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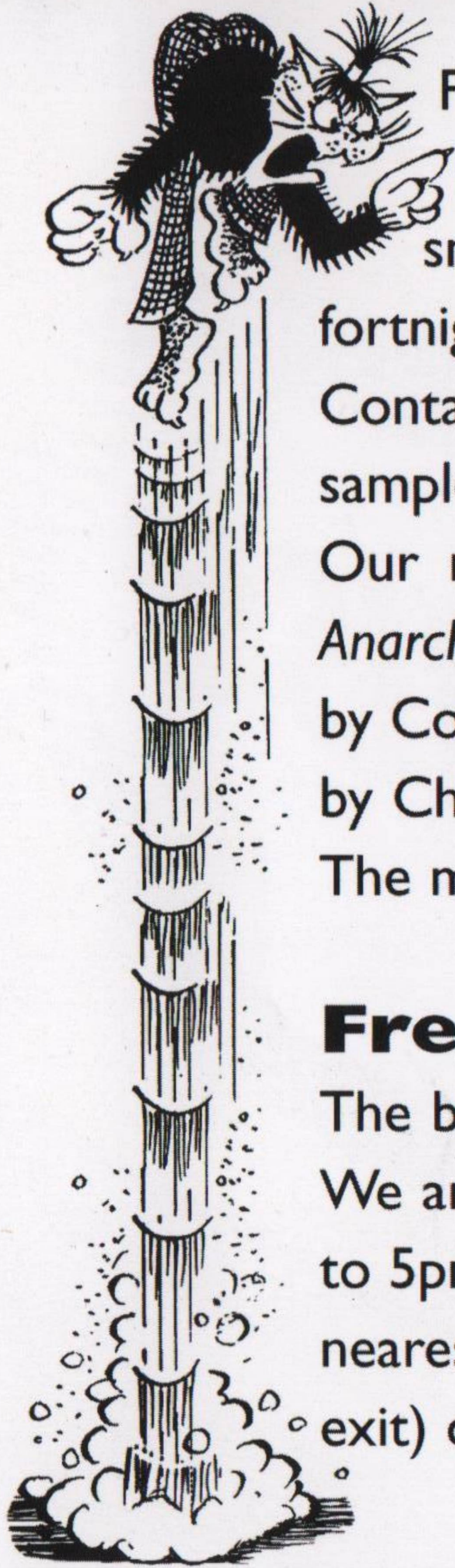
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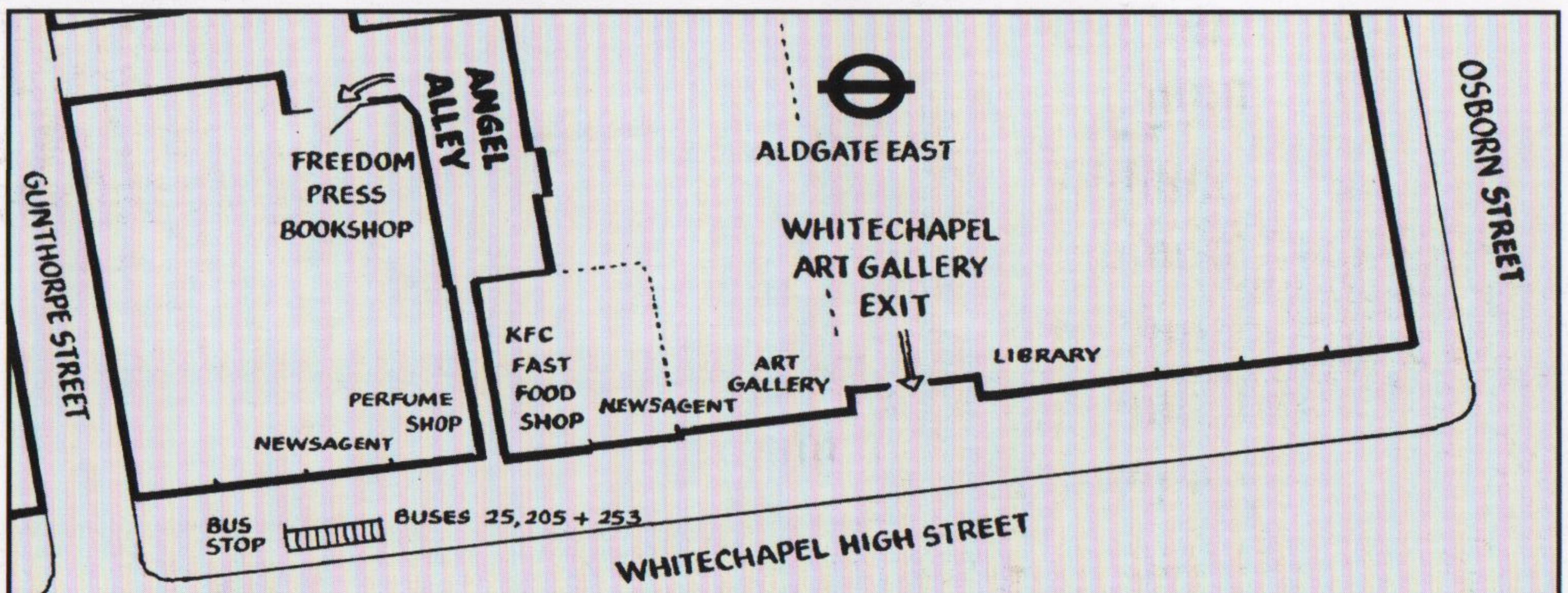
