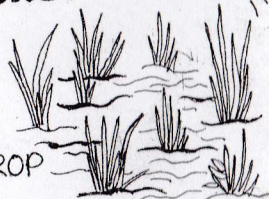


THINGS I DON'T LIKE WALKING ON...

DUE TO A COMBINATION OF VERTIGO AND NON SURE-FOOTEDNESS AND URBAN UPBRINGING, PLUS GENERAL FEAR AND INEXPERIENCE, THE FOLLOWING LIST IS OF CONDITIONS THAT IMPAIR MY HIKING EXPERIENCES, OR RENDER THEM IMPOSSIBLE.

1. ALWAYS/IN ANY CONDITIONS: > SQUELCH

- a) ICE
- b) BOG
- c) THE VERY TOP OF ANYTHING WITH A SHEER DROP



YIKES! NATURE!

2. IN STRONG WIND:

- a) RIDGES/THE TOP OF ANYTHING

3. UPHILL:

ONE FOOT AT A TIME... YOU NEVER KNOW...

- a) COMPLICATED ROCK FORMATIONS
- b) LOOSE ROCK COVER
- c) SNOW
- d) VERTICAL CLIMBS - I'M NOT SOME FUCKEN MOUNTAINEER, OK?!



IF I LET GO I'LL SLIP AND ROLL ALL THE WAY DOWN...

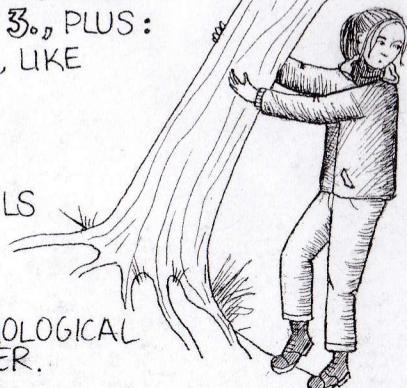
4. DOWNHILL:

ALL OF 3., PLUS:

- a) ANYTHING EVEN SLIGHTLY SLIPPERY, LIKE SMOOTH GRASS, MUD, ETC.

5. MOST OF THE TIME:

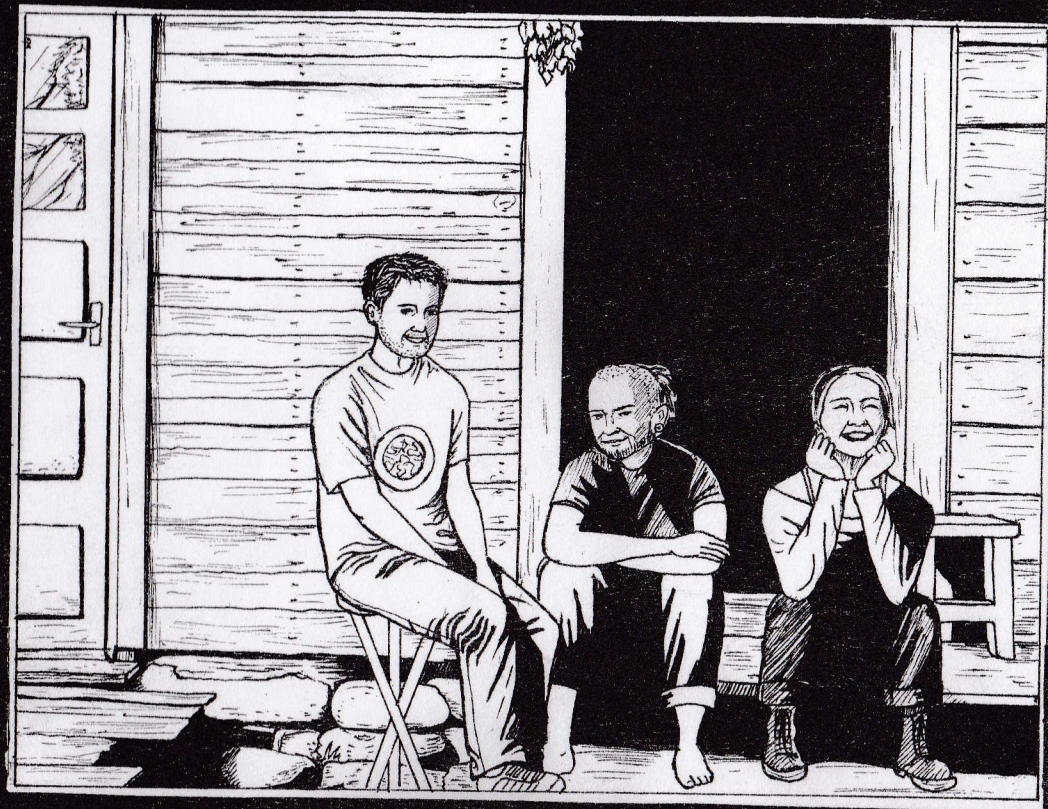
- a) THROUGH FIELDS WITH LARGE ANIMALS (COWS, BULLS, ELEPHANTS ETC)
- b) MUD
- c) I ALSO HAVE SOME STRANGE PSYCHOLOGICAL BARRIER TO JUMPING OVER WATER.



CAN'T LOOK DOWN, OH NO, CAN'T LOOK DOWN...

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cartoons
of my life...
& more

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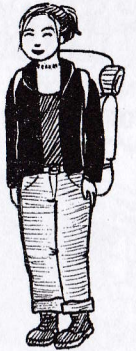
You may notice this issue doesn't feature any ricking, for a change... sorry... must be getting older. Future issues will be more about gardening and playing bridge, you'll see. Instead, I did lots of travelling about and bonding with nature - you may notice that Lord of the rings is my main frame of reference for all things natural <TOP 5 PLACES IN MIDDLE EARTH I'D LIKE TO VISIT- 1. Rivendell, 2. Hobbiton, 3. Rohan, 4. Fangorn Forest, 5. Lorien> um, anyway. Yes its the same van & the same people in Cornwall and Latvia in case you wonder. Oh, and sorry to my parents - I have unjustly exaggerated their concerns. I'm still not smoking, hurra! I haven't even had a drag since January. I'm sure I'll do a comic about it soon - but not quite yet. Not sure how I'd handle drawing smokers, and so on...

I'm making a zine about **women's self defence** with some friends - it'll hopefully be done by December so email for details. And watch this space for a cookbook - yes, my friend and me are working on a proper, vegan cookbook with gourmet but cheap, simple but flavoursome recipes, plus articles and advice about allotments, homebrewing, wild foods, commercial food production evils, eating seasonally, cooking on a larger scale, etc. It'll be published by **ACTIVE DISTRIBUTION** sometime in near future!

Hope you enjoy this issue! write to me at
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PS - I'm not doing a zine distro anymore!

ta - Isy

evil mutherfucken ideas...



propagandhi, the cure, refused, bluegrass, zegota, this bike is a pipebomb, that dog, peggy lee, neurosis, fall of afrafa, former members of alfonso, penguin cafe orchestra, johnny cash, bruce springsteen, ekkara, wir sind helden, rockabilly, (old) ignite



freeSkool!

ONCE I GOT A PARCEL OF FLYERS AND POSTERS FROM PORTLAND, USA, WHICH WAS REALLY COOL.



THE COWLEY CLUB HAS HAD EVENTS LISTED IN THE BRIGHTON

fringe festival



EVERY YEAR SO THIS TIME WE PUT IN 2 'FREE SCHOOL' DAYS.

THE FIRST ONE WENT WELL! IT WAS QUIET AT FIRST BUT THEN PACKED OUT



THE PHYSICS WORKSHOP WAS SURPRISINGLY POPULAR!

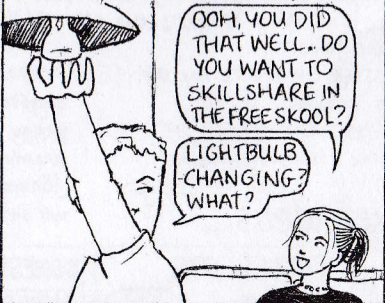
THE SECOND DAY HAD A WHOLE STRING OF GEEK WORKSHOPS...



