



**Women-
reclaim
Greenham!**

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Some Ideas FOR Dec. 11

ALL DAY

You have arrived at USAF Greenham Common, once beautiful common land, now nightmare. We are here to come to terms with this place on our terms the terms of life. Listen to your feelings, hang banners, spin webs, write messages in the mud, plant trees, plant seeds, reclaim the common land and make yourselves at home.

And as you make yourself part of Greenham Common remember how powerful our non violent action can be. We cannot justify an end to militarism if we use violent means, for by those methods we are responsible for the destructive powers you now SEE here in the USAF base. We shall use our anger positively.

Sound and silence are two ways in which our feelings might be used and we have included these elements in our ideas for the day. The use of silence can provide a necessary focus, provide a channel for our anger and distress, and draw us closer to each other, the longer the silence is sustained, the more effective it becomes. At the end of the silence we can put pressure on the base by sound: voices, instruments, sounds noise — to make our feelings heard.

Sound: on the hour every hour.

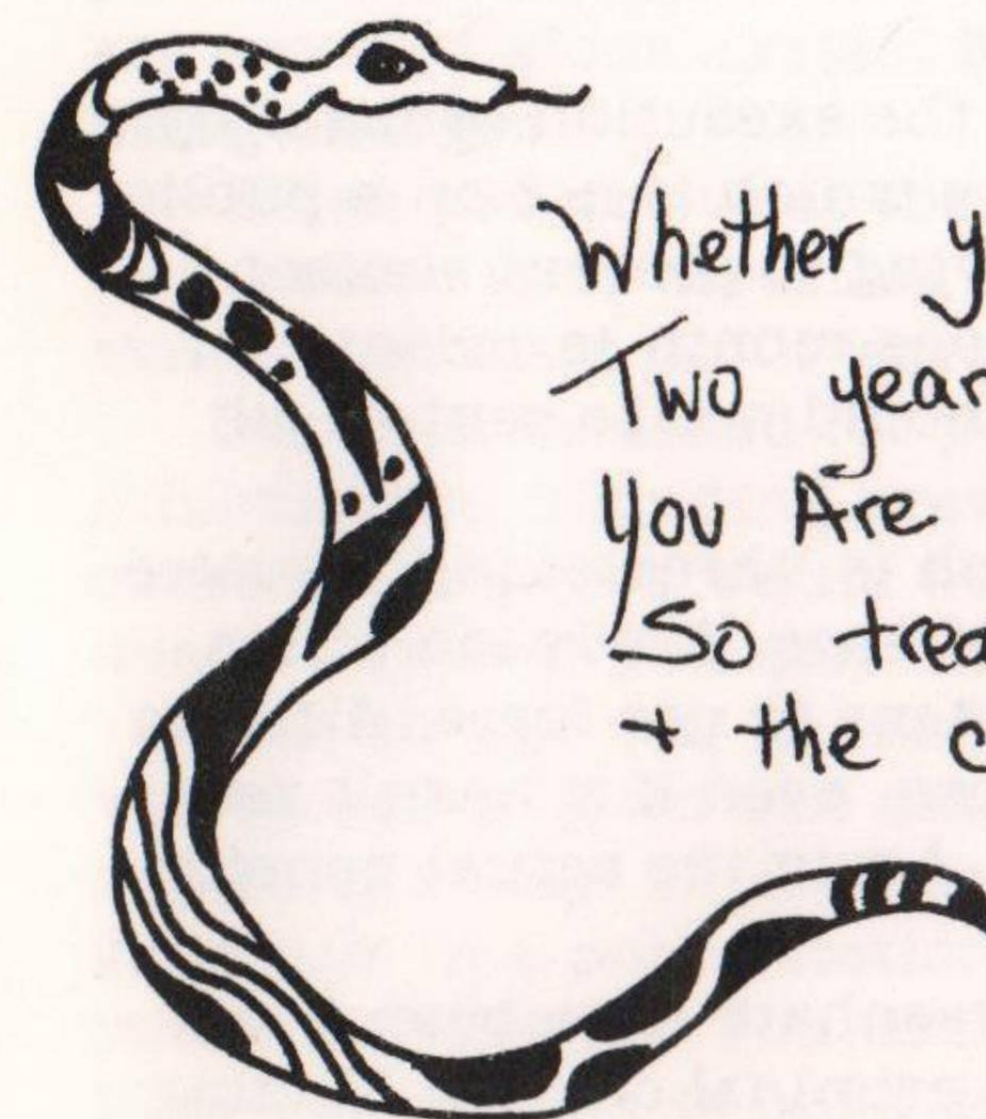
2.20 a moment to 'turn the base inside out'. Using our mirrors to reflect on what is inside and what is out. Some women may like to become comfortable with the silence before they do this.

