

Festival list

So far we've had Lechlade and Castle Morton (free traveller festies) and Forest of Deane and Cambridge Strawberry Fayre (organised festies) - people from Nott FIN have been at them all and had a fucking good time. Bear in mind that the 2 big free festivals this year didn't even crack off in the expected county, let alone the expected site. However, all the festivals mentioned below will crack off somewhere, so if you're in the area you should find them. It's up to you to make the party happen - TAKE WHAT YOU'D HOPE TO FIND. Make sure you take enough of everything (especially food and water) and a bit to share. Look after your dog and watch out for sheep. Watch out for and look after children and don't drive round the site like an arsehole. DON'T CUT LIVE WOOD - it doesn't burn and hurts the tree. DIG A HOLE AND BURY YOUR SHIT AND THE BOGROLL. CLEAN UP YOUR OWN PITCH AND HELP LOOK AFTER THE SITE.

JUNE

- Fri 12-Thur 25 (dates vary on different lists) - Summer Solstice People's Free Festival, Stonehenge A303, Wiltshire. Apparently there is a site (secret at present for obvious reasons). Over 80 bands have pledged to play.
- Sat 20 - Leamington Festival of Understanding and Peace. Info: 0926 889405 or 421830
- Sat 20 - Harrogate Green Fayre, Yorks. Info: 0423 872682
- Sat 20 - Summer Solstice Eve Party/Rave, Wiltshire.
- Sun 21 - Summer Solstice, 03:13 am. or 4:14 am depending on who you talk to.
- Sun 21 - Summer Blues Festival, Farnham Maltings, Farnham. Info: 0252 726234
- Sun 21 - Leamington Peace Festival.
- Fri-Sun 26-28 - Free Traveller Festival about 15 miles from Fortress Pilton (site assured).
- Fri-Sun 26-28 - Wish You Were Here Picnic, Hants.

JULY

- Fri-Sun 3-5 - Bracknell Folk Festival, South Hill Park, Bracknell, Berkshire. Family £48. Info: 0344 427242.
- Thur 16 - Who Moved The Ground? Gander on the Green, Bournemouth.
- Fri-Sun 17-19 - WOMAD Festival, South Hill Park Bracknell, Berks. Info: The River Mead Centre, Reading.
- Fri-Mon 24-27 - Gwynedd Green Fair, Criccieth, Wales.

Fri-Sun 24-26 - Happy Daze Free Peace Festival, Wales.

Sat-Sun 25-26 - Rock and Reggae, Nottingham (see article).

Fri-Sun 31-2 - Green Man Free Festival, Wales. Late July - The Vegetarian Picnic, London. Info: 081 681 8884

AUGUST

- Sat 1 - Anti-Fascist Front Free Festival, Leuven, Belgium. Bands/cheap beer. Tel: Carolyne 0602 500501 or Guy Sallaert (Belgium) 010 016 284698/016 217411.
- Fri-Sun 7-9 - Torpedo Town Free Festival, Hants.
- Fri-Sun 14-16 - Twisted Tree Trunk Free Festival, S-Wales.
- Fri-Sun 21-23 - Cissbury Ring Free Festival, Sussex.
- Fri-Mon 28-31 - The White Goddess Free Festival, Cornwall.

SEPTEMBER

- Fri-Sun 4-6 - Cloud Nine Free Festival, North Yorkshire. (AKA Ribblehead, even though it's about 40 miles away.)
- Fri-Sun 11-13 - Silver Moon Free Festival, Cumbria.
- Fri-Sun 18-20 - Village Idiots Gathering, Sussex.
- Tues 22 - Autumn Equinox.

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The Silly Season

We've heard that this year there are 4 mile exclusion zones around Stonehenge and Davidstow stone circle in Cornwall, and a 15 mile zone around Glastonbury for those without tickets.

The Glastonbury one is particularly stupid - presumably it only applies to those intending on going to the festival, and if the police stop someone in the zone, how can they establish whether they are going to Glastonbury or not

(not that this will stop them harassing folk).

