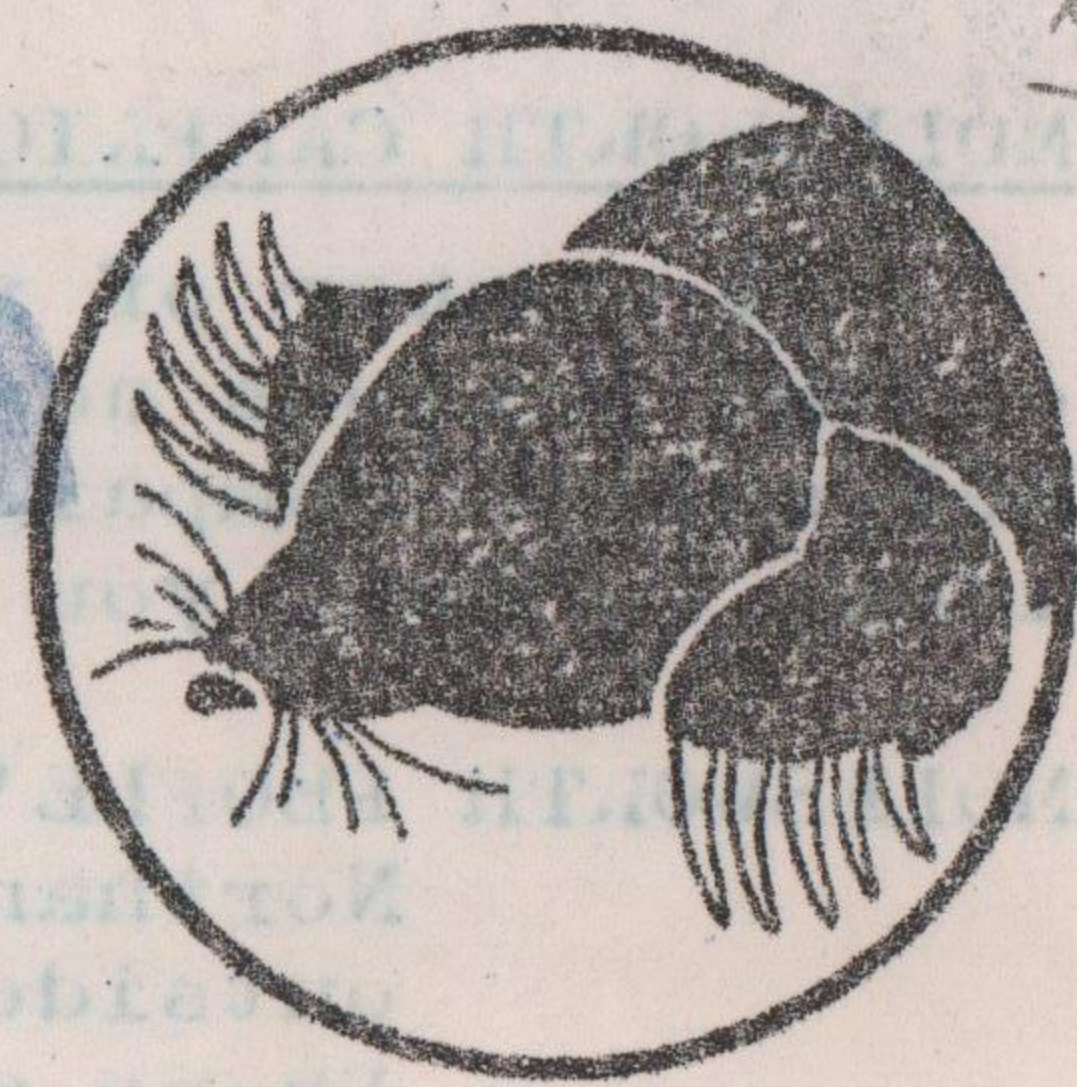




# THE Molesworth BULLETIN



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**THE MILITARY HAVE DESTROYED FOUR ACRES OF WINTER WHEAT, & SIXTY ACRES UNDER PREPARATION FOR SPRING PLANTING ON THE BASE AT EASTER...**

**DONT LET BARBED WIRE STOP US FROM HELPING PEOPLE WHO ARE STARVING, & FROM MAKING REAL OUR BELIEF THAT THIS LAND SHOULD BE USED FOR LIFE NOT DEATH.**

**LORRIES WILL BE WAITING AT MOLESWORTH ON EASTER MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL '85**

**TO SEND YOUR WHEAT & OTHER DONATIONS TO WHERE IT IS NEEDED, NOW MORE THAN EVER**

MOLESWORTH CAMPAIGN ADDRESS LIST

A number of readers have suggested that we should print a clear list of the various addresses, phone numbers and bank accounts involved in the Molesworth campaign, so as to avoid confusion. This seems like a good idea, so here you are:

MOLESWORTH PEOPLE'S PEACE CAMP, Warren Lane, Fay way, Clopton, Kettering, Northants. (The original Molesworth peace camp, still just outside the base.) Cheques to "Molesworth People's Peace Camp". Phone messages via Clopton (08015) 257

EASTER WHEAT FUND, c/o Old School House, Clopton, Kettering, Northants, NN14 3DZ. tel: Clopton (08015) 257. Cheques for wheat to "Easter Wheat Fund". Cheques for Easter wheat leaflets (£1 per 100) to "Molesworth Wheat to the Starving".

RAINBOW VILLAGE (in exile!) - the 150 people evicted by Heseltine's task-force. Present location: Desborough Airfield, Wilbarston Road, near Corby, Northants. Postal addresses: c/o Old School House, Clopton, Kettering, Northants; OR c/o Catworth Post Office, Catworth, Huntingdon, Cambs; OR c/o 4 Bridge House, St. Ives, Cambs. (we collect mail regularly from each of those addresses). Phone messages via Corby 2967 OR Clopton 257 OR St. Ives 63054. Cheques to "Molesworth Rainbow Village".

QUAKER PEACE CARAVAN (Halcyon Spirit) - Ian and Jennifer Hartley, the two people left behind on Peace Lane after the eviction of the rest of the Rainbow Village. Postal address: Ian & Jennifer, Peace Corner, Old Weston Road, Brington, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE17 5SE. Phone messages via Clopton 257. No separate bank account.

CND MOLESWORTH LEGAL SUPPORT UNIT - an emergency phone number for people arrested at Molesworth. Tel. Peterborough (0733) 47276.

MOLESWORTH BULLETIN - the monthly newsletter bringing you all the up-to-date news of the Molesworth campaign, funded entirely from subscriptions and donations. Address: c/o Old School House, Clopton, Kettering, Northants NN14 3DZ. Cheques to "Molesworth Bulletin". (For subscription rates, see back page)

MOLESWORTH BADGES - support the Molesworth campaign by wearing a Molesworth badge and by buying a stock to sell on your local peace group stall. Since December badge sales have built up to a point where we can now pay for new stock as we order it. From Easter onwards we will be able to plough profits back into the campaign and provide an important addition source of funding for campaigning activities. Orders to: Molesworth Badges, c/o 4 Bridge House, St. Ives, Cambs. Cheques to "Molesworth Literature Account".

CND MOLESWORTH PLEDGE CAMPAIGN - your local Pledge Campaign co-ordinator can put you in touch with other Molesworth Pledgers in your area, so that you can get together to organise affinity groups, NVDA training, action plans and shared transport to and from Molesworth. Contact CND at 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ (tel: 01-263 0977) to find out the address of your local co-ordinator.

