

## MOLESWORTH

Most of PAN's activities over the last few months has not suprisingly been directed at Molesworth.

Nationally we received some hard lessons with the erection of the security fence and the massive police/army operation that ensured that the peace movement did not, as it had promised, delay construction work. The victory for us was that they had to use such force, that they could not do what they would have done six years ago, sent in the contractors with maybe the local bobby on his bike.

Relatively, Nottingham showed itself as one of the best organised and involved of the pledge areas, often providing inspiration to other areas.

In terms of NVDA so far weve managed to, breach the outer razor wire fence, occupy police observation towers, cut a section out of the high security fence, get over the second fence and divert to Alconbury when we got national headlines and drew attention to the role that Alconbury will play in Molesworth Cruise Missiles.

But prehaps most importantly we have pushed ourselves harder than since Reclaim Chilwell, only this time there have been more people active and more learned and achieved.

Of course to deal with us and the rest of the pledge scheme the government has introduced methods to stop us. Arbitrary road blocks, car passes for local residents and new by-laws that make it a criminal offence to trespass at Molesworth (or even to attach a leaflet to the razor wire).

The challenge that faces us is whether we are going to accept Molesworth and its Cruise Missiles or whether we are going to stop it.

Our original arguments still stand, they have yet to build the base, we are far larger and more experienced than when they built Greenham, time is still on our side not theirs.

Undoubtly our response has been good, but it must, if we are to succeed, become bigger, stronger, louder. It is up to each one of us to become involved.

### NOTTINGHAM PLEDGE DAYS

As part of the national pledge campaign Nottingham goes down to Molesworth on the second Wednesday of each month. Obviously each individual and group should do what they feel happy with. However PAN meetings have in the past worked out a NVDA 'strategy' which has been practiced on the training days and this has proved effective.

<u>Pledge Day</u>		<u>Training Day</u>	
Wednesday	8th May	Sunday	5th
"	12 th June	"	7th
"	10th July	"	7th
"	14th August	"	11th

Training days at Queens Walk Community Centre, The Meadows.  
10.30am - 5.00pm

Book these dates in your diary NOW! Come to the training days or better still get involved in an affinity group.

### MOLESWORTH GATE PARTY

May 29th is to be a joint action between all eight counties in the East and South Midlands. From Alconbury we will be marching to the contractors gate at Molesworth (to the tune of the Fall-Out Marching Band) for a party.

The party is seen as a combined NVDA/Non NVDA event with those who wish blockading the road. There will be a half day training training session on Sunday 26th May, 1.30pm - 5.00pm at Queens walk Community Centre for those wishing to blockade.

This should be a biggy - so if you havnt been to Molesworth yet - or cant' go often get your tickets now!



## RAF Molesworth

### NOTICE OF PROPOSED BYELAWS

#### NEW MOLESWORTH BYLAWS

On April 1st (honest) the MoD introduced new bylaws to cover Molesworth and Greenham. The basic result of these laws is to criminalise trespass at these two locations. The maximum penalty is a £100 fine, the first people to be tried for this (April 23rd) were fined £25.

Several Nottingham Peace Protesters are up at Huntington on May 13th for trespass.

Copies of the by-law are available from Defend Molesworth Group c/o NCND office at 5p.

#### DEFENCE AND AID

One of the unfortunate aspects to our activity at Molesworth is the financial burden that the courts are beginning to impose upon us. With the new by-laws this burden looks like increasing. It would be tragic if our activities at Molesworth end, not because we had run out of energy or commitment - but because of a lack of cash.

Peace Action Network has a Defence and Aid fund to help pay protesters fines and court/prison expenses.

Recently we decided that protesters would be expected to pay at least their first fine (courts usually allow unwaged people to pay at £2 a week and waged at £4+ per week). After that we would do our best to help financially.

Are your beliefs worth £2 a week? If you can't take part in NVDA for whatever reason then consider helping others with a contribution to PAN's Defence and Aid fund.

#### MOLESWORTH VIDEO

Jerky Videos (makers of 'Reclaim Chilwell') are producing 'video news' of Nottingham's activities at Molesworth. These are 15 minutes each and are being produced every 6 weeks or so. To borrow (donations welcome) contact Defend Molesworth Group c/o NCND office.