WHAT A GOOD IDEA! I LOVE SELF EDUCATION! LET'S GET RID OF THE EXPERTS, AND SO ON, ETC., BLA



I ADVERTISED FOR WORKSHOP OFFERS, AND HASSLED MY MATES



MY FAVOURITE WAS THE 'RAW NETTLE SALAD' WORKSHOP



... BUT ENDED WITH A BIG WINE-TASTING



Our Programme

SPOKEN WORD
AUTONOMOUS HEALTH
HOW TO MAKE A
RAW NETTLE SALAD
CIVIL LIBERTIES
HOUSING CO-OPS
'A WHIRLWIND
TOUR OF PHYSICS
IN THE 21ST CENTURY'
WHAT IS SQUATTING?
THE SOUTH DOWNS
CHALK GRASSLAND
QUEER THEORY
DIY HOUSE MAINTENANCE

INTRO TO PEAK OIL
INTRO TO NAVIGATION
INFORMED CHOICES
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RADICAL LOCAL HISTORY
LANGUAGE SKILLS SWAP
POPULAR EDUCATION

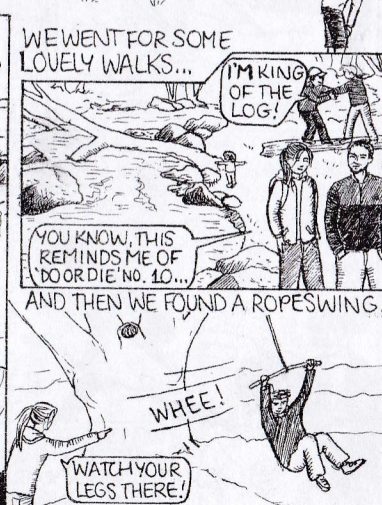
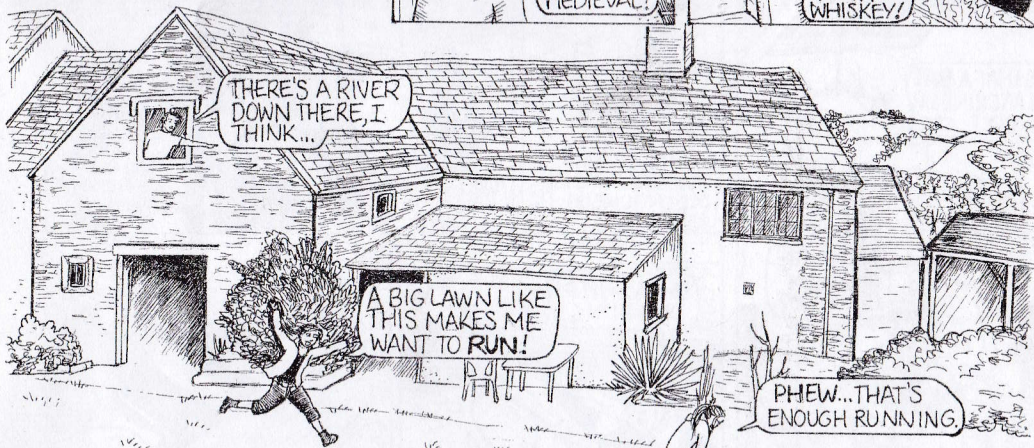
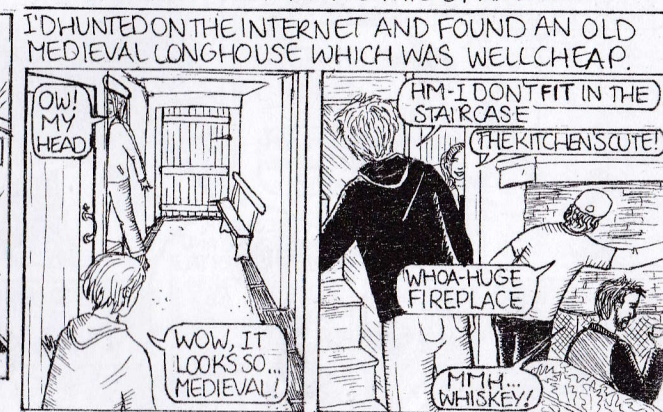
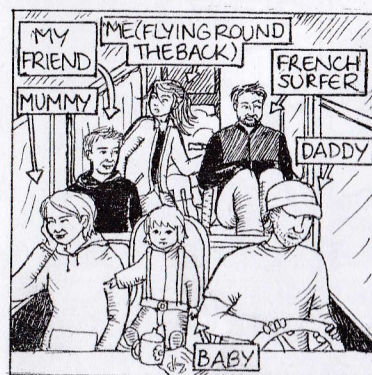
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS
'A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HUMAN SUBJECT'
FREE ALTERNATIVES TO WINDOWS (4 COMPUTERS)
HOW TO STOP YOUR COMPUTER BREAKING
REPRESSION + RESISTANCE IN BRITISH PRISONS
FORAGING + WINEMAKING
BIKE MAINTENANCE

Other Ideas...

VEGAN BAKING
MUSIC/DJING
PARENTING
HOME EDUCATION
ALT. TECHNOLOGIES
HOMEBREWING
BASIC ELECTRONICS
POWER TOOL USE
LEGAL BRIEFING
WOMEN'S SOLIDARITY

Cornwall

SOMETIMES YOU JUST NEED TO ESCAPE. EVER SINCE WE RENTED A COTTAGE IN THE LAKE DISTRICT, THIS TYPE OF HOLIDAY FELT LIKE A FEASIBLE OPTION, AND WE HEADED OFF TO CORNWALL IN A VAN WITH SOME MATES THIS SPRING.



WE'RE NOW ORGANISING SOME FREE SKOOLS FACILITATED BY WOMEN, FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

FROM LUSH WOODLAND TO THE OPEN MOOR OF BODMIN WHERE OPEN SPACE INVITES MORE RUNNING!

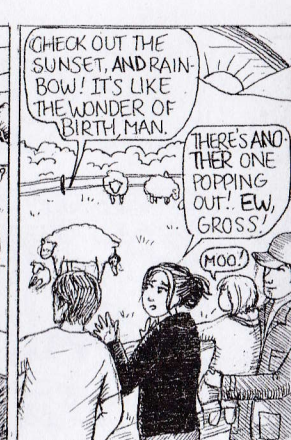


THIS IS LIKE IN LORD OF THE RINGS, TWO TOWERS! I'M ARAGORN!

SO THAT MAKES ME GIMLI THE DWARF LAGGING BEHIND, OR NOT?



A NEWBORN LAMB! LET'S STOP & LOOK!



CHECK OUT THE SUNSET, AND RAIN-BOW! IT'S LIKE THE WONDER OF BIRTH, MAN.

THERE'S ANOTHER ONE POPPING OUT! EW, GROSS!

MOO?



IS THAT A BAT FLATTERING UP THERE?

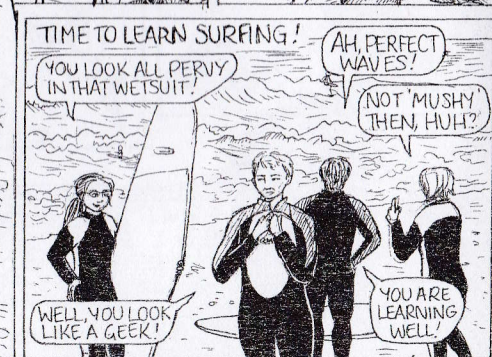
PASS THE GRAVY, M'LORD?



THE OWNER CAME ROUND AND GAVE A HISTORY TALK.

VERY FADED PAINTINGS

WE HAD NO IDEA OUR 'SHED' WAS SO OLD UNTIL WE UNCOVERED THIS...



TIME TO LEARN SURFING! YOU LOOK ALL PERVY IN THAT WETSUIT!