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TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE PROPOSED NEW MOLESWORTH BYELAWS - write to the Senior Estate Surveyor, Property Services Agency, Department of the Environment, Block D, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 2DZ (price 5p per copy)

TO OBJECT TO THESE BYELAWS - write to the Secretary of State for Defence, Lands 4d, Ministry of Defence, Leatherhead Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2LU BEFORE 19th MARCH 1985. (Or if you live nearby, why not organise a demo outside the MoD offices - or any other MoD offices which happen to be near you!) And phone up your MP at the House of Commons, tel. 01-219 3000.

# MOLESWORTH - POLICE STATE

If you didn't believe last year was 1984, it's later than you think!

Both during and since the great eviction, the policing in the Molesworth area has been well 'over the top', both in terms of the numbers of police involved and in the methods used. A Cambridgeshire County Councillor stated in a recent letter to the Guardian that on being stopped at a police roadblock on his way to the base and asking under what law the police were acting, he was told "We ARE the law, and we write new ones every day!" Unfortunately, this is indeed very much the case now around Molesworth.

During the eviction, the authorities far exceeded any legitimate legal powers. It is a debatable point whether the removal of Rainbow Village from the MoD land without any sort of eviction proceedings was itself legal, but vehicles and caravans were also removed from Peace Lane (a public highway) and the bridlepath (also a public right of way) without any legal basis whatsoever. Many were damaged in the process, and one woman's caravan had its towbar cut off whilst supposedly under MoD guard in the council pound at Stilton. It is her only home, and she has still not managed to retrieve it after 5 weeks.

The latest police plan is to issue all local residents with special passes to enable them to pass through police roadblocks, especially over the Easter period. Although these 'Molesworth Passlaws' have created a political storm nationally, many of the local residents seem quite happy to accept them as being less hassle than being stopped at the (possibly illegal) roadblocks. Thus are our civil liberties eroded by public indifference!

NO ANSAPHONES HERE Amazing but true story: not only is the phone at the Old School House, Clopton, as tapped as one would expect; dependable contacts have also at times dialed Clopton 257 and been connected to an answering machine which gave the message "Tim and Bridie Wallis are out. Please leave your name and address or phone number, and we will contact you later." Everybody please note: THERE IS NO ANSWERING MACHINE AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE! There are people there to answer the phone every day from 8a.m. to midnight, and after midnight for extreme emergency calls. If you find yourself talking to a machine, it's not us, so please feel free to give MI5 whatever message you think most appropriate.

Although actual roadblocks are a rarity at present, apart from the constant police checkpoint on the corner of Cockbrook Lane (the back entrance to the base), there is still a heavy police presence at Peace Corner (where the laws seem to change almost daily), and a constant 24-hour watch on comings and goings at the Old School House. With the end of the miners' strike, it is also noticeable that there are many more riot vans (transits with wire mesh visors which can be lowered over the windscreen) in evidence. The Rainbow Village has also been subject to 24-hour police surveillance and intermittent harassment ever since the eviction. (See "The A Team" elsewhere in this bulletin.)

THE NEW MOLESWORTH BYELAWS are a set of laws being created by decree of Michael Heseltine, without any reference to Parliament, "in exercise of his powers under the Military Lands Act 1892". These apply to the area of the base itself, and will mean that anyone getting onto the base other than through a gate, or without permission, or by making a false statement, or causing or permitting "any vehicle, animal, aircraft or thing to enter into or upon or to pass through or over or to be or remain in or upon or over" the base, or fixing anything to the fence, or contravening any other of the 12 subsections, will be liable to a fine of £100, and any "vehicle, animal, vessel or thing found in the area....be forfeited to Her Majesty."

(See facing page for addresses for obtaining copies of these byelaws and for sending complaints.)

# EASTER WHEAT AT MOLESWORTH



The wheat project at Molesworth started at Easter '84 when hundreds of people went onto the base and ploughed, dug and planted. On October 20th at the Winter Planting Day, a lorry was waiting at Peace corner and what wheat we managed to save from the rabbits was sent, along with 20 tonnes of wheat, blankets and clothes collected from all over the country by all kinds of people, to Eritrea.

Eritrea is a province on the North Eastern border of Ethiopia. It is at the moment fighting for independance from Ethiopia so as well as suffering the same drought that has hit Ethiopia and Sudan, the people are being bombed by MIG'S and starved out by the Ethiopian government. They do not receive any of the food aid that is sent to Ethiopia.

We are not making any judgement on the righteousness of the war that the Eritreans are fighting only that these people have a right to food. At present, thousands are emigrating to Sudan as refugees, having to live in enormous camps, leaving their homes and livestock behind, having nothing ahead but starvation. If we can send wheat to them in their mountain villages we can stop the trail of refugees. Then maybe next year we can send them seed grain to help them start their next crop.

When the army put up their fences around the field at Molesworth, they stopped a project that was proving that you CAN turn swords into ploughshares. On Easter Monday we will be sending wheat from Molesworth.

The fences and soldiers can stop us from planting the 60 acres this Easter, but barbed wire can't hold us back from sending the equivalent in grain and food to where it is desperately needed. We can show our determination that since governments continue squandering the earths wealth on weapons - we, the people of the world, will deepen our responsibility for each others welfare.

Raise £7 to buy a hundred-weight of wheat grain, or get your group to raise £45 to buy a tonne. Send it here, well before Easter if possible, so that your contribution can be bought as part of a bulk order. Fund-raising provides a good focus for local action - making clear the choice between the way the military are using the land at Molesworth, and the way the peace movement has been using it. Vigil, fast, link in to Oxfam, War on Want and the Hungry for Change campaign, leaflet, conduct street opinion polls, build a shanty town or a peace camp in the town centre. Anything to make visible the connection between the weapons and poverty, between disarmament and development. Anything that will raise awareness through raising money to save lives.

Adrian Martinez and Juliet Ylverton went with our last shipment to Eritrea. On Christmas day, \*984, as we were foraging ourselves, they helped distribute the UN minimum ration of 500g per person of wheat.

If you want more information about Eritrea or if you want to book the talk and slide show they have compiled, contact the Old School or Adrian on 02-759-0547. Cheques to 'Easter Wheat Fund', c/o Old School, Clifton, Northants. Tel: 080 \* 257.

# EIRENE



## ALL FAITHS' PEACE CHAPEL BEHIND THE WIRE

.....a personal statement

The spirit of Eirene reaches out to us across the fence, replacing the roar of the helicopter rotary blades with the song of the hovering lark; embracing us for the duration of the daily services at 11am and 4pm. What is this spirit, this embrace? It can really only be experienced and not described, but I'd like to try.

Eirene is not simply a place where Quakers, Buddhists, Pagans, CND Christians, Americans Indians, Hindus, MoD Police, Questioners, Searchers, Peaceworkers have come and been strengthened. Its spirit is becoming clear and specific. It is a place for those who care deeply; for those who realize that they care when faced with the way people can and do destroy themselves, each other and the planet. The barbed wire stands between us and our vision of the future-but the spirit that reaches through dissolves the barbed wire as an MoD policeman places a bunch of daffodils on the chapel wall at the start of a service.

Eirene, behind the coils of barbed wire, symbolises the care that is within each of us, that causes us to question completely our beliefs, our commitments, our priorities and to suddenly see and experience them anew in the living context of our times.

