possibilities of what a small community of passionate campaigners can do.

Huntingdon Life Sciences is Europe's - and one of the world's largest contract animal testing laboratories. They are based in Alconbury, Cambridgeshire, but also have a smaller lab in Suffolk and one in Princeton, New Jersey USA. Everyday 500 animals die a horrible death after being slowly poisoned. At any one point there were over 70,000 animals in the HLS labs suffering a fate worse than death. HLS specialises in testing the toxicity of agrochemicals, GMOs, food colourings, adhesives, washing powders, and various pharmaceutical products. They're a contract company which means that they carry out research on behalf of others, and their list of customers includes some very unsavoury companies: Aventis, GlaxoSmithKline, Monsanto, Texaco, and Union Carbide. "Your Secret is our Secret" is HLS's motto, and there really must be a lot of secrets in this club.

HLS have been carrying out their dirty business since 1951, but have only relatively recently come into the spotlight due to a number of undercover investigations. The most famous one was in March 1997, when Channel 4 screened a programme in the "Countryside Undercover" series called "It's a Dog's Life". The programme showed harrowing undercover footage of the barbaric treatment of Beagle puppies being punched and thrown against walls. After the programme HLS share prices plummeted and have never recovered.

In late November of 1999 a small group of animal rights campaigners inspired by the successful campaigns to close down Consort Beagles, and Hillgrove and Shamrock farms started the group Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC), with the sole intention of working against HLS until it was closed.

## TACTICS

It seems almost unbelievable that in such a short space of time any campaign group could take on a large multi-million pound company to such devastating effect. As well as their sheer determination a major key to their success has been the diversity of their tactics. As well as causing trouble for HLS and its employees they have had great success targeting its customers, shareholders and investors. The wide range of targets leaves the potential for people around the country, and even the world, to join in the campaign in their own towns.

Every day of the week a crowd of protesters assemble outside the gates of HLS's main lab site in Huntingdon. All day long as workers of HLS come and go they are greeted with screaming protesters who push their conscience to the limit. SHAC holds national demonstrations every eight weeks where invariably over a thousand protesters show up for the action whether it be at the lab, in the town centre (often Cambridge), or at the offices of a company affiliated with HLS in the area. Large demonstrations are routinely followed up with several home demonstrations of the workers. Moving around like this makes it harder for the police to keep up, and also stretches their resources. In order for the police to continue to protect the company's laboratories they were given an extra £1 million at the beginning of the year, but with the momentum of the campaign at the moment it doesn't look that this will go very far.

Campaigners though haven't stopped at HLS offices and their workers, customers of the company have also been targeted, office occupations, phone and fax blockades, and demos outside people's houses have been successful to the effect that British Biotech, Servier and the James Black Foundation have all pulled out with statements that they will never use HLS again. The campaign has now also hit the high street with a campaign for the boy-

cott of GlaxoSmithKline products. In February campaigners from Manchester, Liverpool and Wigan staged a bit of 'ethical shoplifting'. In Tesco, Boots and Asda stores they removed all GlaxoSmithKline products from the shelves and then blockaded the checkouts with the full trolleys. "A great day was had by all, and we're now planning to do one every week. For people who can't make it to the gates of HLS every week because of distance, then 'ethical shop lifting' of Glaxo SmithKline products is definitely the tactic to adopt" - Campaigner

To date the most successful tool in the battle to shut down this vile place has been to target those who have shares in the lab. SHAC publish on the internet the names and addresses of those across England and internationally who have shares in HLS. In response to a SHAC mail-out to all shareholders with an information pack and a persuasive request to sell their HLS shares, countless shareholders immediately sold theirs after learning of what the company actually does. Nightly crowds of angry protesters on doorsteps persuaded others to sell. SHAC then found that a great way to strip HLS of even larger numbers of shares was through the targeting of corporate shareholders who may own thousands - or even millions - of shares in the company. A number of demonstrations have been held in the City of London, where a lot of HLS's shareholders are based.

In December 2000, over 60 demonstrators left Liverpool Street station each with an underground ticket and a tube map, vexing police who had no idea where the target destination was. Their first stop was the Bank of New York, in Canary Wharf, where protesters managed to fill the reception area, and bring the building to a standstill for 1½ hours, stopping 200 workers getting into their offices. After this the protest moved onto the offices of two more shareholders. These protests combined with other publicity stunts, office occupations, phone, mail and internet blockades, have resulted in large amounts of HLS stock being continuously dumped on the market plummeting HLS's share price. This year the price of a share reached an all time low of 1.75p a share.

The success of the shareholder campaign lead to SHAC receiving a tip off from people working within the city that a key to a company's ability to trade shares is their market makers, and two market makers are required to keep a company on the stock market. HLS's market makers have now been persuaded to drop them, successfully delisting HLS who now have to trade in a crappy little system called cites, alongside your local corner shop.

## SHAC International

Because of the international nature of HLS and its customers SHAC's web is slowly spreading across the globe to customers and shareholders of HLS in their head offices all over Europe and beyond. In spring 2000 SHAC USA was 'born' to target the New Jersey lab and American shareholders. So far they've managed to persuade the Bank of New York to dump 7 million shares, and cause the resignation of the President of the HLS New Jersey Lab.

"We have contacts all over the world including in New Zealand targeting the only shareholder out there, sending them a powerful message that we will pursue anyone involved in HLS to the ends of the earth if we have to, whatever it takes we will close the hell hole down" - SHAC

Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, PO Box 381, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1YN Tel: 0121 632 6460 [www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net)



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# LAW OF THE LAB

*"Practically speaking, all animal experiments are untenable on a scientific basis, for they possess no statistical validity or reliability whatsoever. They merely perform an alibi function for pharmaceutical companies, who hope to protect themselves thereby from legal liability."* Herbert and Margot Stiller, Vivisection and Vivisector'

Last week showed just how far governments are prepared to go to protect private business interests from campaigners who expose their unethical practices. Science Minister Lord Sainsbury stepped in to shore up the sinking vivisection agency Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), while Tony Blair underlined the company's "right to conduct legitimate research" as the government pressured the Royal Bank of Scotland to extend the company's overdraft and forked out an extra £1 million to help the Cambridgeshire police protect the company's laboratories. If only Britain's public transport, organic farming, and alternative energy industries received such commitment.

HLS's appalling cruelty to animals has been exposed 3 times in the past ten years by undercover researchers. In 1997 the Channel 4 'Countryside Undercover' programme caught HLS staff red-handed on film punching animals and falsifying data with one worker admitting on tape "You can wipe your ass on that data."

Despite last week's rescue from a secretive US-based financial backer (who SchNEWS predicts won't remain anonymous for very long), HLS are still in deep shit. The Daily Telegraph's less than compelling advice for anyone thinking of buying shares in the company is "One for the brave or the mad". The Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC) campaigners sure ain't going to go away in a hurry, promising "If anyone is reading this and considering bailing out HLS, be warned. We are prepared for a long fight, and while our goal is HLS, we will take on anyone who gets in our way."

So why is the government so keen on backing a company widely seen as the dregs of the capitalist barrel? On the surface they talk about preventing business and jobs from being lost if HLS and similar companies are driven out of "legitimate" scientific research which will result in the medical breakthroughs needed to save

lives. In reality HLS are a commercial contract laboratory who carry out experiments for big business clients from all over the world. A lot of this work is tests on the toxicity of new paints, detergents, adhesives, solvents and other consumer products. SchNEWS wonders just how many lives a new brand of bathroom cleaner is going to save?

Tony Blair says the government is "on the side of science" over animal research. However, much of today's medical research is directed towards treatments for 'lifestyle' diseases such as cancer or into new brands of headache tablets, anti-depressants, and appetite suppressants. Often these drugs don't actually cure patients - they just alleviate the symptoms of an illness. And while we're talking about saving lives, the drugs companies spend only a fraction of their research budgets on cures for really big killers such as malaria and sleeping sickness which infect people with no money who live in far away parts of the world.

How much effort is going into promoting low-cost traditional methods of healing which aren't based around the use of chemical drugs, such as Chinese medicine which have been applied successfully for thousands of years? As usual, Tony is talking baloney and this has nothing at all to do with saving lives - just allowing big business to carry on as usual developing new products to part the sick from their money and using junk science to hoodwink the public.

## BARBARIC & USELESS

"Vivisection is barbaric, useless, and a hindrance to scientific progress," says Dr Werner Hartinger, German Chief Surgeon, which is not surprising when you consider how different humans are from laboratory animals such as cats, dogs, and marmosets. You don't need to have a PhD in applied biochemistry to be able to work out that if drugs can have different effects on different people, they will also have different effects on different species. The Fund for the Replacement of Animals in Medical Experiments and the RSPCA have reported that in 92% of experiments the use of animals does not provide any additional relevant information whatsoever about drug toxicity. Alternatives to animal experiments using cell cultures, artificial medical systems, and mathematical and

## Crap Arrests of the Week

For having a piss. A young reveller was recently arrested after answering a call of nature against a bush outside a house party in America. Surely a case of over zealous cops taking the piss(er).

**For Raising a Flag!** A protestor at Bush's inauguration was arrested for raising an anarchist flag at the Navy Memorial.

computer models do exist, but the government would rather bail out HLS than force the medical industry to use more humane research methods.

Last week Mark Matfield of the Research Defence Society, the organisation that represents vivisectionists, asked: "Do you want to have a biotech industry in this country or not?" It's time to show the vivisectors that if biotechnology means the unnecessary killing and torture of animals, the answer is simply NO.

\* Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty 0121 632 6460 [www.welcome.to/shac](http://www.welcome.to/shac)

\* Demo against Huntingdon Sun, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. Meet noon at Christ Church School, Rickmansworth Rd (A404) two mins from M25 J18

\* Recommended reading: "Secret Suffering: Inside a British Laboratory" by Sarah Kite. Details 8 months undercover work in Huntingdon, available from British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection 0207 700 4888 [www.HelpTheDogs.org](http://www.HelpTheDogs.org)

## CLAMPING DOWN

Protests against HLS have attracted massive support, so guess what Labour's answer has been. In response to calls for action from the vivisection industry, Jack 'Boots' Straw wants to pass new laws to clamp down on troublesome campaigners. Just how many laws do they want? The police can already stop protests using the Public Order Acts, the Criminal Justice Acts, the Criminal Damage Act, the Harassment Act, the Interfering in Fat Cats Making Money Act, numerous trade union laws, and long-standing legislation outlawing obstruction, conspiracy, and breach of the peace (OK, we made one of them up). Even Ann Widdecombe has raised concerns about the human rights implications of the proposed new laws! And coming soon is the Terrorism Act (see SchNEWS 268) which one MP described as "potentially turning activist movements into terrorist movements".

\* The Terrorism Act comes into force on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>. Call 01273 298192 for more info or <http://go.to/ta2000>

## **NO CHOKE**

*How would you feel if you knew that over the coming weekend your health would be seriously at risk, hospital admissions would increase and sufferers of heart and lung conditions could face premature death? You may have missed it, but these were precisely the conditions over much of Britain last weekend.*

The dangerous concentration of traffic and power station pollutants, brought on by the high pressure of the previous week resulted in the worst air pollution incident since 1991. A recent study by economists at St Andrews University revealed that air pollution is responsible for up to 19,500 premature deaths a year in Britain alone.

\* Climate change is high on the political agenda, following last year's failed negotiations at the Hague and the publication of a three year report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. The report, written by 639 authors, paints a bleak picture and serves as a harsh warning for the future of the planet. It concluded that human activity was primarily responsible for global warming and that the scale of the damage would be significantly higher than first estimated. Temperatures and sea levels will continue to rise and ice sheets will shrink for thousands of years, even when the concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has eventually been stabilised. It is hoped the report will add some strength to the implementation of the 1997 Kyoto Protocol of reducing greenhouse emissions, which is due to be discussed later this year. Apparently the US is trying to delay the talks because they are not ready yet!

\* Mass destruction of the Amazon rainforest looks on the cards thanks to a huge 'regeneration' plan. 'Advance Brazil', would see the construction of roads, railways, waterways and hydroelectric dams over a seven year period. Aimed at connecting the inhabitants of the rainforest to the populated areas of Brazil, the plan would leave 28% of the forest destroyed, 28% untouched and the rest with varying degrees of destruction. "If these development plans go through, we'll lose the largest remaining wilderness on Earth... And that doesn't even consider the enormous impacts on the carbon cycle, global climate and greenhouse warming," said Scott Bergen, a scientist at Oregon State University.

\* Rising Tide have called for March 21 to be a day of international action against climate change. Coinciding with the International Day Against Racism, the Season Of Carbon Action will be launched and groups and individuals are asked to organise their own actions. [www.risingtide.nl](http://www.risingtide.nl)

## **SPOR SQUATTERS**

The vault emptied, doors flung wide, the un-Co-Operative Bank in Ship Street, Brighton, and sprouting shrooms. Spor have a community space for fun, freedom and creative explorations of solutions to global injustice.

There are art installations, videos and lots of info. This Saturday (27) has a climate change theme, with talks and action ideas from 1pm. Lots of kidz events: kids forum theatre in the morning, juggling in the afternoon and story telling later. There are also workshops on Forest Gardening (3-4pm) Alternative Education (5pm), Biodiesel (5pm), Self help housing (6.30pm). Radio 4A have a workshop at 1pm and will be broadcasting live from 8pm on 106.6FM. On Sunday there will be more videos and workshops. Details 01273 321112 [www.spor.org.uk](http://www.spor.org.uk)

## **NO CHOKE TWO**

Climate Change Campaigners held an 'Inauguration Day' Protest last Saturday at the U.S. Embassy, London, to protest against the U.S. wrecking the Climate Talks in the Hague and Bush's links with oil companies. Protests will continue every Saturday 1-4pm at the US Embassy. 0208 533 7274 [www.goatbyte.net/climatedemo](http://www.goatbyte.net/climatedemo)

\* Farnborough based TAG Aviation have recently secured permission for the expansion of Farnborough Airport. Previously the MOD owned airport served as a training ground for its aviation and aerospace research body, it is set to become a large regional airport serving the European business community. The development will result in the loss of 170 acres of a SSSI, the destruction of endangered and protected species and the removal of the tops of three hills. That's not to mention the increased noise and air pollution for the residents of Farnborough. A college, old people's home and numerous houses will now be situated dangerously close to the flight path. Green MEP Caroline Lucas has lent her support to the campaign and succeeded in winning approval in European Parliament of her report on aviation with calls environmental tax on EU flights, noise pollution reduction guidelines and a tax on aviation kerosene amongst other measures. To get involved contact North Hants Green Party, 49 York Road, Aldershot, Hants, GU11 3JQ, 01252 653144

\* January 30-31 will see the Amsterdam Hilton host an interesting conference entitled 'Aviation and the Environment'. Topics for discussion include 'Airlines-The Sustainable Future', 'The Control of Emissions-Finding Solutions Market-Based Options' and 'Sustaining the Air Transport Industry'. If you can't make it you can buy the documentation material for the bargain price of £330 plus VAT!

\* 4-5 Feb Demo against the opening of the 2nd runway at Manchester airport. More details 0161-226-6814

## **SHEIK IT UP**

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) got together this week to decide where they're gonna hold their next round of trade talks. Not that there was much choice as after the kicking they got in Seattle and Geneva, hardly any of their 140 member countries were actually willing to have them. Except Qatar!

Here's your quick SchNEWS guide to activities that are frowned on by the government of Qatar: political demonstrations are a no no; there are severe limits of freedom of assembly and freedom of association; political organisations critical of the Arab government are banned; private clubs must be registered with government so they can be monitored by security forces.

A spokesman for the WTO reckon however that this doesn't mean opposition will not be heard, as they're going to make sure that Qatar will allow NGO's approved by the WTO to attend. The meeting is set for the 5-9th November.

\* STOP PRESS: SchNews has heard unconfirmed reports that those naughty anarchist black block who spoil things for the rest of us god-fearing protestors are 'over the moon' with the decision as they will be able to cover themselves in black veils and dress as Muslim women. Off with their heads! For advice on how to get into Qatar see SchNews 247.

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## **SchNEWS in brief**

A new Norwich collective has taken on editing the **Earth First! Action Update**, details of yer actions can be sent to: EF!AU, PO Box 487, Norwich, NR2 3AL, [actionupdate@gn.apc.org](mailto:actionupdate@gn.apc.org).

\*\* On 3rd March the **National Front** is having a demo at Nottingham Prison, Perry Road. There will be a counter demonstration to stop them spreading their racist bullshit. If you want to go contact NAFA@veggies.org.uk. \*\* University of East London Dayschool on political activism and social movements, Feb 3rd at the Docklands Campus. This free event focuses on South Africa, also with a speaker from International Union of Sex Workers, indigenous rights and Venezuelan constitution, Kashmiri refugees, speakers on carnival, samba bands, human revolutions. Event 10:30-4:30 bring your own grub. j.burnett@uel.ac.uk

## **A (mouldy) MESSAGE FROM SchNews TOWERS**

There's water pouring through the roof, mould on the walls, 3 out of our 4 computers very ill, no web or email access, and mice in our bin - but somehow in the face of adversity we've got an issue of SchNEWS out this week. However, next week we are taking a break to repair the damage. If you've got any spare PC's, printers or a dehumidifier then feel free to donate them to us.

\* Don't forget the SchNEWS Training Day Wednesday 7th February 12 noon onwards. To book your place and get directions ring the office (and remember its National Doughnut Week so bring a couple of jammy ones to share around)

\* We're still looking for people to help put SchNEWS on the web every Thursday evening. If you want to learn how to do it, we'll teach you cos we're nice like that.

## **...and finally...**

In their attempts to spread their brand further all over the world Nike now will personalise your shoes. So Jonah Peretti asked for the word "sweatshop" to be stitched into his shoes. However, he was told that his order was cancelled because he had used "inappropriate slang".

Jonah pointed out that sweatshop means "a shop or factory in which workers are employed for long hours at low wages and under unhealthy conditions" and its proper English, innit! And that the Nike iD program is "about freedom to choose and freedom to express who you are." Nike didn't agree and said that they may reject personalisations if they just don't want that word on their products. Jonah eventually had to choose another ID but asked instead if they could send him a colour snapshot of a typical ten-year-old Vietnamese girl who makes Nike shoes? He received no reply. So if you can think of any words you'd like to have on yer Nike's go to [www.nike.com](http://www.nike.com), but remember kids asking for "inappropriate slang" words just isn't clever.

\* No Sweat is a new UK based campaign against - sweatshops. They have already worked with Manchester United supporters around the Nike shirt deal. Actions are planned in the next couple of weeks. Contact them on 07958 556756 [www.nosweat.org.uk](http://www.nosweat.org.uk)

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SchNews all readers not to be a cut above the rest,



Wake up! Wake up! It's yer proliferating

# SchROOMS

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## THE SHAPE OF NATURE

**"A mushroom cloud of powerful hallucinogenic spores are exploding over Brighton, bringing out the population in a red and white spotty rash of excitement"**

— Person Unknown

After being spirited into the empty and decaying "Un"-Co-operative Bank in central Brighton, the SPOR crew of proliferating schrooms soon set to work. The venue was tidied up, a few basic repairs made, the artists who had ventured from near and far began to install their pieces, and the space was made safe for children. On Tuesday 23 January, SPOR sprouted up from the underground once more with a much needed new Community Space for Brighton.

The response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic - smiles on people's faces and feelings of being at ease as they wandered round or sat relaxing and chatting with new friends. There was plenty to do while the Shape of Nature continued manifesting throughout the week: looking at paintings and sculptures; dipping into the vast library of films and videos on themes from ecological destruction and resistance to personal documentaries and features; listening to a wide spectrum of music; attending workshops and drop-ins on independent community radio, climate change, squatters rights/info, biodiesel, alternative education and home schooling, forest gardening plus more; a kids' space; delicious vegan food served up every evening; and a weekend of celebrating in a wonderful atmosphere with lots of vibed up grinning jesters...

Having decided to continue into a second week, SPOR shut the doors for a couple of days to retrieve those particles scattered around the cosmos (and to tidy up). Wednesday morning found them waking as usual to check for new mushrooms popping up. Instead, they discovered three sets of documents taped to the outside of the doors and on a window. On closer inspection these turned out to be a court summons, the appearance of those ubiquitous "persons unknown" requested less than 24 hours later.

After a few phone calls to legally sussed friends including the Advisory Service for Squatters, the scope of what the Co-op and the legal establishment were attempting to do began to emerge.

### CRIMINAL ACT

**Fact:** In British Law it is stated that a minimum of 48 hours must be given as notice to people who are summoned to court [County Court Rules, Rule 5, order 24, paragraph 1b]. The occupants of the SPOR Community Space were served papers on the 30 January 2001 to attend Brighton County Court at 10am on the 31 January, giving them less than 24 hours in which to seek legal representation and prepare their defence. By trying to rush the case through court without giving evidence, the Co-op Bank's solicitors, DMH [of 100 Queens Road, Brighton], were obviously attempting to by-pass the legal safeguards written into the Law that are there to protect the rights of ordinary people. Hoping that Judge Kemp [not Hemp] would recognise this underhand ploy, SPOR kept their appointment in court - with no legal

representation. They requested the judge give them time to find a solicitor, and to postpone the hearing until they had prepared their case. The judge refused and immediately granted a Warrant for the possession of the building. This was done on the grounds that as SPOR were holding an art exhibition, pictures had been hung on the walls which may have caused "damage" to the property. All this, despite the fact that the judge actually acknowledged in court that the occupation was of benefit to the community.

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SPOR!

If you feel that the law was misused against the SPOR community, please come and sign our petition at the SPOR benefit on Saturday 3 February - an all day event starting at midday with kid's activities, food at 6pm, cinema, exhibitions, and live music and DJs across the evening.

Because the Co-op Bank has twisted the function of the Law to prevent justice taking its rightful course, SPOR is launching a campaign against them. This devious attempt to have yet another free Community Space shut down in Brighton must be resisted. Bear in mind that the Co-op's lease on the building runs out in March - in the meantime it is not being used, and is falling into decay and disrepair, vandals have broken windows, and with a leaky roof, mould and damp have already got a grip on the internal walls.

Many people bank with the Co-op because they "invest ethically and do not support oppressive regimes". In this case, Co-op investors' money has been used to pay the solicitors to block SPOR's right to legal representation.

## GROWING ROOTS

When evicted, the pressure is on to be re-absorbed by corporate crap. It's easy to forget why Community Spaces were occupied in the first place, but there are other options. Not many people know they exist, but Unincorporated Associations can be a good way of getting a group together with legal standing. The organisation then has a legal lever to negotiate with the authorities in those sticky moments.

Unincorporated Associations formalise the democratic process by drawing up a Constitution. This gives the advantage of members of the organisation knowing exactly where they stand. The Constitution states the aims and objectives of the organisation - these can be vague and open-ended so that the activities need not be limited, or as detailed as you like. The Constitution details how membership will be determined; how often meetings will take place; how the Constitution may be amended; what the organisation is able to do - for example, if you don't write into the Constitution that you want to rent buildings you can't do so; and how finances will be handled. This all sounds very formal, but in reality it's actually a way of making life easier for everyone in the long term. How many groups of people working together have fallen apart because of petty niggles? Becoming an Unincorporated Association and drawing up a Constitution hopefully creates a loose framework that everyone agrees on to sort out problems.

For more information on setting up an Unincorporated Association and drawing up a Constitution, ask at The Resource Centre, 6 Tilbury Place or have a look at [www.icom.org.uk](http://www.icom.org.uk) for other information on legal structures such as worker's and community co-ops.



## SPOR!

Keep Community Spaces free! Spores can float across vast distances and lie dormant until the possibility of generating life. When conditions are right, the spore starts to grow and generates the underground network you can't see but know is there.

Tel: +44 (0)1273 321112 Extend the underground network: [schrooms@spor.org.uk](mailto:schrooms@spor.org.uk)

## MAKING SPACE

The Section 6 that sharp-eyed city dwellers sometimes spot on seemingly empty buildings is a legal document, and only hints at the variety of reasons why people occupy (squat) buildings. From getting off the streets and into a home - there are currently 765,000 empty homes in England - to putting on free parties or art events outside the profit-oriented motives of property owners who control what you do in *their spaces*.

Corporate space consolidates profit and control of the populace.

By contrast, community space loosens things up, opening up the possibility of positive action happening for the benefit of everyone involved. The feeling of inspiration spreads out of the door and onto the streets, freedom from oppression stirs in more and more hearts and minds.

The "Un"-Co-Operative Bank has been occupied to provide a Community Space, where people can meet to create their own environment and the activities that take place in it. Community Spaces are always on the move, adapting to locally changing circumstances. A Community Space is never finished, it is always being constructed, people are always adding to it - with their presence, ideas, and commitment to action...

While buildings in cities often lie empty for months and sometimes even years, the *solutions* to the complex and related problems we face, such as poverty and ecological destruction, can only really be brought into existence if we meet and share ideas and creative visions for the future.

### NOT ANOTHER PARTY!

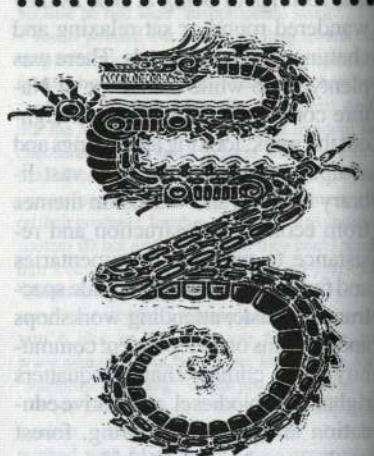
The SPOR infinity crew are holding down another Non-Party benefit event this Saturday. Featuring kid's activities during the day; talks and info; film shows and video; cheap vegan food at 6pm; acoustic music early evening, live performances and DJs later. Space is limited so come early.

Communities are loose affiliations of people with enough shared interests to want to come together. The act of joining forces makes individuals potentially stronger; we can learn so much from each other, involve ourselves in a passionate and exciting life. At this point in time, we have this world to lose and through a united effort the same world to gain. Come together now with what you know, together with an open mind, and let's see what positive steps we can take to improve all life on Earth.

So often we are caught in other people's ways of thinking and feeling, we don't even realise it. So many modes of consciousness that appear natural don't lead anywhere except extinction. Contrary to what cynics may tell you, destruction and death are not obligatory.

### SPOR: MAKING FREE SPACE AVAILABLE WHERE BEFORE THERE WAS NONE...

SPOR, The Shape of Nature, is an auto-production. Nomadic, sporadic and materialising at unannounced intervals in varying forms. Many thanks to everyone who has contributed. If you are interested in participating please contact us: 01273321112 [schrooms@spor.org.uk](mailto:schrooms@spor.org.uk)



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# CIA'S SICK CHILE CONCOCTION

**Newly declassified US intelligence documents show the extent to which the US sought to destabilise Chilean democracy in the early 1970s, and how it bolstered the post-coup junta of General Pinochet, responsible for the subsequent murder of an estimated 3,000 political opponents.**

The Chile Declassification Project, as it is called, was ordered by President Clinton both in response to a request from Spanish magistrates investigating Pinochet's crimes and as a domestic freedom of information exercise in the twilight of his presidency. This fourth and final batch of documents (released November 13) pushes the total number of documents past the 22,000 mark, most of which come from the State Department, but also include many files from the CIA and FBI.

The documents reveal that between 1970 and 1973 the CIA spent a total of \$8 million on destabilization, including a payment of \$1.5 million to the anti-Allende newspaper *El Mercurio*.

Following the 1973 coup, which overthrew and executed the democratically elected socialist president, Salvador Allende, the White House ordered the CIA to "assist the junta in gaining a more positive image." The documents show that the U.S. was aware of the regime's campaign of executions and torture which included women beaten, gang raped, and tortured with electric currents and men burned with cigarettes, hung by the wrists or ankles and torture with electric current, most frequently applied to their genitals. However the document reveals that the primary U.S. concern was how to deal with public relations following the execution of two US citizens in Chile's National Stadium.

The two citizens were journalists Charles Horman and Frank Teruggi. An August 1976 State Department memorandum says: "U.S. intelligence may have played an un-

fortunate part in Horman's death. At best, it was limited to providing or confirming information that helped motivate his murder. At worst, US intelligence was aware the [government of Chile] saw Horman in a rather serious light and U.S. officials did nothing to discourage the logical outcome of [Chilean] paranoia." And similarly for the 24-year-old Teruggi, FBI and CIA records state that U.S. intelligence had obtained Teruggi's Chilean address a year before his death and labelled him a "subversive", raising the possibility that American operatives tipped-off Chilean intelligence to his activities and whereabouts.

Another of the documents' revelations concerns the 1976 assassination in Washington D.C. of Orlando Letelier, Allende's foreign minister, killed by a car bomb with his American assistant while working to galvanise international opposition to Pinochet's regime. The CIA had briefed the State Department on Operation Condor, a plan among Latin America's military dictatorships to assassinate their left-wing opponents. A month before the Letelier killing, Washington ordered its ambassadors in the region to warn Latin leaders not to carry out the murders. The documents show that the American ambassador in Chile, David Popper, refused, believing that Pinochet would take offence at being implicated in terrorism.

The documents indicate Pinochet may indeed have had advance knowledge of the assassination plan. According to declassified cables, he asked the military leader of Paraguay to issue false passports to two agents of Chile's military intelligence who were later convicted of planting the bomb. Pinochet may yet be indicted to the US on this charge.

Pinochet is currently facing 177 different criminal complaints of torture, murder and other crimes in Chile. The declassified documents can be viewed at the <http://foia.state.gov>.

## We Know

Here's something to make you think- In 1991 just after the poll tax, the travelling scene was under attack. The forces of darkness had already tried smashing peoples' skulls and homes (Nostel Priory in '84 and the Bean Field in '85) after which they impounded 250 vehicles at Stoney Cross in '86 and when that didn't work they used draconian laws like the Public Order Act. With the travelling scene getting stronger they tried the one weapon left to them - heroin.

There was this big site on Lasham Airfield, near Alton, Hampshire where there were about 200 people living, and at the time there was no hash to be had for love or money but, maybe not so surprisingly, heroin was really cheap. There

was one woman who came onto site selling the nasty skag shit, but the one thing that she did - and that no other skag dealer does - is give it away on tick. After three weeks she left without trying to get any money back. It ended up with the dealer being owed £4,000, which she seemingly didn't care about. But because of the lack of hash - and the basically free smack - loads of people became addicted to heroin. You might think this is not so bizarre but at the following Solstice Festival I was talking to a friend who spent the winter on another big site in the Midlands and the same scenario happened to him. If you think the state doesn't use dirty tricks to stop something they don't like think again...

WHAT IF SCIENCE COULD MAKE ME VILE?

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# WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

**26TH - 28TH JANUARY 2001**

Switzerland hadn't witnessed such police and army forces deployed since last century's workers movement.

Many activist groups got stopped, body searched, photographed and not allowed to enter the Swiss territory. Others got the same treatment all around Davos including residents and independent media (later allowed in).

24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Demonstrations take place, including the locking up of a police station in Jura to protest five police being sent to Davos to bolster numbers.

25<sup>th</sup> Jan: The local government of Tessin is occupied to protest against repressive policing. USB (the 3rd biggest Swiss bank) is occupied in Lugano and Lausanne, banners are deployed calling for demos the next day.

26<sup>th</sup> Jan: In Zurich a stink bomb action targets a Globus supermarket. Activists still arrive at borders and 100 Tutte Bianchi [white overall-wearing Ya Basta] block the frontier post of Chiasso for a day and night after their entry is refused. Swiss activists block another frontier post in the afternoon in solidarity.

27<sup>th</sup> Jan: 200 activists occupy WTO offices in Geneva. Between Lugano and Davos, more than 20 busses close the road in both directions, with 600 people reclaiming the motorway and creating a 10 mile traffic jam, while 200 reclaim the A-road. After being charged, they are allowed to get back to Zurich. 500 are blocked in Landquart train station and block all platforms for trains to Davos. They then try to join the motorway group but



get attacked by police forces with plastic bullets and gas. 15 minutes later, the activists obtain a train to go to Zurich which stops by the motorway in solidarity with the road blockage.

Swisscom telephone network is sabotaged to disrupt the forum.

400 demonstrators get through the police line and march towards the Forum. They're stopped 500 yards from it by police barricades and watercanons. In Bern, 150 to 200 activists block traffic on a bridge to protest against the cancellation of trains to Davos.

Everyone gets back to Zurich. As the train is stopped before the centre, a demo starts towards it. Banks, multinational offices and posh cars get trashed on their way while police try to attack the protesters. In the evening there are riots for 2 hours against police attacks and refusal to let the protesters come to the city centre. 130 are arrested through the night.

29<sup>th</sup> Jan: McDonalds in Lausanne is blockaded, and 200 people demonstrate in Geneva against police repression and occupy the Police and Justice department until they know the whereabouts of unreleased prisoners and assurances that they will be let out that day.

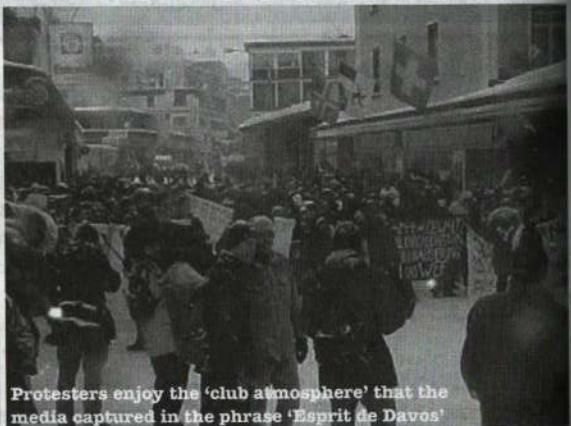
30<sup>th</sup> Jan: 50 people are deported from Switzerland, while solidarity actions take place in France, Brasil, Spain, Italy, Finland.

Sources: "Davos - account of the events", rézo maloka, [www.chez.com/maloka](http://www.chez.com/maloka)



The Swiss Police have expanded on the Storm Trooper tactics of the Corporate Police State with a great new invention: the Shit Cannon, also known as a Shit Sprayer (SS)! Although resistance from local manure suppliers made it impossible to put together for the World Economic Forum protesters in Davos this time around, in the future they'll be ready to send the SS (Shit Sprayers) wherever the people rise up.

Getting sprayed with shit won't be nice but there'll be a certain irony to it. It will be hard for anyone to ignore how much this Corporate Capitalist Police State shit stinks. The People will match shit with shit. There's no shit power like the people's shit power.



Protesters enjoy the 'club atmosphere' that the media captured in the phrase 'Esprit de Davos'



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# FISTFUL OF DOLLARS

"We want to expose the real culprits. The IMF-imposed policies, carried out by the Ecuadorian government in exchange for more loans, have resulted in more than 50% of Ecuador's national budget going to pay off the foreign debt, have burdened the country with the highest rate of inflation in Latin America, the highest levels of corruption, the most advanced rates of deforestation and environmental degradation, and the worst example of maldistribution of wealth on the continent... and this disaster, the result of your policies, is repeating itself throughout the Third World in which you have intervened to "help us rise out of poverty."

Ivonne Yanez, Acción Ecológica

Ecuador is currently under a state of emergency after thousands of protesters took to the streets to demand the government withdraw sweeping price rises across the country. Thanks to yet another one of those structural adjustment programmes so beloved by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the price of cooking fuel has doubled, petrol prices have risen sharply and bus fares have increased by 75%.

However, the government has stated that their economic policy was not negotiable "as it constitutes the fundamental backbone of the stabilisation plan for dollarisation and the predictions of growth", as agreed with the IMF.

Freedom of association has been suspended, and the army is arresting anyone leading the protests. Once again it is the indigenous people of Ecuador - who make up around forty five per cent of the population - that are leading the protests. Obviously they aren't listening to the UK's Development Minister Clare Short who reckons complaints against organisations like the IMF are from those "sitting predominately in the wealthy parts of the world."

Large areas of the country have been paralysed by blockades and 5,000 people are in the University of Ecuador with the police and army firing thousands of bullets and tear gas at them.

## GOOD, BAD & THE UGLY

Just over a year ago, over one a half million Indians marched on the capital against the privatisation of the water supply and the dollarisation of the economy. Their protests toppled the president. Vice president Gustavo Noboa took over promising that the water of Ecuador would never be sold off to multinationals, small farmers would be forgiven their debts to the government and fuel prices would be frozen for 2 years.

However, at the same time the army was given a huge pay rise with the help of US "aid" and the promises and signed accords were forgotten. Since then the currency has been dollarised, trade unions banned in the mines and oil fields (all of which are 100% USA owned) the price of petrol was raised by 200%. For poor farmers who depend on getting their produce to market that increases have been devastating. The US is also busy building 11 new military bases in the country under the cover of "fighting the war on drugs".

The Ecuadorian government have warned that "all subversive agents who are responsible for fermenting destabilisation... will be arrested for disturbing the peace."

Surely the ones destabilising the economy and fermenting unrest are the IMF? SchNEWS reckons it's about time they were shut down, their policies locked up and the key thrown away.

For more on what's happening check out [www.coniae.org/](http://www.coniae.org/) or <http://pages.hotbot.com/edu/stopwto/eduador1.html>

## NICE BLOKE

Marc Helie is a partner of Gramercy Advisors, who refused to agree to a one month extension of the pay-out on the Ecuadorean bonds that his firm held. He openly brags that he is, "the man who brought Ecuador to its knees, single-handed". In a article in The Globe & Mail Helie's firm is described as, "...specialising in making money from economies on the brink of disaster."

## CRAP ARRESTS OF THE WEEK

For eating...Police in Holland arrested 13 people in a shopping mall for the crime of handing out or eating free food. The activists from Free Food Utrecht were ordered to leave as police believed they were in breach of trade regulations. A judge later called for their release, stating that free food did not constitute trading. Free Food said that they would continue to hand out 'nice dinners'.

## On The Piste

The World Economic Forum (see Schnews 233) in the Swiss ski resort of Davos recently took place in "fortress"-like conditions. In a temporary suspension of democratic rights, hundreds of armed police "effectively privatised" the area, turning up to 1000 people away from the border who were not "normal-looking" or carried suspicious reading material. After deeming them abnormal and unworthy of entry into the chic resort, police had hoped to spray these folk with horseshit, but were scuppered when local farmers refused to provide manure.

Messages submitted worldwide to a Swiss website were laser-beamed onto the mountain which overlooks Davos. These included suspiciously non-commercial, environment and people-based propaganda, submitted by people probably not wearing suits.

Meanwhile in Brazil a counter-conference called the World Social Forum pissed all over Davos by bringing together 12,000 people from 120 countries. Militant farmers from all around the globe then went on to join Brazilian peasants from the Landless Workers Movement (MST) in Rio Grande, storming a Monsanto biotech research station. They trashed GM corn and soybeans and took over the research centre setting up beds and hammocks.

Another 5000 protesters marched through Madrid to coincide with the WEF, demonstrating against Davos, and the opening up of borders for profit but not for people. White monkey activists dressed in white overalls with helmets and balloons for protection scaled 15 storey buildings, hanging huge banners against immigration laws and capitalism. The police tried to detain 70 white monkeys but had to return them to the crowd after the sound system truck stopped in the road along with 5000 demonstrators and refused to move on.

To find out more [www.forumsocialmundiale.com](http://www.forumsocialmundiale.com), [www.ainfos.ca](http://www.ainfos.ca)

## Casualty

Members of a London Unison branch are bracing themselves for a struggle against the ongoing march of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI). Three London hospitals stand to be privatised by the end of the year in a £500 million project which will result in 750 non-clinical jobs being moved to the private sector. The scheme, which affects the Royal London Hospital, St Bartholomews and the London Chest will see the Royal London completely rebuilt and the closure of the London Chest, a respiratory unit. Phil Burrows, Branch Secretary of the local Unison group, says the plans are shrouded in secrecy. "As a Unison branch, we're supposed to be kept informed, when we had a meeting with management of the hospitals we were told that they had already started informal talks with potential partners." Although the members of the future consortium are not yet decided, previous PFI schemes have shown that partners are likely to be large banks and companies not best known for their commitment to healthcare. "The NHS are jumping ship to the private sector," said Tim Martin, Unison's press officer, "this has all the ingredients for a great scandal. They want to take everything, not just the building, money is going to be sucked out of the NHS into private hands."

"Our NHS is not for sale" - public meeting on the future fate of these hospitals. Thursday 15th February, 7pm at the Jagonari Centre, 183 Whitechapel Road, nearest tube Whitechapel. Speakers include Geoff Martin from Unison and a Dudley Hospital striker.

\* Contact Phil Burrows, branch secretary, Unison Office, Royal London Hospital, London, F1 1BB. phil@solidarity.co.uk

\*Workers at the Dudley group of hospitals (see SchNEWS 278) have announced that they will start another strike this Saturday (11). The Trust is on the verge of signing contracts with consortium Summit HealthCare and staff transfers are set to begin on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April. 01384 244350.

\* Change your mind and we're sue you : One of the consortiums bidding to buy part of the London Underground has threatened the government with legal action and a £30 million bill if substantial changes are made to the partial sell off of the tube.

## MoD Vs Ruckus

Just in case you still aren't feeling safe on the streets despite the vast array of police powers and acts (see SchNEWS 291), rest assured - the MoD Police are coming your way. That's right, the Armed Forces Bill which is currently making its way through parliament could see extended powers granted to the 35,000 MoD officers. Currently their duties are restricted to the investigation of crimes involving service people and defense contractors, intervention within the wider community is prohibited. Under the proposed legislation, officers would be able to stop and search and assist in the breaking up of large demonstrations such as last year's fuel crisis.

\* If this wasn't enough, the Government will soon be extending similar powers to the 2,500 British Transport Police.

## Cheers

Thanks to everyone for offers of help after our computer disasters. Because of our week off we've got dates coming out of our ears, so go to the party and protest section of our website to find out what's happening (apologies to all you lot not on the internet - but SchNEWS would just be a list of very interesting dates otherwise)

## SchNEWS in brief

Ex members of punk band CRASS have managed to buy Dial House and are going to 'develop' it into a centre for a large array of cultural and community activities. It cost £158,000 with money lent by friends which will have to be paid back and they are organising benefit events over the coming year. Check out [www.southern.com/southern/label/CRC/](http://www.southern.com/southern/label/CRC/) for regular updates of news and events \*\* **The Bogus Woman** is a play "from a war-torn African state to conflict in a British detention centre, one asylum seeker tells her gut-wrenching story..." It's on at the Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green from 10 Feb - 3 March. For tickets call 020 7610 4224 (there are some pay what you can nights) \*\* SHIWA, a ground breaking club night, will combine psychedelic, trance, techno, electronica, breakbeat, hip hop, drumming, dub and ambient in 4 different rooms all in the aid of Amnesty International, 10pm til 6am, 16th February @ The Depot, Bristol. Tickets £7 advance from Replay Records, Katze or Subway or £8 on the door. More info 07968 303275. \*\* People have occupied Atherton Road nursery in Hackney which has been closed as part of the Council's public service cutbacks. The occupiers plan to use the building as a community space. Tel: 020-8525-0247\*\* **Human Scale Education** are running a series of introductory workshops for parents and teachers interested in setting up their own educational project. The first one is on 24th Feb in London, then 24th March in Bristol and 12th May in Edinburgh. It's £45, contact them on 01275 332516 [www.hse.org.uk/](http://www.hse.org.uk/)\*\* If you're in Brighton and yet interested in getting involved in activities against genetics this year then come along to The Branch Tavern next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>) at 7:30pm to find out more\*\* The new financial backer of Huntington Life Sciences has been revealed as The Stephens Group, a US based investment firm. They have an office in London and so a campaign against them is starting. There's a demo next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup>), meet 11am, outside Stephens Inc, 63 St James's Street, London SW1, bring megaphones, whistles, horns. There is also a call for a phone blockade on that day their numbers 0207 3553377\*\* Demonstration against Sodexho (asylum voucher schemes and prisons), Bristol Demo on 24<sup>th</sup>, meet 11am Queen Square. Bring placards, flags, banners, noise etc. [sod-action@fsmail.net](mailto:sod-action@fsmail.net). There's a Sodexho campaign meeting at 76, Shackwell Lane, London at 8pm this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>) \*\* **Third World Debt is Fraud** a meeting of the Campaign Against IMF and World Bank Fraud, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm at SADACCA, 48 The Wicker, Sheffield S3 Contact 0114 222 7942. Children Welcome\*\* **McDonalds Workers Resistance** is a group of McDonalds workers who are hoping to unite workers in the organisation. They have produced a paper called McSues. They are looking for help in distributing it out to McDonald workers. E-mail them at [mrwposse@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mrwposse@yahoo.co.uk)\*\* Wiltshire police have been cracking down on the crop circles. Matthew Williams, who writes 'The Truthseekers Review' which tells you how to make crop circles without the help of aliens, has become the first person to have ever been tried for making a crop circle. He was charged £100 in court for causing £180 worth of damage to a farmer's field. [www.truthseekers.freescene.co.uk/](http://www.truthseekers.freescene.co.uk/)\*\* The new Terrorism Act becomes law on Monday 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an Anti-Anti Terrorism Act demo on the 17<sup>th</sup>, meet 12pm Band stage, Castle Green, Bristol

## Inside SchNEWS

On February 6th Leonard Peltier will have spent 25 years behind bars. He was found guilty of killing two FBI agents, despite the fact that the government say they do not know who is responsible for the deaths.

In the 1970's native American Indians began organising in a Pine Ridge reserve against European domination. The government were none too pleased with this and began waging a low intensity war against tribal traditions. Between 1973 and 1976 over sixty native people were murdered on Pine Ridge. Leonard went to the reserve to help defend his people and subsequently got involved in an exchange of fire in which two FBI agents got killed. Leonard was convicted of the murders on false evidence.

Leonard is now very ill and it had been hoped that Bill Clinton would have given Leonard a pardon before he left office, but despite calling for racial unity, he failed to do so. Write to Leonard Peltier #89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS 66048, USA.

\* To find out more [www.freepeltier.org](http://www.freepeltier.org)

\* Recommended reading "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse" by Peter Mattheisom.

\* **Satpal Ram** has been reassessed as a category C prisoner and moved to another prison write to him at Satpal Ram, HMP Wellingborough, Doddington road, Wellingborough, Northants NN8 2NH

\* **Mark Barnsley** have been moved yet again this time to Wakefield high security prison. The Mark Barnsley Campaign are asking for letters of complaint to be sent to David Shaw, The Governor, HMP Wakefield, 5 Love Lane, Wakefield, WF2 9AG. Letters of support to Mark should be sent to him (prisoner number: WA2897) at the same address.

## Shell-out Shell

Protesters in Nigeria have occupied three of Shells oil pumping stations forcing them to close. In a statement on Monday, the protesters called for the provision of amenities such as schools and roads, as well as jobs for local people. Despite huge revenues being gained from oil production, indigenous people see none of the benefits. Many villages close to oil wells still have no electricity, clinics or other basic services. The protests are reported to be costing the oil company 40,000 barrels a day. Not that Shell will notice this much as they have just announced record profits up 85 percent from last year. Shell are said to be holding talks with representatives from the community.

## ...and finally...

And they say cannabis doesn't rot your brain...

A man who left bags of cannabis in a taxi after running off without paying has been caught thanks to his own quick thinking.

First he rang the taxi firm asking if they'd found the bag. They directed him to the lost property department at Brighton police station where he duly turned up! Dor!

Unknown to Mr.Dopey, the taxi driver had looked inside the bag, and found 12 packets of cannabis and grassed him up to the cops.

Officers were waiting when he turned up at the station and he is now helping with inquiries. One officer commented "He gambled no one had looked inside the bag which was pretty stupid if you ask me."

**STOP PRESS...Police raid bank!** Spor resisted court order resulting in police smashing door and sending in the dogs. All protesters manage to escape and re-group, ready to return. [www.spor.org.uk](http://www.spor.org.uk)

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# THE BIG BLOCKADE: FASLANE NAVAL BASE 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

A Scottish regional newspaper, the *Press and Journal* put it this way on February 13th: "It is the very fact that the Faslane protest is drawing support from the ordinary Briton that sets it apart from the norm. And that is the fact that should be explored further by a chastened media and political establishment." The public impact of the Big Blockade has been huge and unprecedented.

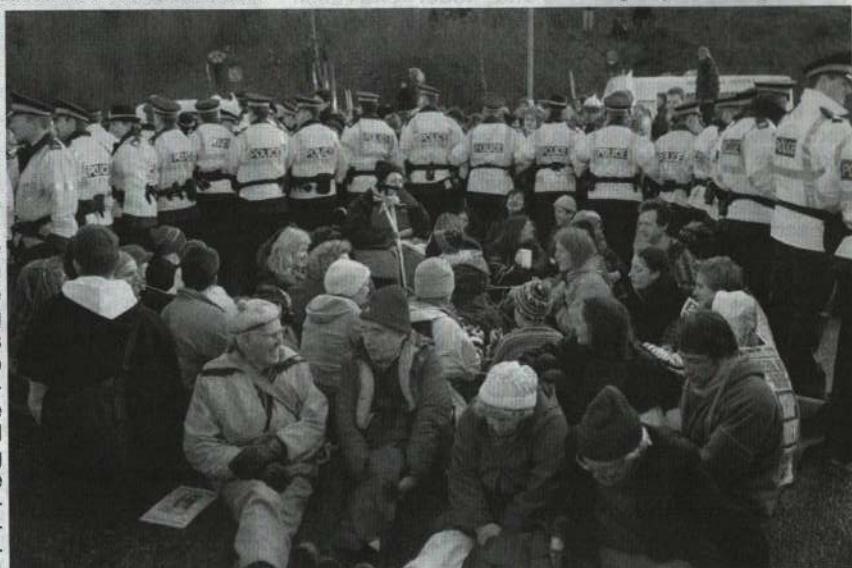
So what was it and what happened? Faslane is home to the UK's four Trident nuclear weapon submarines. These subs carry ballistic missiles that can each deliver many nuclear warheads to targets thousands of miles away. Each single warhead is eight times the power of the bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. Trident is a weapon system of mass terror and destruction and breaches cardinal principles of international law. Conventional campaigning for the past 50 years has not been able to budge successive governments from continuing to threaten to murder millions of innocent civilians and so nonviolent direct disarmament is necessary. At one extreme this involves small groups of activists carrying out secret actions against the system in order to do significant damage to key components. This exactly what Trident Ploughshares activists

Rosie James and Rachel Wenham did in February 1999 when they got on board HMS Vengeance, damaged testing equipment and probably delayed its entry into active service by several weeks. At the same time there have to be opportunities for lots of people to get to get involved in or support the direct action and that's just what the blockades do. The current generation of the Faslane blockades began in February 1999 and have grown steadily since.

So, on 12<sup>th</sup> February, people gathered from all over the UK and beyond, with activists from Finland, South Korea and the US, and about eight other countries among the 1000 or so who came. Training sessions had been organised far and wide and there was last minute training and briefing in Glasgow over the weekend. We descended on the base at 7 a.m. as the cars of a few workers who had come early to beat the blockade scuttled through the North Gate. By that time the South Gate had already been blocked with a tripod and the arriving activists either sat down in the gateway with locked arms or locked-on to a range of interesting contraptions. After several warnings Strathclyde Police showed that they were ignoring our plea to uphold the law and join us in dismantling Trident; they set about arresting us, 379 activists in all. It has to be said that they did it in a gentle, skillful and good-humoured way, confirming the peaceful and nonviolent ethos of the occasion. It took them at least five hours to clear the gates and we have no doubt that our action caused significant disruption to the base. There was a real carnival atmosphere with weird dressing up, drums, choirs and a piper and a huge variety of people, Scottish church ministers, university students, parliamentarians, a senior Scottish lawyer, full-time campaigners, school students, Peace Campers, people as young as fifteen and as old as eighty, able bodied people and activists in wheelchairs.

Those arrested were taken to the cells in various police stations in and around Glasgow. They were generally

well treated and most of the problems that did occur were due to the pressure of numbers. In one police station ten women were subjected to a humiliating strip-search and as I write the police are just about to respond to our complaint, hopefully with a full apology and an assurance that it won't be repeated. Apart from a handful who were held for court the next day (they had warrants out for them or hadn't given the police their full details) everyone was released by around 4 a.m. the next morning, including six members of the For Mother Earth group from Belgium who



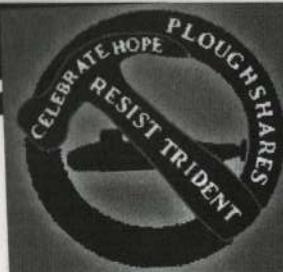
In the foreground ex-Scottish National Party chairman, Billy Wolfe, and Ian Hamilton QC join other activists locked on at North Gate Faslane during the Big Blockade 12th February. A ring of police attempts to stop other activists from joining in. Photo: Tim Kerby

got into the base during the night and brought the grand total of arrests to 385.

So what does it add up to? It is pretty significant that nearly 400 people of such human variety were willing to take part in civil resistance against Trident. There's a growing and spreading understanding that taking direct action against the UK's plans for mass murder is legitimate, effective and essential. It still needs to spread much further to the point where we will have so many peaceful blockaders at the base that we can encircle it with an ongoing presence and seriously and continuously hamper its deadly work. We will go back there in numbers on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Please join us then. You don't have to be up for arrest and there are lots of vital support roles that you can contribute to. Call 01324 880744 for more information.



# KEEP ON DENTING IT



## Trident Ploughshares

on the Trident-related research barge Maytime, when they threw thousands of pounds worth of lab equipment into Loch Goil. It was the boost from that event and the growing sense that the defenders of Trident at government, military and judicial level had had their confidence dented that brought hundreds to the "Crimebusters" blockade in February and made 185 of them ready to face arrest for sitting down and locking-on at the gates of Faslane.

In May, after a carnival in bright sunshine at Faslane when the police were laid back and only arrested two people (refusing to apprehend a group who locked on to a Maypole that became a blockading beam), we had our first major venture at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston. Thames Valley Police were of course aware that we were coming. Although they had been in touch with Strathclyde to gain from their experience of dealing with our activities, they opted for intimidation but they relaxed into a more reasonable line when their bluff was called. This extended to an understanding that we would use the informal camping site we had intended. There were 46 arrests at the blockade of the site on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and 55 for the whole weekend. Very few of these were charged — most having been bailed to come back to a police station at a later date.