AH, PERFECT WAVES!

NOT 'MUSHY' THEN, HUH?

WELL, YOU LOOK LIKE A GEEK!

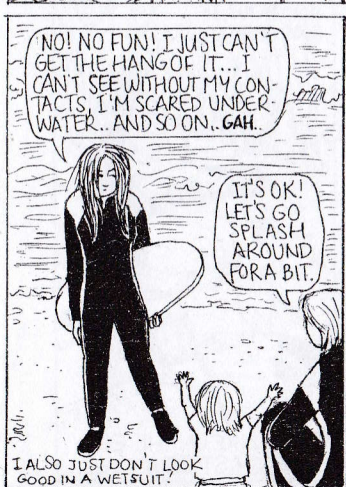
YOU ARE LEARNING WELL!



WHOA! HELP! DROWNING!



YIKES! SHIT! AARGHS!



NO! NO FUN! I JUST CAN'T GET THE HANG OF IT... I CAN'T SEE WITHOUT MY CONTACTS, I'M SCARED UNDER WATER... AND SO ON... GAH.

IT'S OK! LET'S GO SPLASH AROUND FOR A BIT.



I WAS A BIT JEALOUS THAT OTHERS COULD REALLY OBVIOUSLY GET INTO IT SOOO MUCH

WHY DO THEY ALL ALWAYS RUN TO THE SEA?

WELL, THEY'RE EXCITED! I DO THAT TOO, WHEN YOU'RE NOT LOOKING...



OH, ARE YOU SURFING, LIL' ONE? AAH...

SHE'S DOING BETTER THAN I DID!



THE COASTLINE WAS GORGEOUS. WE WENT FOR A LONGER COASTAL WALK.



AND WE HAD THE BEST ICE CREAM AND CORNISH PASTIES IN TINTAGEL

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED



ON ANOTHER WALK, WE SPLIT UP TO EITHER TAKE CLIFF PATHS AROUND, OR OVER A HILL (HEY THERE THEY ARE!)

WHAT ARE THEY DOING? IT LOOKS DANGEROUS...

RECKON WE CAN SLIDE DOWN HERE

MADMAN! THIS IS NOT A PATH! WE HAVE TO TURN AROUND!



BLUE SKY!

SEA AS BLUE AS THE MEDITERANEAN!

CHECK OUT THE BEACH! CAN WE GET TO IT?

HM, CAN'T SEE ANYONE DOWN THERE.

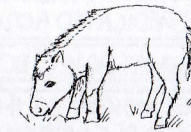
GORSE!



BUT WE FOUND A PATH!

IT'S LIKE THE STAIRCASE TO MORDOR

WE SAW WILD PONIES - AND A BABY ONE TOO!



LOOK! A CAVE!

WICKED, TREASURE!

I'M SO GOING IN THE WATER

IT'S UNBEARABLY CUTE. KILL MENOW.

AT THE SECLUDED BEACH, WE'D SNUCK A PHOTO OF MY FRIEND...



I'DOE, A DEER, A FEMALE DEER! A RAY.

FUNNY ENGLISH PEOPLE

AND SO WE WANDERED OVER HILLS, SINGING!



OI! BASTARDS! WAIT-ZOOM IN - YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING?

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THIS PHOTO ENDED UP AS A SCREENSAVER, DESKTOP, AND IN THIS COMIC! (SORRY, MATE...)

save titnore woods

WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THE UK I'D BEEN ATTRACTED BY ITS BIG ANTI-ROADS MOVEMENT. THIS PIC IS NICKED FROM 'CORSE', KATE EVANS' AMAZING DOCUMENTARY OF THAT TIME. WELL, 10 YEARS LATER, NEAR WORTHING:

THE BIG ANTI-ROADS MOVEMENT MAY HAVE PASSED, BUT SAVING WOODLANDS IS STILL JUST AS IMPORTANT. I'M OLDER NOW, MY VERTIGO IS MORE FULL ON AND I'M NOT UP FOR LIVING IN THE WOODS, BUT MY MATE IS AND HERE'S WHAT SHE SAYS...

THERE'S BEEN A CAMPAIGN TO SAVE TITNORE WOODS AND MEADOWS FROM A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING OVER 800 HOUSES, A ROAD AND A SUPERMARKET, FOR MANY YEARS NOW. IN MAY THIS YEAR TWO SITES IN THE WOODLAND WERE OCCUPIED BY SOME DEDICATED ACTIVISTS.

DUDE, WHAT DO YOU DO THERE ALL DAY?

I GET WOKEN BY THE TARP LEAKING ON ME.. THEN GET PISSED OFF WORKING ON HIGH WALKWAYS, WHILE LUNCH IS COOKED.. IT DEPENDS. WE'VE JUST FINISHED BUILDING A HOUSE IN A 40 FT HIGH SCOTS PINE. THEN I WENT BACK TO BRIGHTON COS I GOT REALLY ILL.. IF YOU'RE LIVING THERE YOU WORK WHEN YOU WANT TO WORK. I SPENT ALL OF LAST WEEK BUILDING SOME SHELVES IN OUR HOUSE...

IT'S REALLY UP & DOWN, BASED ON PEOPLE THERE AND OUTSIDE INFLUENCES- EVICTION ALERTS, OR HAVING TO KICK A MAD RACIST OFF SITE. AT THE MOMENT IT'S NICE AGAIN! SOME LOCAL KIDS SPENT THEIR FAG MONEY ON BUYING VEG FOR THE CAMP THE OTHER DAY! IT'S AMAZING TO GET TO LIVE IN A TREE, BEING BLOWN AROUND BY THE WIND, AND DO SOMETHING WORTHWHILE. I'D HEARD OF STUFF 10 YEARS AGO AND WAS KEEN TO BE INVOLVED - I DON'T THINK IT'S A TAIL-END BUT THE START OF A NEW THING. THE ROAD WIDENING WAS RECENTLY WITHDRAWN & IT FEELS WINNABLE!

I AIN'T GOING UP THERE!



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summer diary

LOOKING BACK, I'VE HAD A REALLY LONG AND BUSY SUMMER... I DID LOADS OF FUN THINGS, TRAVELLED, WORKED, RELAXED.

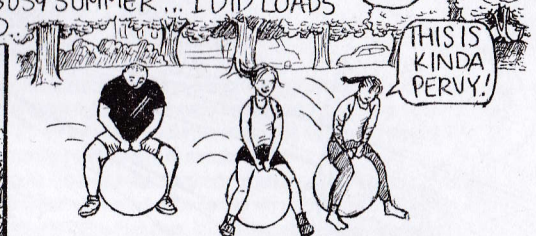
I RECKON MY SUMMER STARTED ALREADY ON JUNE 11TH - THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WEEKEND WITH THE 'GREEN SCARE' DEFENDANTS. WE HELD A FUNDRAISING PICNIC IN THE PARK.



WE WENT TO THE FAMOUS BOOKSHOPS IN HAY-ON-WYE

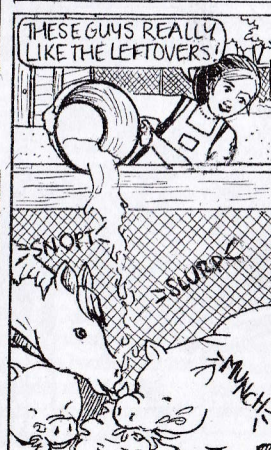


* A BUNCH OF ACTIVISTS IN THE U.S. FACING SERIOUS CHARGES FOR ECO-ACTIONS → www.greenscare.org



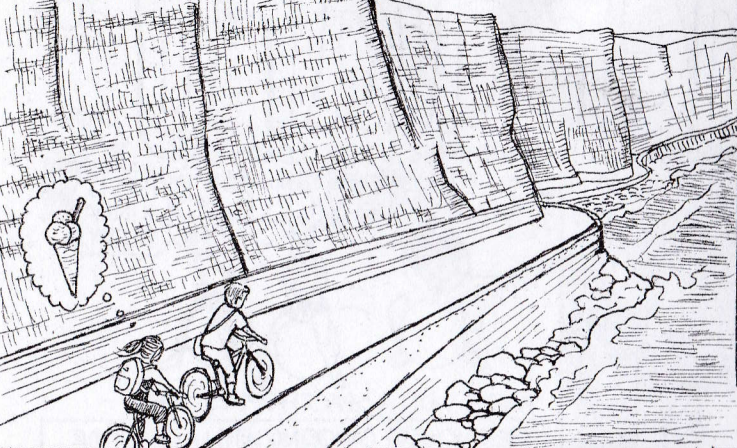
AND I WON A SPACEHOPPER RACE

THEN WE WENT CANOEING WITH A GROUP OF MATES DOWN THE WYE RIVER. I'D NEVER BEEN IN A CANOE BEFORE!