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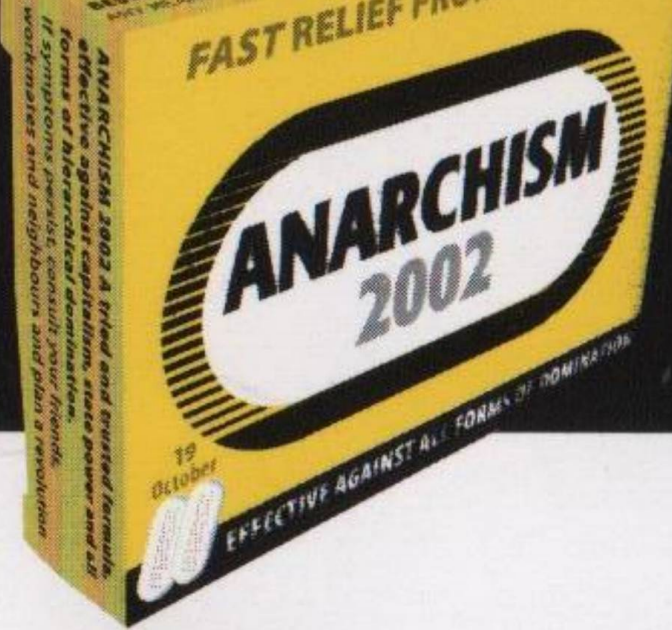
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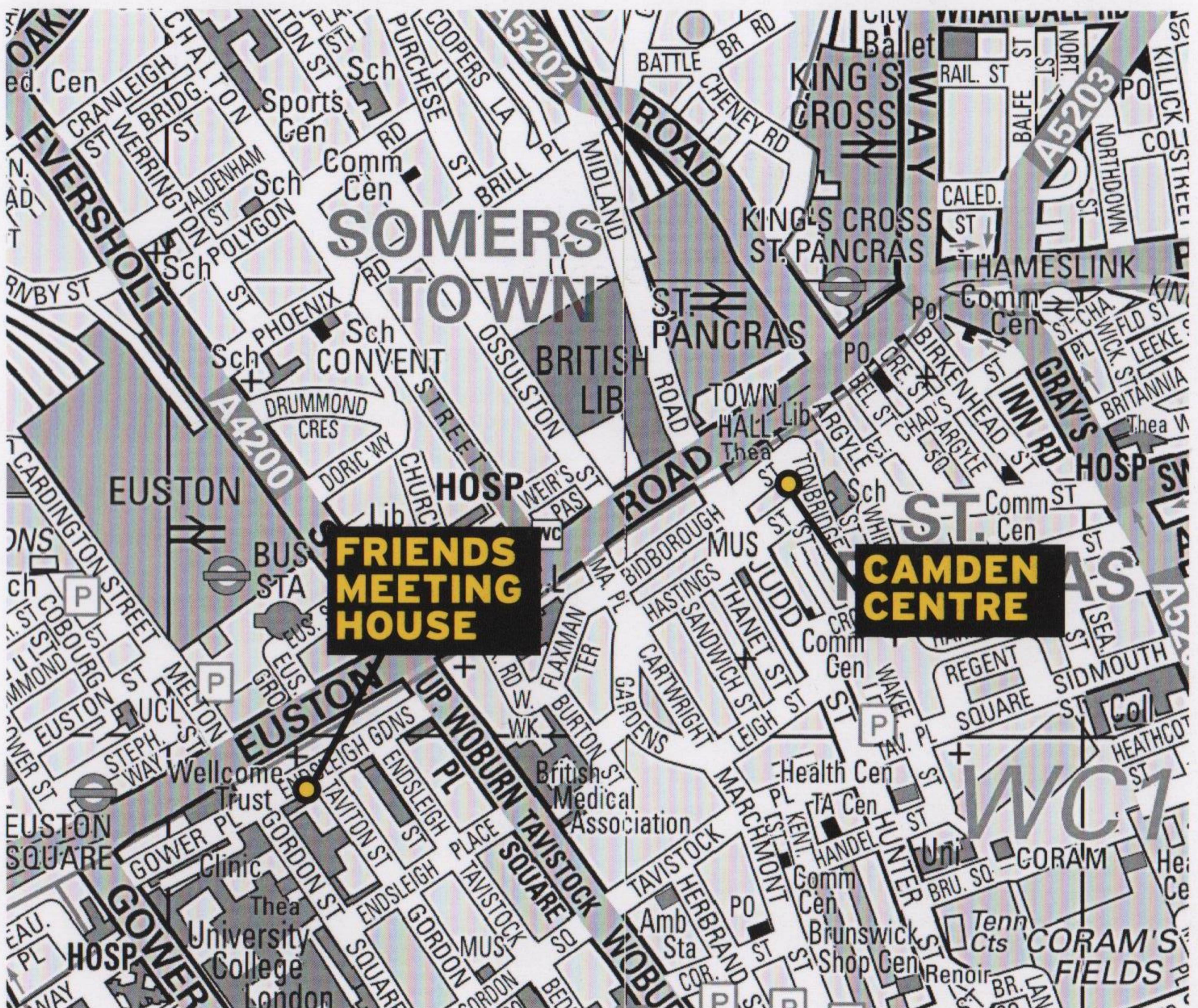