In a joint Trident Ploughshares/Menwith Hill Women's Peace Campaign action on 19<sup>th</sup> June, Helen John, Angie Zelter and Anne Lee got through the new high security fence at the U.S. National Security Agency Space-War Spy Base at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire in an attempt to dismantle the new fence that serves to protect the systems designed to support the new US anti-ballistic missile system. They were apprehended when starting to cut an inner fence surrounding the satellite communication area. Three days later a group of Walkers For Peace set off from Aldermaston to cover the 400 miles to Faslane. The core of the group were the monks and nuns of Nipponzan Myohoji, a Buddhist order committed to peace. They reached Faslane on 1<sup>st</sup> August, just in time to join the blockade of the gates. The walkers, led by the monks and nuns, went right up to the North gate of the base and attempted to attach the thousands of paper cranes they had brought with them. This was refused and, after a brief ceremony, activists blocked the gateway by sitting down or locking-on to each other. After warnings police moved in to remove, arrest and charge them; 83 in all. The day brought its own ironic twist, as many of the women on the Peace Walk from Aldermaston — who had received a warm and high profile reception from West



**Myohoji nun on walk from Aldermaston to Faslane, August.**  
**Pic: Andrew McColl.**

Dunbartonshire Council on their way through Clydebank — now found themselves in police cells in the same town after being arrested at the blockade. A fine picture, which appeared in lots of papers, was of Hoosey and Teapot on top of the tripod at the South gate; an action which kept it closed for seven hours until they came down voluntarily.

This was followed by our annual four-day disarmament camp in Peaton Wood near Coulport Armaments depot, where Trident warheads are stored and loaded onto submarines. There were a whole variety of actions: a Shift-To-Peace-Work action at Coulport.....several blockades...graffiti for peace.... getting into the protected area at Coulport by inflatable boat.....fence cutting galore (especially at the Sponsored Fence Cut).

The action highlight was again a swim to Trident. On 6<sup>th</sup> August Ulla Roder and Marcus Armstrong were arrested after swimming into the main security area of the base, getting through the boom and right up to the shiplift (where submarines are drawn out of the water for repair), and were only discovered by chance a few metres from the Trident berths. The 'bandit' alarm sounded around the base.

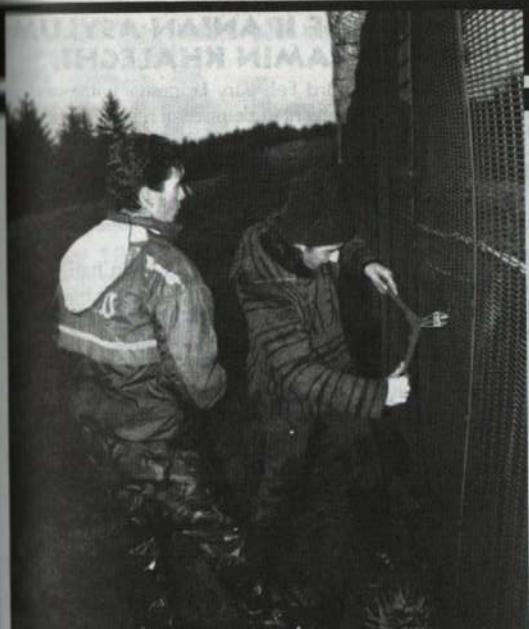
The second trial of Rachel Wenham and Rosie James began on 11<sup>th</sup> September in Manchester Crown Court. These women had got on board Trident submarine HMS Vengeance in February 1999 and had damaged testing equipment on the conning tower, setting its programme back by several weeks. After an extensive trial involving expert witnesses the women were found not guilty on the charge of criminal damage relating to the spray painting of peace slogans on the Trident submarine HMS Vengeance in Barrow last year. Even after extra time the jury was not able to reach a verdict on the first charge relating to the damage to testing equipment on the conning tower — so the result was a 'hung jury'. It was tremendous achievement. They go to trial again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2001 at Manchester Crown Court.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> last year we were all inspired when Susan van der Hadden and Martin Newell got into a transport hanger at RAF Wittering and seriously damaged a truck which, as part of a convoy, regularly takes Trident warheads from Burghfield to Coulport. They have been on remand since and are currently in High Point prison, near Cambridge, and Belmarsh prison in London. On 21<sup>st</sup> May they will face trial at Chelmsford Crown Court on charges of criminal damage, estimated at £32,000. In December 2000, Member of the Scottish Parliament Tommy Sheridan, went to Greenock jail after refusing to pay the fine imposed on him by Helensburgh District Court for his part in the Crimebusters' blockade. His determined

stance brought the campaign very effectively into the public eye and encouraged us enormously.

Manchester Crown Court saw another famous victory on 16<sup>th</sup> January this year as Sylvia Boyes and River were acquitted by the jury of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. In November 1999 they had attempted to get to HMS Vengeance in the dock at Barrow but were intercepted while in the water. The verdict showed that when ordinary British people are given the chance to decide on Trident and the rights of activists to intervene, they are willing to be led by their conscience.

After the acquittal of the 'Trident Three' in October 1999, the Lord Advocate of Scotland had referred aspects of the case to the Scottish High Court. The hearing of the Lord Ad-



**Some handywork at Coulport Warhead depot, October, 2000. Pic: David MacKenzie**

yocates 'Reference' began as scheduled on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 2000. The process involved the Crown and the other interested parties (called Respondents -in this case Angie, Ulla and Ellen) putting their arguments before a panel of three High Court judges. In essence it is a government appeal by the back door against the Gimblett verdict. Although the Lord Advocate set four biased and loaded questions, the actual hearings amounted to a debate on two crucial issues -the legality or otherwise of Trident under international law and the right of ordinary citizens to intervene to uphold the law. It was wonderful to sit in that court and hear the case against Trident being put with considerable cogency. Angie Zelter represented herself and gave two splendid submissions. On the 30<sup>th</sup> March the High Court duly gave its opinion which was totally supportive of the government line over Trident and said that the three women had no justification for what they did. The Court goes further and suggests that it probably had no business discussing what the government did on matters of defence since, they claim, these matters

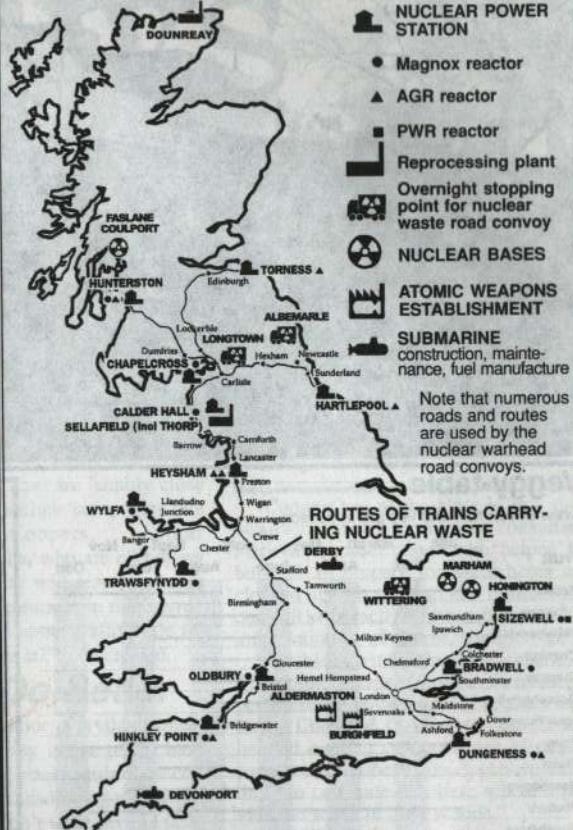
are protected by the royal prerogative! We had hoped that this Scottish court would have shown some independence but the response is perhaps to be expected in a nuclear weapon state. The three judges were obviously under a great deal of pressure. At any rate, the campaign goes on and intensifies.

This account has simply cherry-picked the most dramatic events from a year's intensive campaigning. There has not been space to tell of the numerous other actions, the trials, the appeals, the time spent in jails.



**Member of Scottish Parliament Tommy Sheridan leaving prison, Dec 2000. Pic: David MacKenzie**

## An Unclear Picture of Britain



Highly radioactive materials are regularly carried on Britain's railways.

Most of the traffic consists of used (or spent) fuel rods from nuclear power stations en route to Sellafield on the Cumbrian coast, to be reprocessed -that is to be divided into useable and unuseable elements. Almost all these nuclear power stations are on the railway system and have their own sidings. If not, then the fuel rods are sent by road to the nearest railway loading point.

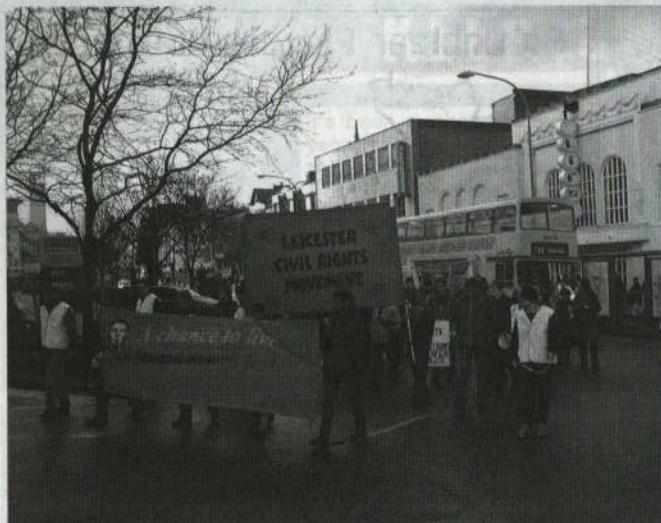
The fuel rods are extremely dangerous. They contain various elements that are highly radioactive and remain so for lengths of time ranging from a few weeks to 24,000 years.

Each nuclear power station usually produces enough material for one flask per week, although they may wait until they have a couple of flasks before running a train. At certain key junctions, such as at Willesden or Cricklewood, in north west London and Bescot, north of Birmingham, flasks may be kept in a goods yard for some hours, waiting for others coming in. One nuclear train per week per power station is normal.

The trains also sit in sidings at places such as Stratford and Hither Green in the London area and Rugby, either for crew changes or to wait for the rush hour commuter traffic to die down.

The bald statistics will have to suffice. To date in the campaign there have been 1170 arrests, 109 trials and 1074 days have been spent in jail (not including time in police cells). That's impressive, but to tip the balance we need so much more and, in particular, we need more people to join the nonviolent and peaceful disarmament work.

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## DEATH OF IRANIAN ASYLUM-SEEKER RAMIN KHALEGHI.

On Saturday 3rd February Leicester witnessed its biggest public event in defence of refugees and asylum seekers. Leicester Civil Rights Movement (LCRM) and the city's political refugees staged a demonstration in response to the suicide of 27 year-old Iranian asylum seeker Ramin Khaleghi - a resident at Leicester's hostel.

Over 200 people gathered in town hall square to both remember Ramin's suicide, which happened within a week of hearing of his threatened deportation to Iran, and to highlight the conditions in which asylum seekers are forced to live in Britain.

The gathering marched through the city centre behind banners of LCRM and 'Defend Asylum-Seekers and Refugees'. When parading past the 'hotel', where Ramin decided to take his own life rather than face certain torture or death in his homeland, the demonstration went silent.

## Veggy-table

when British fruit and veg are in season

Fruit	Jan	March	May	July	Sept	Nov	Dec
	Feb	April	June	Aug	Oct	Dec	
Apples							
Bilberries							
Blackberries							
Cherries							
Currants							
Gooseberries							
Loganberries							
Pears							
Plums							
Raspberries							
Rhubarb							
Strawberries							
Tayberries							
Vegetables							
Asparagus							
Aubergines							
Broad beans							
Brussels Sprouts							
Broccoli							
Cabbages							
Cauliflowers							
Celery							
Chillies							
Courgettes/Marrows							
Cucumbers							
Fennel							
Garlic							
Kohlrabi							
Leeks							
Lettuces							
Mushrooms							
Onions							
Parsnips							
Peas							
Peppers							
Potatoes							
Pumpkins/Squashes							
Radishes							
Spinach							
Swedes							
Sweetcorn							
Turnips							
Watercress							



**Mick Longly, TGWU rep for Vauxhall Luton car workers, is to be made redundant after the scheduled February 2002 closure of the plant.**

**Pic: Ivan Coleman**



**SQUALL**

## BBC SELECTIVELY CUTS LOACH'S SELECT CUTS

**BBC edits out film director's principles**

The BBC's consistently marketed boast to provide "impartial news and analysis" looked as shaky as ever when film maker Ken Loach appeared on Desert Island Discs on BBC Radio 4 in April 1999. It has just emerged that he told presenter Sue Lawley how he had been offered an OBE but had turned it down on grounds of principle. The legendary film director elucidated all the reasons why he thought the royal awards had more to do with a corrupt system of cronyism than any justified acknowledgement of merit, and specifically requested that this part of the interview was broadcast. However, no small surprise that the ever partial BBC decided to leave the section on the cutting room floor.

Ken Loach is famous for directing some of the most powerful social-realism films ever made British cinema including Kes and Land and Freedom. He also directed the court room scenes in the underground documentary classic of the McLibel trial, Two Worlds Collide. A film Channel Four refused to broadcast.

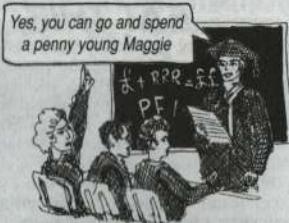
Sue Lawley, on the other hand, was more than happy to receive her OBE in this year's New Year's Honour's list.



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER BEHIND THE BIKE-SHED

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a penny young Maggie

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## TEACHERS' PEST

"We need to change the law to allow external sponsors - from the business and voluntary sectors and from within the education world itself - to play a far greater role in the management of schools"

- Tony Blair

"The market in Education Services is a fast expanding and exciting one. It represents excellent growth opportunities for our Company"

- Nord Anglia

Big business was licking its lips this week after New Labour published another green paper on education. The main ingredient is that the government aims to turn half the country's comprehensives over as specialist schools by 2006, allowing schools to concentrate in one subject area. Good news? Well, David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers doesn't think so. He warned that the changes could lead to a market free-for-all.

### Dunces

"Schools are the centre of a community. We get the reputation for being a good corporate citizen. But it's not an esoteric, holier-than-thou thing. We're in business"

Robert Halhead, NTL

"For failing schools, the government proposes a welcome dose of market discipline" - Financial Times

Unfortunately this 'market discipline' has already come a little unstuck. In January the National Audit Office published its study of the 25 Education Action Zones that have been operating around the country (see SchNEWS 226). This is the scheme where the government had the strange idea that business would give money to schools out of the goodness of their hearts (ok, aside from getting their brand names plastered all over the place and getting a say in the running of the schools).

Companies synonymous with education like Shell, British Aerospace, Rentokil and McDonalds joined in. Unfortunately it wasn't enough, and only half the expected two and a half million quid from business materialised and much of this wasn't cash but "services in kind" like 'strategic advice' charged at imaginary rates.

The government meanwhile poured nearly £19 million of taxpayers money into the project. The Audit Office discovered

that "some zones were spending large sums of public money before they had sound financial controls in place, creating risk of poor accounting, impropriety or poor value for money."

In fact, only a few zones exceeded their "targets" - notably Newham and Southwark in London. These are handily close to parliament and include companies like PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Arthur Andersen and Capita, who are all hoping that their generosity will result in some juicy government contracts in the future.

Still, who cares about a silly little report: 14 more zones are to be created.

### Could Do Better

In the New Labour everything-must-go world, outsourcing is one of the buzz words etched on the blackboards of the corporate classroom. Outsourcing means privatisation but we don't want any old fashioned words like that getting in the way of our story.

Top of the class outsourcing companies will turn their hand to anything from recruiting teachers to organising payrolls, ordering stationery and IT supplies, and maintaining classrooms. Last month the Department of Education and Employment said that 20 local education authorities had either contracted out their back office functions or were doing so. Firms like WS Atkins, who recently agreed to generously provide the London borough of Southwark with virtually all its education services - including building maintenance, payroll, hiring teachers and purchasing. The City is also catching on that this is a growth sector. Investors Chronicle recently said it expected Nord Anglia's profits to "grow at more than 30 per cent over the next two years", while another investment firm reckons the 'sector' will grow from £1.6 billion today to £5 billion within five years.

But it's not all been plain sailing. Haringey council, parents and governors recently rejected for the second time two bids to take over their "failing local education authority". One bid was from the Ensign consortium which includes Group 4 whose experience in managing privatised prisons presumably makes them an ideal candidate to run New Labour's schools!

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

A pensioner, a schoolboy, a care worker and a middle aged housewife were arrested and charged with harassment of B & K Universal Ltd, a company based in Hull, who breed animals for vivisection. The charges included - and we're not making this up - "holding a placard, making obscene gestures with an inflatable champagne bottle, sending a birthday card", and the best one "staring at a building!"

Coming top of the class in this story however, just so happens to be consultants PriceWaterhouseCoopers who 'helped' the borough to prepare for the scheme and clocked up bills that run into millions. No one will say exactly how much because the information is, of course, confidential.

All this is just the tip of the iceberg. As Christopher Draper from the anarchist paper Freedom points out, "If schools were being liberated from state-control and handed over to co-operatives of pupils, parents and teachers we would have something to celebrate but these sell-offs provide the worst of both worlds."

For big business however every new education twist gives them an opportunity to make a profit from markets they could once only have wet dreams about

### SIEMEN STAINS

A new computer system which cost £77 million with the promise that it would deal with the backlog of asylum seeker claims has proved to be bogus and has been scrapped by the government. The computer system was handed over to Siemens under the Private Finance Initiative, and they promptly sacked staff and made the service even worse. Despite the National Audit Office complaining about their incompetence, Siemens received bonuses because they were paid for reducing costs *not* for improving the system!

The company have a fine record in privatisation cock ups, managing to paralyse the passport agency two years back. People missed holidays or had to queue in the rain to get their documents, while the cost rose to £28 to cover the fiasco (see SchNEWS 219).

PS: SchNEWS neither confirms or denies that it was Siemens who came in to look at our computers a couple of weeks back.

### Positive SchNEWS

Human Scale Education are running a series of workshops around the country for anyone interested in setting up their own schools etc. 01275 332516

## EAT THIS

For twenty years the people of Newcastle have been forced to breathe in toxic fumes pumped out from the Byker incinerator. Not content with this, in 1993 Newcastle Council decided that they should eat toxic waste as well, and so dumped 2,000 tonnes of incinerator ash on allotments and parks around the city. A report out this week has found that dioxin (extremely nasty persistent cancer causing chemicals) levels in the ash were almost 2,000 times higher than the safe recommended limit. Levels of dioxins in eggs from allotment hens were found to be up to 20 times greater than the levels found in 'normal' eggs. The report concluded that by eating one Byker egg daily you would be doubling your cancer risk. The eating of vegetables and eggs on 22 allotments have been banned, but the Council, the Environment Agency and the Food Standards Agency are assuring people there is really nothing to worry about. The Council and the operators of the incinerator will soon be facing 19 charges between them of illegally disposing of toxic waste.

There could well be an incinerator coming your way soon, as the government are planning to build 160 new incinerators over the next 20 years, so enjoy your allotment food whilst you still can. **Communities Against Toxics**, PO Box 29, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, CH66 3TX Tel/Fax 0151 339 5473 ralph@tcppublications.freemail.co.uk

\* There are plans afoot to build an incinerator close to Crymych Bog SSSI near Swansea. Local residents don't fancy this idea much and have organised a demo this Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>), assemble 10:30 for 11am move off outside Cape Horner Pub, St Thomas, Swansea. Contact 01792 425231 for info.

## Women's Day

"People everywhere are demanding a total change of priorities. Women and girls do the work of giving birth to, feeding and caring for the whole world. But this vital work of survival and community is devalued and those who do it are demeaned" - Wages For Housework Campaign.

The International Wages for Housework Campaign have called a global women's strike on March 8<sup>th</sup> which is International Women's Day, urging women to 'stop the world and change it'. Last year's Global Strike saw waged and unwaged women from over 60 countries take part in demonstrations, vigils and parties to celebrate Women's Day and develop strategies of resistance.

In Spain, cleaners went on strike whilst immigrant women spoke out; in India Dalit and Tribal village women demanded wages for all work; and in Uganda women mobilised to discuss their needs.

For details of what's going on this year contact: International Wages for Housework Campaign, 230A Kentish Town Road, London, NW5 2AB. 0207 482 2496, <http://womensstrike8m.server101.com>

\* **Women and Children First: Painted Monkey display** is a collection of paintings by indigenous children from Chiapas. Opens on 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, with a video "women and children confront the military" at 7:30pm. The exhibition takes place until the 16<sup>th</sup> March at Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Road (entrance Caversham Road) London NW5. Fully wheelchair accessible. Opening times Monday-Friday 12am-4pm Thursdays 5-7pm Entrance by donation with proceeds going to Indigenous women in Chiapas. For more info contact 020 7482 2496

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## 2001 & All That

Last year fat boy fat (a.k.a John Prescott) announced a transport budget that could be called a New Deal for car drivers (see SchNEWS 288). Hastings looks set to become one of the first 'beneficiaries', when the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) gave the all clear for two new bypasses to be built around the town. The proposed roads will destroy two SSSIs and cut through an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but Councillors and business leaders argue that the motorway standard roads are essential to help regenerate the town, which is one of the south-east's most deprived. A study into the bypasses warned that they could result in a loss of 300 jobs in the town centre, as jobs are sucked out of town to a new greenfield business park. It also highlights the fact that 95 percent of traffic is local, which will mean the roads will be of very little benefit. Battle lines are now being drawn, to keep informed get on the mailing list of the A27 Action Group who for £3/£1 will send you their excellent newsletter, write to them at 56 Firle Village, East Sussex, BN8 6LG.

\* A report out this week by the very man who advised the government on their transport plan, has predicted that although by 2010 we will have spent £60 billion on improving our roads. Most journey times will only be reduced by 1 second a minute, and journeys on motorways and in rural areas will actually take longer. Is that what they call best value? Full copy of report is available from the Council for Protection of Rural England on 020 7976 6433 [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk)

## Sub Normal

Over 1000 peace and anti-nuclear campaigners took part in a demonstration against Faslane Trident Submarine Base in Scotland on Monday. 'The Big Blockade', a major event in the peace movement calendar, attracted people from all over the world. Faslane is home to the four-strong fleet of Trident nuclear submarines, which activists claim are in breach of international law due to their inability to distinguish between civilians and soldiers.

Arriving at 7am, the campaigners linked arms and formed a chain designed to prevent workers from entering the base. Scottish ministers performed a service of worship. As at previous Faslane blockades, arrests were high. Police moved in, breaking up the chain and arresting around 385; Green MEP Caroline Lucas, Tommy Sheridan MSP and George Galloway MP were amongst the arrested. "The fact that parliamentarians, ministers of religion, a senior lawyer and a prominent author are among those arrested shows that this campaign is not restricted to a few activists but is beginning to engage civic society," said a spokesperson for Trident Ploughshares, one of the groups co-ordinating the event.

Trident Ploughshares 2000: 01324 880744 [www.gn.apc.org/tp2000/](http://www.gn.apc.org/tp2000/)

## GR-EASY MONEY

BP-Amoco are earning £24,000 a minute at the moment - £1 billion a month. Them and Shell are currently suffering from inundation of profits. This is the green company who are proposing to spend £200 million over the next five years on renewable energy - that's less than a week's earnings for them (see SchNEWS 276). Take away the £6 billion a year they are putting into oil exploration and the fact that nearly 75% of takings at the pump is taxed, and still they're creaming in these amounts. Now George Troubles-ya Bush is in BP will get the green light to drill oil in Alaska.

## SchNEWS in brief

Naughty activists this week dug up a field of genetically modified oilseed rape at a farm near Harbury, escaping undetected. [www.dig-it-up.uk.net](http://www.dig-it-up.uk.net) \*\* **A-infos**, the anarchist internet collective have a new e-mail address for contributions in english [a-infos-en@ainfos.ca](mailto:a-infos-en@ainfos.ca) \*\* A government's expert advisory committee has expressed serious doubts on the prospect of success of pig-to-human organ transplants (*xenotransplantation*). The report described the research into the procedure, being led by Imutan, as having led up a "blind alley". Dan Lyons of Uncaged (who have been campaigning against this cruel research) is giving a talk next Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) 8pm, The Bath House, Gwydir St, Cambridge [www.uncaged.co.uk](http://www.uncaged.co.uk) \*\* If you've got any film footage of police violence at the S26 protests in Prague, or have video editing experience, the Prague legal support team would love to hear from you. They have until April 12 to make a film for a Human Rights Film Festival being held in Prague, to be attended by the UN Human Rights Commissioner. [praguelegalsupport@purpleturtle.com](mailto:praguelegalsupport@purpleturtle.com) \*\* Water is due to start pouring into the Itoiz Dam in Spain next month. A new report has indicated the project has an extremely high risk of catastrophe, and would never be permitted in any other EU country. Solidarios Con Itoiz are calling for a halt until experts have checked it thoroughly. [stopitoiz@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stopitoiz@yahoo.co.uk) \*\* There's a picket for **Mark Barnsley**, next Tuesday (20th), 1-2pm, at the Prison Service HQ, Cleland House, Page Street, London, SW1 4NL (nearest tube St James's Park) <http://www.freemarkbarnsley.com> \*\* Get down to London next weekend (23-25<sup>th</sup>) for **The Squat Thing** a weekend of squatter culture and DIY events at the Button Factory, corner of Hardress St and Herne Hill Rd, Brixton. To contribute Tel: 07890 363646 \*\* **Day of action against Sodexho** (prisons and vouchers for asylum seekers) April 4, planning meeting on Feb 27, at the Celeste's Pub, corner of Kentish Town Road and Islip Street, London at 5:30pm \*\* **Oxyacetelene**, Oxford's fortnightly direct action news-sheet is in need of money, and people to help with writing and distribution [oxyace.ukonline.co.uk](http://oxyace.ukonline.co.uk) 07970 343 486 \*\* For more dates and events check out **Party and Protest** on the SchNEWS website.

## ...and finally...

Forget about whales and dolphins, if you want to show someone you really care adopt a soldier for them. That's right, a soldier. Visit [www.adoptasoldier.org](http://www.adoptasoldier.org) and you can choose your own special member of the military to form a friendship with. The website also offers helpful hints on getting started with your letters, such as "In the letter, explain that you wish to correspond with them and show your support as a US citizen. Let them know how thankful you are for their sacrifices." You can choose to correspond with US troops in a variety of different locations including Kosovo, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and are encouraged to progress to sending gifts such as CDs, videos, food and clothes. This surely is a project for all the family, as the website suggests, "Anyone interested can adopt a member of the military: Girl Scout Troops, home/public/private school students, Sunday school class projects, businesses, individuals and families are examples of these who have adopted a member of the military thus far."

## disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all readers we're rushed off our feet doing a hundred lines. Honest!

## Activist gets visit from Special Branch

As a highly active anti-nuclear and internet rights campaigner, Stella Purvis is convinced the UK government will attempt to bring in wide-ranging net censorship under the pretext of dealing with child pornography. So she decided to apply for the right to research the disparity between official claims and the actual incidence of web child pornography. However, as a transitioning transsexual, she was a prime target for a fit up.....so Special Branch paid her visit. This is her story....

On 11th January 2001, my computer was seized by the police. Also seized were: floppy discs of the first draft of a novel, a book proposal about nerve agent, a book proposal about the CIA, numerous routine communications from CND, Trident Ploughshares and other anti-nuclear groups, an essay about communications aboard the 1950s nuclear submarine Nautilus, 13 DAT tapes of raw interview material collected for BBC Radio 4's environmental program Costing The Earth - and already broadcast - a research proposal to the University of Lancaster concerning media manipulation in the "supergun" and "nuclear bomb triggers" affairs - together with ideas for numerous other essays, scripted talks for Radio 4, fictionalized biography towards the making of new radio tales, and other fragments totaling hundreds of pages of text.

A collection of more than 2000 photographs and photographic equipment was totally ignored by the searching officers - very odd behaviour for men authorised to look for "indecent photographs".

Background: I am a transitioning transsexual who changed her name to Stella Purvis on 3rd January 2001. I was previously known as Vaughan Purvis [Christopher David Vaughan Purvis].

I am a member of an internet campaign group called Cyber Rights & Cyber Liberties UK, a group of university academics, practising solicitors and others. In the summer of 2000, I was actively engaged in opposing the then Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill.

Like most members of Cyber Rights, I believed the government was using fear of on-line child porn as an excuse and smoke screen to justify the draconian invasions of privacy entailed in the Bill.

While data supplied by the ISPs industry watchdog the Internet Watch Foundation showed that net-based child porn originating in the UK was less than 2%, half of which could be ascribed to a single individual, Home Office propagandists presented a picture of growing menace - while statistics from IWF showed an actual decline.

Consequently, I wrote last summer to Colin Phillips, Chief Constable of Cumbria, asking for his authority to search the web for child porn sites in order to compile a statistical summary to refute government claims. This research protocol cited a number of individuals academic, journalistic and personal references.

After a very long delay this research proposal was rejected in a letter from a female Assistant Chief Constable (name forgotten) and the project shelved.

On 22nd December 2000, while I was visiting medical consultant Dr S.A.Pidd, at the Queen Victoria Hospital, Morecambe - an entire day out from Barrow-in-Furness - my home, then at 20 Greenhill Close, Ormsgill, Barrow-in-Furness was broken into with numerous thefts and criminal damage including cutting all the cables on my PC - keyboard, mouse, printer, scanner etc.. The police failed to appear following my three complaints. I was not immediately able to repair this damage, and it was not perhaps for three days that it occurred to me to check the Win 98 v.2 "history" file for the day of the burglary.

I discovered that the burglars had entered numerous sites with titles like "Little Kids" and "Pink Lolita", at a time when I can easily show I was still in Morecambe. The police again failed to respond to a lengthy call made to a dispatcher named Claire, so I posted an appeal entitled Help on the Cyber Rights list, which was seen and read by many people, referring to the child

porn accusation. This was answered by one Nigel Jones, an Assistant Chief Police Officer from (I think) Kent - a regular contributor to the list - who published the name and phone number of one Mark Cameron - as being a computer specialist I should contact in Cumbria Police.

Despite numerous calls to Mark Cameron it was not until 10th January that he told me that he and a colleague would visit me at 10am the following day. Mark Cameron and colleague did not appear the following day, 11th January. Instead, I received a visit from one D/S Forrester and a search party armed with a search warrant issued under the Child Protection Act authorising a search for "indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children".

I asked D/S Forrester what this was all about and he said "We are aware of your letters to the Chief Constable". He described my Help notice on the Cyber Rights list as "an attempt to cover my back". But while my computer was seized, no interest was shown in my large photographic collection, and of the 24 exhibits listed in the search document as having been seized, not one item is a photograph. Almost all are documents related to the anti-nuclear movement, to DU, Trident Ploughshares, or wrong-doing by Intelligence organisations. WHY ME ?

Together with "Heather", I have acquired more than 50 Geiger tubes and 12 scintillation counters with a view to creating monitoring stations round nuclear facilities in Cumbria and Scotland.

I was in brief communication with David Shayler during his exile in Paris, and one is reminded of the seizure of the computer belonging to, I think, a Sussex university student who had also been in touch with the portly runaway.

Nor was this the end of this loathsome business. On returning from a shopping trip at about 4pm the following day, I was astonished to see my two Staffordshires being lead away to van by the borough dog warden. The door of 20 Greenhill Close had been smashed in, and four police officers and the estate manager were inside.

The "word was out" that I was a child pornographer, (how?) the officers said, and "the word was" that a mob was going to "get me" that very night. I must grab a toothbrush and leave immediately. I said I had no intention of leaving as this would appear to be an admission of guilt for something I had not done. I was then told that if I did not leave with them right away and go to the Borough Homeless Persons Hostel, they would arrest me and lock me in a cell "for my own protection" under the P.A.C.E. Act. So my dogs were taken away to be locked in cages, and I was taken to the hostel for down-and-outs trailing a smear like a slug trail behind me. Deprived of communications of any kind, it has taken me days to rally and counterattack the dangerous, desperate and dishonest men who had done to this to me.

Was it under the orders of Colin Phillips himself, or rogue elements in the Special Branch Ulverstone office acting beyond all law and control? Certainly, they deceived the magistrate who signed the search warrant since not even the sickest mind could meaningfully connect the documents, stories, book proposals and radio talk scripts to the "indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs of children" cited on the search warrant.

I have not as yet - January 29, 2001 - been charged with any offense. But who can say what further crimes or fabrications may yet be concocted to justify what the Special Branch has already done? Who gave the order to destroy me and my democratic right to oppose and expose nuclear weapons, atomic pollution and the wrongdoing of intelligence agencies and the secret police?

Everything I say here is true.

### Cyber Sisters

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# FROM AIR TO ETERNITY

From the north we ride a thermal, bringing the paraglider in on a wing and a prayer. The defunct power station looms in the distance. After making the necessary adjustments to rhythm and range, I push the glider down, swooping beneath the range of thermonuclear detection to land under the bridge. As Marie Celeste disappears up the bridge strut to attach the dynamite, I release the clump of antelopes from the cargo bay and they skitter off to deal with the armed guards. Soon their cries harmonise through the dawn mist and blend with the antelopes' beautiful meeping tones.

We take to the shore and not a second too soon. From behind a tree we see the nuclear transport leave the power station and roll onto the BOOM! The whistling antelopes once more leap into action, making short shrift of their all to human opponents. It is a few short steps up the bank to the transport.

See SchNEWS 288, 'Hellafield'

Some months later half of the plutonium has been sold to dodgy geezers wearing trenchcoats and manicured moustaches in car parks across what used to be East Germany. The weapons grade plutonium will be despatched all around the world to threaten the terrorism enforced by the West under the guise of the United Nations. The remaining nuclear material we use to power our sound system, making a mockery of those rigs who take their nuclear power indirectly from the national grid or prop up the petrochemical companies by using diesel. The warm glow of satisfaction we feel soon spreads to the crowd...

- Stropharia Cubensis [SPOR]

Excerpted from 'Pollution, Pixies, and Pirates' in SPOR's forthcoming book, 'The Shape of Nature'  
[www.spor.org.uk](http://www.spor.org.uk)

# Genetics: Making Life Taste Bitter

22nd February: Anti GM feed demo outside Sainsbury's regional depots at Boreham Wood.



GM animal feed has risen to the top of the agenda, and seen some of the fastest changes in policy by supermarkets around the UK. It is hardly surprising that what is fed to animals should become an issue. After all, it is animal feed that is at the root of the BSE crisis, and the public has become aware and alarmed of the practice of creating cannibals out of herbivores.

The vast majority of GM crops around the world are grown purely to feed animals. This simple fact destroys one of the key myths of the biotech industry - that they are trying to provide food for the hungry. Nonsense, they are trying to create cheaper animal feed. But in the UK, and around Europe, there has been a remarkable backlash from the public. Fresh from getting supermarkets to remove GM products from their shelves, they have now created such a movement that all but the most recalcitrant retailers have now committed themselves to removing GM fed animal products as well.

This has been the result of persistent campaigning. The key producers, Bernard Matthews, were so inundated with letters and packets of GM-free feed, that they announced their change to GM-free feed before Christmas. And a surreal protest at the Asda distribution depot in Dartford, where post-apocalyptic turkeys swarmed over lorries, blocking further deliveries, must have helped the supermarket's management realise that the campaigners were serious.

Out in the cold remains the supermarket Sainsbury's. They are the only one yet to make a commitment to remove GM animal feed products from the shelves. And this is despite a visit from some remarkable cows that blockaded four distribution depots in February!

Hugh Warwick [www.geneticsforum.org.uk](http://www.geneticsforum.org.uk)

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER SPACED OUT!

George W... you ARE my son



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## BOMBING PEACE TAKE

"Our intention is to make sure that the world is as peaceful as possible"

President George Bush

"Turn your cameras to this boy and tell me if it is a military target"

George Galloway MP at

Yarmouk hospital in Baghdad

You couldn't make it up. Just three days after the U.S and Britain bombed Baghdad, the new Terrorism Act became law. So while in theory pulling up genetic crops or disarming nuclear weapons could now get you put in the slammer as a terrorist, breaking international law and bombing a capital city will only get you grunts of disapproval from the international community.

Not that the bombing of Iraq is new – it just usually isn't news.

This forgotten war has been going on since 1991 and is costing the taxpayer £4 1/2 million a month. It's costing the Iraqi people a lot more – since bombing resumed in 1998, 317 have been killed and 936 wounded because of the air raids in a war, which was first justified on humanitarian grounds – to protect Kurds in the north and Shi'a's in the southern marshes. Then the bombing was justified to stop Saddam Hussein getting weapons of mass destruction.

Now SchNEWS isn't some apologist for the Iraqi regime, but can someone tell us what has changed after 10 years of constant bombing and economic sanctions apart from the deaths of one million people, over half of them children under age of 5. And what would happen if, say, Sweden started bombing the Faslane naval base where Britain's weapons of mass destruction are kept?

And should we start bombing Israel now they've elected a president who's a war criminal who invaded Lebanon and committed genocide in Palestinian refugee camps and is single handedly responsible for the current intifada?

### A War is Born

"Throughout the course of the Bush administration, U.S and foreign firms were granted export licenses to ship U.S technology directly to Iraqi weapons facilities despite ample evidence showing that these factories were producing weapons."

US House of Representatives Henry Gonzalez

The UK's Foreign secretary Robin Cook this week justified the bombing by quoting the occasion when chemical weapons were used against the Kurds in Halabja,

killing 5,000 men, women and children. What Cookie Monster forgot to say was that it was Western corporations who sold Iraq the weapons and chemicals in the first place. And the frontline cheerleader for America's corporate contributors to Saddam, the man who paved the way for Iraq to purchase millions of dollars worth of weapons and dangerous dual-use technology from U.S corporations, was none other than the co-architect of Gulf War I, former president George Bush. Still, that's business for yer, and woe betide any British citizens who take direct action to stop such companies making a fast buck out of misery. You'll only get yourself hauled up in front of a magistrate and labelled a terrorist.

\* No more war – no more sanctions on Iraq. Join the 24 hour picket of the Houses of Parliament from 22<sup>nd</sup> till 28<sup>th</sup> February. 0207 403 5200 [www.mariamappeal.com](http://www.mariamappeal.com)

### STAR-WARS IN THEIR EYES

"To describe Star Wars as criminally insane is to slander reputable psychopaths"

Nick Cohen

The world is set for a new arms race as America pushes ahead with its plans for the "Son of Star Wars". If this all sounds familiar then hark back to the 80's when Thatcher and Raygun ruled the world and nuclear war was a rizla paper away. The Star Wars programme was originally started by Ronald Reagan in the 1980's and is a sophisticated defence system designed to destroy incoming missiles in space using radar, lasers and rockets. The US claims that it needs this level of protection from attacks by so-called 'rogue states' such as North Korea, Iran, Iraq and Florida, (we made the last one up-honest) all of which are well known for developing nuclear missile technology!

A key element of this mad scheme is the siting of new radar facilities at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire. These new facilities will need planning permission for a programme of works which includes building a concrete block up to 14 storeys high in part of a national park, without this permission the programme's dead! Unfortunately after searching his soul Tony Blair is flying out to Camp David this week to meet with George W. Bush and a Downing Street source told SchNEWS that "Tony" is likely to give the go ahead for this insane plan. Bruce Gagnon of the Global Network

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For subverting the symbols of authority! A protester was found guilty in court this week of 'impersonating a police officer' at a demo against the now defunct Shamrock farm. The woman in question was wearing a plastic toy helmet from the Early Learning Centre and a reflective jacket. The fact that she was wearing a 'Close down Shamrock Farm' poster around her neck surely should have given the game away.

For pissing on a fence (instead of sitting on it)! At an action yesterday against GM animal feed, while some protesters locked on to trucks and got their heads down, another was arrested for answering a call of nature. The police later modified their position.

Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space commented "If the US is allowed to move the arms race into space, there will be no return. We have this one chance, this one moment in history, to stop the weaponisation of space from happening."

All this talk of the 80's is getting us all nostalgic and carries echoes of the deployment of U.S. Cruise missiles at Greenham Common. Demonstrations are already taking place at US bases and RAF Fylingdales where one protester was recently arrested for using the US flag with STOP STAR WARS written on it. She's been charged with 'insulting and disorderly conduct' which was 'racially motivated.'

\* 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, Vigil against Star Wars 2-6pm Parliament Square. Contact London CND 020 7607 2302 email [carol@caro50.freemail.co.uk](mailto:carol@caro50.freemail.co.uk)

\* 4<sup>th</sup> May, Nukes in Space. Conference on space militarisation and National Missile Defence. Contact: Yorkshire CND, 22 Edmond Street, Bradford 01274 730795 email [cndyorks@gn.apc.org](mailto:cndyorks@gn.apc.org)

\* Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases, 8 Park Row, Otley, West Yorkshire, LS21 1HQ, England, UK Tel 01943 466405 [www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab](http://www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab)

### IT COULD BE YOU!

The Terrorism Act came into full effect on Monday with a brand new spankin' direct action busting definition that is so wide that it is basically up to the Government and the police to decide who they want to treat as a terrorist. (see SchNEWS 268).

To find out more about the act contact The Network against the Terrorism Act 01273 298192 <http://go.to/ta2000>

## Food Chained

"The British government is ignoring the wishes of the vast bulk of British customers. The public have made it very clear that they are unhappy about eating GM foods and about GM crops growing in the countryside" - Adrian Bebb, Friends of the Earth.

Last week the European Parliament introduced a new directive allowing the further spread of GM food into our lives. The legislation will bring an end to the three-year moratorium on the granting of licences for commercial growing of GM products. The ruling is expected to bring about a flood of licence applications from biotech companies. Applications will be dealt with by a committee of representatives from EU member states with regulations said to be strict, yet anti-GM campaigners aren't impressed. "The new directive is not enough to protect the environment, consumers and farmers from GM crops" said a spokesperson from Friends of the Earth.

\* Yesterday saw protesters attack supermarket giant Sainsburys by blockading regional distribution centres. Sainsburys was chosen due to their failure to announce any intention to ensure that their own brand animal products are GM free. Iceland, ASDA, Tesco and Marks and Spencers have recently given dates by which all their own-brand animal products will be from animals on GM-free diets. There are no regulations regarding the labelling of animal products meaning that GMOs had been entering the food chain through their use in animal feed.

Protestors have used a variety of tactics to prevent goods leaving the distribution centres including locking themselves onto lorries and securing gates.

\* From the 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> March there will be a week of anti-GM actions and events in Liverpool, home to a feed-processing mill of one of the major players in the GM industry. Cargill controls the food supply chain from beginning to end, selling their seeds to farmers, processing the produce into animal feed, shipping the feed abroad to be fed to poultry, cooking and packaging the poultry and then finally selling it onto supermarkets or fast-food chains. For more information on the week of action contact 0160 226 6814.

\* GenetiX Update, PO Box 77, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5ZJ, 01803 840098

## Land Army

Work started last week on the Blackwood Bypass in South Wales. The road will destroy 4 acres of ancient woodland of the Ebbw Forest. 67 percent of Wales ancient woodland has been lost since 1930. The plans are strongly opposed by local people and a direct action campaign is now beginning to try and stop the work. Help is urgently needed on the ground as well as up in the trees. blackwood\_protest@yahoo.co.uk

\* Protesters are looking for support to set up a camp to help save a small wildflower meadow in Todmorden, Calderdale from a proposed housing development. If you can help then contact 0161 227 9014

\* A pensioner in Northern Ireland has successfully stopped the construction of a multi-million pound supermarket by refusing to sell her garden to developers. Lena Hunt, 78, from County Derry was offered £250,000 for her garden which backs onto the proposed building site. Limavady Borough Council is now set to withdraw its offer to the developers due to being unable to meet conditions of sale because of the garden. Miss Hunt said that no amount of money could persuade her to part with it. "I prefer the garden. It is home and it is part of my home."

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## SchNEWS in brief

The Carbeth Hatters are holiday homes in Scotland owned largely by people on low incomes. Many are now facing eviction because they have refused to pay rent increases. The Hatters are now trying to get legislation passed to give hatters across Scotland security and fair rents. Help is needed to pay legal costs, send donations to Carbeth Hatters' Association, 0/1, 81 White St., Glasgow G11 5DD. Tel. 0141-562-5640 or contact them at chris@nedluddisking.freemail.co.uk \*\* The London School of Economics has passed a resolution that will stop the Student's Union doing business with any companies that operate in Burma. For more info contact Rachel Goldwyn: 07931 753 138\*\* To find out what's going on in Luton, get yourself a copy of Black Cat the monthly direct action news sheet. They can be contacted at PO Box 923, Luton, LU2 0YQ, kittyplant@netscapeonline.co.uk \*\* The Campaign Against Arms Trade this week published a report into organizations, including charities and universities, that invest in the arms export trade. To find out more contact them on 0207 281 0297 or visit [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk) \*\* The Dudley Group of Hospitals campaign against hospital privatisation continues with a Birmingham demo in Chamberlain Square at 10.30am, 3 March. [www.labournet.net](http://www.labournet.net) \*\* Word On The Streets, an evening of spoken word, live music, Indy Media Films and Megabitch Sound System in aid of People's Global Action. At the Arsenal Tavern, Finsbury Park, London. 3<sup>rd</sup> March 8.30pm to 2am, £4/3.

\*\* The Surveillance Camera Players are a group from New York who demonstrate and do 'theater' in front of surveillance cameras. They are doing a tour of Europe and would like to hear from people interested in working with them, email notbored@panix.com \*\* Day of Action in support for Mark Barnsley, 3.30pm, 25<sup>th</sup> February. Meet outside Wakefield Westgate Train Station for a march to Wakefield Prison for a noisy vigil. [www.freemarkbarnsley.com](http://www.freemarkbarnsley.com) \*\* I Love Cuba Cabaret, with Simon Munney, Jeremy Hardy, Rob Newman and others at the Camden Centre, London, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8pm to 2am, Tickets £15/£12, 020 7263 6452. \*\* Underrcurrents are having a sale of lots of stuff, VHS videos for £5 each. Details at [www.underrcurrents.org](http://www.underrcurrents.org) or phone 01865-203662. \*\* Free Winston Silcock March and Protest at Prison Minister Barbara Roche's surgery. Assemble 10<sup>th</sup> March, 12 noon, Tottenham Police Station. There's also an International Solidarity Evening with music, dance, food and speakers, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm to 11pm at Hundred flowers Cultural Center, Belgrave Road, London N16. \*\* There is now a Network 23 site based in Edinburgh to encourage more solidarity between Soundsystems and partypeople in Scotland and the UK. For more details, info@n23-edinburgh.co.uk \*\* Don't forget the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Spam Carving Contest which will take place in Seattle. Contestants will have 15 minutes to create an imaginative sculpture from two small tins of Spam. The use of power tools is banned. \*\* A Brighton party who is shortly moving is looking to sell his rig. Anyone interested should contact him at 07931 384456 or visit <http://members.tripod.co.uk/SystemAt1/Veggies>

Web-site has gone down temporarily, but will be back very soon. In the meantime call 0845 4589595. \*\* On Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March there will be a day long workshop on the International Womens Day (see Schnews 293) by the Crossroads Womens Centre @ the Brightelm Centre, Brighton from 10.30am till 5pm. \*\* For info on loads more parties, actions, meetings, vigils etc check out our party and protest site.

## Inside SchNEWS

On Nov 8<sup>th</sup> of last year Eduardo Garcia became yet another victim of a State fit-up when he was sent down for 20 years, charged with sending seven letter bombs to right-wing politicians and journalists. Although only 22 years old, Eduardo has been a prominent political activist in Madrid for some time, recently being involved in the jail solidarity movement. The movement has been organizing coordinated hunger strikes to end the isolation system of political prisoners, for the release of terminally ill prisoners and campaigning for prisoners to be held near to their families. When Eduardo was arrested the cops searched his flat and made a video record of this search. After finding nothing while the cameras were rolling, they miraculously "found" 40 grams of firework powder when it was switched off! Although the package containing the powder had none of Eduardo's fingerprints on it, this "find" was deemed enough evidence to convict him. Apart from this obvious fit up, there are a few other reasons why Eduardo is innocent: because of his high profile campaign against the Spanish prison system - which included being a prominent spokesperson in the campaign, helping to organise peaceful demonstrations outside prisons and visiting different prisoners on a weekly basis - it would be unlikely that he would be involved in more clandestine actions; also after Eduardo was jailed, four more identical bombs were sent to different targets, which would suggest that the person that did that also sent the previous seven. This case seems to have much in common with many other incidents involving activists who have been fitted up by the State, namely to silence any dissenting voice which goes against their reactionary policies.

Send any messages of support to Eduardo via the Spanish Anarchist Black Cross, (because of the isolation policy letters sent directly to prisoners are disallowed) at CNA-ABC, Pasco Alberto Palacio No2, 28021 Madrid, Spain or E-mail edulibre@yahoo.es

\*Last Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>), 29 different prisons across the state of Sao Paulo in Brazil erupted in a mass rebellion against the inhumane treatment of inmates. No less than 25000 prisoners took part to protest about overcrowding, insanitary conditions and the widespread torture that happens on a daily basis. The riots started in the infamous Carandiru jail, the largest in Latin America, where in 1992 cops opened fire on inmates killing 111 - making this the worst case of human rights abuse since Brazil became a "democracy" in 1985. The Casa de Detenção, one part of the huge Carandiru complex was meant to house 3200 : it now houses 7200. The rebellion was brutally put down on the Tuesday afterwards by thousands of riot cops, but, SchNEWS asks, how long till it all kicks off again?

## ...and finally...

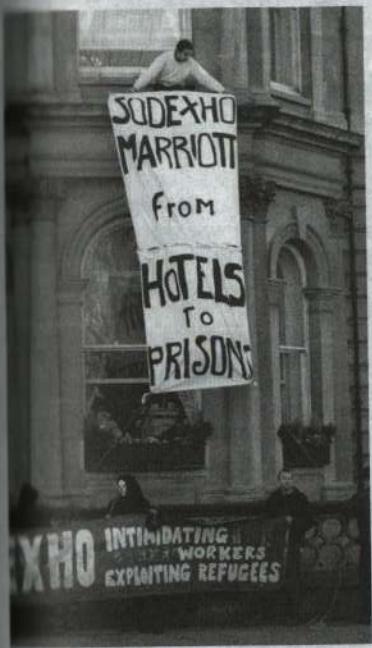
Sitting here at SchNEWS Towers we sometimes wonder - when it's sunny outside, when we're too busy writing about actions to go on them, when we're trawling through another million poxy emails - why we get involved in direct action. Well now a Social Scientist has come up with a simple and credible theory about why people get involved:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n Va(i)[p_1(i) - p_2(i)] + \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+1} Va(i)[P_1(i) - P_2(i)] > 0$$

No, we did not make this up!

## disclaimer

Ouch! We've been zapped!



Pics: Simon Chapman

## WHO PUT THE 'SOD' IN SODEXHO?

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February the Marriot Hotel in Bristol had some visitors. The Marriot — one of the poshest places in town uses the services of this sodding company who are also involved in prison building, running the asylum seeker's voucher scheme, servicing the Mexican army in Chiapas, and have a knack for getting their slice of public money. Running prisons, running hotels — pretty similar really.

Several people got into the hotel and dropped a banner, while leaflets were handed out on the majestic College Green. Two fire engines arrived, as well as an obligatory riot van, but the protester up on the window ledge with the banner came down — no need to call Superman — to the cheers of the hotel employees, and wasn't arrested. After the demo, some went up to Tesco's to demonstrate against Sodexho's voucher scheme for refugees. For info on Sodexho email [sod-action@fsmail.net](mailto:sod-action@fsmail.net)

## Terrorist Bill becomes law

19th February: Under the new Terrorist Bill, which is now law, dissident Nelson Mandela (of course later president of a country) would have been classified as a terrorist, as would Emiline Pankhurst, votes for women campaigner. The two statues were given the tag 'terrorist'.



Bristol, 17th February: march against Terrorist Bill.

Pic: Simon Chapman



Pics: Simon Chapman

**SQUALL**

## K-CHING! K-CHING! THAT'S THE SOUND OF THE POLICE!

A private security firm, who leapt to prominence in the 1990s by providing 'heavies' to protect road building projects, has been cast in the flagship role of the Government's creeping privatisation of police.

Bristol based Reliance Custodial Services, who are contracted to transport prisoners around the South West of England, were awarded a government Charter Mark on February 13 for their "caring, humane approach...to staff customers and the wider community".

The award, which the company nominated itself for, was described as "a pat on the back" by Reliance spokeswoman Charmyn Hall, who said the company hoped it would give them greater status in the eyes of the public.

It came just weeks after the company closed a £90 million deal to provide custody services for the entire Sussex region. The Police Authority have described the scheme, which will see 24 existing police stations closed and replaced by a half dozen privately managed custody centres, as their "most wide reaching" Private Finance Initiative (PFI) scheme.

Apart from the South West contract, the company's only other experience in this field is a 15 man pilot project in West Mercia - reported, by that force, to have had "teething troubles" - and a five year contract, which was terminated not long after it began, to operate an electronic tagging scheme in Southern England. Sussex Police Authority described the company as the "market leader in police support services."

Graham Alexander of Sussex Police Federation told

SQUALL: "We have deep reservations about PFI." He said the reduction in police stations will increase journey times from the scene to custody, meaning less police time on the streets (the Police Authority are looking at contracting out this role too). "If it's a cost cutting exercise, it's fraught with danger," said Alexander.

The project is unlikely to save much public money, the Government is already subsidising the scheme to the tune of £34 million. Home Secretary, Jack Straw, is in favour privatising many police duties. He has often been backed by high ranking officers, including the former HM Inspector of Constabulary, Sir Geoffrey Dear - now a Reliance Director.

Reliance's recent Charter Mark is reminiscent of a suggestion in 1998 by Surrey Chief Constable Ian Blair, that beat officers could be replaced by "kitemarked" security patrols.

