

TRANSPORT ISSUES

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Nottingham Women's Environmental Network (NWEN) is increasingly concerned about the effects of air pollution on our quality of life and health, and is focusing its efforts this summer on a 'Breath of Fresh Air' Campaign.

Vehicles are now the greatest air polluters in the UK. Recent research has clearly demonstrated links between the alarming increase in respiratory illnesses such as asthma (especially in children) and the ever increasing amount of air pollution caused by vehicle emissions.

Despite this evidence, there is still no real commitment from the government to reduce the causes of these health hazards.

Official transport policy is biased in favour of the car, and the Department of Transport forecasts a doubling in traffic by the year 2025.

Women and children are particularly disadvantaged, as they are less likely to have access to good transport systems, and have to live in a car dominated society.

Every day children, who are down at car exhaust level much of the time, and women, who make up the majority of pedestrians, breathe in a polluting cocktail of toxic gases.



The impact of traffic fumes on women & children is being highlighted by WEN in their current campaign.

The National WEN campaign 'Ease the Wheeze' aims to -

- promote affordable and reliable alternatives to the car
- promote traffic-free routes within the community
- encourage women's involvement in local planning and decision making processes

WEN will be informing people about the effects of air pollution and how they can reduce their exposure to pollutants, reduce their impact on the environment, and campaign for change.

Nottingham WEN's own demonstration will take place during Green Transport Week, on Saturday 17th June, and will involve women and children marching back and forth across the pedestrian crossing outside the clock tower entrance to the Victoria Centre, carrying banners and placards to bring to the attention of both car drivers and pedestrians the health risks from vehicle emissions. There will also be an initiative to get people to sign pledges to use their cars 10% less in the coming year.

For further information on how you can become involved with Nottingham Women's Environmental Network, please contact Margaret Vince on 960 5843 or Chris Vincent on 975 3603.

GREEN TRANSPORT WEEK

The national launch of Green Transport Week (17-25 June) will this year be hosted by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Green Transport Week is primarily about persuading people out of their cars, and preferably not just for a day or a week, but how do you go about persuading people to leave their cars at home? The short answer is that it is not easy, but this does not mean that we should do nothing.

The message of Green Transport Week is tempered by the reality that the majority will stay behind the wheel regardless of the congestion and pollution consequences. 'Drive Less, Relieve the Stress' is the theme of the leaflet produced by the County Council in collaboration with the

City Council.

Special additional rides and walks have been arranged for the week, and there will be an Air Pollution Advice 'Clinic' on 21st June, from 7-9pm at Nottingham County Library. A panel of experts will help interpret traffic-related air quality information for those concerned about their health.

The national launch will take place at County Hall (West Bridgford) on the morning of 16th June, with Dr Brian Mawhinney (Secretary of State for Transport). In his speech to mark the launch, we hope to hear more of the government's commitment to green transport - so that the need for such campaigning will perhaps become a

thing of the past. In the meantime, please try to play your part by choosing to walk, cycle, use public transport or car-share journeys wherever possible.

Please watch the local press nearer the time for details of activities during the week, or call 977 4338 for a free information pack. Peter Jaggar, Notts County Council.

Green Transport Week is co-ordinated by the ETA Trust, with support from the Environmental Transport Association, Britain's only provider of breakdown and recovery services - which campaigns for environmentally sound transport. ETA owns the copyright and trademarks of Green Transport Week and its logo.

CRITICAL MASS

Critical Mass is a monthly organised coincidence - just a group of cyclists riding around together from point A to point B. But why? Well you'll have to ask the people on the bike ride! Some want more bike lanes, some want a car free zone in Nottingham City Centre, whilst others want to create a little breathing space for themselves.

The cycle ride highlights the problems generated by the car culture, pollution being a major concern. One child in seven now suffers from asthma, and exhaust fumes containing greenhouse gases, lead

and nitrogen oxides (which contribute to acid rain) are choking our cities.

Critical Mass started as an informal bike ride of 50 people in San Francisco, and has now spread around the world. Regular Critical Mass rides are now happening across Britain, in cities such as Aberdeen, Birmingham, Cambridge, London, Bristol and Leeds, as well as in Nottingham.