To suddenly realize that what we believe does not matter as much as that we care, and that simply caring is not enough; accepting the deep roots of belief and past experience that have formed each of us; but refusing to stop there with our differences and instead searching out the uncompromising love in ourselves and in one another. Enabling it to grow, that the world may live.

Eirene, How come you're still there?

Justin

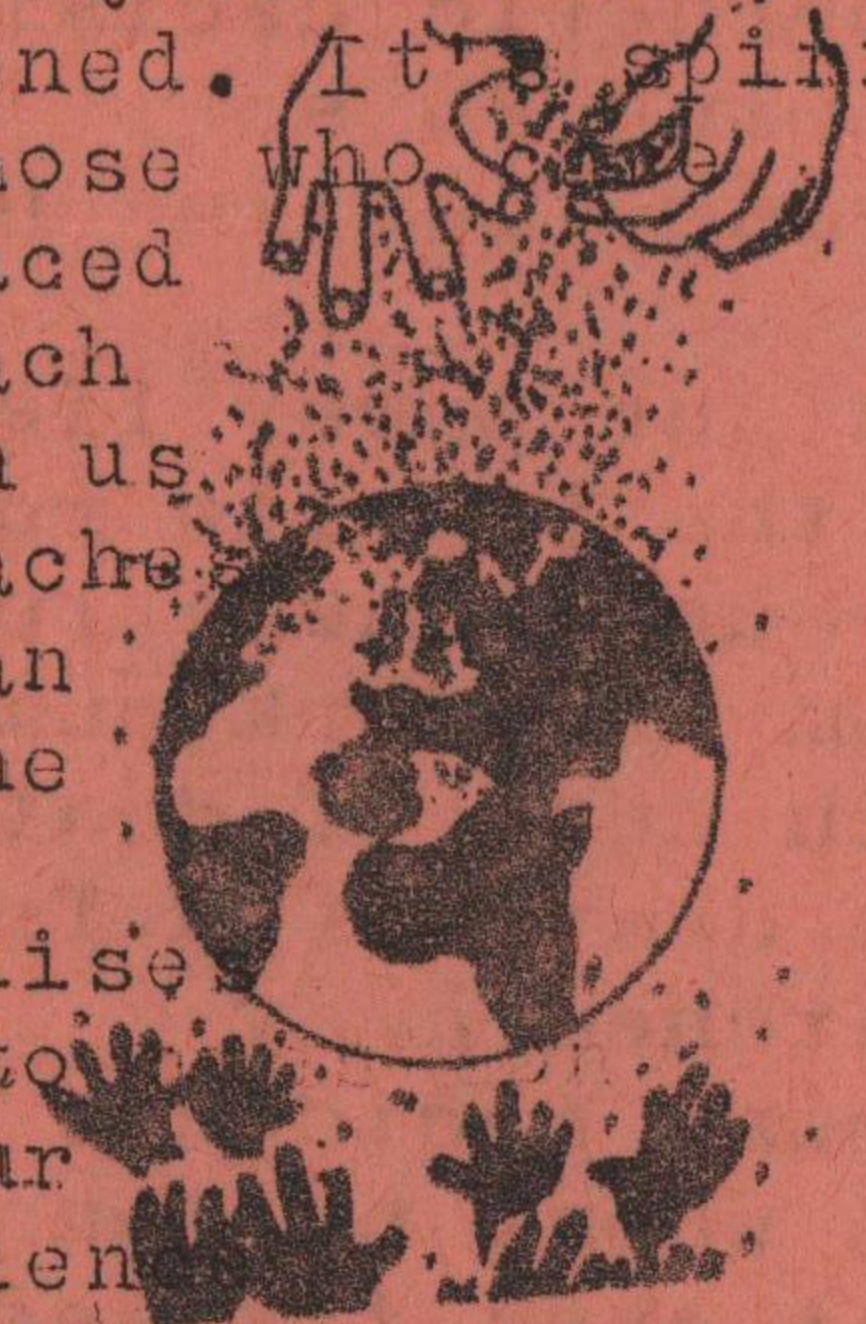
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### THOUGHTS DURING WORSHIP

Their wire can cut my hand but leaves my heart untouched  
Their words can catch like razor wire in my consciousness  
But the childrens faltering steps on the icy ground  
reaches deeper, plucking at my soul.  
For all this, some quiet stillness wells from deeper still  
And offers consolation, healing and the hope of  
New life springing from the earth.

We are but tillers of this soil  
Given a heavy task, to nurture and care for  
This fragile globe, spinning silently in the dark.  
We can destroy ourselves and with this much besides  
Yet I hold a quiet certainty  
Life will go on  
Springing fresh from the dead land.

Ian, 16th Feb 1985



# LIFE AT PEACE CORNER

Life at Peace Corner in Halcyon Spirit continues. Things have calmed down a bit since the night of Feb. 6th (thank goodness). Our days now seem to be mainly taken up with talking to the many visitors, civil and MoD police, writing numerous letters and replies, and the two daily services. We still make endless mugs of tea!!

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POWER MOLESWORTH 28th Feb. 1985

These grasping machines drag, dredge  
 Their groans are grating, torturing  
 The stones.  
 Steel grey flanks, flaking yellow paint on  
 The cast surfaces. Gleaming hydraulic  
 Tubes. Jerking  
 Lights that flash RED RED  
 Cybernetic decisions  
 Seeming so so  
 Strong, lulling us with their iron mastery.

But our power lies elsewhere  
 In the fragile rose that grows  
 Through runway rubble.  
 From the dark numbness that came  
 With news of death  
 The death of a friend, a young life  
 Snatched away  
 A road accident.  
 The wheat no longer green  
 That shed its seed  
 Lying discarded, dormant on the  
 Winter soil.  
 The trampled red stain, the poppy that  
 Bloomed only yesterday.  
 A flickering candle flame  
 Pulsing, pulsing in the dark.  
 These kindle the heart  
 Tremble through limbs shaken by  
 Dark dreams  
 Bringing new strength  
 And always, always  
 The frail vulnerability of an outstretched  
 Hand  
 Trusting, trusting  
 Ah, that's Love.

Ian

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 towed round to the School House in Clopton.

We went to the Cambridge  
 shire County Council meeting  
 when they decided to 'stop up'  
 Peace Lane, in other words  
 close it as a highway. We  
 also went to another Parish  
 Council meeting in Brington,  
 where one of the councillors  
 said would they write a letter  
 to the County Council asking  
 them to remove the remaining  
 caravans left behind after  
 the eviction as soon as  
 possible.

Some points of interest.  
 The weekend of 23/24th Feb.  
 was lovely, warm and sunny,  
 and there was a real carnival  
 spirit here. People made a  
 loud noise on each hour on  
 different instruments. The  
 policing was low key and a  
 light spirit prevailed. This  
 weekend 2/3rd March a different  
 Inspector was in charge and  
 was very over-reactive and  
 seemed to be provoking feelings  
 of hostility. It was quite  
 'over the top' and unnecessary.  
 Around noon on the Sunday they  
 suddenly told Andy that they  
 were moving Ann and Denis's  
 van in one hour. Nick and  
 Andy had been living in it  
 and it came as quite a shock.  
 They said it was obstructing  
 the highway!! We rang Neil  
 the solicitor but unfortunately  
 legally there was nothing that  
 could be done, and it was  
 AND THEN THERE WAS TWO!!