2.30 half an hour of silence

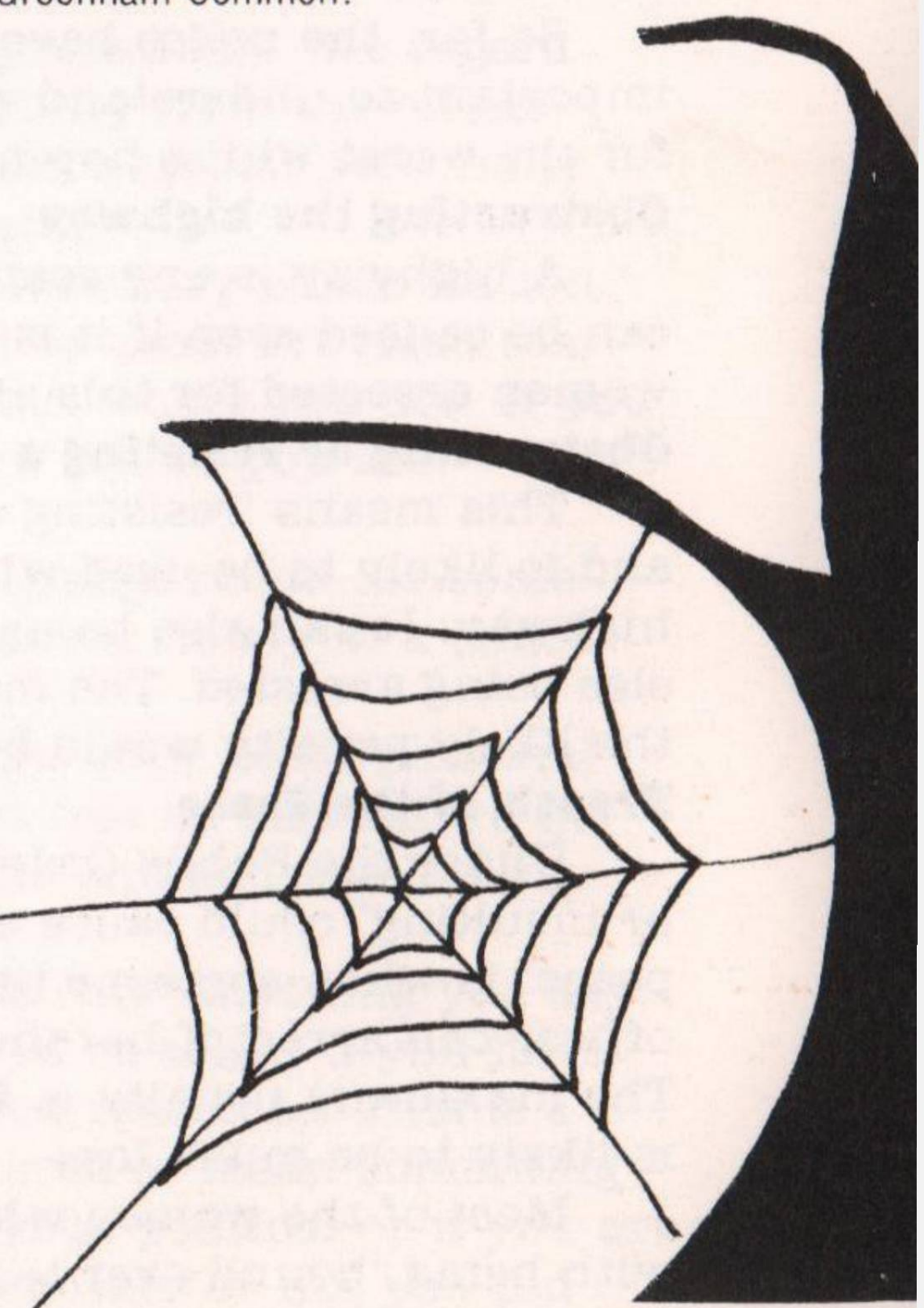
Welcome to Greenham! We hope every woman will feel happy here and not hesitate to make herself at home. You can light fires with the wood provided or collect dead wood, but please respect the trees and bracken are living. The beauty of the common should not be destroyed any further as the air base is anti-life and we are all for life.