On a brighter note, there is an assured free site outside of Glastonbury, set up to discourage travellers from going to the paying festival, at which

we anticipate one hell of a party: the site should be

hassle free, and hopefully a lot of bands will come over and play at the free site.

According to Tribal Messenger that a site has been found to hold a solstice

party and 80 bands have pledged to play, but obviously no details have been released about this and we've no way of knowing how accurate the rumour is.

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C/O
The Rainbow centre,
180 Mansfield Road,
Nottingham,
Notts

Nottingham City Council has suggested that they will not grant licenses for the Rock and Reggae Festival. On Thursday 25 June between 1:30 and 2:30 there will be a lobby outside the Council House, where the decision will be made. Turn up (with an instrument) and create a carnival atmosphere. The Rock and Reggae are welcome to attend this meeting in the Council Hse, but cannot speak. This doesn't happen in Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester, etc. Don't let it happen here. The Rock and Reggae is YOUR festival - **MAKE SURE IT HAPPENS - TURN UP TO THE LOBBY.**

PROPAGANDA

The recent activities of travellers and festival goers at Castlemorton attracted an onslaught from the media propaganda machine, many papers spending over a week demeaning and insulting us on a daily basis. With the mass media's overwhelming 'monopoly' of information the majority of the population have been subjected to horrific and terrifying fairy tales that can only be seen to be whipping up anti-hippy hysteria amongst the public at large.

The media seems to be portraying us as highly organised militaristic psychopaths

living in post-holocaust shanty towns, hell-bent on misery and destruction everywhere we go. We are described as INVADING sites - a word normally used to describe the movements of warring armies.

According to the press we are a "peaceful hippy gathering...that has become an invading army" (Sunday Express 31/5/92). We "outwit police [well it's nothard] and locals by skilled reconnaissance" (Observer 20/5/92). We were "driving lorries specially built to break through road blocks" (Daily Telegraph 26/5/92). The fireworks set-off near the police helicopter must

have been really cosmic because they transformed into "nautical distress flares". And although Tom Hickton, landlord of the nearest boozer to the common, opened his pub and "had no complaints about the behaviour of the travellers" (Telegraph 28/5/92), other residents were of the view that,

"There is an occupying force up there. It is reasonable to call in the army" (Today 27/5/92). At a meeting of about 50 residents on the Tuesday night, calls for "shotgun vigilantes or even the SAS to eject the campers were narrowly talked down" (Guardian 28/5/92). The Sun thought we were

"freaks who flocked to the normally peaceful village of Castlemorton". Judge Pickles' advice, writing in the Sun, is that "the police should talk to the hippies' leaders now" (YOU WHAT???).

Many papers were advocating an extension of police power and the introduction of new 'anti-hippy' laws. The Daily Telegraph (27/5/92) reported that ministers (in their finer wisdom) are "seeking ways to prevent people from taking to a life on the road."

Thankfully not every paper has got its head up its arse. The Times (27/5/92) offers a glimmer of common-sense: "The

residents of Castlemorton have become victims not of a gross individual wrong-doing, but of too many people wanting to do mildly inconvenient things at the same time and place."

The paper actually questions the point of tougher laws and increased police power and asks, "does the police-versus-hippy game really have to be played this way, year after year?... West Country Constabularies [and] the advocates of the new Hippy Watch Scheme would do well to remember...not to confuse a problem moved on with a problem solved."

The media has a powerful effect on public opinion, and in the context of recent arrests of

'organisers' of Castlemorton, the police's theft of people's homes and sound systems, and in

the south of England the violent evictions and arrests of travellers from sites, are the media whipping up public support for a summer season of that wonderful police sport - bash the hippy'

The Independent (12/6/92), in a surprisingly pro-hippy article, cynically sums it up:

"Five travellers were ambushed yesterday by one of Hampshire Constabularies elite anti-hippy squads. A helicopter supported land forces of 9 police officers which fell upon an unsuspecting cell of hippy-types on Ministry of Defence land."