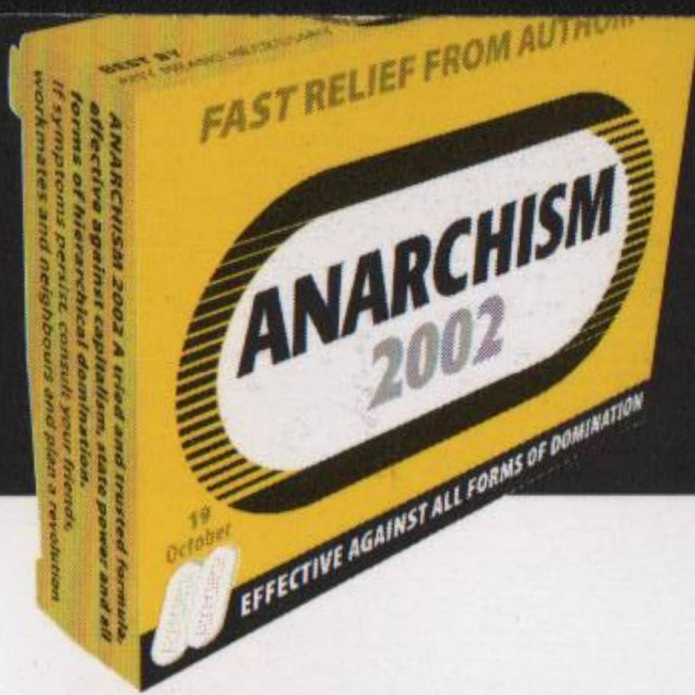


This is the 21st Anarchist Bookfair and it's still growing from strength to strength. This year we've got meetings in both the Camden Centre and The Friends Meeting House. The Friends Meeting House is just a few minutes walk up (left or West) the Euston Road. It's on the same side of the Euston Road as the Camden Centre. We're using just two small rooms in the Camden Centre, and Rooms 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 at the Friends House. Room 1 (capacity of 60) is being used for videos, Room 2 has a capacity of of 60, Room 3, one of thirty, while Rooms 7, 8 and 9 have been

combined to give a large meeting room with a capacity of 200.

The focus of the day is the 'fair itself. In the main hall and the hallways, you'll find over 70 tables of anarchist groups and publishers, selling (and giving away) everything from new and secondhand books, to pamphlets, mags, tracts and rants, to T-shirts, videos, tapes, CDs, comic books and postcards. But you'll find this is also a day of events and meetings. From activism to academic research, education to sex, alternative comedy to art, the 2002 Anarchist Bookfair shows the astonishing variety of anarchists and anarchism.





FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

ROOM 7/8/9 (LARGE HALL)

11-12.00pm

www.yearzero.org

Speaker Adam Porter

Destroy The Lefty Ghetto

What is the point of having ideas, solutions and passion if you keep them in a watertight box that only you have access to? What does 'Anarchism' mean any more? Is the most 'anarchist' thing one can do these days to never use the word 'anarchist'? Can anyone concerned with fairness and justice afford to use any '-isms' anymore? Is the word 'anarchism' solely defined by the person who says it? If it is, then has the word itself become meaningless? If one abandons 'classical' notions of clock-smashing 'anarchism' what are the alternatives? Does it confine radical people even more or does it open up new opportunities for everyone here today? With a little bit of emphasis on global, international political issues and audience participation.

12-1.00pm

Social Centres – A strategy for self-management in communities

A talk from an invited guest speaker for the Bologna TPO social centre in Italy, and a presentation of the London Social Centres Network, followed by a discussion on setting up autonomous centres.

1-2.00pm

**Feminists against Censorship Meeting
"Exploding Censorship"**

The war on terror. Internet Hype. A new chief of the British Board of film censors. Is the increasing amount of censorship and legislation overwhelming free speech advocates?

2-3.00pm

TACT – Temporary anti-Capitalist Teams. It's not an organisation. It's an idea.

Ever felt frustrated that there are so many different groups out there working away in isolation? Why can't activists find a way to work together, to pool resources and support each other? Why isn't there a network that respects different ways of working, diverse political cultures and different priorities? Why can't we connect the local with the global, why can't we work autonomously, why can't we get anywhere? You don't have to be frustrated. There is a way we can work together. There is a network that can help people to help each other.

3-4.00pm

Wombles

Feedback from the PGA meeting, news about forthcoming actions including smashing the arms fair DSEi 2003, the G8 actions next year and any other bits of mischief we can think of.

ROOM 1

VIDEOS

10.00	Genoa Libera
10.45	Undercurrents Special
11.45	Simon Jones
12.15	Drowned Out
1.30	New Kids on the Black Block
1.45	Argentina in Revolt
2.30	Coconut Revolution
3.30	Red Zone



Genoa Libera

The most popular film from last year's event returns: the story of the many thousands of demonstrators who poured into the ancient city of Genoa to

express their opinion towards the G8. The sheer variety of action – from peaceful protests to major riots – is captured by this film in a moving testament towards mass resistance.

UNDERCURRENTS SPECIAL



Globalisation and the Media

The United States has spent the last 50 years constructing the present New World Order. Aided by its powerful military resources, alongside the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the World Trade Organisation, the rules of global trade have been largely imposed to serve its own interests. This documentary explores the role of the media in this corporate-led takeover of global resources.