Toilets should be provided, however if not there will be buckets for use. Please be considerate with the disposal of toilet paper and sanitary towels, if women leave them in the bushes we will have a health hazard. This also applies to rubbish, if you can try and keep it together, preferably in plastic bags, and take it away with you, it would be much appreciated.

Please respect the benders that are already up. Don't occupy them unless invited to. Leave us space to get in and out of our doorways. Please remember that **this** is home for many women. It would be nice if everyone coming for the day/weekend ensured that the common was a more beautiful place after they had left. Thanks. Reclaim Greenham Common!



Whether you've been here
Two years or two hours
You Are a GREENHAM WOMAN
So treat us as you're own
+ the common like your home



handkerchiefs, glasses or contact lenses, sanitary protection, any special medicines, paper and something to write with. (If they are being kind you may be allowed cigarettes, though not matches; if unkind, they may remove such things as scarves and shoelaces!) All your property should then be listed down and you will be asked to sign for it. Make sure that everything is written down, that nothing has been added and if it is correct sign your name immediately below the last item. If it is not correct refuse to sign.

Telephone call

You should ask to make a telephone call to inform someone of your arrest. If you think your arrest was not seen by a legal observer, ring Newbury 298512 to let us know or your own solicitor if you have one, or a friend or relative.

Fingerprints and photographs

It is not legal to have your fingerprints or photograph taken without an order from a magistrate and we advise you to refuse. However, it is important for you to get bail before the first court hearing, we should warn you that you may not get bail if you do refuse.

Bail

Getting bail (being set free till the court hearing) nearly always depends on having a 'verifiable address'. It is important therefore, that there should be someone at the address you give or a neighbour who will confirm that you live there. Police sometimes refuse to allow 'squats' as verifiable addresses. At Greenham you may want to give the Peace Camp as your address, in solidarity with the women there, but this may not be accepted as a verifiable address.

Bail may be given on your own 'surety' which means you sign an undertaking to be in court for your case or be fined. You don't have to produce money on the spot only if you default.

You may be asked to find someone else to be your surety for bail. Such a person should know you, should have no criminal convictions and be able to produce evidence of having enough money for the surety (such as having a steady income, owning a house etc). They don't have to produce the cash, again unless you default. We suggest that legal observers should prepare 'surety lists' for their groups.

If bail is agreed, you will be asked to come back to the local Magistrates Court for the case, which may be the next working day or a day some time away. If you don't get bail, you will be held (usually in the police station but sometimes in jail) till the court hearing. Bail is nearly always granted by the courts for the more common offences.

IN COURT

The lawyers may already have seen you in the police station; they will certainly be in court to help you. You will have the charge read out and be asked how you plead. It is important to talk to the lawyers and other defendants before making up your mind. A 'not guilty' plea can always be changed later to a 'guilty' plea, but if you plead guilty the trial will go ahead straightaway without your having a chance to say very much.

If you plead not guilty, the case will be 'remanded': that is, another day will be fixed for the hearing. You should now ask the magistrate for bail (even if you already had bail from the police) and for legal aid. The lawyers will be there to back you up.

The date for the next hearing may be some time in the future and there may be several days of hearings (sometimes spaced out over weeks). This is one thing to bear in mind when deciding to risk arrest, particularly if you live a long distance away or might lose your job.

Possible penalties — Fines

So far the penalties people have faced have been fines or binding over orders. If you are convicted the magistrates should be told what your financial situation is (for example, whether you are unemployed) before they decide a fine; you can also ask for time to pay.

Binding over

A binding over order is something which the magistrates can impose as a punishment either for a specific charge or even if you have not been charged with anything. The order is made for you to 'keep the peace' (which means effectively not getting arrested again!) for a specific time, such as a year; if you break it you can be fined a specified sum of money (say, £100). You may refuse to sign a binding over order but you are likely then to be sent to jail. Women from Greenham have gone to prison for 14 days in this way.