No 23: A CAVERNED CITIZEN DISCOVERS THE POTENTIAL OF RE-LYCUM HORSESHIT



MORE PROPAGANDA

The media made a lot of fuss about the mess and trouble caused at Castlemorton. While reports of being kneedep in syringes are plain ridiculous, it's true that some people were leaving a lot of litter, crapping anywhere, and pulling down fences to burn. The press gives the impression that festivals have to be like this because we're a bunch of "rampaging hippies" etc. NOT SO. The problem is one of education: if people know how to behave it's possible to have a festival without the site being trashed. Most of us want to see the site cared for and the locals respected, and were as pissed off as

take over another common, their vehicles should be identified, confiscated and destroyed. And, as they leave, the muck-tubs should be sprayed with a dye, disqualifying them from welfare for a year.

same time and place. But criminalising such conduct and seeking ever harsher punishment will never abolish it, as the tenacious

would claim that their shanty town is an expression of spiritual freedom, of the right to establish a community of like-minded people in direct challenge to the establishment and in preparation for an ill-defined new age.

£30,000," he said as he scooped a shovel-load of excrement into a skip.

VILLAGERS TURN TO LAW OF THE GUN TO DRIVE OUT REVELLERS

to 25,000 revellers, it seemed that the self-styled peace people were making WAR, not love. A police man, has given way to 'My battles,' the Vodafone. 'Far out, man' is running low, man.

Police to get power to control festivals

POLICE regained control of Castle Morton Common shortly after midday yesterday — almost a week after the beginning of an illegal festival that involved 25,000 travellers and ravers.

"One of the first effects of Ecstasy is a sudden loosening of the bowels," said a drug squad officer

ancient common, an area of outstanding natural beauty, which it is feared may be irreparably damaged.

Meanwhile few of even the sternest villagers could conceal their surprise at the massive clean-up operation mounted by remaining travellers.

£30,000 bill for hippy tip

used our property as toilets. Whole parts of the common are knee-deep in hypodermics, tampons and human dirt."

But there is no case for extending the already draconian powers in the Public Order Act of 1986. This dates from notorious

Travellers' ask police for vehicles back

THE STORMING OF CASTLEMORTON

Curse these hippy invaders

Landowner link-up to beat rural pests

25,000 invaders turn rural peace into anarchy

Police combine forces to tackle 'new age' travellers

• Anti-hippy measures by Gloucestershire police over the past week cost £75,000.

Six held in hunt for 'rave-up' organisers

Police chief calls for permanent travellers' sites

Britain's biggest illegal party was still in full swing last night with drugs like Ecstasy, LSD and acid being openly sold by dealers. Worried families in the ea, while carcasses of dead sheep lay scattered in fields after being savaged by scores of dogs.

mon, the "peace-loving" anarchists intimidated the authorities into impotence.

Castlemorton effectively became another no-go area, drugged to the eyeballs and wallowing in its own excrement.

MP calls for action as raggle-taggle army plans a round-Britain 'rave'

Things have changed. The white noses of police vans poked from every hedge of the narrow roads leading to Castle Morton Common and a police helicopter hovered overhead like a bloated mosquito.

Freedom, joy — and a legacy of squalor

"At the appropriate time we shall be taking determined action to deal with

ing: 'There is no organisation. This is anarchy working as it should. The site is self-policing.'

"The thousands of tourists do as much damage to the delicate physical environment of the stones as travellers do. Stonehenge, historically, was a meeting place and had great religious significance. The travellers and the druids are closer to that history than the tourists," said the group's spokesperson, Dr Bender.

A four-mile exclusion zone around the monument will

RIGHT OF FREE ASSEMBLY

ELEVEN archaeologists from British universities have come out in support of travellers' right to gather for a free festival near Stonehenge at the summer solstice next weekend.



"Accidents happen and bushes do get burnt. If the flames burnt all the tents and vans these people would not come back."

they were using drugs. Local people said the common was full of needles, though I didn't see any.