Revolting in Prague

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund were set up in 1945 to integrate developing countries into the capitalist system of free trade. Their loans have resulted in massive debt repayment leading to environmental destruction and a massive increase in poverty. In September 2000 the two institutions staged their 55th annual meeting in Prague. Over 15,000 people from 30 countries travelled to the city intent on shutting down the meeting of the world's bankers. This documentary records the techniques of the various groups over the three days of protest – now watch on...



Mark Thomas and the Met

Find out how to use the Data Protection Act to legally obtain copies of police surveillance videos. Watch a comedian run rings around the police by using news laws against them.



Stop The Crop

Radical folk band Seize The Day perform as 300 activists destroy GM crops in the largest mass direct action to date.



Simon Jones

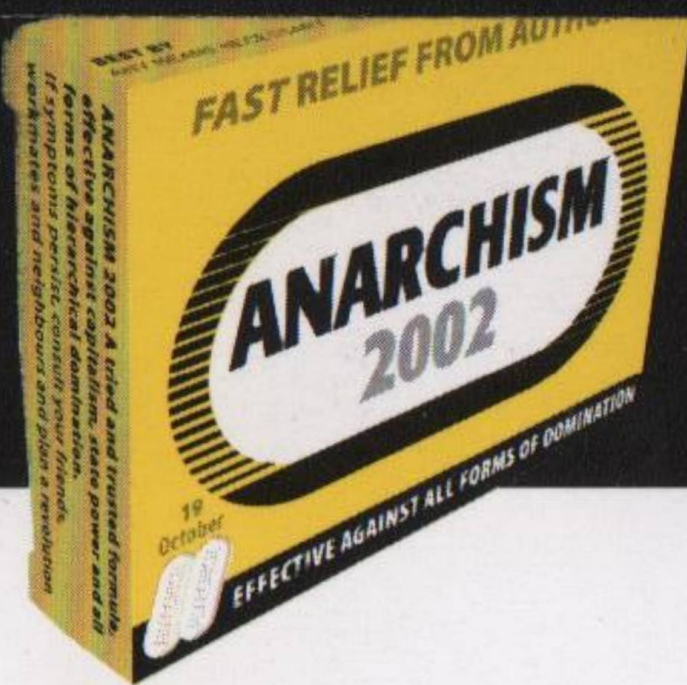
Simon Jones was killed on his first day as a casual worker at the Shoreham dock of Euromin after being sent there by the employment agency Personnel Selection. While campaigning to bring those responsible for Simon's death to justice, Simon's family and friends have faced a systematic government cover-up of the human cost of casualisation. 'Not This Time – The Story Of The Simon Jones Memorial Campaign (2002 Update)' is the story of that campaign. "Some employers seem to treat their workers like machinery. They're not. They have families and friends who are torn apart when things like this happen to them." – Anne Jones, Simon's mother



DROWNED OUT

– We Can't Wish Them Away

Three choices. Move to the slums in the city, accept a place at a resettlement site or stay at home and drown. The people of Jalsindhi in central India must make a decision fast. In the next few weeks, their village will disappear underwater as the giant Narmada Dam fills. Bestselling author Arundhati Roy joins the fight against the dam and asks the difficult questions. Will the water go to poor farmers or to rich industrialists? What happened to the 16 million people displaced by fifty years of dam building? Why should I care? Three years in the making, 'Drowned Out' follows the Jalsindhi villagers through hunger strikes, rallies, police brutality and a six year Supreme Court case. It stays with them as the dam fills and the river starts to rise...



New Kids on the Black Block

An amusing short produced to promote the anti-capitalist demonstrations in Barcelona earlier this year featuring popular teen band New Kids On The Block.



Argentina In Revolt

In December 2001, the people of Argentina rose up in fury against the economic disaster imposed on them by their government, hand in hand with the big business, banks and the International Monetary Fund. The world watched as pictures of supermarkets and food shops being looted showed a country at breaking point. This film is a documentary record of that uprising and its consequences. The mainstream media's perspective was summed up by a piece of graffiti – 'they piss on us and the press says it's raining'. This is the different view, the view from the people being pissed on and refusing to take it any longer.



Coconut Revolution

This is the modern-day story of a native people's seemingly impossible victory over Western colonial power. An island rose up in arms against giant mining corporation Rio Tinto Zinc – and won! When Rio Tinto Zinc (RTZ) decided to step up production at the Panguna Mine on the Pacific Island of Bougainville, they got more than they bargained for. The island's people were fed up with being used as pawns by the West. RTZ refused to compensate them, so the people decided it was time to put an end to outside interference in the island's affairs. To do this they forcibly closed down the mine. What then happened was an environmental and spiritual revolution. The ruins of the old Panguna mine were being recycled to supply the raw materials for the world's first eco-revolution.



The Red Zone

In July 2001 leaders from the world's eight most powerful nations (G8) met in the Italian port of Genova. Encircled by a vast steel fence and declared 'off limits', the city centre became the forum for a brutal and bloody weekend. Working with over 160 hours of protest-based footage recorded by scores of DIY video teams, an international group of film-makers from Italy, Ireland and the UK set out to unpick the events surrounding those brutal Genova days. This film presents a radical narrative of the build-up to the events, presents the protests at street level and concludes with the long-term struggle for justice in the aftermath of the demonstrations.

ROOM 2

11-12.00pm

Mayday!