JAIL?

It is very unlikely that anyone being found guilty for the first time would be sent to jail unless the charge is a serious one (such as, under the Official Secrets Act). So far, women from Greenham who have gone to jail have done so after refusing to accept a

binding order or to pay a fine. So even if you are found guilty, whether or not you go to jail is likely to be your choice. Don't feel you have to go to jail in order to take part in any actions.

Understanding the law and coping with the police and the courts can seem very daunting. What is important is to support each other by sharing information, experiences and feelings. We are all in this together.

WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG!!!

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1pm - 5pm - Sounds/music on the hour every hour

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2.20pm - 2.30pm - Hold up mirrors and turn the base inside out

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2.30pm - 3.00pm - Vigil

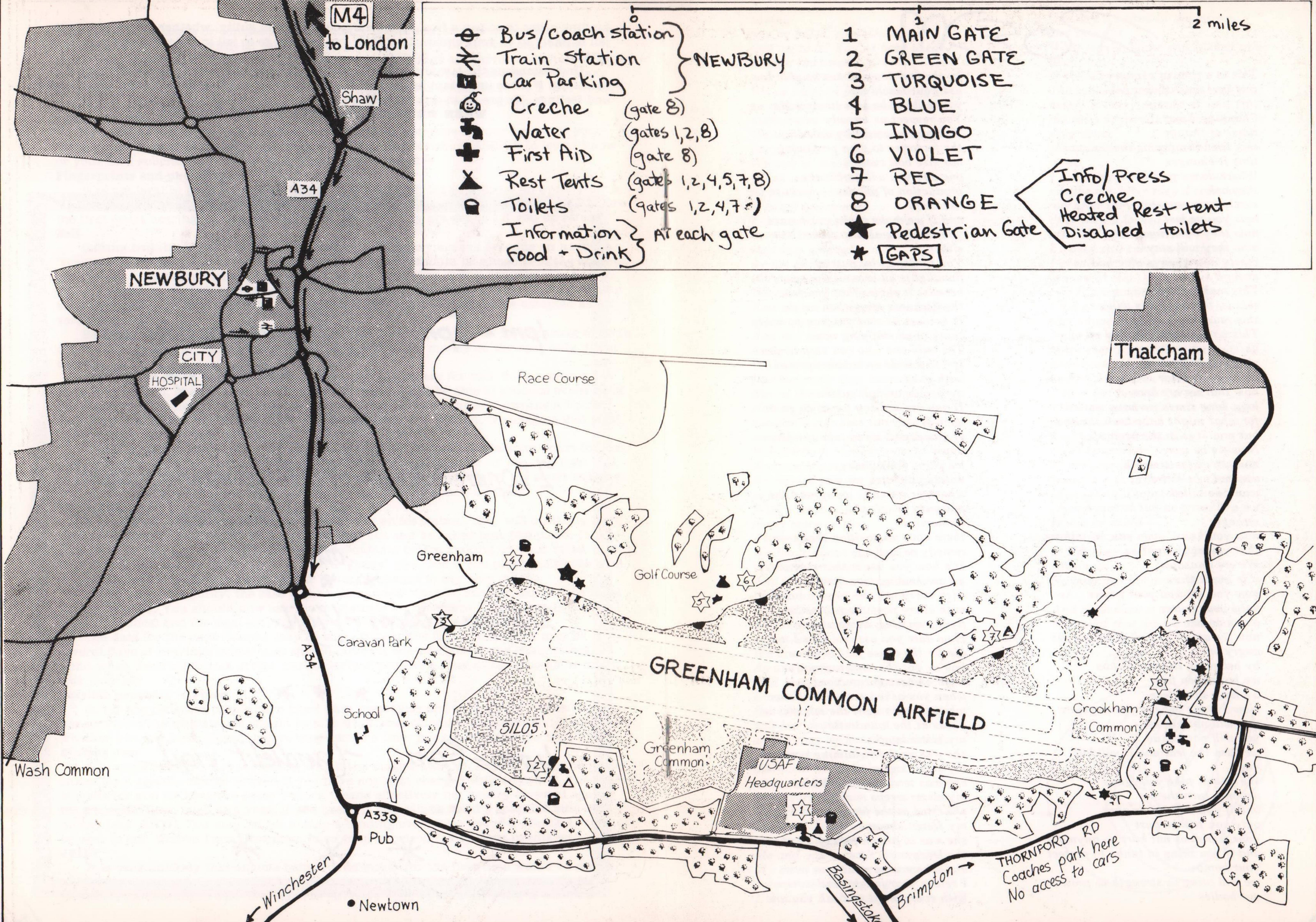
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4pm - 5pm - Candlelit vigil