Sussex police are keen to turn round criticisms that they are underachieving. "[We] are in the bottom quartile [of Home Office figures] for arrests per 100 officers," Sarah O'Connor of Sussex Police Authority told Stephen Nathan, editor of Prison Privatisation Report International. "We have to increase arrests by 53 per cent."

Payment to Reliance will be linked to the rate of prisoner turnover. Nathan is dubious if private sector priorities match the public's. "If the police fail to meet their targets, will staffing levels be cut to protect profits?" he asks. He was also concerned about monitoring of custody procedures, as a single monitor is proposed for all six centres.

Human rights solicitor Mike Schwartz described the encroachment of the private sector into policing as "unconstitutional".

"Imprisonment and the use of force against people are so fundamental to their basic liberty that they cannot be trusted to commercial organisations," he told SQUALL. "A justice system should be directly accountable to the people not to company shareholders."

Reliance Security, another arm of the same company group, was heavily condemned in the mid 1990s for their 'policing' of road protests against the M11 link and bypasses for Newbury and Bathaston. The firm, who admitted receiving Special Branch intelligence on protesters, was employing men with violent criminal records, who were then assaulting non-violent activists.

Charmyn Hall was quick to distance Reliance Custodial from the Group's Security wing. "Our staff do six weeks training, not two days," she said.

"Basic police training is two years," said an unimpressed Graham Alexander. "Custody officers then undergo further specialist training. If the training [of Reliance's staff] is flawed it will have a huge effect on the administration of justice."

For more on the association of police with private companies check 'Corporate Cops' in this annual.



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER BURNIN' ISSUE



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## SHOPPING MAUL

"If you have local food and local shops, things may go wrong but they don't spread like this" - Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy, Thames Valley University.

In case you haven't noticed the foot and mouth disease outbreak has spread right across the country. Hardly surprising as livestock is routinely transported all around the UK, Europe and beyond. Let's face it Britain's agriculture is a mess: BSE, genetically modified foods, pesticide residues and now foot and mouth. So what's gone wrong?

In 1939 13% of the population worked on farms, now its only 2%. Today's food production has more in common with an industrial production line. Each year 860 million farm animals are slaughtered, the vast majority of these reared intensively in overcrowded conditions, leading to the rapid spread of disease and the routine use of antibiotics.

The production of fruit and veg isn't much different, crops are grown in huge monoculture plots and routinely sprayed with pesticides: e.g. lettuces are sprayed 15 times. Considering that England is an ideal climate for growing apples it's crazy that we now consume more French ones than English!

### Supermarkets Sweep Up

"Outside economic forces have done me in. You have no control over prices, everything is set by outsiders. It doesn't matter how well you farm, it just gets harder and harder" - Ex-farmer

The big four supermarkets sell over half our food in the UK. This dominance gives them a stranglehold on producers. Supermarkets know that farmers have little choice and dictate which varieties should be produced, how animals should be kept, and what chemicals need to be sprayed, and when. In return for their efforts farmers receive minimum prices for their products. A survey found that apples were being sold at nearly double the price that farmers were getting for them, and eggs four times as much. And if the produce isn't uniform in size, shape and colour farmers have to throw the food away and get nothing.

Tesco's are now trying to have only three suppliers for each of their products. So if you're a farm that gets a contract you can grow and grow (well unless you fall out of favour cos' your tomatoes aren't juicy enough), if not, then hard luck. And despite the increasing supermarkets claims to support British farmers the amount we

import from abroad is increasing, and even food that is British probably isn't local - in the last 20 years the average distance our food travels within the UK has doubled (SchNEWS 283).

So if farmers are getting shafted by supermarkets why aren't they protesting about this rather than the price of fuel? Well they did. In 1998, enraged by the fall in the amount they received for their meat, they blockaded ports and supermarkets. The action forced the government to carry out an investigation, but the Office of Fair Trading couldn't see that the supermarkets were doing anything wrong, so nothing changed. A recent survey by the National Farmers Union found that 98% of farmers believe that their futures would be more secure if they went back to basics and selling direct to the public. But most are too scared to speak out, in case they lose their 'contracts' i.e. livelihood and home.

\* British supermarkets are roughly three times more profitable than similar companies in France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

\* Last year Sainsbury's made a massive £580 million pre tax profits and Tesco's an embarrassing £955 million - how do they cope?

\* Lord Sainsbury, the former Chief Executive of Sainsbury's, is the richest man in Britain, and a Labour peer.

### Superpowers

Supermarkets may have destroyed our farming industry, but they've given us convenience, choice, jobs and cheap goods. But hey, wait a minute lets look at how convenient and how much choice they really offer us. Call us old-fashioned but how convenient is it to get to an out of town shopping centre, rather than pop to your local shop (especially if you've got no car). When supermarkets move into an area small shops go down the pan. A government report in 1998 concluded that food shops in market towns lost between 13 and 50% of their trade when a supermarket opened. In 1950 there were 221,662 food shops in Britain by 1997 this had fallen to just under 37,000. Is that what they call more choice?

What about job creation? Well, supermarkets employ one-fifth of the staff per unit area than smaller shops, and how can working in a supermarket compare to working in a local store? But at least the supermarkets are cheap, aren't they? It may come as a surprise but they're not. Al-

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For handing out a leaflet! The Canadian police are getting a bit twitchy in the build up to the Summit of the Americas, which takes place in Quebec in April. To show off their intolerance, they arrested 3 people for handing out leaflets criticising the police plan to erect a 5-kilometre security perimeter around the conference centre. Sounds more like Qatar than Quebec to us. After a newspaper picked up on the story an embarrassing climb down followed, the city apologising to those arrested. Quebec has recently passed an anti-scarf by-law as a "security measure" for the Summit. Anyone even partially covering their face with a scarf faces arrest.

though they tempt you in with cheap bread and baked beans, loads of their other stuff is more expensive. Independent specialist shops have been found to be 30 percent cheaper than the big chains, and if you buy direct from your local farmer or farmers' markets then the savings are even greater.

Despite all this the popularity of supermarkets appears to be growing and it may feel like there's nothing we can do to stop them. Their growth may be due to lazy-car driver-shove-it-in-the-microwave mentality. But they've also curried favour with politicians, influencing policy so that they can build what they want where they want, even in National Parks. Supermarkets also bribe councils with roads and community centres in return for building their stores. In Brighton, Sainsbury's look set to be allowed to build next to the station despite everybody wishing they would get lost. In return they are willing to bribe the council with building a road.

### SchNEWS' ALTERNATIVES

So what can you do to undermine the supermarkets' dominance? Simple, don't shop at 'em if you can help it.

\* Go to your local market or greengrocer, you may be surprised at how cheap they are. Try to find out if there's a farmers market in the area, where farmers sell their own produce direct. 01225-787914 [www.farmermarkets.net](http://www.farmermarkets.net)

\* Grow your own food. Get a list of allotment sites from your local authority or squat a bit of unused land! Alternatively you can join a City Farm, details from The Federation of City Farms [www.farmgarden.org.uk](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk)

\* Campaign against more supermarkets. BUDD (Brighton Urban Design and Development) are opposing Sainsbury's development at Brighton station. 01273-681166, [www.solarcity.co.uk/BUDD](http://www.solarcity.co.uk/BUDD)

\* To find out more about supermarkets' power within the government and other dodgy things, read George Monbiot's book, *Captive State*, published by MacMillan.

## ZAPPED

The Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN) from the Mexican state of Chiapas, who have inspired the worldwide anti-capitalist movement (see SchNEWS 250) are currently on a march to Mexico City. Their aim is to persuade the new government to adopt the San Andres peace accords, which were agreed in 1996 but never implemented. They're visiting 36 towns on the way to the Capital. On 11<sup>th</sup> March there will be a huge rally and they'll meet with federal legislators. The 24 delegates are unarmed and they include most of the key military commanders of the EZLN, including their charismatic media figurehead, Marcos.

\*Chiapas Link, Box 79, Green Leaf, Bristol, BS1 5BB. <http://chiapas.indymedia.org>

\*There will be a Peoples' Global Action European meeting in Milan, Italy, 24-25 March, Leoncavallo Social Centre. If people want to go get in touch asap with [yabasta@tin.it](mailto:yabasta@tin.it).

## The Last Straw

Within a fortnight of the Terrorism Act becoming law Home Secretary Jack Straw has announced 21 organisations banned under the Act for targeting foreign states. These include the Kurdish Workers Party, ETA the Basque separatist group and the Tamil Tigers. Straw said the groups were all "concerned with terrorism." This wide-ranging definition would have no doubt included those in the UK supporting Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress a few years back.

\* Despite the bombing of Iraq last week nearly every Iraqi Kurd applying for asylum in Britain is being refused as the government says the region is now a "safe" area! Er, wasn't one of the reasons for bombing Baghdad last week to prevent Saddam attacking the Kurds? Not to mention around 10,000 Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq terrorising the local population and eight million landmines spread across the area. Sounds safe to us. To protest about this Kurdish asylum seekers are currently mounting an indefinite hunger strike outside Parliament Square. For more details call 020-72545033 or 07941-566183 or e-mail [info@defend-asylum.org](mailto:info@defend-asylum.org).

\* There is a demonstration outside Oakington Detention Centre on Saturday 10 March to mark the first anniversary of the opening of the refugee prison. Assemble 12:30pm Parker's Piece, Cambridge City Centre. 01223 700644. E-mail: [dtb23@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dtb23@cam.ac.uk)

## Summit For Nothing

Quebec City in Canada has the 'honour' of hosting the Summit of the Americas on the 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April, bringing together 34 heads of state. "The Summit of the Americas is in many ways a pre-packaged media spectacle in a controlled atmosphere of gala dinners, cocktail parties and photo opps. Thousands of delegates and media reps are to attend the gathering, as well as thousands of police in what will be the largest security and police operation in Canadian history."

*The summit's major goal is putting the final touches on the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) agreement which aims to establish a "free trade" zone that would extend NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement - see SchNEWS 200) to the tip of South America. As usual the purpose of this 'free trade' area is to allow corporations to profit by getting rid of what they see as barriers to trade - silly little things like environmental regulations, unionised workplaces, restrictions on child labour etc.*

\* Mass demonstrations are promised [www.quebec2001.net](http://www.quebec2001.net)

\* FTAA "Campaign of Inquiry" Packet. Details from [www.tradewatch.org/FTAA/ftaa/home](http://www.tradewatch.org/FTAA/ftaa/home)

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**Buskers**, street entertainers and circus performers are asked to gather at noon, Abbey Courtyard, Bath, 16<sup>th</sup> March to demonstrate against the impending loss of this traditional busking pitch on common land to private restaurant space. [flangewrangler@hotmail.com](mailto:flangewrangler@hotmail.com) \*\* A warehouse in California containing GM cotton seed has been torched destroying all the seed in it. [www.earthliberationfront.com](http://www.earthliberationfront.com) \*\* Meeting of ROSA (Reform the Official Secrets Act), 6pm, March 6<sup>th</sup>, upstairs at Lucas Arms, 245 Grays Inn Rd, WC1, London. [www.officialsecretsact.org](http://www.officialsecretsact.org) \*\* Hackney will be on strike again next Wednesday (7) to co-incide with the setting of the council budget. An alliance of Tory and Labour councillors plan increases in rents and council tax while cutting jobs and services and privatising others. There's pickets of council workplaces from 7am, rally on the town hall steps 11.30am, and mass rally against the budget cuts, Hackney Town Hall 6pm. \*\* Students at Sussex Uni were at it again this week, when around 30 occupied the finance offices to protest about the 100 students who are threatened with expulsion for non-payment of fees, and that Sussex is considering charging top-up fees as well. Within half an hour there were over 30 cops, and 50 private security surrounding the buildings. The occupiers came out about 7.30pm. e-mail [sussexfreedom@hotmail.com](mailto:sussexfreedom@hotmail.com) \*\* There will be a picket outside GlaxoSmithKline, Great West Rd., Brentford, TW8 (Syon Lane train station) on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. It's the day that Glaxo and 39 other corporations are taking the South African government to court for having the cheek to try and make cheap drugs for AIDS victims (see SchNEWS 290). On the same day there will be a funeral procession at 11.30 am outside South Africa House, Trafalgar Square, London. If possible, wear a red AIDS ribbon and dress in black. [www.acsta.org](http://www.acsta.org) \*\* Want to kick-start a campaign against climate change in your area? Then why not get in touch with the Rising Tide who are going on tour in May and June. Call 0161-2738516 (by 10<sup>th</sup> March) or email [climatechaos@yahoo.com](mailto:climatechaos@yahoo.com). Climate change talks will be resumed July 16-27 in Bonn, Germany. \*\* For anyone in Brighton interested in getting involved in anti-GM food action there is a meeting upstairs at the Branch Tavern, London Road, 7.30pm, 8 March. \*\* Schwoops! The phone number for the week of anti-GM actions (5-10 March) is 0161-2266814; we got the code wrong last week.

## Mortar Combat

A Safety Summit at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference on Tuesday was a get together of construction bosses, MP's, the Health and Safety Executive and trade unions, it was a typical New Labour hot air exercise. A demo was called by the Construction Worker's Union and the London Hazards Centre. The day before construction workers downed tools and marched in London while wheeling 129 hard hats made into a mountain to symbolise the number of deaths in the last two years. The day of the conference started with a vigil at 7am growing into a noisy demo, 150 strong, by lunchtime. A banner advertising the "Safety Summit" claimed to be "Turning Concern into Action" but as Margaret Jones (the aunt of Simon Jones who was killed at work - SchNEWS 182) said, "New Labour won't change anything until they stop sucking up to the fat cats". Adding "the banner should have read 'Talking Bollocks and Doing Nothing'". London Hazards Centre 020-77945999.

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## Inside SchNEWS

Garfield Marcus Gabbard needs your letters of support. He is currently residing at HMP Pentonville awaiting sentence for his part in the N30 demo outside Euston train station and is expecting 7 years for setting fire to the police van that was parked outside. Life is pretty hard in Pentonville with 24 hour lock up - apart from to collect food - one shower a week max, no hot water in the cells and screws beating prisoners on a daily basis. So getting post is the highlight of the day, a vital contact with friends outside. Garfield also had to go on hunger strike for nine days so he could get vegan food, even though he is a member of the Vegan Society. Garth desperately needs people to write letters of support, and as he says, "The ones who got away with their actions or worse helped the filth should remember the ones who kept their gobs shut on arrest. As for me I was offered money and the dropping of charges to finger others, but as I've got my morals they can stuff their idea of turning me into a grass". One of the reasons Garfield was arrested in the first place was because at the demo somebody pulled his mask off leading him to be photographed by the cops. This in itself is a lesson to us all - no matter how you feel about violence at demos never ever try to take anybody's mask off - you could be getting someone a long prison sentence.

Write to Garfield Marcus Gabbard D5-08, FT9062 HMP Pentonville, Caledonian Road, London, N7 8TT

## RIP

\*Dolly Watson died peacefully two weeks ago a few months from her 100th birthday. Dolly became embroiled in the No M11 Link Road campaign after she refused to leave her home where she was born that was due for demolition to build the road. Her home was in Claremont Road, which became the scene of the first mass direct action in an urban area against road building in 1994. She said of the protesters "If I was queen, you'd all be knighted." \*SchNEWS sends its sympathies to family and friends of Roz Jones who tragically died two weeks ago. Amongst other things Roz was one of the well-known faces around the UK festie scene, part of the techno tart posse who'd come up with gems like the Glam' R Us 'flirtation tank'. If you knew Roz and want to show your respects paste a message up on [www.sixpics.com](http://www.sixpics.com). There will be wake/party for Roz this Friday evening (2) at the Button Factory, Hardess St off Herne Hill Rd. (Brixton tube).

\*Easter Sunday is the third anniversary of Sorted Dave's death on the route of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road. Friends are asked to come along for a bit of bailiff baiting/church service at the Greenwood Site.

## ...and finally...

### Historic moments of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

- \* Battle of the Somme - 120,000 British and French went over the top.
- \* D-Day 175,000 landed on the beaches
- \* Velvet Revolution, Czechoslovakia. 300,000 march through Prague.
- \* Berlin Wall over a million help to get rid of The Wall
- \* Countryside Alliance 120,000 gather in Hyde Park.

Spot the odd one out? Well not if your part of the Countryside Alliance's PR Dept who reckon their march (with suspect figures) is up there with the rest.

Historical? More like hysterical.

\* If you don't reckon the Countryside Alliance are such a great idea then get in touch with the Urban Alliance, Tel 07946 687192 [www.geocities.com/urbanalliance/](http://www.geocities.com/urbanalliance/)

## disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all food industrialists we're having a swill time with our pens meeting up for a Sun day joint, a Monday joint, Tues, Wed .....

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# DRUGSTORE COWBOYS

5<sup>th</sup> March 2000—African drummers lead a demo to the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry as the lawsuit was being heard in the Pretoria High Court (which has since been withdrawn by the 39 chemical companies). The action was supported by various groups, including ACTSA, Oxfam, VSO, National AIDS Trust, Terence Higgins Trust Lighthouse and UNISON. ACTSA worked with the Treatment Action Campaign (TAC, a South African protest group) to co-ordinate an open letter to the international press signed by over 200 organisations from 35 countries, condemning the lawsuit as 'legally flawed and morally reprehensible'. Vusi Nhlalo, president of NEHAWU (one of South Africa's largest trade unions) thanked protestors for their solidarity and spoke movingly of the crisis in South Africa: 'Many of my fellow union members have died for want of medicines [that are] widely available in countries like Britain. Improving access to affordable medicines in South Africa is critical in the fight against the stigma of HIV/AIDS'. Protestors also delivered a letter of solidarity to Cheryl Carolus, High



Commissioner for South Africa, who outlined the importance of the South African government's Medicines Act (the target of the drug companies' ire) to address the impact of apartheid on South Africa's health system.

The landmark decision of 39 drug companies to drop their class-action suit against the South African government means that

it may now purchase generic copies of anti-HIV medication without GlaxoSmithKline, Merck and the rest of the bastards breathing down their necks in pursuit of their 'intellectual property rights'. The cave-in was largely motivated by a submission to the court by TAC which pointed out that most of the medications in question had been developed by universities in the US, who then sold the patents to the drug companies for buttons - undermining the companies' argument that they deserved to be compensated for all their 'investment' in R&D. During the time it has taken this case to come to court, 400,000 people in South Africa have died of HIV/AIDS. This case is critical for the 30 million people infected with HIV/AIDS in developing countries, as what happens in South Africa will affect how other countries import medicines. Without drugs for HIV/AIDS, 1 in 200 of the world's population will be condemned to early deaths. (see SchNEWS 290)

[www.tac.org.za](http://www.tac.org.za) [www.vso.org.uk](http://www.vso.org.uk)  
[www.actsa.org](http://www.actsa.org)



Army checkpoint. Don't believe the hype - with 60,000 Mexican troops and over 850 military positions, Chiapas is still under occupation.

## OUT IN CHIAPAS



Mural in Nueva Libertad - New Freedom. The ghost of Zapata sends a message to his compañeras below. On the flag, next to the star of the EZLN, reads "Children of Nueva Libertad together in struggle."

# DAMN DESTRUCTION: THE ALQUEVA DAM, PORTUGAL

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2000, Europe's most extensive deforestation programme began in the beautiful Guadiana valley of eastern Portugal. Chainsaws ripped through the first of the more than one million trees to be felled, including thousands of mature oaks - all of this to make way for the Alqueva dam. Although the undertaking is huge, unless stopped, all of the trees will be cut down by spring 2002. This area of Portugal hosts some of the best examples of the rural way of life, producing some of the country's finest cured cheeses, olive oil, wine, good quality cork, and smoked hams. The whole region is a paradise, vibrantly humming with life and productivity which mocks the official purpose of the dam - to supply water to the semi-arid fields of this region.

When filled, the dam will be the largest artificial lake in Europe in terms of surface area, at around 240 square kilometres. It has taken almost thirty years to reach its current

stage, and has met with opposition at almost every stage of development, including by the people of Aldeia de Luz, whose home village will be flooded.

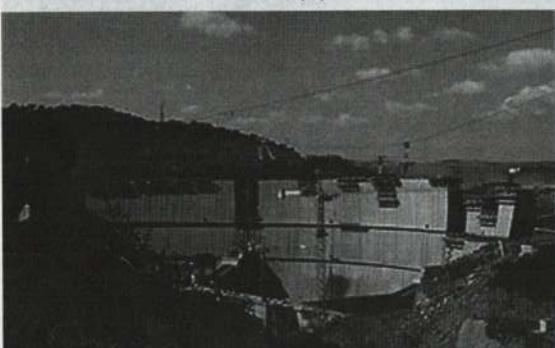
The EU funded this project, and despite the resistance and substantial costs, the Portuguese government is determined to finish. But even when the job is complete, there's more to come: a further nine smaller dams, 114 pumping stations and 4,500 kilometres of irrigation canals are also still to be built as part of the enterprise, though funding for this is uncertain.

Rare and endangered birds are affected by the dam: the habitat of Portugal's only pair of Golden Eagles will vanish, as will two pairs of the threatened Bonelli's Eagle and ten per cent of the country's black stork population. Even the earlier plans to rescue their young and eggs have now been dropped. The region to be submerged includes a 135 square kilometre area. According to a report by the ICN, the government's own conservation agency - the area is inhabited by the Iberian lynx. The Iberian lynx is Europe's most endangered carnivore, and only 40-53 are thought to be left in Portugal, yet the 5-6 inhabiting this region and comprising one of the only five lynx populations in Portugal are still to be sacrificed to the floods.

As if that wasn't all more than enough, environmental groups have pointed out that the dam is also on a seismic fault line.

There's still just about time for this dam to be stopped, so organise international support or get down there...

More info: [www.despodata.pt/geota/ingles/alqueva.htm](http://www.despodata.pt/geota/ingles/alqueva.htm)  
The above is an edited version of an article that appeared on the ASEED website: [www.aseed.net](http://www.aseed.net)



## TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL NIGHTMARES

'With a total estimated budget of 400 billion euros (£247 billion!), the Trans-European Networks (TENs) are the largest transport infrastructure in the history of the world. The more than 150 projects planned for construction by the year 2010 include thousands of kilometres of new motorways, high-speed passenger train links, freight railway lines, airport extensions and waterways. To date, the vast majority of those mega-projects have been completed or are under construction ... It is predicted that the TENs projects will cause severe environmental damage all over Europe, including the destruction of more than 60 important nature sites. Greenpeace has estimated that the construction of TENs will result in a 15-18 per cent increase in greenhouse gas emissions from the transport sector.' - Europe Inc. by Balanya, Doherty, Hoedeman, Ma'anit, and Wesselius (Pluto Books, ISBN 0 7453 1491 0) Corporate Europe Observatory: [www.xs4all.nl/~ceo](http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo)



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! THEY'VE NICKED YER PINT!

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"...oh honestly the riff-raff that used to come in here before it became Bimbo's..."



## PROFITBEERING!

After a hard day's graft at SchNEWS Towers we like nothing better than retiring to the local boozer for a swift 23 pints. The problem is that as we sip our well-earned pint we could be lining the pockets of some corporate nasty we've never even heard of.

Take Nomura International, the Japanese investment bank who pulled out of buying the Dome at the last minute. Last month they became the UK's biggest pub landlord after taking over Bass, and now control over five and a half thousand pubs. They are also currently in the front running for Whitbread's 3000 pubs. Whitbread has offered none of the pubs in this 'Everything Must Go' sale to any of its current landlords, preferring to sell them all to one bidder. If, as seems likely, Nomura is successful, it will own 8,885 pubs, some 17% of the total pub market.

Other vulture capitalists are now casting their greedy eyes on yer pint. Punch Taverns have bought up more than 5,000 pubs in the last two years, and the execrable Wetherspoons seem intent on world domination with a characterless supermarket pub on every street corner.

The bulk buying capabilities of these groups mean that they are able to negotiate substantial discounts from the breweries, often purchasing beer at a discount of between £100 and £120 per barrel compared with the price paid by an individual landlord. Very little if any of this discount is passed on to the customer.

At the present time, more than 6,000 pubs in the country are on the market and a pub closes permanently every day of the year.

So why would venture capitalists be interested in a pub? The answer is certainly not that they want to serve the community. Pubs are often in prime city centre locations and represent an enormous profit potential in real estate terms. Currently, there are many examples of these powerdrunks deliberately running down pubs that they can't turn into soulless, trendy and expensive wine bars. Once a pub becomes so run down that it's not viable, they relinquish the license, demolish the pub and build expensive housing on the site.

### Hands off our Pubs!

The man behind Nomura is Guy Hands, who is reputed to earn £40 million a year and had Conservative leader William Hague as the best man at his wedding. Even in the shark-eat-shark world of venture capitalism Hands is acknowledged as

a merciless predator - which is saying something. Hands has taken full advantage of his contacts, helping Nomura to buy up 57,000 redundant Ministry of Defence houses from the Government at a knock down price. These houses were not even offered to local authorities or housing associations, where they could have made significant inroads into housing problems. The homes were then sold off at vast profits on the private market.

And don't think you can escape their evil clutches with a few tinnies from the off-licence. Chances are that Nomura own that too after they bought First Quench - the country's largest off-licence chain that includes Thresher, Victoria Wine, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up. Nothing like good old freedom of choice in the High Street is there?

A local ex-landlord, whose pub was frequented by the more inebriated members of the SchNEWS crew (that means most of 'em) before Nomura won a high court battle to evict him, commented that "The days of your local, friendly, community boozer are definitely numbered. Pubs are being priced out of the range of ordinary working class people. Soon only the rich or the trendy will be able to afford to drink in a public house. The global capitalist pub of the future will have all the character of the foyer of your local Sainsburys."

\* It's a year since Brighton's New Kensington Public House and the Gladstone fell foul of the vultures (SchNEWS 251). Since then Zel and C Side continue with their pub and club domination plans killing all diversity. C Side have now been bought up by - venture capitalists! Check out [www.brightonsucks.com](http://www.brightonsucks.com)

\* See you on the Park Bench, mate - mine's a tinny of Special Brew!!!

### POSITIVE SchNEWS

Fed up with over priced beer and crisps? Then why not set up a social centre? Here's 3 examples of Permanent Autonomous Zones around the country:

"There's no gaffer, no one's in charge."

\* Bradford's 1 in 12 club is celebrating twenty years of "self-management, music and mayhem!" next month. After years of moving from venue to venue they finally got their own building, which opened in 1988 after three years of hard work, almost all carried out voluntarily by the Club membership. "It has been the membership who have led the way and the principle of

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For refusing to watch TV! Two teenagers from Ohio were locked up in a local juvenile detention centre for truancy after walking out of their classrooms in protest against the compulsory viewing of Channel One.

Channel One is an in-school broadcaster, showing a daily compulsory 12 minute current affairs programme with two minutes of adverts targeted at children. In return the schools get no cash, but can use the equipment in other lessons. Channel One is raking it in charging advertisers twice as much as regular TV stations as they can guarantee viewers with no channel hopping or off button. Channel One spreads the corporate TV bullshit more sneakily by enlisting teachers to develop lessons for such socially useful teaching as designing new Pepsi vending machines and Burger King adverts.

Commercial Alert and Obligation, Inc., two national anti-media groups, have taken up the kids' cause, saying "When the government sends children to a juvenile detention centre because they don't want to watch advertising, that is both Orwellian and more than a little sick. The public schools ought to be a sanctuary from the noxious aspects of commercial culture."

self-management has never been compromised. All the way from the bulk of the building work to the bars and accounts, we've done it all. And we're still here to be a thorn in the side of those who claim it can't be done without hierarchy and bosses."

The celebrations kick off on Friday 27th April and continue into MayDay and beyond with everything from hardcore punk gigs to radical folk music, an exhibition of Anarchist Artworks, a weekend football tournament and a new play by Chumbawamba's Alice Nutter. Get along to 21-23 Albion St, Bradford, BD1 2LY [www.ln12.com](http://www.ln12.com)

\* The sacked Liverpool dock workers have bought and re-opened the old Casablanca club on Hope Street and fitted it out with the help of volunteer labour. They payed for the club with money received from the Channel 4 drama about the dispute. The Casa Club is run on co-operative principles, and profits from its three bars will subsidise an employment training centre housed in the grade II listed building. Tel 0151 709 2148 [www.gn.apc.org/initfactory](http://www.gn.apc.org/initfactory)

\* Veggies - the vegan catering crew - finally bought a new permanent home on Wednesday at 'The Ukrainian Centre' in Nottingham. Anyone who wants to get involved can go along to their public meeting on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. Call 0845 4589595 [www.veggies.org.uk](http://www.veggies.org.uk)

## Sand Grains Of Truth

Nice to see Labour's ethical foreign policy working as usual. The Foreign Office recently admitted to granting licences for Royal Ordnance (subsidiary of BAe Systems) to refurbish 30 105mm Howitzer guns for Morocco. The guns' final destinations are the middle of the Western Sahara, a country invaded by Morocco in 1975. The people of the Western Sahara have been fighting an independence struggle from their refugee camps in the desert of SW Algeria. The camps were 25 years old on Feb 27 this year. 10 years ago the UN sponsored a cease-fire between Morocco and the Saharawis, on condition that both sides agreed to a referendum on independence. Morocco has dragged its heels for 10 years and now the Saharawi's want to return to war if they can't get the referendum. Mark Thomas, who was in the camps last week said: "Every single Saharawi I spoke to thought the UN had failed and that they should go back to war with Morocco as it was the only chance they had of getting their country back. The family I was staying with had escaped across the desert from the Moroccan forces, who napalmed people as they fled, and people were asking me 'Why does Robin Cook want to help my enemies kill me?' Western Sahara Campaign 0113 245 4786

## LEGAL AIDS

The law suit brought by 39 pharmaceutical companies fighting South Africa's right to import cheap generic AIDS drugs has been adjourned on its second day. A ruling by the judge has forced the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (PMA) to find responses to accusations of profiteering and secrecy.

The corporations are challenging laws that allow patented drugs to be produced more cheaply by someone other than the patent holder if it's in the public interest. The drug giants - who fear a drop in profits - say the laws are breaking World Trade Organisation rules (SchNEWS 290).

The ruling will force the PMA to reveal their pricing policy, which has always remained top-secret until now. Previously they claimed the excessive prices in the country are due to mark-ups by chemists, a claim which lobby groups in South Africa have disputed.

Kenya's health minister has said his country will also adopt South Africa's stance in order to curb their own AIDS epidemic, promising to use a clause in international law which allows countries to break patents in order to respond to a national emergency.

\* More than 31 million people are currently living with HIV in developing countries.

\* Action for South Africa 020 7833 3133  
www.actsa.org

## University of Corporations

Regular SchNEWS readers will be well aware of the privatisation of our education services, but Cambridge University has gone one further by appointing a GKN Professor of Manufacturing Engineering. GKN is a dodgy arms exporter and clearly it is now much more important for the University to accept money from any company than conduct impartial research for the benefit of everyone. This comes after appointments of a Shell Chair in Chemical Engineering and a Thatcher Professor of Enterprise! SchNEWS wonders how long it will be before there is a McDonalds Professor of Nutrition. Students are campaigning to stop this corporate take-over of British Universities, e-mail: dtb23@cam.ac.uk

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## SchNEWS in brief

The striking workers in the London Borough of Hackney massed in front of the Town Hall this week in the latest one day strike called by UNISON. A group of residents and workers including the Rhythms of Resistance (ROR) drum band passed the police and entered and occupied the Town Hall. Police and security were powerless as ROR rocked the building! Contact: phil@solidarity.co.uk \*\* Over 51,000 Indian farmers on Monday were attacked with water cannon and baton charges from the police during a protest at the port in Mumbai against the import of foodgrains and the World Trade Organisation. \*\* Protest against the resumption of seal hunting by Canada and Norway, 13<sup>th</sup> March in London, Birmingham and Edinburgh. Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade 07939 264864 www.caft.org.uk \*\* For any people who want to get along to the Peoples' Global Action Conference in Milan, there is a meeting this Sunday 7pm at the Atherton Rd Nursery Squat, off Lower Clapton Road, Hackney E5 \*\* If you want to know exactly How to Build a Protest Tunnel then check out an 80 page guide at [www.discodavestunnelguide.co.uk](http://www.discodavestunnelguide.co.uk) \*\* To coincide with the Zapatista Army for National Liberation demonstration in Mexico (SchNEWS 295) there is a demo this Sunday (11<sup>th</sup>), 1 pm at the Mexican Embassy, 42 Hertford St, London (Hyde Park Corner) \*\* Brighton & Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign are joining the demonstration against Israel war crimes in Hyde Park, 11am 17<sup>th</sup> March. Meet at B'ton station on 09.35 am Thameslink service. \*\* NY Surveillance Camera Players' tour of UK demonstrating and doing theatre in front of surveillance cameras will be in London Fri 8 to 18 June. [www.surveillancecameraplayers.org](http://www.surveillancecameraplayers.org) \*\* R.A.G.E., with Unison, have organised a Conference focusing on the silent privatisation of residential care, and the use of Human Rights Act, 17th March 11am - 4pm at the Birmingham United Services Club, Gough Street B'ham. Info: Anita 0121 744 3187 or 07885027517. [www.defendpublicservices.2001](http://www.defendpublicservices.2001)

\*\* Radio 4A, Brighton's community radio is on the air this weekend on 106.6FM. To contribute call 07980 168115 or email [radio4a@hotmail.com](mailto:radio4a@hotmail.com), webcast on [www.piratetv.net](http://www.piratetv.net) \*\* South Korean workers, in opposition to the regime's mass sacking of 1,750 workers have suffered yet another violent and brutal crackdown. Daewoo's creditor banks extended credit after the crack down. Send messages of solidarity for the striking and sacked workers and their families to [ps198@jinbo.net](mailto:ps198@jinbo.net) \*\* A benefit for the Volcano festival on Fri 23rd March at the Bling Bling club at East, 189 Regent St, Mayfair features Bob Bon Kaoiki, The London Toy Orchestra, Flick Ferdinando, Anna Louise, DJ Mini Kev and Circus in a Box. £8 in advance. Glam dress essential. \*\* For more adventures in partyland and on the frontlines, check out 'Party and Protest' on the SchNEWS website. Cheers!

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## BACKWARD FRONT BACK OFF

Last Saturday the National Front (NF) tried to whip up support for their fascist cause by joining a picket of the paedophile wing at Nottingham Prison. A pathetic 19 fascists turned up, met by a welcoming committee of 400 anti-fascists. 4 NF who turned up late and couldn't join their scumrades were recognised by Nottingham Anti-Fascist Action (NAFA). A chase followed, with one NF member caught and hospitalised. The other three knocked on a door, ran past an old man, then barricaded themselves in as NAFA waited outside. The police arrested 15 anti-nazis and if anyone saw any arrests get in touch with NAFA 07949-312668, nafanotts@yahoo.co.uk

\* The NF are going to Leicester on the 21st of April (St George's Day) and NAFA plan to humiliate them again.

\* Find out more about the history of Anti-Fascism get a copy of: Anti-fascist recollections 1984-93 by K. Bullstreet, also A5 pamphlet, £2.50 from Kate Sharpley Library, BM Hurricane WC1N 3XX

## Itoiz'll be Dammed

The Itoiz Dam in Spain is about to be filled despite the fact that it is unsafe; a collapse of the dam would endanger thousands of lives and threaten the nuclear power station downstream. Solidar@'s have fought a 17-year campaign and eight members were sentenced to 5 years in prison for an action that stopped the construction for a year. Now Solidar@'s are calling for actions on 14<sup>th</sup> March the International Day of Action Against Dams. [www.irm.org/dayofaction](http://www.irm.org/dayofaction)

\* The Ilisu Dam Campaign is demanding the withdrawal of UK involvement in the project - which will see 25,000 Kurds forcibly evicted (SchNEWS 259). Meet 11am, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 130 Wilton Street, Victoria, London. 020-75661666, Demo in Sheffield, 5 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> March, New Town Hall. Phil Turner 01142-670706. [www.ilisu.org.uk](http://www.ilisu.org.uk)

## ...and finally...

A Christian fundamentalist group based in California called "The Second Coming Project", have hatched an ugly plan to clone Mr J. Christ. As they say, "Our intention is to clone Jesus ... by taking an incorrupt cell from one of the many Holy Relics of Jesus' blood and body that are preserved in churches throughout the world, extracting its DNA, and inserting it into an unfertilised human egg, through the now-proven biological process called nuclear transfer. The fertilised egg, now the zygote of Jesus Christ, will be implanted into the womb of a young virginal woman (who has volunteered of her own accord), who will then bring the baby Jesus to term in a second Virgin Birth. No longer can we rely on hope and prayer, waiting around futilely for Jesus to return. In order to save the world from sin we must clone Jesus to initiate the Second Coming of Christ." After pissing ourselves laughing, we decided that the whole thing could be a joke, but we'll leave it up to you to decide. Check out [www.clonejesus.com](http://www.clonejesus.com). Maybe we could get in on this blag and clone people like William Wallace (Braveheart), Robin Hood or even Boadicea, complete with her spiky chariot. Then we'd show 'em. **disclaimer**

SchNEWS warns all anonymous alcoholics, after drinking in all these sobering facts you may well wonder what the pint is. "Onesht. Hic!"

# Indian Farmers on the streets against WTO

New Delhi: Just 12 days before the WTO deadline for opening up markets, farmers came together in the Capital on Monday, 19th March, to fight a last-ditch battle against globalisation and the government's "anti-farmer and reform policies".

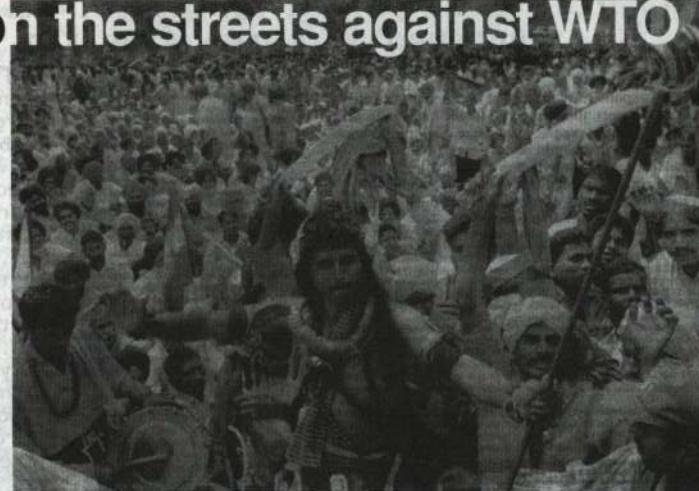
They even threatened a nation wide 'satyagraha', direct action and a programme for a parallel government. By the end of the day, a six-member delegation had managed an appointment with the President of India for Tuesday. They spoke from the platform of the National Coordination of Indian Farmers Movements, an effort led by Bharatiya Kisan Union's Mahendra Singh Tikait and Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha, (KRRS) President Prof. M. D. Nanjundaswamy, requesting the President to intervene.

There was some anger, some fear and some despair among more than 100,000 farmers who had gathered at Kisan Ghat since morning. Farmers worried about low prices, rising input costs, eroding competitiveness and assaults by multinationals. Local issues like power merged into the infamous and troublesome GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs), sharpening a sense of injustice and neglect by the government. 'Unless you organize and come into the streets, nobody will listen to you', said Tikait.

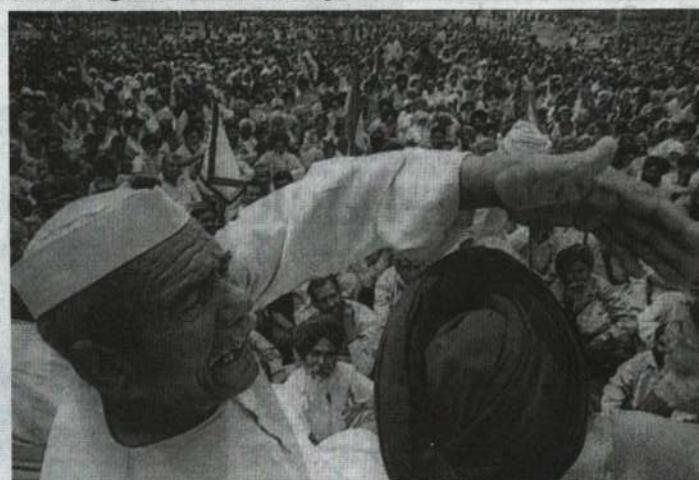
Agricultural issues have grabbed the attention of political parties over the past few months, while scientists and NGOs have been voicing apprehensions about the effect of the World Trade Organization's trade liberalization process. And the government, acknowledging WTO is loaded in favour of the developed countries, has been promising a spirited fight during the review now coming up.

For the moment, however, there is not much to be done, except keep vigil. April 1 will see the lifting of the last set of quantitative restrictions (QRs), leaving the government with three options on protection-tariff barriers, anti-dumping steps and safeguard measures.

Scientists may have been restrained in their criticism but just about everybody agrees developing countries have been denied a fair deal in WTO. Commitments on market access, domestic support and export subsidies, it is said, have served only to protect the farmers and farming systems of developed coun-



Farmers gather at Kisan rally.



tries. And the trading regime has ensured that developing countries take time-bound initiatives to open up domestic markets for cheap and highly subsidized imports of agricultural commodities.



Protesters on the lawns of the WTO headquarters in Geneva, 19th March



## Title: Bupyung in Korea (the Kim Dae-jung Government) is now under martial law.



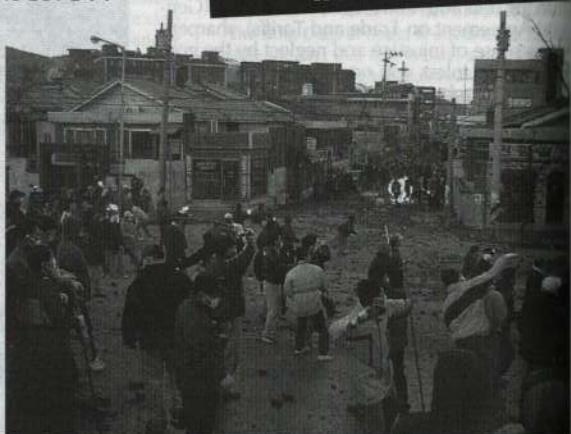
The Daewoo workers need you Support!!  
Solidarity to the Workers at Daewoo Motors!!

The Daewoo workers have declared an all out struggle against the largest lay-offs ever in Korea, amidst brutal suppression from the government. The workers of Daewoo Motors had already been several strikes on and off during the last 9 months, but the struggle reached its peak on the 16th of February as the union announced an indefinite general strike against management's official announcement that 1,750 workers would be laid off. The management had made some revisions to its demands, for example, insisting that 400 of the 1,780 will be given 2 year leave without wages, but the union did not make any compromises.

The management has shut down the Bu-pyung plant where all of the 1,750 to be laid off are working, but the union has called for the workers to keep working, organize education sessions and struggles. The police sent 2,000 riot police to the Bu-pyung plant and blocked the gates to stop the workers who, having received their 'pink-slips' by post, came to the plant to join the demonstrations. Family members of the laid-off workers have also come to the plant in anguish to join forces with the striking workers. The management hired 300 'security' thugs to fight the workers, and on 19th February, the government

We send you this newsletter out of a sense of urgency. The workers at Daewoo Motors have been on strike against the lay-offs of 1750 workers since the 16th of February. The government has brutally repressed the workers, sending in riot police to break up the strike at the factory. Workers, students, and social movement activists have been engaged in an all-out battle against the government ever since, resulting in the arrest of dozens and the injury of hundreds. The people of Korea need your solidarity to overcome this attack by the government. Send your messages of support to the workers at Daewoo. Send your messages of protest to the Korean government and police. Organize actions at Korean Embassies. An injury to one is an injury to all!

### Unedited communique from Korea



took strong action and sent thousands of riot police to the plant to break up the strike. The police thoroughly ignored the children of the workers who had come hanging on their mothers' backs, broke through the gates and forcefully dispersed the workers, causing many injuries.

After the suppression of the struggle at the Bu-Pyung plant, the workers are now out on the streets. On the 20th, 2,000 workers and students demonstrated at the Bupyeong Station and fought vigorously with molotov cocktails. They continued onto the next day. But the police closed off and blocked the demonstrators even before they had commenced. The demonstrators instead ran onto the highway and marched approximately 2km towards Seoul. On the 23rd, one worker who could not bear out the burden of being laid-off committed suicide. On the 24th, the police once again chased the workers and students who were trying to come together at the Bu-pyung Station. Some demonstrators were even driven onto the rails and were injured. The demonstrators then took over a road but were chased again into a nearby university and fought until





dusk. 8 buses with supporting workers and family members also joined the barricades. More than 2,000 workers fought around the country the same day.

We are witnessing once again, how the economic crisis is brought on and used by the capitalists to throw workers onto the streets, weaken workers' power and bloat the wealth in their pockets. The

brutality of the riot police brought out once again the essence of the Kim government, who came into power with sweet advertisements of democracy, as he shattered all hopes and immediately started his neo-liberal regime. Although it is evident whose side the government is on, the abrupt and pitiless violence shown towards the Daewoo workers came as a



shock. The workers, who have nothing more to lose, are fighting back.

Along with the struggles at the plant, KCTU and other progressive organizations have formed Daewoo Motors Joint Struggle Headquarters to assist the workers' struggles at the same time calling for the arrest of the Daewoo chairman, Kim Woo-Chung. Early morning on 9th February, 50 members of 'Daewoo Motors Joint Struggle Headquarters Arrest Squad' occupied the luxurious house of the Daewoo chairman, Kim Woo-Chung, calling for his arrest, on multiple charges against him in connection with the dismantled conglomerate's huge financial scams. Although the allegations have been proven to be true, the Korean government is not making efforts to bring Kim home. About one month ago, the Korean news broadcasted



pictures of Kim leisurely playing golf somewhere in sunny California, although he seems to have moved now either to Europe, Morocco or Sudan. The Arrest Squad sent its members to Europe on the 23rd, in search for the 'fugitive' and force him to come home and face the charges. The Joint Struggle Headquarters have made contact with the International Metallic Workers Federation

for assistance, and have sent multi-lingual 'Wanted' posters to foreign organizations and unions. The 'Wanted' not only aims at the arrest of Kim but also for the confiscation of the wealth he had illegally accumulated and to publicize the collaboration of the Kim Dae-Jung government.

Their objective of arresting Kim is really symbolic - they will be meeting with various anti neo-liberal groups and trade unions to call for international solidarity.

The struggle continues as the Joint Struggle Headquarters has organized daily demonstrations. The struggle is gaining strength as more and more workers, students, and activists are joining the demonstrations. The struggle moved to Seoul today, as about 3000 participants gathered to denounce the government's actions.

Protestors threw rocks and molotov cocktails at police, again engaging in violent and intense clashes with them, which have become routine during the past week. The oppression from the government is also becoming more severe, as police have outlawed all demonstrations in the Bu-pyung area and dozens have been arrested during the demonstrations. We will keep you updated on the results of the struggles.

Your solidarity and interest would be a great help to the workers' struggle in Korea. Please send your words of solidarity to the Daewoo Motors Joint Struggle Headquarters

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## Right-on In Dijon

In the run-up to the French elections in March, the anarchists of Dijon decided to organise a week of events, actions, parties, discussions and information to enlighten curious citizens as to the activities of their local black-clad unwashed. Housing issues, womyn's liberation, radical unionist struggles and old favourite anti-capitalism were just some of the treats in store; 'another aim was to shout out our opposition to the big electoral farce going on' say the anarchos. 'We wanted to show that some alternative political structures and projects were possible, in which people could get involved.' Right on, brother. Here's some highlights of a packed week:

Things kick off on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, with a gig at Les Tanneries, a squatted social centre in an old abattoir which since 1998 has played host to hundreds of counterculture events. Resistance recently forced the council to abandon eviction plans, and that night 300 revellers packed the building. The entertainment was organised by the Maloka Collective – a group involved in DIY music and politics for more than 10 years. They run the 'Local Libertaire', an info-shop in the city centre where you can browse the library or buy books and very noisy records very cheap.

Sunday and Monday are very industrious: preparing for action! 'Meetings, workshops, costume making and training took place in Les Tanneries with people interested in participating (not just sitting and consuming)'.

This bore fruit on Tuesday, when 30 people occupied the Dutch embassy for an hour, protesting against 'Plan Columbia' – the US and EU funded 'War on Drugs' which seeks to crush Columbian anti-capitalist currents; the Dutch are lending military bases to the cause. In the evening, grub and videos were served up by the local CNT union in a bar, 'which allowed people to gather and discuss revolutionary politics all night'. Like you, we're kicking ourselves we missed that one.

On Wednesday afternoon, 'Local Libertaire' – the infoshop threw open its doors to a Dijon public hungry for hardcore CDs and fanzines on international social struggle. Hungry also

- no doubt - for vegan food, provided that evening by the local Anarchist Black Cross, who serve it up with a garnish of videos 'exploring the prison issue'.

Come Thursday, and Dijon awakes to croissants, coffee and a city centre covered in feminist slogans. Despite being up all night, the 'avin it girls of the feminist group spend the day handing out flyers about male domination and patriarchy, and running stalls full of 'free feminist documentation'. More vids in the evening, this time at 'La Courdemone', a 'womyn only squatted house' opened last year, where a regular library and free clothing store are run. Films charting the history of the womyn's movement are followed by a debate, attracting more than 60 persons.

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> is Squatting Day. There's a growing squat culture in Dijon; 'empty basements have been taken over by people who not only want to live in them, but to use the space to develop autonomous and alternative ways to live, to create, to fight'. March is apparently a bad time of the year for French squatters, and for people who are behind on their rent, who often also get evicted then (it's something about kicking squatters out at the end of winter). So a symbolic theatre action is planned; on Friday morning, 30 squatters attack the 'prefecture' (some sort of bailiffs' office) armed with cardboard swords, helmets and shields. 'Let's evict the prefecture!' shout the squatters, who dance, sing and play drums until the gendarmes arrive with slightly more coercive instruments.

Evening sees a squat exhibition, followed by a public discussion on squats. People can come and 'discover everything they always wanted to know but feared to ask' on this burning issue. Tonight's venue is 'Le Pamplemousse' (the Grapefruit), a male-only squat where men can 'work against our oppressive male behaviours by sharing thoughts, analyses and deconstructing our habits'. The days must just fly by.

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, and the elections are only a day away! Because there are better things to do than go voting, a wide range of libertarians from the various collectives involved in the week gathered and occupied a city centre plaza to suggest to people they could spend their time in more fun ways'. Like what? Why, sharing a cuppa with the anarchists, participating in political discussion and perusing the wealth of free pamphlets and flyers, bien sûr! Stalls, banners and tables were put out for a 'People-together-meal' on one of the main shopping streets, complete with kids' corner. The idea was to take back part of the city, to show streets could be turned into pleasant communication and creation spaces- the source for non-hierarchical politics'.

Later in the afternoon, the action switches back to La Tanneries, where Domenico Liguori from the 'grassroots municipal federation of Espezzano Albinis in Italy' stokes the crowd with a discussion on libertarian municipalism (which apparently means communities organising to undermine council power.) There's a ska/punk/hardcore gig to follow- a benefit for SCALP, the local anti-fascists.

And then it's Sunday- the last day! A newly-opened squat called 'Collectif #6' hosts a free art exhibition and music performance all afternoon. To mark the week's finale, a special programme dedicated to the week's events gets broadcast on local radio, where the Maloka Collective have a weekly show.

So, what impact did this week-long dip of Dijon's collective toes in the waters of potential Utopia have? 'Some new people showed up, many from different backgrounds discovered a culture and means of action they didn't know about, and a radical view against the whole electoral system was widely spread' say the anarchists. 'On a wider level, this libertarian week should certainly be considered as a first step. Not only did various local groups and squats work together towards better coordination and communication, but more than ten other cities in France also organized pretty similar action & information weeks. At the same time, networking efforts between French squats are on the rise. Some meetings are held and connections are created. To be continued!

**Squats/Centres addresses:** **La Courdemone:** 15, cours du Parc, 21000 Dijon – courdemone@usa.net **Le Pamplemousse** 18, rue du Midi, 21000 Dijon – squatpamplemousse@free.fr

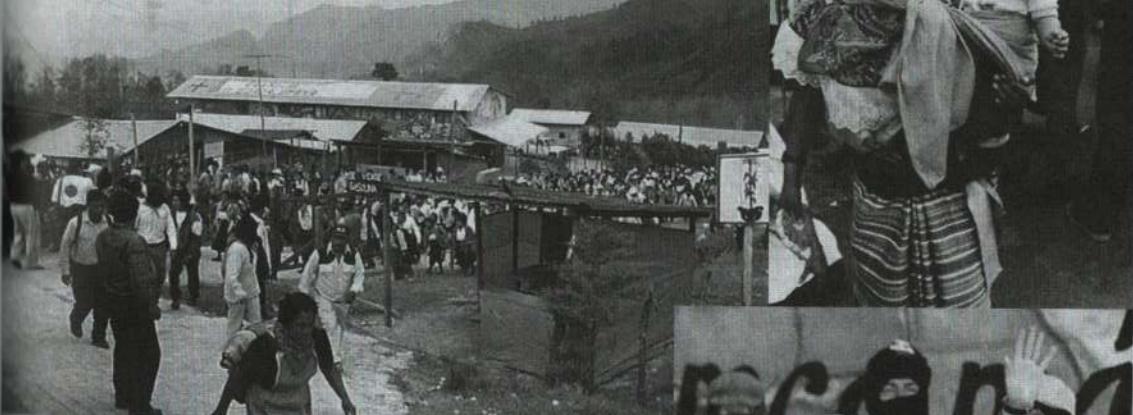
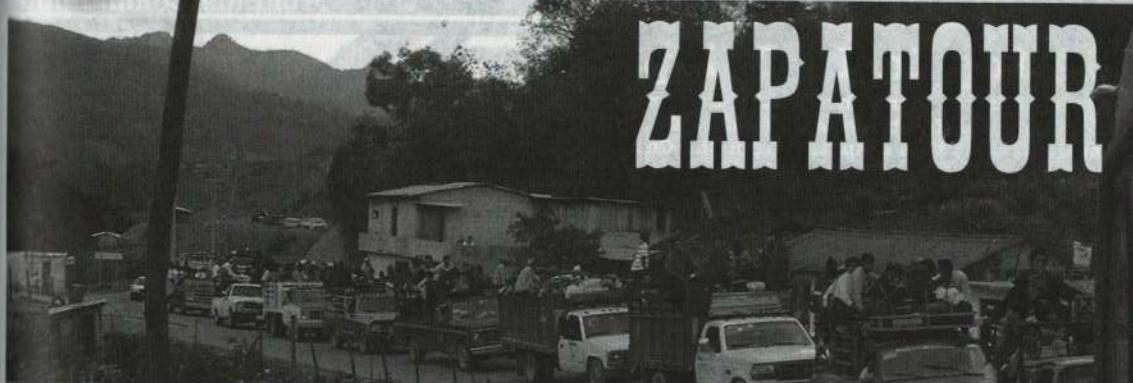
**L'espace autogéré des Tanneries:** 13-15-17, bd de Chicago, 21000 Dijon – phone +0033-(0)3-80666481 – tanneries@free.fr

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With thanks to Matyeu (Maloka - Pamplemousse)

# ZAPATOUR



## SQUALL

## Digging In In Chiapas

Shaymus King is a member of the Easton Cowboys, a team of football-playing activists from Bristol. He sent this dispatch from the Chiapas jungle during a recent away fixture with the *zapatista* guerrilla's of Mexico.