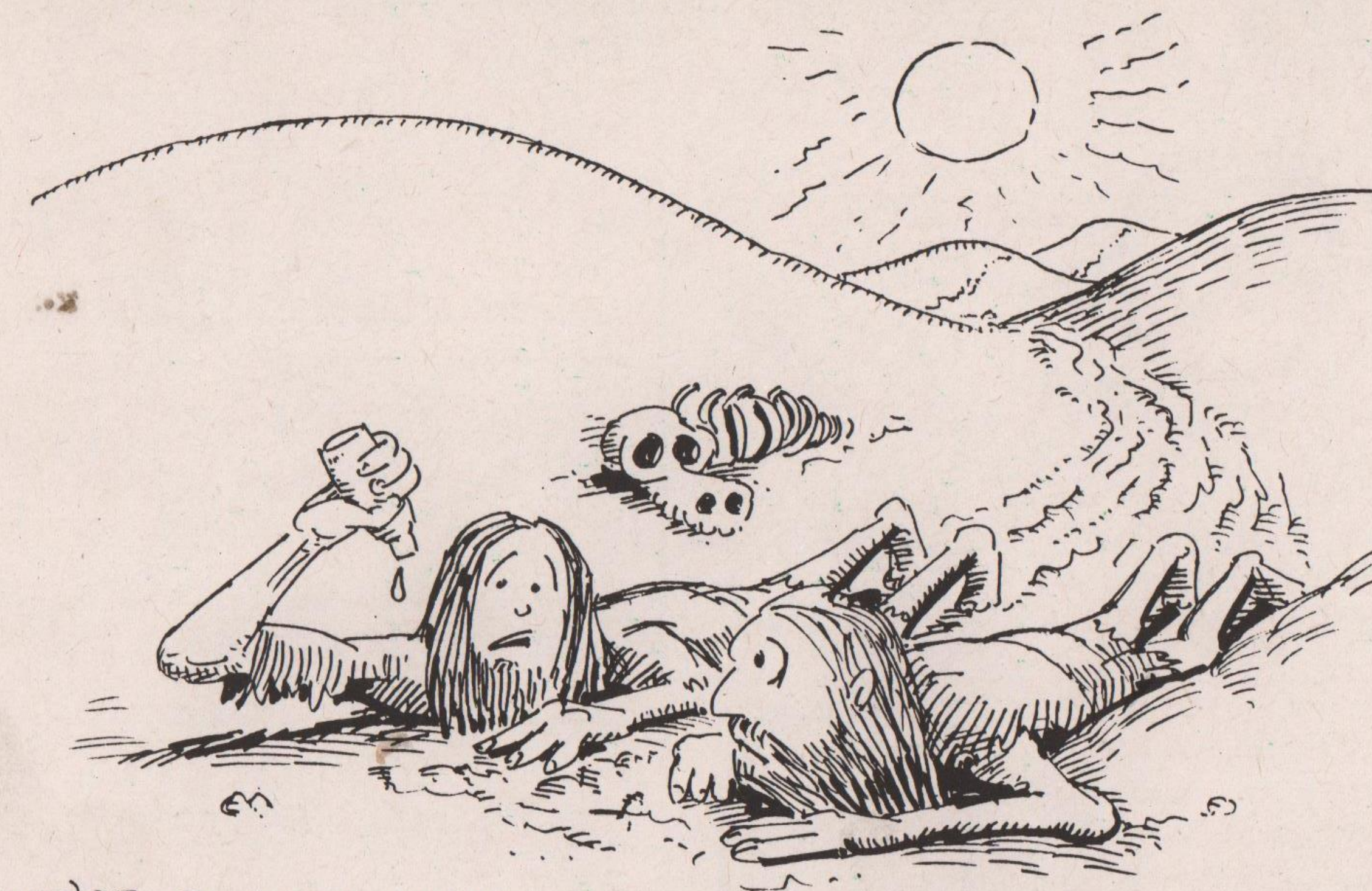
In Nottingham, the ride takes place on the third Friday of every month - starting from the Old

Market Square, and proceeding around the Boulevards to the Forest Recreation Ground.

Nottingham Critical Mass is now in its seventh month, and is growing, simply because people realise how much fun it is. When we are really doing is riding on our bikes from here to there, it is amazing how many provocative and challenging questions occur.

For more information, Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.