Later that same day we asked the MoD to give us the daffodils that had been woven on the main gate and dropped by the MoD on the ground. I put some in a jar and asked for them to be put in the chapel, which they did. The next day at the morning service one of the MoD police in the chapel quite spontaneously picked up the jar and set it up on the pillar where everyone could see it: a nice gesture. We still get many people joining in our twice daily all faiths services and Ian says they are for everyone who loves life. Monday 4th Jan and Jim and Seph joined us in the afternoon and Jan sang in a clear strong voice - a moving moment.

There are signs of hope here, the bulbs pushing their way up under-neath the barbed wire fence, the blackbird and chaffinch hopping in and out of the wire, and the wonderful messages of love from all over the country pinned on the fence. We feel strong and able to go on, whatever may happen in the future.

Jennifer (and Ian and Robbie the dog)

# REACHING OUT...

A moon has waned and waxed since Molesworth changed. We've all had a little time to stop and reflect on it all for a while. What I've seen and experienced has shown me my whole life in a flash; like the bomb it was the unthinkable actually happening. Here are a few of my thoughts since....

That night, standing outside Eirene in silent vigil, eye to eye with an MoD policeman, tears running down his cheeks, brought me strength; the truth that we are all caring people, that many need help and comfort in order to direct their lives. I've been trying to talk with many police, military, and 'peace people' too; about the constructive use of anger, about accepting authority, "I'm only doing my job, I think you're right although I wouldn't be doing what you're doing" is a common reply from many police. People need to express their anger, about the fence, or about their doubts of the integrity of the peace movement; they need other people to listen to them. Everyone builds themselves a mental enemy, and for me, a lesson learned from Eirene, from Michael Heseltine is that we don't need to use enemies as our motivation for action... acting through joy is so much stronger!

Sitting in a transit van for 2 hours talking about peace and the green revolution, with 8 policemen; talking for timeless hours last night with a man locked up all night, every night in a field of mud - I forgot about his uniform, the role he was supposed to be playing.

Chatting with 30 MoD police on the other side of the fence, trying not to hate them for occupying our chapel.

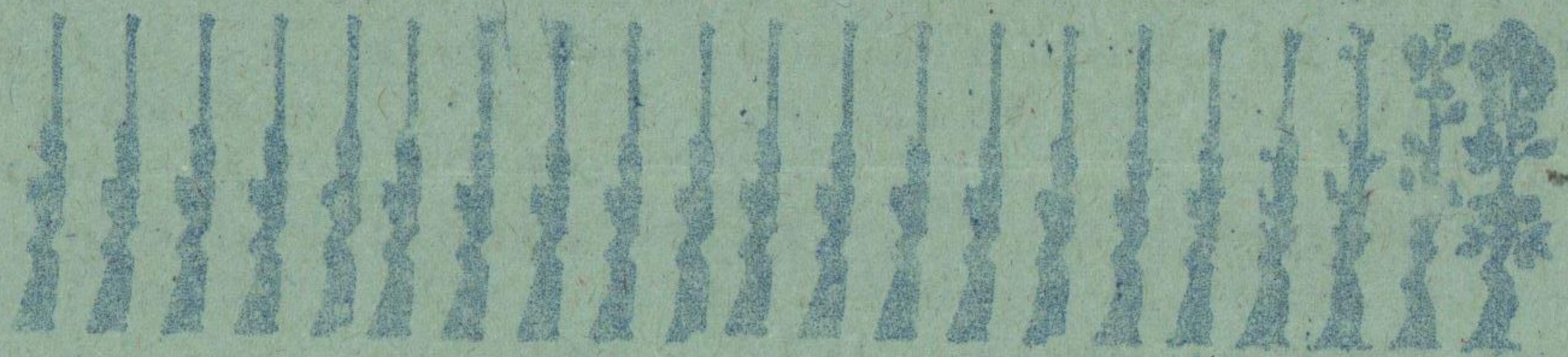
When confronted by a mass of people, 'they' can't relate to any individual; when there's just one, me, they listen, not feeling threatened. And if I'm careful, mindful, they can't argue with my truth.

Eirene; religion without doctrines, the spirit of right, the knowledge of faith, the joy of trust. This is not a rehearsal, this is life, let's live it, love it, hand in hand happy, working together with our differences, and try to appreciate how lucky we are to be living in this, the most fragile time our world has known, entrusted with the most important task humanity has yet been faced with.

To make peace, we'll all have to get to know each other, to see behind the uniform, or the muddy clothes and badges. Being divisive only aggravates the wound - go on - cuddle a policeman today!

Look under the fence!, see the seeds of life, struggling out from the bulldozer tracks, about to create miracles of beauty!

Nick



STOP PRESS... URGENT ACTION NEEDED... SAVE THE WORLD... CUT THE FENCE..

The US Congress has expressed strong doubts about the security of the Cruise bases in Britain and may cancel funding if they believe that Molesworth and Greenham are not secure. Let's send them back their 'impenetrable' fence and tell them how secure we feel about having their ridiculous nuclear weapons here, or anywhere.

Some folks last weekend sent a piece of fence to Mr Reagan and had it publicised on National TV. Search out a sympathetic Congressman, an MP in this country, Europe. I'm sure 'mad Mike' Heseltine would love a piece to hang in his livingroom... more ideas to the Bulleyin please - - -

# WHY AM I HERE? by Rainbow Jo

What is Molesworth to me? Why am I still here, still returning after nearly three years? Surely I have done my bit by now - what is the hold this place has on me?

Molesworth changed my life. I came to live at the Peace Camp in the early days, quite by accident. I had been involved in a student CND group, had visited Greenham, and decided to visit Molesworth for a few days 'holiday' after my exams. I was at a crossroads in my life, unsure what to do next, and what I found at the Peace Camp then awoke my exhausted and battered spirit. It was a new vision, a new way to live, a new reason to live. We all felt it then, this inspiration; peace not protest, creation not fear.

We lost it of course. Collectively, individually, the vision faded into personal disagreements, disappointments, the dream faded as dreams do. But I was set on a course of peace camps, travelling, festivals, alternative living - at Molesworth several strands in my life all came together, a rainbow rope to balance on safely. Afterwards, I never had the same certainty that what I was doing was right and true; my ideals were crushed by reality, other people, cold and mud and breadline illegal living.

And then, quite by accident again, I returned to Molesworth for the Green Gathering in August last year and my truck would go no further. It seemed like a good place to stay for the winter - water on tap, friends around me, this growing community which came to be the Rainbow Fields Village. This was something different, this was the best place I'd ever lived. I found myself dragged back into the peace movement (had I ever left?), I conceived a child, I started to believe again.

I was away when they evicted us. It wasn't real to me until I'd gone through the police roadblocks, right up to the barbed wire and the arclights and the soldiers at their braziers, walked along Peace Lane and seen it all - then I felt it. Even going there now, a month later, even thinking of it makes me want to cry. To the authorities and the military, Molesworth airfield is a place on a map. To those of us who have been touched by its spirit, it is a place in the heart that will not go away. We will not go away.