And in a separate incident a mob of Ravers rolled over the patrol car of a police girl and her male colleague.

organised. Somebody up the line, right at the top, is going to have to make some hard decisions on just what the hell we are going to

vigilante landowners, he said: 'I live in a bus and have a month-old baby. I don't want petrol bombs thrown through the windows, but with all this fuss that's the peril we face.'

HIPPY "INVASIONS" HERE TO STAY

In a carefully planned and well executed operation, Avon police spent loads of cash (that would have been better spent alleviating social deprivation) successfully off-loading their "problem" onto another county - Worcestershire. (Hopefully this will cause some infighting between the two Chief Constables of the respective forces.)

The Castlemorton Festival gives us many reasons to be optimistic. The convoy taking the site was bigger than the Stonehenge convoys at their height in 1984/85. The festival itself was noticeably more relaxed than Lechlade, and was for many people the best for a long while. With numerous sound systems and stages, a diversity of tastes was catered for, showing just how well people can come together without anyone telling them what to do.

Attracting 25000 people, the event was massive, and although not perfect it makes for an exciting summer, so long as the powers that be don't succeed in being the killjoys they so want to be. The next major dates on the calendar are the Stones and Glastonbury, so get out there and make the party happen.

Traditionally, many travellers have supported themselves by trading at festivals, and by buying off travellers and other free party people you are putting money back into the festival and helping the community sustain itself. Particularly at Castle Morton, there was a significant number of traders who had only turned up to make money (out of us) and clearly had no interest in the festival scene or care for the site (one burger van was seen dumping all its rubbish on its pitch before driving off). Who do you want to trade with - festival goers like yourself, or dealers driving round the site in flash sports cars?

We're putting on another Nott FIN benefit gig. Playing are DF118, who are ex-RADICAL DANCE FACTION and dead good, and local band Idiot Joy. The gig is at The Imperial on St. James Street (off Market Square) on Tuesday July 7th, and costs £3/£2.50(UB40/NUS) on the door, which is nice and cheap so come along and help us make enough money to print #4. Other gigs we'd recommend are Bad Religion and Leatherface at the Poly on June 30th, Blaggers and Oi Polloi at The Imperial on July 19th, and The Heineken Big Top at Wollaton Park over Glastonbury weekend. For a complete gig guide get Overall (free every month).

Beggars Busted

Over the last 3 weeks over 30 beggars have been arrested in the city, charged under the 1824 Vagrancy Act, and either fined or given conditional discharges. Chief Inspector Bell justified the police action on the grounds that all of the beggars were genuine homeless people, quite possibly begging to get

homeless. However, some of those arrested were only able to give night shelter addresses and the like, and therefore were genuine homeless people, quite possibly begging to get their next meal. Shelter are looking into the incident and anyone who receives hassle for begging should contact them (see address in homelessness article).

Haven't you got a home to go to??

Nottinghamshire, like the rest of Britain, has its homeless problem. In 1991 figures say that 2950 households were accepted as homeless and in priority need, 1189 of them in the city (Department of Environment figures).

However, these official figures hardly begin to tell the whole story. For a start, the government talks about households rather than individuals, and in Notts a household refers to 2.9 individuals (on average). So already we are talking about nearly 9000 homeless in priority need in 1991. The official figures don't

include the extra 5000 households applying as homeless but not being seen as in priority need and therefore not receiving permanent rehousing by the council. This means there could have been up to 24000 homeless people in Notts in 1991, 15000 left to fend for themselves.

Recently, a survey was carried out by agencies dealing with homelessness involving a sample of 163 clients under 25. It was found that nearly half were under 25, 11% receiving severe hardship payments (next to sod all), and 7.7% with no income at all. It was found that 10.8% were sleeping rough and 34.5% were in temporary accommodation,

including voluntary sector night shelters and hostels. Also, at the end of the day, the agencies could find nowhere for 104 of the 163 surveyed.