GREEN NETWORK NEWS



WE'RE DOOMED - THAT WAS THE LAST OF THE FACTOR 20.

WILDLIFE WEEK

National Wildlife Week takes place this year from June 10th-18th, and more than 20 special events have been planned by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust. One of the key events will be the Brackenhurst Open Day and Wildlife Fair, to be held at Brackenhurst Agricultural College near Southwell on June 11th. The college will be open for inspection, together with many more attractions - including entertainment, craft demonstrations, tractor rides and displays. Admission prices will be £2 for adults and £1 for children.

A series of guided walks will take place during the week, at a variety of locations around the county, including Colwick woods, the Lambley dunes and a walk along the Trent from Stoke Bardolph. There will even be a chance to observe bats and moths after dark, using special moth lights at Wollaton Hall.

Several local wildlife reserves will be holding 'Wildlife Days' on June 18th - at Attenborough, Chilwell Farm Cutting and Bunny Old Wood. The Attenborough event will include a wide range of activities for all the family, including exhibits of some of the plants, creepy crawlies, etc that are found on the reserve. There will also be lots of activities for children and guided walks for all.

Opportunities for practical conservation and other activities are not limited to Wildlife Week - Notts Wildlife Trust own more than 50 nature reserves around the county, which need volunteer support throughout the year. An events calendar is regularly published by the Trust.

For further information about the events planned for National Wildlife Week, contact Notts Wildlife Trust on 958 8242 during office hours, or write to Notts Wildlife Trust, 310 Sneinton Dale, Nottingham NG3 7DN.

Green Network News is a monthly publication aiming to share information and build links between all individuals and organisations in the Nottingham and South Notts area with an interest in the environment.

FREE!

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GLOBAL FUTURE

The 'Our Global Future' festival for the environment took place from 18-21 May at the Harvey Hadden Sports Centre in Bilborough. More than 150 exhibitors provided over 10,000 square metres of entertainment and information. The festival was attended by more than 4,000 children from local schools.

A permanent result of the festival will be the 'Global Garden' at the site, which has been planted with trees, herbs and other plants from around the world.

The July issue of GNN will include a full report on the event.

INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Do you have any musical instruments which you no longer need? If so, they could be used by Nottingham Music Space, a local charity which offers music therapy to children and adults around the county. They are looking for items such as acoustic guitars, drums and portable keyboards. Collection can be arranged.

If you have an instrument in reasonable condition which you would like to donate, contact Paul Douglas at Music Space on 967 9930.

CLEANING IDEAS WANTED

Do you have any brilliant cost and environment saving ideas that you can share with WENDi - the Women's Environmental Network's consumer information service? Or would you be willing to try out someone else's ideas for WENDi? Ideas include using lemon juice to descale kettles, and bicarbonate of soda to clean surfaces.

If you would like to share or test ideas, or you would like a copy of the WEN information sheet on alternative cleaning methods, call 0171 704 6800 between 11am and 2pm, or 3pm and 6pm.

This item is based on an article in Green Line magazine.

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK



This year's National Bike Week takes place from 10th-19th June. If you would like to have a go at cycling, there are several ways of getting involved -

Nottingham Pedals are organising a series of **5 Mile Challenges**. You may be surprised at how easy it is to cycle this distance - perhaps you could cycle to work rather than drive? For more information about the challenges call 981 6206 or 960 6207.

Rural Rides are a series of guided cycle rides around Nottinghamshire, all described in the free 'Rural Rides 1995' leaflet, published by Notts County Council. The rides are in three categories - Short (up to 15 miles), Medium (up to 25 miles), and Long (over 25 miles). So why not dust off your bike, check it over and join one of the rides? All of the rides are free, and the leader will always be at the starting point, regardless of the weather.

The city of Nottingham and surrounding areas now have 60km of Cycle Track, which are highlighted in the Greater Nottingham **Cycle Route Network** map.

Cycling is a very cheap way of getting about, as well as helping to keep you fit - but it is important to be safety-conscious (every year around 300 cyclists are killed on the roads). It is important to wear a helmet that conforms to the British Standard, use bright clothing and lights at night, and to keep your bike in good working order.

