

Fin Diary

January

All month Environmental exhibition at the Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, Mon. - Sat. 10am - 5pm

Wed 20 Waste Nott. office round paper collection. Contact Peter or Wendy (0602) 255264

Thurs 21 Notts. Transport 2000 meeting. 7.30, Salutation, Maid Marion Way.

Sat 23 Greenpeace All-day fundraiser. Old Angel, Stoney St. Hockley, 3pm - 11pm. Various local bands, stalls, videos, exhibitions. All for £1.50.

Sun 24 Back to the Planet, Marcus Garvey Centre, £4 ticket, £5 door

Wed 27 Rainbow Centre video evening - includes International Tree Foundation film 'Edge of the Forest'. 7pm, 180 Mansfield Rd. Mansfield Animal Rights, Cruelty-Free Lifestyle exhibition and food. £1 includes food, free starter pack, food ideas, addresses etc. Westfield Folkhouse, Westfield Lane, Mansfield. Tel. Mansfield 660611.

Thurs 28 Wholesome Fish, Old Vic, Nicaragua benefit, with Plydough Party and Weirdbeard

Sat 30 "Consumer Violence" Printmaking workshop 10am - 4pm, £1 book in advance. Bonington Gallery, Nottingham Trent University (0602) 486443.

Sun 31 Demonstration at home of Notts. vivisector. Ring Nottingham Animal Rights : (0602) 585666 for details.. Wholesome Fish, Golden Fleece, Mansfield Rd.

February

All month Environmental exhibition at the Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham, Mon. - Sat. 10am - 5pm.

Mon 1 Nottingham Greenpeace Supporters Group. Monthly meeting at The Narrowboat pub, Canal St. Contact Richard Brown : (0602) 208185.

Wed 3 Waste Nott. office round paper collection. Contact Peter or Wendy (0602) 255264.. Stonehenge campaign open meeting at 99 torriano Ave., London, NW5, 7pm Kentish Town tube.

Sun 7 Red Ramble. Free Hidden Valley walk in the White Peak, for Greens, Socialists, Libertarians and Anarchists. Meet 1pm at Dale End (half a mile west of Elton). Length 4 miles. (0773) 827513.. Wholesome Fish, The Gregory, Ilkeston Rd.

Mon 8 Nottingham Permaculture Group meets at I..C.C., 61b Mansfield Rd. 7.30pm.

Tues 9 2nd anniversary of killing of hunt saboteur Mike Hill. Contact Hunt Saboteurs Association for details of week of action : (0602) 590357.

Thurs 11 Friends of the Earth meeting. 7.30pm at Central Library.

Fri 12 Wholesome Fish, Anti-fascist benefit, Mansfield Labour Club, Mansfield.

Mon 15 "Economics as if People Really Mattered". Public meeting with Janet Alty at 7.30pm at Beeston Library, Foster Ave.

Sat 20 Wholesome Fish + others, Running Horse, Canning Circus, Nottingham.

26 or 27 Greenpeace Sponsored Swim for the Dolphins. (0602) 208185.

Fri 26 "Club Ugly" event - Mad Halibut, 1 in 12 building, Albion St. Bradford, W. Yorks. £2/£1.50

Sun 28 Wholesome Fish + Mark Miwurdz, The Old Vic Tavern, £3/£4 on door

March

Veggie Pledge Month. Animal Aid

Nott Fin one year old!

Mon 1 Nuclear Free Pacific Day.

Wed 3 Stonehenge Campaign open meeting at 99 torriano Ave., London, NW5, 7pm Kentish Town tube.

Sat 6 or 13 March and Rally against warfare experiments in Birmingham. Contact Celia, Wyre Forest Animal Concern : (0562) 700086

Sun 7 Red Ramble. Free Derbyshire 'Edges' walk for Greens, Socialists, Libertarians and Anarchists. Meet 11am at National Trust car park (next to Robin Hood pub on A619 Baslow to Chesterfield road). Length 8 miles. (0773) 827513.

Sun 14 Wholesome Fish, Golden Fleece, Mansfield Rd. Nottingham.

Wed 17 St. Patrick's Day Party, Wholesome Fish + Kellys Heroes, Marcus Garvey Centre, Lenton Blvd. Nottingham.

Sat 20 Spring Equinox 14.37 G.M.T. Wholesome Fish, Running Horse, Canning Circus, Nottingham.

Sun 21 Stonehenge Camp open meeting at Glastonbury Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury. 2-5pm. 7pm, Stonehenge videos and music.