SO DID THIS ONE GERMAN GUY - HE EVEN LICKED OUT THE PANS

THERE'S NOWT NICER THAN CYCLING TO A BEACH ON A SUNNY DAY....



I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY ASK FOR A VAT RETURN IN SUMMER! ARSE



THOUGH I WAS ALSO STUCK INSIDE OFTEN ENOUGH.

BUT...WHAT IF IT'S NOT REAL? WHAT IF IT'S LIKE THOSE 'WIFE OF DEAD KING OF TIMBUKTU' EMAILS?



THE NEXT DAY, WE HITCHED TO A VILLAGE THEN WALKED 4 KM...

WE SPENT ALL NIGHT TALKING AND DRINKING IN A TINY KITCHEN IN SOMEONE'S FLAT IN RIGA



I VISITED MY PARENTS IN GERMANY SO, HAVE YOU GOT ANY WORK?



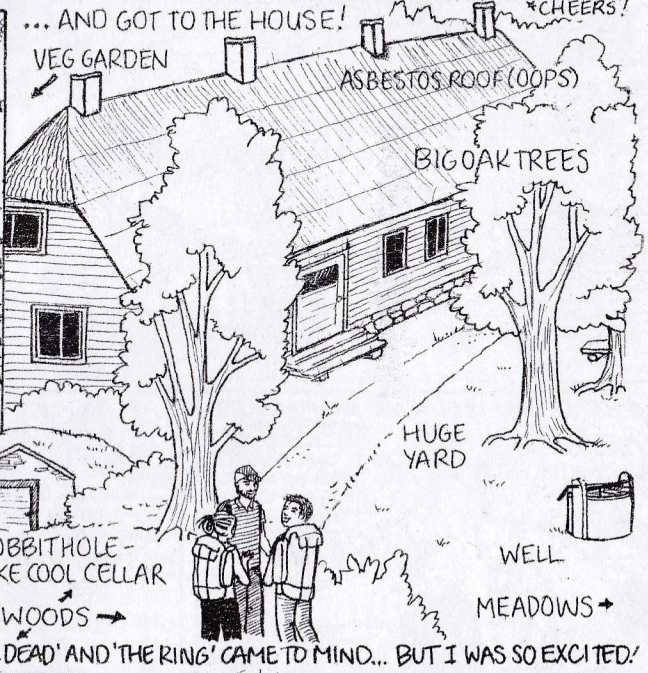
BIG DINNERS IN OUR GARDEN ROCK!



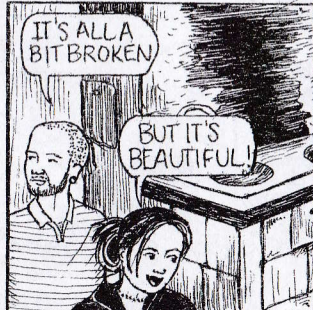
THE TEAPOT ALSO COOKED AT A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL IN UCK-FIELD, COS THEY ASKED US TO!



WE TRIED SOME D.I.Y. AT HOME (IT DOESN'T LOOK RIGHT)



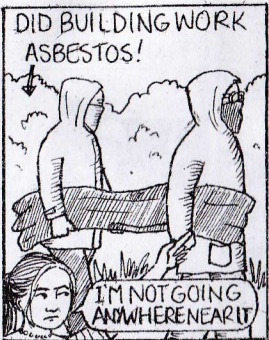
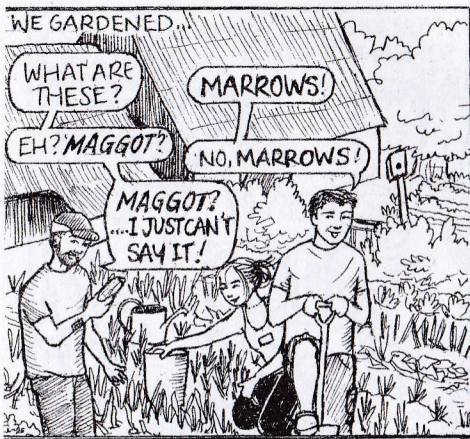
TWO OLD LADIES - MOTHER AND MENTALLY DISABLED DAUGHTER - LIVE IN A PART OF THE HOUSE.



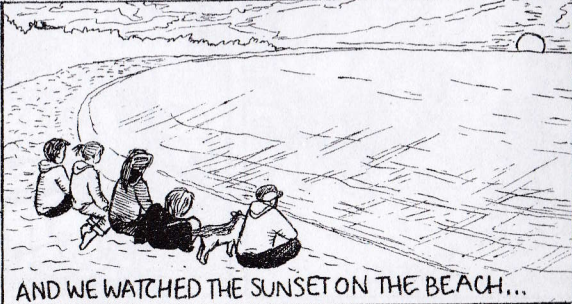
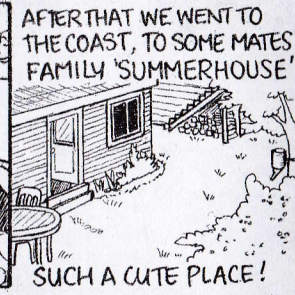
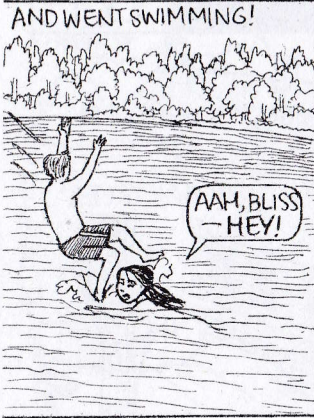
'PROPER' HOLIDAY TIME: WE WERE FLYING TO LATVIA!



A FEW YEARS AGO, TRAVELLING BACK FROM KOREA (SEE #13), ME & MY FRIEND MET NICE ANARCHOPUNKS IN LATVIA. ONE OF THEM WAS TALKING ABOUT BUYING A BIG HOUSE IN THE WOODS. WELL, WE ENDED UP HELPING HIM BUY IT! (IT ONLY COST £2500!) AND WE WERE FINALLY GOING OVER TO SEE IT, FOR THE FIRST TIME...



WE HITCHED TO A DIY PUNK FESTIVAL! IT WAS NOTHING LIKE BRITISH ONES - THERE WAS JUST ONE, WOODEN STAGE ON A FARM, NO STALLS JUST A KRŠNA



FRIENDS FROM BRIGHTON WERE DRIVING HOME FROM FINLAND, AND WE'D ARRANGED FOR THEM TO PICK US UP



BEFORE WE LEFT, WE WENT UP A SKETCHILY BUILT VIEWING PLATFORM IN THE FOREST



OUR 1ST STOP WAS IN EAST POLAND TO VISIT A MATE AND NOW WE DRINK THE BRAINFUCKER! DO YOU WANT TO SEE MY WEAPONS?