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2 miles

⊕	Bus/coach station	} NEWBURY	1	MAIN GATE	Info/Press Creche Heated Rest tent Disabled toilets
🚂	Train Station		2	GREEN GATE	
🚗	Car Parking		3	TURQUOISE	
👶	Creche (gate 8)	4	BLUE		
🚰	Water (gates 1,2,8)	5	INDIGO		
+	First Aid (gate 8)	6	VIOLET		
⛺	Rest Tents (gates 1,2,4,5,7,8)	7	RED		
🚻	Toilets (gates 1,2,4,7)	8	ORANGE		
ℹ️	Information } At each gate	★	Pedestrian Gate		
🍷	Food + Drink }	★	GAPS		



POEM

This is a time of changes
this is a time of changes
this time is change.
Changing times
times of change
this time it reclaims the
time it changes
Where do we go from here,
they ask
surely now you stop
now you've lost
now they've arrived
now they will stay
surely now even you've had
enough
This makes change
this is, this can, this will
this must.
This has already changed all of
us
changed everything
now we are clear
now that we are here
long, long times we have waited
for what might have been the end
but now it is in the beginning.
Now we've won
now we've faced death
can't be killed
won't be killed
we will carry on but so much
stronger
now you know, even you in uniform
that you can't fight us
We are unusable
it is in all of us
now you showed your power
used your power
on us on her
now we aren't scared of you
angry one
by believing in your bombs
we have seen fear
we have lived fear
Now I don't believe you anymore
you will not kill me
you will not kill us
we turn the fear and it will kill
you
We do not take your guns
we only turn them
and if you pull the trigger
only you will be hurt
your fear does not hurt us anymore
and if you bring in tanks to protect
your bombs
we will bring in strength to protect
our bodies

In the end you will not be able to
use your machines
you will not be able to even face us
You respect us already
You pay us credit by ordering
the factories to stop producing
our size bolt cutters
one day you will forbid the
production of phones — because we
use them
and if we make tanks our homes
you won't be able to make them
either
You flatter us by putting
floodlights all around the base
because it shows that you fear
the darkness more than we do.
It amazes us that you can possibly
think of us stopping now
The only one who can stop is you
If you decide on soldiers armed
with guns
we decide on bolt cutters
If you are waiting for us to go in
we will stay out side
If you expect us to take the fence
down
we paint the runway
unless you stop, we won't
wherever we stay, we spread the
poison
Remember
there ain't no position that is not
remedy as well.
It's how you use it that matters
we are healing ourselves
with every cut the tension breaks
with every post the fear seizes
flying, melting, being strong
How dare you assume that I will
die for the cause just because
you've got the cameras ready
what amazement on your face
when you asked me where I was
when they brought the missiles in
I was at the laundrette
my sister laughs
she was in the swimming pool
my sister sighs
she was tending the children
my sister weeps
she cried at the fence
my sister screams
she was in prison for crying at
the fence
and where were you?
I refuse your judgement!
with every word you ask you are

saying
you've failed, why don't you
face up to it? You've been used
to stop the bombs
now they are coming
We've stopped fear by raising it
we all came here because of our
nightmares
We are staying here because of
our dreams
We will all leave here
When we are ready
Not when you decide
When I dream now
I dream of us being on fire
but it's not the flashing light
that sets us alight
we are burning from within
Born in flames
We can not stop burning
And my sister juggles herself free
when they open the side door
And my sister gets the food for
tonight
When they shut the side door
But we won't stop burning
Not in the shopping centre
Not on the bus
because we know
because we are scarred for life.
Will we burn ourselves out?
Are you hoping for that?
Because if you are you will have
to wait forever.
With everyone who burns she gets
many more on fire.
As we receive our scars
We know about our pain
We care for ourselves
And if we meet another womyn
We know about her scars
We will not forget her
As much as we'd never forget
ourselves
We are one
As one we face you
Will face anything
Even death
But you fear us more than
you fear death
and in that we have won already
Now is the time of changes
there will never be a time
more right than now.
Stop learning from old mistakes
Now is the time for risks
They say history repeats itself
that can't be true
Me and you weren't around then.
My mom says there's never been
a generation without a war
I thought I'd better prepare myself