Sun 27 Wholesome Fish, The Gregory, Ilkeston Rd., Nottingham.

Wed 30 Citizen Fish + Spitboy. Nott Fin benefit. To be confirmed.

April

Sat 24 World Day for Laboratory Animals w/e 24/25 Stonehenge Access Conference - Oxford. Advance bookings send £1 + large SAE to S.A.C. c/o George Firsoff, 96 Church Rd., Redfield, Bristol 5.

Fri 29- Sun 2 May Beltane Gatherings.

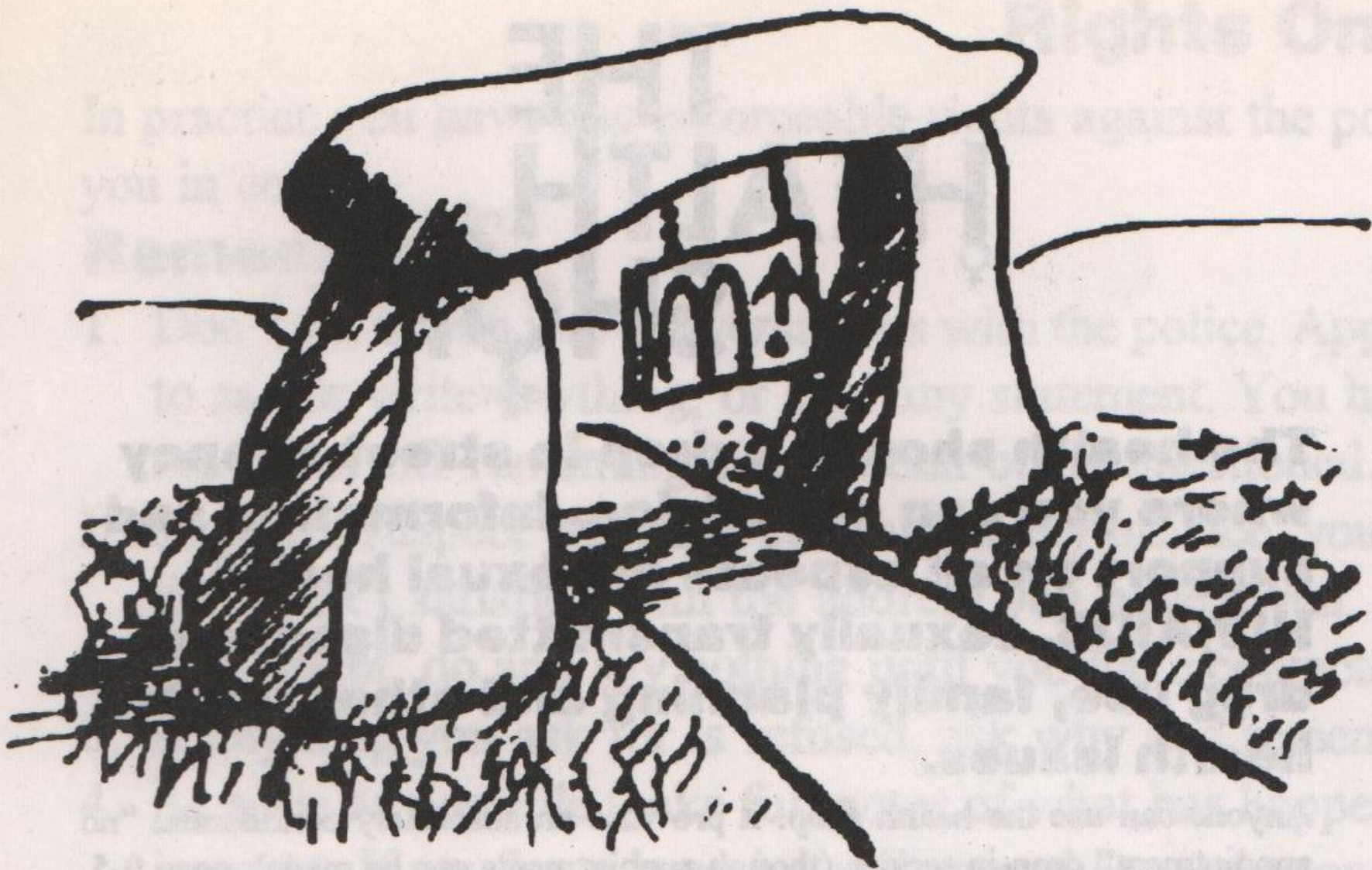
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Free Information Network Please take one!