FUCK KNOWS WHAT THE HITCHERS WERE THINKING

OUR MATE HAD TOLD US ABOUT A STRANGE PUB IN THE AREA THAT WE SHOULD CHECK OUT



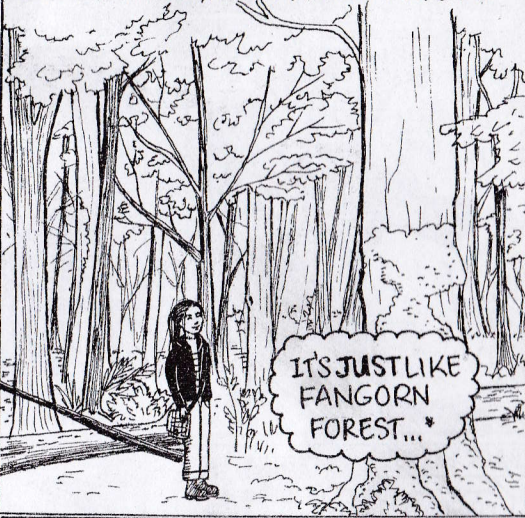
WE ARRIVED AT OUR MATE'S HOUSING PROJECT IN BERLIN, AND I GOT DRUNK COS IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY!



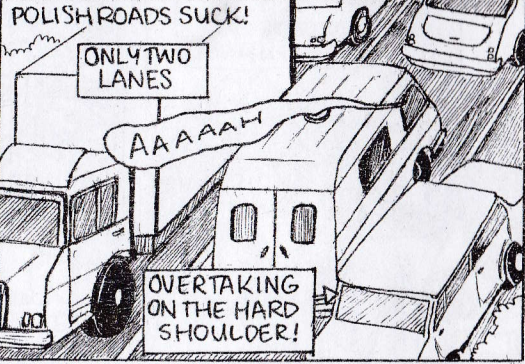
WE STOPPED OFF AT MY PARENTS' ON OUR WAY, TOO.



WE CARRIED ON TO THE BIALAWIESZA FOREST, WHERE WE CAMPED, AND SAW ANCIENT WOODLAND



IT'S JUST LIKE FANGORN FOREST... *IN LORD OF THE RINGS...



OH... TWO LANS... AAAAHH



HOME, SWEET HOME... BUT NO, THIS IS NOT THE END OF MY SUMMER! NOT BY FAR! WE WERE HOME FOR ONE DAY ONLY, THEN WENT OFF TO WALES TO COOK FOR THE EARTH FIRST! GATHERING WITH THE TEAPOT.

SO WE NEEDED TO FIGURE IF WE'RE COOKING AT THE CLIMATE CAMP OR NOT

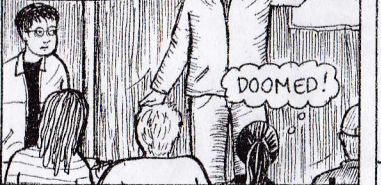


THEY'VE GOT LOTS A SMALL KITCHENS, THAT'LL BE ENOUGH!

WELL THEN A FRIEND HAD A BIKE ACCIDENT AND WE SPENT HALF THE NIGHT AT A&E



I WENT TO LOTS OF WORKSHOPS (WHEN A TIPPING POINT IS REACHED, EFFECTS ARE INEVITABLE)



THE GREEN PARTY HAS THIS GREAT IDEA FOR TRADING CARBON ALLOWANCES



NOTHING MUCH INSPIRING HAPPENED AT THE EF! GATHERING UNFORTUNATELY, EXCEPT FOR LOTS OF RAIN. AND MY FRIEND BROKE HIS LEG REALLY BADLY WHICH WAS A BIT SCARY!



WE'D DECIDED NOT TO COOK, BUT I STILL WENT UP NORTH TO THE CLIMATE CAMP



IT'S WEIRD GOING SOMEWHERE ALL BY MYSELF! WHERE'S MY POSSE? MY KITCHEN? EEK!



I WENT HOME FOR A WEEK...



WE'D BEEN RIGHT - THERE WERE LESS THAN 600 AT THE CAMP, THOUGH THE COPS HAD OBVIOUSLY BELIEVED THE TALK.



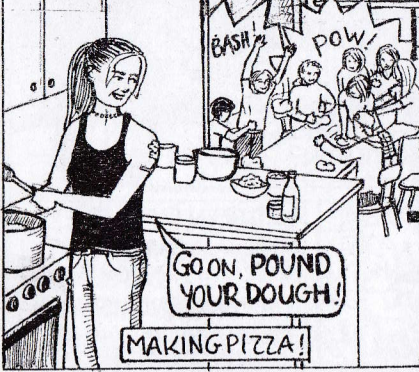
...TRIED TO CATCH UP WITH THINGS I NEEDED TO DO, DID SOME SELF DEFENCE TEACHING, COOKING IN THE COWLEY ETC...

MY FRIEND HAD ORGANISED A WOMEN'S WALKING TRIP TO THE YORKSHIRE DALES. WE STOPPED IN LEEDS FOR 2 HOURS AND WENT TO A MATE'S SELF DEFENCE CLASS



OOH! OUCH! HM I'M GLAD I'M NOT DOING THIS...

IT WORKED OUT WELL CONSIDERING IT WAS A WEIRD/STUPID PLAN



I WAS BACK HOME FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR SO - WITH TONS TO DO. COWLEY CLUB MEETINGS! TAKING CARE OF MY INVALID FRIENDS! MY WORK AT A KIDS CLUB STARTED AGAIN TOO.



GO ON, POUND YOUR DOUGH! MAKING PIZZA!

WE'D ARRANGED A LIFT WITH SOME OTHER WOMEN GOING & MET THEM IN PARIS... GIRLIE ROAD TRIP TIME!

SIX OF US STAYED AT THE LOVELY WOMEN'S HOLIDAY CENTRE



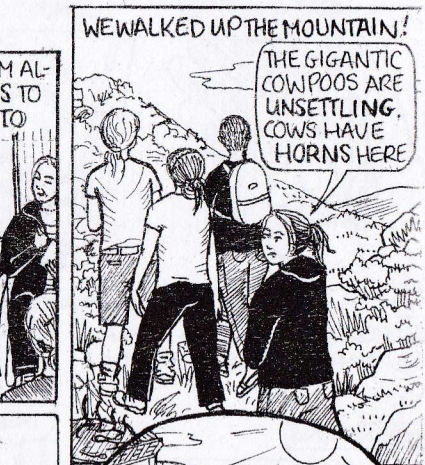
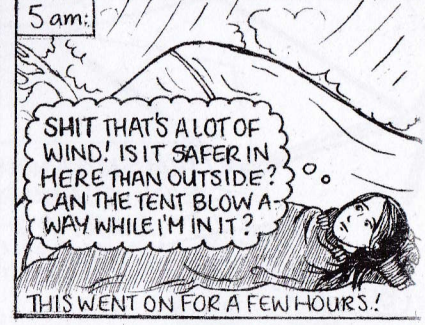
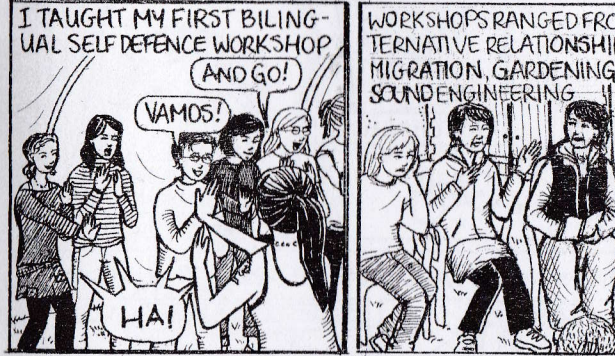
BUT THEN I WAS OFF AGAIN - A LAST SUMMER TRIP AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER - TO THE FIRST 'RADICAL GATHERING OF WOMEN' IN NORTHERN SPAIN



THE GATHERING WAS AT ESCANDA, A LIVING PROJECT IN THE ASTURIAN MOUNTAINS, AND WAS FOUR DAYS LONG. IT WAS A SELF-ORGANISED AFFAIR, AND OVER 80 WOMEN WERE COMING - MAINLY FROM SPAIN AND THE UK, BUT ALSO THE REST OF EUROPE.