In recent years in the UK, anarchists and others have been attempting to reclaim the green, red, and black origins of Mayday, with a series of meetings, actions and parties. This year's event, May Fayre in Mayfair, once again faced the full force of the various pillars of the state cops, politicians & media. What did it achieve? Was it all worth it? Should we do something next year? The same or something totally different? Is it possible to organise large scale confrontational events in London without huge numbers of arrests? Why reclaim Mayday – what about the other 364 days of the year? Are 'one-off' events a drain on the resources of the movement, a boost to our morale, or just another date on the activist's tour diary? Would we be better off concentrating on local work? Do you care, do you have an opinion, do you have the answer? Then come along to this meeting!

12-2.00pm

Global Women's Strike 8th March, 2003

Stop the world and change it. Invest in caring not killing. The Global Women's Strike goes from strength to strength – every 8th March since 2000 women and girls in over 60 countries have taken part to demand a complete change in priorities. Women taking strike action together around the globe is our reply to US economic, political and military domination of the world and the \$800+ billion spent on arms each year. The Strike's central demand is payment for all caring work – in wages, pensions, land and other resources. Come and find out more about the strike, how to take part and support it – all welcome.

2-3.00pm

Narmada Dam

The Narmada Dam in India will displace more than 500,000 people but to the people in power their lives and their communities simply don't register. There has been enormous and ongoing opposition to this dam and this state policy of ethnic cleansing – this meeting follows up from the new film about the struggles against the dam with the maker of 'Drowned Out', Franny Armstrong.

3-4.00pm

'Next Day' Meeting

We have left this space open in case anybody wants to organise a spur of the moment action on Sunday 20th October or discuss an action next year. Why should they? The Anarchist Bookfair is a unique yearly event, where nearly 5,000 people pass through its doors most of them anarchists, or sympathetic to the cause. People come from all over the country. What a chance to organise an anarchist direct action event! We will provide the

space for the meeting. Those attending need to come with ideas and energy to make it happen or at least discuss it.

ROOM 3

10-1.00pm

Justice for Errol and Jason McGowan Campaign

Harold McGowan and Jason McGowan were both found dead within six months of each other. Both deaths occurred within miles of each other in a town near Telford, in Shropshire. The families of both believe that they were murdered. They maintain that neither of the two deaths were properly investigated by West Mercia Police, and are demanding that a new investigation is now launched by Scotland Yards, Race and Violent Crime Task Force. West Mercia Police have refused to co-operate with this demand.

1-2.00pm

Poetry, Revolt, Renewal

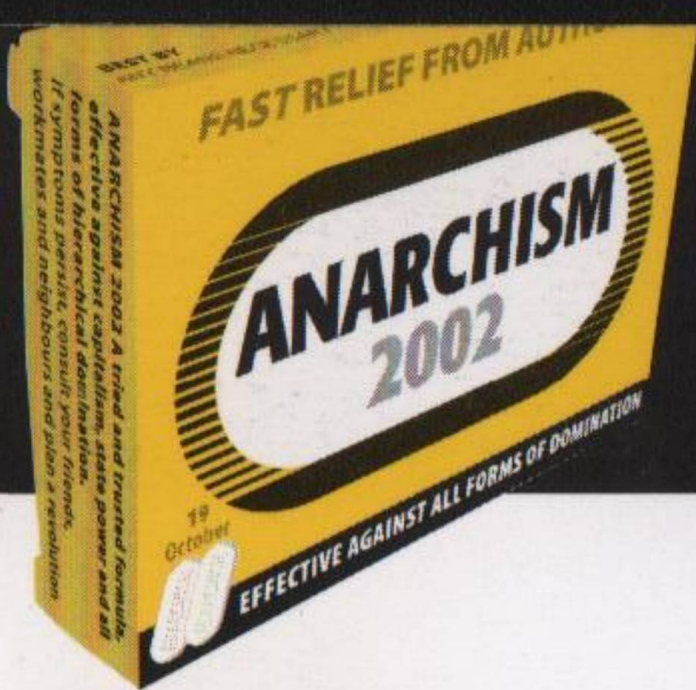
John Moore

John Moore will read from his latest experimental poetic texts, which open up fresh perspectives, push theory forward, and have a new life dynamic. John's recent writings explode ideological thinking and develop lucid revolutionary perspectives. Post-political, post-ideological words and visions from beyond the prisonhouse of dogma and isms.

2-3.00pm

Everything you wanted to know about the law, but were afraid to ask...

Two lawyers explain their dirty job defending the guilty and prosecuting the police. A guide to the criminal law and to the civil actions that can be taken following acquittal.



3-4.00pm

Organising within our local communities Haringey Solidarity Group

To be effective in changing the world we need to organise anarchist groups in every locality and residents groups in every neighbourhood. Please come along with your ideas and experiences.

CAMDEN CENTRE

ROOM 1

10-11.00am

Solidarity South Pacific

11-12.00pm

Reclaim The Media!

Independent Media Laboratory – a chance to catch up with some of the latest developments and strategies in alternative, independent and radical media projects, from the expanding Indymedia Network in the UK to Media Democracy Day (18th October 2002 – see www.mediademocracyday.org.uk) from the UN World Summit on Information Society (Geneva 2003) to the launch of the European Indymedia NewsReal Video distribution project. Other radical media projects are invited to update people on their progress and to discuss plans and strategies for the next year.

12-1.00pm

Mainstream Media On Trial

Presentations and debate on the UK's mainstream media and how it repeatedly fails to accurately cover large scale protests and campaigns. With contributions from journalists who have worked within corporate media, this is an opportunity to constructively discuss the

reasons behind the corporate media's bias and examine the worth of working with the mainstream versus the building of radical and independent alternatives – issues at the heart of Media Democracy Day (www.mediademocracyday.org.uk).