One day I looked in the mirror
and thought
What would I take now if they came
now
If I'd have to run now?
The rucksack would have been too
heavy to carry
the rows of friends too long to
drag along
the animals too frightened to
come.
I suddenly knew that after they'd
caught me, after they'd searched
me, after they'd beaten me,
after I'd been forgotten,
I would still carry everything
I needed within myself.
We are at war
this is a warzone
I am at war .
this happens now
I put my toothbrush down
Since then I have been hunted,
have been searched, have been
beaten, have been locked away.
I have not been forgotten.
There are always friends with me
in body or in spirit
I will not forget nothing
I will remember
Every scar is pain and joy at once
because it is suffered by all of
us juggling, shopping, nursing or
crying
It will be heard
it will be seen
It will keep on burning from
within us
No man has the power to blow it
out
And if we blow it out ourselves,
Who said that we are afraid of
the darkness?

BADS



MIRARI MIRARI

WELL ONCE AGAIN I'VE BEEN ASKED TO WRITE ABOUT NON-VIOLENCE — THIS TIME FOR DEC 11th AT GREENHAM COMMON AND THE WOMENS ACTION HERE, I'VE ALSO BEEN THINKING ABOUT THE SYMBOL OF THE MIRROR — THE RESULTS OF WHICH I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT. 'MIRARI' IS A GREEK WORD THAT MEANS 'TO WONDER' THERE ARE THREE WORDS THAT COME FROM 'MIRARI' — 'MIRROR' — WHICH IS A REFLECTIVE SURFACE — WHICH REFLECTS HEAT, SOUND AND LIGHT /IMAGES. 'MIRAGE', AN OPTICAL ILLUSION. 'MIRACLE' — AN ACT/HAPPENING, THAT CHANGES MATERIAL — REALITY.

WHAT DO MIRRORS DO? THEY REFLECT. BEFORE YOU LOOK INTO YOUR MIRROR — KNOW WHO YOU ARE ('KNOW THYSELF') AND LOVE YOURSELF — BECAUSE MIRRORS REFLECT REALITY AS IT APPEARS (UNLESS THE MIRROR IS NOT A TRUE ONE). IF YOU REFLECT OTHERS IN YOUR MIRROR:— TREES, BIRDS, GRASS, SOLDIERS, POLICE, WOMEN — WHAT IS IT THAT YOU REFLECT? REFLECT THEM — REFLECT ON THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE. THINK OF YOUR MIRROR AS A TOOL; WHAT IS IT THAT YOU WANT TO SEE? WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE THE BASE? REFLECT THESE THINGS INSIDE FROM OUTSIDE. BE CREATIVE — WHAT ARE THE EXPRESSIONS YOU WOULD LIKE ON PEOPLES FACES — HAPPINESS? EMOTION? REFLECT IT BACK TO THEM — IF THEY ARE UNHAPPY (THE ONES YOU SHOW THEIR REFLECTIONS TO) THEY WILL LAUGH OR CRY, CHANGING YOUR REFLECTION OF THEMSELVES INTO WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE . . . TRY IT ON A POLICEMAN! — DO THEY TRULY SEE THEMSELVES, DO SOLDIERS WHO CARRY GUNS KNOW THEMSELVES, LOVE WHAT THEY ARE, CHANGE MUST COME FROM INSIDE AND OUT. IF WE CANNOT FIND IT INSIDE OURSELVES WE WILL NEVER FIND IT OUTSIDE OURSELVES.