The young kid welcomed us and steered the canoe over the river to his village on the other side. We had arrived in the autonomous community of Nueva Libertad (New Freedom) in the Zapatista heartland of Chiapas. This community is one of seven in this valley, occupied three years ago en masse by dispossessed indigenous people of the Zapatista organisation. All the communities have names from the history of 500 years of indigenous struggle. Twenty three young families live here now, with barely enough to eat, no access to health services, no school, and a lack of clean drinking water. In Chiapas, up to 80 per cent of indigenous people suffer from malnutrition, 50 per cent have no portable water and the average life expectancy is 44 years. This is the poverty which has created the Zapatista Army of National Liberation, or EZLN.

After a community assembly in which we presented ourselves, work began on installing a new water system to bring clean water to the village. Over the next two weeks we worked alongside the community, digging trenches, connecting pipelines, mixing cement, building a water tank, and got a brief insight into the grueling life of an indigenous peasant in Mexico. Sand, cement, gravel, rocks, piping everything had to be hauled across the river and carried, sometimes over two km, and backbreaking digging was not made any more easy by the blazing midday sun. But the compañeros were clearly enjoying themselves, chuckling at our efforts to speak their language and to dig as fast as them. The jungle was filled with the whoops of collective work, as the Zapatistas kept digging like berzerkers, seemingly powered only by a tasteless drink made from maize and water! Their real strength, though, comes from years of struggle and a solid sense of autonomy and pride. This is the *dignidad rebelde*, or rebel dignity we'd heard so much about. It would be so much easier to accept a government water system, with all the strings attached, renounce the EZLN and get paid off. The Mexican government has always sought to divide the indigenous people, and the politics of water are a clear example. In another community we worked in where there were serious divisions, we found the pipelines of an autonomous water system hacked open, undoubtedly by a government supporters machete.

The enemy within is the hardest thing to deal with, but the Zapatistas just persevere and carry on building. They have a determination borne of years of struggle; as I read on one mural: 'They want to exterminate us, but we won't let them'. No one gives in here. And after eight hours of exhausting work, everyday, the same question: "So are you up for playing football now then?" So follows four hours of relentless football, some momentous goals, and a further understanding of how this lot run rings around the Mexican army on their home ground. As the saying goes, ZAPATA VIVE. LA LUCHA SIGUE....ZAPATA LIVES. THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES.

Despite the declarations of the new Mexican president about new democracy and opportunities for all, and the efforts of the government to claim the movement for peace as its own, there is still a low-intensity war being waged against the indigenous people of Chiapas. There remain over 250 military in the state, and military intimidation and harassment of Zapatista



Pic: Robin Banks

communities continues. Right wing paramilitary groups still threaten Zapatista supporters, while some 15 Zapatista prisoners remain in jail. The Zapatista response to the new government was to inform President Fox that, with the indigenous communities of Chiapas, he was starting from zero. They demanded the fulfillment of three signals to show the government's willingness to meaningful dialogue, and to solve the conflict in Chiapas.

Solve the conflict in Chiapas. So far five army bases have been withdrawn and Zapatista prisoners released amidst much media fanfare, but none of the demands have been fully met. Fox once declared that the problem in Chiapas could be solved in 15 minutes, by giving the indigenous a car, a TV and a little shop, but clearly, these insurgents are not so easily pacified. With such statements, Fox (previously a Coca-Cola executive) has shown his true colours, exposing both his neoliberal roots and intentions. He is widely regarded as a stooge for business interests and none of the people we spoke to had any faith in the new government and regard Fox with extreme mistrust. Five hundred years of murderous trickery and broken promises are not quickly forgotten.

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On 24th Feb this year the commandantes of the EZLN, headed of course by Subcommandante Marcos arrived in San Cristobal to begin the march for dignity, a 3,000 km long journey through 12 states to Mexico City. With them came hundreds of men, women and children of the autonomous communities; the bases de apoyo, or support bases, which have sustained the Zapatista uprising. This was the first time in 8 years that the Zapatista command left the Lacandon jungle, and a massive crowd was there to greet them. For the next two weeks, as civil society mobilised, the huge level of support for the Zapatistas throughout Mexico became clear. Everywhere thousands of people greeted the caravan with cries of No estan solos! You're not alone!. Despite three death threats, the commandantes arrived in Mexico City on 11th March, welcomed by the world's second largest square filled with over 100,000 people there to welcome them. The president was shut in his palace, and had nothing to say. It was clear who held the real power in Mexico. The autonomous struggle for respect with Peace

The indigenous struggle for respect with Peace Justice and Democracy looks set to continue in the face of powerful business interests and a compliant government, which in the words of Marcos is only interested in una paz mentirosa, a false peace, with dove as an advertising logo. Confronted with overwhelming odds, the determined resistance of the Zapatistas has given inspiration to millions worldwide. Likewise, the Zapatista movement has been strengthened in many ways by an impressive show of international solidarity, which must go on. As they say Mexico, Nuestra lucha es vuestra Our struggle is your

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER BALACLAVA CLAD!



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## MAGICAL MEXICAN TOUR

"Our general, Emiliano Zapata taught us not to struggle for power, because power poisons the blood and clouds the mind."

Subcommandante Marcos

The Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN) marched triumphantly into the main square in Mexico City last Sunday to crowds of over 200,000. The 24 commanders, in full uniform and masks but no weapons, are now refusing to leave Mexico City until all their prisoners are released, Mexican troops withdrawn from the state of Chiapas and a bill guaranteeing the political and cultural rights of the 10 million indigenous Mexicans is passed.

The march into the capital was the last stage of a tour which has seen the Zapatistas stopping and speaking to thousands of supporters in towns and cities across the country. As a result 50 of the 56 indigenous ethnic groups have now united with them to form a National Indigenous Congress.

This has been overshadowed by some in the media who would have us believe it's merely some sort of rock tour with politics; a personality duel between Sub-Commandante Marcos and the new President of Mexico, Vincent Fox. But it isn't about personalities or only about indigenous peoples rights. The Zapatistas struggle has shown graphically that not everyone is happy with the 'neo-liberal private everything' version of the world that is being forced down our throats and that we all have the right to say NO!

### ZAPATISMO!

"It is the self-activity of the Indians, above all else, that defines this struggle."

Aufheben magazine

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 1994, the same day the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into force, the Zapatistas emerged from the Lacandon jungle and occupied four towns in the state of Chiapas (see SchNEWS 174/5, 250). The government response was swift and brutal, but the Zapatistas responded by dodging the army in the jungle, cutting off their supply routes, and when the army retreated, seizing the land from the landowners that had kept them as virtual slaves for years. Eventually a stand-off was established with the Mexican government signing, but never ratifying the San Andres Peace Accords, while surrounding the state of Chiapas with 90,000 troops. Over the next 7 years the

Mexican Army conducted a low intensity war against Zapatista communities including the butchering of 45 indigenous men and women in 1997.

The difference that distinguishes the EZLN and every other guerrilla uprising is that the EZLN don't bark commands from a central committee. Instead they take their orders directly from the civilian communities from which they get their support. Before the Zapatista uprising began every Zapatista community was consulted beforehand to see if they supported it and over 98% were in favour. These one and a half thousand communities which cover nearly a third of the area of Chiapas, still exist today, despite suffering continual harassment from over 90,000 troops from the Mexican army who are based there. They are divided into 35 autonomous municipalities that organise and operate collectively. The role of women in particular has changed dramatically, with women taking part in the decision-making process on an equal level with men, and a third of the EZLN made up of women. As Infantry Major Anna Maria says "It is just not the Zapatista men who have their rights, but now the women as well!"

### Making Waves

The Zapatistas have helped broaden their struggle by recognising the need for international solidarity. In particular foreign peace observers have helped to lessen the worst offences of the Mexican army, giving birth to a living, evolving internationalism. They also organised the first Intercontinental Gathering for Humanity and Against NeoLiberalism (Encuentro) where 4,000 delegates from many different countries attended.

### THE EVERYONE'S EQUAL IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY QUIZ

If we could shrink the earth's population to a global village of 100 people...  
\* 80 would live in substandard houses  
\* 70 would be unable to read  
\* 50 would suffer from malnutrition  
\* 1 would own a computer  
\* and no-one would read SchNEWS

So just think: If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy! (So that doesn't count us then)

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK FOR SNOGGING!

Forty-four Malaysian Muslim couples may spend up to two years in jail for the crime of 'close proximity', because they got too cuddly on Valentine's Day. Other couples found holding hands in public were told to stop their activities.

More importantly as we all struggle to articulate the way we want the world to be, the Zapatista are living and breathing examples of what is possible. As one person who'd spent time in Chiapas said "They're running the municipalities communally, they're organising their own education projects, their own water projects, have their own army, they're reaching out to the other indigenous people of Mexico – it's inspirational." For a full list of web sites and resources: [www.eco.utexas.edu/homepages/faculty/cleaver/zapincyber.html](http://www.eco.utexas.edu/homepages/faculty/cleaver/zapincyber.html) Or read the most excellent The Zapatistas: A rough guide, ChiapasLink, PO Box 79, 82 Colston Street, Bristol, BS1 5BB, chiapaslink@yahoo.com

### Short-Crust

Clare Short - Britain's International Development Secretary got pied with a short crust banana turnover at Bangor University last week while delivering a lecture on how great neo-liberalism is. Agent Custard commented, "Clare Short's bananas policies are flying in the face of ministerial promises to help the world's poor and protect the environment. Short reckons greenies reaction to globalisation is reactionary and harms the world's poor. Obviously the Zapatistas haven't quite got the message."

### Positive SchNEWS

Governments around the world are always telling us that money will make us happy, and that when the Gross National Product (how much money changes hands) of our country goes up we should all be ecstatic. But in the small Buddhist country of Bhutan they don't agree that over consumption and destruction of their natural resources will really make them happy. Instead they are working on a new index called Gross National Happiness based around things other than money like how many people do things for other people because it's a nice thing to do. Sounds good to us. Check out more info at [www.neweconomics.org](http://www.neweconomics.org)

## **Women around da globe**

International Women's Day last week was celebrated in 59 countries, as well as the Global Women's strike there were loads of protests. Here's just a few:

A weekend of protest at Faslane in Scotland saw 8 women penetrating the base and board a French warship where they locked themselves on for 5 hours, they managed to stop the whole base working for the day, as they can't do anything when they've got intruders. The women were removed and (ironically) charged with breach of the peace. GAP were targeted across the world for their exploitation of largely female sweatshop labour. In the UK protests were held at twenty GAP Stores from Brighton to Dundee. In London the store on Oxford Road was picketed for six hours. A few women managed to sneak into the store and get into the shop window and strip off to reveal T-shirts bearing slogans like "Girls abused 4 profit". In Dundee the Technopunk padlocked the doors of their local GAP shut.

In Bogotá the capital of Columbia, the Mayor imposed a voluntary curfew for men in the evening of the day. Leaving the streets free for women to enjoy women only concerts, film shows, poetry readings and cycle rides. Even the cities emergency services male crew weren't allowed out leaving it up to female police officers and firewomen. The night was a great success with the usually violent streets taking on a carnival atmosphere. A few men who did break the curfew were pelted with water and flour by women and told to go home. In South Africa 2,000 women gathered in a sports stadium in Cape Town to listen to talks given by women from around the world. 1,500 later took to the streets as a mass demonstration of 'women in black' took to the streets of Cape Town to demand a permanent end to violence and oppression. Even with on looking armed police the women surged into the road and blocked a dual carriageway.

To get a full low down on other activities around the world check out [www.womenstrike8.server101.com](http://www.womenstrike8.server101.com)

**The Hell-raising Anarchist Girls** have 3 days of women's workshops in Brighton. Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 12pm a launch with story telling, art exhibition and free buffet (everyone welcome). Women only workshops, Thursday and Friday, 10am-6pm, including bike maintenance, self defence and fertility awareness amongst others. All at the Old Post Office, College Road, Kemptown. Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> is a cabaret, Tindle Centre, Upper Gardener Street, 7-11pm, £3/2. Women and gentle men welcome. More info 01273-710900.

## **COP This!**

Last week 10,000 people took to the streets of Trieste in Italy where the G8 Environment ministers (representing the 8 most powerful countries in the world) were having their first meeting since the collapse of the Hague Climate Conference. They were demanding a more havin'-it approach to the global climate crisis including the reject of emissions trading, that allows rich countries to buy themselves reductions in emissions (see SchNEWS 285). The ministers had barricaded themselves in behind over 3,000 police, and so again didn't listen to the voice of public opinion.

\* Weekly Protest-vigil against US obstruction of international efforts to curb Climate Change, US Embassy, Grosvenor square, Bond Street Tube, Saturdays 1-4 p.m

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## **SchNEWS in brief**

**SchWoops!** NAFA (Notts Anti-Fascist Alliance) were not involved in the attack on a fascist at the recent anti-fash demo in Nottingham. NAFA is an alliance of many diverse groups in Nottingham who are opposed to fascism. Many people and groups were at the demonstration, not just NAFA. They still need witnesses for arrests and police violence (one woman who was truncheoned over the head is bringing a case). NAFA 07949 312668 e-mail [nafanotts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nafanotts@yahoo.co.uk) \*\* On Monday **Gwynedd and Mon EF!** stopped work on the Brewery Fields site where 12 houses are being built on land trashed during the '98 evictions. EF! say they will resist any attempt to build on the fields. There will be regular actions, to join in call 01248 362911, [orbangor-werdd@yahoo-groups.com](mailto:orbangor-werdd@yahoo-groups.com) \*\* Meanwhile in London campaigners are trying to stop **Bellway Homes** bulldoze the former Hospital and wildlife site, Hither Green, London. They have a new website [www.hgct.cjb.net](http://www.hgct.cjb.net) \*\* A report by Amnesty about last September's IMF/World Bank protest says that the demonstrators were subject to illegal arrest and detention, inhumane prison conditions, lack of legal representations and physical beatings. [www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org) \*\* Anyone who was on the **Allsorts or Reclaim The Streets** info list needs to re subscribe ([allsorts@gn.apc.org](mailto:allsorts@gn.apc.org)) because their knackered old computer has died with all the contact details on it. And if anyone's got a decent computer they can have to get them back up and running get in touch \*\* **Schwoops again!** In issue 295 we got the website for farmers markets wrong its NOT [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net), but it [www.farmersmarkets.net](http://www.farmersmarkets.net) \*\* Protest against a **genetics field trial** in Sussex, next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> meet 12pm Quintiles Shopping Centre Car Park, Hailsham for rally and march, transport from Brighton. More details from 01273-628441 \*\*

Don't Bypass **Hastings** public meeting at Phoenix Hall, Wiliam Parker School, Parkstone Rd., Hastings on 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm More info from the Hastings Authority 01424 429956 \*\* Next Saturday (24) there's **Direct Action** workshops from 10am -5.00pm in the Perth Museum and Art Gallery, 78 George St (near Perth Bridge and North Inch Park). For info contact [radix@enviroweb.org](mailto:radix@enviroweb.org) or phone Scottish Genetic Action 0141 5880663 on the same day **Reading Roadbusters** are having an "Ides of March" get together - an afternoon of mini-workshops and free space for tackling local planning, making banners, attracting new members and welcoming back old boys and girls. \*\* Also on the Saturday evening there's a benefit for **People's Global Action**, with Citizen Fish , Red Monkey, The Restarts, megabitch sound system and Indymedia videos. Arsenal Tavern, 175 Blackstock Road, London N4. \*\* **Help!** Because we're busy checking the internet and on the phone chasing up people for articles for our next book our **phone bill** has gone thru' the roof - any of you lot fancy paying some of it off? Cheques payable to Justice? Send to the address below ...

**Start planning your summer festivals** - there's plenty of 'em check out our ever expanding **party and protest** section on our website, but don't forget to protest, cos then you'll be all happy and contented - honest!

## **Inside SchNEWS**

"Miscarriages of justice can occur under any system and I have no doubt they will occur in the future." - Chris Mullin MP

"Justice is something that is not on this government's curriculum." - Paddy Hill,

Bent, lazy coppers; crap lawyers; judges who are more interested in their own prejudices than the facts; witch-hunts led by the tabloid press - not just a list of SchNEWS's worst nightmare, but also all the ingredients for a miscarriage of justice. The cases of the Guildford 4, Birmingham 6, Cardiff 3, Sheila Bowler, Judith Ward, Stefan Kiszk, and many more are proof that British justice just doesn't work. Winston Silcott, Satpal Ram, and Mark Barnsley are just a few of the more well known names that are still inside.

On the tenth anniversary of his release from prison, Paddy Hill, one of the Birmingham 6, has launched MOJO - the Miscarriages of Justice Organisation to campaign on behalf of people who have been wrongly imprisoned. Locked away out of sight and out of mind, it's easy to for us to forget anyone who has been put in prison. But our support is vital to help prisoners survive the prison system by letting them know that people outside are on their side. A letter to a prisoner is worth more than a letter to an MP any day. Just remember, it could happen to you.

**SchFacts:** 73% of miscarriage of justice cases which have been referred back to the courts by the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) have resulted in quashed convictions. The CCRC currently has a backlog of 1,200 cases to deal with.

More info: MOJO: [www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus.html](http://www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus.html)

**INNOCENT:** [www.innocent.org.uk](http://www.innocent.org.uk)

\* Haven distribution send free books to prisoners - if you are in prison and want one of their catalogues, send a second class stamp to Haven Distribution, 27 Old Gloucester Street, London, WC1N 3XX. Bargain!

\* Solidarity Evening organised by the Free Winston Silcott Campaign, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 6-11 pm, Hundred Flowers Cultural Centre, Stoke Newington.

\* **Satpal Ram** has also been moved - back to HMP Blakenhurst where he has been put back into segregation. Please write to him at HMP Blakenhurst, Hewell Lane, Redditch, Worcs B97 6QS

\* There is another "noise demo" in support of framed anarchist prisoner **Mark Barnsley** on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> March outside Wakefield Prison. Meet at 12pm at Wakefield Westgate Train Station. Bring stuff to make a noise. [www.freemarkbarnsley.com](http://www.freemarkbarnsley.com)

\* For prisoner news check out the Brighton Anarchist Black Cross webpages on the SchNEWS site

## **...and finally...**

"Green Fire" a coven of anarchist witches have claimed responsibility for the recent Seattle earthquake. Its epicentre was targeted at Nisqually ancient burial ground where the Weyerhaeuser Corporation is building a golf course. Seattle's Mayor has declared a "No Earthquake Zone" and police have orders to use tear gas, pepper spray, and rubber bullets on any tremor trying to enter the area. Green Fire meanwhile are hoping for another "shaker" action at the upcoming Free Trade Area of the Americas meeting this April in Quebec. [greenfire@xmail.com](mailto:greenfire@xmail.com)

### **disclaimer**

SchNEWS warns all readers yer siesta's over. It's time to be full of Mexican jumping beans and take a walk on the tequila side. Honest!

# NAPLES

# Global Forum



**15-17th March 2001**

Delegates from 188 countries arrived in the city of Naples for the Global Forum, a group that has the potential to create an e-governmental institution which could control and regulate internet and telephone communications globally. The particular focus was increasing and spreading Internet technology to the third world - and topics on the agenda included Italy's first electronic ID card.

15,000 - 20,000 people arrived in the city to protest against the three day conference. The crowd was a diverse mix of political elements: Kurdish refugees, a myriad of anarchist groups, COBAS (a federation of trade union syndicalists), pacifist and student collectives, communists, and everyone else in between - many arriving on squatted trains, and a university faculty building was squatted for the action.

A major clash with police arose in the Plaza Borsa during the conference, where hundreds of demonstrators came prepared to fight with helmets, masks, giant plexiglass shields, sticks, rocks, and a few Molotov cocktails, and the police responded with gas, and charging the crowd. After much gas and fighting - with injuries on both sides - large groups of protesters surrendered and were led out of the plaza by the police.

From Indymedia Naples  
[www.noglobal.org](http://www.noglobal.org)



Pics: <http://italy.indymedia.org>

**Naples 17th March - Protestors try to break through a security line around the San Carlo theatre where the conference is being held.**

# THE GREAT ESCAPE

Well, finally 16 years worth of junk has been sorted and shifted. We're all rather tired here in Nottingham after last week's manic moving out from the Rainbow Centre. Established 16 years ago as a peace centre by CND and Friends of the Earth groups in Nottingham, it has grown to accommodate a wide diversity of groups in a row of rabbit-warren terraces on the Mansfield Road. The Circle A Cafe, a library and information room, office and internet resource centre, alternative energy project office and Vegetarian Society office were all here, as well as a base for loads of other campaigns and groups. It was also home to Veggies, the vegan catering campaign and even a few residents as well. But, with a landlord who didn't care, it was becoming run down and under-used and needed an injection of new life. So we decided to do it up.

But then - a flash of inspiration. Why not buy our own building? Why pay rent to some bastard landlord? Why spend dosh doing his building up for him? Why didn't we think of this years ago! So we looked around the old Ukrainian centre in Forest Fields, an inner city area where many of the Rainbow's volunteers already live anyway. We started to get excited - the stage in the corner with its spangly cabaret backdrop, the possibility of our very own social club - with beer on tap! Too much! It was time the Rainbow centre moved on. The idea of a more community-based centre appealed to us, and a social venue would open up loads more possibilities.

£110,000 though. Could we really raise that much? We decided to go for it, though I don't think we fully realised what we were letting ourselves in for. 52 or so weekly meetings, lots of fundraising and a few crises later, and we're almost there. The building society was a little bewildered, I think, but we won them over with our promising business plan - can you go wrong selling beer? There's a lot of bureaucracy that goes with buying a building and setting up a new centre; we've made some mistakes and we've learnt a lot along the way. There's been lots of generosity in helping us out financially, in no small part due to Veggies calling in favours from the hundreds of groups they've helped out over the years. We've discovered lots of hidden costs and there've been many other hitches besides, and I'm sure it ain't over yet. There's still work to be done on the building and we've yet to go before the magistrate and convince them that we're worthy of a licence. The way we've worked is by forming a number of sub-groups, each responsible for a different aspect of the new centre. There's the bar group, the cafe group, planning group and so on; people have got involved in the area they're most interested, and (if you're lucky) have most expertise in.

Once we do open, the centre will operate as a private members' social club on some evenings, with a vegan cafe during the day, and a library and other resources, including the usual office stuff; Veggies are coming too. There're plans for an urban permaculture garden project and eventually we hope to renovate outbuildings to make office and workshop space. The first floor of the building will be residential, hopefully to become a housing co-op.

A really important aspect for us is that the centre should bring new people in and be an important resource for the local community as well as the groups traditionally associated with the Rainbow Centre. Loads of locals are really excited about it and already have plans and ideas, but that's not to say that there haven't been concerns - particularly regarding the bar. I think the neighbours were a little sceptical at first about our commitment to really listen to what local people want and need (maybe they've been to too many council meetings). But we're gradually building faith.

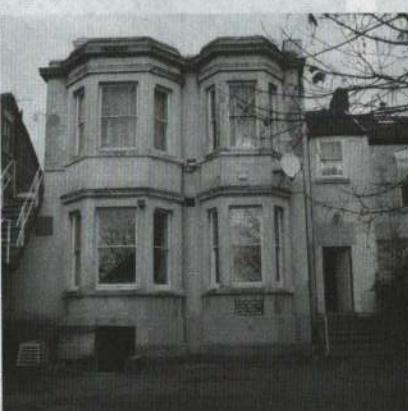
It's been hard work but loads of good fun and if anyone thinks they're up for doing something similar, we're up for dishing out advice. What with all our newly acquired wealth of experience and learning, we just might be able to help you avoid some of the pitfalls! And if anyone out there has any skills we might find useful in doing the place up and you're up for donating a few days of your time (or exchanging it for beer!) then we'd be delighted to hear from you. We also want people to get involved once the place is up and running, and we even need a couple more residents in the place, so, likewise, get in touch. (Tel. 0845 4589595 or email: info@veggies.org.uk).

One final thing - we haven't come up with a name! We don't want to be called the Rainbow Centre again - that's one of the bonuses of starting over. So, any bright ideas, we'd love to hear them...

Alright, see you there, come and have a drink with us once we're open! [245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham]



**The new building - the old Ukrainian Centre. The glittery cabaret curtain (above) is staying, even if the wallpaper isn't. The front of the new gaff (below)**



## *The Casa, Liverpool*

The (ex) Liverpool Dockers have bought and re-opened the Casablanca Club on Hope St, central Liverpool. Having refitted the place with volunteer labour, they are now running the centre - which is called the Initiative Factory - on a co-op basis. Profits from its bars will subsidise a training centre and office. [www.gn.apc.org/initfactory](http://www.gn.apc.org/initfactory)



**How's your liver - the CASA is back!!**



## Legalise it!

Cannabis advocates act up in Whitehall. Activists gathered outside Downing Street on March the 30th - the day the government released the latest drug arrest figures. Home Office statistics revealed just under 100,000 people were arrested for cannabis related offences last year. Shane Collins, an ardent legalisation activist and Green Party Drugs Group operative said: "Cannabis possession is the sixth most common crime and a major source of tension between police and many sections of society. Now is the time to legalise cannabis, cut crime and separate this much maligned herb from addictive drugs such as heroin which need to be treated as a medical issue." A poll conducted by the Economist in Jan 2000 suggested 90 per cent of the population were in favour of decriminalising cannabis use. A report published by Cleveland Police in the same month asserted: "An alternative approach must be found...the most obvious alternative approach is the legalisation and subsequent regulation of some or all drugs." An independent committee set up by the Police Federation and chaired by Lady Runciman concluded that a radical overhaul of drug laws was required including decriminalising cultivation and possession of cannabis for personal use. After the report was ignored by the Government, Lady Runciman told SQUALL: "I think it's absolutely pathetic. And it indicates they [the government] are not well up on the issues..... We think there's a real risk that cannabis laws are used as a proxy for the control of public order and we think they are inimical to good community relations."

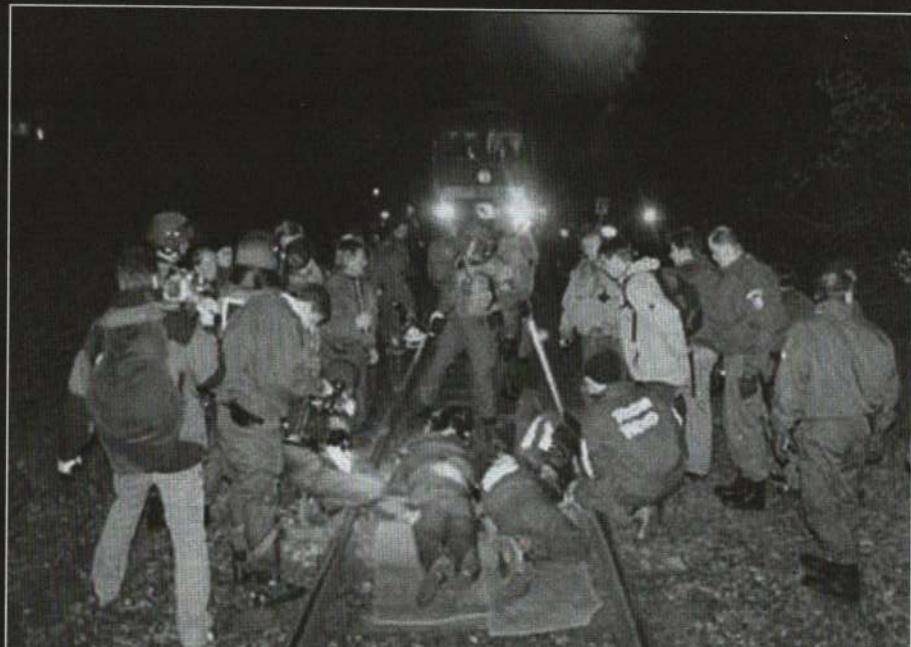


Finally pigs can fly



Pics: Ian Hunter

**Protesters used any means necessary to try and prevent the transport of radioactive nuclear waste from Le Hague in France to Gorleben in Germany**  
**(See NEWS 299)**



# VODKA AD NOT IN SOCIALIST SPIRIT

**Photographer reclaims Guevara image from the marketeers:**

It was a flippant British advert for vodka which finally provoked 72 year-old Alberto Diaz Gutierrez, aka Korda, to claim copyright for one of the most famous photographs in world history. In September this year, Alberto Gutierrez accepted "substantial" payments from photo-agency, Rex Features and the advertising agency, Lowe Lintas, for the misappropriation of Che Guevara's image for a spicy vodka advert in the UK.

Korda's photograph of a strident and determined Che Guevara, entitled 'Guerillero Heroico', was taken on March 5 1960 at a memorial for 100 Belgian seaman killed when anti-Cuban forces, back by the US, attacked their arms-carrying shipment. At the memorial service, also attended by Jean Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir, Guevara stepped forward on the platform for a brief moment and, seeing the look on his face, Korda aimed his Leica camera.

After falling into the hands of Italian publisher Giancomo Fetrinelli in 1967, Korda's photograph was mass reproduced on posters, badges, T-shirts and sold all over the world. During that time several people, including Fetrinelli, made a stack of money from the image but Alberto Korda was neither acknowledged as author nor given any royalty payments.

Although it was common knowledge that, as a photographer for a Cuban newspaper, Korda had taken the photograph, Korda himself never pressed for royalties

although he acknowledged in London recently that "I have always considered it a mark of disrespect for the picture to be used without my permission and without me being credited as the author."

However, according to his submissions to the High Court, Korda accused the British advertising company, Lowe Lintas, of trivialising Guevara's image by overlaying it with a hammer and sickle motif where the hammer had been replaced by a chilli pepper.

Korda said: "I was offended by the use of the image. To use the image of Che Guevara to sell vodka is a slur on his name and memory."

Initially Lowe Lintas and Rex Features contested Korda's claim of copyright infringement, but then agreed an out-of-court settlement. The settlement was ratified by the High Court and Korda was declared to be the copyright owner of the image. In keeping with Korda's socialist principles, the photographer has donated the money he received from the settlement to child care projects in his native Cuba.

For more on Cuba check out 'Sun, Salsa and Socialism - SQUALL in Cuba' on [www.squall.co.uk](http://www.squall.co.uk).



The hugely rich Bacardi family fled Cuba after the victory of the Cuban revolution in 1959 and are now the biggest financial backers of anti-Cuban groups in the US. This subvert appeared in Bristol (pic from [www.bristle.co.uk](http://www.bristle.co.uk))



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER CHAT UP

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## TRADE JAZZ

"The World Trade Organisation's position at present amounts to asking poor nations to trust them as honest brokers. Given their record, this is a bit like the big bad wolf telling Little Red Riding Hood, 'Sorry about your granny. Why don't you pop over for lunch?'"

- Gary Younge

This week politicians and corporations were bigging up more trade agreements as ways of helping the poor of the world get a bigger slice of the cake. But not everyone in the so-called global village is having the (global) village idiot wool pulled over their eyes.

**GENEVA:** Protestors dressed as businessmen and waving butterfly nets were seen chasing other demonstrators dressed as giant taps, mobile phones and first aid kits on the lawns of the World Trade Organisation headquarters on Monday. They were marking the opening of the next round of trade talks - the General Agreement on Trades in Services or GATS (see SchNEWS 286). Everything from water to housing, education to hospitals could go under the corporate hammer with the World Development Movement describing GATS as 'an agreement set to privatise the world's public services in the interests of big business.'

Even World Trade Organisation officials have described GATS as a means of locking countries into 'liberalisation' - and once a country's privatised any service there's no going back on the decision. Unless they're willing to face trade sanctions. [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk)

**NEW DELHI:** 100,000 farmers gathered in New Delhi in a last ditch battle against plans by the World Trade Organisation to liberalise agriculture. Farmers are worried amongst other things about highly subsidised imports of agricultural goods from rich countries flooding their country. Mahendra Singh Tikait from the Bharatiya Kisan Union's said, "Unless you organise and come into the streets, nobody will listen to you." [swamy.krrs@vsnl.com](mailto:swamy.krrs@vsnl.com)

**QUEBEC:** From the 20-22 April Quebec City has the 'honour' of hosting the Summit of the Americas. One of the Summit's major goals is putting the final touches on the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement which aims to establish a "free trade" zone that would extend NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement - see SchNEWS 200) to the

tip of South America. As usual the main purpose of this trade area is to allow corporations to reap greater profits by getting rid of what they perceive as barriers to trade - silly things like environmental regulations, unionised workplaces, restrictions on child labour etc.

Demonstrations are planned and the police are promising the largest security operation in Canadian history. [www.quebec2001.net](http://www.quebec2001.net)

**NAPLES:** Twenty thousand anti-globalisation protestors clashed with six thousand police on Saturday at the end of a Global Forum Conference on e-government. A security cordon ringed the conference, which discussed things like Italy's first electronic ID card. TV footage showed isolated demonstrators, as well as journalists, TV cameramen and two of their own plainclothes being beaten by cops! Father Vitaliano Della Sala who took part in the Zapatista march to Mexico City last week (see SchNEWS 297) said, "It was easier for sub-commandante Marcos to reach Mexico City than for these kids to reach Piazza Plebiscito." [www.noglobal.org](http://www.noglobal.org)

**ARGENTINA:** Cuts of nearly \$4.5 billion over the next two years have plunged Argentina into economic and political crisis. The austerity package is in order to receive loans from the International Monetary Fund. Two finance ministers as well as government officials have walked out in protest, unions announced a series of general strikes, students are planning protests at cuts in education while opposition leaders said they would not support the measures. The President has asked Congress to grant him special emergency powers to push through the cuts.

**GENOA:** Support is building for the demonstrations against the G8 - leaders of the seven richest industrialised countries plus Russia - Summit in Genoa on 20-23rd July. Maybe that's why there are rumours that events could turn into a real life Water World with delegates stuck aboard luxury cruisers anchored in Genoa Bay in an effort to foil protesters. Anyone got a submarine? [www.genoa-g8.org](http://www.genoa-g8.org)

Total so far raised by this year's Comic Relief: £25 million.  
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### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For crossing a road! It's good to walk. At a demo in Spain last summer against The National Telemarketing Collective Trade Agreement - which wins the SchNEWS award for dullest treaty of the week - 4 people were nicked for strolling across a street when the red man was showing.

Luckily the situation is being monitored, although rumours that the police have to make 37 arrests every hour or face the sack remain unconfirmed.

**BRUSSELS:** The European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) have told European governments to stop dragging their feet over their proposals to enhance 'competitiveness'. ERT, made up of 46 of Europe's top business leaders with a combined annual turnover of £600 billion, has sent 10 recommendations to the European Union heads of state ahead of this weekend's summit in Stockholm. Among some of the things they want to see deregulated and up for grabs are the European energy market, postal services, financial markets and air traffic control. And they are used to getting their own way with one newspaper describing them as "a shadowy lobby group that has for the past 15 years exerted an iron grip on policymaking in Brussels." [www.xs4all.nl/~ceo](http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo)

**GOTHENBURG:** The next big European Union meeting takes place in the picturesque city of Gothenburg, Sweden. Resplendent with cobbled streets and a proud history of mass mobilisations this'll rock! Throughout the Scandinavian region anti-EU feelings are running high with both Denmark and Sweden entering the EU on very small referendum margins. Events planned so far include a counter conference from 13-15<sup>th</sup> June, a mass blockade on Friday followed by another big demo Saturday. <http://motkraft.net/gbg2001/www.forumgoteborg.org>

**LONDON:** Monopoly disOwn it all. Celebrate MayDay by playing Monopoly. Get involved by organising yer own autonomous actions, choose a Monopoly theme: housing, debt, railways, privatised utilities, prisons, etc. Followed by a Carnival-style celebration of the day's events in Oxford Street at 4pm. Bring white overalls, padding, helmets, inflatable toys and a sense of fun and adventure. [www.maydaymonopoly.net](http://www.maydaymonopoly.net) or [www.mayday2001.org](http://www.mayday2001.org), or call the action line 07960-973-847

\* There is a rally to make Brighton the first GATS free zone, 29th March, 3.30pm, Bartholomew Square.

## TICKET TO RISE

"Oh we do love to be beside the seaside" (just as well, really)! As part of Rising Tide's ongoing campaign against climate chaos, 25 people went on an outing by train last weekend. Refusing to pay more than 10% of the cost of the ticket from Manchester to Blackpool, they called for a 90% decrease in train fares to make public transport affordable and get people out of their cars – they are a major producer of carbon emissions, which cause global warming. Passengers were given free chocolate cake and leaflets about climate change. Despite the hot air emitted by "Two jags" Prescott and the other delegates at last year's Climate Conference in The Hague (SchNEWS 285), what's really required is a 90% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions worldwide.

Top tip: If you try this action yourselves, talk to the guard first – they'll be more likely to support you if you're upfront with them. The guard on Rising Tide's day out agreed that train fares are extortionate, adding that only a revolution will sort out our problems! [www.risingtide.org.uk](http://www.risingtide.org.uk)

\* While footpaths are closed to the public due to foot and mouth disease (even in unaffected areas), work is continuing on the Birmingham Northern Relief Road, even though a large part of the route is within exclusion zones in Staffordshire. Public meetings are taking place along the route this weekend, call 0121 643 9117 for details. Oh and the Highways Agency has admitted that the new road will do nothing to reduce congestion when it opens in 2004. Er, so what's the point of it then? [www.beep.dial.pipex.com/bnrt/index.htm](http://www.beep.dial.pipex.com/bnrt/index.htm)

\* Bradford Critical Mass bike ride is springing back into action on the last Friday of the month – meet at 5.15pm, Centenary Square. Check out the SchNEWS party and protest site to find out if there's a Critical Mass in your area.

## KOREA OPPORTUNITIES

Over a month ago 1,751 Korean workers were laid off at the Daewoo factory in Bupyeong, this has been imposed by the IMF "restructuring" plans to make it more attractive for sale to the American car giant General Motors. But they didn't take it lying down. Workers held a sit in at the factory, and were joined by their friends and families, after three days they were evicted by 2,000 police in full riot gear, with one pregnant woman losing her baby. There then followed four days of riots on the streets, workers and students joined forces attacking the police with metal poles and petrol bombs. Protests are now continuing on a daily basis, all protest in Bupyeong has been outlawed and the protests have spread to the capital Seoul. The workers message is "We've nothing more to lose, what can we do but protest?" See <http://dwtubon.nodong.net/english> for more details and how you can help.

\* Korean Anarchists have started an anti-military service campaign, and are now being investigated by the Cyber Crimes Squad of the Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency <http://anarcian.net>

## SchNEWS in brief

'Crowd Bites Wolf - S26 the Czech Connection' is an excellent new film from the guerrillavision crew all about last year's Prague protests. Copies available from the SchNEWS office £5 plus 80p large SAE. [www.guerillavision@angelfire.com](http://www.guerillavision@angelfire.com) or catch it at Bristol's Cube Cinema next Tues (27<sup>th</sup>) 8pm. £2/free depending on ability to pay. Also showing is Bougainville's 'The Coconut Revolution' [www.videonetwork.org](http://www.videonetwork.org) \*\* Corporations are always on the look out for ways to keep on buying – but one problem is while we're sleeping we're not consuming. What's to be done? Check out 'The Abolition of Sleep as a Corporate Imperative' by Cattleprod for a good tongue in cheek look at some solutions. It costs 50p + SAE and ask 'em for a list of their other publications: c/o MERCI, 22a Beswick St., Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HS e-mail: [cattleprod99@hotmail.com](mailto:cattleprod99@hotmail.com) \*\* When SchNEWS wants something hot and spicy we usually pop down to our local curry house. But we could now just ask our friendly local bobby, as Sussex Police have become the first force in the country to arm their officers with dangerous pepper spray. \*\* **Protest Against Genetics Field Trial in Sussex.** 12 pm Quintiles Shopping Centre Car Park, Hailsham for rally and march. Transport from Brighton, meet 10.30am station Car Park 01273-628441 \*\* We've got to mention the festival benefit for the Czechoslovak Anarchist Federation/Anarchist Black Cross in Mladkov - Vlkovice on the 7<sup>th</sup> April just for the description of some of the music being played. Sicher Hate System (crust punk), Noise Shit (crust grind) and the best one Malignant Tumor who apparently play mincecore! abc@csaf.cz \*\* **"Elections - What Do They Achieve?"** Ex wannabe MP Chris Hare will tell of his disillusionment with the political charade at Worthing Eco-Action. 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7.45pm, 42 Marine Parade, Worthing. \*\* Discussion on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Anarchy at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am-5pm, £2/free. London Anarchist Federation 07946 214 590 [www.afed.org.uk](http://www.afed.org.uk) \*\* Mary Robinson, the UN Human Rights Commissioner, is quitting as she is frustrated by lack of funds and progress. It might have something to do with the commission having members from Algeria, Saudi Arabia and the "Democratic Republic" of Congo, who of course know all about human rights!

## Positive SchNEWS

As monoculture processed, fast food continues to dish up dross, a group of Italian chefs have for the past twelve years been fighting back with the Slow Food Movement. The aims include to "savour and rediscover the flavours of regional cooking and banish the degrading effects of fast food" and "slow food for the defence of and the right to pleasure." The group will be in London this week hosting workshops on using local, fresh produce cooked in simple regional ways. The chefs, who come from the Italian regions of Cervere, Bruzzio and Lombardia, lack Michelin stars and city glamour but make up for it easily with their knowledge of rare foods including the growing and picking of their own produce. Make yer mouth water at [www.slow-food.com](http://www.slow-food.com) (although we'll give the snails a miss).

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## Inside SchNEWS

Late on Friday 16 March, Delroy Lindo was arrested for the 38<sup>th</sup> time in eight years (see SchNEWS 260, 265). Delroy, a black community worker, was nicked at a shopping centre in London after cops driving pass on the other side claimed he mouthed the words 'wanker' at them. The real reason is that Delroy's been a thorn in the side of the establishment for 16 years, including organising a campaign to free Winston Silcott, who was wrongly sent down for the murder of P.C. Blakelock in the riots on Broadwater Farm, London in 1985.

This time Delroy, who suffered injuries during the arrest, was held for 6 hours at the infamous Hornsey police station - infamous for the death of Joy Gardner, which kicked-off the riot on Broadwater Farm. After holding Delroy all night, he was offered a caution which was flatly refused. He was once again released without charge.

An internal report by the Met published six weeks ago concluded that Delroy has been unduly harassed – it seems the cops who arrested him didn't read the report. Lindo is suing the Met for £1 million after years of stress for him and his family. For more info contact Haringey Racial Equality Council, Tel 0973 313139 e-mail [hassm80@hotmail.com](mailto:hassm80@hotmail.com)

\* Lee Hinlin has been on remand for six weeks for criminal damage to quarrying equipment at Nine Ladies. He's been moved to Nottingham and is not allowed any stamps, parcels or anarchist filth like this. Letters to: Lee Hinlin EX7748, HMP Perry Road, Sherwood, Nottingham N65 3AG. \* The Nine Ladies Campaign is waiting for the final decision about the quarry on 25<sup>th</sup> May. <http://pages.zoom.co.uk/~nineladies/> Tel: 0777 943 1820

## MUMBO JUMBO

Part of the Muhlenberg Loch in Germany, one Europe's largest freshwater tidal flats, home to migrating birds, including a number of endangered species, and a number of extremely rare plants is supposedly protected by three international environmental protection agreements. This hasn't stopped the German court ruling that one fifth of it should be filled in to make way for a factory for the EU-subsidised "super-jumbo". But, the real jumbo sized threat to the tidal flats is sea level rise, flooding the area with salt water. Sea level rise is caused by global warming and the fastest growing source is air traffic. [www.spectrezone.org](http://www.spectrezone.org)

## ...and finally...

An ex-dope smuggler from the U.S. who's just done ten years for possessing 75 tons of pot, has decided to go straight and get a 'proper job'. What's wrong with that, you might say, until you hear that this cunning entrepreneur put a quarter page advert in the Toronto Financial Post telling how he masterminded a \$100 million a year business. As he says in his "work wanted" ad: "I owned and operated a successful 'fishing business' including some boats, one air plane, an island (!) and a processing facility. I also participated in the executive level management of 120 people involved in the firm." He goes on to list his attributes as being an "expert in all aspects of security, well educated, reliable and sober," finishing by listing his references as his "friends and family and the U.S. District Attorney." Which all proves this guy is no dope.

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SchNEWS warns all high flying activists to come back down to earth. Honest



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER OFF THE RAILS

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## TRAIN TO KILL

"We hope to make the transportation of this highly dangerous waste as expensive as possible so that the government will have to stop" – Activist

At 00.30 on Thursday morning, a CASTOR trainload of nuclear waste finally arrived - over 24 hours late - at the rural German village of Gorleben. Filled with 60 tonnes of deadly waste, the Castor pulled out of Le Hague in France on Monday on its 375 mile journey. Despite the freezing weather and the massive police operation anti-nuclear protesters across Germany dogged the shipment every inch of the way. People blockaded, occupied, chained and cemented themselves to tracks; some even staged a volleyball tournament. More than 1,400 people have been arrested amid accounts of massive police brutality. So far, most have been released without charge.

On Tuesday morning, the train was forced to change route after a blockade in Goettingen where Greenpeace activists abseiled with chains connected to the track from Seerau bridge and succeeded in hanging in there for six hours. On Tuesday evening, the train got stuck for hours again, this time at Lueneburg - 50km from the destination. Why? Cos a 'cell train' full of people nicked from an earlier 1600-strong blockade got blocked in on the single-track line to Gorleben by other protesters. Nice one!

And for Babylon, it all went downhill from there. Plans to finish the journey went totally pear-shaped as over 15,000 people - including groups such as x-1000, Robin Wood, Greenpeace, a 'black bloc' of Autonomists anarchists and even local farmers - upped the number of 'delaying' actions, to the fury of over 20,000 toolled-up cops. At Sueschendorf, it took police 20 hours to remove five plucky Robin Wood activists who had chained and cemented themselves in between the tracks. Thousands of people had blocked the line along the final miles of the route and could only be moved by police using extreme force. Although the evil cargo eventually reached its destination, protesters are regarding the massive disruption as a huge success.

The police operation was the largest seen in post-war Germany. Around Dannenberg - the railhead for Gorleben - cops attacked and evicted temporary 'camps' set up in fields by protesters, dispersing people over the freezing countryside. Daft restrictions forbidding tents were brought in by the police,

which meant everyone had to sleep out in sub-zero temperatures. Several protesters were badly injured when riot police charged camps at Nahrendorf and Dahlberg, while others were nicked and then driven miles away and released - a ruse foiled by activists who quickly got together a 'shuttle bus' to get folk back to the barricades!

This was the first CASTOR (meaning 'Cask for Storage and Transport Of Radioactive waste) train to run since 1998, when clashes between protesters and cops saw a suspension of the noxious trade. German nuclear power stations are legally required to deal with their waste, and unless they can safely store this waste they cannot get a license to operate. The waste storage sites at Gorleben and Ahaus are the only approved sites for storing dodgy stuff after reprocessing at Sellafield in the UK or La Hague in France. So anti-nuclear activists see the storage sites as critical to the functioning of the whole unpleasant set-up, and there's been a long history of makin' trouble to stop the trains. In March '97, 7,000 people blocked Dannesburg rail terminal - where the containers are transferred to road trucks for the last few miles into the Gorleben site - cutting down railway power cables and setting light to barricades.

### First Class Actions

- \* Police threatened the owner of a private company that they would force the doors of his premises if he continued to refuse to let them refuel their water cannons there!
- \* In at least one case police have given written orders to stay away from the location to an inhabitant of Dannenberg - he is supposed to stay away from the town he lives in until March 28!
- \* Activists in Luechow-Dannenberg report that cops took over the telecom premises in the nearby town of Uelzen and banned technical staff from entering the premises. This place is responsible for maintaining the D-1 cell-phone net in the area; cops closed it down to prevent communication!
- \* In the towns of Hitzacker and Dannenberg, school-kids squatted schools and gyms to prevent the police from commandeering them as accommodation for officers. The clued-up kids then opened the buildings as crash space for protesters!
- \* The transport is expected to cost some 60 mill. US dollars. Well spent, eh?
- \* More on nuclear transports: 'Castors, Cops, and Castors!' in the 'SchNEWS Survival Handbook' and SchNEWS 221

### BEYOND the PALE

Looks like there's gonna be fun and games in store for BP next month as protesters plan to descend on their AGM. Maybe there will be complaints about BP's investment in PetroChina - the Chinese state oil company who are sucking the wealth out of countries like Tibet and Sudan. In Sudan for example the security forces have cleared areas by the pipelines using such pleasant techniques as aerial bombardments, unlawful killings, rape, abduction and torture.

Maybe people will be arguing that despite the fact that BP have adopted a sunflower logo and "beyond petroleum" slogan they're spending £6 billion a year on oil exploration in ecologically sensitive places like the Atlantic frontier in the North Sea and the Arctic (where temperatures are rising up to five times faster than the global average and an area the size of Holland is disappearing each year).

Or maybe they'll just be hearing complaints about the obscene £24,000 profit *a minute* that the company are making - that's £1 billion a month. This should more than cover the £200 million they are proposing to spend over the next five years on renewable energy.

SchNEWS just can't understand why BP has been putting pressure on the government to change the law so corporations don't have to bother with AGMs.

Still, in true BP topsy-turvy style they have committed themselves to greater openness while trying to stop debate at the meeting!

\* The AGM is in London on the 19th April at 11am. Contact Free Tibet Campaign 020 7833 9958 [www.freetibet.org/](http://www.freetibet.org/) or Greenpeace on 0207 865 8100 [www.greenpeace.org](http://www.greenpeace.org)

\* Shock horror news - the US are refusing to ratify the Kyoto Climate Change Agreement. With 7% of the world's population creating 25% of the greenhouse gases, SchNEWS just can't understand Bush and co's logic.

### PLANS MODIFIED

Anti-genetic campaigners in Sussex are celebrating after plans for a farm scale trial of genetically modified oil seed rape were scrapped. After talking to locals, a demo in the nearby town of Hailsham, and visits to the farm, the farmer pulled out saying he was afraid of the spread of foot and mouth (even though there have been no cases in Sussex). Protesters believe it may be because he was none too popular in his village as at the parish council meeting only four out of sixty people voted in favour of the trial.

\* Across the pond the campaign against genetically modified crops is gaining momentum. Recently anti-GM pixies chopped down over 1,200 genetically engineered Poplar and Cottonwood trees at Oregon State University. An archive of anti-biotech direct actions can be found at <http://tao.ca/~ban/ar.htm>

## Nursery Crime

Atherden Road Nursery won its first court battle this week, against Hackney Council who have been busy cutting services across the borough after it went bankrupt (SchNEWS 281). The Nursery has now been squatted by local people and turned into a Community Centre with everything from a Parent and Under-5s Drop-in; Circus Skills; Creative Arts and Ceramic Workshops; to English as a Second Language; Samba Classes; Gardening; DJ and Bike Workshops; cheap Internet Access; a book and video library; low-cost community meals and evening events. As one user put it "the centre provides the kind of services Hackney Council should be offering instead of cutting." Now, of course the Council wants the building back so they can sell it off to some private corporation. The Centre is just off Lower Clapton Road. To find out what's going on call 020 8525 0247. This Saturday (31) there's a night of music and comedy with Rhythms of Resistance Samba Band, Mr. Social Control, Samba (Jazz Fission), Jelly Bone (prankster-rapping), and Megabitch DJs until 2am £4/2 concessions refugees - free.

\* UNISON Activist Noah Tucker has been suspended by Hackney Council and ordered not to set foot on Council premises nor to communicate with any Council employee. His crime? Having a "negative and rude attitude towards management."

## Sod(exho) Off

Sodexho is one bummer of a company. Not only do they make loads of cash out of the voucher system provided for refugees but they also are one of the main companies involved in the privatised prison service. Last month there was a day of action against them with activists in Bristol occupying the Marriott hotel, which is owned by said multi-national. Forty campaigners turned up to tell the public all about Sodexho's sordid affairs with some activists sneaking into a hotel room, barricading themselves in and hanging a banner out of a window which read "Sodexho Marriot - from hotels to prisons". Others occupied the front steps of the building, banged drums and handed leaflets to passers by. "What Sodexho represents is the degradation of humanity in the pursuit of profit" says Mark Foran of Bristol's Sod-Action collective "By taking action we can show Sodexho what we really think of their dirty trade. It's not a single issue, there's something here for everyone." There's another day of action on the 4<sup>th</sup> April for those who missed out on the fun last time. For more info contact sodaction@fsmail.net

## Positive SchNEWS

Most travellers want to give as well as take - especially after seeing that tourism often doesn't benefit local people as much as it should. We get a lot out of travel but what about the people whose paths we cross? Are the meagre earnings they get from selling us the odd ethnic top really enough to make it a fair exchange - especially when we've haggled for an hour to knock them down by 50%? Tourism Concern questions our motives for travel and have organised a conference for young travellers on April 7th/8th. It's at Ulme Hall, Manchester and participants will help draw up a Young Travellers' Code to be distributed worldwide with speakers from countries including Cuba, Kenya, Thailand, India and Guatemala. The event costs £15 and accommodation is available for another £15 which includes entry to a backpackers ball on Saturday night. For more info and booking call 0207 7753330 or email michael@tourismconcern.org.uk.