It is obvious to almost everyone accept the government that nowhere near enough is being done to help homeless people in Britain. There is very little money made available by the government and none of it goes to tackling the root causes of homelessness. Rather than do anything useful, the Government chooses to scapegoat squatters, people who are doing something practical to help themselves. The Home Secretary's White Paper on squatting is due to go before the

The Government's pathetic attitudes seem unlikely to change and as a result things will probably get worse.

If you need help or advice on homelessness or would like to help homeless people contact SHELTER, 38 HEATHCOTE ST, NOTTINGHAM, Tel 480479; or CAB, CASTLE GATE HOUSE, 24/30 CASTLE GATE, NOTTINGHAM, Tel 585280.

PLEASE PASS ON

ROCK AND REGGAE

After the success of last years Rock And Reggae Festival, which finished at 5am on the Monday morning, the festival WILL be on this year-July 25th/26th on the Goose fair Site, Nottingham. Rumours that the Festival won't be on have been flying around the right wing reactionary rag we call the Evening Post all year - but people power have brought the authorities to their senses. "Ban it and it'll be on the front page of the papers on the Sunday morning" seemed to do the trick!

Now into its 14th year, the festival is indeed the mainstage for the creative talent and Collective Conscience of the region - and above all, a good reason for a fuckin' good party! This year's festival will include over 60 bands from the region and Wango Riley's

Travelling Stage which will bring with it: RDF, Bush fire, Wholesome Fish, Back To The Planet and possibly The Levellers, Hawkwind and Ozric Tentacles. Negotiations are taking place at time of print, wait and see.

The Festival also boasts the finest Dub Sounds Systems in the region. Bringing together the best of today's dub sounds; and of course DiY will be spinning the wax again. This year, The Performance Tent will be fittingly named "The Great Radford Road Swindle Performance Tent." Assimilating poetry, alternative comedy, acoustic musicians, puppets, an Irish Fleidh, a sunday afternoon jazz extravaganza, and a cinema on both nights.

£4000 in debt from last years bash

(skanked by two freelance freeloaders who won't be around this year), the Rock and Reggae is paying off the bills with this year's money, so performers are playing for expenses only (more than they got last year!). Camping facilities will be there this year so ring up your mates and get them down. However,

don't turn up in Nottingham expecting to find a massive traveller site - it's not that kind of deal.

The Rock and Reggae is a precious thing. YOURS. It's taken 14 years to get this far - the powers that be aren't that keen on it because they don't like to see people doing it for themselves - fuck them.

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1. "Fantasy" Ecstasy - 40% lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), 30% methyl amphetamine, 15% caffeine, 15% brick dust.
2. "Passion" Ecstasy - 60% methaqualone (sedative), 25% chalk dust, 15% methylenedioxymethamphetamine (Ecstasy). [love hearts]
3. "Californian Sunset" Ecstasy - 30% lactose (milk sugar), 20% methyl amphetamine, 20% phenazone (sedative).
4. Indoor fish tank oxygenating tablet - (shop value £0.35 for 20)
5. "Roobarband Custard" Ecstasy - 50% phenobarbitone (barbiturate), 30% methylenedioxymethamphetamine (Ecstasy), 20% caffeine.
6. Lemsip cold cure capsule - (shop value £1.35 for 10).
7. Excedrin (American) headache pill - (shop value \$2 for 25).

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Also remember that stacking different pills increases the chances of having a negative synergism (third effect). Avoid scoring off people you don't know or in a club or party where you can't see what you're buying. Ask friends about a particular type of E, if they have tried them before. If in doubt, don't bother. It is possible to overdose or have an allergic reaction, especially if you mix it with other drugs like alcohol. Take care out there and enjoy yourself.



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At the Castlemorton Festival someone caught mugging was led around site wearing a dog collar and a sign saying "I am a mugger". Their experience was made even more enlightening by a considerable amount of mind altering chemicals.

It's good to see that people are not taking shit off rip-off merchants; although most people hope this kind of action will not be needed again, it is unlikely to stop a lot of muggers, so it is still a good idea to **BE VIGILANT**, especially with transactions involving large amounts of dosh.

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