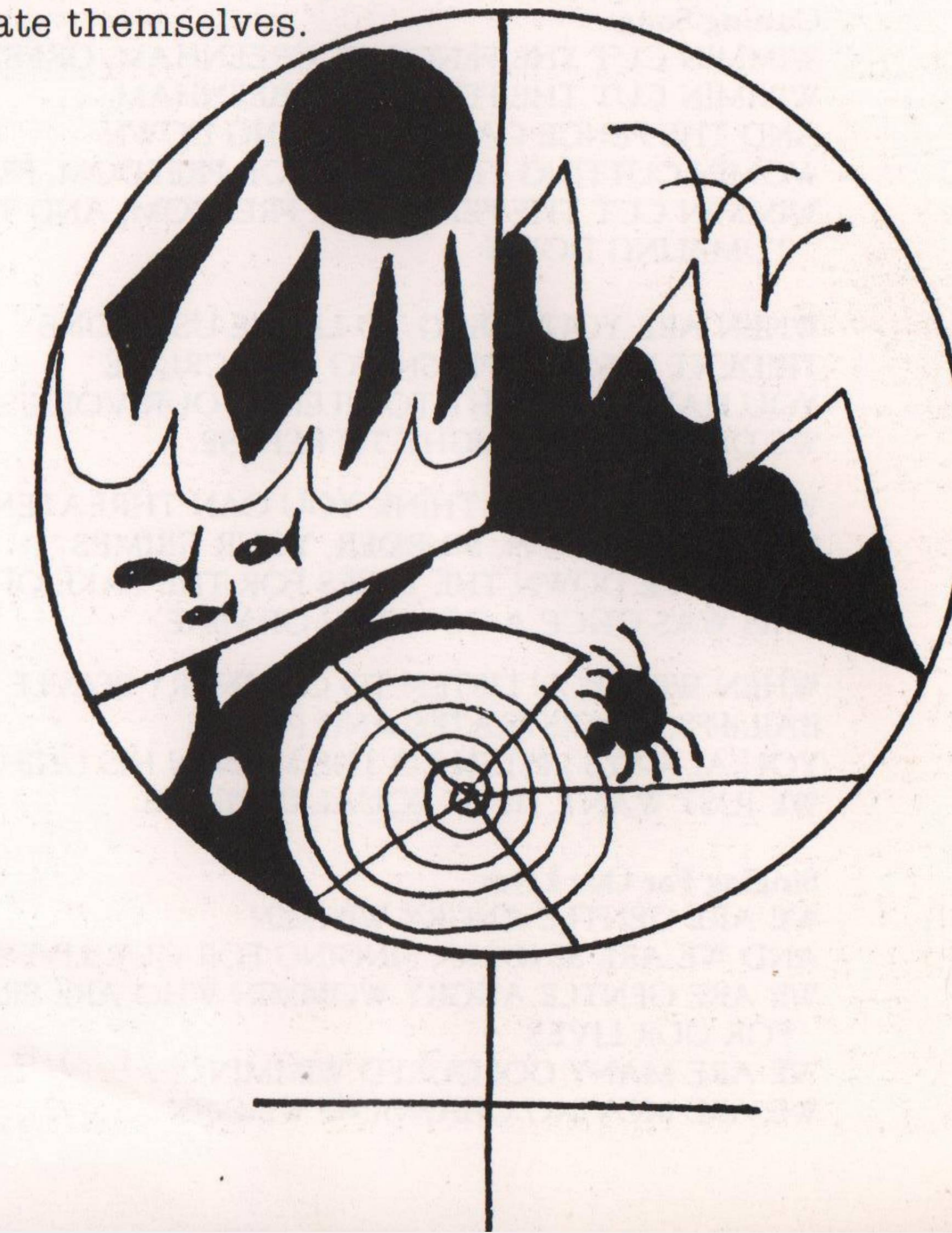
I WAS GOING TO WRITE ABOUT NON-VIOLENCE AND STARTED TO THINK ABOUT THE SYMBOLISM OF THE MIRROR — AND I FIND IT IS THE SAME THING:— ABOUT OUR NON VIOLENCE AND OTHER PEOPLES NON VIOLENCE. HOW CAN WE SHOW PEOPLE WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING? WE CANNOT CHANGE PEOPLES VALUES — THEY HAVE TO DO IT THEMSELVES. WE CANNOT TAKE ON THAT RESPONSIBILITY. (MOST PEOPLE GET CAUGHT UP IN CONFLICT BY MIRRORING OTHERS. AGGRESSIVENESS — ITS NOT THE WAY TO CHANGE OR TRANSFORM VIOLENCE INTO PEACE. MIRRORS ARE EXCELLENT TOOLS FOR SHOWING PEOPLE THEMSELVES. LETS HOPE FOR A MIRACLE. LETS MAKE ONE HAPPEN!

