



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Due to the pressure of events this newsletter is a little thin: normal service will be resumed in March. Primarily this is because so much energy has been going into organising for the February 26th local demonstration and the March 19th TUC demonstration.

### FEBRUARY 26th DEMONSTRATION

As you will no doubt be aware, Mushroom Bookshop was attacked by *Blood and Honour* members on January 15th. 32 of them were later arrested and have been bailed until mid-March when we will know the extent of the charges. This has provided the catalyst for a major local demonstration on 26th February against racism and fascism. If you attend one demonstration this year - make it this one! The atmosphere will be up-beat with musicians playing, if you can bring banners, flags, family and friends, all the better. Although the raid on Mushroom provided the catalyst, the theme is naturally broader, this also reflects the wishes of the Mushroom staff.

Ways to help:

a) Publicity material. Please stick the enclosed leaflets up in your workplace or elsewhere. Bulk copies are available of both of these as leaflets or posters, available from Mushroom Bookshop (but ring Ross first on 582506 to ensure adequate stock is there)

b) Stall. There are stalls in town and probably Sherwood, Bulwell and Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday 19th February. For town just turn up anytime between 11.00 and 1.00 at St. Peter's Gate (outside Marks and Spencers). If you would prefer to go on the other stalls, please ring Ross as above for times.

c) On the day. If you can leaflet or steward, turn up at the Forest at 10.00 to be given a job.

### THE GOOD NEWS

Following the raid on Mushroom the nazi pub The Red Lion in Heanor has been 'closed for refurbishment' and our understanding is that the brewery will not allow it to be so used again. The Alexandra Social Club in Sandiacre - revealed in the press by NAFA to be where *Blood and Honour* has been holding gigs and meetings - has now said they will no longer allow them to meet or have events there. We will obviously keep an eye on this to make sure, but we have just heard that the Social Club are in financial trouble - the curse of NAFA claims another one? Congrats to all who leafleted the area calling for a boycott, to those who raised this in the House of Commons and in the press.

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Your membership of Notts. Anti-Fascist Alliance is now due for renewal. The membership rate stays at £2 waged or £1 unwaged as we wish to encourage as wide a membership as possible but especially in view of the recent postage increase we would encourage you to give a further donation if you can afford one.

In the last year NAFA has become a major fixture on the Nottingham scene, regular leafletings, public meetings, political pressure, press work, pickets of BNP court appearances, speakers at meetings, gigs...

NAFA investigative work has exposed the Alexandra Social Club in Sandiacre and political pressure from street leaflets to the House of Commons have put the skids under the fascists using that place and the now "closed for refurbishment" Red Lion in Heanor. NAFA also exposed the BNP meeting in pubs in Nottingham and have provided information and photographs to press and television.

The February demonstration against racism and fascism was a major piece of work by NAFA members - one of the biggest demonstrations in the City for a long time and the biggest anti-fascist/anti-racist event locally for many years. NAFA members have also set up the umbrella group to send people to the TUC London demonstration.

NAFA works with other anti-fascist groups in the City and throughout the region. An alliance within, and seeking alliances outside.

All members receive a regular newsletter and details of local activity. We are a democratic and independent group.

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Please return as soon as possible to NAFA, Box 179, Nottingham, NG1 3AQ. Cheques payable to NAFA.

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