1-2.00pm

Queer Mutiny

A meeting of queers of all sexualities to network and discuss strategies for diy radical queer (direct) action and gatherings. As well as a look back at recent events such as QUEERUPTION, LAH-DI-DAH and QUEER MUTINY.

2-3.00pm

Anarchist Research Group – Fold or Re-Launch?

This meeting is to decide whether the anarchist research group should be re-launched, perhaps with a change of emphasis with a more (but not exclusively) web-based presence. If you'd like to see and participate in a re-vamped A.R.G., please attend this meeting. There is no presentation planned for this meeting unlike in previous years. It is purely a business meeting to decide the future of the A.R.G.

3-4.00pm

What is Anarchism?

This session is aimed at people who are new to anarchism, or whose first contact with anarchism is the Anarchist Bookfair itself. It will be led by Toby, one of the editors of Freedom newspaper. As well as outlining the roles of direct action and class struggle in anarchist theory and practice, he will try to show how groups and papers represented at the Anarchist Bookfair are related to each other. What, in other words, is the essence of being an anarchist?

4-5.00pm

Freedom: Anarchist Fortnightly

'Freedom' is the most regular mouthpiece for the whole anarchist movement. We need news from the frontline, comments and analysis. Come to the meeting and find out how to get involved.

5-6.00pm

Which religion is the most stupid?

Marxism? New Age Mysticism? Or a religion of your choice? Religions are going to be guillotined and ridiculed by speakers who will religiously advocate the demise of all religions. This is a free (donations only for cost of room), fun event at the end of which all participants will vote and choose (God willing) the most stupid religion. A discussion will follow on how we deal with and get rid of All This Stupidity. You are encouraged to bring food & drink (anti-religion).

ROOM 2

11-12.00am

Prison Action

An open strategy meeting called by an online discussion group seeking to develop new ways to better support the UK's 71,000 prisoners and prevent the imprisonment of even more through direct action.

1-2.00pm

The Italian Movement

Autonomia, the social centres, Ya Basta, the tute bianche (white overalls), the disobedienti, the social forums. The Italian movement is the largest and most vibrant in Europe. Its demonstrations, protected with shields and padding, have inspired many but been misunderstood by others. The meeting will examine their politics

and tactics in the light of Italian history, from the influence of the autonomia movement of the seventies through to the recent emergence of social forums. It will conclude with a discussion of the lessons we can learn here in the UK.

2-3.00pm

Mark Barnsley Campaign

Recently released anarchist prisoner Mark Barnsley will talk about his case, the campaign to free him, and the struggle for humanity behind bars.

3-4.00pm

Anarchist Travelling Circus

The Anarchist Travelling Circus will be a UK-wide series of actions and events, and a mobilisation against the latest knees-up of the powermongers of world misery: the G8 summit in France, June 2003.

4-5.00pm

Counter Information News-Sheet - What Future?

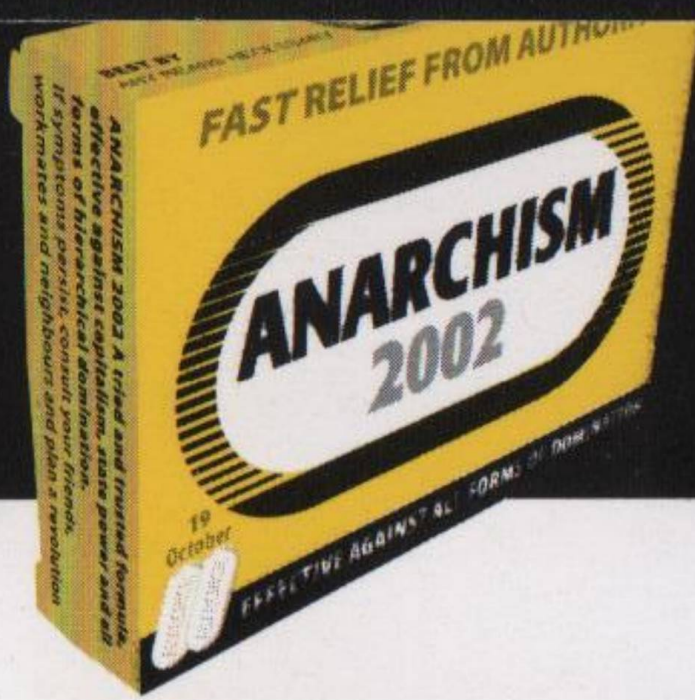
Should CI continue with Britain-wide and international reporting and distribution, or concentrate on Scotland? Or cease publication? Certainly, to continue we need more people involved. We want your opinion.

5-6.00pm

Resisting ID-Cards

Exploring possibilities for active resistance of 'big brother', particularly the state's planned introduction of identity cards. Organised by Defy-ID, an ad-hoc group of people.





ROOM 3 & 4

11.30-6.30

Crèche

The Play and Freedom @ Crèche was created following MayDay 2000 when a group of us felt that we could set up and run our own crèche for the Anarchist Bookfair rather than relying on an organisation that charged us a lot but paid the workers a low salary. We also wanted a crèche that would share a similar philosophy on child care. Our philosophy is very much that of play and freedom,

freedom to explore, discover, express and create.