Rainbow Village is still together and getting stronger. To some friends here, the Village and what it stands for is more important than Molesworth the place. To other friends, returning to Molesworth is paramount, with or without the Village. I don't know what to do myself, but I do know that the thousands of people who will go there now arrive to protest at the construction of a Cruise Missile base - but many of them will go home (or remain) with something new. Rainbow Village at its best is part of the vision, an unfolding, many seeds taking root and growing. And the spirit of Molesworth continues despite the physical reality - we can see the fences and the soldiers, but at the same time we can see the earth and the sky, the light in all life and the rainbow bridge. I hope you see it too, I hope you feel it.

Jo.

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## NEW LIFE AT RAINBOW VILLAGE

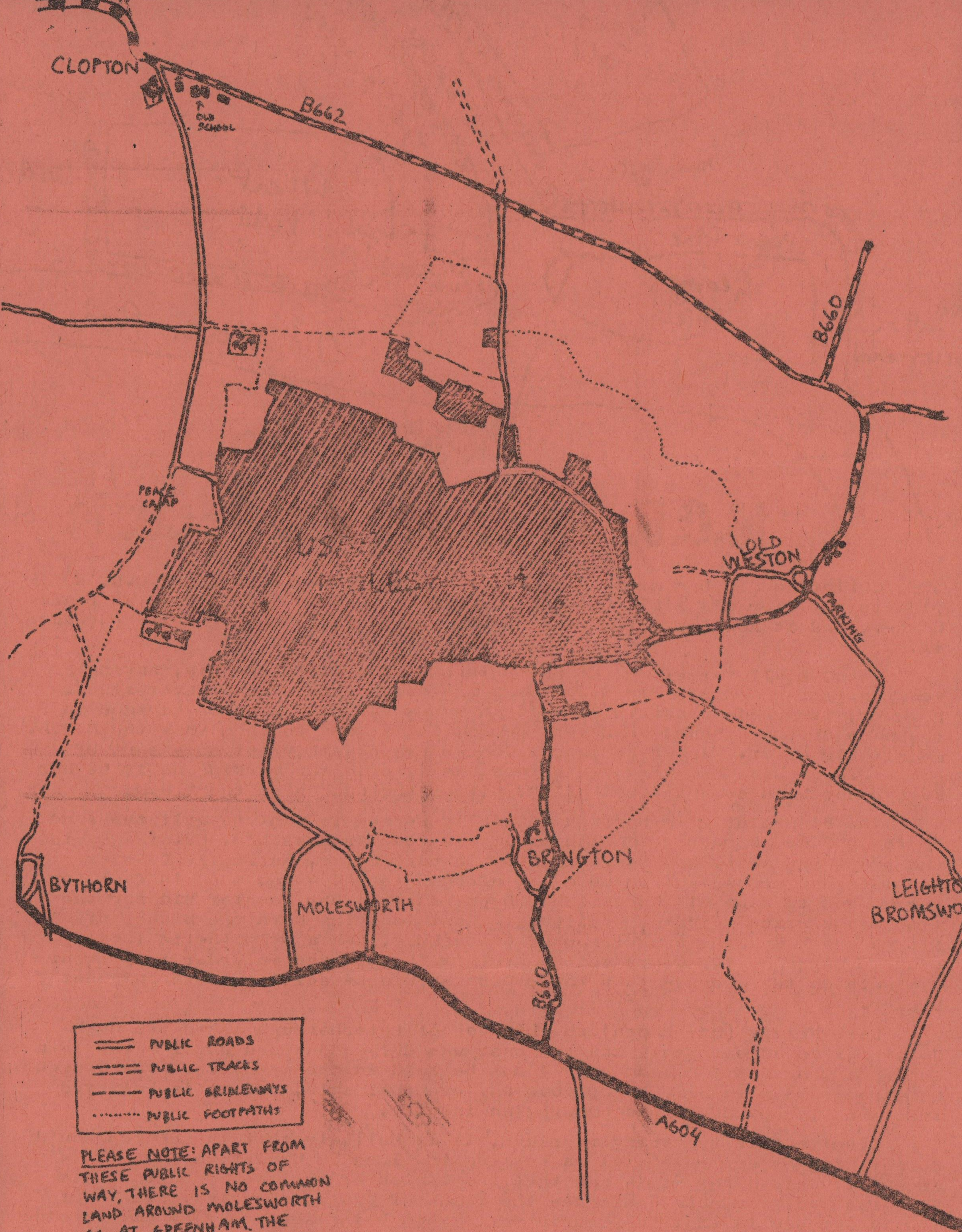
A SIGHT I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED FOR THE WORLD.....Julie Jockles crouched in the grass washing the umbilical cord and membrane cowl that came from Phoebe's head - vivid slivers of red against the fresh green field - then tying them to a pole and hoisting them up to shine majestically in the sun next to the brilliant rainbow banner.

Powerful symbol of life, of spring....

birth blood thrusting like a flower, a red-hot-poker, into the sky from deep inside the earth, the womb.

Sheila.