THE WIND BLEW AWAY SOME STRUCTURES, THE LOO, AND MY MATE'S TENT. BUT WE FIXED SOME OF IT, AND THE GATHERING STARTED (WITH CRAPPY WEATHER).



☆ MMH NOTEBOOKS! ☆

ID NEVER BEEN ANYWHERE WHERE SO MUCH NOTE-TAKING IN LUVELY STATIONERY WAS GOING ON. I REALLY WANTED TO GET MY HANDS ON THE NOTEBOOKS SO I CALLED A NOTEBOOK COMPETITION!

HM... EXTRA POINTS FOR THE BOOKMARKER RIBBON... OOH, A POCKET! CLEVER!

WOW THE PAPER'S NICE AND HEAVY HERE...

I THINK IT'S TOO BIG...

THAT'S NOT A NOTEBOOK, IT'S A CRAPPY DIARY! DIS-QUALIFIED!

the winners

BUT...

MOST STYLISH

MOST PERSONAL (OR, PUSHIEST MOTHER)

MOST CHARMING

HONOURABLE MENTION

photos of her kids

Zapatista!

all battered!



The Cowley Club is our social centre, a project that we had the first meeting for in 2000 or so and that's now been open for nearly 4 years. It's shaped my life so much, so it's hard to stand back and assess it. A big project like the club can both feel like such a mess, a complete drain of energy and resources, or the most inspiring thing ever.

The centre is on a busy high street, which is a great location. It was bought as a co-operative with a mortgage and a whole array of loans, then renovated. It's one big space with a small kitchen, a basement for storage and a flat leased to a housing co-op upstairs, and it has a yard and a building out the back that's currently being renovated. It's open pretty much everyday, as a vegan café and then as a private members' bar in the evening. There's also a bookshop, free info space, free English lessons for refugees every Monday, welfare rights advice every Friday and space for group or public meetings, as well as film shows, gigs and other events. And, it's entirely run by volunteers. So one fucken big project that

she's NOT washing up those cups! ooh i shouldn't look...



really needs a lot of people running and using it to remain viable. It's been up and down over time. There's been hundreds of people who've gotten involved to different extent. There's a big difference between people who just want to volunteer, and those who actually really make the place their own, inform themselves, see what needs doing, are responsible and pick up everyone else's slack. These are my very favourite people! It's always felt like we could do with just a few more like that... There's always been a lot of chaos. It can never be quite as organised as I would like it to be, and fucken hell, people really can be muppets... It's hard to step back and trust people and let them get on with something, if you have control freak tendencies like me. It's something I've had to learn, because I don't want there to be 'managers', even if I think things could be more efficient. But then there's been abuses of trust, too, ranging from people leaving the space in a mess to drinking without paying, to stealing. For quite a while a volunteer was regularly stealing money from the café till. This caused me so much grief. We had to start being more vigilant, put in more measures to be more secure, and it sucked, but we just couldn't afford it. I started resenting working my arse off

COWLEY CLUB STATS:

- Bar members as of 16/10/06 - 2803
- Average amount of people at General Meetings - 20
- Amount owed to Dark Star brewery at 16/10/06 - £3000
- Monthly mortgage and loan repayment costs - £2800
- Most common response to anyone chucked out of the bar for being out of order - 'Call yourselves anarchists?'
- Estimate for how much money I've spent in the bar - £1800
- Smallest amount of regular cleaners - 1
- Big brother connection - the benefit CD that was made before it opened had Preston of Celebrity big brother's old band on it
- Number of times the window's been broken - 6
- Bestselling book/pamphlet in the bookshop 2005 - Morgenmuffel! Yay!
- Largest amount of money nicked at one go - £160
- Estimate of how many meals I've cooked in the kitchen - 10 000
- Number of VAT returns I've filled out for the club - 26
- Number of collective-s involved in running the Cowley Club - 14 (bar, café, bookshop, admin, fundraising, décor, cleaning, maintenance, library, backbuilding, advertising, kids club, finance, entertainments) although some collectives only consist of 1-2 people

in the café, just so someone would take the money made for themselves. Well thank fuck that stopped at some point - we never 'caught' anyone but had our suspicions, leading to a lot of awkwardness... At the same time the club had been identified as a place to harass by teenagers. We tried so many tactics to deal with them and in the end, ignoring them and boarding the windows on weekends has been a solution, though not a great one.

There's been a lot of financial difficulties. I deal with the finances and it's always tight. We would not have been able to make our loan repayments this last summer - meaning we might have had to shut - if we hadn't received a loan from an individual. Oh and there's so many strong and difficult personalities... so many people who just take the piss, or complain and whinge, or are just plain annoying, and you feel like an idiot for giving your time to make things good... But there should be space for all - again I think you need to step back. You can't expect to get along with everyone in a community - it's totally important to challenge abusive behaviour, or somebody being too dominant, but if there are personality differences you should have the space to just leave each other alone.

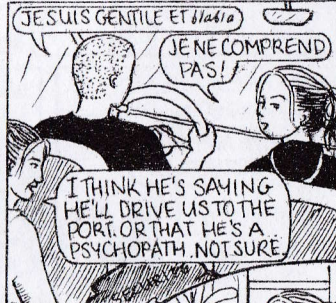
The club can't be entirely unified, it wouldn't work. It needs a wide range of people using it and most of them being able to feel like it's a space for them too - it can't be dominated by just one group of people. It's different from day to day - not like a

'normal', commercial space with a management and workers and certain things you can expect. The reception you get, the atmosphere, the food, the 'service' and so on depends on who's volunteering, what group is using it/who's there, etc. I don't always like what's going on, but that should be okay. In the end, the Cowley Club is my local anarchist social centre. Of course I'm going to be involved! It's run entirely by volunteers and of course there's going to be chaos! Of course I want to do what I can to make it work!



WE DROVE TO PARIS VIA A BEACH, AND BILBAO - A VERY ODD CITY

AND HITCHED FROM PARIS TO GET THE FERRY FROM DIEPPE



SO, HOW DO WE GET UP THERE?

JES SUIS GENTILE ET bla bla bla JE NE COMPREND PAS!

I THINK HE'S SAYING HE'LL DRIVE US TO THE PORT. OR THAT HE'S A PSYCHOPATH. NOT SURE

AARGH! WHAT'S THAT? QUICK! IN TO THE DITCH!

MY SUMMER'S OVER NOW - AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING FUN STUFF AT HOME!

MOUNTAINS

LOTS OF WEIRD ARCHITECTURE

Bilbobus

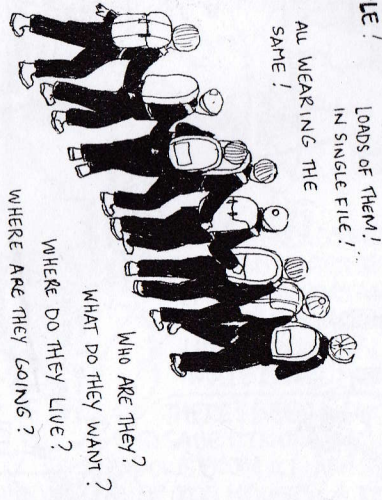
'BILBOBUS' LOOK! HOBBITS!

YES, ISY.

HUGE SUPERSTORES

they were so fascinating.
Anyway we had a nice walk, then spent the day
lazing.. I made pizza, and pastries for the next

AND... WHY ARE THEY ALL WEARING RED?
(ARE THEY COMMUNISTS?)



RED PEOPLE!
LOADS OF THEM!
IN SINGLE FILE!

Tuesday no big walks today. oh no no... sleeping in and
lazing about!
except it was really lovely weather so we had to
go out for a bit.
we walked up behind the house, up toward 'tigh
Dodd' (501. watercr). then down again, nice views,
pretty colours... and our first sight of the freaky

Wainwrights maps are great. More funny lakes features words:
 Tarn = puddle / lake Sheepfold = old thingy to hold sheep.
 Crag = rocky top. Force = waterfall.