## SchNEWS in brief

15 people in Sheffield protested at their local Sainsbury's to highlight GM animal feed and the **foot and mouth** 'crisis', banners were hung and the meat section was cordoned off by 'NAFF' inspectors in white overalls \*\* On April Fool's Day, teams of Clowns will set off feeding frenzies in the largest stock markets and malls of the world by raining money down on traders and shoppers www.adbusters.org \*\*

**Campaign Against Arms Trade** has launched an action to encourage and facilitate non violent direct action on arms trade related issues 020-72810297, action@caat.demon.co.uk \*\*

**Schwoops!** We printed the wrong phone number for **Mayday** last week - it should be 07989 451096. There will also be two Critical Mass bike rides on the day. Meet outside Marylebone Station for West End Tour, or Liverpool St for a City tour. Both start 7.30 am, and will meet up for a follow up game of **Own It All Monopoly**. A pamphlet about mayday is out now - send 41p SAE to BM Mayday, London, WC1N 3XX \*\* **'Say No to Star Wars'** demonstration, 12 noon 14<sup>th</sup> April at Downing St. Contact CND: 020-7700-2393 youth\_cnd@hotmail.com \*\* **'Offline'** is a new paper version of the best of the UK IndyMedia website. IndyMedia is "a global network of news websites that encourage the public to report their own stories to the world uncensored." Send SAE to PO Box 587, London, SW2 4HA www.indymedia.org.uk \*\*

The people of Govanhill are occupying their local swimming pool as the council wishes to close it down. Rally and fete 3pm this Saturday at Govanhill swimming pool, Calder Street, Glasgow. Let the people swim! \*\* **North Wales Housing Association** have recently started building phase two of their 30 house development next to Llys Mair flats, Eithinog. Day of action 6<sup>th</sup> April noon, bring musical instruments, fancy dress, banners etc. Ring 07941 794765 \*\* There's a launch meeting of the **Campaign Against the Terrorism Act**, 8th April 1-5pm at University of London Union (3<sup>rd</sup> floor), Malet St., London WC1 (Russell Square tube). The meeting is being organised by groups affected by the Act, particularly the 21 foreign groups that have already been banned. Money is also urgently needed for producing "bust cards" in different languages. Contact Campaign Against The Terrorism Act 0845 458 2966 e-mail: ta2000@go.to \*\* Sheffield Council plans to sell off 68,000 **Council houses**, 20% of which will be demolished by 2003.. Action against the proposal is planned over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> April. Six experienced abseilers with their own gear are urgently needed to help. Call 07730006873 or email 0742@disinfo.net \*\*

**End the Lies, Lift the Sanctions on Iraq** a mass 'nose in'(noses provided) and vigil against economic sanctions on Iraq, meet 1pm, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April, on steps at western end of King Charles Street, London SW1 for photocall followed by a vigil outside Downing Street 2-4pm more info on 01865 243 232. \*\* Hundreds of adivasi (indigenous Indians) people have stormed and occupied the **Man dam in the Narmada Valley**, successfully stopping construction. They have vowed to stay there until the government rehouses all the 993 families displaced:

nobigdam@vsnl.com

\*\* **Huntingdon Life Sciences** share price has just fallen to 5p. Soon we'll be able to club our giros together, buy the company and turn it into an animal sanctuary \*\* Calling all anarchist footy players, the **Loony Left Cup** will be held as part of the Mayday celebrations in Clissold Park, Hackney, London. To enter contact Between The Lines, Box 32, 136 Kingsland High Street, London E8 2NS. \*\* A pedal powered genitrix road show is taking to **Cornwall and Devon**, to find out more visit www.lifecycles.uk.c or call 07050 618445.

## Inside SchNEWS

Early this month Farrokh Shiri lost his appeal for political asylum. In a distressed state he threatened to take his own life, and after a 4 hour siege was arrested and charged with possessing a replica hand gun, and intending to use an imitation hand gun with the intent of resisting arrest. Now put yourself in his shoes - he had to flee Iran because he would have been sentenced to death, but he says "I am very, very puzzled, in this country they say I am not allowed to kill myself, but on the other hand they want to return me to people who will kill me."

What the f\*\*\* is going on when we know that human rights abuses occur in Iran, we know that people are tortured on a daily basis, but we still refuse people who have fled for their lives asylum, and deport them back to face certain death? If Farrokh is found guilty he could face two years in prison before getting deported. At the moment he is being held on remand at HMP Exeter, New North Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 4EX, and has no money for phone cards, so if you could, send cheques made payable to 'the Governor' but write Farrokh Shiri on the back, as well as messages of support.

\* The planned National Front march in Oldham, has been cancelled, but the anti-fascist demo will still be taking place 11am, outside Oldham College, Rochdale Road, Oldham. Tel 07949 197548 However, the fascists have got permission to march in Bermondsey, South London Sat 7th April. Keep your ears open for details of a counter demo. In Leicester on the 21<sup>st</sup> April there will be a huge counter demo when the scum will be trying to parade around the town. Meet outside Leicester Train Station at 10am call 07718 62965 leicesteropposition@yahoo.co.uk \* There's a demonstration in support of Michael Taylor, of Bristol NUJ outside Uxbridge Magistrates Court, Harefield Rd, next Friday (6<sup>th</sup>) 10.00am. Mike was arrested during a Heathrow Airport protest against the deportation of Iraqi Kurdish asylum seeker Amanj Gafor, who fled Iraq in 1996 following the execution of his father. Amanj was eventually deported to Germany in August where he is in mental hospital because of stress. Tel 0117 965 1803 www.ncad.org.uk/letters/news20/amanj.

## Spoil Sport

The ancient October woodland in East Grinstead is being felled to make way for a Hockey pitch and car park by East Grinstead Sports Club, which ain't too good. The area is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and yet there has been no debate over its destruction. The club can be contacted on 01342-321210 if you want to express your views. The wood is on the Saint Hill road, off the B2110 by the club and is accessible by footpath. Get yer wellies on and mark a return to the country by saving some! email: octoberwood@hotmail.com.

## ...and finally...

April is International Month of Pie-rect action against Capital and State. Starting appropriately on April Fools Day the idea is to "Dessert the State" in the lead up to Mayday. "What better way to draw attention to the often faceless leaders of the corporate world, shameful 'journalists', dodgy politicians and anyone who deserves a face full of dissent. The 'global movement' is often mis-represented in the mainstream media. You can't mis-represent a face full of cream. It sends a clear message to the recipient and the media that what these people are doing is ridiculous and that you are prepared to let them know - and have some fun while doing it!" www.dessertstorm.org

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# 1 in 12 turns 20

In 1980 Margaret Thatcher was completing her first year in office, unemployment had rocketed and industrial northern cities like Bradford were being decimated. Nonetheless the local Claimants Union group countered the pervasive mood of depression with spirited resistance. As well as providing advice to claimants, the union hounded dole snoopers, produced a claimants newspaper and put on regular cheap gigs with local bands. A spirit of mutual aid, self management and cooperation were the underlying principles.

In early 1981 the Government published the Raynor Report which alleged that one in every twelve claimants were defrauding the state. In April the Claimants Union responded, "Join the 1 in 12 and be an enemy of the State!". Once a week the Club would organise gigs, socials and benefits in a room above a city centre pub. Membership soon reached 1000, and by late 1982 the Club could boast 6 issues of its own fanzine, *Knee Deep in Shit*, two volumes of 'Worst of the 1 in 12' featuring bands who had played the Club, and a free outdoor music festival attended by over 3000 people.

Before each gig there would be the weekly 1 in 12 Club meetings, open to all members and where ALL decisions were taken. In 1983, after much soul searching the decision was taken to apply to the Council for a Department of Environment 'Urban Programme' Grant for the purchase of premises. To everyone's surprise this was successful, and after much delay work started on the Club's Albion Street home in 1986.

Meanwhile the Club was establishing itself as a genuine creative influence on the music scene. NME and Sounds regularly reviewed gigs, bands based at the Club gained radio play, and the 1 in 12 Record Collectives releases consistently sold out. New Model Army, Southern Death Cult, Joolz and Chumbawamba all featured on the early albums.

1984-5 was the year of the Strike. The defeat of the Miners' changed the political landscape forever, but during the year of struggle the impact on the 1 in 12 Club was enormous. At each gig, collections of food, money and materials were made, members picketed, broke the council ban on street collections, and engaged in other 'direct action'. It was a year of politicisation, a year in which the Club grew up. At the end of the strike Kellingley Miners' Wives Support Group showed their appreciation for the solidarity shown by members, and at a special ceremony at Kellingley Miners Welfare the Club was amongst those presented with special commemorative plaques. In 1986 the 1 in 12 Publications Collective published its first book, a collection of poems by Jean Gittens, mother of two striking miners' with all monies going to the N.U.M Solidarity Fund.

With the purchase of the Albion Street building in 1986 all efforts were directed towards its renovation. For over two years, the mostly unemployed Club members worked voluntarily carrying out building work. As if that wasn't hard enough, the Club now faced an increasing hostile Council, angry at 1 in 12 revelations about Masonic influence in the *Knee Deep in Shit* fanzine. When a local paper ran a front page story, "How Council Money is Funding Anarchy" the shit really hit the fan. At least five separate Council and Governmental inquiries were launched into the Club, each time finding nothing untoward and forced to conclude that self-management and mutual aid worked!

In June 1988 the Club's new home at 21-23 Albion Street was finally opened, complete with two bars, a concert room, pool table, and meeting space. The achievement was monumental, but in many ways the hard work hadn't even started. A grant had bought the building, but survival was down to the viability of the Club's ideas! If we couldn't manage our own building what made us think we could run our own society?

The never-ending struggle to meet the financial obligations of running a building the size of Albion street has often imposed a dreary obsession with creating enough revenue to survive. The Club has never made a profit, most work is done voluntarily and those who are paid work for ridiculously low wages. The pressure to succumb to capitalistic and exploitative methods has never been far away. But the Club has survived, constantly reinventing itself, new members joining old, challenging assumptions and expectations and taking the Club in to new and exciting directions.

Since the building opened a cafe has been opened on the top floor, a library with over 2500 titles added, a snooker room built, and most recently work on a recording studio almost completed. Numerous collectives have come into existence bringing people together around shared interests and projects. The Club runs two quiz teams, a pool and doms team, two football teams, a drama collective, maintains three plots on an inner-city allotment, maintains its web-site and since 1997 has organised its own Reclaim May Day celebrations.

This followed a trip by 43 Club members to Barcelona in 1996 for the anarchist, CNT union federation's May Day celebrations and suitably inspired the club has organised its own events each year since. These include a May Day Parade, gigs, plays, football tournaments, meetings, speakers, exhibitions, bookfairs, film festivals and the May Day 98 Conference. Reclaim May Day events have now spread and last year saw impressive celebrations in Sheffield and Manchester as well as the much publicised Conference and Guerrilla Gardening in London. In a small way the 1 in 12 Club would like to think it played a part in reviving May Day as a day of celebration and resistance.

In April 2001 the 1 in 12 Club celebrates its twentieth anniversary. Twenty years of self-management, music and mayhem!

1in12 Club: 21-23 Albion St, Bradford Tel 01274 734160



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# STARK STARING BONKERS



Police guard the gate of a farm in Highhampton, Devon as a farmer burns his cattle under instructions from MAFF.

**Devon organic farmer, Tim Malyon, sends this dispatch from the heart of an exasperated British countryside.**

It was watching the pyres pumping black smoke, the charred carcasses and the gunshots in the background that pushed the penny to drop - this is wrong, period. We're possessed by a collective madness, a tunnel-visioned obsession that will tolerate no other vision.

At first the cull seemed half way reasonable - "let's stop the outbreak in its tracks" - except the tracks had already disappeared over the horizon, from Longtown to Devon, across into Wales and all over Cumbria.

Now, thousands of animals, prize flocks and herds have been blown away, generations and centuries of joy and grief and hardship and breeding, up in smoke. And the slaughter has hardly begun. If we continue, mass burials and pyres will pollute our water courses and the air we breathe. And vital parts of our animal heritage, the Herdwicks and Swaledales and Devon Reds and Cheviots will be lost.

We cannot treat animals like this, period. I was bought up to look after animals, be they cats or calves, to treat them well and with due respect. It's part of being a decent human being. Lining them up and mass slaughtering them so they know exactly what is coming and bellow with terror is obscene and against all laws forbidding cruelty. And how will the children grow up, the ones who've witnessed these horrors? They've either been separated from their parents so they could go to school and be with their friends, or stayed on the farm, cut off from school, living in a limbo-land, confined inside until the men from the bungling Ministry arrive to kill their pets.

We could have vaccinated, right from the beginning, or as soon as we realised it was out of control, within the first few days at least. And we could have vaccinated to give life, not kill the animals later. Based on the experiences of other infected countries, that would have stopped the epidemic in its tracks. And the damage? At best we wouldn't have been able to export animals or meat - a small percentage of the market - for one whole year after the last vaccination and outbreak. At worst we'd have had to live with occasional outbreaks of a disease which most animals survive. Balance that against the horror and economic ruin which is actually happening.

We could even, heresy of heresy, have treated the animals who came down with the disease, improving resistance in flocks and herds and dispelling the panic

which foot and mouth's rapid spread amongst stressed, resistance free animals engenders.

**And we could have applied proper prevention measures.**

No farms in this area so far have been infected, touch wood. We're four miles from a restricted area and about 11 miles from the nearest confirmed outbreak. There's one small road into the area which passes through Uplowman Court farm, owned by Stafford Blake. Stafford's the only farmer in this area who regularly went to market, with all the attendant dangers of infection. All farmers in the area including Stafford Blake want to see the road closed, as do the local MP, councillors and Devon County Council Highways Department - who did actually shut it. There's an easy detour, adds about three minutes to the journey. But then our elected council was told to open the road by the police, and an appeal to MAFF from our MP in the House of Commons fell on deaf ears. The police informed us that roads would only be closed if MAFF made a recommendation. MAFF refused to recommend because policy from London wouldn't permit unless we had an outbreak on the road - hardly prevention.

The police threatened to arrest us if we put any signs on the tarmac asking people not to drive through the farmyard. So we put big signs in the hedges and on the verge, which stopped the locals at least going through. MAFF even refused to help provide decent mats and disinfectant to disinfect the public highway through the farm, despite spending millions on slaughter when prevention fails. A car drove through last week en route from Cumbria. There's ten farmers who border on Stafford Blake's land, a thousand head of cattle and more of sheep at risk. We wait in hope.

Then came the borax saga: Borax 30 is the homeopathic remedy for ulcers and salivation in cattle, the symptoms of foot and mouth. I wrote my first article about homeopathic veterinary care some fifteen years ago and was thoroughly impressed. Homeopathic vets are generally also allopathic vets. They treat using both systems. They make no extravagant claims, but many believe that certain remedies may work, like borax 30.

It was used during the 1939 and 1967 outbreaks. There's a farmer near Dartmoor, surrounded by infected farms, who's using it, has kept his dairy herd free of infection, and intends to keep it that way, while MAFF try to make him cull. Let's be clear, borax 30 cannot at present be used to cure, because that is illegal. Any outbreak of foot and mouth must be reported immediately and the herd slaughtered. But borax may well have a preventive effect. "We have no problem with you using it at all," Simon Hack told me, from MAFF's veterinary medicine directorate. "We have been inundated with calls, there are many many farmers using it." Meanwhile, in a strange reversal of roles, the Soil Association helpline told me that preventative use of homeopathic borax is "illegal," possibly because there's controversy raging amongst homeopathic vets as to whether borax 30 acts to prevent, or merely masks symptoms. If we'd only spent a tiny fraction of the money being consumed by funeral pyres on researching borax 30, farmers wouldn't be so confused and we might have an effective preventative remedy.

The future lies with local markets, with people knowing where their food comes from and being able to see for themselves. How we feed ourselves and use our land is perhaps the most important issue facing the human race. If there's anything good to be drawn from this cruel, polluting waste, it's that we have to change the system. But first we must stop this senseless slaughter. It's wrong, full stop.

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WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER MASKED UP AN' AVIN IT!

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# TERROR FIRMER

*"If a genuine and serious grievance arose, such as might result from a significant drop in the standard of living, all those who now dissipate their protest over a wide variety of causes might concentrate their efforts and produce a situation which was beyond the power of the police to handle."*

Frank Kitson, Low Intensity Operations

Last Saturday morning 200 police took part in a dawn raid on the Button Factory in Brixton. Cops claimed that the centre was "A secret training centre for anarchists who are planning to bring chaos to London on May Day". Apparently, "Anarchists from across Europe were due to gather... this weekend for riot training and planning."

The raid is part of the hysteria leading up to the planned Monopoly May Day protests, with stories in the papers getting more and more ludicrous as the day approaches. The cops feed the media and the media feeds the cops until broken skulls and mass arrests are seen as essential to stop marauding anarchists from leaving the capital and city in ruins.

But it's also part of a wider picture - in this country and across the world - of resistance and opposition to injustice, ecological destruction and poverty being criminalised. As campaigners against single issues like roads or genetics are increasingly cottoning on to the fact that it's the whole damn capitalist system that needs to be overthrown, they're finding themselves being described as 'terrorists'. The stakes are being raised.

The British State is the most experienced in the world at quelling resistance. General Frank Kitson (who worked in Malaya, Ireland and then Britain in the early 80s) wrote the British state's handbook on dealing with 'subversion', *Low Intensity Operations*, way back in 1971. In it he emphasises the importance of intelligence gathering using "a large number of low grade sources", "psychological operations" such as propaganda against opposition groups, use of the media to target individuals, and the use of infiltrators. The aim of this activity is to divide and destroy the movement by encouraging ineffective opposition (voting for 'left-wing' MPs, marching from A to B, listening passively to public speakers at rallies, signing petitions...) at the same time as using the media, police, courts and prisons to destroy effective opposition. As Kitson puts it, the way to smash a movement is "to associate as many prominent members of the population, especially those who may have en-

gaged in non-violent action, with the government" and "to discover and neutralise the genuine subversive element".

Since May Day 2000 this strategy has been actively pursued in Britain. The police used May Day itself to gather an enormous amount of intelligence and get its mates in the media to portray such actions in the future as 'unacceptable' and those involved as 'criminal'. Alongside the arrests, raids and imprisonments, it was not long before "prominent" people "involved in non-violent action" were joining in the police's attacks on the Mayday action and specifically on *alleged* organisers. These people were quickly used by groups uninvolved in direct action to promote some kind of third way between direct action and doing nothing - a sort of being annoyed at capitalism while tut-tutting people who do

## BUTTON UP!

Without any sense of irony, the UK's brand spanking new Terrorism Act came into effect just two days after the UK and good ol' USA bombed Baghdad. We've mentioned the new Law plenty of times, but going to the People's Global Action Conference in Milan we heard first hand from across the globe how different governments are dealing with the growing anti-capitalist movement. And hey what a surprise, it's a pretty standard formula: spread propaganda that these people will eat your babies and that the only way to stop them is more repressive laws.

But the fact remains, it isn't anti-capitalists, environmentalists or even those dastardly animal rights protesters who have been bombing Baghdad or Belgrade (yeah, we know - it was 'humanitarian' bombing). It isn't protesters who welcomed with open arms Russia's President Putin

## SPOT THE ODD ONE OUT



something about it. The prominent individuals proposing this sort of ineffectual opposition soon find themselves getting newspaper columns, appearing on chat shows and generally being promoted by those in control of the media. Unless they show support for effective opposition on the streets, that is - in which case they can kiss goodbye to their newspaper columns.

Kitson pointed out that it's no good just repressing opposition when people have genuine grievances - you must allow people to let off steam, but only in ways that don't have any effect. Our job is to make sure that our resistance isn't just about letting off steam, shouting at the telly and cheering people at rallies - but about taking effective action.

## REBEL ALLIANCE

The premier of the new Prague video 'Crowd Bites Wolf - The Czech Connection' at the Rebel Alliance- the haphazard happening of Brighton's creative action crew, next Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>). Food at 6:30pm, videos from 7pm, also music, bar, workshops. Venue to be announced- call SchNEWS from next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>) for details

after he'd bombed Chechnya back into the dark ages. It isn't protesters who sell Hawk jets to dictators, refuse AIDS drugs to Africans because they're poor, dump toxic chemicals in the poorest countries in the world. We could go on...

Quite by chance however, one clause under the UK's Terrorism Act states that it's OK to bomb Baghdad as "nothing in this section imposes criminal liability on any person acting on behalf of, or holding office under, The Crown." It's just when you protest against government policy that you become a terrorist. As the saying goes, "you can't be a terrorist if you've got an airforce".

## BUTTON MOON

The Button Factory was opened as a social centre late summer last year, and has been used for a variety of different benefit gigs, get-togethers and parties. But that's now all come to an end after the owner and his hired heavies used mechanical diggers to make the place uninhabitable. So let's get this straight - the police en masse raid an empty building and take 'materials' from it. The owners then smash up the building and make it uninhabitable. The police then keep the building guarded and under surveillance so anarchists don't try and meet there and make plans for er, smashing up buildings.

# MEET THE TERRORISTS!

## EUROPOL

Police chiefs from the European Union were joined by heads of police from other countries and representatives from the European Commission, early this year in Madrid. The meeting was the first European Conference on Terrorism, organised by the Spanish Ministry of the Interior and Europol. Out of this meeting Europol (the new European Union police similar to the FBI) has started attacking-narcotics, anti-capitalists and street violence at mass demonstrations as terrorism. It now wants Europe-wide powers against terrorism.

Special security intelligence agency for activist groups and are using informers. The fear is that local people will start occupying things as well especially as there are so many completely useless infrastructure projects happening at the moment."

## COLOMBIA

Oscar was working for a Colombian human rights group when he was arrested at a demonstration and charged with being a member of a guerrilla group under special Public Order legislation. "The intention of the special legislation is too scare people and to attack opponents of the government. I was put in a small room with a big mirror. Behind the mirror is the judge who you can't see. He talks through a microphone that distorts his voice. A secret witness accused me and it is impossible to know who that person is. I refused to take part in the trial or use a solicitor - if you are charged under the legislation you are going to be sentenced, everyone is found guilty. If you kill somebody in Colombia you can be sentenced to 10 years and you'll just be in prison for 5, but if you are charged with being a terrorist you can be sentenced to 20 or 50 years. For example, if you are sentenced for throwing a stone at a demonstration you can be put in prison for 20 years. I was in prison for four years. I went on hunger strike and I was temporarily released. Amnesty International bought me a ticket to come to London where I got political asylum. If I go back to Colombia I face 10 years in prison."

When SchNEWS asked Oscar's wife what it was like living in London she looked behind both shoulders "At least we are not looking behind our backs anymore."

## GREECE

A new umbrella anti-terrorism law is currently before the Greek parliament representing an attack on the mass movements in general and includes a very broad definition of what constitutes terrorism. It encourages the use of agent provocateurs, and allows facial mapping of suspects and DNA samples to be taken by force.

## UNITED STATES

An anti-terrorism bill has just been approved by the state government of Oregon, and is waiting to be ratified by the US senate. Under the bill, tree spiking and sabbing animal research or livestock production would be reclassified as organised crimes with increased penalties. Protesters could face up to 20 years in prison for such 'hate crimes', and victims of 'eco-terrorism' would be able to seek civil damages. The measure is aimed at curtailing the activities of groups like the Earth Liberation Front, which has caused \$19.2 million in property damage since 1996. A Republican supporter of the bill said, "The FBI recognises the Earth Liberation Front as one of the nation's leading single-issue domestic terrorists," and then went on to compare the way the ELF operates with the mafia!

## PRAGUE

Chris is a well-known activist and cartoonist who went to last September's demonstrations against the World Bank and International Monetary Fund in Prague. Police arrested her in a school field away from the Conference Centre. What happened to her over the next few days is the stuff of nightmares. "The police asked for my camera and I refused so about seven of them started hitting me and then threw me into a police van knocking me half-conscious.

"When I got to prison I just lay on the floor for the first six hours. After a while when they kept refusing us phone calls, all the women in the cell started making lots of noise until they handcuffed us onto the bench in contorted positions. They made us pay a fine saying we would be released but it was a lie and we had to stay the whole night. In the morning I asked to go to the toilet and on the way back I just refused to go back to the cell. I held onto objects while they hit me all over. I was bleeding really heavily and eventually they took me to a hospital where I had loads of stitches. They took me back to the cell and it was empty, all my friends had been released, I freaked out and asked why I was still here and they laughed really ugly. They then took me upstairs to the interrogation room and they start telling me I was going to jail for 20 years minimum for assaulting seven police officers! They said I'd be held for a few months before I even got a hearing. I was afraid of being in four walls for a long time; I couldn't imagine myself staying sane in there. I saw the open window and jumped. I didn't know how high it was or what was at the bottom. I hit the ground - it was the hardest thing I ever felt in my life, I nearly vomited my insides and I started screaming. I thought if I went to hospital they would treat me humanely and the police would have to leave me alone - I was so wrong."

"The Ministry of Interior made the hospital like a fortress. These were not normal nurses and doctors - basically I should have been operated on in the first 24 hours to save my leg and they didn't do anything, they didn't even give me ice or painkillers. They would shake my leg really strong and I was screaming, and they would laugh informing me that I was a terrorist and that's why they treated me like this: 'You come here to destroy Prague so you deserve this.' and 'It's a war zone, you can't expect to have your human rights respected.' They put a cage around my bed even though I had a broken spine, and locked me in a storage cupboard with the doors closed with guards outside so nobody could hear me scream. There was an information embargo about me. My friends called the hospital who told them I wasn't there - many dissidents and important Czech personalities called as well and they got lied to. I didn't know if anybody would ever find out about me, that's why I was so scared, they refused me any contact with the outside world. It wasn't until all the media hype that I was eventually taken to Austria. My leg literally exploded, and for one month in Austria they wanted to cut my leg off. While I was in hospital in Austria, I was sent a big bouquet of flowers with a card 'with best recommendations - the Czech Embassy.'! The last six months I've been in hospital or laid up in bed. It really stung me, and I lost a lot of motivation. I haven't drawn any pictures - I was too vulnerable. I made notes in the Prague Hospital on little bits of paper and when I re-read these I was so shocked. I'd forgotten everything, I started shaking. All these memories were so

incredibly horrible, it was like a nightmare, I couldn't believe the whole time that it was happening - it didn't seem possible that people could do such cruel things." On the positive side (such as it is), Chris praised "the wonderful solidarity of the people all over the world, regarding the prisoners of Prague. I think that this kind of thing must fascinate even the police and their likes, just because of the immense commitment and frighteningly chaotic strength and self organisation that these campaigns have."

\* Since the Prague protests the authorities have been rushing ahead with new laws. Graffiti can now get you a lengthy prison sentence, and there are plans to crack down on public gatherings.

## HOLLAND

Gay marriages, smoking cannabis on the streets, laws on euthanasia - Holland is seen by many in Europe as a liberal paradise. SchNEWS spoke to someone from Groen Front! (Dutch Earth First!) who helped dispel some of the myths and tell us about some of the new Kafka style laws in operation. "They have just introduced a new criminal organisation law specifically targeted at anarchist groups. It describes leadership as 'inciting or organising any initiative that other people can act upon.' This is exactly what activists do - organise demonstrations and encourage people to come to them, but it doesn't mean that you are the leader. Another new law is public violence. Recently in the eviction of a squat in Amsterdam, people who'd cooked that night and one person who took part in a pirate radio show got arrested for public violence, after someone threw stones at the police. This is because the new law says that if one person throws a beer can at a police officer on a demonstration, that is public violence and everyone at the demonstration can be arrested for it. Even more bizarre is that if you make a sandwich for someone going to a demonstration you can also legally be arrested!" (This is part of new 'collective responsibility' laws introduced under the cover of stopping football hooliganism at Euro 2000!). "On International Women's Day a group of Groen Front women occupied a construction site and were held for six days. Some got 20 days in prison when usually the fine for trespass is only 60 guilders (£20). During the Climate Convention in The Hague there was an anti nuclear demonstration that was surrounded by the police and everyone arrested. People were later convicted of ignoring police orders and fined 200 guilders. They said they didn't want this demonstration because they didn't have enough police but there were 5,000 police in The Hague during the Conference!

This sort of thing is happening more and more. It shows that they're really scared and they're extremely paranoid of us. They often target individuals. For example one person who has been doing covert actions was put in a psychiatric hospital saying that he had a 'sickly love for nature' and 'disturbing non-realisation of authority.' You can smoke a joint on the street, but if you pass a certain point, or when you get effective they try to really smash you. They have now set up a special security intelligence agency for activist groups and are using informers. The fear is that local people will start occupying things as well especially as they are so many completely useless infrastructure projects happening at the moment."

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## AUTONOMOUS ZONES

*The demolition of the Button Factory is as good an example as any of authority's fear of people coming together – unless of course they're shopping or paying for entertainment. Having your own autonomous space is crucial for organising, socialising, for breaking down the barriers that set us against each other.*

*Here's a few examples of European autonomous zones in action:*

### MILAN

Italy has "three or four hundred autonomous social centres" and the Leoncavello social centre in Milan is the oldest and biggest, kicking off the whole movement in 1974 after two people were killed by fascists. It has been forced to change location several times, once after being demolished by the authorities who didn't leave a wall standing.

They have been in their latest location since 1994 – an impressive old factory complex that is roughly the size of Huddersfield. It includes a massive concert hall, skateboard ramp, cinema, courtyard, several bars including an outdoor one with barbie, café, kids space, table-football, art exhibitions and masses of workshop space. The centre employs full-time office-workers, cleaners, cooks, organisers and printers.

One of the collective members told SchNEWS how important the centre is for organising. "It's fundamental. Everything to develop needs a space." But what really impressed us was the range of people using the place. At Monday's open collective meeting ("every week we have an assembly where we manage the building, anything from 30 to 200 attend"), some are dressed very straight like they've just come from their job in Milano, along with all the people just mentioned who work at the Centro Sociale. SchNEWS saw them all shouting, rolling their eyes, banging the table, standing up, sitting down, pointing, heckling and talking over each other in a spirit of communal unity and collective purpose. As far as we could make out (not speaking Italian) the proposal to keep broccoli on the menu was carried.

On Saturday night 5,000 people came in to see Goldie play in a mini Glastonbury style setting. While probably not all gemmed up on the politics of the place the anti-corporate feel no doubt rubs off. For starters, it was just £3 to get in and there were no overbearing bouncers to spoil your fun. As our man told us, "we are very open to everyone as long as people behave. What is important is what people are like not how they dress."

And maybe, just maybe when they see people who run the centre that helped put on such a good night portrayed in the media as terrorists they will remember buying beers at the Ya Basta bar and begin to question....

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### BRITANNY

'La Marmite' is a new centre squatted after a Reclaim the Streets party at the beginning of a month long Festival of Resistance in Rennes, Brittany. SchNEWS spoke to one of those involved.

"The main focus of the festival was the opening of a new autonomous zone. We opened on the day of the first ballot of the French local elections. A lot of people from different backgrounds are using the centre, working people, '68 survivors, squatters, organic farmers, students, unemployed people, artists."

There's been daily hot organic meals at £1 a go as well as round-table discussions, video showings, street theatre workshops, painting, actions, an alternative library and musical activities with everything from acoustic and salsa to punk and techno. "The occupation echoes a myriad of similar actions round the world aiming at creating areas of freedom and creativity safe from the grip of market. It is part of the global movement against capitalist globalisation, boredom and cultural homogeneity."

And perhaps the best thing of all is that "people who were not involved before have now got involved."

As SchNEWS went to press La Marmite was facing eviction.

\* La Marmite is based at number 7, rue de l'Hotel Dieu, Rennes. <http://resiste.net/reennes>

### COR BLIMLEY ...

It's issue 300, so next week to recover from this momentous occasion we are taking a well earned week long break to plant seeds on our sorted assorted allotments and help the book crew get the next one to the printers in time for the festive season (as long as foot and mouth doesn't stop 'em 'appening).

We'll still be updating 'Party and Protest' on our website for those of you with the technology because we're nice like that. IT'S A SchNEWS TRAINING DAY WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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### EURO DUSNIE

EuroDusnie is an amazing collective from Holland that sprang out of actions against European Unification in April 1997. They have three squatted buildings in Leiden, and have about 10 different projects on the go. These are organised by independent groups whose 'representatives' meet up every two weeks for a joint general meeting.

Amongst other things they produce a free monthly newspaper, run an info-shop, food coop and café, put on cultural evenings, make regular visits to schools to talk about the disadvantages of European unification and help run a pirate radio station. They also have a pie-throwing group and a 'collective without money' which organises free train rides to capitalist conferences because "demonstrators, just like the official assholes going to political topsummits, don't have to pay for going there." They also run a Free Shop where the motto is 'happiness is not for sale'. They are also involved in fighting local unwanted commercial 'developments' by bringing people together as well as showing alternatives with locally based projects.

As they point out, "We are firm believers in the idea that when you want something done, you have to go for it yourself rather than expecting that politicians will do it for you. Parliamentary democracy has degenerated into a puppet show. Politics has bartered people away to trade and industry and international institutions like the European Union and the World Trade Organisation. This shows clearly what happens when you let the government make decisions on your behalf..."

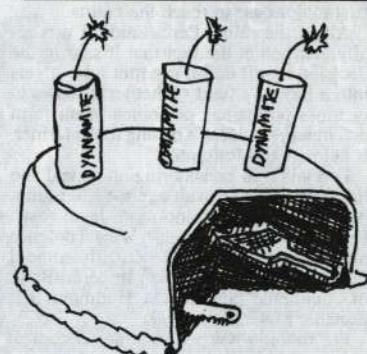
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# SEED OF DISSENT

"I never put those plants on my land. The question is, where do Monsanto's rights end and mine begin?"

Percy Schmeiser, Canadian farmer.

Imagine you're a farmer growing a crop and saving some seed to sow the following year. Now imagine that unbeknownst to you, your crop gets contaminated with genetically engineered pollen, then you get taken to court and sued! Er, is this some kind of April fool?

Well, in Canada last week a judge ruled that a Canadian farmer, Percy Schmeiser, violated Monsanto's patent by "unknowingly and unwillingly growing genetically modified (GM) oil seed rape." He now faces a bill for \$105,000 and after 40 years of saving seeds and developing his own strain has had to purchase new seed wasting a lifetime's work.

Under Canadian patent law, as in the US and many other industrialised countries, it is illegal for farmers to re-use patented seed, or to grow Monsanto's GM seed without signing a licensing agreement. If biotech bastards such as Monsanto get their way, every nation in the world will be forced to adopt patent laws that make seed saving illegal. The ruling against Schmeiser establishes an even more dangerous precedent, meaning that farmers can be forced to pay royalties on GM seeds found on their land, even if they didn't buy the seeds, or benefit from them.

The GM oil seed rape that drifted onto Schmeiser's farm was engineered to be resistant to Monsanto's weedkiller, Roundup. He didn't use Roundup on his crop, because that would have killed the majority of his oil seed rape plants that were not genetically modified! Schmeiser didn't take advantage of Monsanto's GM technology, but the court ruling says he's guilty of using the seed without a licensing agreement.

Monsanto are so zealous about protecting their fat profits that they send around 'gene police' stealing crops from random farms and then testing them to see if they contain Monsanto's gene to tolerate their own pesticides. Monsanto has threatened to 'vigorously prosecute' hundreds of seed saving farmers, but Schmeiser's was the first major case to reach the courts.

About the ruling Percy said: "I was really alarmed at the fact that it said in the decision that it doesn't matter how it gets into a farmer's field - whether it blows in or cross-pollinates, or comes in on farm machinery - it doesn't belong to the farmer. It belongs to Monsanto."

Percy is now considering an appeal and has filed a counter-suit against Monsanto, but his family faces enormous legal costs. Contributions to Schmeiser's legal defense may be sent to "Fight Genetically Altered Food Fund Inc.", Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 603 Main St, Humboldt SK, Canada, SOK 2A0.

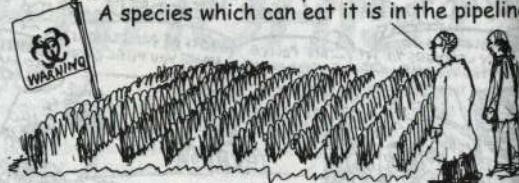
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Minister - here's the pesticide resistant crop. A species which can eat it is in the pipeline.



## Sow What?

The verdict is being hailed as a landmark victory for Monsanto, but it may spark a biotech backlash. North American farmers grow three-quarters of the world's commercial GM crops, and now they're showing signs of biotech battle fatigue. Illegal traces of Aventis' StarLink maize (unapproved for human consumption) have disrupted grain markets and jeopardized exports. Unsold stockpiles of US maize are at their highest level since GM crops were commercialised. The US government announced last month that it would spend \$20 million in taxpayer money to bail out the biotech industry, using money that would normally go to disaster relief for farmers!

Now American farmers are reluctant to plant GM crops, the chief executive of the American Corn Growers Foundation complaining "Consumer resistance in Europe, Asia, Australia, Canada, Mexico, South Africa, Brazil and the growing resistance in the United States makes it unlikely that many market opportunities will be available for GM crops".

## Aventis in the UK

In last week's SchNEWS we told a tale that warmed our cockles, about a Sussex farmer who pulled out of a farm scale trial of oil seed rape. The farmer had originally contacted the local press and said he was pulling out because of the possibility that the scientists conducting the tests could spread foot and mouth disease. When asked about whether the protests against him had had an effect he said, "I'm not bothered about the antis. I enjoy a good debate". Two hours later though he changed his tune saying he pulled out "due to the unbearable level of intimidation and threatening behaviour that has been targeted towards me and my family.". So why

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the change of mind? Well considering that the new press release had Aventis' (the biotech company running the trials) fax number at the top, it looks more likely that he had his mind changed for him!

For a complete list of all test sites see [www.geneticsaction.org/testsites](http://www.geneticsaction.org/testsites)

\* Aventis' application for Chardon LL maize to be the first commercialized GM seeds to be approved for the UK National Seed List has been indefinitely postponed after it was discovered that French authorities had only tested the crop for one year, rather than the two required under EU law. The hearing brought up issues including the failure to test the GM maize on cows, and 'suspicious' higher death rates among GM-fed chickens during trials.

\* How comes the countryside remains closed to everyone except anyone involved in GM crops? Scientists from 5 institutions will be making regular visits to all of the trials, moving between farms and counties. The trials are non-essential and pose a serious risk of further spreading of the disease. And the government tells us that foot and mouth travels miles but that genetically altered crops somehow won't. Yeah right, try telling that to Percy Schmeiser!

## POSITIVE SCHNEWS: Outlawed Vegetables

In the UK 97% of the vegetable varieties available in 1903 were no longer available just eighty years later. Does it matter? - well the Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA) think so, and have set up the Heritage Seed Library, because as one of their gardeners pointed out "genetic erosion is a mass extinction every bit as important as the loss of species from tropical rainforests."

Every year seed companies decide not to register certain seeds, and because they aren't on the National Seed List they can't be sold. Plants that may have characteristics that might be useful in the future would be lost if it were not for the amazing work of the Library. You can join the Library and choose some outlawed vegetables and they'll 'lend' you a few seeds.

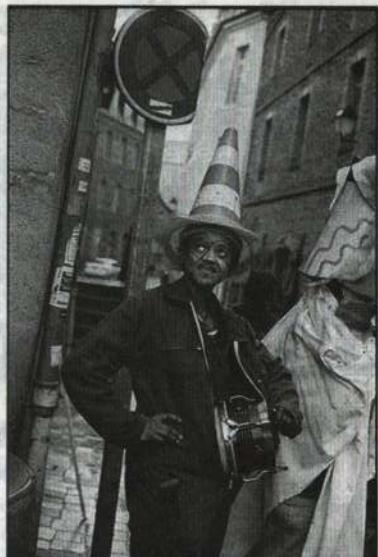
Just 3 corporations control a quarter of the world's entire seed market: Monsanto, Dupont and Syngenta. The corporations that have been steadily buying all up all your favourite garden seed companies, are the very same biotech giants that are trying to get us all to eat our genetically modified greens. But as Bob Sherman from the HDRA points out, "the risk of concentrating so much commercial power into the hands of one corporate empire is that we have become subject to the dreams and aspirations of a very few people. Do they care about bio-diversity? Not as much, I suspect, as they do about profit."

Heritage Seed Library 01203 303517  
[www.hdra.org.uk](http://www.hdra.org.uk)



Pics: Franck Galbrun

Preparations for the squatted community centre 'La Marmite' in Rennes, Brittany. Are the French finally waking up to the incredible richness and variety of English cuisine? This centre was opened to co-incide with local elections on February 14th.



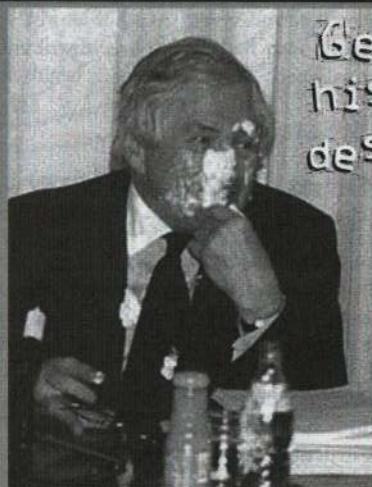
## Son Of Star Wars

Episode 2: Young George W brings ridicule, then armageddon to the federation.

Pics: Richie Andrew



George W Bush may be a clown but he could also be a global catastrophe. Direct activists gathered outside Downing Street on the 14th of April to highlight the UK government's acquiescent attitude to the re-escalation of the arms race. The action organised by CND was in protest against the US National Missile Defence program dubbed 'Son of Start Wars', which is putting the world in jitters and the UK in the firing line.



Getting his just desserts

April 5th:  
James  
Wolfensohn,  
president  
of  
World  
Bank, gets  
pied in  
Helsinki  
Finland

# EARTH REPAIR CHARTER

WE ARE HERE  
ON EARTH, NOW  
ORBITING A SUN, PART OF  
THE MILKY WAY GALAXY  
IN AN INFINITE UNIVERSE.



## GLOBAL SOLUTION STRATEGY

### Protect natural heritage and biodiversity

\* respect the Earth and take responsibility for all our actions, realising the interconnectedness of life; \* cease further destruction of and protect in perpetuity, all remaining biodiverse old-growth native forests and other areas of high conservation value including lakes, rivers and oceans; \* prohibit the contamination of air, soil and waterways; \* accelerate training and employment programs to repair previously-cleared and degraded land; \* plant and intergrow with companion vegetation, increasing quantities of appropriate trees to help repair the atmosphere; \* preserve and maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, plants and animals in their natural habitats; \* stop uranium mining until technologies are developed to guarantee safety from all radioactive materials, mine tailings and by-products from nuclear industries; \* exercise extreme caution with genetic engineering which has the potential to interfere irreversibly with natural processes; \* label accordingly all foods altered with DNA technology;

### Acquire health and immunity efficiency

\* promote complementary use of medical sciences and natural healing methods; \* practise the wisdom of Hippocrates, who taught, "Let your food be your medicine and your medicine be your food"; \* attain and maintain physical and mental well-being by combining an optimistic attitude, sleep, exercise and a nutritious diet of fresh, preservative-free organic foods, including sprouted seeds, nuts and grains, raw fruits, vegetables and herbs; \* abstain from health-reducing substances such as tobacco and all drug abuse; \* inspire everyone to realise their highest physical, mental and spiritual potential;

### Practise composting to restore soils

\* produce valuable humus-rich soil for home, municipal, farm and forestry use, by composting currently-wasted biodegradable materials; \* replace artificial fertilisers with fine rock-dust and humus to remineralise soils, increase the nutrient value of food crops and boost resistance to plant disease; \* treat sewage to irrigate vegetation and rejuvenate degraded lands;

### Base economic order on social justice

\* aspire to equal opportunity for everyone; \* demand that corporate business and governments put the welfare of people before profits and military spending; \* grant amnesty for political prisoners, and relieve the debt burdens of impoverished countries; \* aim for fair resource distribution to satisfy the essential needs of all to live with health and dignity;

### Enable ecologically sustainable development

\* adopt the world's best practices and reduce, reuse and recycle to minimise our consumption of Earth's finite resources; \* educate for a sustainable world population by providing comprehensive and free family-planning assistance; \* incorporate into all education systems, reverence for nature, permaculture, the skills of birthing and parenting, first-aid, effective communication, self-esteem and creative artistic expression; \* co-operate internationally to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and replace fossil-fuel technologies with safe and renewable energy systems; \* increase the provision and efficient use of public transport systems; \* utilise environmentally responsible products and services, and deal only with materials manufactured or created within the principles of ecologically sustainable development; \* contribute to inter-generational equity by progressively planning for the well-being of future generations;

### Transform the military to earth repair

\* redirect funding, technological expertise and resources of all national military services, towards implementing this solution strategy as the priority within each country; \* enable all nations to participate in developing the United Nations Global Peace-keeping Operations to ensure international security; \* decommission and eliminate nuclear and biological armaments, land mines and all instruments of mass destruction;

## Use permaculture to help end world hunger

\* replace unsustainable monoculture, toxic pesticide use and intensive animal factory-farming with high-yielding, diverse, organic agricultural systems and free-range animal farming; \* establish efficient food and medicine gardens as productive permaculture learning centres, in schools, backyards, parks, gaols and rehabilitation centres; \* propagate, plant and care for trees, intercropped with complementary vegetation, in all possible city, urban and rural areas to locally produce fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, grains, fibre, timber and fuel, and help end hunger and poverty; \* promote individual and community self-reliance through local exchange trading systems, and natural low-impact landcare strategies;



## Ensure respect for all indigenous peoples

\* conciliate with and learn from Indigenous Peoples, their laws and spiritual values; \* support self-determination and sovereign treaty rights world-wide; \* facilitate permanent representation of the world's Indigenous Peoples in all United Nations forums; \* uphold the United Nations draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; \* honour the inheritance of traditional languages, knowledge, sacred materials and sites; \* foster learning from the wise elders of all cultures;

## Resolve conflict with creative mediation

\* ensure basic human rights and freedom of speech for all; \* learn, develop and encourage the skills of conflict resolution everywhere; \* expedite participatory democracy between people and their elected governments and councils; \* nurture equality, love, respect and understanding between age groups, individuals, genders, families, castes, communities, cultures and races; \* encourage all religions, faiths, nations and peoples to co-exist in harmony as one family, sharing the Earth as our common home; \* facilitate equal access to communication technologies for schools and community organisations world-wide; \* investigate and rectify all human rights violations; \* stop the glamorisation of war and violence; \* motivate the media to be positive, accurate, responsible and peace-making;

## Unite with others in a common purpose

\* rescue the future by helping achieve the local and global objectives of this Charter; \* network to raise awareness of this solution strategy and propose its goals for adoption by education, religious, union, political, business, legal, military and community groups, local Councils, and for legislation by Governments; \* contribute towards a peaceful and abundant Earth, where everyone can enjoy life in love, harmony and beauty.

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# ATHERDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE



## The Occupation of Atherden Day Nursery in Hackney: Setting Up an Autonomous Community Centre

Atherden Community Centre, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2001. Twenty minutes to go and already there is a queue outside. Inside, a motley staff consisting of the local lollipop lady and her family, a handful of kids from the surrounding streets and a bunch of more orthodox squatters manically fold the last items of clothing and fling them to the tops of teetering piles of jumble. Some of these salespersons-to-be, veterans of protest and confrontation, are looking more than a little anxious at the sight of the restless senior citizens waiting at the front door, handbags at the ready.

By one o'clock the butterfly cakes are out, the tea urn is steaming, and the apprehensive crew are at their stations and ready to go. The doors are opened, and the ensuing chaos of elbowing grannies, flying garments and roller-skating 5-year-olds marks the opening of Atherden Community Centre's first Jumble Sale.

How did this unlikely scene come about? The story maybe starts in October 2000, when the Borough Treasurer declared Hackney Council officially bankrupt.

Over the next few months, drastic cuts were implemented in public services and community resources across the Borough, including three nurseries which were threatened with closure. A campaign against the cuts, 'Hackney Fightback', was led by striking council workers and supported by a wide cross-section of Hackney residents. Marches and rallies were held, and angry parents occupied the threatened nurseries. At Atherden Nursery, after occupying the centre for 2 weeks, parents were told plans had been changed



Photo: Ian Hunter

See 'Ticket To Ride' - in SchNEWS 298. These cards have been used by passengers on trains - and reports have come back of some ticket inspectors going along with it!



A call for a 90% cut in  
public transport fares ... to  
make public transport  
affordable ... to start making  
changes ... that bring the  
90% cut in greenhouse gases  
needed to halt climate change

[www.risingtide.org.uk](http://www.risingtide.org.uk)

90% for 90% is a call for a public transport system run in the interests of passengers and workers, not profit and available to all, regardless of income.

## VALID FOR TRAVEL

Public transport is neither affordable nor a high quality service - for passengers or for workers. Meanwhile, to stop extreme weather events happening as a result of climate change we have to cut greenhouse gases by as much as 90%.

Road travel is one of the fastest growing sources of carbon dioxide (the main greenhouse gas). Getting off roads and onto affordable public transport is more than a nice idea - it's essential for survival.



You might refuse to pay more than 10%. You might show the card in solidarity. You might leaflet passengers. We cannot ignore climate chaos. Get the card. Show the guard.

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**Brighton Aid Lifeline** 4 Atlingworth Street, Brighton, UK BN2 1PL T+44 (0)1273 680414 contact@kosovaconvoy.com <http://www.kosovaconvoy.com/> *Taking aid directly to people and projects trying to rebuild sustainably. So far, Albania, Macedonia, Kosova, Bosnia, and Ukraine.*

**Brighton Against Benefit Cuts** Brighton & Hove Unemployed Workers' Centre, 4 Crestway Parade, Hollingdean, Brighton, BN1 7BL T 01273 540717 babc99@yahoo.co.uk *Resistance to welfare-to-work and other attacks on benefits. Occasional newsletter - 'Where's My Giro?' - free subscription or via e-mail.*

**Brighton ART (Brighton Arts Resources Technology)** incorporating **Innerfield, Headspace & Planet** Yes Unit 7d, New England House, New England St, Brighton, BN1 2EF T 01273 697579 [www.brightonart.co.uk/](http://www.brightonart.co.uk/) info@brightonart.co.uk *Festivals, parties, sound system, projections, geodesic domes, video & audio production, performers, DJs.*

**Brighton Peace & Environment Centre** 43 Gardner St, Brighton, BN1 1UN T 01273 692880/620125 F 01273 689444 [www.oneworld.org/brighpeace/](http://www.oneworld.org/brighpeace/) bripeace@pavilion.co.uk *A fair trade shop, lending library and education unit promoting awareness of peace, justice & environment issues provide computer/internet facilities.*

**Brighton Sucks!** [www.brightonsucks.com](http://www.brightonsucks.com)

**Brighton Urban Design & Development (BUDD)** 1 New England St, Brighton, BN1 T 01273 681166/689725 F 01273 622727 sarabragg@yahoo.com / budd-b@bigfoot.com [www.solarcity.co.uk/](http://www.solarcity.co.uk/) BUDD aims to stimulate and encourage participatory, sustainable urban design and development in Brighton and Hove. Formed in 1997 as a reaction to plans for a superstore and car park on Brighton Station Site.

**Bristle** Box 25, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB bristle@network.com [www.brastle.co.uk](http://www.brastle.co.uk) *Bristle is an alternative publication for Bristol aiming to provide space and information for local groups and activists.*

**Bristol Animal Rights Network** Box 53, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BD

**Bristol Genetix Group** 380 Wells Rd, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2QP **Bristol Class War** P.O.Box 772, Bristol, BS99 1EG *Bristol group of the national federation. Class struggle anarchists, producing paper & other info/merchandise.*

**Bristol Permaculture Group** c/o 10 Picton St, Montpelier, Bristol BS6 5QA T 0117 902 1876 [Sparmaculture@postmark.net](mailto:Sparmaculture@postmark.net)

**British Anti-Vivisection Association (BAVA)** PO Box 73 Chesterfield S41 0YZ, [www.eurosolve.com/charity/bava](http://www.eurosolve.com/charity/bava) bava@esmail.net *To oppose vivisection entirely and without compromise, on scientific, medical, environmental, economic, moral and ethical grounds.*

**British Trust for Conservation Volunteers** T 01491 821600 F 01491 839646

**British Union For The Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV)** 16a Crane Grove, London, N7 8NN T 020 7700 4888 F 020 7700 0252 [www.HelpTheDogs.org](http://www.HelpTheDogs.org) info@buav.org *Opposes animal experiments. We believe animals are entitled to respect and compassion which animal experiments deny them.*

**Broughton Spurtle** c/o Broughton Books, 2A Broughton Place, Edinburgh, EH T 0131 556 0903 F 0131 557 6752 [www.tpunktis.demon.co.uk](http://www.tpunktis.demon.co.uk) *Publish monthly free paper for local area - publicise work of local action groups and generally stir things up a bit.*

**Burma Action Group** 1101 Pennsylvania Ave, SE #204 Wash-

ington, DC 20003 T(202) 547-5985 F(202) 544-6118  
[www.freeburmacoalition.org](http://www.freeburmacoalition.org)

**Burma Campaign UK**, The Bickerton House, 25-27 Bickerton Rd, London, N19 5JT T 020 7281 7377F 020 7272 3559  
[info@burmacampaign.org.uk](mailto:info@burmacampaign.org.uk) [www.burmacampaign.org.uk](http://www.burmacampaign.org.uk)  
Working for human rights and democracy in Burma. We provide analysis to the media and government, and we lobby and campaign to improve government and commercial policy on Burma.

**CAGE** c/o P.O. Box 68, Oxford, OX3 7YS T 07931 401962  
[prison@narchy.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:prison@narchy.fsnet.co.uk) CAGE network opposes prison building and all forms of detention, bringing direct action to the prisoner support and anti-prison movement.

**Cambridge Homeless Partnership (CHP)** T 01223-337-133 mob 07759194789 [hannah@cambridgehomelesspartnership.org.uk](mailto:hannah@cambridgehomelesspartnership.org.uk)  
Gathering info for homeless people & getting homelessness service providers to listen to homeless people & each other.

**Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB)** 8 Park Row, Otley, West Yorkshire LS21 1HQ T 01943-466405 or 01482-702033 F same as phone no. [annidlindis@caab.org.uk](mailto:annidlindis@caab.org.uk) [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk) Working for accountability of American bases through the systems and structures available and taking direct action when these fail.

**Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT)** 11 Goodwin St, Finsbury Park, London, N4 3HQ T 020 7281 0297 F 020 7281 4369 [www.gn.apc.org/caat](http://www.gn.apc.org/caat) [enquiries@caat.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@caat.org.uk) A broad coalition of groups and individuals committed to an end to the international arms trade and the UK's role; and the conversion of military industry to civil production.

**Campaign Against Censorship of the Internet** <http://omnisite.liberty.org/uk/cacib/artview.ph3?> Self-explanatory.

**Campaign Against Incineration of Refuse (CAIR)** T 0191 276 2320/265 4833

**Campaign Against Live Exports** c/o Animal Link, P.O.Box 1176, Kidderminster, DY10 1WQ T 01384 828685

**Campaign Against Racism & Fascism (CARF)** BM Box 8784, London, WC1N 3XX T 020 7837 450 F 0870 052 5899 [www.carf.demon.co.uk/](http://www.carf.demon.co.uk/) [info@carf.demon.co.uk](mailto:info@carf.demon.co.uk) Bi-monthly magazine, in-depth analysis of rise of racism/fascism, info on anti-racist campaigns across Europe, refugees, policing, miscarriages of justice and grassroots campaigns.

**Campaign Against the Rochford Outer Bypass**  
[campaigndsd@hotmail.com](mailto:campaigndsd@hotmail.com)

**Campaign Against the Child Support Act (CACSA)** P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761

**Campaign Against Tube Privatisation (CATP)** 47c Wadeson St, Bethnal Green, London, E2 9DP T 020 7387 4771 (HQ) 020 8981 8065 (home) <http://keepthetubepublic.listbot.com> [johndleach@aol.com](mailto:johndleach@aol.com) Uniting workers and passengers against the Government's plan to privatisate London Underground - for a publicly-owned, publicly-funded, publicly-accountable Tube.

**Campaign for Free Education** P.O. Box 22615, London, N4 1WT T mobile: 0958 556756 F 020 7277 8462 [www.members.xoom.com/nus\\_cfe](http://www.members.xoom.com/nus_cfe) [cfe@gn.apc.org](mailto:cfe@gn.apc.org) Organising students in mass action, demos, occupations, non payment of fees, to win free education for all and reclaim NUS.

**Campaign for Freedom of Information** T 020 7831 7477 [www.cfoi.org.uk](http://www.cfoi.org.uk)

**Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (C.N.D.)** 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ T 0207 700 2393 F 0207 700 2357 [www.enduk.org/cnd](http://www.enduk.org/cnd) [enquiries@cnduk.org](mailto:enquiries@cnduk.org) C.N.D involves supporters in direct actions, lobbying, press work and local street campaigning to help rid the world of nuclear weapons.

**Campaign for Real Events** [www.crealevents.demon.co.uk](http://www.crealevents.demon.co.uk)  
**Campaign For The Abolition Of Angling (CAA)** BM Fish, London, WC1N 3XX T 0870 458 4176 [www.anti-angling.com](http://www.anti-angling.com) [caa@pisces.demon.co.uk](mailto:caa@pisces.demon.co.uk) An anti-angling grassroots organisation who campaign to end all fish abuse for entertainment through information, education and direct action.

**Campaign to Close Campsfield** c/o 111 Magdalen St, Oxford T 01865 558145/557282/726804 F 01865 558145 [www.closecampsfield.org.uk/](http://www.closecampsfield.org.uk/) [info@closecampsfield.org.uk](mailto:info@closecampsfield.org.uk) Demo at immigration centre near Oxford at noon last Saturday every month; other events, meetings; publish Campsfield Monitor. We work to stop immigration detention and close all detention centres.

**Campaign to Free Vanunu & for a Nuclear Free Middle East**

185 New Kent Rd, London, SE1 4AG T 020 7378 9324 F as phone  
[www.vanunu.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.vanunu.freeserve.co.uk) [campaign@vanunu.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:campaign@vanunu.freeserve.co.uk)  
Campaigning to release Israeli nuclear whistleblower sentenced for 18 years imprisonment having published information about Israel's nuclear capability in Press.

**Campaign To Legalise Cannabis International Association (CLCIA)** 63 Peacock St, Norwich, Norfolk, NR3 1TB T 01603 624780 [www.paston.co.uk/users/webbooks/index.html](http://www.paston.co.uk/users/webbooks/index.html) [webbooks@paston.co.uk](mailto:webbooks@paston.co.uk) Letters, information, rally; marches, Lobbies, petitions - furthering legalisation. Encouraging formation of local groups and contacts.

**Cannabis in Avalon (CIA)** P.O.Box 2223, Glastonbury, BA6 9YU T 01458 833236 [www.freecannabis.com](http://www.freecannabis.com) [cannabis@freeola.com](mailto:cannabis@freeola.com) We aim to manifest the total liberation of cannabis to save the planet, heal the body & free the mind.

**Car Busters Magazine and Resource Centre** Kratka 26, 100 00 Praha 10, Czech Republic T +420 2 781 08 49 F +420 2 781 67 27 [www.carbusters.ecn.cz](http://www.carbusters.ecn.cz) [carbusters@ecn.cz](mailto:carbusters@ecn.cz) A quarterly multilingual magazine and resource centre for the international car-free/anti-car movement. To facilitate exchange & co-operation, inspire, reach out, and change the world.

**Carbon Storage Trust**, The T 01865 244151 [www.co2.org](http://www.co2.org) mail@co2.org Undertaking to ensure carbon dioxide emitted by combustion is absorbed by planting new forests in the UK and elsewhere.

**Carboth Hatters' Association**, c/o 7 Cleddans Crescent, Hardgate, Clydebank, G81 T 0141 562 5640

**Cartoon Art Trust** 7 Brunswick Centre, Bernard St, London, EC1N 8JY T 020 7278 7172 F 020 7278 4234 [cartooncentre@freeuk.com](http://cartooncentre@freeuk.com) Exhibitions of cartoons, comics & animation; children's classics & adult courses; talks, fairs, auctions, sales & awards.

**CASA Club**, Hope St, Liverpool. T 0151 709 2148 [www.gn.apc.org/initiatory](http://www.gn.apc.org/initiatory) Club run on co-operative principles, run by sacked Liverpool dockers. Profits go toward an employment training centre.

**Catalyst Collective** Flat 3, 1 Gladstone Terrace, Brighton BN2 3LB [catalyst@co-op.org](mailto:catalyst@co-op.org) We don't like this corporate capitalist society, so we encourage alternatives: worker co-ops, housing co-ops, common ownership, co-operation, sharing de-schooling, low impact lifestyles...

**Centre for Alternative Technology (C.A.T.) & Alternative Technology Association (A.T.A.)** Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AZ T 01654 705950 F 01654 702782 [www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk) [info@cat.org](mailto:info@cat.org). Practical environmental solutions - books, training, courses, a unique visitor centre, membership - renewable energy, energy efficiency, building/sewage/water, organic growing.

**Centre for Human Ecology** 12 Roseneath Place, Edinburgh, EH9 1JB T 0131 624 1972 F 0131 228 9630 [www.elan.com/environment/che](http://www.elan.com/environment/che) [info@che.ac.uk](mailto:info@che.ac.uk) Radical Edinburgh Educational Institution offers MSc Human Ecology. Action research includes issues of identity, belonging, place, participation, social and ecological justice.

**Centre For World Indigenous Studies** PMB 214, 1001 Cooper Point Rd, SW Suite 140, Olympia WA 98502-1107, USA T 1 360 754 1990 F +253-276-0084 [www.cwis.org/](http://www.cwis.org/) [usaoffice@cwis.org](mailto:usaoffice@cwis.org) International, non-governmental, human rights, research, education and policy analysis organization of activist scholars devoted to advancing the rights and knowledge of indigenous peoples worldwide.

**Chapter Seven** The Potato Store, Flaxdrayton Farm, South Petherton, Somerset, TA14 0L6 249204/01935 881975 F 01460 249204 [www.oneworld.org/tli/chapter7@tli.demon.co.uk](http://www.oneworld.org/tli/chapter7@tli.demon.co.uk) Campaigns for sustainable planning policies. Low impact planning consultancy. Produce Chapter Seven newsletter, 3 issue per year £5 (£3 concs.).

**Chiapas Link** Box 79, Green Leaf, Bristol, BS1 5BB  
**Children's Participation Project**, The The Children's Society, 92b High St, Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2DE T 01761 411771 F 01761 417553 We work with new traveller families to help them access essential services & safe & secure sites. We have a Tiny Playbus we take on to sites in the South West.

**Chinese Information and Advice Centre (CIAC)** 1st Floor, 53 New Oxford St, London, WC1A 1BL T 020 7692 3476 F 020 7692 2476 [chineseinformation@yahoo.com](mailto:chineseinformation@yahoo.com) CIAC provides legal advice to disadvantaged Chinese people in nationality, immigration, matrimonial and employment issues, and organisational support to other Chinese organisations.

**Choice in Education** P.O. Box 20284, London, NW1 3WY [www.choiceineducation.co.uk](http://www.choiceineducation.co.uk) [info@choiceineducation.co.uk](mailto:info@choiceineducation.co.uk) C in

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**Christian Aid**, PO Box 100, London, SE 1 7RT T 020 7620 4444

[www.christian-aid.org.uk/](http://www.christian-aid.org.uk/)

**Christian Ecology Link (CEL)** 20 Carlton Road, Harrogate, HG2 8DD T 01423 871616 [info@christian-ecology.org.uk](mailto:info@christian-ecology.org.uk) [www.christian-ecology.org.uk](http://www.christian-ecology.org.uk) Nation-wide network of Christians aiming to create a "greener" church. Write/phone for information or visit our website. **Chumbawamba** P.O. Box TR666, Armley, Leeds, LS12 3XJ [www.chumba.com](http://www.chumba.com) [chumba@chumba.demon.co.uk](mailto:chumba@chumba.demon.co.uk) Bunch of anarchists who play pop music.

**Class War Federation** P.O. Box 467, London E8 3QX, T 07092 170105 [classwaruk@hotmail.com](mailto:classwaruk@hotmail.com) Class War the paper and Class War the federation, exist to promote class consciousness across the globe.

**Close Down Harmondsworth Campaign**, 10 Endsleigh Rd, Southall, UB2 5QL T 07931 198501

**Civic Media Center (CMC)** 1021 W. University Ave., Gainesville FL, 32601 USA T (352) 373-0010 [civic\\_media\\_center@hotmail.com](mailto:civic_media_center@hotmail.com) [www.gator.net/~cmc](http://www.gator.net/~cmc) We're a non-profit reading-room and library of the non-corporate press, activist hub, resource center, and community space.

**Close Harlan UK (CHUK)** PO Box 152, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 2FQ F 01273 885750 Mob 07870 929384 [www.freepress.org/closeharlan](http://www.freepress.org/closeharlan) Campaign to close Harlan - the biggest breeder of animals for vivisection. Sussex site at Harlan Firgrove, Cross in Hand.

**Clun Valley Alder Charcoal** The Auction Yard, Dale St, Craven Arms, Shrops, SY7 9PB T 01694 781588 F 01694 781589 [schu@shropshills.preste.co.uk](mailto:schu@shropshills.preste.co.uk) Renewable sources of charcoal.

**Coalition Against the Terrorism Act (CATA)**, BM Box 563, London WC1N 3XX T 0845 458 2966 ta2000@go.to <http://go/to/ta2000> CATA is made up of activists, dissidents, lawyers and people generally outraged by the most draconian law created by New Labour. Not only demanding the repeal of the "Terrorism" Act, it also opposes the rebranding of many as "terrorists".

**Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT UK)** P.O. Box 38, Manchester, M60 1NX T mobile: 07939 264864 F 0870 054 8728 [www.caft.org.uk](http://www.caft.org.uk) [caft@caft.demon.co.uk](mailto:caft@caft.demon.co.uk) Grass-roots anti-fur campaign with branches in several countries. Organises (inter)national campaigns and produces various campaign materials.

**Cobalt Magazine** c/o Greenleaf Bookshop, Box 12, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB F 08700 522475 [www.cobaltmagazine.demon.co.uk](http://www.cobaltmagazine.demon.co.uk) mid23@cobaltmagazine.demon.co.uk Free party zine.

**Cold Catches Fire: Essays, poems & stories against climate catastrophe**, ed. Sarah O'Gorman and Uche Nduka (A SEED Europe ISBN 90 75840 02 0)

**Common Ground** P.O. Box 25309, London, NW5 1ZA T 020 7267 2144 F as phone [www.commonground.org.uk](http://www.commonground.org.uk) info@commonground.org.uk Common Ground promotes the importance of our common cultural heritage, everyday nature and buildings, popular history and local places.

**Commonweal Collection** c/o JB Priestley Library, University of Bradford, Richmond Rd, Bradford, BD7 1DP T 01274 428337 [commonweal@brad.ac.uk](mailto:commonweal@brad.ac.uk) [www.brad.ac.uk/library/services/commonweal/home.htm](http://www.brad.ac.uk/library/services/commonweal/home.htm) independent, free, activists' library devoted to nonviolent social change: NVDA, pacifism, ecology, alternative societies etc. Over 11000 books, journals, videos.

**Communities Against Toxics (CATS)** P.O.Box 29, Ellesmere Port, South Wirral, L66 3TX T 0151 339 5473 F Same as phone, [cats@recycle-it.org.uk](mailto:cats@recycle-it.org.uk) Fighting incinerators - provide info on its chemicals and health dangers. Toxic. Municipal - clinical. Waste. Toxic landfill. SAE for basic info a must!

**Communities Appeal for Respect for the Environment (CARE)** Rose Cottage Dolydd Road Cefn Mawr Wrexham UK, LL14 3NH T 01978 820819 [care@hinter.freemail.co.uk](mailto:care@hinter.freemail.co.uk) <http://members.tripod.co.uk/care/> CARE is a North Wales, grass roots, environment organisation based in Cefn Mawr. The main reason for our existence is because of the Monsanto-owned, Flexsys chemical plant.

**Composting Association** [www.compost.org.uk](http://www.compost.org.uk)

**Connolly Association (CA)** 244 Grays Inn Rd, London, WC1X 8JR T 020 7833 3022/7916 6172 F 0171 916 617 [www.midnet.ie/connolly/](http://www.midnet.ie/connolly/) connolly@geo2.poptel.org.uk An independent non-party, political organisation campaigning for Irish unity and independence.

**Conscience - The Peace Tax Campaign** 601 Holloway Rd, London, N19 4DJ T 0171 561 1061 F 0171 281 6508

[conscience@cablenet.co.uk](mailto:conscience@cablenet.co.uk) Conscience campaigns for the right for people who are ethically opposed to war to have the military part of their taxes spent on peacebuilding.

**Conscious Cinema**, 110 Elmore St, London, N1 T 020 8981 8409 [www.consciouscinema.co.uk](http://www.consciouscinema.co.uk)

**Consumers for Health Choice** 9 Old Queen St, London, SW1H 9JA T 0117 925 2624

**Continental Drifts** Hilton Grove, Hatherly Mews, Walthamstow, London, E17 4GP T 0181 509 3353 F 0181 509 9531 [christofu@continentaldrifts.uk.com](mailto:christofu@continentaldrifts.uk.com) Works with loads of performance and music from the amazing underground. Festivals are our favourites. Work all over Europe. Not for profit company. Have the best bands there are.

**Cool Temperate** 5 Colville Villas, Nottingham, NG1 4HN T 0115 947 4977 F as phone [philip.corbett@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.corbett@btinternet.com) Nursery for practical plants (fruit, hedging, nitrogen-fixers, etc) and site-analysis/assessment/design/advice services. All profits are used for researching new methods of sustainable production.

**COP 6** – United Nations Climate Conference (The Hague); Indymedia [www.climateconference.org](http://www.climateconference.org)

**Corner House**, The P.O.Box 3137, Station Rd, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1YJ T 01258 473795 F 01258 473748 [www.icaap.org/Cornerhouse/](http://www.icaap.org/Cornerhouse/) [cornerhouse@gm.apc.org](mailto:cornerhouse@gm.apc.org) Research, advocacy and solidarity work on social & environmental justice issues. Publish regular briefing papers. Free via email.

**Cornerstone Housing Co-op** 16 Sholebrooke Avenue, Leeds, LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) [www.cornerstone.uk.net](http://www.cornerstone.uk.net) [cornerstone@gm.apc.org](mailto:cornerstone@gm.apc.org) Communal housing for people engaged in working for social change. We have a resource centre open to local groups and individuals.

**Corporate Europe Observatory**, Paulus Potterstraat 20, 1071 DA Amsterdam, Holland T +31 20 612 7023 [www.xs4all.nl/~ceo](http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo) Exposes the threats to democracy, equity, social justice and the environment

**Corporate Watch** 16b Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG T 01865 791391 [www.corporatewatch.org](http://www.corporatewatch.org) mail@corporatewatch.org Research organisation investigating and exposing corporate power. Working on website for anti-corporate campaigners. Publishes bi-monthly newsletter(sub. £5/year).

**Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO)** Paulus Potterstraat 20 1071 DA Amsterdam Netherlands T +31-(0)20-612-0723 F +31-(0)20-612-0723 [ceo@xs4all.nl](mailto:ceo@xs4all.nl) [www.xs4all.nl/~ceo](http://www.xs4all.nl/~ceo) Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), is a European-based research and campaign group targeting the threats to democracy, equity, social justice and the environment posed by the economic and political power of corporations and their lobby groups.

**Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE)** Warwick House, 25 Buckingham Palace Rd, London, SW1W 0PP T 020 7976 6433 F 020 7976 6373 [www.greenchannel.com/cpre/cpre@gm.apc.org](http://www.greenchannel.com/cpre/cpre@gm.apc.org) CPRE helps people protect & enhance their local countryside keeping it beautiful, productive and enjoyable for everyone.

**counterFEET** P.O. Box 68, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7YS T pager: 07654 565992 [www.counterfeet.org.uk/](http://www.counterfeet.org.uk/) office@counterfeet.org.uk Broad network of revolutionary artists, culture-jammers and creative campaigners deconstructing media propaganda for positive social change.

**Counter Information** 28 King St., Glasgow, G1 5QP Free anarchist newsheet reporting on struggles from around the world.

**Counter Information Agency (CIA)** Vijzelstraat 5, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Netherlands T +31-(0)20-683-1021 simon@arkademie.squat.net <http://squat.net/cia> Squatted infocafe with free and very cheap vegan organic food, non-mainstream media, video nights, actions, meeting space, international magazine exchange.

**CovertAction Quarterly** [www.covertactionquarterly.org](http://www.covertactionquarterly.org) Award-winning investigative magazine.

**CREATE (Community Recycling, Environmental Action, Training & Education)** Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol, BS1 6XN T 0117 925 0505 F 0117 922 4444 [www.bristol-city.gov.uk](http://www.bristol-city.gov.uk) [create@bristol-city.gov.uk](mailto:create@bristol-city.gov.uk) CREATE's mission: a showcase of environmental excellence \* a centre of influential environmental activity \* a base for environmental groups \* free entry to recycling exhibition & ecology.

**Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC)** Alpha Tower, Suffolk St, Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1TT T 0121 633 1800 F 0121 633 1804/1823 [www.ccrc.gov.uk](http://www.ccrc.gov.uk) [info@ccrc.gov.uk](mailto:info@ccrc.gov.uk) An independent

ent body which investigates suspected miscarriages of justice. **Crossroads Women's Centre** 230A Kentish Town Rd, London, NW5 2AB T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/crossroadswomenscentre> crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com Lively, welcoming, anti-sexist, anti-racist centre and home to a number of grassroots organisations which highlight the needs and concerns of women who are often overlooked. Volunteers always needed.

**Crystal Palace Campaign** Hon. Sec. 33 Hogarth Court, Fountain Drive, London SE19 1UY [www.crystal.dircon.co.uk/](http://www.crystal.dircon.co.uk/) VA.Day@ukgateway.net Crystal Palace Campaign: a voluntary group of local people opposed to a plan to build a huge leisure complex on the historic site of the old Crystal Palace in south London.

**Cybernetic Culture Research Unit** [www.ccru.demon.co.uk](http://www.ccru.demon.co.uk)

**Cymdeithas Yr Iaith Gymraeg - The Welsh Language Society** Pen Roc, Rhodfa'r Mor, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, Wales, SY23 2AZ T 01970 624501 F 01970 627122 [www.cymdeithas.com](http://www.cymdeithas.com) swyddfa@cymdeithas.com Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg is a political pressure group campaigning for the future of the Welsh language and Welsh communities.

**Cymru Goch - Welsh Socialists** P.O. Box 661, Wrecsam, LL1 1EH T 01222 830029 [www.fanergoch.org](http://www.fanergoch.org) For a free socialist Wales, green, libertarian & decentralised.

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**DAAA Collective (Direct Action Against Apathy)** c/o Green Action, QUBSU, University Rd, Belfast, BT7 1NF T 028 9020 9574 [www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/5944](http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/5944) daaa@hotmail.com Produce Direct Action Against Apathy magazine (£1.50 + IRC from above address). Contact them for info about other activities in N. Ireland.

**DARK NIGHT field notes** Dark Night Press, P.O. Box 3629, Chicago, IL 60690-3629, USA T 207 839 5794 darknight@igc.apc.org Intended as a way for those deeply involved in the struggle for freedom to share their thoughts and experiences from the field - from the battle lines of that struggle.

**Dartford Unemployed Group** c/o 34 Saxon Place, Dartford, DA4 9JG T 01322 865114

**Decadent Action** <http://www.underbelly.demon.co.uk/decadent/docs/si> Find out why it's important to shop to bring down capitalism; also linked to Phone In Sick.

**Defend Council Housing** c/o Haggerston T.A., 179 Haggerston Rd, London, E8 4JQ T 020 7254 2312 F as phone To oppose transfer of council houses to private landlords & to campaign for more and better council housing.

**DELTA** Box Z, 13 Biddulph St, Leicester, LE2 1BH T 0116 210 9652 F as phone [www.oneworld.org/delta](http://www.oneworld.org/delta) lynx@gn.apc.org Solidarity with Niger Delta resistance

**Devonport Claimants' Union (DCU)** c/o 69 Granby St, Devonport, Plymouth T 01752 213112 Campaigning for a just benefits system. Mutual support and advice for claimants. Strike and other direct action support where appropriate.

**Diggers & Dreamers Publications** BCM Edge, London, WC1N 3XX T 07000 780536 info@diggersanddreamers.org.uk [www.diggersanddreamers.org.uk](http://www.diggersanddreamers.org.uk) The guide to communal living in Britain. The book - which contains a directory - comes out every two years. Order from 0800 083 0451.

**Digital Resistance** [www.freесpeech.org/resistance/](http://www.freесpeech.org/resistance/) resistance@gmx.net An archive of some websites that got hacked by activists since 1996, the pages aren't censored in any way and 100% in their original state.

**Dionysian Underground (DU)** Dionysos@joiedevivre.co.uk <http://www.angelfire.com/bc2/bacchanal/BACC1.HTM> Post-situ anarcho-surrealist agit prop, politicised neo/pseudo-pagan shamanic revivalism, anti 'new age', ideological deprogramming, anti-consumerism, pro-decadence, cultural theory, chaos.

**Direct Action** P.O.Box 1095, Sheffield, S.Yorks, S2 4YR T 0161 232 7889 da@directa.force9.co.uk Quarterly magazine of the Solidarity Federation - solidarity and direct action in workplaces and communities fighting racism to boycotting Body Shop.

**Direct Action collective (DAC)** PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester, M15 5HW T 0161 232 7889 da@direct-action.org.uk [www.direct-action.org.uk](http://www.direct-action.org.uk) Direct Action - the magazine of the anarcho-syndicalist Solidarity Federation. No parties, no dogmatism, but packed with ideas and action.

**Direct Action Media Network (DAMN!)** 444 Melrose St, Morgantown, West Virginia, USA, 26205 T (U.S) 304 291 1507 <http://damn.tao.ca> lists@tao.ca DAMN is a multi-media news service that gathers and distributes news reports about progressive marches, strikes, protests and other in-the-street actions.

**Direct Action Media Network (DAMN) Video** Direct action footage on the web.

**Disabled Action Network** 3 Crawley Rd, Wood Green, London, N22 6AN T 020 8889 1361

**Diversities** 2 Hollow Lane, Shotesham, Norwich, NR15 1YE T 01508 550060 An interactive information tent, raising awareness about: Travellers' issues; Direct action; Planning law; Alternative education; the Terrorism Bill.

**Do or Die** c/o Prior House, 6 Tilbury Place, Brighton, East Sussex, BN2 2GY [www.eco-action.org/dod/](http://www.eco-action.org/dod/) doordtp@yahoo.co.uk Do or Die is an annual journal crammed with reports and analysis from the worldwide ecological frontlines. To order a copy send £5 UK or £6/\$10 elsewhere to the above address. Payment as well hidden cash or cheques/postal orders payable to 'Do or Die' only please.

**Dover Residents Against Racism (DRAR)** c/o Refugee Link, P.O.Box 417, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 4GT T 01304 206140 [www.canterbury.u-net.com/Dover.html](http://www.canterbury.u-net.com/Dover.html) dst@canterbury.u-net.com DRAR was formed in 1998 to fight racist hostility (from the press, National Front and others) towards asylum-seekers in Dover.

**Down To Earth** [www.oneworld.org/cse](http://www.oneworld.org/cse)

**Dragon Environmental Network** 23b Pepys Rd, New Cross, London, SE14 5SA [www.dragonnetwork.org](http://www.dragonnetwork.org) adrian@gn.apc.org Exploring and encouraging eco-magic - ritual and spellwork for the Earth. Soon launching The Dragon Journal

**Dulus Project, The** T 01563 705000 [www.gn.apc.org/dulus](http://www.gn.apc.org/dulus)

**Dump the Pub** [www.DumpthePubs.com](http://www.DumpthePubs.com)

**Dyfi Eco-Valley Partnership**, The T Andy Rowland 01654 705018 F 01654 703000 ecodyfi@gn.apc.org Promoting the development of small-scale renewable energy and efficiency projects.

**Earth Centre** Denaby Main, Doncaster, DN12 4EA T 01709 512000 [www.earthcentre.org.uk](http://www.earthcentre.org.uk)

**Earth Circus Network** Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol, BS1 6XN T 0117 907 4074/925 0505 (ask to be put through) F 0117 929 7283

**Earth First! Action Update (EF! AU)** PO Box 487 Norwich, NR2 3AL T 01603 219811 efactionupdate@bigfoot.com [www.eco-action.org/efau](http://www.eco-action.org/efau) A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain.

**Earth First! Journal** PO Box 3023, Tucson AZ 85702-3023, USA T 520.620.6900 F 413.254.0057 collective@earthfirstjournal.org [www.earthfirstjournal.org](http://www.earthfirstjournal.org) The Earth First! Journal is the voice of the radical environmental movement containing direct action reports, articles on preservation of wild places, investigative articles, and discussions on monkeywrenching.

**Earth Liberation Prisoners** Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebrooke Avenue, Leeds, LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) [www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk](http://www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk) earthlibprisoner@hotmail.com We exist to support those imprisoned for defending animals and the earth and those fighting back against that which oppresses them. We provide a regularly updated webpage of prisoners' addresses.

**Earthrights Solicitors** Little Orchard, School Lane, Molehill Green, Takeley, Essex, CM22 6PS T 01279 870391 F 01279 870391 pager - 07669 127601 earthrights@gn.apc.org [www.earthrights.org.uk](http://www.earthrights.org.uk) Public interest law firm specialising in environmental law, linked to the EarthRights environmental rights charity.

**East London Association of Autonomous Astronauts (ELAAA)** Box 15, 138 Kingsland High St, London, E8 2NS [www.unpopular.demon.co.uk](http://www.unpopular.demon.co.uk) elaaa@unpopular.demon.co.uk The next thirty seven years will present us with space exploration as both a danger and an opportunity.

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**Ecodefence!** Moskovsky Prospekt, 120-34236006, Kaliningrad/Koenigsburg, Russia, ecodefence@glas.apc.org

**Ecological Design Association** The British School, Slad Rd, Stroud, Glos, GL5 1QW

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info@ecology.co.uk A building society that specialises in mortgages to rescue derelict homes, build energy efficient homes and for housing co-operatives.

**Ecoseeds/Eco Co-op** 1 Bar View Cottage, Shore Rd, Strangford, BT30 7NN T 01396 881227 [ecoseeds@dnet.co.uk](mailto:ecoseeds@dnet.co.uk)

**Ecotrip** P.O.Box 22019, London, SW2 2WF T 07949 542056 DIY cultural and environmental caravan - infoshop, stage, cafe, workshops.

**Ecovillage Network UK (EVNUK)**, PO Box 1410, Bristol, BS99 3JP [www.ecovillages.org.uk/network/index.html](http://www.ecovillages.org.uk/network/index.html) evnuk@gaiia.org Sustainable settlement project information/advice service. Our focus is on ecovillages as a way out of cash-based living.

**Eddie Gilfoyle Campaign** [www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus](http://www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/jus)  
Edinburgh Animal Action c/o Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh, 17 Montgomery Place, Edinburgh EH7 5HA T 0131 441 1665  
**Edinburgh Claimants** c/o Autonomous Centre of Edinburgh, 17 W. Montgomery Place, Edinburgh, EH7 5HA T 0131 557 6242 [http://burn.ucsd.edu/~lothian\\_ec@autonomous.org.uk](http://burn.ucsd.edu/~lothian_ec@autonomous.org.uk) We encourage claimants to stick together to overcome benefits hassles, we resist benefit cuts and compulsory welfare schemes e.g New Deal. Education For Sustainable Communities (EFSC) c/o 3, 35 Carnarlon St, Glasgow, G3 6HP T 0141 332 8064 faslanepeacecamp@hotmail.com To educate and inform the public about the nature of democratic schools.

**Education Otherwise** P.O. Box 7420, London, N9 9SG T 0891 518303

**Education Workers Network** P.O. Box 29, Manchester, M15 5HW

**Educational Advice For Travellers (E.A.T.)** P.O. Box 36 Grantham NG31 6EW T (Oct-March) 01558 650621 Mob.(summer) 01426 218424, Providing resources and advice for home educating traveller families; developing resources that reflect the travelling culture.

**Educational Heretics Press**, 113 Arundel Drive, Bramcote Hills, Nottingham, NG9 3FQ

**Ejercito Zapatista de Liberacion Nacional** [www.ezln.org/](http://www.ezln.org/) The EZLN Page was put together in the Spring of 1994 in order to provide reliable information on the Zapatista uprising and serve as the mouthpiece for the Zapatistas in cyberspace.

**Electronic Frontier Foundation**, The 454 Shotwell Street San Francisco CA, USA, CA 94103 T +1 415 436 9333 F +1 415 436 9993 [www.eff.org](http://www.eff.org) info@eff.org EFF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the civil liberties of the users of online technology. EFF's work includes educating policymakers, law enforcement and citizens.

**Elf's reading room** KUD Anarhiv Metelkova 6 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia T +386-1-432-33-78 anarhiv@mail.ljudmila.org <http://www.ljudmila.org/anarhiv> Radical infotheque. Info and materials on radical social change, liberation movements (anarchism, feminism, ecology, etc.)

**Empty Homes Agency (EHA)** 195-197 Victoria St, London, SW1E 5NE T 020 7828 6288 F 020 7828 7006 [www.emptyhomes.com](http://www.emptyhomes.com) [info@emptyhomes.com](mailto:info@emptyhomes.com) Community Action on Empty Houses (CAEH) is a project of the EHA - a grassroots approach to highlighting the waste of resources that occurs when flats, houses & buildings are left empty and unused.

**Enabler Publications** 3 Russell House, Lym Close, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3DE T 01297 445024 F as phone <http://members.aol.com/adearleng/enabler/> adearleng@aol.com Books about counter culture, new Travellers, protest and creative work with young people. Includes: No Boundaries; Alternative Australia and A Time To Travel.

**Energy Efficiency Advice Centre**, T 0800 512012 [www.saveenergy.co.uk](http://www.saveenergy.co.uk)

**Energy Saving Trust** 2 Dartmouth St, London, SW1H 9BP T 020 7222 0101 [www.est.org.uk](http://www.est.org.uk)

**Engage!** Van Blankenburghstraat 25 2517 XM Den Haag, Netherlands T 00 31 30 251 3182 F 00 31 30 238 7517 : [all@engage.nu](mailto:all@engage.nu) [www.engage.nu](http://www.engage.nu) Engage! InterAct and Tactical Media are organi-

sations working for social change through empowering forms of education and campaigning.

**English Collective of Prostitutes** Crossroads Women's Centre, P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com The English Collective of Prostitutes is a network of women, Black and white, of different nationalities and backgrounds working at various levels of the sex industry.

**Enough anti-consumerism campaign** [www.buynothingday.co.uk](http://www.buynothingday.co.uk) Organisers of No Shop Day in Britain.

**Envirolink** [www.envirolink.org](http://www.envirolink.org) Links to Sustainable Business Network, Animal Rights Resource Site where to buy environmental books. Essential & extensive web directory.

**Environmental Law Centre**, [www.ele.org.uk](http://www.ele.org.uk)

**Environmental Law Foundation** Suite 309, 16 Baldwins Gardens, London, EC1N 7RJ T 020 7404 1030 F 020 7404 1032 info@elflaw.org [www.elflaw.org](http://www.elflaw.org) ELF helps communities and individuals secure their environmental rights, regardless of means, through a network of environmental lawyers and consultants.

**Environmental Rescue International (ERI)** International Head Office, 20, Dawson Rd, By Forestry Junction, Benin City., Nigeria, Africa, T:234-52-254529 [environmentalrescue@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:environmentalrescue@yahoo.co.uk) New Nigerian EF! started on April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2001

**Environmental Transport Association Services Ltd (ETA)** 10 Church St, Weybridge, KT13 8RS T 01932 828882 F 01932 829015 [www.eta.co.uk](http://www.eta.co.uk) eta@eta.co.uk The ETA is Britain's only ethical alternative to the AA or RAC. All profits go into campaigning for a sustainable transport system.

**Equi-Phallic Alliance and Poetry Field Club**, The [www.digital-magic.co.uk/equiphallicalliance/](http://www.digital-magic.co.uk/equiphallicalliance/) epa@digital-magic.co.uk Campaigning for the end of landscape, we 'raise' awareness of the falseness of 'place', deploying ideology within poetic field trips.

**Ethical Consumer Research Association (ECRA)** Unit 21, 41 Old Birley St, Manchester, M15 5RF T 0161 226 2929 F 0161 226 6277 [www.ethicalconsumer.org/](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org/) ethicon@mcr.poptel.org.uk ECRA produce a bi-monthly magazine - Ethical Consumer - comparing consumer products according to corporate responsibility issues.

**Ethical Junction** Fourways House, 3rd Floor, 16 Tariff St, Manchester, M1 2FN T 0161 236 3637 F 0161 236 3005 [www.ethicaljunction.org](http://www.ethicaljunction.org) info@ethical-junction.org

**Eurodusnie** <http://stad.dsln.nl/~robbel> Dutch anti-authoritarian organisation fighting against economic globalisation. Dutch and international links.

**Euromarch Liason Committee (ELC) & Unemployed Action Group** The Old Mill, 30 Lime St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2PQ T 0191 222 0299 F 0191 233 0578 [eumuk@aol.com](mailto:eumuk@aol.com) Co-ordinates activities of organisations, groups and individuals in the UK affiliated to the European Marches network.

**Europe's forests: A campaign guide**, ed. Karen Grant (A SEED Europe)

**evil:austria!** evil:austria is our monthly newsletter providing information about the situation in Austria (and regarding the consequences of FPOe/OeVP government).

**EVUK** [www.evuk.co.uk](http://www.evuk.co.uk) Campaign for REAL, long-distance electric vehicles.

**Exeter Left** P.O.Box 185, Exeter, EX4 4EW [www.exeterleft.freemail.co.uk](http://www.exeterleft.freemail.co.uk) socialistalliance@exeterleft.freemail.co.uk Alliance of socialists, anarchists and greens. Contact point for Red South West (Exeter), Exeter Claimants, Exeter AFA. Our aim is to maximise collaboration and discussion in the movement.

**Expanding Horizons - The Whizzbanger Guide to Zine Distributors** P.O.Box 5591, Portland, U.S.A, OR 97228 Self-descriptions of 200+ distros from around the world. Three dollars US cash-postage paid worldwide.

**Exploding Cinema, The** <http://bak.spc.org/exponet/> The EXPLODING CINEMA is a coalition of film/video makers committed to developing new modes of exhibition for underground media. Links to underground film/viewing.

**HEYFA**, Postbus 94115, 1090 GC Amsterdam, The Netherlands, T +31 20 665 7743 [eyfa@eyfa.org](mailto:eyfa@eyfa.org)

**Fair Trade Cafe** 2 Ashgrove, Bradford, BD7 1BN T 01274 727034 [parry@hotmail.com](mailto:parry@hotmail.com) [www.fairtradecafe.org.uk](http://www.fairtradecafe.org.uk) Not-for-profit cafe that exists to raise awareness about fair trade & other

*related issues. A largely volunteer run community cafe that aims to provide cheap, healthy, ethical and delicious food.*

**Fairs & Festivals Federation** 27 Kells Neend, Berryhill, Coleford, Glos, GL16 7AD

**Fairtrade Foundation**, The Suite 204, 16 Baldwin's Gardens, London, EC1N 7RJ T 020 7405 5942 [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk) mail@fairtrade.org.uk

**Fans United (Keep Football Alive)** P.O. Box 27227, London, N11 2WY *An open invitation for supporters of rival football teams to stand together against the exploitation of the traditional game.*

**Farming and Livestock Concern** T 01559 384936

**Faslane Peace Camp** 81d Shandon, Helensburgh, Argyll and Bute, Scotland, G84 8NT T 01436 820901 Mob. 07771 771 240 faslanepeacecamp@uk.pocket.com [www.faslanepeacecamp.com](http://www.faslanepeacecamp.com) *To observe and monitor the Royal navy's activities at HNRB at Faslane; to protest against the Trident nuclear programme.*

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**Festival Eye** BCM 2002, London, WC1N 3XX T 0870 737 1011 F 0870 7371010 [www.festivaleye.com](http://www.festivaleye.com) Comprehensive annual , with seasonal updates, p/reviewing, and listing hundreds of fringe and mainstream festivals, camps... £10 for next 8 mail-outs

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**Fight Poverty Pay Campaign** P.O.Box 22 Alford, Lincolnshire, BB5 1GG T 01254 679605 fightpov@freenetname.co.uk *Fighting against poverty pay.*

**Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism!** BCm Box 5909, London, WC1N 3XX T 0780 219 5160 F 020 7837 1743 [www.rcgrfi.easynet.co.uk/](http://www.rcgrfi.easynet.co.uk/) rcgfrfi@easynet.co.uk *Newspaper of the Revolutionary Communist Group. Fights imperialism, its barbarism, its destruction of the planet. Campaigns against poverty pay, the Labour government, supports socialist Cuba.*

**Fifth Sun Archive, The** [www.sun.freeuk.com](http://www.sun.freeuk.com)

**Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)** Unit D, Station Building, Llanidgoes, Powys, SY18 6EB T 01686 413916 F 01686 412176 [www.fsc-uk.demon.co.uk/](http://www.fsc-uk.demon.co.uk/) fsc-uk@fsc-uk.demon.co.uk *The FSC is a market mechanism for improving forest management globally. The FSC logo gives the assurance that products originate from well-managed forests.*

**Foundation for Information Policy Research** [www.fipr.org/rip/](http://www.fipr.org/rip/) **Fourth World Review** 24 Abercorn Place, London, England, NW8 9XP T 020 7286 4366 F 020 7286 2186 *Human affairs are out of control because of giantism. We promote small nations, small communities and the sovereignty of the human spirit.*

**Free Burma Coalition** 110A Rectory Road, Stoke Newington, London N16 7SD T 07931 753 138 F 0870 125 9223 info.fbc@breathemail.net [www.freeburmacoalition.org](http://www.freeburmacoalition.org) *Dedicated to restoring freedom, human rights and democracy in Burma. Targetting MNCs propping up the dictatorship and awareness raising.*

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**Free Captives/Anti-Fascist and Anti-Imperialist Prisoners Support Group**, The, London Information Bureau, BM Box 8253, London, WC1N 3XX T 020 7254 1266 [www.ozgurluk.org](http://www.ozgurluk.org)

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**FreeNorwich** [www.freenorwich.co.uk](http://www.freenorwich.co.uk) *Direct action and other issues for Norwich and the rest of the world.*

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**Fruitarian/Raw Food Centre of London, The (100% Vegan)** 50 Connell Crescent, Ealing, London T 020 8446 2960/441 6252 *Workshops and meetings on the raw vegan lifestyle.*

**Future Fibres** The Ecology Centre, Honeywood Walk, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 3NX T 020 8773 2322 [www.bioregional.com](http://www.bioregional.com)

**Future Foods** P.O. Box 1564, Wedmore, Somerset, BS28 4DP icherfas@seeds.cix.co.uk [www.futurefoods.com/](http://www.futurefoods.com/)

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**GeneNo!**, PO Box NE99 ITA

**Genetics News** P.O.Box 6313, London, N16 0DY F 020 7502 7516 geneticsnews@compuserve.com *Newsletter on ethical, social and environmental issues raised by genetic engineering.*

**Genetic Concern** Camden House, 7 Camden St, Dublin 2 T 003 531 4760 360

**Genetic Engineering Network (GEN)** P.O.Box 9656, London, N4 4JY T 7690 0626 F as phone (call first) genetics@gn.apc.org [www.geneticsaction.org.uk](http://www.geneticsaction.org.uk) *Providing information & action for the grassroots campaign against genetic engineering*

**Genetic Food Alert (GFA)** 4 Bertram House, Ticklemore St, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5EJ T 01803 868523 [www.geneticfoodalert.org.uk](http://www.geneticfoodalert.org.uk) info@geneticfoodalert.org.uk *We campaign etc. against the introduction of genetic engineering in food. We represent the UK*

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**Global Issues Local Lives, (GILL)** T 01179 559444 bigbromo@yahoo.co.uk Bristol's newest action group.

**Gloopgloop** [www.gloopgloop.com](http://www.gloopgloop.com) A French site of pie flingers with pictures of top politicians and corporate bosses getting a faceful of pie.

**Gnostic Garden** P.O. Box 242, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE99 1ED <http://gnosticgarden.ndirect.co.uk> Mushroom stuff.

**Godhaven Ink** Rooted Media, The Cardigan Centre, 145-149 Cardigan Rd, Leeds, LS6 1LJ T 0113 278 8617 <http://home.freeuk.net/rooted/godhaven.html> merrick@stones.com Publishers of cheap books and zines about direct action and other countercultural stuff. Promoting a feeling of well-being since 1994.

**Going for Green** Elizabeth House, The Pier, Wigan, WN3 4EX [www.tidybritain.org.uk](http://www.tidybritain.org.uk) enquiries@tidybritain.org.uk T 01942 612621 F 01942 824778 To encourage people to cut waste, save energy and natural resources, travel sensibly, prevent pollution, look after the local environment.

**Grampian Earth First!** P.O. Box 248, Aberdeen, AB25 1JE T 01224 451140 (answermachine) grampianearthfirst@hotmail.com Direct action, protests, leafletting - targetting Aventis/Monsanto, McDonalds, Gap, Shell, Balfour Beatty etc for their environmental vandalism and worker exploitation.

**Grass Roots** c/o Dept Z, Littlehom Books, Humberstone gate, Leicester, T 07718 629651 leicesterradical@hotmail.com <http://radical.members.beeb.net> Leicester's only independent radical campaigning magazine, printed by the Leicester radical alliance.

**Greater London Pensioners Convention** T 020 8764 1047 Abandoned pens and petitions in favour of roadblocks and occupying buildings.

**Greater Manchester Socialist Alliance (GMSA)** c/o 58 Langdale Rd, Victoria Park, Manchester, M14 5PN Aims to create a democratic socialist society, through bringing people together in a united campaign for social justice and ecological sustainability.

**Green Adventure** Brockwell Hall, Brockwell Park, London, SE24 9BN T 07957 365285 [www.greenadventure.demon.co.uk](http://www.greenadventure.demon.co.uk) Brockwell Park GREENHOUSES Community Environmental Centre.

**Green Anarchist (GA)** 9 Ash Avenue, Galgate, Lancaster LA2 0NP, UK T 01524-752212 grandlaf@lineone.net <http://website.lineone.net/~grandlaf/Sotiga.htm> Anarchist magazine reporting on direct action, animal rights, anti gmo, anti globalization, for liberation, respect for the ecology of planet earth.

**Green Books** Foxhole, Dartington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6EB T 01803 863260 F 01803 863843 [www.greenbooks.co.uk](http://www.greenbooks.co.uk) paul@greenbooks.co.uk Publishers and distributors of books on a wide range of environmental issues.

**Green Dragon Energy** 'Panteg' Cwm Llinau Machynlleth Powys SY20 9NU Wales, United Kingdom T 44 (0)1650 511 378 Mob 0780 386 0003 dragonrg@talk21.com Electricity from Sun, Wind & Water

**Green Guide Publishing Ltd** 271 Upper St, Islington, London, N1 2UQ T 020 7354 2709 F 020 7226 1311 <http://greenguide.co.uk> info@greenguide.co.uk Publishes books & magazines for consumers & business on organic, natural, environmental & sustainability issues. Main Publications the Green Guides.

**Green Leaf Bookshop** 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB T 0117 921 1369 F 0117 9460001 Radical bookshop. Mail order. Very fast customer order service - from U.S & U.K.

**Green Party** 1a Waterloo Rd, London, N19 5NJ T 0208 671 5936 F as phone [www.greenparty.org.uk/drugs](http://www.greenparty.org.uk/drugs) greenpartydrugs@gn.apc.org Drugs Info Stall / Cafe at fests and parties. Actions and events around drug campaigning. Provide ecstasy testing kits. Help organise the Cannabis March and Festival.

**Greenpeace** Canonbury Villas, London, N1 2PN T 020 7865 8100 Press office T 020 7865 8255 F 020 7865 8203 [www.greenpeace.org/](http://www.greenpeace.org/) info@uk.greenpeace.org

**Green Pepper** Postbus 94115 (Visiting address: Overtoom 301, Amsterdam), 1090 GC Amsterdam, Netherlands T +31 20 665 7743 F +31 20 692 8757 [www.eyfa.org/greenpepper/](http://www.eyfa.org/greenpepper/) greenpep@eyfa.org 32 page eco alternatives and direct action quarterly magazine produced by a collective active in the eyfa network and beyond.

**Green Socialist Network** Secretary: Pete Brown 15 Linford Close Harlow Essex CM19 4LR T 01279 435 735 F 01279 435 735

pete@petebrown.fsnet.co.uk <http://tripod.co.uk/leonora/gsn.html>  
*The GSN campaigns for and promotes green socialism. Members receive Newsletters and journal "Green Socialist". We support all those who are working for the convergence between red and green political agendas.*

**GreenNet** 74-77 White Lion Street, London, N1 9PF T 0845 055 4011 F 020 7837 5551 info@gn.apc.org [www.gn.apc.org](http://www.gn.apc.org) GreenNet is a not for profit collective, supporting and promoting groups and individuals working for peace, the environment and social justice through the use of information communication technologies (ICTs).

**GreenScene Directory**, 16 Sholebrooke Ave., Leeds, LS7 3HB [www.cornerstone.ukf.net/crc/greenevents](http://www.cornerstone.ukf.net/crc/greenevents) Activist newsletter for Leeds. Grey Owl Centre 50 Carisbrooke Rd, Hastings, TN38 0JT Greyhound Action P.O. Box 127, Kidderminster, Worcs, DY10 3UZ T 01562 745778 greyhoundaction@i.am

**GroenFront! (EarthFirst! Netherlands)** P.O.Box 85069, 3508 AB Utrecht, Netherlands T +31 20 8666018 [www.antenna.nl/nvda/groenfront/groenfr@dds.nl](http://www.antenna.nl/nvda/groenfront/groenfr@dds.nl) Anticapitalism direct action network, mostly actions against infrastructure (eg: squatting, mass trespassing). NO COMPROMISE!

**Groovy Movie Picture House, The** [www.groovymovie.org](http://www.groovymovie.org) mail@grooviemovie.org Sun and wind-powered filmshows, equipment for hire.

**Groundsell Claimants Action Group** c/o Oxford Unemployed Workers Centre, East Oxford Community Centre, Prince's St, Oxford, OX4 1HU T 01865 723750

**Groundswell** 5-15 Cromer St, London, WC1H 8LS T 020 7713 2880 F 020 7713 2848 [www.oneworld.org/groundswell/](http://www.oneworld.org/groundswell/) groundswell@home-all.org.uk Groundswell promotes and supports a self-help network with people who are homeless, landless, or living in poverty. We are Cooking Up Change!!

**Groundwork: Action For The Environment** 85-87 Cornwall St, Birmingham, B3 3BY T 0121 236 8565 F 0121 236 7356 info@Groundwork.org.uk [www.Groundwork.org.uk](http://www.Groundwork.org.uk) Groundwork is an environmental regeneration charity. Groundwork believes in using the environment as a tool to engage and motivate local people to improve their quality of life.

**Guardian Media Guide, The** The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Rd, London, EC1R 3ER

**Guerillavision** Box 91, Green Leaf Bookshop, 82 Colston St, Bristol ST1 guerillavision@angelfire.com Lawless, objective-free propagandists. It is only a matter of time before these assholes swap stolen cameras for guns...

**Guerilla Press, The (Radical Presses Register)** Tim Telsa, BCM Beetlejuice, London, WC1N 3XX Printing literature deliberately intended to further the revolution. Standing for freedom for dissemination of propaganda. Running the Radical Presses Register.

**Guilfin** [www.guilfin.net/](http://www.guilfin.net/) Party and protest guide in Surrey area.

**Gypsy Council, The (GCECWCR)** 8 Hall Rd, Aveley, Romford, Essex, RM15 4HD T 01708 868986 F as phone the gypsycouncil@btinternet.com Advocates, liaison, contact point resource centre for Gypsies and people supporting/working with Gypsies.

**Haggerston Tenants Association (HTA)** Haggerston Community Centre, 179 Haggerston Rd, London, E8 4JA T 020 7254 2312 F as phone hawk@hotmail.com Help raise tenancy participation. Fights against privatisation. Defend council housing.

**Haiti Support Group (HSG)** P.O. Box 29623, London, E9 7XU T 020 8525 0456 F as phone haitisupport@gn.apc.org [www.gn.apc.org/haitisupport](http://www.gn.apc.org/haitisupport) Solidarity with the Haitian people's struggle for justice, real democracy and development for all

**Haringey Racial Equality Council**, T 0973 313139 hassm@hotmail.com

**Haringey Against Privatisation** c/o P.O. Box 8446, London, SE8 4WX T 020 7358 1854

**Haringey Solidarity Group (HSG)** P.O.Box 2474, London, N8 0HW T 020 8374 5027 F 020 8374 5027 <http://home.clara.net/hsg/hhome.html> hsg@clara.net Our aim is to promote solidarity, mutual aid and link working class struggles. We can't rely on politicians or leaders to do things for us - we have to organise and do it ourselves.

**Haven Distribution** 27 Old Gloucester St, London, WC1N 3XX Distributes free educational literature to prisoners in the UK. Donations make this possible.

**Headmix** PO Box 3431, brighton BN2 2RY UK T 01273 231374/  
Mobile: 0421 757730 [www.headmix.co.uk](http://www.headmix.co.uk) headmix@hotmail.com  
A band which gigs throughout UK and Europe distributing positive vibes through music and information through merchandise desk.  
**Headspace** see entry for Brighton ART

**Health Action Network (H.A.N)/Vaccination Info.** P.O.Box 43, Hull, HU1 1AA T 01482 562079 [www.vaccinfo.karoo.net](http://www.vaccinfo.karoo.net)  
paddy@vaccinfo.karoo.co.uk Distribute vaccination information, books, tapes. Publish 'Lifeforce' magazine.

**Hell-raising Anarchist Girls (HAG)** T Anna 01273 602946  
spanna03@hotmail.com Collective of women involved in: anarchism; subvertising/alt. media; cabaret; alt. health; vicious sewing circle; self defence; women's speak out.

**Hemel Hempstead G M Action Group (HHGMAG)** T 01442 248657 F 01442 248657 mhumphrey@btinternet.com  
[www.mhumphrey.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.mhumphrey.btinternet.co.uk) We are opposed to genetically modified crops

**Hemp Food Industries Association** P.O.Box 204, Barnet, Hertfordshire, EN5 1EP T 07000 HEMP 4 U (436748) F as phone  
[www.hemp.co.uk/](http://www.hemp.co.uk/) & [www.hempplastic.com](http://www.hempplastic.com) hfia@hemp.co.uk  
Lots to do with hemp food, ice creams, 9bar's, plastics, paper, fuel, growing, etc.

**Henry Doubleday Research Association** Ryton Organic Gardens, Coventry, CV8 3LG T 02476 303517 F 02476 639229  
[www.hdra.org.uk](http://www.hdra.org.uk) enquiry@hdra.org.uk Europe's largest organisation with over 26 000 members. Researching and promoting organic gardening, food, and farming.

**Herb Society** Deddington Hill Farm, Warrington, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 1XB T 01295 692 000 F 01295 692 004  
[www.herbsociety.co.uk](http://www.herbsociety.co.uk) Info@herbsociety.co.uk This is the ideal Society for those with an interest in herbs, from amateur enthusiasts to professional herbalists and growers.

**Hiddinkulturz** 174 Deeside Gardens, Mannochfield, Aberdeen, Scotland, AB15 7PX The collection, sharing and dissemination of a wide cross-section of underground information (nationally & internationally). Publish "Hiddinkulturz Zine".

**Hillsborough Justice Campaign** 134 Oakfield Rd, Anfield, Liverpool, L4 0UG T 0151 260 5262 F as phone  
info@hillsboroughjustice.org.uk We are pro-active organisation, campaigning for the justice denied to all victims of the Hillsborough football disaster.