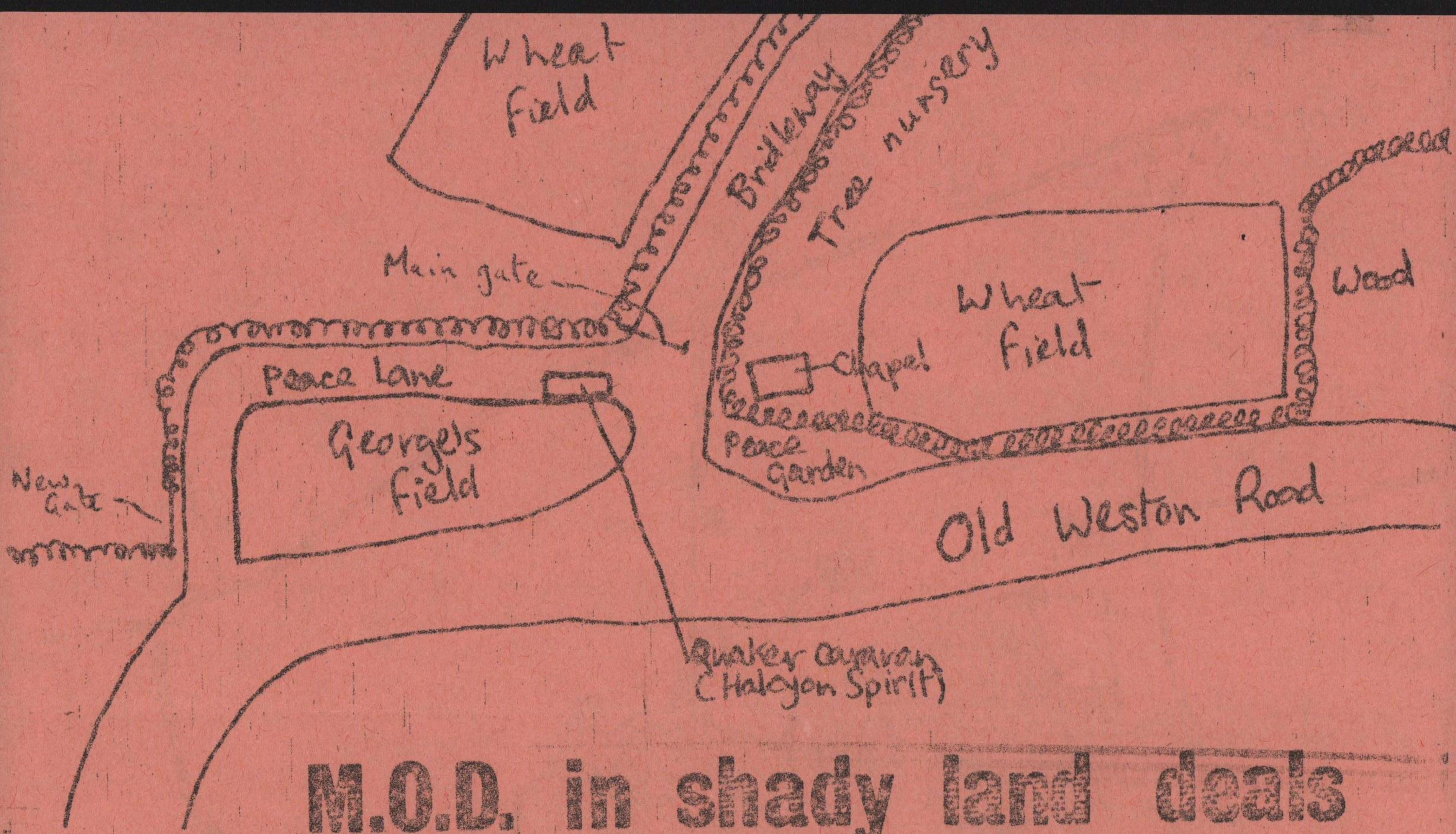




- == PUBLIC ROADS
- === PUBLIC TRACKS
- - - PUBLIC BRIDLEWAYS
- ..... PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

PLEASE NOTE: APART FROM THESE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, THERE IS NO COMMON LAND AROUND MOLESWORTH AS AT GREENHAM. THE PERIMETER FENCE BORDERS FARMERS' FIELDS. PLEASE TRY TO HELP LOCAL RELATIONS BY NOT CAUSING DAMAGE TO CROPS - KEEP TO THE MQD. SIDE OF HEDGES!

1 MILE = 2 1/2 INCHES



## M.O.D. in shady land deals

Christian CND has managed to put a temporary block on the M.O.D.'s plan to buy George's field between Peace Lane and Old Weston Road at Peace Corner, and it now looks like the M.O.D. will have to compulsorily purchase it.

Local small farmer George Smith thought the field was his, having swapped it for another field 26 years ago and having used it ever since. However, it appears that it actually belongs to the Church of England in the name of the diocese of Peterborough, and it was to them that the M.O.D. made their offer. After 26 years, George has possibly got some sort of squatters rights, but although he now has a solicitor working on it he has so far not been consulted at all by either the church or the M.O.D.

The Bishop of Peterborough initially seemed to want to sell the land to the M.O.D. as requested with as little fuss as possible, but thanks to the peace movement, and Christian CND in particular, as little fuss as possible has turned out to be a lot of fuss indeed - too much in fact for the Bishop to handle! Christian CND put in a higher counter-bid for the land; many peace movement people set about lobbying both the Bishop of Peterborough and the Archbishop of Canterbury, and a sympathetic local vicar brought a High Court action against the Diocese in order to prevent the sale on the grounds that the church should be selling to the highest bidder.

Last Friday (March 8th) the Diocese of Peterborough asked the High Court for an adjournment, and the case was duly adjourned until March 18th on condition that the land should not be sold in the meantime. The Church Commissioners also have to approve any eventual sale, and it is believed that Archbishop Kuncie has ordered an inquiry.

Despite this temporary reprieve, it is unlikely that the church would do anything as controversial as selling the land to Christian CND. It was after all only a few weeks ago that the Church of England Synod took its historic decision not to discuss the issue of Cruise Missiles. The most likely outcome is that the church will avoid being seen to take either side in the controversy by deciding that it doesn't want to sell the land at all, thereby forcing the M.O.D. to compulsorily purchase.

The Bishop of Peterborough probably feels that he has already suffered quite enough embarrassment over the issue. Before the High Court hearing, local peace-campaigning vicar 'Mick the Vic' hit the local and national

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# PLEDGERS' TALES

Since the night of Tattenhall's ~~base~~ force, literally thousands of people have come to Molesworth to show their anger at the government's action, and disgust at the stupidity of beginning work on another cruise missile base at the very moment when the Russians and Americans are about to sit down again together to discuss arms control and when Belgium, Holland and West Germany have all put an effective block on any further work towards any additional cruise deployment at least while these talks take place. Many of these people had signed the CND 'Molesworth Pledge', and came to fulfil their promise to oppose construction of the base. Many others had signed nothing, but came anyway to do their own personal bit.

During the first couple of weeks the whole area was teeming with pledgers and other visitors. There was a constant 24-hour vigil by the chapel, whilst other people got through or over the razor wire or cut off bits to take home with them. Other people simply milled around, seemingly unsure of quite what to do, but keeping the MoD and police busy nevertheless just by their presence.

In the first hectic week there were so many people getting in through the fence that it was impossible to keep track of the numbers. There was certainly at least one person who got in to the chapel on the first night after the eviction, and at least two wire-cutting parties on the prowl. The next day's local papers reported 18 arrests, and there were more attempts to get into Eirene. As usual with large scale protests, there have been far more people arrested and then released than have been actually charged.

On the 17th February 4 protesters from Brighton were arrested and charged with criminal damage after being herded by a low-flying helicopter. Having cut the fence in a number of places, moving on every time the MoD police inside noticed them, they finally enraged the MoD police so much that an MoD officer ordered his men and dogs to go over the fence after them. (Theoretically MoD police have no jurisdiction outside of MoD land, but this did not seem to worry them in this case!) As the protestors ran off across the field they were intercepted by the low-flying chopper which swooped down with its skids only 5 or 6 inches above their heads, then hovered about 20 yards away at an angle so as to blow snow and ice at them. While the protesters were thus distracted, the MoD police caught up with them and arrested them. (Four other people, from Peterborough, were also arrested that day, and also charged with criminal damage.)

Three days later, on Feb. 20th, there were the largest mass break-ins so far. Perhaps inspired by last year's Chilwell mass trespass, 50 people from Nottingham (yes, FIFTY!) all got inside Heseltine's fence. Most were released fairly quickly, but six were held until midnight and three were charged with criminal damage. On the same day, 31 people from Leicester also got over the wire near Peace Corner.

Two days later there was another attempt to get into the chapel by 3 people from Bradford who threw carpet over the barbed wire. One woman got in, was arrested, and then released. According to the CND legal back-up office in Peterborough, there were 3 more arrests on the 24th, 2 on the 26th, 1 on March 3rd, 8 on the 5th, 15 on the 6th, 3 on the 8th and 20 this Sunday (March 10th).

Twelve of those arrested on Sunday had crawled along inside one of the coils of barbed wire to the back of the chapel, and then climbed up onto the top of the chapel walls. Nine were released fairly quickly, and two of the other three were eventually charged with criminal damage and will be appearing in court on Tuesday.

Another of those arrested this Sunday managed to get either through or over the outer coils of razor wire and then climb up the inner high security fence. Having reached the top, he then climbed inside the coil of razor wire on the top and refused to move! He then played a little

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PLEDGERS' TALES (continued from previous page)

game with the MoD, saying that he might be able to get down if they went and brought him a ladder, and then, when the ladder came, deciding that he couldn't after all. In the end the MoD had to fetch a mechanical digger and send a man up in the bucket to cut him out. The jovial fence climber was charged with criminal damage.

The 7 other people arrested on Sunday were held in Cockbrook Lane. Only one was charged, with insulting behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace.