This article is based on information in the Rural Rides 1995 leaflet. To obtain a free copy of the Rural Rides leaflet, contact the Planning and Economic Development department of Notts County Council (on 982 3823). Call the same number for information about the Cycle Network leaflet (ask for the Construction and Design department).

GREENING YOUR WORKPLACE

Is your office environmentally friendly? The Notts County Council 'Greening Your Workplace' leaflet is full of information about reducing the impact of our workplaces on the environment.

The leaflet is divided into five main areas -

Purchasing - you can save resources and energy by using recycled paper, energy-efficient electrical products (such as fridges and photocopiers), and avoiding excessive packaging. If possible, buy products that will last longer rather than disposable products.

Energy and Water - obvious measures include switching off lights and heating when not needed. Energy can also be saved by using energy-efficient light bulbs, and using stairs rather than lifts (which use up large amounts of energy). Make sure that taps are not left dripping - a leak of just one drop per second wastes 10,000 litres in a year!

Paper Usage - a green office will aim to reduce the amount of paper used, only use paper which has the least impact on the environment, and to recycle all paper after using it on both sides. Re-use envelopes wherever possible, and try to avoid using bleached white paper.

Waste and Recycling - try to cut down on the amount of waste produced, and recycle as much as possible - waste thrown away will end up in landfill sites, and can lead to pollution. Laser-printer cartridges can be refilled (saving money), and aluminium cans and glass bottles can be saved for recycling.

Transport - cycle or use public transport for travel to work and for business journeys whenever possible, or share transport through car sharing schemes. If you do purchase a car, consider the type of fuel used, its fuel efficiency, and the means of disposal (is it recyclable?).

For a free copy of the 'Greening your Workplace' booklet, which can also be used as a poster, contact the Notts County Council Environment Officer on 977 4658.

GREEN VIDEOS

At the Rainbow Centre we have a wide range of videos (funded by Notts County Council's Green Grants Initiative), which are available to hire free of charge. The videos range from information about recycling your rubbish to the latest TV coverage of demonstrations against live exports. For example we have 'Eco Warrior' which is a film produced by Broxtowe Youth Arts, as well as 'Dennis Weavers Earth-Ship', which shows you how he built his dream home out of recycled tyres and aluminium cans.

We also have a portable TV and twin-deck video recorder, which can be loaned out to local groups.

For more information contact the Rainbow Centre on 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW, or call 958 5666.

GNN UPDATE

These are the subjects planned for feature articles in the next issue of Green Network News -

- **July** Groups focus - Greenpeace and Notts Wildlife Trust.

There will not be an August issue of GNN, as I will be on holiday in July - a calendar sheet will be sent out to people on the mailing list in early August. If anyone has ideas about possible subjects for GNN to cover in the future, any suggestions would be welcome.

If you would like to write a feature article, or you have a photo that could be used, please let me know. Articles are usually needed around one month in advance of publication, and can be sent on paper or 3.5 inch disk (pc format). We will also be looking for stories about any current events or issues each month; please write or phone if you would like to contribute.

Contact me on 941 7849, or write to me at -

*Green Network
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182 Mansfield Road
Nottingham
NG1 3HW*

Adam Woodward (GN Co-ordinator)

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS

If your group or business would like to advertise in Green Network News, contact Adam Woodward on 941 7849. Reduced rates are available for voluntary groups and small businesses.

HOME COMPOSTING

Once again, Nottingham City Council is offering compost bins at subsidised prices to its residents. This is part of the Council's continuing drive to reduce the amount of domestic waste going to landfill sites. Organic waste makes up around a third of the contents of the average dustbin, yet can be turned into a useful product for the garden.

Compost bins are a neat and easy way to make this happen. Three types are on offer, with prices from £9.99 to £29.99 - about £20 less than usual retail prices! Each comes with instructions and a free kitchen bin to collect vegetable peelings, tea bags etc.

You can get more information about the promotion at the City Information Centre, or by writing with your name and address to -

*Home Composting Promotion,
Recycling Team,
Environmental Services,
Nottingham City Council,
Lawrence House,
Talbot Street,
Nottingham, NG1 5NT.*

THE CUTTING HEDGE

The Cutting Hedge Survey is being organised by the Young Ornithologists Club (YOC) to find out more about the loss of hedgerows, which form valuable habitats for wildlife. This is a follow up to the survey in 1990 which found that over a third of hedges were poorly cared for.