The Play and Freedom @ Crèche does not exist to make a profit. The money paid by the Anarchist Bookfair goes directly to the crèche adults. The funds for equipment, toys and activities came from MayDay 2000 and donations.

The Play and Freedom @ Crèche welcomes children from 2 years to 8 years. Children under 2 years are welcome so long as their parent or carer attends with them as our insurance does not cover children under 2 years of age.

THE LONDON ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

The first London Anarchist Bookfair was held in 1983 at the ill-fated Autonomy Centre in Wapping. On what turned out to be the coldest day of the year, half a dozen anarchist publishers spread out their wares, and when hardly anyone turned up they played a pool tournament. It was a nice time and everyone said "Do it again next year." So we did.

That was 19 years ago and since then other annual Anarchist Bookfairs have sprung up as successful copies of ours (nine at the last count), thousands of people have come, new people have been introduced to anarchist ideas, and we've grown every year. It's a success story.

As we've grown we've got more professional. The crèche used to be run by volunteers from the stalls and it was awful – nothing like the quality it is now. Food used to be cooked by a band of volunteers but for years now it's been done by Veggies. It's a big improvement, and not just for the ex-volunteers. One priority for this year is to better organise the fire security (volunteers needed).

This year the bookfair will cost just over £5,000, about half of which is the hall hire

(both the Camden Centre and Friends Meeting House where most of the meetings are held).

Problems with the Bookfair, aside from the pressure of people, includes the ongoing debate on what exactly anarchism is, and which are acceptable groups to attend. This will always be an important debate and the Bookfair works on a consensus of the people attending. Consensus is never quite the same as total unanimity.

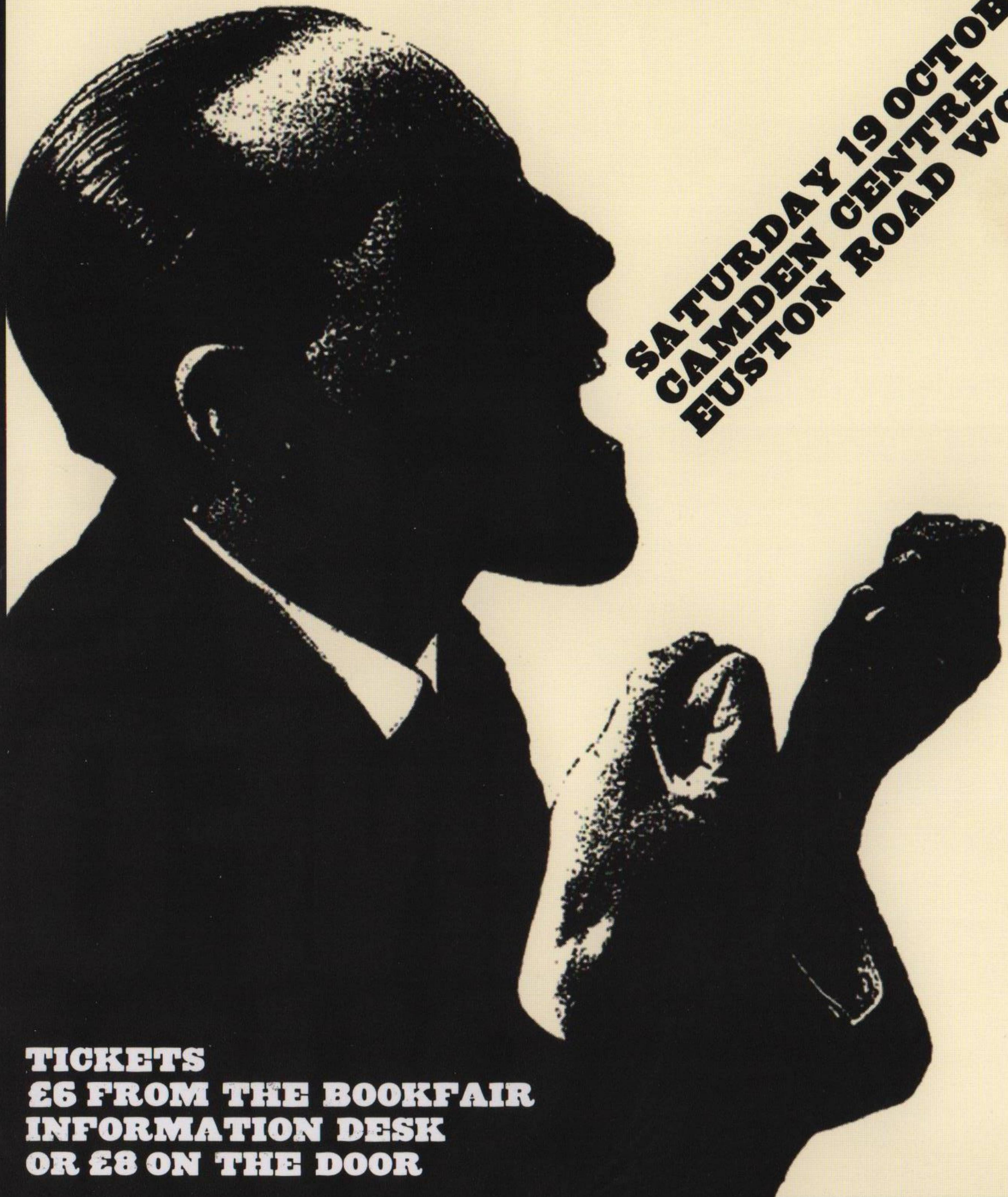
The aim of the Bookfair is still to grow. But we have to match the number of people who want to turn up with what we can afford. Assuming that we cover our costs this year and we don't have a drop in numbers, next year the plan is to move to ULU on Malet Street. While this venue is not ideal, it does offer more space and punters won't have to trek back between Friends and the Camden Centre. There are also more meeting rooms, all in the same building. The main problem for us is that it is more expensive and it involves a drop in revenue. However, each one of our moves has involved a risk. Anarchism is growing, the Anarchist Bookfair is growing. We need it.