The protests have not been confined to Molesworth. On Ash Wednesday seven members of Christian CND (including a vicar and a dean) broke into USAF Alconbury and spread ashes on the runway. Five were arrested.

THE NEW 'HIGH SECURITY' INNER FENCE is made up of interlocking sections about eight feet wide by fourteen feet high, with a coil of razor wire along the top. The sections themselves are composed of a welded mesh of 1/8 inch diameter galvanised steel at intervals of 3 inches between vertical strands and with 3/8 inches gap between horizontals. This high security fence surrounds the land to the west of the bridleway which runs from Peace Corner to Cockbrook Lane. The land to the east of the bridleway (which includes the chapel and an area where we planted over a hundred trees last Autumn) is surrounded only by the 'overnight' fence of three coils of razor wire, and, except in the corner by the chapel, is virtually unpoliced most of the time.

It seems like a good plan (if you can) to get inside a coil of razor wire, either in the outer fence or else on top of the inner fence, and to stay there. That way it's the MoD who have to cut their own fence in order to get you out.

AMONG THOSE APPEARING IN COURT LAST WEEK were two former part-time residents of Rainbow Village, Pete Brown ('Pete the Potter') and Ann Waterhouse. Pete told Huntingdon magistrates that they should find him not guilty of criminal damage for cutting the fence, and should immediately go back with him to Molesworth and join him in cutting some more!

Hunts magistrates declined the invitation, but Pete came straight back to Molesworth anyway and immediately cut another piece of wire right under the police's noses at Peace Corner. He was promptly re-arrested and charged once again with criminal damage.

WELL DONE PLEDGERS ONE AND ALL - PLEASE KEEP IT UP!

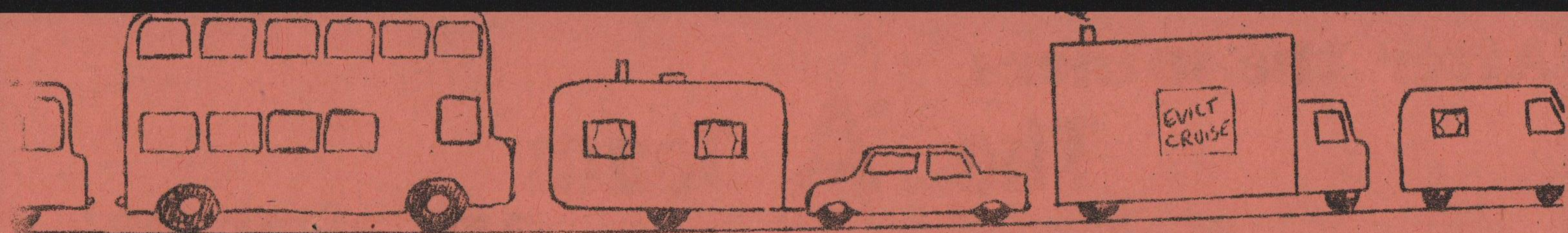
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M.O.D. LAND DEALS (continued)

news headlines by chaining himself to the Bishop's railings in protest. Sooner or later the Church of England must be made to realise that it will never be able to avoid such embarrassing incidents so long as it continues to represent the Tory party (or even the SDP) at prayer and refuses to take a moral stand against plans for mass genocide! (Well done, Mick!)

Meanwhile, the M.O.D. have also announced plans to sell off some of their expensively fenced land at Molesworth. The bits that they intend to sell are those to the east of the bridleway, one of which includes the Peace Chapel, one of our wheat fields and an area where over 100 trees were planted last October in memory of peace campaigner Caroline Taylor who died in a road crash last September. Christian CND have also expressed interest in this piece of land.

Although the M.O.D. intend to offer the land first to the descendants of those from whom it was originally purchased in 1940, and will certainly not knowingly sell it to the peace movement, it is still worthwhile for us to find the money for this land in case it is possible to acquire it through a sympathetic third party. If you can pledge any amount of money, however small, towards such a purchase should it prove possible, please contact Christian CND at 11 Goodwin St., London N4 3HQ (tel: 01-263 0977)



# RAINBOW VILLAGE - still under siege!

On the last weekend of February, after the Anglia Water Authority had been granted an eviction order against us in the High Court, but before they could send in the bailiffs, the Rainbow Village pulled off from Grafham Water and began a nine hour marathon move to a new site near Corby, some 20 miles away. In the towns and villages on the way, many local people came out to express their support and encouragement. At Corby, we surprised the police by turning off before we reached East Carlton Hall (which they were expecting us to be making for), and took the Pipewell turning off the A427 to Desborough Airfield.

At first, after the constant police and helicopter surveillance at Grafham, it seemed like a haven of peace and sanctuary, and the following letter was sent to the local press:

"Greetings to the people of Northamptonshire, and Corby in particular, from the people of the Rainbow Fields Village. It is a welcome relief to have a relatively quiet space to live in after our ordeals since the eviction from Molesworth.

"The constant presence of 50 police in Cambridgeshire has been reduced to only two (that we can see), and the atmosphere is much more relaxed here, giving the people a chance to repair and repaint our numerous buses, trucks and caravans. All the people who were evicted from Molesworth (bar a handful of exceptions) are still with us, and benders are rapidly being erected by those who lost their homes at the eviction and who have been living in cramped conditions (other people's spaces) for 4 weeks now. Our livestock is all safe and sound; this includes four goats, numerous cats and dogs, and of course the moles." (George the horse is also safe and sound, and being accommodated in a field near Molesworth.)

"One thing still troubles me though. Does anyone know the reason why we are still subject to the daily low level air shows from jets, and also the army helicopter which gives us  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour a day 'divebombing' and photographing us for the umpteenth time? We've become quite used to it now, but one wonders why the army and RAF are still on the case. Do they see us as a physical threat? The children get very frightened by the divebombing jets: they keep asking me if they're Cruise Missiles and are they going to blow us all up.

"Also I heard today on the national news that everyone living near Molesworth now has to carry a pass to allow them through the police roadblocks. Is this a taste of things to come? I would really like to think not, but as every day passes I see this place changing from the 'Land of the Free' into a military dictatorship. It is becoming more and more difficult to exercise even the most basic forms of freedom without having to answer to some official or to produce some document or other to say you are entitled to go somewhere or do something.

"Our struggle is against this kind of oppression, the kind that dreamed the nuclear nightmare into being and maintains its hold over us with the threat of nuclear holocaust.

"Nobody wants to get blown up, do they? So we'd better do what we're told then, hadn't we? Well, I say NO! Why should I?

EVOLUTION NOT REVOLUTION  
PEACE NOT THREATS  
Love to the world!

Burning Spear d'Albion  
Rainbow Fields Village, Peace Corner, Desborough Airfield, Wilbarston Rd.,  
Nr. Corby, Northants."

# After the miners

## The 'A Team'

are after us!

Rainbow Village has been constantly under police surveillance ever since the great eviction on February 6th. At Grafham Water there were always two or three police vehicles on the entrance, and a squad of police in the fishermen's club hut at the water's edge observing us with binoculars and cameras. These were not just Cambridgeshire police, but included officers from the 'Met' and elsewhere.

When we got to Desborough Airfield, we had at first a quiet week, with only one car on the gate and daily helicopters overhead. However, last Monday, as the miners went back to work, a special squad of 35 'national' police took over Corby police station in order to deal with us.

