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**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANTI-FASCIST
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NAFA successes

Two small but important successes. Firstly, Peter Hart, the National Front candidate for Derby North at the last election has been refused membership of Nottingham Friends of the Earth. Hart is an eccentric character with a history of unpleasant racism (we have in our possession copies of his racist letters to Newham Council, where he used to live) who had been getting increasingly involved in FOE. FOE were unaware of his Nazi past and present and took prompt action when this was revealed. Secondly NAFA co-ordinated a host of complaints to Waterstone's about them stocking Hitler's War by David Irving and the book has now been withdrawn from display there. Irving is a leading neo-Nazi "revisionist" historian (ie he says the Holocaust did not happen). NAFA sent a delegation to Waterstone's, they received more complaints about that book than any other they have ever stocked. Many Jews complained to Waterstone's as did John Heppell MP and ex-MP Martin Brandon-Bravo. Dillons bookshop also withdrew the book.

Membership cards

With this mailing you will receive your membership card. Membership now stands at 64 individuals and 10 organisations. We particularly welcome Nottingham South Labour Party whose members had a whip round following a NAFA speaker.

Regional rally

Enclosed with this mailing are some leaflets about NAFA's rally at the end of this month. Alan Simpson is the Labour MP who is speaking but otherwise all the details are as on the leaflet. There will be a number of stalls selling food and giving out information. This is, surprisingly, NAFA's first proper public meeting debut. Please do try to come with friends.

Long Eaton

Together with Derby colleagues NAFA is organising leafleting sessions in areas where the BNP has also been active. The first occasion is on July 4th in Long Eaton. Transport goes from the Salutation Inn on Maid Marion Way at 10.15, returning at 1.00 and at 2.00. We should have a minibus and cars, please bring your car if you have one!

Next NAFA meeting 29th June, 7.30 at ICC, Mansfield Road.
ARA Carnival, London, August 1st, details next time.

NAFA: UNITED AGAINST FASCISM, UNITED AGAINST RACISM

Nottingham Anti Fascist Alliance (NAFA) is the Nottingham-based organisation active in all sorts of ways to shut fascists down. It was set up in January this year following the appalled reaction of many people to the National Front selling it's obscene newspaper in town and from an initiative by Forest Fields Anti Facists Action Group (FFARAG). FFARAG was a local community campaign formed in support of the Madni Masjid Defence Campaign set up after the mosque was desecrated, it's users attacked and local black people harrassed and assaulted, and against NF's leafletting of streets in the area. From working with the Defence Campaign and other local black people it became clear that racist attacks and fascist activity were an increasing horror and NAFA came into being to campaign alongside and in support of existing black, women's, lesbian, gay and jewish groups.

So far NAFA has organised coaches to two national anti-fascists demonstrations (the march to Welling to mark Rolan Adams murder and close down the BNP party headquarters and the March for Justice, a protest against racist murders and attacks on black people by the police organised by black led organisations). NAFA has also supported the people of Ilkeston in their successful attempt to stop a BNP party meeting, has organised leafletting and petitions in West Bridgford to raise awareness of the fact that a local resident was standing as a BNP candidate in Erewash, set up a telephone tree for emergencies, and organised benefit gigs which raised over £400. It has also produced an information news sheet, investigating racist sightings and mobilised around gigs featuring bands with fascist followings, run stalls and donated money to the Rochdale Defence Campaign (anti fascists arrested for daring to protest against fascists). Most recently NAFA has offered support and publicity to the Kentish Town

Rally, called by the Anti Racist Alliance and the Drummond St Asian Youth Association and is currently organising a **Regional Rally on Friday June 26th at the Friends Meeting House on Clarendon Street, Nottingham, 7-9.30pm.** NAFA hopes that this rally will feature black, anti fascist, jewish, lesbian and gay, trade union and Labour Party representatives from across the East Midlands to promote joint actions against fascists and to discuss united campaigning against the Tory Government's new proposals for racist Immigration Laws.



NAFA is not affiliated to any political party. It is an independent local group and member of the Anti Racist Alliance, the Anti Nazi League and Anti Fascist Action and will support all worthwhile initiatives which follow its basic aim of uniting to fight fascism and racism. It's members include individuals and representatives of black and jewish groups, trade unions, womens groups, Labour parties, lesbian and gay organisations, left groups and the peace movement.

UNITED COLOURS OF NAFA

NAFA aims to be much more than the stereotypical bunch of 'right on' men running about with baseball bats kicking the shit outta fascist skinheads. NAFA is a community of people, men and women, black and white, straight and gay, working together to unite communities towards a common goal.

Currently NAFA organises clubnites, at least two, and sometimes three a month, with such notable DJ's as Pablo, DiY DJ Stoney and Hhavok, and DJ outfit Diseased Discos Inc. Dance, rave, punk, hardcore, jazz, reggae, whatever. NAFA makes antifascism FUN!

Future plans are afoot for a 'mega rave' plus more clubnites and gigs. There are also plans to work with local bands who have a strong antifascist stance such as Downfall and Positiv Noyz. NAFA also wants to organise educational events working with schools, colleges and community centres as well as rallies and carnivals. NAFA doesn't do boring marches. NAFA does interesting strolls and expects to have a full involvement in the upcoming festival season. There might be a

magazine. What else? Recipes? Bingo? Whatever works.

NAFA is a relatively small group at the moment but it knows that out there in the big world there are many many people who support anti fascist objectives and have skills which would be invaluable to successful antifascist activities in this city. Why not get involved now? Individual lifetime membership is only £1 or £2 if you're (un)fortunate enough to have a job. NAFA's doors are always open to new ideas and initiatives. What can you do for NAFA and what can NAFA do for you? For more information send an s.a.e. to: PO Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ or come along to our open meetings at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Nottingham on the last Monday of every month at 7.30pm.

If you are a member of a community group, trade union or other organisation, why not invite us to speak at one of your meetings.

Sal, Co-Chair NAFA; DJ KKK, Fundraiser NAFA