A colourful pack about the history of hedges and why they are good for wildlife is available free from mid June - write to YOC, The Lodge, Sandy, Bedfordshire SG19 2DL.

'Flying Start' is a free 16 page introduction to bird watching. For a copy send a postcard with your name, address and age (if under 18) to :-

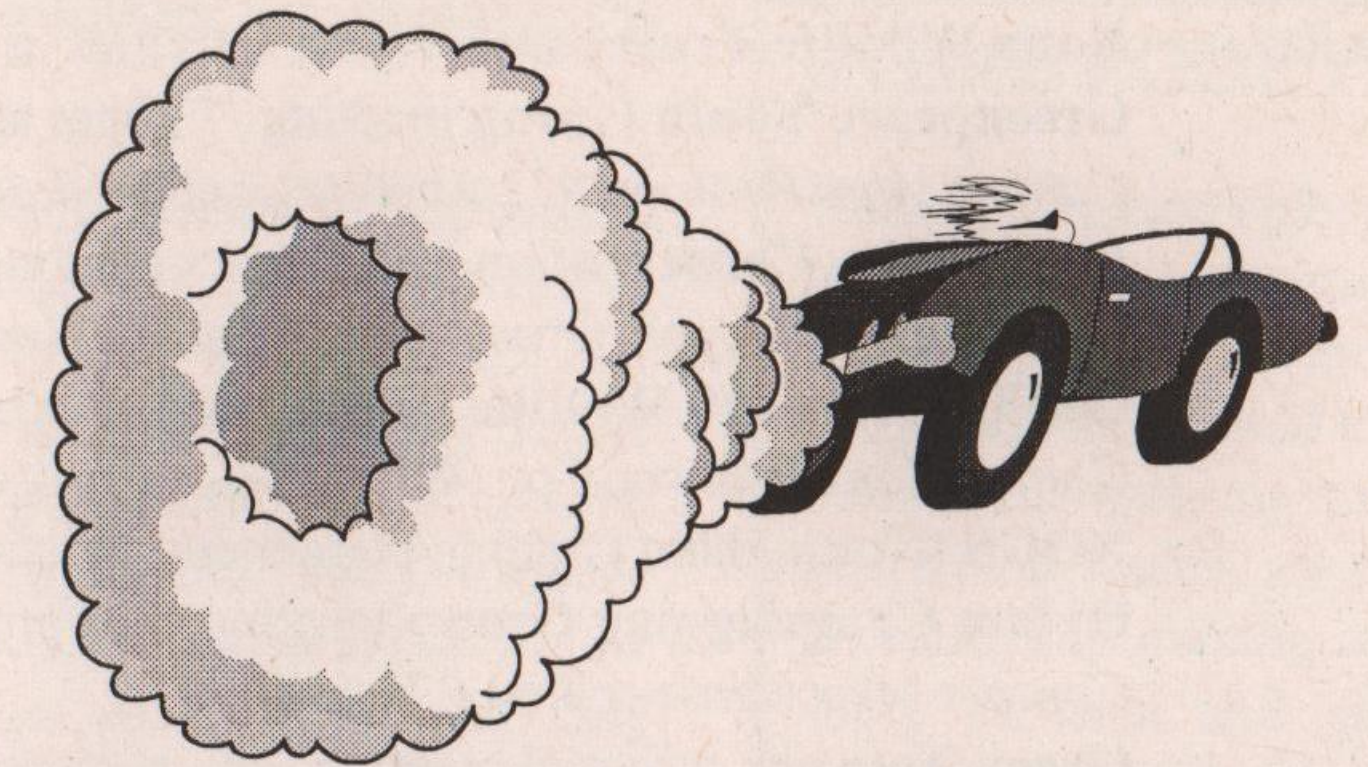
*Begin Birdwatching,
Department N3302,
YOC,
The Lodge,
Sandy,
Bedfordshire, SG19 2DL.*

OFFICE SPACE

Ecoworks are looking for office space to move into in the new future, preferably with office equipment included.

If you have suitable for space to rent (Ecoworks can pay up to £2,500 per year for rent, rates heat and light) please call Adrian Horsley or Fran Mayers on 948 4111.