## OTHER PAN NEWS

#### NEWTON PICNIC (June 30th)

Almost a year after Reclaim Chilwell PAN is organising an event at Nottinghamshire's other American base. RAF (USAF) Newton which by 1986 is planned to have a 500 bed hospital on standby for American casualties in a nuclear war. See the enclosed briefing sheet for further details.

We see the Newton Picnic not only as a way of publicising the American military presence in this country but also a valuable opportunity to form or reform affinity groups for a local action.

Newton will provide an ideal first action for new groups - local, with no by-laws or high fences (yet) and with groups being able to work at different levels of commitment.

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### MAY PROTEST AT THE DEPLOYMENT SITE

Each time a Cruise Convoy leaves Greenham, the Greenham Women and Cruisewatch track and locates it, and there are protests at deployment site and nationwide.

In May Cruisewatch is calling for a National Action at the deployment site. On the first Sunday in May that Cruise is deployed and still out groups are asked to come to the deployment site at 2pm.

If your interested

If you're interested in going down - leave your name and telephone contact at the NCND office (for Jaz).

## AFFINITY GROUPS

At the moment affinity groups exist in the following areas/groups:- Trent Poly, NALGO, Forest Fields, Beeston, Sherwood/All Saints, Stapleford, West Bridgford and The Anarchists group.

If you want to get involved in an existing affinity group contact PAN c/o NCND office.

If there isn't an affinity group in your area we can help you set one up by:-

- 1) Providing you with names of other people who are or have been involved in NVDA.
- 2) Send someone to talk about NVDA, setting up an affinity group and so on to any meeting you have.

Run an 'Introduction to NVDA' training day for your new group.

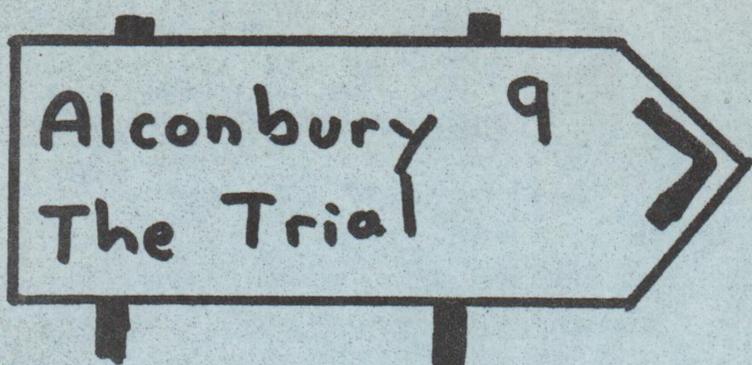
Affinity Groups provide the working basis for a successful campaign of Direct Action. Self sufficient Groups, which will find their own way of working together for peace. Divided we fall, united we stand! So get that affinity group started.

### MINIBUS

PAN has now got a minibus which will soon be available to affinity groups. We still need a garage and any offers would be welcomed.

### PAN MEETINGS

With the Molesworth Defence Group meeting weekly PAN has decided to revert to meeting once a month. Meetings are now 1st Monday of the month 7.30pm NCND office. Please send reps from affinity groups.



#### NOTTINGHAM SUPPORT DEMO

On 10th June after almost a year on bail 7 of the Alconbury 9 are to be tried for 'conspiring to commit criminal damage' at USAF Alconbury and Molesworth.  
The trial at Northampton is expected to last four weeks and support is welcome. On the first day of the trial there will be a support demonstration in Nottingham.  
Assemble 12.30am at Market Square to sign petition admitting conspiracy for peace. 12.30pm march to Central Police Station to hand ourselves in.

#### 'STOP THE AIR FAIR'

On July 21st USAF Alconbury will be holding an air fair. Peace Activists are calling for people to take NVDA inside or outside to stop the fair.  
More information from:- 'Stop the Air Fair' c/o 181 Hinchcliffe, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough, Cambs.

#### STOP PRESS

June 16th Sunday action at Molesworth.

June 26th Cruise contractors day of action.

Contact