**Holistic Education Foundation Co. Ltd.,** The 145-163 London Rd, Liverpool, L3 8JA T 0151 207 9246 F 0151 298 1372  
maildesk@thegreenlight.org.uk [www.thegreenlight.org.uk](http://www.thegreenlight.org.uk) Established to promote the balanced, organic growth of person-centred learning and holistic health.

**Home Education Reading Opportunities (H.E.R.O Books)** 58 Portland Rd, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 5DL T 01273 775560 F 01273 389382 HERObooks@dial.pipex.com We are trying to make it easier for home educators to obtain the books they want to read via mail order. For a catalogue send a large S.A.E to the address above. Contains list of local newsletters.

**Home Power magazine** 312 North Main Street Phoenix, Oregon 97535 USA T 541-512-0201 F 541-512-0343 [www.homepower.com/](http://www.homepower.com/)  
hp@homepower.com The hands-on journal of home-made power.

**Homeless Information Project** 612 Old Kent Rd, London, SE15 1JB T 020 7277 7639 F 020 7732 7644 Squatting and housing advice. Homelessness action pages for the group and individual. Motivation and up-to-date information.

**Homeless International** Queens House, 16 Queens Rd, Coventry, CV1 3DF T 02476 632802 F 02476 632911 info@homeless-international.org

**Housmans Bookshop** 5 Caledonian Rd, King's Cross, London, N1 9DX T 020 7837 4473 shop@housmans.idps.co.uk London's oldest radical bookshop: peculiar in every sense! Wide range lefty, libertarian, green stuff. Publisher of Housmans Peace Diary.

**Housmans Diary Group** 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DX T 0171 837 4473 F 0171 278 0444 Produces the Peace Diary, including an extensive contacts directory.

**Housmans Peace Resource Project (HPRP)** 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings Cross, London, N1 T 020 7278 4474 F 020 7278 0444 worldpeace@gn.apc.org Produces World Peace Database: 3500 organisations in 170 countries (includes major environmental & human rights groups) - abbreviated annual Directory appears in Housmans Peace Diary.

**How to Build a Protest Tunnel**

[www.discodavestunnelguide.co.uk](http://www.discodavestunnelguide.co.uk)

**Howard League For Penal Reform**, The 1 Ardleigh Rd, London, N1 4HS T 020 7249 7373 F 020 7249 7788 [www.howardleague.org](http://www.howardleague.org) howard.league@ukonline.co.uk The Howard League works for humane, effective and efficient reform of the penal system.

**Human Genetics Alert** Unit AH112 Aberdeen House, 22/24 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA T 020 7704 6100 F 020 7359 8426 cahge@globalnet.co.uk [www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cahge](http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~cahge) Pressure/campaigning group working on issues of human genetics and eugenics.

**Human Rights Net** P.O.Box 187, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 2DU T 01246 555713 F as phone

**Human Scale Education** 96 Carlingcott, Bath, BA2 8AW T 01972 510709 F as phone Children's needs are best met and their potential most fully realised in human scale settings. Small classes, small schools and large schools restructured into smaller units.

**Hundredth Monkey**, The 91 South St, St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9QW T 01334 477411 F as phone Radical fair trade workers' co-op. An anticonsumerist shop (?) - organic wholefoods, fair trade crafts & clothes, ecological alternatives.

**Hunt Saboteurs Association (H.S.A)** P.O.Box 2786, Brighton, BN2 2AX T 01273 622827/Press office only: 0961 113084 F as phone - call first. [www.envirolink.orglarrs/has/has.html](http://www.envirolink.orglarrs/has/has.html) hsa@gn.apc.org The H.S.A is dedicated to saving the lives of hunted animals directly, using non-violent direct action.

**I-Contact Video Network** c/o 76 Mina Rd, St. Werburghs, Bristol, BS2 9TX T 0117 914 0188 [www.VideoNetwork.org](http://www.VideoNetwork.org) We are a non-profit making initiative set up to provide support for those using video for Positive Change. This includes Progressive, Alternative, and Independent Video Makers and Activists.

**Iilisu Dam Campaign**, Box 210, 266 Banbury Rd, Oxford, OX2 7DL [www.iilisu.org.uk](http://www.iilisu.org.uk)

**Incapacity Action**, 104 Cornwallis Circle, Whitsable, Kent, CT5 1DT T 01227 276159

**Independent Park Home Advisory Service (IPHAS)** 5 Silver Poplars, Holyhead Rd., Kingswood, Wolverhampton, WV7 38P, T 01902 373462 Support for U.K.residential mobile home owners with problems. Also seeking changes in legislation to improve protection against rogue landlords.

**Index on Censorship** 33 Islington High St, London, N1 9LH T 020 7278 2313 F 020 7278 1878 [www.indexoncensorship.org](http://www.indexoncensorship.org) natasha@indexoncensorship.org A bimonthly magazine that covers freedom of expression issues all over the world.

**Industrial Workers of the World** Secular Hall, 75 Humberside Gate, Leicester, LE1 1WB T 0116 266 1835 The IWW is a revolutionary trade union whose purpose is to gain control over the shop floor and eliminate the bosses.

**Indymedia** [www.indymedia.org/](http://www.indymedia.org/) Indymedia is a collective of independent media organizations and hundreds of journalists offering grassroots, non-corporate coverage of the IMF/World Bank protests.

**IndyMedia UK** [www.indymedia.org.uk](http://www.indymedia.org.uk) reports@indymedia.org.uk An evolving network of media professionals, artists, and DIY media activists committed to using technology to promote social and economic justice. Part of a growing international alliance.

**Informed Parent**, The P.O.Box 870, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 7UW T 020 8861 1022 F as phone To promote awareness about vaccination in order to preserve the freedom of an informed choice. Produces a quarterly newsletter.

**Infoshops Network** c/o P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7NZ [www.eco-action.org/infoshops](http://www.eco-action.org/infoshops) infoshops@tao.ca or teapot@worthing.eco-action.org Resource by, and for, infoshops & autonomous centres etc. Keep in touch with infoshops around the world.

**Initiative Factory** 29 Hope St, Liverpool L1 9BQ T 0151 709 2148 dockers@gn.apc.org [www.gn.apc.org/initfactory](http://www.gn.apc.org/initfactory)

**INK - Independent News Collective** 170 Portobello Rd, London, W11 2EB ink@pro-net.co.uk [www.ink.uk.com](http://www.ink.uk.com) Umbrella organisation for the alternative press. Deals with marketing and publishing, but not editorial matters.

**Innocent** Dept. 54, PO Box 282, Oldham OL1 3FY <http://innocent.org.uk> innocent@uk2.net Innocent are a mutual support organisation for the families and friends of prisoners who have been convicted of serious crimes.

**INQUEST** Ground Floor, Alexandra National House, 330 Seven Sisters Rd, London, N4 2PJ T 020 8802 7430 F 020 8802 7450 [www.gn.apc.org/inquest/](http://www.gn.apc.org/inquest/) Monitors and campaigns against deaths in Police, Prison & other State custody; to reform Coroner's Courts, and provides a free legal and advice service to the bereaved on inquests.

**Institute For Law And Peace (INLAP)** 10 Chenies Street Chambers 9 Chenies Street, London WC1E 7ET T 0207 636 8232 F 0207 636 8232 <http://InLaw/lawpeace> Promotion of the rights of citizens to seek protection under international law from war and indiscriminate weapons of mass destruction

**Institute for Social Inventions** 20 Heber Rd, London, NW2 6AA T 020 8208 2853 F 020 8452 6434 <http://globalideasbank.org> rhino@gn.apc.org Socially innovative ideas & projects plus awards to best. Website allows 3000 best ideas to be rated by reader. **Institute of Employment Rights (IER)** 177 Abbeville Rd, London, SW4 9RL T 020 7498 6919 F 020 7498 9080 [www.ier.org.uk](http://www.ier.org.uk) ier@gn.apc.org An independent organisation acting as a focal point for the spread of new ideas in the field of labour law.

**Institute of Race Relations** 2-6 Leeke Street, King's Cross Road, London WC1X 9HS, [www.homebeats.co.uk/](http://www.homebeats.co.uk/) info@irr.org.uk Resources for researchers, activists, journalists, students and teachers. Useful links to other sites.

**Interference** FM Box 6, Green Leaf, 82 Colston St, Bristol, BS1 5BB

**International Cannabis Coalition** c/o Green Party, 1a Waterloo Rd, London, N19 5NJ

**International Concerned Family & Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal** [www.mumia.org](http://www.mumia.org) Information and networking to save this journalist/activist's life.

**International Human Rights Association** T 00 49 421 557 7093 [www.humanrights.de/](http://www.humanrights.de/)

**International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)** 3 Endsleigh St, London, WC1H 0DD T 020 7388 2117 F 020 7388 2826 humans@iied.org

**International Workers of the World** Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester, LE1 1WB Revolutionary Syndicalist trade union whose aim is to organise and get the bosses off our backs.

**Iranian Workers News** [www.etehadchap.com](http://www.etehadchap.com) info@etehadchap.com F 004631 139897 00448701257959

**Irish Mexico Group/Méitíleach Meicseiceo na hÉireann (IMG)** c/o LASC, 5 Merrion Row, Dublin 2, Ireland T 00 353 1 6760435 F 00 353 1 6621784 Email:lasc@iol.ie <http://zap.to/chiapas> The IMG provides information and support for the Zapatista struggle, and participates in networks of global resistance to neoliberal capitalism.

**Irwin Mitchell Solicitors** St. Peter's House, Hartshead, Sheffield, S1 2EL T 0114 276 7777/273 9011 F 0114 275 3306 [www.imonline.co.uk](http://www.imonline.co.uk) Produce *Claiming Compensation For Police Misconduct- A Guide To Your Rights*, a booklet of civil liberties when dealing with the police.

**Justice and Freedom For Animals (formerly The Shoreham Protesters)** P.O.Box 2279, Hove, BN3 5BE T 01403 782925 F 01273 727024 [www.soft.net.uk/brettley](http://www.soft.net.uk/brettley) willaw@dircon.co.uk Animal rights group dedicated to fighting animal abuse:- vivisection, blood sports, farming, live exports etc.

**Justice For Diarmuid O'Neill Campaign** BM Box D, O'Neill, London, WC1N 3XX T 020-8442 8778F as phone We are working with the family and friends of Diarmuid O'Neill, a young unarmed Irishman shot dead by police in London in 1996, for truth and justice about the killing.

**Justice For Mark Barnsley** PO Box 381, Huddersfield, HD1 4XX [www.freemarkbarnsley.com](http://www.freemarkbarnsley.com)

**Justice For Ricky Reel Campaign** c/o Southall Monitoring Group, 14 Featherstone Rd, Southall, Middx, UB2 5AA T 020 8843 2333 [www.monitoring-group.co.uk](http://www.monitoring-group.co.uk) tmg@monitoring-group.co.uk

**Justice for Sarah Thomas Campaign**, c/o 14 Chardmore Road, London, N16 6JD T 020 8806 0742

**Kate Sharpley Library (KSL)** KSL, BM Hurricane, London, WC1N 3XX kar98@gn.apc.org <http://flag.blackened.net/ksl/sharpley.htm> Archive of Anarchist and related material, reclaiming Anarchist history to inform current struggles. Write for details of our (many!) publications.

**KSL PMB 820** 2425 Channing Way Berkeley CA 94704 USA <http://flag.blackened.net/ksl/Sharpley.htm> kar98@gn.apc.org Anarchist (and related) Archive reclaiming Anarchist history to inform current struggles. Write for details of our bulletin & (many!) publications.

**Kebele Kulture Projekt** 14 Robertson Rd, Eastville, Bristol, BS5 6JY T 0117 939 9469 kebele@marsbard.com Community centre, vegan cafe, and activist resource centre.

**Kent Against a Radioactive Environment** <http://kare.enviroweb.org/>

**Kent Socialist Alliance** T 01304 216102/mobile: 07803 680053 Broad network (countrywide) of activists, trade unionists, socialists, anarchists, animal rights, anti-fascists, huntsabs exchanging info & organising activity. Monthly newsletter.

**Kevin Keegan Society**, The - as in "Do those biscuits contain whey, cos i'm a bit Kevin Keegan?"

**Kieran & Co** 31 Clarence Rd, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 1LN T 01246 559065/emergency: 01246 568643 F 01246 220258 Specialist criminal defence for animal rights, roads, GM crops, anti-nuclear etc. Protecting your rights nationwide.

**Kingsbridge Action on Genetic Engineering (K.A.G.E.)** C/- 4 Feoffees Cottages, West Alvington, Kingsbridge, Devon TQ7 3QD T 01548-853797 Email:jmharr@netscapeonline.co.uk Agitate about GM in our town, distribute leaflets, hold meetings, keep local people informed about anti-GM victories too.....

**Kingston Green Fair** 8 Crescent Road, Kingston, Surrey KT2 7QR jean@gfutures.demon.co.uk Not happening in 2001, back in 2002.

**KK/Collectives** Majdoor Library, Autopin Jhuggi, N.I.T. Faridabad 121 001, India, revelryton@yahoo.com Monthly wage-workers' newspaper in Hindi language, 5000 copies, free distribution.

**KUD Anarhiv** Metelkova Ulika 6, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia T 386 61 132 33 78 F as phone [www.ljudmila.org/anarhiv/](http://www.ljudmila.org/anarhiv/) anarhiv@mail.ljudmila.org A resource centre for radical social change.

**Kurdish Human Rights Project (KHRP)** Suite 319 Linen Hall, 162-168 Regent St, London, W1R 5TB T 020 7287 2772 F 020 7734 4927 [www.khrp.org](http://www.khrp.org) khrp@khrp.demon.co.uk KHRP is an independent human rights organisation committed to protecting the human rights of all people within the Kurdish regions.

**Kurdistan Information Centre (KIC)** 10 Glasshouse Yard, London, EC1A 4JN T 020 7250 1315 F 020 7250 1317 knklondon@gn.apc.org Provides latest news on situation in Kurdistan; expresses human rights violations and repression against Kurds; publishes news bulletin (weekly) magazine "Kurdistan Report".

**Kurdistan Solidarity Committee (KSC)** 44 Ainger Road, London NW3 3AT T 020 7586 5892 F 020 7 483 2531 knklnondon@gn.apc.org Providing information on the history, culture and political struggle of the Kurds and actively supporting and promoting and building solidarity around the Kurdish struggle for self-determination and the urgent need for a political solution to the Kurdish question.

**LabCons - Lab of Consumer & Health** P.O.Box 33066 22440-031 Rio de Janeiro - BRAZIL T 55-21-2397819 F 55-21-2397819 labcons@ufrj.br [www.ufrj.br/consumo](http://www.ufrj.br/consumo) Public Information on Transgenic Food, Dietetics, Nutraceuticals, Organics, Baby Food, Food Safety, Cosmetics and Drugs, using the website [www.ufrj.br/consumo](http://www.ufrj.br/consumo) and egroups.

**Labour Campaign For Travellers Rights** 12 Burfoote Gardens BS14 XDY 55@Dial.pipex.com T 01275 838910

**LabourStart** [www.labourstart.org/](http://www.labourstart.org/) ericlee@labourstart.org/ Where trade unionists start their day on the net. Loads on contacts and news etc from around the world.

**Lamberhurst Bypass Protest** [www.lamberhurstbypass.com](http://www.lamberhurstbypass.com) protest about the Lamberhurst bypass which is due to be built this autumn through an area of outstanding natural beauty, alongside an SSSI and through National Trust land at Scotney Castle.

**LAN** 21 Boni Ave., Mandaluyong City, Philippines 1550 darkwater@edsamail.com.ph Our recent initiative is to build the network for autonomous activists in the Philippines, tentatively called the Autonomous Action Center

**Land and Liberty** 35 Rayleigh Avenue, Westcliff On Sea, Essex, S20 7DS gburnett@unisonFree.net <http://pages.unisonfree.net/gburnett/landlib/> Vegan, Punk, Permaculture - Books, pamphlets and posters on land use,

*permaculture, veganism with a DIY feel. Most suitable for kids.*  
**Land Is Ours, The (T.L.I.O)** 16B Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG T 07961 460-171 [www.oneworld.org/tlio/](http://www.oneworld.org/tlio/)  
office@tlio.demon.co.uk *The Land Is Ours campaigns peacefully for access to the land, its resources and the decision making processes affecting them, for everyone - irrespective of race, age, or gender.*

**Land Stewardship Trust** Flat 3, 1 Gladstone Terrace, Brighton BN2 3LB T 01273 672186 catalyst@co-op.org *LST is an educational charity. We hold land in trust, allowing local people to carry out eco-friendly projects (forming a stewardship group).*

**Latin American Solidarity Collective**, PO Box 8446, London, N17 6NZ T 07950 923448 lasocollective@hotmail.com

**Leathes Prior Solicitors** 74 The Close, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 4DR T 01603 610911/mobile: 0468 446800 F 01603 610088 tcary@leathesprior.co.uk *Solicitors with considerable experience of representing animal rights protesters throughout the UK.*

**LeftDirect** [www.leftdirect.co.uk/](http://www.leftdirect.co.uk/) *More than just a comprehensive directory of all left, radical and progressive organisations in the UK.*

**Legal Aid Head Office** T 020 8813 1000

**Legal Defence & Monitoring Group (LDMG)** Bm Haven, London, WC1N 3XX T 020 8245 2930 ldmg@altavista.com *Legal monitoring at demos & advice for others doing so plus advice on s60 orders other police tactics, prisoners & legal stuff*

**Legalise Cannabis Alliance (LCA)** P.O. Box 198, Norwich, NR2 2DE T 01603 442215 lca@lca-uk.org [www.lca-uk.org](http://www.lca-uk.org) *Political party campaigning for legalisation and utilisation of cannabis. Manifesto: Cannabis Legalise and Utilise available £5 inc. p&p.*

**Legends of Peace** Van Blankenburgstraat 25 III - 2517 XM Den Haag, Netherlands T 00 31 (0)70 360 2060 F as p h o n e w w . g n . a p c . o r g / p e a c e l e g e n d s  
peacelegends@beyondthemask.com *An international project for young people world-wide, creating a culture of peace through the magic of myth and story.*

**Leicester Radical Alliance (LRA)** c/o Dept Z, Littlethorn Books, Humberstone gate, Leicester T 07718629651 leicesterradical@hotmail.com <http://radical.members.beeb.net/> *The LRA is a broad alliance of people who want to change the world. Rather than bicker with each other, we attack the real enemies: authoritarianism, capitalism, oppression, and environmental destruction.*

**Leonard Peltier Defense Committee** P. O. Box 583, Lawrence, Kansas KS 66044, USA T 785 842 5774 <http://members.xoom.com/freepeltier/index.html> lpdc@idir.net  
**Letslink UK** Flat 1, 54 Campbell Rd, Southsea, Hampshire, PO5 1RW T 01705 730639 [www.letslinkuk.org](http://www.letslinkuk.org) lets@letslinkuk.org *To empower, educate & inform by advancing & implementing the ethical & sustainable development of local exchange/community-based mutual aid systems inc. LETS.*

**Letterbox Library** 71-73 Allen Rd, London, N16 8RY T 020 75034801 [www.letterboxlibrary.com](http://www.letterboxlibrary.com) info@letterboxlibrary.com  
**Levelers** 55 Cannon St, Brighton, BN2 2EF T 01273 698171 F 01273 624884 [www.levelers.co.uk/](http://www.levelers.co.uk/) thelevelers@mistral.co.uk *Band. Produce a magazine, sell merchandise.*

**Lib Ed** 157 Wells Rd, Bristol, BS4 2BU editors@LIBED.demon.co.uk

**Liberty**, 21 Tabard St., London, SE1 4LA T 020 7403 3888 F 020 7407 5354 [www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk/](http://www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk/)  
info@liberty-human-rights.org.uk *Human rights monitoring organisation*

**Librairie Freecyb** Les Esclargades, Lagney, F-84800 <http://freecyb.com> yann@freecyb.com *Online bookshop. We're offering books & magazines on nomadism, communities, alternatives, energies, spirituality & esoterism.*

**Light Information and Healing Trust, The (LIGHT)** 28 Devonshire Rd, Bognor Regis, W. Sussex, PO21 2SY T 01243 822089 *Working with light, colour, sound - therapy & industry. Quarterly publication.*

**Little Thorn Books** 73 Humberstone Gate, Leicester, LE1 1WB T 0116 251 2002 F as phone *Radical bookshop.*

**Living Lightly**, No.5 Bicton Enterprise Centre, Clun, Shropshire, SY7 8NF, T 01588 640022 [www.positivenews.org.uk](http://www.positivenews.org.uk)

**Lobster** [www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/](http://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/) *The journal of parapolitics, intelligence, and State Research.*

**Loombreaker**, The c/o Manchester EF!, Department 29, 22a Beswick St, Manchester, M4 7HS, T 0161 226 6814

loombreaker@nematode.freesserve.co.uk *Spreading news the media won't print.*

**London 21 Sustainability Network** 7 Chamberlain St, London, NW1 8XB T 020 7722 3710 F 020 7722 3959 [www.greencannel.com/slt/index.htm](http://www.greencannel.com/slt/index.htm) slt@gn.apc.org *Network of people and groups engaged in personal and community-based action for sustainability in London.*

**London Animal Action (LAA)** BM Box 2248, London, WC1N 3XX T 020 7278 3068 F as phone laa@londonaa.demon.co.uk *Grassroots local animal rights group for London. Against all animal abuse, concentrating on the fur trade with Fur-Free London campaign. Publishes monthly newsletter.*

**London Class War** P.O.Box 467, London, E8 3QX T 01582 750601 ambarchik@hotmail.com *Britain's most un-rudely newspaper.*

**London Free Information Network (FIN)** c/o 99 Torriano Ave, London Postcode: NW5 2RX stonehenge@stones.com [www.geocities.com/SoHo/9000/stoneday](http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/9000/stoneday) London FIN (Free Information Network): networking point for contacts, dates, help/info for campaigns/activists/festivals/parties etc

**London Greenpeace/McLibel Support Campaign** BM McSpotlight; London; WC1N 3XX; UK [www.mcspotlight.org/](http://www.mcspotlight.org/) info@mcspotlight.org *We campaign against exploitation and oppression of people, animals and the environment, and for creating a society based on cooperation and sharing.*

**London Hazards Centre** Interchange Studies, Dalby St, London, NW 3NQ T 0171 267 3387 F 0171 2677 3397 [www.ihc.org.uk](http://www.ihc.org.uk) mail@ihc.org.uk *Advice, information and training for trade unions and tenants' organisations on workplace and community health and safety in London.*

**Loony Left Collective, The** c/o Between the lines, Box 32, 136 Kingsland Highstreet, London E8 2NS T 0786 765 2394 btbtbetweenthelines@Hotmail.com *The Masses of contradictions in the contradictions of the masses needs unravelling, we have the way.*

**Low Level Radiation Campaign** The Knoll, Montpellier Park, Lindrindod Wells, Powys, LD1 5LW T 01597 824771 information@llrc.org [www.llrc.org](http://www.llrc.org) *Researching the health effects of eating, drinking and breathing radioactive pollution; campaigning for scientific review of radiation protection standards.*

**Lydia D'Agostino** c/o Kellys - Criminal Defence Specialists, Premier House, 11 Marlborough House, Brighton, BN1 1UB T 01273 608311 F 01273 674898 l.dagostino@talk21.com *Solicitor.*

**M-Power** 15 Northlands, St Camberwell, London, SE5 9PL T 020 72741379 [www.m-power.org.uk/](http://www.m-power.org.uk/) stuart\_hall@excite.com *"Inspiring and encouraging human growth through a fusion of ideas from Brazil, the United States and the UK."*

**Mad Pride** [www.madpride.net](http://www.madpride.net) *The entertainment branch of Reclaim Bedlam, putting the humour back into madness.*

**Mahila Milan/National Slum Dwellers Federation (NSDF)** Society for Promotion of Area Resource Centre, P.O. Box 9389, Mumbai 400 026, India T (91-21) 285 1500 admin@sparc.ilbom.ernet.in

**Maloka Anarcho Collective** BP 536, 21014 Dijon Cedex, France T +33 3 8066 8149 F +33 3 8071 4299 [www.chez.com/maloka/](http://www.chez.com/maloka/) maloka@chez.com *We promote anarchism & act for social change, through different activities: infoshop, weekly vegan restaurant, organise lectures, demos & actions, independent gigs, records, newsletter, non-profit.*

**Manchester Earth First!** Dept.29, 22a, Beswick Street, Manchester M4 7HS T 0161-226 6814 mancef@nematode.freesserve.co.uk [www.eco-action.org/ef/](http://www.eco-action.org/ef/) *Non-hierarchical direct action to defend people & planet, and create the world we want to live in.*

**Manchester Environmental Resource Centre** initiative (MERCI) Bridge-5 Mill 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR T 0161 273 1736 F 0161 274 4598 merci@gn.apc.org *MERCi has established Bridge-5 Mill as a flagship of environmental design and as a tool and focus for debate around sustainable living particularly in an urban setting.*

**Mast Action UK** <http://freespace.virginet.co.uk/mast.action/>  
**Mazdoor Library**, Autopin Jhuggi, N.I.T.Faridbad 121 001 India revelryt@yahoo.com [www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/2379](http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/Lobby/2379) *publish a hindi monthly newspaper, distribute free 5000 copies, a few english publications*

**McLibel Support Campaign** 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DX T 020 7713 1269 F as phone [www.mcspotlight.org](http://www.mcspotlight.org)

mclibel@globalnet.co.uk *Supporting campaigners all over the world who are opposing McDonald's, McWorld and capitalism in general.*  
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*Campaigning for the legalisation of cannabis, and the creation of a cannabis pill for medical purposes.*

**Millimations Animation Workshop** P.O.Box 2679, Brighton, BN1 3QX T pager: 04325 370122 [www.brighton.co.uk/millimations](http://www.brighton.co.uk/millimations)  
millie@hiatus.demon.co.uk *Millimations provides workshops, training and productions in animation by, with and for the community. Particularly 'Animate the Earth' education pack.*

**Minewatch** Methodist Clubland, 54 Camberwell Rd, London, SE5 0EN T (0)20-7733-9506 [www.gn.apc.org/minewatch](http://www.gn.apc.org/minewatch)  
minewatch@gn.apc.org *Minewatch is a network of people concerned about the impact of mining, primarily on the environment and local communities, especially indigenous peoples.*

**Minority Rights Group International** 379 Brixton Rd, London, SW9 7DE T 020 7978 9498 F 020 7738 6265 [www.minorityrights.org](http://www.minorityrights.org) minority.rights@mrgmail.org *Work to secure rights for ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities worldwide, and to promote cooperation and understanding between communities.*

**Miscarriages of Justice UK (MOJUK)** Tardis Studios, 52-56 Turnmill St., London, EC1M 5QR T 0121 554 6947 F 0870 055 4570 [www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/just.html](http://www.appleonline.net/justiceuk/just.html) *Founded by Paddy Hill, one of the Birmingham 6, they fight for people who are wrongly imprisoned.*

**Monkey Pirates! Multimedia (Mo.PI)** # 8-110 Stirling Ave, Ottawa, Canada, K1Y soy@igs.net *Anarchist Film Company*

**Morgenmuffel** Box B, 21 Little Preston St, Brighton, BN1 2HQ *An irregular self published zine with autobiographical cartoons and rants by an anarchist woman in Brighton.*

**Movement Against the Monarchy (MAM')** P.O. Box 14672, London, E9 5UQ T 07931 301901 [www.geocities.com/capitolhill/lobby/1793/index](http://www.geocities.com/capitolhill/lobby/1793/index) mami\_london@hotmail.com *Local and national direct action against the parasitic, undemocratic Royals; preparing major anti-Golden Jubilee 2002 activity.*

**Movement For Justice (MFJ)** P.O.Box 16581, London, SW2 2ZW T 07957 696636/0976 916956 *Organising against racism & police brutality, building community action against racist attacks and part building a national civil rights movement.*

**Multimap.Com** <http://uk8.multimap.com/map/places.cgi> *A complete interactive atlas on the web!*

**Mumia Must Live!** BM Haven, London, WC1N 3XX mumia@callnet.uk.com

**'Mushroom Cultivator, The'**, P .Stamets & J.S. Chilton, (Agarikon Press)

**Namada Dam Campaign**, Nba@bnpl.com [www.narmada.org/](http://www.narmada.org/)  
**Namibia Housing Action Group/Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia** P.Obox 21010, Windhoek, Namibia T09264 61 239398 F 09264 61 239397 nhag@iafrica.com.na *Support the Shack Dwellers to house themselves*

**National Anti-Hunt Campaign (NAHC)** P.O.Box 66, Stevenage, SG1 2TR T 01442 240246 F as phone - call first Mob 07778 307575 nahc@nahc.freescrve.co.uk *Uses a wide range of tactics, from lobbying to occupations, investigations and n.v.d.a to oppose hunting with hounds. Free newsletter and campaign pack on request.*

**National Assembly Against Racism (NAAR)** 28 Commercial St, London, E1 6LS T 020 7247 9907/07958 706834 F as phone [http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/aa\\_r\\_aa\\_r@compuserve.com](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/aa_r_aa_r@compuserve.com) *Bring together an alliance of Black organisations, Jewish and other faith groups, students, trade unions & others to oppose racism & the far right in all forms.*

**National Association of Farmers' Markets** T 01225 787914 [www.farmersmarkets.co.uk](http://www.farmersmarkets.co.uk)

**National Asylum Support Service**, Quest House, Cross Road, Croydon, Surrey, CR9 6EL

**National Campaign Against CS Spray** c/o Newham Monitoring Project, Suite 4, 63 Broadway, London, E15 4BQ T 020 8555 8151 Emergency 24hr hotline: 0800 169 3111 F 020 8555 8163 nmp@gn.apc.org *Newham Monitoring Project is a community-based organisation dealing with racial harassment and Police harassment. We provide a 24hour Emergency help line.*

**National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns (NCADC)**

110 Hamstead Rd, Birmingham, B20 2QS T 0121 554 6947 F 0870 055 4570 [www.ncadc.demon.co.uk/](http://www.ncadc.demon.co.uk/) ncadc@ncadc.demon.co.uk *NCADC will provide free help and advice to all families & individuals wanting to campaign against deportation.*

**National Federation of Badger Groups (NFBG)** 2 Cloisters Business Centre, 8 Battersea Park Rd, London, SW8 4BG T 020 7498 3220/mobile: 0976 153389 F 020 7627 4212 [www.geocities.com/rainforest/canopy/6626/](http://www.geocities.com/rainforest/canopy/6626/) ed.goode@ndirect.co.uk *Promote conservation & protection of badgers. Represent 85 local voluntary badger groups. Provide information & advice, membership system.*

**National Federation of City Farms** The Green House, Hereford St, Bedminster, Bristol, BS3 4NA T 0117 923 1800 [www.farmgarden.org.uk](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk) admin@farmgarden.org.uk

**National Federation of Credit Unions** Unit 1.1 &1.2, Howard House Commercial Centre, Howard St, North Shields, Tyne and Wear, NE30 1AR T 0191 257 2219 F 0191 259 1884 *Non-profit making financial co-operative.*

**National Gulf War Veterans and Families Association** Office 53-54, The Pavilion, 53 Hall Rd, Hull, HU6 9BS T 01482 808730 ngvfa@aol.com *Support network, proactive at looking into what veterans have been exposed to.*

**National Pure Water Association** 12 Dennington Lane, Crigglestone, Wakefield, WF4 3ET T 01924 25 44 33 [www.npwa.freescrve.co.uk](http://www.npwa.freescrve.co.uk) jane@npwa.freescrve.co.uk

**National Small Press Centre, The BM Bozo**, London, WC1N 3XX *Serials, magazines, journals, newsletters, bulletins, comics, periodicals, zines, sporadicals.*

**National Romany Rights Association** T 01945 780326

**National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Ltd**, The O'Dell House, Hunters Rd, Corby, Northants, NN17 5JE T 01536 266576 F 01536 264509 *The Society is the national representative body for the allotment movement, representing its members at both national and regional levels. Help and advice service on all allotment matters.*

**Native American Resource Centre** 21 Little Preston St, Brighton, BN1 2 HQ T 01273 328357 F as phone [www.pavilion.co.uk/naet](http://www.pavilion.co.uk/naet) naet@pavilion.co.uk *The centre exists to support and disseminate the voices of native North American peoples. We fund various projects on reservations and produce our own journal, "Talking Stick".*

**Natural Death Centre**, The 20 Heber Rd, London, NW2 6AA T 020 8208 2853 F 020 8452 6434 [www.naturaldeath.org.uk](http://www.naturaldeath.org.uk) rhino@dial.pipex.com

**Naturewise** 20 The Triangle, 1 Cromartie Rd, London, N19 3RX T 020 7281 3765 *Promotion of: sustainable land use and lifestyles in cities, growing food in cities, education through permaculture courses. The creation of forest gardens in cities. Permaculture consultations given.*

**Network 23 – Brighton** Steve@spiralize.co.uk [www.partyvibe.com/brighton23](http://www.partyvibe.com/brighton23)

**Network Against the Terrorism Act** T 01273 298192 <http://go/ta2000>

**Networking Newsletter Project** 6 Mount St, Manchester, M2 5NS T 0161 226 9321 [networking.newsletter@dial.pipex.com](mailto:networking.newsletter@dial.pipex.com) <http://ds.dial.pipex.com/toen/terrace/gdn22/NNPfin> *To network all activists in and around Greater Manchester – bimonthly printed newsletter, daily updated web site, free group training, resources*

**New Economics Foundation (NEF)** Cinnamon House, 6-8 Cole St, London, SE1 4YH T 020 7407 7447 F 020 7407 6473

[www.neweconomics.org](http://www.neweconomics.org) info@neweconomics.org *NEF works to put people and the environment at the centre of economic thinking.*

**New Futures Association** nfauk@hotmail.com *Practical support & lobbying on behalf of travellers, homeless, & socially excluded groups. We aim to buy/rent a bit of land/farm to turn into a resource centre.*

**New Internationalist** Tower House, Lathkill St, Market Harborough, LE16 [www.newint.org/](http://www.newint.org/)

**Newham and District Claimants Union** Durning Hall, Earlham Grove, Forest Grove, London, E7 9AB *Meetings 7.30 pm alternate Thursdays. We deal with benefit problems as a collective. Our aim is to involve everyone in everyone else's fights.*

**Newham Monitoring Project (NMP)** 63 Broadway, Stratford, London, E15 4BQ T 020 8555 8151 F 020 8555 8163 [nmp@gn.apc.org](mailto:nmp@gn.apc.org) *Grassroots community organisation providing support, advice & campaigning on issues of racial harassment & civil injustice.*

**Newsbot** c/o Laurentinokkupato Via Giulietti, 8-00143 Roma,

**Italia,** a4newsbot@disinfo.net [www.tmc.org/](http://www.tmc.org/)  
[laurentinokkupato@a4newsbot/](mailto:laurentinokkupato@a4newsbot/) Italian direct action news letter,  
quite like SchNEWS

**News for Action** rbbax@aol.com GM food updates and articles  
available regularly via e-mail

**News From Nowhere Bookshop** 96 Bold Street, Liverpool, L1  
4HY T 0151 708 7270 F 0151 707 0540 Radical & community  
bookshop run by a women's collective, now in its 26th year! Sells  
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**Nine Ladies Anti-Quarry Campaign** T 0797 404 9369 <http://pages.zoom.co.uk/mineladies>

**No Alignment Action Group** c/o Milton Bridge, Penicuik, Mid-  
lothian, EH26 0NX [www.spokes.org.uk/naag/](http://www.spokes.org.uk/naag/) naag@ic24.net  
Campaigning against the destructive A7101 road realignment outside Edinburgh.

**No God-No Master** P.O. BOX 199, East Brunswick 3057, Mel-  
bourne, Australia 3057 anthropia@hotmail.com Greek language  
informative bulletin in Melbourne, Australia,

**No Opencast** Campaigning against opencast mining and trying  
to circulate information between local groups and successful  
groups fighting against opencast mines.

**Non-Violent Resistance Network (NVRN)** 162 Holloway Rd,  
London, N7 8DQ T 020 7607 2302 F 020 7700 2357 c/o  
cnd@gm.apc.org To network non-violent direct action activists in  
the UK and supply with information about NVDA events.

**Nonviolent Action (NVA)** 5 Caledonian Rd, Kings Cross, Lon-  
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020 7278 0444 nva@gm.apc.org Magazine serving campaigners  
seeking positive social change through nonviolent means with news  
of activists and activities – and a stimulus to thought and action.

**North Devon Animal Defence** c/o Earth Angel, 63-64 Boutport  
St, Barnstaple, North Devon, EX31 1HG T 01271 814177  
[august131999@hotmail.com](mailto:august131999@hotmail.com) [www.freespeech.org/ndad/](http://www.freespeech.org/ndad/) Direct  
action, campaigns and information stalls against all forms of  
animal abuse (human and non-human) and cruelty.

**North Devon Genetics Group** Ball Cottage, East Ball Hill, Hartland,  
Devon EX39 6BU T 01237 441118 [skymccain@btconnect.com](mailto:skymccain@btconnect.com) We  
gather information, meet and discuss action strategy, write letters to  
government and newspapers, participate in non-violent activities such  
as protest marches.

**North East London Solidarity Federation International** P.O.  
Box 1681, London, N8 6LE T 020 8374 5027 F as phone <http://gn.apc.org/solfed> We are anarcho-syndicalists and that the workers  
ourselves are the best people to take control of deciding how  
we work, what is produced, and how things should be run.

**Notes From the Borderland** Bm Box 4769, London, WC1N 3XX  
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[nafanots@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nafanots@yahoo.co.uk)

**Nottingham Association of Subversive Activists (NASA)**  
[nasa13@lycosmail.com](mailto:nasa13@lycosmail.com) <http://members.tripod.co.uk/NASA13/>  
An open forum bringing together local, non-hierarchical groups  
fighting social, economic, and environmental injustice.

**Nottingham Claimants Action (NCA)** Box NCA, 176-188  
Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, England, NG1 3HW T 0854 5458  
9595 F as phone - call first [www.geocities.com/capitolhill/lobby/7638/](http://www.geocities.com/capitolhill/lobby/7638/) [ncajs@ yahoo.com](mailto:ncajs@ yahoo.com) Fighting the imposition of JSA, New  
Deal, and poverty pay. A few activists and a useful website.

**No Sweat**, 23b Northlands St, London, SE5 T 07958 556756  
[www.nosweat.org.uk](http://www.nosweat.org.uk)

**No Trespassing: Squatting, Rent Strikes and Land Struggles Worldwide** by Anders Corr (South End Press [www.lbbs.org/sep/sep.htm](http://www.lbbs.org/sep/sep.htm) ISBN 0 89608 596 1)

**Nuclear Information and Resource Service (NIRS)** 1424 16  
St NW #404, Washington, U.S.A. DC20036 T 202 328 0002 F  
202 462 2183 [www.nirs.org/](http://www.nirs.org/) [nirsnet@nirs.org](mailto:nirsnet@nirs.org) Information and  
networking clearinghouse from grassroots groups and people concerned  
with nuclear power, radioactive waste, radiation and sustainable energy issues.

**NY Surveillance Camera Players**  
[www.surveillancemanagerplayers.org](http://www.surveillancemanagerplayers.org)

**Oil Companies** [www.oilcompanies.org/](http://www.oilcompanies.org/) [shout@oilcompanies.org](mailto:shout@oilcompanies.org)

**Find out about Shell.** Find out about Chevron. Find out about  
murder, environmental chaos and the destruction of homes.

**Older Feminists Network (OFN)** c/o Astra, 54 Gordon Rd, London,  
N3 1EP T 020 8346 1900 [www.ofn.org.uk](http://www.ofn.org.uk)  
[rinar@ dial.pipex.com](mailto:rinar@ dial.pipex.com) Bi-monthly newsletter/monthly meetings (2nd  
sat of every month)/shared lunch/workshops/& or speaker/letter writing to  
MPs, ministers, etc. re issues involving older women.

**On the Right Track** 84 Bankside St, Leeds, LS8 5AD Free quarterly  
magazine for Gypsies, Travellers and supporters. Send five  
20p stamps to cover one year's postage.

**Oneworld** [www.oneworld.org](http://www.oneworld.org) Oneworld reports on current news  
events, & lists jobs, volunteering and training. Also has a page  
called Community Web, a search engine indexing UK sites containing  
community issues and needs info.

**Open Spaces Society (OSS)** 25A Bell St, Henley-On-Thames,  
Oxon, RG9 2BA T 01491 573535 F 01491 57305 [www.oss.org.uk](http://www.oss.org.uk)  
[osshq@aol.com](mailto:osshq@aol.com) We campaign to create and conserve common  
land, village greens, open spaces, public rights of access, in town  
and country.

**OPM Support** c/o 43 Gardner St, Brighton, BN1 1UN [opmsg@eco-action.org](mailto:opmsg@eco-action.org) [www.eco-action.org/opm/](http://www.eco-action.org/opm/) Active Support for tribal freedom fighters of West Papua, against the forces of development, Global Capital and missionaries. Leader-free network.

**Opposition To Destruction of Open Green Spaces (OTDOGS)** 6 Everthorpe Rd, London, SE15 4DA T 020 8693 9412 F as phone  
Giving advice on how to prevent food stores being built on green  
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**Other Israel, The** P.O. Box 2542, Holon 58125, Israel; p/f: +972-  
3-5565084 [otherisr@actcom.co.il](mailto:otherisr@actcom.co.il) [http://other\\_israel.tripod.com/](http://other_israel.tripod.com/)  
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**Orangi Pilot Program (OPP)** Street 4, Sector 5/A, Quasba Colony,  
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6658021\_F (92-21) 666 5696 [oppri@digicom.net.pk](mailto:oppri@digicom.net.pk) The OPP  
considers itself a research institution whose objective is to analyse  
outstanding problems of Orangi, and then through action research  
and extension education, discover viable solutions.

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F 0870.1294656 [www.OutRage.org.uk](http://www.OutRage.org.uk) [outreach@OutRage.org.uk](mailto:outreach@OutRage.org.uk)  
We are a non-violent direct action group dedicated to fighting homophobia  
and achieving equal civil rights

**Oxford Unemployed Workers & Claimants Union (OUWCU)** East Oxford Community Centre, Princes St., Oxford, OX4 1MU T  
01865 723750 F 01865 724 317 Benefits advice/ representation,  
Outreach community work, Community social events and Campaigns.  
Oxyacetylene 16b, Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG, T 01865  
451235/07970 343486, [oxyace@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:oxyace@ukonline.co.uk) Oxfords fortnightly  
direct action newsletter

**Pacific Concerns Resource Centre Inc (PCRC)** 83 Amy Street,  
Suva, FIJI Private Mail Bag, Suva, FIJI T (679) 304649 F (679)  
304755 [registry@pcrc.org.fj](mailto:registry@pcrc.org.fj) [pcrc.org.fj](http://pcrc.org.fj) (still under  
construction) PCRC is the secretariat of the NFIP movement, we have  
campaigns in the area of Decolonisation, Demilitarisation,  
Environment, Human Rights & Good Governance and Sustainable  
Human Development. We are a Pacific NGO.

**Paganlink Network** BM Web, London, WC1N 3XX  
[www.antipope.org/paganlink/](http://www.antipope.org/paganlink/)

**Panic! Brixton Poetry** <http://homepages.which.net/~panic.brixtonpoetry> Panic! is committed to free expression and a radical engagement against oppression.

**Paper, The** [www.thepaper.org.au](http://www.thepaper.org.au) Fortnightly free independent  
paper from Melbourne - available online as PDF!

**Paradise Greens Community Gardens** c/o Concrete Housing  
Co-op 12 Melbourne Place Bradford BD5 0JA T 01274 428337  
[h.blakey2@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:h.blakey2@bradford.ac.uk) [www.fairtradecafe.org.uk/paradise/](http://www.fairtradecafe.org.uk/paradise/)  
land and liberty - permaculture inspired community gardens -  
local food, bicycle-powered vegbags, forest gardening and more.

**PaRTiZAns** 41A Thornhill Square, London, N1 1BE T 020 7700  
6189 F as phone [partizans@gn.apc.org](mailto:partizans@gn.apc.org) To campaign against the  
worldwide activities of Rio Tinto mining corporation in solidarity  
with directly affected communities.

**Partyvibe collective, The** [www.partyvibe.com/freeparties.htm](http://www.partyvibe.com/freeparties.htm)  
Started in 1995-96 as a reaction to the police's repressive stance

on the free party scene in the UK. Bringing together partygoers, musicians and artists. This site is dedicated to offering resources to the free party community...

**Payday Men's Network** P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU T 020 7209 4751 F 020 7209 4761 [payday@payday.net](mailto:payday@payday.net)

**Peace Brigades International British Section (PBI)** 1A Waterlow Rd, London, N19 5NJ T 020 7281 5370 F 020 7272 9243 [www.igc.org/pbi](http://www.igc.org/pbi) [pbribritain@gm.apc.org](mailto:pbribritain@gm.apc.org) We send teams of international observers to provide protective accompaniment to local human rights defenders who are at risk as a result of their work for social justice.

**Peace in the Balkans** [www.peaceinbalkans.freeserve.co.uk](http://www.peaceinbalkans.freeserve.co.uk)

**Peace News** 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DY T 020 7278 3344 F 020 7278 0444 [peacenews@gm.apc.org](mailto:peacenews@gm.apc.org) [www.gn.apc.org/peacenews](http://www.gn.apc.org/peacenews) The international quarterly magazine for antimilitarist and nonviolent activists. Promoting and giving critical support to, nonviolent revolution.

**Pedestrians Association, The** 31-33 Bondway, London, SW8 1SJ T 020 7820 1010 F 020 7820 8208 [www.pedestrians.org.uk/](http://www.pedestrians.org.uk/) [info@pedestrians.org.uk](mailto:info@pedestrians.org.uk) Providing advice and information to those seeking to improve their local walking environment through a UK-wide network of 100 volunteers.

**Pensioners Rights Campaign (PRC)** Rivanner, 77 Holme Rd, Market Weighton, York, YO43 3EW T 01430 873637 [pensionersrights@frith28.freelserve.co.uk](mailto:pensionersrights@frith28.freelserve.co.uk) Fighting for rights & a decent pension for the elderly and generally enhancing their quality of life.

**People & Planet (P&P)** 51 Union St, Oxford, OX4 1JP T 01865 245678 F 01865 791927 [www.peopleandplanet.org](http://www.peopleandplanet.org) [people@peopleandplanet.org](mailto:people@peopleandplanet.org) National network of student groups campaigning on international issues of poverty, human rights and the environment (formerly Third World First).

**People Against Rio Tinto and Subsidiaries (PARTIZANS)** 41a Thornhill Square, London N1 1BE T 0207 700 6189 F same as phone [partizans@gm.apc.org](mailto:partizans@gm.apc.org) [www.miningandcommunities.org](http://www.miningandcommunities.org) A global network of campaigners against British-based Rio Tinto, the world's biggest and most destructive mining company

**Peoples' Global Action** [www.agp.org/](http://www.agp.org/) [pga@agp.org](mailto:pga@agp.org) This new platform will serve as a global instrument for communication and co-ordination for all those fighting against the destruction of humanity and the planet by the global market.

**People Not Profit** c/o News From Nowhere, 96 Bold St, Liverpool 1 [peoplenotprofit2000@hotmail.com](mailto:peoplenotprofit2000@hotmail.com) Local issues concerning council and private spending in Liverpool. Produce newsletter **Permaculture Association (Britain)** BCM Permaculture Association, London, WC1N 3XX T 07041 390170 or 0113 2621718 F as phone [www.permaculture.org.uk](http://www.permaculture.org.uk) [office@permaculture.org.uk](mailto:office@permaculture.org.uk) The Permaculture Association supports people and projects through training, research and networking. Wide variety of info and services available

**Permaculture Magazine** The Sustainability Centre, East Meon, Hants GU32 1HR T 0845 458 4150 or 01730 823311 F 01730 823322 [enquiries@permaculture.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@permaculture.co.uk) [www.permaculture.co.uk](http://www.permaculture.co.uk) Publishers and distributors of Permaculture Magazine and hundreds of books and videos on all aspects of sustainable living, from organics and renewable technology to Earth medicine.

**Pesticide Action Network UK** Eurolink Centre, 49 Effra Rd, London, SW2 1BZ T 020 7274 8895 F 020 7274 9084 [www.gn.apc.org/pesticidestrust/](http://www.gn.apc.org/pesticidestrust/) [admin@pan-uk.org](mailto:admin@pan-uk.org) The Pesticides Trust is a scientifically based charity concerned with the health, environmental and policy aspects of pesticide manufacture, trade and use.

**Philippines Homeless People's Federation/Vincientian Missionaries Social Development Foundation (VMSDFI)** 221 Tandang Sora Avenue, P.O. Box 1179, NIA Road 1107, Quezon City, Philippines T (63-2) 455 9480 F (63-2) 454 2834 [vmsdfi@info.com.ph](mailto:vmsdfi@info.com.ph) **Photon Press** 37 The Meadows, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, Northumberland, TD15 1NY Publishes "Light's List" of literary independent magazines (1450 titles in 25 countries publishing in English). Independent publisher of self-generated material only.

**Pilotlight** 15-17 Lincoln's Inn Fields, Holborn, London, WC2A 3ED T 020 7396 7414 F 020 7396 7484 [pilotlight@brunswickgroup.com](mailto:pilotlight@brunswickgroup.com)

**Plain Wordz** P.O. Box 381, Huddersfield, HD1 3XX Plain Wordz is a distributor of anti-authoritarian, pro-working class material - pamphlets, books, zines, t-shirts, music...The proceeds from the material we sell goes to prisoner support campaigns.

**Plants For a Future** The Field, Penpol, Lostwithiel, Cornwall PL22 0NG T 01208 872963 [www.pfaf.org](http://www.pfaf.org) Grow unusual edible plants with database of over 7,000 that could grow in the UK.

**Plants For a Future - Blagdon Cross Plant Research and Demonstration Gardens** Ashwater, Beaworthy, Devon EX21 5DF T 0845 458 4719 [veganic@gardener.com](mailto:veganic@gardener.com) [www.pfaf.org](http://www.pfaf.org) The next exciting phase: reaching potential as a living demonstration of ecologically sustainable land use.

**Platform** 7 Horsleydown Lane, Bermondsey, London, SE1 2LN T 020 7403 3738 F as phone [platform@gm.apc.org](mailto:platform@gm.apc.org) Interdisciplinary group of artists and social scientists making projects aimed at creating a democratic and ecological London and Tidal Thames bioregion.

**Pluto Press** 345 Archway Rd, London, N6 5AA, UK, T 020 8348 2724 F 020 8348 9133 [pluto@plutobks.demon.co.uk](mailto:pluto@plutobks.demon.co.uk) [www.plutobooks.com](http://www.plutobooks.com) Independent progressive publishing, specialising in politics and the social sciences.

**Plymouth Badger Action Group** T 07780 984835 [www.badgerkillers.co.uk](http://www.badgerkillers.co.uk)

**Poland Earth First!** P.O. Box 40, 43-304, Bielsko-Biala 4, Poland T 48 33 183153 [wapienica@pnwi.most.org.pl](mailto:wapienica@pnwi.most.org.pl)

**Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign**, The Kensington Welfare Rights Union, P.O. Box 50678, Philadelphia, PA 19132, USA T 215 203 1945 F 215 203 1950 [kwru@libertynet.org](mailto:kwru@libertynet.org) A national effort led by poor and homeless women, men and children of all races to raise the issue of poverty as a human rights violation.

**Pork-Bolter**, The P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, West Sussex, BN14 7NZ [www.worthing.eco-action.org/porkbolter/](http://www.worthing.eco-action.org/porkbolter/) [porkbolter@worthing.eco-action.org](mailto:porkbolter@worthing.eco-action.org) Radical local newsletter with historically-vindicated pig obsession. Rages against CCTV, Big Business, councils, police etc etc. Free with SAE.

**Portsmouth Anarchist Network (PAN)** Box A, 167 Fawcett Rd, Southsea, Hants, PO4 0DH Discusses and organises prisoner support, solidarity with workers in dispute, anti-militarism, annual May Day event, opposes capitalism.

**Positive News** 5 Bicton Enterprise Centre, Clun, Shropshire, SY7 8NF T 01588 640022 F 01588 640033 [www.positivenews.org.uk](http://www.positivenews.org.uk) [office@positivenews.org.uk](mailto:office@positivenews.org.uk) Publishes quarterly the newspaper Positive News and magazine Living Lightly.

**Primal Seeds** [www.primalseeds.org/](http://www.primalseeds.org/) A network to actively engage in protecting biodiversity and creating local food security. It is a response to industrial biopiracy, control of the global seed supply and of our food.

**Prisoners' Advice Service (P.A.S.)** Unit 305, Hatton Sq, 16/16a Baldwins Gardens, London, EC1N 7RJ T 020 7405 8090 F 020 7405 8045 [pas@tinyworld.co.uk](mailto:pas@tinyworld.co.uk) We independently provide information and help to all prisoners in England and Wales regarding your rights as a serving prisoner. We offer advice on complaints, and more.

**Privacy International** P.O.Box 3157, Brighton, BN2 2SS [www.privacyinternational.org](http://www.privacyinternational.org) International anti-surveillance organisation. Campaigns on Big Brother issues like data tracking, ID cards, CCTV, encryption, police surveillance, corporate biometrics.

**Project Underground** 1916A MLK Jr. Way | Berkeley, CA 94704 U.S.A. CA 94704 T 510 705 8981 F 510 705 8983 [www.moles.org](http://www.moles.org) [project\\_underground@moles.org](mailto:project_underground@moles.org) Project Underground supports communities threatened by the oil and mining industries and exposes corporate environmental and human rights abuses.

**Proof!** 4 Wallace Rd, London, N1 2PG T 02089 449555 Quarterly newsletter on Alternative Therapies.

**Protest Camps** See regular SchNEWS as they change on a regular basis.

**Protest.Net** [www.protest.net/](http://www.protest.net/) [rabble-rouser@protest.net](mailto:rabble-rouser@protest.net) Protest.Net is a community of activists who are working together to create our own media. By publishing a public record of our political activities on the web we are taking a stand against est. media.