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER



The proposed Fourth Trent Crossing has been in the news again recently, but much of the controversy about the bridge concerns the effects south of the river - although other areas will also be affected by increased traffic and pollution, especially Sneinton.

The County Council have stated that the bridge would reduce congestion and delays on existing bridges for commuters, and prevent noise and inconvenience on Radcliffe Road in the future. However, FIELDS have protested about the destruction of farmland at Lady Bay and the increased traffic nuisance and pollution to that end of West Bridgford. The bridge will also have a dramatic effect on Sneinton. It will damage already sparse amenities and lead to increased through traffic, with no benefits to Sneinton residents.

Just off the slip road to Colwick park by the racecourse is an idyllic scene. The bend in the river has water meadows on each side, surrounded by mature trees. TS Orion, a sea scout training centre, is on the riverbank. This is the point where the bridge would arrive on this side of the river. It would be very wide - with four car lanes, bus lanes and a cycle/footway. It would also be very high, sweeping down to ground level at Daleside Road roundabout, with embankments on either side.

The bridge would cut us off from one of the few remaining open spaces in the area - Colwick Park. It is already difficult enough to get across Daleside Road, but the noise and danger would be increased by the new bridge. Heavier traffic will cause more air pollution in an area which already has some of the worst respiratory problems in the city. Some traffic will cut through the centre of Sneinton, where so much money has been spent to reduce through traffic.

Bridge and road building also inevitably leads to more and more tarmac. This has already started along Daleside Road where the row of mature trees edging the old recreation ground has been cut down to make way for road widening.

If you would like to find out more, come along to the tour of sites to be affected by the bridge, planned for 10th June, starting from Simkins Farm (West Bridgford) at 9.45am.

For further details please contact Stan Taylor of Sneinton Environmental Society on 987 5035. Stan is also involved in leading local guided walks.

The proposal for the Fourth Trent Crossing forms part of the Notts County Council Structure Plan. The report of the Examination in Public panel will be the next stage in the planning process - watch this space to find out what the report says about the bridge.

*Hewthorn Herbs & Wild Flowers
Julie Scott
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Adbolton Lane, West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 5AS
Tel: 0115 981 2861*

Gardens Open 10.30am to 3pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays During School term time

Open Days For 1995 2-6pm on the following dates

June : Sunday 26th

July : Saturday 8th Sunday 9th

August : Saturday 5th Sunday 6th

The Gardens are open outside these hours by arrangement. To avoid disappointment please telephone first to make sure someone will be available

THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

JUNE 1995

Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's	British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) activities - including a variety of practical tasks. <i>Contact Karen on 931 3316.</i>
Sun's (& some other days)	Notts Wildlife Trust conservation activities at wildlife reserves around the county. <i>Contact Erin McDaid on 958 8242.</i>
Friday 2nd	Greenpeace Youth Group meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham Trent University library, Shakespeare St. <i>Contact Alex Penn on 925 5196 to confirm date and venue.</i>
Sunday 4th	Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. <i>Phone 975 6376 for details.</i>
Monday 5th	Greenpeace Support Group meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. <i>Contact David Meatcher on 925 7186.</i>
Tuesday 6th	Gedling Borough Wildlife Group walk of around 4 miles - Blidworth. Meet outside the Little John Pub, Ravenshead. <i>Contact Ian Grimwood on 987 4406 for details.</i>
Tuesday 6th	NOGS (Nottingham Organic Gardeners) meeting. <i>Contact Mike Poyzer on 958 7006 after 6.30pm.</i>
Tuesday 6th	Oxfam Campaigning Group meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. <i>Contact Mike Satchwell on 976 5009.</i>
Wednesday 6th	Green Network editorial meeting - all welcome. 3pm at Lawrence House, Talbot Street. <i>Phone 941 7849 for details.</i>
Wednesday 7th	Nottingham EIA (Environmental Investigation Agency) meeting. 7.30pm at the Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road. <i>Contact Rachel Jones on 939 5830.</i>
Thursday 8th	Buses and Town Centres - In or Out Conference. 10am-4.30pm at Florence Boot Hall, University of Nottingham. Fee £80 (£50 for voluntary groups). <i>Contact the CPD Secretary on 951 4883.</i>
Thursday 8th	Friends of the Earth meeting, with a talk from Simon Festing of FoE UK, on Biodiversity and protecting wildlife sites. 7.30pm at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. <i>Contact Tim Gray on 922 3439.</i>
Saturday 10th	Tour of sites to be affected by the proposed Fourth Trent Crossing , starting from Simkins Farm (West Bridgford) at 9.45am. <i>Contact Stan Taylor of Sneinton Environmental Society on 987 5035. See article for details.</i>
Saturday 10th	Notts Cyclists' Touring Club Beginners Section ride along the Southwell Trail - all welcome. Meet at 10.30am, at Lowdham WI Hall (Main Street). <i>Contact Graham Lansdell on 986 0299 for details.</i>
Week 10th-18th	National Wildlife Week. <i>See article for details.</i>
Week 10th-19th	National Bike Week. <i>See article for details.</i>
Sunday 11th	BTCV/Spadework Training Event - Meadow Flower Identification, from 10am-4pm. Cost £5.00 (waged) or £2.50 (unwaged). <i>Call 931 3316 for details.</i>
Monday 12th	Nottingham Permaculture Association meeting. <i>Phone Phil Corbett on 947 4977 for details.</i>
Thursday 15th	Notts Transport 2000 meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station. <i>Phone Ron Gillott on 920 1238.</i>
Friday 16th	Critical Mass Cycle Ride to protest against traffic congestion. Meet in the Market Square at 5.15pm. <i>Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.</i>
Friday 16th	Launch of Green Transport Week (17th-25th June), with the Secretary of State for Transport. <i>See article for details, or call 977 4338.</i>
Sunday 18th	Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride. <i>Contact Marilyn Loudon on 977 4374.</i>
Monday 19th	Pedals meeting. 8.30pm at the Ferry Inn, Wilford (preceded by a short ride at 7pm, from Queen's Bridge Road, opposite Nottingham BR Station). <i>Contact Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.</i>
Tuesday 20th	Public meeting organised by Nottinghamshire Transport 2000 , with Phil Keynes (Notts County Council Environment Officer) talking about 'Travel to School, Health and the Environment'. 7.30pm in Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. <i>Contact Ron Gillott on 920 1238.</i>
Wednesday 21st	Air Pollution advice 'Clinic' , with a panel of experts answering questions about health and traffic pollution. <i>Call 977 4338 for details.</i>
Saturday 24th	BTCV/Spadework Training Event - the Rights of Way Network, from 10am-4pm. Cost £5.00 (waged) or £2.50 (unwaged). <i>Call 931 3316 for details.</i>
Saturday 24th	Notts Cyclists' Touring Club Beginners Section ride to Costock - all welcome. Meet at 10.30am, at Wilford Toll Bridge. <i>Contact Graham Lansdell on 986 0299 for details.</i>
Tuesday 27th	Bulwell Environmental Group meeting. Crabtree Farm Estate Community Centre. <i>Contact Diana Langley on 927 3813.</i>
Wednesday 28th	Nottingham Women's Environmental Network meeting. 8pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham. <i>Call 960 5843 for details.</i>

JULY 1995

Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's	BTCV activities - <i>see June.</i>
Sun's (& some other days)	Notts Wildlife Trust conservation activities at wildlife reserves around the county. <i>Contact Erin McDaid on 958 8242.</i>
Sunday 2nd	Grandchildren, Grannies and Grandads woodland walk in Bestwood Country park - 1½ miles. Transport available if you cannot walk all the way. 2-4pm. Meet at Bestwood Lodge Drive Car Park. <i>Call 967 0042 for more information.</i>
Sunday 2nd	Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. <i>Phone 975 6376 for details.</i>
Monday 3rd	Greenpeace Support Group meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. <i>Contact David Meatcher on 925 7186.</i>
Weekend 8th-9th	Farm and Gardens open afternoons , raising funds for FIELDS (campaigning against the Fourth Trent Crossing). 2-6pm, starting from Simkins Farm, Adbolton Lane. Price £1 (covers admission to the farm and all 15 gardens). <i>For further details contact J. Scott on 982 2616.</i>
Weekend 8th-9th	BTCV Fencing course , based in the Southwell Area. Cost £2-50 or £5-00. <i>Call 931 3316 for further details.</i>

Green Contact Details are also available from The Rainbow Centre on 958 5666.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE TRANSPORT 2000

NOTTS TRANSPORT 2000 - A BRIEF HISTORY

Nottinghamshire Transport 2000 (NT2000) was set up in 1977 as the local branch of the national pressure group, which campaigns for transport policies that give greater priority to the environment. NT2000 is not 'anti-car' - it campaigns for services which provide an alternative. These include the provision of adequate public transport services, safe facilities for cyclists and pedestrians and good public transport information.

