



For Justice & Peace

ONE WORLD CONCERNS in TELFORD

NE

WELCOME to the third issue of our newsletter, a special edition to cover One World Week (21 - 28th of October) and including a broad range of articles.

This year the theme of One World Week (OWW) is 'Women & Children First?' - a controversial theme which has some people horrified, others jubilant. Women play a major role in the economy of any country, suffering an unfair share of the burden which is largely unrecognised. Some two thirds of the world's work (in hours) is carried out by women yet they earn one tenth of the world's income (source: UN). Generally, the status of women is inferior to that of men. Women are denied equal opportunity for education, work and economic security.

Often they are second in line as regards access to food and other basic needs and so their children suffer in turn. When

there is famine and drought guess who suffers first. Who searches for hours to find firewood, who fetches the water and carries heavy burdens? Yet women are seldom consulted about the development needs of their communities.

For all these reasons and more this theme was chosen.

We list in the 'Dates for Your Diary' section local events in the Telford area, some of which directly relate to OWW, others indirectly. We hope that some will receive your support.

The scope of our newsletter is steadily broadening and we wish you, the reader, to be active in this process. Please write to us with your ideas and feel free to contribute articles for consideration. We wish this newsletter to be a two-way channel of communication - we are talking to you, will you talk to us?

Interhelp

Interhelp is a growing network whose purpose is to provide people the opportunity to experience and share with others their deepest responses to the dangers which threaten our Planet - be they dangers of nuclear holocaust, environmental deterioration, or human oppression. The aim is to enable people to know the power that comes from their interconnectedness and

to move beyond powerlessness and numbness into action.

T.A.N.G. has organised a day Despair and Empowerment Workshop at Dawley Christian Centre on the 13th October from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Everybody welcome but please arrive in the morning.

For more information contact Mark Stokes, 7, Burton Close, Dawley, Telford, Shrops.

CHRISTIAN AID and TRAUDCRAFT recently got married! Both partners have so much in common that there should be a bright future ahead - long past the honeymoon period! But the practical implications of this new relationship now need to be explored, so come and join in our special workshop evening, at ALL SAINTS, STIRCHLEY on THURSDAY 11th of OCTOBER. We'll start the full

programme, which includes a role-play, a quiz, some case studies, and worship together at 7.30pm. Hot meals will be served from 6.30pm and if you come early you can look at exhibitions, bookstalls and a big display of Traidcraft goods - come and do some early Christmas shopping!

Contact CHARLES WORTH tel 813802 for further details.

OPPORTUNITIES on Lightmoor

You may already have seen the Lightmoor Project described in, amongst other periodicals, the Shropshire Star, The Times and the Sunday Times and it is now beginning to take shape. About 23 acres of open land extending north-westwards from the disused building of the Poplars on the Lightmoor Road, where it crosses the old railway line, will be the first phase of the development which is designed to allow prospective residents to develop their own enterprises and to plan their own neighborhood. The idea is to develop home-based 'cottage industries' which in a way revive the old pattern of a century or more ago where most households had several kinds of livelihood, usually a smallholding and often some work in mining or bricklaying or a small local factory. The equivalent today might be a 'computer in the kitchen and a pig in the back yard'.

The land will be made available by the T.D.C. to a trust representing the Town and Country Planning Association, Wrekin District Council

Shropshire County Council, and the Telford Development Corporation, but with increasing representation by the residents as they come onto the site so that in the long run the residents will have a majority.

There is a good deal of paperwork still to be done and negotiations are well underway for building society mortgages to enable people to raise the money to build their own houses with professional help from the Birmingham School of Architecture.

Anyone with skills that are likely to suit the project and ideas for livelihoods that would make ends meet could enquire further through Lesley Whitehouse on Telford 501309 (preferably between 10.00am and 4.00pm weekdays). There will probably be some scope for people with local jobs who want to combine these with a modest commitment to a garden or allotment.

Dr. TONY GIBSON - Lightmoor Project Development Officer

WAAM

GET TO IT!

Wrekin Anti-Apartheid Movement (WAAM) recently made public appearances at Ketley, Hadley and Leegomery Fun Day and Telford Super Saturday where members talked to visitors about the major issues relating to South Africa. Some 150 introductory leaflets were given out and over £13 was raised to fund the group's activities.