BENEFIT FOR THE ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

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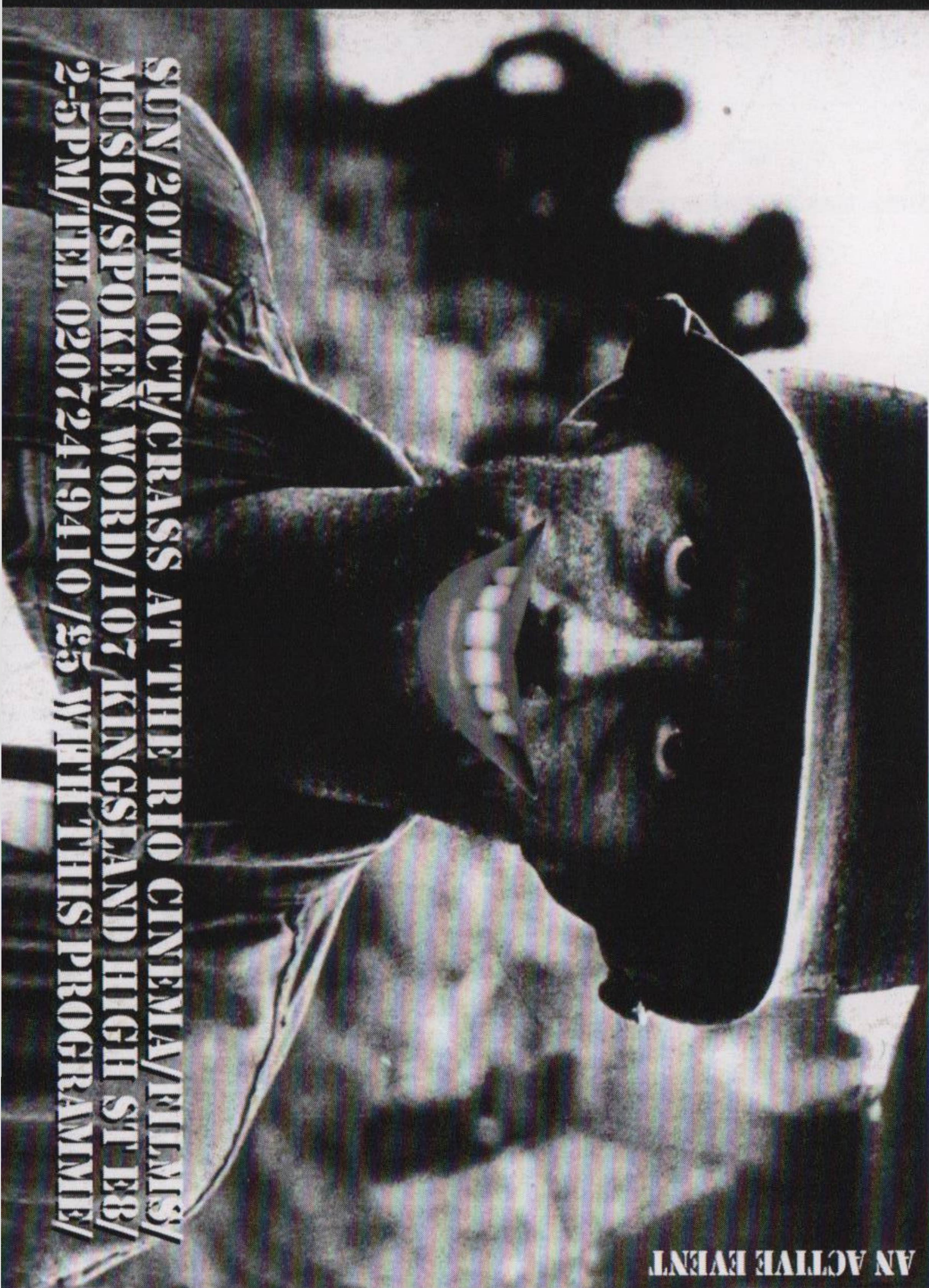
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After the Bookfair...

So what happens with the Anarchist Bookfair? Got any ideas for how it can be developed? Have some feedback on how it happens? We're holding an open meeting on **Sunday 17th November** at Conway Hall, (25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL) from 6pm-9pm to discuss this year's event and next year's event. We are very interested in what you have to say, your ideas and any future involvement. If you can't make it, e-mail comments to us: mail@anarchistbookfair.org

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	2001	2002
EXPENDITURE		
Camden Centre hire	1690	2400
Friends Meeting Hall hire	740	800
Programme costs	725	552
Publicity printing costs	1005	600
Stickers	100	100
Website costs	50	-
Other costs	218	30
Postage	350	350
Crèche	260	330
TOTAL COST	5138	5162
REVENUE		
Stalls and meetings	2350	2500
Advertising for programme	375	250
Food	350	350
Alcohol	400	500
Total food & alcohol	750	850
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