As these issues are of concern to other environmental groups we have often run joint campaigns, with groups such as Friends of the Earth (FoE) and the Railway Development Society. The first car free day was set up with FoE, as well as the Nottinghamshire Transport Campaign, which has now widened to involve

more than 20 voluntary environmental organisations.

The group was a founding member of Nottingham City Council's Bus Users Consultative Committee in the early 1980's, which eventually became the Public Transport Users Consultative Committee, bringing together policy makers, planners, users and operators. The committee folded in 1984, but the experience of the committee was used to establish the City Council's Green Charter and set up the Nottingham Green Partnership - which includes NT2000 in its Transport sub-group.

NT2000 also set up Pedals, the Nottingham cycling campaign pressure group, and Buswatch - to carry out specific campaigns.

NT2000 POLICY STATEMENT

Nottinghamshire Transport 2000 works for transport policies within Nottinghamshire that give greater priority to the environment. These policies should aim towards saving lives and conserving natural resources by - restraining traffic, improving rail and bus services, and making walking and cycling more pleasant and safer. NT2000 also advocates making maximum use of rail and water for freight transport.

Oliver Elliott, Notts Transport 2000. For more information about Nottinghamshire Transport 2000, contact Ron Gillott on 920 1238.

CAMPAIGNING ACTIVITIES

NT2000 continues to campaign on a wide variety of issues, with a small band of dedicated voluntary members, last year being particularly eventful for transport issues in Nottinghamshire. The 'bus war' between Nottingham City Transport and Nottingham Omnibus was concluded, and phase one of the Robin Hood Railway Line was opened - with NT2000 officially represented at the opening of Bulwell Station.

We continue to campaign with more specialist environmental groups in Nottinghamshire, including FIELDS, STOP and the Save the Greenbelt Campaign. The group helped the STOP campaign for the removal of the Greater Nottingham Orbital Road proposal from the County Council Structure Plan. We also continue to actively campaign against the Fourth Trent Crossing in co-operation with FIELDS.

The group has made worthwhile contributions towards the preparation of the Nottingham BR Station Public Transport Information Display, the County Council's Nottinghamshire bus map and guide, and the Queens Medical Centre Public Transport guide.

NT2000 continues to liaise with our local representatives, including MPs and MEPs. We recently lobbied the two local MEPs over the issue of the Trans-European Network currently being debated by the European Parliament. The group also lobbied the County Council's environment committee earlier this year, over its planned abolition of the Sherwood Forester bus services. We are extremely pleased to see that a revised Sherwood Forester service is now taking place this summer.

An important part of our campaigning is good media coverage. NT2000 gives regular TV and radio interviews in response to various transport plans and announcements, as well as continuing to write letters to newspapers on diverse transport issues.



NT2000 members on a visit last year to the Ivanhoe line in Leicestershire, after their AGM.

NT2000 is currently campaigning over the proposed development of an industrial estate at Chilwell Dam Farm at Strelly, and the proposal for a road/rail freight terminal at Toton Sidings. We have also contacted the government and the media over the current uncertainties over funding for stage two of the Robin Hood Line, out to Mansfield.

We will be holding a public meeting on June 20 as part of Green Transport Week, from 7.30pm in Nottingham Central Library. The main speaker will be Phil Keynes (Notts County Council Environment Officer), who will be talking about 'Travel to School, Health and the Environment'.

This is a project that he has been helping to develop and which NT2000 has been involved with.

The group publishes a regular newsletter with information about current campaigns and activities, and holds its monthly meetings at the Tom Hoskins Pub on the third Thursday of Each Month (details in the Nottingham Green Calendar). Everybody is welcome - you don't have to be an expert on transport issues to attend. The group welcomes new volunteers, as well as constructive criticism or praise about how the group functions and our campaigns.

Oliver Elliott, Notts Transport 2000.