I have spent almost half my life rearing my four children. I have tried to tell them about love, about tolerance about caring for others and the precious world we live in. To me, now, the most loving thing I can do for them, for the people of the world, for the animals plants and trees is to live on Greenham Common. Confronting my fears and the fears of millions of people throughout the world.

Why women? Few and far between are the men who share my instinctive terror about what is going on. Men tell me to "pull myself together", to approach the issue more rationally. Men tell me I will not "get anywhere" with weeping and raging about the state of the world. So it goes on, but, you see, I feel I **am** getting somewhere. Together, with women, at Greenham, I grow in strength, confidence and understanding every day.

I can only say to men that when you have experienced the horror and outrage of what is happening to our world, you will not come grumbling to the women at Greenham, but you will join the small, but growing number of your brothers, who love and support us, who leave us free to do things in our way and in doing so liberate themselves.

Liz.



SINGING FOR OUR LIVES

Building Bridges

BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN OUR DIVISIONS
I REACH OUT FOR YOU — WILL YOU REACH OUT FOR ME?
WITH ALL OF OUR VOICES AND ALL OF OUR VISIONS
SISTERS WE CAN MAKE SUCH A SWEET HARMONY.

Out of Bounds

YOU SAY THAT THE EARTH IS OUT OF BOUNDS
OUR FUTURE, OUR LIVES, ARE OUT OF OUR HANDS
THE EARTH IS NOT YOURS TO PUT BOUNDARIES AROUND
WE'LL GROW AND GET STRONGER, OUR VOICES RESOUND.

Chant Down Greenham

35 WOMEN CAMPING FOR PEACE
SO THERE'LL BE NO MORE WARS
WE DON'T LIKE YOUR LAWS, WE DON'T WANT YOUR CAUSE,
WE WON'T FIGHT YOUR WARS — CHANT DOWN GREENHAM.
35,000 WOMEN FOR PEACE, ENCIRCLING THE BASE SO THERE'LL BE NO
NO MORE WAR
WE DON'T LIKE YOUR CRUISE — WE HAVE LIFE TO LOSE,
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO CHOOSE — CHANT DOWN GREENHAM.

Witches Song

WHO ARE THE WITCHES? WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?
MAYBE YOUR GREAT, GREAT GRANDMOTHER WAS ONE
WITCHES ARE WILD, WISE WOMEN THEY SAY
THERE'S A LOT OF WITCH IN EVERY WOMIN TO DAY

Cutting Song

WIMMIN CUT THE FENCE AT GREENHAM, GREENHAM, GREENHAM
WIMMIN CUT THE FENCE AT GREENHAM
AND THE FENCE CAME TUMBLING DOWN
WOMIN CUTTING THE FENCE FOR FREEDOM, FREEDOM, FREEDOM
WIMMIN CUT THE FENCE FOR FREEDOM, AND THE FENCE CAME
TUMBLING DOWN

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE US ALONE
TRIDENT MISSILES PERSHING AND CRUISE
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SILENCE OUR VOICES
WE DEMAND THE RIGHT TO REFUSE.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN THREATEN OUR LIVES
RAPE, OPPRESSION, MURDER, YOUR CRIMES
YOU TORE DOWN THE TREES FOR THE SAKE OF DESTRUCTION
THIS WAS ONCE A COMMON OF MINE

WHEN WILL YOU LISTEN TO ORDINARY PEOPLE
BAILIFFS, MAGISTRATES AND POLICE
YOU ALWAYS LISTEN TO THE MAN IN HIS UNIFORM
WE JUST WANT TO BE EQUAL IN PEACE.

Singing For Our Lives

WE ARE GENTLE ANGRY WIMMIN
AND WE ARE SINGING, SINGING FOR OUR LIVES,
WE ARE GENTLE ANGRY WOMMIN WHO ARE SINGING, SINGING
FOR OUR LIVES
WE ARE MANY COLOURED WIMMIN . . .
WE ARE MOVING CHANGING WIMMIN . . .