Wainwrights drawing
of Place Fell
(from Birks)

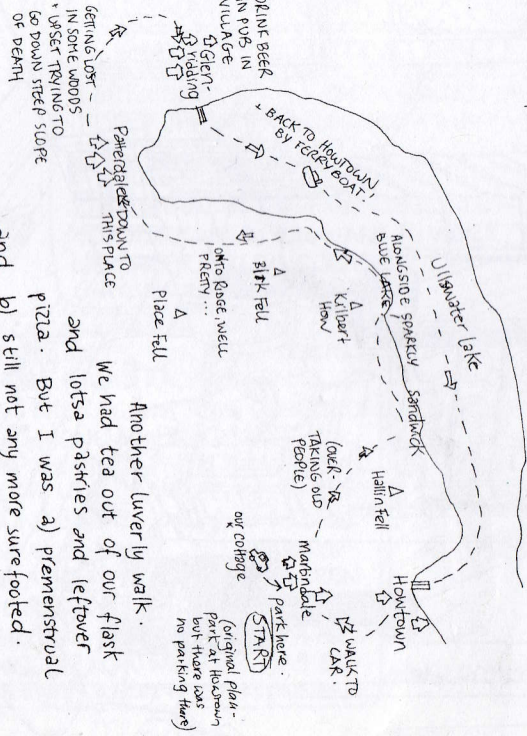


uh... hate
being female..



Friday our last proper day here! oh no! well we finally met the owner of the house, they've come back from India! Anyway. It snowed this morning, so I wasn't right about the weather getting better + better... I was grumpy + achey from bleeding anyway. Then the weather turned lovely again, later in the afternoon.

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Another lovely walk.

We had tea out of our flask and lotsa pastries and leftover pizza. But I was a) premenstrual and b) still not any more sure-footed.

And we found Nazi evidence. An NE sticker on Glenridding pier, and crudely drawn 'runes' and white power sign on the sign for windmole church.

This is the white-est place I've been for ages. It's whiter than Brighton! That's definitely a serious problem here about the british countryside - it's full of posh twists of countryside alliance and/or fascist rednecks (without the country music, even).

Sheesh.

Wednesday

I'm bored of writing a diary now. I don't think I'll do this too often.

Anyway today we went for a big walk round the lake + the weather was even nicer than yesterday.

The plan:

Thursday

thursday another beautiful sunny day with football
wind even. if it goes on like this it'll be like a
summer's day in a pacific island soon and that'll
show everyone who said we could've gone somewhere
'nice' for our holiday.

nice' for our holiday. So we went for a proper walk on the fells behind our cottage, starting at one ^{end} to then go all along the ridge over the valley to the highest point, Place Fell (657) at the southern end.

It was well nice with no wind, **and** really sunny but then there were also loadsa patches of snow and totally frozen run offs and lil lakes. * Didn't see anyone for ages.

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In the cottage there's this nice old book, apparently one of a series, called 'A PICTORIAL GUIDE TO THE

TO THE
"LAKELAND FELS"

TO THE

at Wainwright

BOOK TWO
THE FAR EASTERN FELS

THE FAR EASTERN FIELDS

old man who stops + smokes his pipe on nice walks.

Anyway he has a thing about Place Fell. He says

"It occupies an exceptionally good position in the curve of the water, in the centre of a great bowl of hills;

its summit commands a very beautiful and impressive panorama." Which is true, you could see for miles!

I don't get the 'calm' thing on summits. What's that all about? Saw a bunch of scouse geezers coming up bragging about how fast they were.

★ Also, looking across, the bit round Arie force wed walked up was now proper covered in snow.

Passing the Time Pt. 2

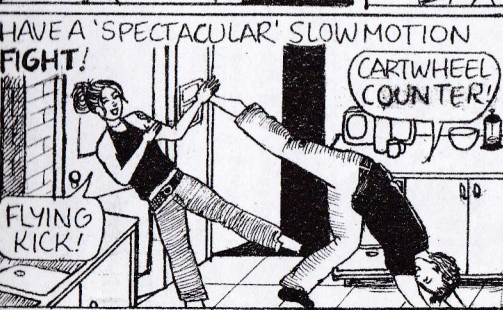
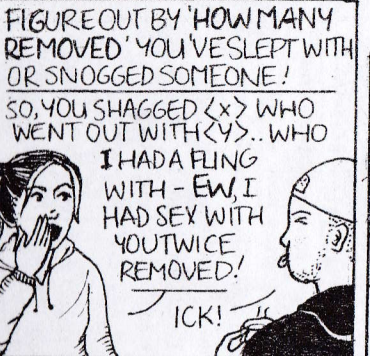
WHEN YOU'RE STUCK WAITING SOMEWHERE WITH MATES, OR JUST BORED, YOU COULD EITHER HAVE A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION, DO SOMETHING CREATIVE, OR JUST PASS THE TIME WITH SOME MINDLESS YET HILARIOUS GAME OR CHALLENGE. I'VE PREVIOUSLY FILLED 2 WHOLE PAGES OF MORGENMUFFEL WITH THE LATTER - HERE'S MORE!

When travelling:

MAKE RUDE PHRASES OUT OF LICENCE PLATE LETTERS.



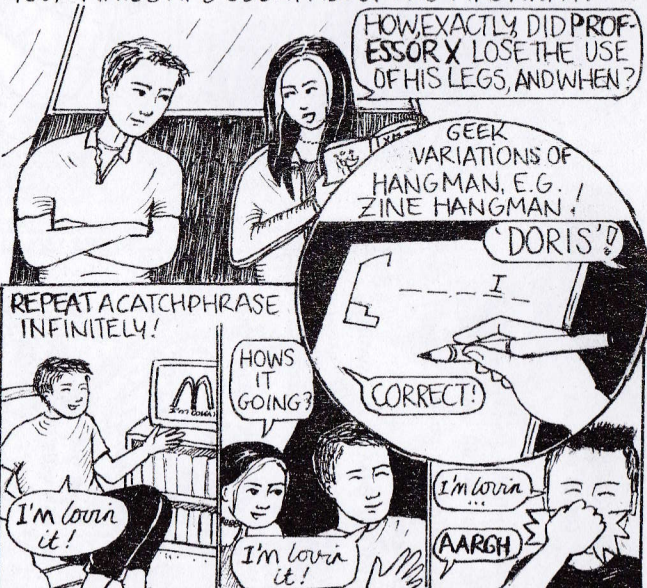
At Home: HOUSEMATES ARE NECESSARY



AAH, POP MUSIC - ONE PERSON NAMES A BAND & THE FIRST TO SING A LINE BY THEM WINS THE ROUND



GEEK TRIVIA - FIND AN OBSCURE SUBJECT YOU AND YOUR MATES ARE GEEKY ABOUT AND FIRE AWAY!

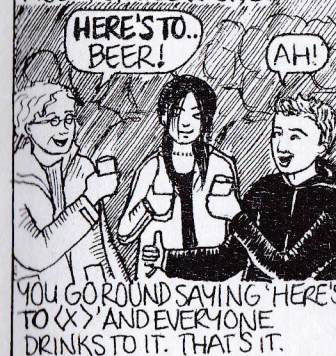


'GUESS THE BISCUIT'...
(IS IT ROUND?) NO
(RECTANGULAR?) YES
(COATED?) NO.
HM..
NICE



YOU CAN HAVE HOURS OF FUN WITH BEERMATS!

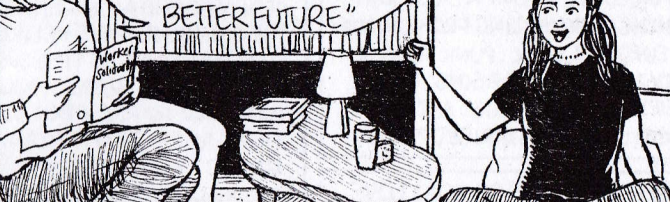
THERE'S TONS OF DRINKING GAMES BUT SOME GUY 'TAUGHT' US THE MOST POINTLESS ONE.