We call them the 'A Team'. They are from outside of Northants, and are accountable to a central office - possibly the National Reporting Centre used for the miners strike. They include at least one representative each from the serious crimes squad and the Metropolitan Police drug squad, but exactly who all the others are we don't know - Special Branch, M.I.5, SPG, even the SAS, any or all of these are good possibilities.

On Monday evening (4th March) they began pulling in members of the Rainbow Village. 2 men, one woman and a 10-year old boy who left the site in a car were followed and arrested. One of the men (actually a visitor to the camp) was found to have small quantities of illegal substances. The other man was charged with motoring offences. The woman and the boy were kept in a cell together, and the woman was told that her son would not be released until she agreed to give her fingerprints. Even after she did so, the boy was not actually released until a new desk sergeant came on shift at midnight and called a social worker to take him home. None of the adults was released until the following day, although the woman was not charged with any offence.

On Tuesday morning a truck left site loaded up with water containers on a water run. Both the driver and his passenger (a 14-year old lad) were arrested. The driver was held for 8 hours, during which time he was given only two dry bread rolls, and eventually charged with motoring offences. The young lad was held in a cell for 4 hours, apparently because he had in his pocket an out-of-date tax disc for a moped (his own). Four other cars were also 'pulled' that day - it seemed unsafe to go off site without a lawyer, and we didn't have one! Sid Kawle got arrested for refusing to give his name. All this harassment resulted in only one more charge for motoring offences.

On Wednesday a coach set off for Corby police station to retrieve the water containers which had been impounded the previous day. It was stopped at the first roundabout and escorted to the station, where the police wanted to check if anyone on the coach was wanted for anything. Three were held - two for unpaid fines and one for failure to appear on a minor drugs charge.

On Thursday a coach went to Corby to take people to the dole office. 3 were called to the counter for queries about their claims: all 3 were subsequently arrested in the town. Rainbow Villagers were followed around town by police (both uniformed and plain clothes), and at one point the whole of Sainsburys was surrounded. Of the 3 arrested, two were held on warrants for outstanding minor offences. The third was jumped on by five officers in a side street and woke up in a cell with a big bruise on his face. He was held for about 8 hours before being released without charge, and intends to pursue a complaint for wrongful arrest.

The A Team is now apparently off for the weekend. A few Rainbow Villagers have pulled off in the face of this intimidation. Most of us are sitting tight and awaiting further developments next week.



EVICITION PROCEEDINGS - continuing stories!

Eviction proceedings against 4 members of the MOLESWORTH PEOPLE'S PEACE CAMP (Warren Lane) were adjourned in February. The next hearing date is this Tuesday, 12th March, at Oundle Magistrates' Court. Since the case is against 4 named individuals, the People's Peace Camp will still be there whatever the outcome!

The latest eviction proceedings against the RAINBOW VILLAGE will take place in the High Court on Thurs. 14th March. The present site at Desborough Airfield is owned by the Rockingham Estate. We expect to be given anything from one hour to two weeks to move. Next site - TOP SECRET.

USAF ALCONBURY Seven of the Alconbury 9 have now been committed for trial by Crown Court, but no date for the hearing has yet been fixed. A new issue of the Alconbury 9 newsletter is now available from A9DC, 12 Axiom Ave, Westwood, Peterborough, price 20p unwaged, 40p waged (inc. postage). The women who attempted to set up a new peace camp at Alconbury in December during the first A9 committal proceedings, and who were tried and fined in their absence in January for causing an obstruction, are planning to appeal.

CARPENTER NOT GUILTY OF WOOD THEFT - BOUND OVER Carpenter Jim of Rainbow Village, who was charged with theft of £10-worth of wood from the woods next to the base shortly before the Feb. eviction, got the case against him dismissed by Huntingdon magistrates last week. However, he had to agree to be bound over in the sum of £100 on an accompanying charge of resisting arrest on which the only witnesses were police. 2 other Rainbow Villagers who are also accused of theft of firewood are still awaiting a trial date, and after the failure of the case against Jim these cases may be dropped (we hope).

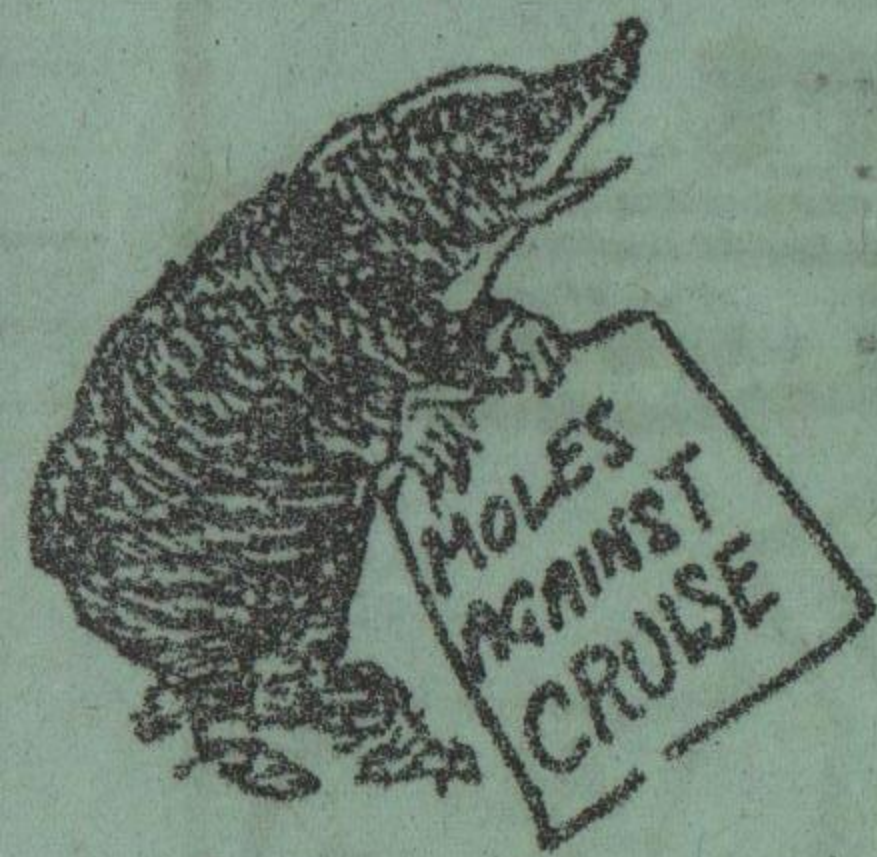
Jim (who seems to have an unhappy knack of getting arrested wherever he goes) has also had the charge of assaulting a police officer during the Rainbow Village move to Grafham Water reduced to one of obstruction. He and Mel (who was beaten up by police as he attempted to join the rest of Rainbow Village at Grafham, and therefore charged with assault - see MB no3) appear at Huntingdon magistrates' court next week.

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THE A TEAM (continued from previous page)

The high profile police action in Corby town centre on Thursday (which involved at least 10 extra officers drafted in from Kettering and Northampton, as well as the A Team and local Corby bobbies) was greeted with shocked disbelief by local Corby residents. As a result, a citizens' watch committee is being set up to monitor police harassment and local police activity generally.

Rainbow Villagers can only ask "Why us?", since we are clearly NOT a bunch of hardened criminals and Mafioso gangsters for whom such a level of policing might be appropriate. We know the answer can only be political, and that the establishment is out to smash us by whatever means it can.



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