**Psychogeography Publications UK (PPUK)** PO Box 1059 Southampton SO16 5AG, [admin@psychogeography.co.uk](mailto:admin@psychogeography.co.uk) [www.psychogeography.co.uk](http://www.psychogeography.co.uk) The website serves as a gateway to over 500 rare or out of print primary sources, a streaming media area with RealAudio/Video, a Picture Library, Featured Texts area, and a discounted bookstore for the academic and casual reader.

**Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch** 215 Pennsylvania Ave, SE, Washington, USA, DC 20003 T 202 546 4996 F 202 547 7392 [www.tradewatch.org](http://www.tradewatch.org) [gtrwinfo@citizen.org](mailto:gtrwinfo@citizen.org) Global Trade Watch is the Public Citizen division that fights for international

*trade and investment policies promoting government and corporate accountability, consumer health and safety etc.*

**Public Law Project** T 020 7467 9800 admin@plp.bbk.ac.uk  
[www.publiclawproject.org](http://www.publiclawproject.org) Legal advice.

**R.E.C.Y.C Ltd** 54 Upperthorpe Rd, Sheffield, S6 3EB T 0114 263 4494/275 5055 *Sheffield is a now a very exciting place to be for recycling. Recyc is a shop and newsletter.*

**Radical Routes** c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebrooke Av, Leeds, LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) [www.radicalroutes.org.uk/](http://www.radicalroutes.org.uk/) cornerstone@gn.apc.org *Network of Housing and Workers co-ops. A number of publications available. Support and low cost loans available to member co-ops.*

**Radio 4A** Radio4A [www.freespeech.org/radio4a](http://www.freespeech.org/radio4a) radio4a@hotmail.com *Speech & music anarchist pirate radio. We broadcast documentaries, poetry, drama, comedy & underground music to Brighton and the internet.*

**Radix** radix@enviroweb.org [www.enviroweb.org/radix](http://www.enviroweb.org/radix) lend out videos of direct action and other empowerment for free - send us your videos of actions so we can include them in our catalogue!

**Rainbow Centre** 245 Gladstone St., Nottingham, NG7 6HX T 0845 458 9595T 0845 458 9595 F phone first [www.veggies.org.uk/](http://www.veggies.org.uk/) rainbow rainbow@veggies.org.uk *Autonomous, non-hierarchical centre, providing resources for local groups and individuals campaigning for humans, animals, the environments, social justice, anti-militarism etc.*

**Rainbow Keepers** P.O. Box 52, Kasimov 391330, Russia T +7 (09131) 415 14 [www.chat.ru/~rk2000](http://www.chat.ru/~rk2000) rk@lavrik.ryazan.ru *Radical environmental movement Rainbow Keepers, every summer protest camp against dangerous objects in Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Czech Republic. Alternative projects.*

**Rainforest Action Network** [www.ran.org](http://www.ran.org)

**Raise Your Banners** P.O.Box 44, Sheffield, S4 7RN T 0114 249 5185 [www.ryb.org.uk](http://www.ryb.org.uk) pete@ryb.org.uk *Britain's only festival of political music and campaigning arts, every other year, in Sheffield. Next one: November 2001.*

**Re-Cycle** 60 High St, West Mersea, Essex, CO5 8JE T 01206 382207 [www.re-cycle.org/](http://www.re-cycle.org/) re-cycle@cerbernet.co.uk *Charity relieving poverty by taking second-hand bicycles overseas, setting up workshops to refurbish them and turn some into work-bikes.*

**Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC)** 35-39 London St, Reading, Berks, RG1 4PS T 0118 958 6692 F 0118 959 4357 [www.risc.org.uk](http://www.risc.org.uk) risc@risc.org.uk *A Development Education Centre with community meeting rooms, fair trade shop and organic cafe.*

**Reading Roadbusters** c/o RIS Centre, 35-37 London St, Reading, RG1 4PS [roadbusters@gn.apc.org](mailto:roadbusters@gn.apc.org) <http://members.gn.apc.org/~roadbusters> *Environmental and Social Justice Activist Group. Supports non-violent direct action locally and globally. Meets 6pm every 1st Sunday at RISC.*

**Real Nappy Association** [www.realnappy.com](http://www.realnappy.com) *The Real Nappy Association is the central source of information & advice on all nappy-related issues for individuals, local authorities, health professionals and the media.*

**Rebel City**, 58A Evergreen St., cork, rebelcity@hotmail.com *Irish republican magazine focusing on local issues.*

**Reclaim the Satyagraha**, University of London Union, Malet St, London WC1 T 020 7586 4627 [www.satyagraha.org](http://www.satyagraha.org)

**Reclaim the Streets (London)** P.O.Box 9656, London, N4 4JY T (020) 7281 4621 rts@gn.apc.org [www.reclaimthestreets.net/](http://www.reclaimthestreets.net/) *"Direct-Action for global and local social-ecological revolution(s) to transcend hierarchical and authoritarian society, (capitalism included), and be home in time for tea..."*

**Reclaim the Streets -The Film** T +44 7092 044579 [www.come.to/rtsfilm](http://www.come.to/rtsfilm) reclaim\_streets\_film@yahoo.com *Video clips, background info and ordering details for this essential documentary, taking a frantic look at RTS actions in the UK and abroad.*

**Red Pepper** 1b Waterlow Rd, London, N19 5NJ T 020 7281 7024 F 0207 263 9345 [www.redpepper.org.uk](http://www.redpepper.org.uk) redpepper@redpepper.org.uk *Green - left monthly magazine. Articles, features and commentary on current affairs/politics, consumer issues, community organisation and activism through the UK and Internationally.*

**Red South West** P.O. Box 185.Exeter EX4 4EW [www.redsw.fsnet.co.uk](http://www.redsw.fsnet.co.uk) glen@redsw.fsnet.co.uk *Journal aimed at developing discussion and co-operation between socialists and anarchists in the South West.*

**Reforesting Scotland** 62-66 Newhaven Rd, Edinburgh, EH6 5QB

T 0131 554 4321 F 0131 554 0088 [www.gn.apc.org/](http://www.gn.apc.org/) *ReforestingScotland/ info@reforestingscotland.org Promotes the ecological & social restoration of Scotland. Produces 'Reforesting Scotland Journal'. Currently campaigning for community ownership and management of woodlands.*

**Reform the Official Secrets Act** [www.officialsecretsact.org](http://www.officialsecretsact.org) *Release 388 Old St, London, EC1V 9LT T 0171 729 5255/24hr helpline: 0171 603 8654 F 0171 729 2599 [www.release.org.uk](http://www.release.org.uk) 24 hour drugs and legal helpline. Also free phone drugs in schools helpline: 0808 8000 800. Also produces publications, such as the bustcard, and runs training programmes.*

**Renewable Energy in the Urban Environment (RENEU)** 1929 shop Unit 9, Merton Abbey Mills, Watermill Way, London, SW19 2RD T 020 8542 8500 F 020 8542 7789 cleanpower@reneu.freewebs.co.uk *Tackling Climate Change at a community level by installing renewable energy systems and energy efficient measures, conducting education and arts projects in Wandsworth and Merton.*

**Resurgence** Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon, EX39 6EE T 01237 441293 F 01237 441203 [www.resurgence.org](http://www.resurgence.org) postmaster@resurge.demon.co.uk *Publish magazine (6 times a year) covering ecology, spirituality, sustainable living, human scale education, organic living. Free sample copy available.*

**Revolutionary Communist Group (RCG)** BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX T 020 7837 1688 F 020 7837 1743 rcgfrfi@easynet.co.uk [www.rcgfrfi.co.uk](http://www.rcgfrfi.co.uk) *RCG publishes Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! and campaigns against racism, imperialism, poverty pay. Supports socialist Cuba. Supports the Palestinian people. Fights the reactionary Labour Party*

**Rising Sun Arts Centre** 30 Silver St, Reading, RG1 2ST T 0118 986 6788 [risingsun.freewire.com](http://www.risingsun.freewire.com) [www.risingsun.freewire.co.uk](http://www.risingsun.freewire.co.uk) *Arts centre run by volunteers aiming to provide local access to arts activities. Programme of live music and workshops.*

**Rising Tide** c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebrooke Av, Leeds, LS7 3HB T 0113 262 9365 F as phone (call first) info@risingtide.org.uk [www.risingtide.org.uk](http://www.risingtide.org.uk) *Rising Tide is a campaign aimed at preventing the global environmental and social disasters that would be associated with a change in the global climate.*

**River Ocean Research & Education (RORE)** 113-117 Queens Rd, Brighton, BN1 3XG T 01273 234032 F 01273 234033 [www.rore.org.uk](http://www.rore.org.uk) info@riverOcean.org.uk *Working for sustainable use of all areas of the water environment.*

**RoadPeace** P.O.Box 2579, London, NW10 3PW T 020 8838 5102/ national helpline: 020 8964 1021 F 020 8838 5103 [www.roadpeace.org.uk](http://www.roadpeace.org.uk) info@roadpeace.org.uk *RoadPeace provides information and support to bereaved & injured road traffic victims through its helpline & contact with people who have suffered the same.*

**Robert Hamill Justice Appeal Fund** c/o 8 William St, Lurgan, Co. Armagh, BT66 1JA

**Rock around the Blockade** BCM Box 5909, London WC1N 3XX T 020 7837 1688 F 020 7837 1743 rcgfrfi@easynet.co.uk [www.boycottbacardi.co.uk](http://www.boycottbacardi.co.uk) *Set up by Fight racism! Fight Imperialism!, RATB campaigns in support of socialist Cuba and against the US blockade. Initiated the Boycott Bacardi campaign.*

**Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)** 26 Portland Place, London, W1N 4BE T 020 7636 9107 F 020 7323 1582 [www.rtpi.org.uk](http://www.rtpi.org.uk) online@rtpi.org.uk *To provide free and independent town planning advice to groups and individuals that cannot afford professional fees.*

**RTMark** [www.rtmark.com/](http://www.rtmark.com/) *RTMark supports the sabotage of corporate products, with no risk to the public investor.*

**RTP (Ragged-Trousered Philanthropic) Press** c/o 103 Northcourt Av, Reading, Berks, RG2 7HG (Very small!) publisher. Publisher of "The Activist's Unofficial Guide To Industrial Action" by Joe Hills (£2.50 plus 40p p+p) - all profits to workers in dispute.

**Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI)** HQ: 110 Osborne St, Suite 202, Winnipeg MB R3L 1Y5, Canada T (204) 453 5259 F (204) 925 8034 [www.rafi.org](http://www.rafi.org) rafi@rafi.org *RAFI is dedicated to the conservation and sustainable improvement of agricultural diversity, and to the socially responsible development of technologies useful to rural societies.*

**Rural Media Company, The** Sullivan House, 72-80 Widemarsh St, Hereford, HR4 9HG T 01432 344039 F 01432 270539 info@ruralmedia.co.uk *We're a charity who use media to create and collect evidence of rural needs through video, design work and photography.*

**Rwanda UK Goodwill Organisation, The** [www.netrigger.co.uk/rugo](http://www.netrigger.co.uk/rugo) mikeahughes@compuserve.com

**Scarborough Against Genetic Engineering (SAGE)** c/o 7 Palace Hill, Scarborough, North Yorkshire, YO11 1NL T 01723 375533/370046 F none sage@envoy.dircon.co.uk *SAGE campaigns against the use of genetic engineering in food and farming.*

**SchNEWS** c/o on the fiddle, P.O.Box 2600, Brighton, E. Sussex, BN2 2DX T 01273 685913 F 01273 685913 [www.schnews.org.uk/](http://www.schnews.org.uk/) schnews@brighton.co.uk *The UK's weekly direct action newsletter. Heavily into 'informal networking'.*

**Schumacher Society Bristol Desk** The Create Centre, Smeaton Rd, Bristol, BS1 6XN T 0117 903 1081 F as phone [www.oneworld.org/schumachersoc](http://www.oneworld.org/schumachersoc) schumacher@apc.gn.org *Running lectures, publishing briefings, offering book service all on human scale living & working.*

**Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR)** P.O. Box 473, Folkestone, CT20 1GS mob. 07771 883696 [www.sgr.org.uk](http://www.sgr.org.uk) sgr@gn.apc.org *Promoting ethical science and technology*

**Scottish Genetix Action** P.O. Box 2619, Baillieston, Glasgow, G69 7WA T 0141 588 0663 F 0141 588 0664 scottishgenetix@ziplip.com [www.scotishgenetixaction.org](http://www.scotishgenetixaction.org) *Campaigning for a GMO free Scotland.*

**Scottish Human Rights Centre (SHRC)** 146 Holland St, Glasgow, G2 4NG T 0141 332 5960 F 0141 332 5309 [www.shrc.dial.pipex.com](http://www.shrc.dial.pipex.com) shrc@dial.pipex.com *Promotion of human rights through public education & advice, research, scrutiny of legislation & monitoring application of international human rights realities within Scotland.*

**Scottish Opencast Action Group** c/o 42 Woolfords, by West Calder, West Lothian, EH55 8LH soag.info@virgin.net *Scotland faces becoming the UK's opencast coal mine. SOAG exists to network people with experience of opencast coal mining.*

**Sea Shepherd Conservation Society (S.S.C.S.)** postbus 6095 4000 HB tel, Netherlands T 0344-604-130 F 0344-604-808 seashpherd@seashpherd.org [www.seashpherd.org](http://www.seashpherd.org) *Committed individuals using creative methods to defend marine wildlife, enforcing international marine conservation law and documenting violations.*

**Sea Turtle Restoration Project (STRP)** Turtle Island Restoration Network, P.O.Box 400/40 Montezuma Av, Forest Knolls, U.S.A, CA 94933 T 415 488 0370 F 415 488 0372 [www.seaturtles.org](http://www.seaturtles.org) seaturtles@igc.org *STRP works to protect sea turtle populations in ways that meet the needs of the turtles & the local communities who share the beaches & waters with these endangered species.*

**Selfbuild** [www.selfbuildecoop.co.uk](http://www.selfbuildecoop.co.uk)

**SELFED Collective (selfED)** P.O. Box 1095, Sheffield, S2 4YR selfed@selfed.org.uk [www.selfed.org.uk](http://www.selfed.org.uk) *SelfEd – for self-education ideas and practice. Developing real alternatives to state-sponsored education. Courses, self-help materials, workshops, etc.*

**Seriously Ill for Medical Research (SIMR)**, PO Box 223, Camberley, Surrey, GU16 5ZU [vivisectionkills@hotmail.com](mailto:vivisectionkills@hotmail.com) *For seriously ill people against vivisection*

**Sexual Freedom Coalition** BM Box Lovely, London, WC1N 3XX sfc@sfc.org.uk [www.sfc.org.uk](http://www.sfc.org.uk) *Promote the sexual freedom of consenting adults.*

**Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia/Namibia Housing Action Group (NAHG)** P.O. Box 21010, Windhoek, Namibia T (09-264-61) 239398 F (09-264-61) 239397 nhag@iafrica.com.na

**Shared Interest Society Limited** 25 Collingwood St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 1JE T 0191 233 9101 F as phone <http://www.shared-interest.com> *Co-operative lending society investing in Third World trade and finance.*

**Shoreham Protesters, The** c/o 7 Stoneham Rd, Hove, Sussex, BN3 5HJ T 01273 885750/mobile:07974 201999 F as phone [www.shoreham-protester.org.uk](http://www.shoreham-protester.org.uk) spaaa@cwcom.net  *fortnightly newspaper reporting local and national animal rights news, especially reports from demonstrations. Input welcomed.*

**Simon Jones Memorial Campaign** P.O.Box 2600, Brighton, BN2 2 DX T 01273 685913 F as phone [www.simonjones.org.uk/](http://www.simonjones.org.uk/) action@simonjones.org.uk *Campaigns for justice for Simon Jones, killed on his first day as a casual worker on a Shoreham dock, and to expose the dangers of casualisation.*

**Single Mothers' Self-Defence (SMSD)** Crossroads Women's Centre, P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 *Single-Mothers Self-Defense is a network of single mothers who got together to defend our benefits, families and 294*

*communities from government cuts in welfare.*

**Single Step Co-Op** 78A Penny St, Lancaster, LA1 1XN T 01524 63021 *Wholefood Co-Op selling wholefoods etc. Also stock wide range of political literature/magazines.*

**SKA TV** Suite 75 Trades Hall Carlton Vic 3053 Australia T 61 3 9663 6976 [www.accessnews.skatv.org.au](http://www.accessnews.skatv.org.au) *SKA TV produce radical documentaries and a weekly news program called Access News for Melbourne Community Television.*

**Slough Environmental Education Development Service (SEEDS)** 1st Floor, 29 Church St, Slough, Berkshire, SL1 1PL T 01753 693819 F as phone theseedstrust@netscapeonline.co.uk *Environmental education and community based environmental projects in Slough & district.*

**Slower Speeds Initiative**, The P.O. Box 19, Hereford HR1 1XJ info@slower-speeds.org.uk *Lowering car speeds on our roads to make them safer from people who insist on driving.* [www.slower-speeds.org.uk](http://www.slower-speeds.org.uk)

**Slow Food Movement**, The [www.slow-food.com](http://www.slow-food.com)

**Social Anarchism** Atlantic Center For Research and Education, 2743 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore MD 21218, USA, [www.nothingness.org/sociala/](http://www.nothingness.org/sociala/) *As both political philosophy and personal lifestyle, social anarchism promotes community self reliance, direct participation in political decision-making, respect for nature. Produce magazine.*

**Socialist Party** P.O. Box 24697 London, E11 1YD T 0208 9888777 [www.socialistparty.org.uk/index.htm](http://www.socialistparty.org.uk/index.htm) contact@socialistparty.org.uk *An end to the rule of profit, for a socialist society to meet the needs of all. Struggle, solidarity and socialism.*

**Soil Association** Bristol House, 40-56 Victoria St, Bristol, BS1 6BY T 0117 929 0661 F 0117 925 2504 info@soilassociation.org [www.soilassociation.org](http://www.soilassociation.org) *Campaigning for organic food and farming and sustainable forestry.*

**Solar Energy Society, The (UK Section of The International Solar Energy Society)** c/o School of Engineering, Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane, Oxford, OX3 0BP T 01865 484367 F 01865 484263 uk-isises@brookes.ac.uk

**Solent Coalition Against Nuclear Ships (SCANS)** c/o 30 Westwood Rd., Southampton, SO17 1DN T 023 8055 4434 F same as T. Mob. 07880 557 035 nis@gn.apc.org *To stop nuclear powered sub. Awareness from using Southampton docks.*

**Solidarity and the Urban Poor Federation (SUPF)/Urban Poor Development Fund** P.O. Box 2242, Phnom Penh, Cambodia T (855-23) 720890 F as phone updi@forum.org.kh

**Solidarity Federation (SF)** PO Box 1681, London N8 7LE T 0161 232 7889 solfed@solfed.org.uk [www.solfed.org.uk](http://www.solfed.org.uk) SF is dedicated to creating a non-hierarchical, anti-authoritarian solidarity movement, and a society based on mutual aid and individual freedom.

**Sound Conspiracy** [www.soundconspiracy.freetekno.org](http://www.soundconspiracy.freetekno.org)

**South African Homeless People's Federation/People's Dialogue** P.O. Box 34639, Groote Shuur, 73937 Cape Town, South Africa T (27-21) 4474 740 F (27-21) 4474 741 joelb@dialogue.org.za

**Southall Monitoring Group** 14 Featherstone Rd, Southall, Middx, UB2 5AA T 020 8843 2333 [www.monitoring-group.co.uk](http://www.monitoring-group.co.uk) tmg@monitoring-group.co.uk *Anti-racism.*

**Southwark Homeless Information Project (SHIP)** 612 Old Kent Rd, London, SE15 1JB T 020 7277 7629 F 020 7732 7644 *Advising on rights and tactics in homelessness and helping secure tenancies.*

**Speakout (Homeless Persons Charter For Scotland)** c/o 100 Piccadilly St, Glasgow, G3 8DR T 0141 204 1072 F 0141 221 7473 [www.speakout-scotland.co.uk](http://www.speakout-scotland.co.uk) speakout@uk2.net *A group of homeless and ex-homeless people campaigning in Scotland for a better deal for all homeless people.*

**Spiral Objective** P.O.Box 126, Oaklands Park, South Australia 5046 T +618 8276 5076 spiralob@adelaide.on.net [www.spiralobjective.com](http://www.spiralobjective.com) *Activist print magazine, diy music/book mailorder/distribution, diy record label.*

**SPOR** Community Base, 113 Queens Rd, Brighton, BN1 3XG mycelium@spor.org.uk [www.spor.org.uk](http://www.spor.org.uk) *Making free space available. Nomadic, sporadic and materialising at unannounced intervals in varying forms. Anything illegal considered.*

**Sprawl Busters** 21 Grinnell St, Greenfield, MA 01301 T 413 772 6289 [www.sprawl-busters.com/](http://www.sprawl-busters.com/) info@sprawl-busters.com *How you can stop superstore sprawl in your hometown.*

**Spunk Library, The** [www.spunk.org/](http://www.spunk.org/) spunk@spunk.org *The Spunk Library collects and distributes literature in electronic for-*

mat, with an emphasis on anarchism and related issues. Links, archives, and more. Excellent resource.

**SQUALL Magazine** P.O.Box 8959, London, N19 5HW  
[www.squall.co.uk/](http://www.squall.co.uk/) mail@squall.co.uk Regularly updated online magazine presenting 'pure content' radical journalism, photography and culture with content.

[**Squat!net**] [www.squat.net/](http://www.squat.net/) squat@squat.net/ [Squat!net] is an international internet magazine with main focus on squatted houses, car sites and other free spaces.

**Statewatch** P.O.Box 1516, London, N16 0EW T 020 8802 1882 F 020 8880 1727 [www.statewatch.org/](http://www.statewatch.org/) office@statewatch.org Statewatch is an independent group of researchers, journalists, lawyers and activists working on a broad range of civil liberties issues.

**Steward Community Woodland**, T 01647 440233, [www.stewardwood.org](http://www.stewardwood.org)

**Stonehenge Campaign** c/o 99 Torriano Av, London, NW5 2RX T 07970 378572 [www.geocities.com/SoHo/9000/stoneday](http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/9000/stoneday) stonehenge@stones.com Campaign to reinstate the Stonehenge Peoples Free Festival and open access; to protect the Stonehenge environment. Produce magazine containing list of all Free Information Networks (FINs).

**Stonewall Lobby Group ltd.** 46-48 Grosvenor Gardens, London , SW1W 0EB T 020 7881 9440 F 020 7881 9444 info@stonewall.org.uk [www.stonewall.org.uk](http://www.stonewall.org.uk) National campaigning group working for legal equality and social justice for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals.

**Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (SHAC)** P.O. Box 381, Cheltenham, Glos, GL50 1UF T 0845 4580630 info@shac.u-net.com [www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net) SHAC was set up with the sole purpose of closing down Huntingdon Life Sciences where 500 animals are killed everyday.

**Student Action India** [www.gn.apc.org/sai](http://www.gn.apc.org/sai)

**Student Environment Network (SEN)** dammychivers@excite.com SEN aims to an inclusive support/campaigning network for green group societies, environment officers and other green students.

**Subversion** PO Box 127, Oldham OL4 3FE [www.geocities.com/athens/acropolis/8195](http://www.geocities.com/athens/acropolis/8195) knighthrose.geo@yahoo.com Revolutionary communist politics.

**Subvert!** c/o PO Box 68, Headington, Oxford OX3 7YS, ENGLAND [www.subvertise.org](http://www.subvertise.org) An archive of 100s of subverts, political art, cartoons and articles.

**Sunrise Screenprint Workshop** The Old Schoolhouse, Kirkton of Menmuir, by Brechin, Angus, Scotland, DD9 7RN [www.gn.apc.org/sunrise](http://www.gn.apc.org/sunrise) We're vegans who print t-shirts inc. lots of animal rights/anarchist/stonehenge designs and print for groups and campaigns using environmentally safe inks.

**Sunseed Technologia del Desierto/Sunseed Desert Technology** P.O.Box 2000, Cambridge, CB4 3UJ T 01273 387731 F 0034 950 525 770 [www.sunseed.clara.net](http://www.sunseed.clara.net) Community of volunteers in southern Spain, researching regeneration of lands, solar energy, appropriate technology. Also, sustainable organic living; education about issue of desertification.

**Surfers Against Sewage** [www.sas.org.uk/](http://www.sas.org.uk/) Formed in 1990, one of the fastest growing pressure groups in the country, SAS call for full non-chemical treatment of sewage discharged into our seas.

**Surrey Anti Hunt Campaign (SAHC)** BM Box 7099, London WC1N 3XX T 0771 903 1066 :surreyantihunt@yahoo.com [www.sahc.org.uk/](http://www.sahc.org.uk/) Actively campaigning against hunting in Surrey, Kent and Sussex, in particularly against the Old Surrey and Burstow Foxhounds.

**Survival International** 11-15 Emerald St, London, WC1N 3QL T 020 7242 1441 F 020 7242 1771 [www.survival-international.org](http://www.survival-international.org) info@survival-international.org Survival International is a worldwide organisation supporting tribal peoples. It stands for their right to decide their own future and helps them protect their lives, lands and human rights.

**Sustain**, 91 White Lion Street, London

**Sustain 2020** Tir Gaia, East St, Rhayader, Mid Wales, LD6 5DY T 01597 810929 F as phone [www.sustain2020.co.uk](http://www.sustain2020.co.uk) sustain2020@zen.co.uk Promoting new radical political process of sustainability through Citizen's Income, which removes the need to sell bits of the Earth to each other to earn a living.

**Sustainable London Trust** 7 Chamberlain Street London NW1 8XB T (0)20 7722 3710 F (0)20 7722 3959 slt@gn.apc.org [www.london21.org](http://www.london21.org) promote sustainability in London by participative events and radical publications

**Sustrans** 35 King Street, Bristol BS1 4DZ T 0117 926 8893 F 0117 929 4173 [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk) Sustrans is a civil engineer-

ing charity which designs and builds routes for cyclists, walkers, and people with disabilities.

**Suwa Show, The, melbourne squatters and unwaged airwaves** p.o. box 4434, melbourne uni, parkville, 3052, australia. kokoshkar@hotmail.com troublemaking radio with local and global direct action news, views and interviews. music, audio and other contributions welcome. on radio 3cr, 855am, fridays 5-30pm to 6-30pm.

**sw@rm** swarm@subdimension.com <http://visitweb.com/swarm> Mobile radical infospace and information for action!

**Tactical Media Crew** c/o Radio Onda Rossa, Via dei Volsci, 56, Roma, Italy, 00185 T ++ 39 06 491750 F ++ 39 06 4463616 [www.tmcrow.org/](http://www.tmcrow.org/) tactical@tmcrow.org A collective of media and political anticapitalist activists and revolutionaries from the radical autonomous and anarchist scene of Rome.

**Taiga Resue Network (TRN)** Box 116, 962 23 Jokkmokk, Sweden, S-962 23 T +46 971 17039 F +46-971-55354 info@taigarescue.org [www.taigarescue.org](http://www.taigarescue.org) Taiga Rescue Network is an international network of non governmental organizations, indigenous peoples and nations working for the protection and sustainable use of the world's boreal forests.

**Talamh Housing Co-Op** Birkhill House, nr. Coalburn, Lanarkshire, MZ12 0NJ T 01555 820555/820400 F 01555 820400 talamh@gn.apc.org Permaculture/organic garden activist safe haven, involved in local anti-open cast trident ploughshares, rts/free party stuff & anything & everything anti-state.

**TAPOL, The Indonesia Human Rights Campaign** 111 Northwood Rd, Thornton Rd, Surrey, CR7 8HW T 020 8771 2904 F 020 8653 0322 [www.gn.apc.org/tapol](http://www.gn.apc.org/tapol) tapol@gn.apc.org TAPOL campaigns against all categories of human rights violations in Indonesia, West Papua, Aceh and East Timor, providing up to date information and detailed analysis in English. Website links.

**Terre de Semences**, Ripple Farm, Crundale, Canterbury, Kent, CT4 7EB T 01227 731815 [www.terredesemences.com](http://www.terredesemences.com) Thai Community Networks/Urban Community Development Office (UCDO) 2044/31-33 New Phetchburi Road, Khet Huai Khwang, Bangkok 10320, Thailand T (66-2) 716 6000 F (66-2) 716 6001 ucdo@mozart.inet.co.th

**Theft Magazine** [www.theftmag.com](http://www.theftmag.com) theft@theftmag.com Theft is devoted to exposing corporate and bureaucratic theft of time, money and people's lives.

**Thespionage** 47 Queens Rd, Brighton, BN1 3XB Mobile: 07711 809438 F as phone Brighton's own agitprop theatre company puts plays on about social issues, squatting in 'Tatting Down', JSA & undercover cops in 'Grief Encounter', drugs in 'Tick a Teen'.

**Think Globally Act Locally** P.O.Box 1TA, Newcastle, NE99 1TA ne991ta@yahoo.com [www.sandyford.techie.org.uk/think\\_index.htm](http://www.sandyford.techie.org.uk/think_index.htm) We are a monthly newsletter that reports and informs campaigns and direct action in North East England.

**Third Battle of Newbury (3BN)** P.O.Box 5642, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 5WG T 07000 785201 [www.gn.apc.org/newbury](http://www.gn.apc.org/newbury) thirdbattle@hotmail.com Still meeting on the first Thursday of each month, 3BN continues to campaign on pollution and major infill planning issues.

**Third World Network**, [www.twnside.org](http://www.twnside.org)

**Tibet Foundation** 1 st. James's Market, London SW1Y 4SB T 020 7930 6001 F 020 7930 6002 [www.gn.apc.org/tibetgetza](http://www.gn.apc.org/tibetgetza) getza@gn.apc.org A forum for Tibetan culture in the UK.

**Tineril Prietenii ai Naturii (TPN) - Romanian Young Nature Friends** OP nr 12, CP 986, 1900 Timisoara, Romania T +40 (56) 183418 F as phone [www.banat.ro/tpn/index.htm](http://www.banat.ro/tpn/index.htm) tpn@banat.ro bicycle promotion in the city and the country-side, critical mass,

**Tinkers Bubble** Little Norton, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon, Somerset, TA14 T 01935 881975 Community small holding. We live in low-impact dwellings and try to earn our livings through sustainable forestry, organic growing, processing, & woodcraft. We invite willing workers - call first.

**Tools For Solidarity (TFS)** Unit 1B1, Edenberry Industrial Estate, 326 Crumlin Rd, Belfast, BT14 7EE T 02890 747473 Organisation which collects and repairs broken or unwanted handtools for tradespeople in Africa who have the skills but are without the tools to practise their trades.

**Totnes Genetics Group** PO Box 77, Totnes, Devon TQ9 5ZJ T 01803 840098 info@togg.freemail.co.uk [www.togg.org.uk](http://www.togg.org.uk) Grassroots

group focusing on Genetic Engineering. Also industrial agriculture, Patents on Life, WTO, World Bank/IMF and Climate Change.

**Tourism Concern** Stapleton House, 277-281 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8HN T 020 7753 3330 F 020 7753 3331 [www.tourismconcern.org.uk](http://www.tourismconcern.org.uk) tourconcern@gm.apc.org Tourism Concern is an educational charity promoting awareness of the impact of tourism on people and their environment.

**Tragic Roundabout** [www.tragicroundabout.freelserver.co.uk/](http://www.tragicroundabout.freelserver.co.uk/) Transform Easton Business Centre, Felix Road, Easton, Bristol, BS5 0HE T 0117 941 5810 F 01179415809 [www.transform-drugs.org.uk](http://www.transform-drugs.org.uk) info@transform-drugs.org.uk The leading independent UK organisation campaigning for a just and effective drug policy, including the legalisation of all drugs.

**Transnational Resource and Action Centre**, PO Box 29344, San Francisco, CA 94129, USA [www.corpwatch.org](http://www.corpwatch.org)

**Transport 2000** Impact Centre, 12-18 Hoxton St, London, N1 6NG T 0207 613 0743 F 0207 613 5280 Campaigns & lobbies for a sustainable transport policy. [www.transport2000.org.uk](http://www.transport2000.org.uk)

**Traveller Law Research Unit (TLRU)** Cardiff Law School, P.O.Box 427, Cardiff, CF10 3XJ T 01222 874580 F 01222 874097 [www.cf.ac.uk/uwcc/claws/tlru/](http://www.cf.ac.uk/uwcc/claws/tlru/) tlru-l@cf.ac.uk Research and publication of Traveller-related legal issues; provide referral to UK-wide network of 'Traveller-friendly' legal practitioners and other service providers. Runs a variety of seminars.

**Travellers' Advice Team (TAT)** The Community Law Partnership, 3rd Floor, Ruskin Chambers, 191 Corporation St, Birmingham, B4 6RP T 0121 685 8595/emergency phone: 0468 316755 F 0121 236 5121 F 0121 236 5121 partnership@communitylaw.freelserver.co.uk Providing advice (& representation when necessary) to travellers throughout England & Wales on evictions, planning matters, & problems on official sites. Training for groups is possible.

**Travellers' School Charity** P.O.Box 36, Grantham, NG31 6EW T 01558 650621/pager: 01426 218424 Distributing culture-friendly resources & educational advice to home-educating traveller parents.

**Tree Council** 51 Catherine Place, London, SW1E 6DY T 0207 828 9928 F 0207 828 9060 Promotes the improvement of the environment through the planting and conservation of trees. Free magazine: Tree News.

**Trees For Life** The Park, Findhorn Bay, Forres, Moray, IV36 3TZ T 01309 691292 F 01309 691155 [www.treesforlife.org.uk](http://www.treesforlife.org.uk) trees@findhorn.org Scottish charity restoring the Caledonian Forest to 600sq. miles of Highland wilderness and advocating the eventual reintroduction of missing wildlife. People can get their hands dirty planting trees!

**Trident Ploughshares 2000 (TP 2000)** 41-48 Bethel St, Norwich, Norfolk, NR2 1NR T 01324 880744 F 01436 677529 [www.gn.apc.org/tp2000/](http://www.gn.apc.org/tp2000/) tp2000@gm.apc.org Open, accountable & non-violent disarmament of the British nuclear Trident system.

**Troops Out Movement (TOM)** P.O.Box 1032, Birmingham, B12 8BZ T 0121 643 7542/0961 361518 F 0121 643 7681 tomorg@ndirect.co.uk The TOM has two demands: British withdrawal from Ireland, and self-determination for the Irish people as a whole.

**Turners' Field Permaculture** Compton Dundon, Somerset, TA11 6PT T 01458 442192 Permaculture introductory weekends, working holidays, camps, student volunteers; structures for sustainable living.

**Tyneside Action For People & Planet (TAPP)** P.O. Box 1TA, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1TA Name says it all really!

**UK Rivers Network** [www.ukrivers.net/](http://www.ukrivers.net/)

**Uncaged** 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, St Matthew's House, 45 Carver st, Sheffield, South Yorks, S1 4FT T 01142 2722 220 /mobile:07799 117 694 F 0114 2722 225 [www.uncaged.co.uk/](http://www.uncaged.co.uk/) uncaged.anti-viv@dmal.pixelp.com Dynamic campaign to end all animal experiments on moral and scientific grounds.

**Undercurrents** 16B Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG and Environment centre Pier street Swansea SA4 T Oxford 01865 203661 and Swansea 01792 455900 mob 07973 298359 underc@gm.apc.org For training undercymru@joymail.com [www.undercurrents.org](http://www.undercurrents.org) Undercurrents distribute activist made videos, train activists to use video as a campaign tool and run the BeyondTV activist video festival

**Unemployed Action Group (UAG)** The Old Mill, 30 Lime St, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 2PQ T 0191 222 0299 F 0191 233 0578 [www.seriousforehead.free-online.co.uk](http://www.seriousforehead.free-online.co.uk) neuag@aol.com In-

dependent unemployed group, self-help for mutual aid, agitate direct action at home and with the French and overseas unemployed movements.

**UNISON Dudley Group of Hospitals**, Union Offices, Wordsley Hospital, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 5QX Rolling Strikes against the privatisation of their jobs to the private sector

**Unit Energy Limited (unit[e])** Freepost (SCE9229) Chippenham SN15 1UZ T 0845 601 1410 F 01249 445374 enquiries@unit-e.co.uk [www.unit-e.co.uk](http://www.unit-e.co.uk) unit[e] is committed to providing a clean, renewable product to its customers. unit[e] supplies renewable electricity to thousands of customers, and sources its electricity from wind and small-hydropower.

**United Families and Friends Campaign (UFFC)** c/o inquest, Ground Floor, Alexandra National House 330 Seven Sisters Rd, London N4 2PJ, T 0370 432 439 or 07977 88 55 74 [uffc@copwatcher.org](mailto:uffc@copwatcher.org) Campaigning group made up of families of those who have died in police custody, prisons and psychiatric hospitals.

**UpStart Workers Co-op** 1 Court Ash, Yeovil, Somerset, BA20 1HG T 0870 733 2538 F 01935 431222 [www.gn.apc.org/ss/upstart](http://www.gn.apc.org/ss/upstart) upstart@co-op.org UpStart provides advice, training and financial services for people starting or developing community enterprises - especially those with an ecological / radical focus.

**URBAN 75** 352 Southwark House, Moorlands Estate, Brixton, London, SW9 8TT T 07961 430719 [www.urban75.com/](http://www.urban75.com/) info@urban75.com urban75 is one of the UK's busiest independent sites featuring direct action, photo reports, rave and drug info, mad games, stories, photos, rants and more!

**Urban Alliance, The** T 07946 687192 [www.geocities.com/urbanalliance/london\\_urbanalliance@hotmail.com](http://www.geocities.com/urbanalliance/london_urbanalliance@hotmail.com) Direct action group set up to unify a range of groups/issues; Against the Countryside Alliance. TAKE OVER THE CITY!

**Urban Ecology Australia (UEA)** Centre for Urban Ecology, 105 Sturt Street, Adelaide, Tandanya Bioregion SA 5000, 5000 T +61 8 8232 4866 F as phone [www.urbaneology.org.au](http://www.urbaneology.org.au) urbanec@metropolis.net.au A United Nations accredited non profit community group committed to the evolution of ecologically sustaining human settlements - ecocities - through education and example.

**Urban Regeneration and Greenfield Environment Network (URGENT!)** Box HN, 16B Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG T 01865 794800 [www.urgent.org.uk/](http://www.urgent.org.uk/) info@urgent.org.uk Information/skill sharing network for campaigners wanting sane, sustainable housing policies not unaffordable new houses on greenfield sites. Donations: "Urgent".

**Vaccination Awareness Network UK (VAN UK)** T 0845 458 9595 [enquiries@van.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@van.org.uk) [www.van.org.uk](http://www.van.org.uk) VAN UK provides info on all vaccines that is independent of government intervention. For free info packs or booklet for £3.45 just send SAE

**Vegan Organic Network (VON)** Anandavan, 58 High Lane, Chorlton, Manchester, M21 9DZ T 0161 860 4869 F as phone - call first veganorganic@sunet.com

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voluntary &. Paid. Join us & help make the vegan revolution!

Grow it/sow it & if GM then mow it!

**Vegan Prisoners Support Group (VPSG)** P.O.Box 194, Enfield, EN1 3HD T 020 8292 8325 F as phone hvpc@vpsg.freelserver.co.uk Helps vegan prisoners of conscience with diet, toiletries, footwear, nutritional information whilst being detained in prison, or held in police stations.

**Vegan Society, The** Donald Watson House, 7 Battle Rd, St Leonards On Sea, E. Sussex, TN37 7AA T 01424 427393 F 01424 717064 <http://www.vegansociety.com> info@vegansociety.com Educational charity promoting ways of living which avoid the use of animal products - for the benefit of people, animals and the environment.

**Vegan Village** T 0113 293 9385 [www.veganvillage.co.uk](http://www.veganvillage.co.uk) postie@veganvillage.co.uk A website listing vegan organisations in the UK, with a noticeboard, newsstand and links to hundreds of vegan websites.

**Vegetarian Society, The** Parkdale, Dunham Rd, Altringham, Cheshire, WA14 4QG T 0161 925 2000 F 0161 926 9182 [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org) info@vegsoc.org The Society works to promote a vegetarian diet in order to reduce animal suffering, benefit human health and safeguard the environment.

**Vegfam** "The Sanctuary", nr. Lydford, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 4AL T 01822 820203 F as phone call first

[www.veganvillage.co.uk/vegfam](http://www.veganvillage.co.uk/vegfam) vegfam@veganvillage.co.uk Feeds the hungry WITHOUT exploiting animals. The world cannot feed humans AND their food animals WITHOUT RUINING THE ENVIRONMENT. Vegan based projects for over 30 years. **Veggies Catering Campaign** 245 Gladstone Street, Nottingham NG7 6HX T 0845 458 9595 F phone first [www.veggies.org.uk](http://www.veggies.org.uk) info@veggies.org.uk Provides all-vegan catering, and other support, for protests and other events throughout the UK.

**Video Activist Journalist Survival Kit** [www.gifford.co.uk/](http://www.gifford.co.uk/) Support/information network for those using video for positive change. **Viva!** 12 Queen Square, Brighton, E.Sussex, BN13 3FD T 01273 777688 F 01273 776755 info@viva.org.uk [www.viva.org.uk/](http://www.viva.org.uk/) A national campaigning vegan/vegetarian animal charity dedicated to saving animals. Regularly launch hard-hitting campaigns. Loads of info on going vegetarian or vegan, plus free campaign materials.

**Voice of Irish Concern for the Environment** 7 Upper Camden st., Dublin 2, Ireland T +353 1 661 8123 F +353 1 661 8114 [www.voice.huz.org](http://www.voice.huz.org) avoice@iol.ie **VOICE** is a grassroots organisation campaigning for clean and fluoride-free water, sustainable resource use, bio-diverse Irish forestry, an end to global biopatents and a ban on GE crops.

**Voices in the Wilderness UK** 16b Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG T 0845 458 2564 (local rate call) F 01865 - 243 232 [www.nonviolence.org/vitw](http://www.nonviolence.org/vitw) voices@vitw.freesserve.co.uk Campaigns against economic sanctions on Iraq. Breaks sanctions directly as well as producing a regular newsletter and organising NVDA.

**Wages Due Lesbians** P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU T 0207 482 2496 F 0207 209 4761 Multi-racial network campaigning for social, economic, civil & legal rights for lesbian women & against all forms of discrimination.

**Wages For Housework Campaign** P.O.Box 287, London, NW6 5QU

**Warhead** PO Box 129 15-662 Bialystok Poland soja2@pocza.onet.pl Fuck all governments.

**Water Meadows Defence Campaign**, Bury St Edmonds PO Box No 380 Bury St Edmunds IP33 1PL T 01284 750100 johnmatth@hotmail.com BuryGreen.org.uk Defence of the water meadows around Bury St Edmunds from road building and other development threats. The outlook is grim.

**Water Pressure Group**, The PO Box 19764, Auckland 1007, New Zealand T 64 9 828 4517 F 64 9 828 4593 [www.water-pressure-group.org.nz/](http://www.water-pressure-group.org.nz/) Organising the grassroots struggle against user charges, commercialisation and privatisation of water services in Auckland City, New Zealand

**Water Watch**, 259 South St, Rotherham, S61 2NW, T 01709 558561 [www.waterwatch.org.uk](http://www.waterwatch.org.uk)

**Wavegen** T 01463 238094 [www.wavegen.co.uk](http://www.wavegen.co.uk)

**Web Directory** [www.webdirectory.com](http://www.webdirectory.com) "Earth's biggest environmental search engine" - say no more!

**West Australian Forest Alliance** 2 Delhi St, West Perth 6005, Australia T 61 8 9420 7265 F 618 9420 7273 [www.wafa.org.au](http://www.wafa.org.au) The campaign to save Western Australia's ancient south west forests continues to gather momentum.

**West London Anarchists & Radicals (WAR)** c/o BM Makhno, London, WC1N 3XX war1921@altavista.com Local class struggle anarchist/communist group. We are always interested in making contact with people who live/work in West London. Bi-monthly newsletter.

**Western Sahara Campaign** T 0113 245 4786

**What Doctors Don't Tell You (WDDTY)** Satellite House, 2 Salisbury Road, London SW19 4EZ T 0208 944 9555 F 0208 944 9888 [www.wddty.co.uk](http://www.wddty.co.uk) wddty@zoo.co.uk Publishers of Newsletter giving information on alternative health treatments and challenging traditional views on health treatments.

**Whitby Against Genetic Engineering (WAGE)** 2 Wellington Terrace, Whitby, N. Yorks YO21 3HF T 01947-606189 griffins\_of\_whitby@msn.com Local campaigning against genetic engineering.

**White Dot** P.O.Box 2116, Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3LR [www.whitedot.org/](http://www.whitedot.org/) info@whitedot.org [www.spyinteractive.com](http://www.spyinteractive.com) International campaign against television - supports the TV Free and slowly destroying the broadcast industry.

**William Morris Society** Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, Hammersmith, London, W6 9TA T 020 8741 3735 F 020 - 8748 5207 william.morris@care4free.net [www.morrisssociety.org](http://www.morrisssociety.org) Encouraging knowledge and appreciation of William Morris (1834-96), artist, designer, writer, socialist and environmentalist, whose work

and ideas remain relevant today. We stage a busy programme of events and publish four newsletters and two journals each year. **Wholesome Food Association** Ball Cottage, East Ball Hill, Hartland, Devon EX39 6BU T 01237 441118 skymccain@btconnect.com [www.wfa.org.uk](http://www.wfa.org.uk) The WFA is a grassroots alternative to organic certification based on trust. Growers/producers abide by a set of principles, allow public visits, and sell locally

**Willing Workers On Organic farms (WWOOF)** P.O.Box 2675, Lewes, E.Sussex, BN7 1RB T 01273 476286 F as phone [www.phdcc.com/wwoof](http://www.phdcc.com/wwoof) fran@wwoof-uk.freesserve.co.uk Involvement and access to organic growing, like minded people worldwide. Hard work in exchange for b&b. Opportunities with vast variety of host organic farms & holdings.

**Wind Fund**, The Brunel House, 11 The Promenade, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 3NN T 0117 973 9339 F 0117 973 9303 mail@windfund.co.uk [www.windfund.co.uk](http://www.windfund.co.uk) Investment fund for renewable energy sources.

**WinVisible: Women with Visible and Invisible Disabilities** Crossroads Women's Centre, 230A Kentish Town Rd, London, NW5 2AB T 020 7482 2496 F 020 7209 4761 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com Multi-racial self-help network of women with visible and invisible disabilities from different backgrounds and situations. Support, information, campaigning. Publications and speakers available.

**Wolfe Tone Society (WTS)** BM Box 6191, London, WC1N 3XX T 020 8442 8778/ F as phone wts@brosna.demon.co.uk wolftone@net.uk We work in England for a Independent, Socialist, & United Ireland, in support of Sinn Fein and the peace process.

**Wolfs Head Press** P.O.Box 77, Sunderland, SR1 1EB Autotelic activities among the flotsam and jetsam of the universe. And other stuff. Oysters are ambisexual, starting life as male, and changing back and forth several times.

**Woman and Earth Global Eco-Network (WE)** 467 Central Park West, Suite 7F, New York, New York, USA, 10025 T +1 212 866 8130 F as phone [www.dorsai.org/~womearth](http://www.dorsai.org/~womearth) womearth@dorsai.org Tatyana V. Mamanova Publish almanac in English & Russian; produce eco/women videos; annual world conference, film festival, expo; web site; international & girls chapters; lectures.

**Women Against Rape (WAR)** PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU T 0207 482 2496 F 0207 209 476 crossroadswomenscentre@compuserve.com Grassroots multi-racial women's organisation provides counselling, information, legal advocacy, and campaigns for justice, protection and compensation for rape survivors.

**Women In Black, London** c/o The Maypole Fund, P.O.Box 14072, London, N16 5WB T 0171 482 5670 F as phone [www.chorley2.demon.co.uk/wib.html](http://www.chorley2.demon.co.uk/wib.html) jane@gn.apc.org Women In Black is a loose network of women worldwide committed to peace with justice and actively opposed to war and violence.

**Women in Prison** unit 3b 22 Highbury Grove, London, N5 2EA T 020 7226 5879 [www.womeninprison.org.uk](http://www.womeninprison.org.uk) admin@womeninprison.org.uk Support group for women in prison. **Women's Bank** 151/13, E-Zone, Seevali Pura, Borella, Colombo 8, Sri Lanka T (94-1) 681355 womensbank@lankonet.jca.apc.org **Women's Development Bank Federation** No.30 Kandy Road, Galtotmulla, Yakkala, Sri Lanka T (94-33) 27962/27396 janawomented@lanka.com.lk

**Womens Environmental Network (W.E.N.)** PO Box 30626 London E1 1TZ, T 0207 481 9004 F 0207 481 9144 [www.gn.apc.org/~wen/info@wen.org.uk](http://www.gn.apc.org/~wen/info@wen.org.uk) WEN is a membership organisation which researches and campaigns on environmental issues, informing & empowering women to implement change. Men can join too!

**WoMenwith Womyn's Peace Camp** Kettlesing Head Layby, nr. Harrogate, N.Yorks, HG3 2RA

**Woodland Trust**, The Autumn Park, Grantham, Linc, NG31 6LL **Wombles (White Overalls Movement Building Liberitarian Effective Struggles)** [www.wombleaction.mrnice.net](http://www.wombleaction.mrnice.net)

**Word Power Bookshop** 43 West Nicholson St, Edinburgh, EH8 9DB T 0131 662 9112 F as phone books@word-power.co.uk [www.word-power.co.uk](http://www.word-power.co.uk) Radical bookshop - Scotland's only! Organise Edinburgh Radical Book fair in May each year - publishers' stalls, speakers, etc.

**Workers' Aid for Kosova/Workers' Aid for Bosnia** 29 De mesne Rd, Manchester, M16 8HJ T 0845 4583100 F 0161 226 0404 [www.redbricks.org.uk/workersaid](http://www.redbricks.org.uk/workersaid) work2@workersaid.org

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**World Development Movement (WDM)** 25 Beehive Place, London, SW9 7QR T 020 7737 6215 media enquiries: 07711 875345 F 020 7274 8232 [www.wdm.org.uk](http://www.wdm.org.uk) [wdm@wdm.org.uk](mailto:wdm@wdm.org.uk) WDM is a membership organisation, campaigning to expose and change the political causes of global poverty.

**World Information Service on Energy International** P.O.Box 59636, 1040 LC Amsterdam, The Netherlands T 31 20 612 6368 F 31 20 689 2179 [www.antenna.nl/wise/index.html](http://www.antenna.nl/wise/index.html)

[wiseamster@antenna.nl](mailto:wiseamster@antenna.nl) Campaigning and networking against nuclear energy, 20 years old networking experience. 11 relays around the world. Publish the WISE News Communiqué (20 issues a year).

**World Socialist Web Site** [www.wsws.org/](http://www.wsws.org/) Contacts and info from around the world.

**Worthing Anarchist Teapot** c/o P.O.Box 4144, Worthing, W. Sussex, BN14 7NZ [www.worthing.eco-action.org/teapot/](http://www.worthing.eco-action.org/teapot/) [teapot@worthing.eco-action.org](mailto:teapot@worthing.eco-action.org) Provides free tea and coffee, plus anarchist and radical info, from squats and town centre stalls. Monthly events first Tuesday of every month, 7.30 pm, 42 Marine Parade, Worthing (above Paiges bar).

**Worthing Eco-Action** P.O. Box 4144, Worthing, [www.eco-action.org/](http://www.eco-action.org/) Worthing eco-action.org is a local domain providing free web-hosting service to community groups involved in environmental campaigning and direct action.

**Wowarea** [www.wowarea.com/](http://www.wowarea.com/) Wowarea is a free 'reference point for all people on the internet. About our services: the first one is

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**y ddeilen werdd** [www.ddeilenwerdd.free-online.co.uk/](http://www.ddeilenwerdd.free-online.co.uk/) Radical green and Welsh internet newsletter.

**YearZero (YZ)** P.O. Box 26276, London, W3 7GQ <http://freespeech.com/yearzero> [yearzero@flashmail.com](mailto:yearzero@flashmail.com) The quality print mag for the disaffected.

**Yes Men, The** [www.theyesmen.org/wto](http://www.theyesmen.org/wto)

**York Local Environmental Action Forum (York LEAF)** c/o Daw Suu Student Centre, University of York, York YO10 5DD [socs203@york.ac.uk](mailto:socs203@york.ac.uk) [www-users.york.ac.uk/~socs203/](http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~socs203/) Campaigning, direct action and networking on environmental and related issues, student based but not confined.

**Youth & Student Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (Y&SCND)** 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ T 0207 607 3616/ pager: 07666 833117 F 0171 700 2357 [youth\\_cnd@hotmail.com](mailto:youth_cnd@hotmail.com) Campaigning to trash Trident through actions, demonstrations, awareness raising & letter writing. New volunteers are welcome. We love getting anti-nuke articles for the mag.

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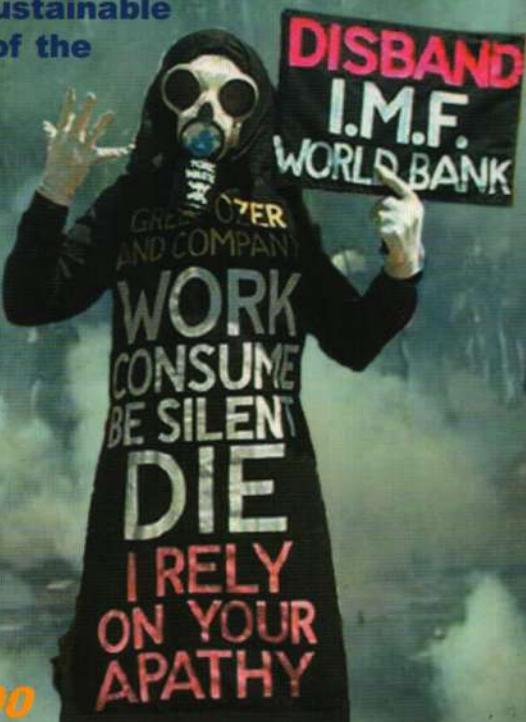
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