We hope to pinpoint South African goods being sold locally as part of the 'consumer boycott' campaign, to investigate other commercial links between Telford and South Africa, to arrange public meetings and to further the aims of the Anti-Apartheid Movement in general. Any donations to our fund are most welcome.

The next public meeting is at the Malinslee House, Town Centre, 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th October. For further details contact Dell Sanderson, 32, St Davids Close, Malinslee.

T.O.E.S.

During the Reagan visit in June for the Economic Summit, when most activists would have wanted to be demonstrating outside the barricades around St James, 140 assorted 'Greens' from 16 countries found themselves *inside*. And a peculiar feeling it was too, to walk through the singing and chanting protestors, show our TOES Conference badges to the kind and courteous (*sic!*) bobbies at the barricade and be let through to join the seven world leaders in deliberating the future of the world's economy.

WHAT WAS IT ALL ABOUT?

In a word, it was all about *economics*, usually a subject of extreme boredom and difficulty to most people (including Greens. President Reagan, Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl, President Mitterand and the rest were having their annual economic summit. Ours was THE OTHER ECONOMIC SUMMIT, staged at the Royal Overseas League, only 200 yards from theirs at Lancaster House. They were meeting to talk up the idea of a world recovery', expressing the hope that the latest surge of economic growth in the western economies can be maintained without boosting inflation. - the No 1 fear of Reagan's and Thatcher's governments. They were also trying to think up ways of dealing with the Damoclean sword of Third World debt which is hanging over the world banking system.

TOES is the first response of the Green Movement to this kind of thinking, saying that economics is far too important to be left to the economists. TOES challenged the whole approach of the summit and of conventional economics in general, by saying that the *real* problems we face are not monetary stability or economic stagnation but worldwide unemployment, the arms race, degradation of the environment and Third World poverty. A new approach to economic policy is needed which puts

these issues first, and makes the economics fit the problems, not the other way round. A *New Economics* in fact and this was the theme of TOES.

WHAT HAPPENED?

First a public rally, attended by 2-300 people, to publicise the theme of the New Economics amongst the Green Movement and demonstrate its importance. Then the Conference followed, three days of workshops discussing 20 papers (available from TOES) invited from various well known writers, academics and practitioners in the alternative movement.

The first day was on Work and Unemployment, the second on Finance and Trade and the third on Resources and Environment. They were taken in three parallel streams, 'local', 'national' and 'global'. What impressed me most was not our ability to reach conclusions, although we did that too but first the enormous variety in the people who came (from people running Green Centres in Wales to academic economists!) and secondly the exciting sense of unity, which intensified over the three days.

Our final communique (available from the TOES office) outlines the new approaches needed at all three levels, such as writing off the third world debt, and finding new ways to distribute incomes, increase access to land and capital, and promote self-reliant local economies.

WHAT NEXT?

The next step is not yet clear, but it is already apparant that the New Economics has arrived on the map. The summit next year will be in Bonn and so there could be a TOES II to coincide with it.

The set of Conference papers costs £8. For the Communique send an SAE (cheques made payable to TOES, 42, Warriner Gardens, London SW11 4DU.

DAVID KEMBALL-COOK

traidcraft

TRAIDCRAFT - Justice in Trading

Have you ever wondered where you could buy a genuine Bangladeshi Sika, or a beautifully carved wooden box from India, or genuine Capiz-shell wind chimes from Mexico? Wonder no longer for they are all available to you via the Traidcraft catalogue. And lots more besides for Traidcraft has considerably extended its original range of Third World craft goods and it now also markets tea, coffee, whole foods and recycled paper goods, all at very competitive prices and yet geared to allow maximum return to the producer groups.

Traidcraft began with a group of Christians wanting to make a change in the way business is done in the Third World. It is run as a public limited company, but with a difference - it is controlled by a trust, whose specific aims are

BEYOND THE BLOCS - Europe and the superpowers. Public meeting, 8.00 pm, Wednesday, 3rd October at the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

Speakers:

Dan Smith (Britain) co-author 'Protest and Survive', CND and END National Councils.

Zdena Tomin (Czechoslovakia) 'Charter '77' activist.