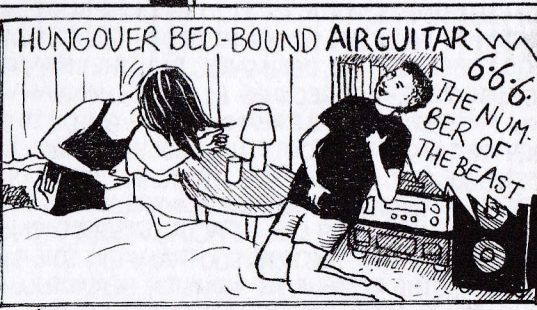
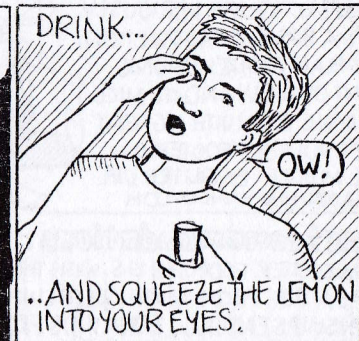
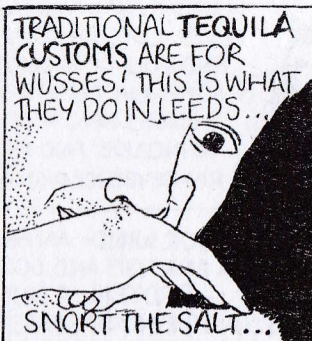
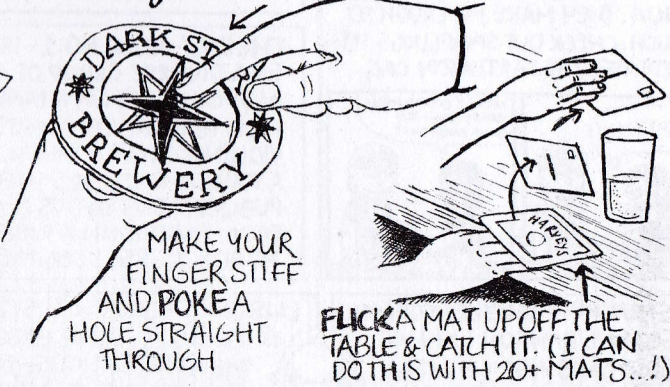
Hangover Games
FOOD CHALLENGES



FILL IN THE PREDICTABLE ANARCHO PROPAGANDA PARTY LINE?
(WORKERS!)
"IT'S NOT ABOUT FOLLOWING A _____, IT'S JUST YOU AND YOUR FELLOW _____ STANDING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER FUTURE"



Drinking Pastimes: (COULD BE A CHAPTER OF ITS OWN)



dedicated to my ex housemate...

SEEING AS I'M NOT DOING MY ZINE DISTR0 ANYMORE,
I THOUGHT I COULD AT LEAST DO SOME

Zine recommendations

'WHEN YOUR HEROS ARE YOUR FRIENDS - AND ALL YOUR FRIENDS ARE PUNKS, QUEERS + RADICALS'
A FUN COMIC ABOUT K-LA'S EIGHT MONTHS OF TRAVELLING FROM CANADA TO EUROPE & BACK. PUNK FUCKEN ROCK & TOTALLY ENGAGING. EMAIL HER TO ASK HOW TO GET A COPY - ITS WORTH IT: KAHLA@RISEUP.NET

'THE FART PARTY' OH MAN I LOVE THIS. SIMPLY DRAWN SARCHY AND AMUSING PERSONAL COMICS BY JULIA. THEY MAKE ME LAUGH SO MUCH. CHECK OUT SAMPLINGS IMMEDIATELY AT FARTPARTY.ORG



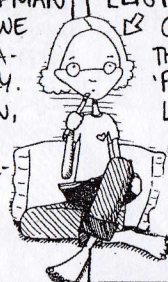
'SAME BED, DIFFERENT VILLAGE'
I GOT THIS FROM KATHLEEN AT THE LONDON ZINE SYMPOSIUM. I'D DRAGGED MY FRIEND ALONG AND THIS WAS THE ONLY ZINE THERE HE LIKED. IT'S A LOVELY ACCOUNT OF TIME SPENT ON A NARROWBOAT. REALLY NICELY DONE WITH OLD NARROWBOAT ILLUSTRATIONS AND A GREAT READ. EMAIL HER TO DEMAND A COPY ILOVEAVOCADO@HOTMAIL.COM OR 40 82 ANDOVER STREET SHEFFIELD S3 9EH

ZINES! BADLY PHOTOCOPIED CHILDISH SCRIBBLINGS... OH BUT I LIKE THIS ONE



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A GOOD LIL RANT ON WHY WE SHOULD TAKE ANTI-CIVILISATION CRITIQUES SERIOUSLY. IT'S A BASIC INTRODUCTION, FROM AN ANARCHOPUNK POINT OF VIEW AND ITS NICELY DONE TOO - WITH A GREAT TREE PULL OUT POSTER IN THE MIDDLE. ENQUIRE VIA LEADRUM@YAHOO.COM



'[LIST] #7' - LOVELY U.S. ZINE OF LISTS - SOME BASED ON THE WRITER'S THOUGHTS, 'FOUND' LISTS, AND GUESTS' LISTS. CUTE ILLUSTRATIONS AND FULL OF NICENESS. SOMEHOW 'PETS I'VE HAD', 'THINGS I WANT MY FUTURE TO INCLUDE' AND MORE. RAMSEYBEYER@GMAIL.COM

'SUPER HAPPY ANARCHO FUN PAGES' - STICK PEOPLE COMICS THAT ARE BRILLIANT. THIS JUST APPEARED IN THE COWLEY CLUB. EMAIL STRANGERS@RISEUP.NET TO FIND. A COPY -> * * *

That sleeping cop represented the system of oppression.



Short recommendations: THE WARRIOR WIND - AN ANTI REPRESSION NEWSLETTER FROM THE U.S. WITH THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS AND GOOD INFO. GET IT AS A PDF FROM WWW.SOCIALWAR.NET - BROKEN - A ZINE ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS ENDING. PUNK KIDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SHARE STORIES - £1/£2 FROM SYNTHESIS. PO BOX 23272, LONDON SE14 6XD, WWW.XSYNTHESISX.ORG.UK - BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS THE POISONED FOOD - GREAT, BLACK, CRUST ZINE - c/o CORMY, PO BOX 604, 2200 KØBENHAVN N, DENMARK, RAZE.THESTRAY@HOTMAIL.COM - SOUTH COAST VEGAN COOKING ZINE - ACE RECIPES - £1 FROM xHANNAHx. POB 1398, SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS SO16 9WX WWW.MYSPACE.COM/LITTLEXHANNAHX - GUIDE TO BICYCLOGY - BIKES ROCK - WWW.BICYCLOGY.ORG.UK - TEN FOOT RULE - PROLIFERATION - SHAWNS COMICS ARE LOVELY. TFRINDUSTRIES@SCRIBBLE.COM, PO BOX 14185, PORTLAND, OR 97293-0185, USA - SWEET SHOP SYNDICATE - A GREAT UK PERSONAL ZINE - SOP. SLOWER GHERKIN@HOTMAIL.COM, CHRISTINA, 56 RUSHDEN WAY, FARNHAM, SURREY GU9 0QG - FACIAL DISOBEDIENCE - ANOTHER PERSONAL PUNK ZINE WITH A FOLK EDGE - SOP. PHIL. POB 1398, SOUTHAMPTON SO16 9WX - ABOLISH RESTAURANTS - A WORKERS CRITIQUE OF THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY. BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED. HTTP://PROLE.INFO/ - AND LAST HOURS - PUNK, POLITICS, ESSENTIAL READING. £2.50 - WWW.LASTHOURS.ORG.UK