Chiara Ingrassia (Italy) Comiso Peace Camp speaker.

Turkish Peace Association speaker banned by our NATO 'ally'.

Organised by European Nuclear Disarmament (END) and Shrewsbury Peace Group.

TALKING CHIPS! - The Silicon Revolution? The Social impact of new technology. A day conference at Malinslee House, Town Centre, 10am to 4pm, including lunch, on Saturday 17th November. Details: Bill Rowell, Telford Churches Industrial Group, 53, Castle View, Red Lake, tel 612894.

not to make as big a profit as possible for the share-holders, but rather the encouragement and generation of employment in the Third World and the stimulation of more equitable trading practices.

The majority of Traidcraft's UK sales are made through a network of voluntary reps and your local friendly reps in the Telford area are Sue Hawthorne in Coolbrookdale (tel Ironbridge 2561) & Lynda Barr in Wheaton Aston (tel Wheaton Aston 841248).

Next time you need some tea or coffee, beans or writing paper, or if you want something different to give as a present, think alternative, think TRAIIDCRAFT and think hope for a better world trading system.

Contact one of the local reps above to place an order or to find out more about TRAIIDCRAFT.

GREEN LINE - The magazine of the Green Movement. Are you interested in Green Politics? Green Line has articles on nuclear issues, acid rain, women's rights, peace issues international politics, animal rights, food and more besides. There are regular book and music reviews and a lively letters section. Why not read a free sample? Contact Robert Saunders, address at the end of the Newsletter.

JET MORGAN & THE PHANTOMS - 60s-style dance band for YOUR fundraising/social event. Expenses & food and beer rations only. Contact Julian Ward-Davies, 26, Levett Rd, Botany Bay, Lichfield or Beaver Beresford, tel Lichfield 23034.

GREEN DRUM - Newspaper of the Green Movement. News and views on political ecology and the environmental issues of today. Contact - Ron Andrews, 18, Cofton Lake Rd, Birmingham 45.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY?

OCTOBER

- 9 7.30pm TANG meeting at Dawley Information Centre
- 11 7.30pm Talk on 'Building from Greenwood' at Stirchley Grange

ONE WORLD WEEK related Events

- 11 6.30 - 9.15pm Christian Aid/Traidcraft event at All Saints Centre, Stirchley. See advert.
- 13 10am - 5pm Interhelp day at Dawley Christian Centre. See advert.
- 16 World Food Day, on which our thoughts turn to those who are hungry and in need.
- 17 7.30pm Wrekin Anti-Apartheid Movement meeting at Malinslee House, Town Centre. See article.
- 20 10am - 4pm One day Conference on Telford and the jobs crisis - at Malinslee House, lunch provided. Guest speaker - Andrew Nickson, lecturer at Birmingham University. Booking via Convenor, Telford Town Committee, c/o Malinslee House PO box 213 Telford, TF3 4LD.
- 23 7.30pm TANG campaign meeting at Dawley Information Centre. A woman from Greenham Common will visit Telford during OWW. Please contact the following for details: Barbara - Broseley 882225 & Paul-Dawley 501218

- 24 Playday in Hadley for Children - other events being arranged. Contact Sandra Howes, Tel Telford 613972

- 25 A Church Service is being & planned in Ketley and elsewhere in Telford for OWW. Contact: Bill Rowell (see Talking Chips advert) or Sandra Howes tel Telford 613972

- 27 Barrow-in-Furness. National CND demonstration - coach bookings. Contact Una, Telford 590307 & Paul, Telford 501218.

Throughout OWW an exhibition will be in Telford town Centre. Speakers are available to any group who wish to take up this opportunity to hear more about OWW. Contact: Anthony Gann Stirchley 595482, Sandra Howes Priorslee 613972, Charles Worth Church Aston 813802.

NOVEMBER

- 3 'How to be Effective in Committee Meetings' jointly organised by the National Federation of Women's Institutes and the 300 Group. Details from NFWI, 39, Ecclestone St, London SW1.
- 11 Africa - arms and development, Commonwealth Institute, London
- 17 10am - 4pm 'The Silicon Revolution - the social impact of new technology' at Malinslee House, Town Centre. See 'Talking Chips'.