Box FIN, The Rainbow Centre
180, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.



Stonehenge Access Conference

We have received the following press release concerning the Stonehenge Access Conference and been promised that more details will follow.

Stonehenge Access Conference will be in Oxford on April 24th & 25th. All persons looking to find a way to get access to Stonehenge for seasonal celebrations, and those who support them, are invited to seek a consensus on political ritual and practical steps to this end. The Stonehenge Conference Steering Group is looking to provide food, camping space, and a musical event in Oxford as an adjunct to the Conference itself. The Steering Group seeks help, particularly from those in the Oxford area, with the organisation of the event. We have a venue with space for 130 persons. The best way to assess if this is adequate is to ask for advance bookings.

Please send £1 to: S.A.C., c/o George Firsoff, 96 Church Road, Redfield, Bristol 5 for a booking, or an s.a.e. for latest details of the event. We have the support of both druid and pagan groups for this common purpose and we especially extend a welcome to travellers who visit Stonehenge to come and participate in the talking.

WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT OF STONEHENGE, WHAT ABOUT THE NATIONAL TRUST'S SCHEME TO SELL OFF MANY OF THE STONE CIRCLES IN THEIR "CARE" TO PRIVATE OWNERS? THESE PLANS INCLUDE NINE LADIES CIRCLE NEAR MATLOCK, AMONGST OTHERS. IF THE PROSPECT OF ANCIENT SITES OF BEAUTY AND WORSHIP BEING SOLD OFF AND "DEVELOPED" INTO CINEMA MULTIPLEXES AND SWATHES OF INTERCHANGEABLE SUBURBAN WORRIES YOU, CONTACT NOTTS. PAGANLINK VIA BOX FIN AND WE'LL SEND YOU SOME DETAILS.

CHARTER '88

Charter 88 are a group of people working for constitutional reform. The actual charter is like a huge petition of about 20,000 signatures taken from people across the country and anyone who wishes to their our demands met is welcome to add their signature to the charter.

Their demands are twelvefold:

1. Enshrine by means of a bill of rights such civil liberties as the right to peaceful assembly, to freedom of association, to freedom from discrimination, to freedom from detention without trial, to trial by jury, to privacy and to freedom of expression.
2. Subject executive powers and prerogatives, by whomsoever exercised, to the rule of law.
3. Establish freedom of information and government.
4. Create a fair electoral system of proportional representation.
5. A reformed house of commons.
6. A democratic upper house.
7. Scottish and Welsh assemblies.
8. Place the executive under the power of a democratically renewed parliament and all agencies of the state under the rule of law.
9. A reformed judiciary.
10. Provide legal remedies for all abuses of power by the state and the officials of central and local government.
11. Guarantee an equitable distribution of power between local, regional and national government.
12. Draw up a written constitution, anchored in the idea of universal citizenship, that incorporates these reforms.

Our concern is the law. No country can be considered free in which the Government is above the law.

The Nottingham branch is very active.

For more information contact Beryl on (0602) 333614.

We meet at the Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare Street.

Welcome to issue 7 of

Nott Fin

First up, we'd better apologise for the delay in bringing out the last issue. It was planned and written to be a November issue, but due to problems with printers beyond our control (honest) it came out a month late. At the moment all the FIN folk are busy with all sorts of projects as well as the FIN - producing the FIN is so much work in itself that at the moment it's all we can do get the issues out in reasonable time. We'd like to be able to devote more time to the contents and layout, not to mention replying to mail, broadening our circulation and sorting out our finances, but we're busy and we're doing the best we can.

We were recently described as being "self-styled vanguards of right-on, liberal values". While we can see why the comment was made, it has nothing to do with what we're trying to achieve with the FIN and we take it as a criticism. When we first began working on Nott FIN a year ago we were not trying to set up an outlet for our own views and opinions: we're not telling anyone what to do or what to think, we're telling you what you could be doing. We provide information on what's going on and how you can get involved. Many of the articles in this issue were the result of information being sent to us by people not involved with the production of Nott FIN, which is what we're here for. We do not necessarily agree with all the views expressed in the FIN, or unreservedly support every organisation or cause that we cover, we simply print information we feel people may be interested in, in the hope that people may act on it.

Thanks to all those who have sent us donations - they've kept us going. People keep asking us what our subscription rate is: well we don't have one. Send us an SAE and we'll send you a FIN (or send us 5 stamps and we'll send you the next 5 FINs). Alternatively, send us a donation (please) and we'll put you on our mailing list.

Hopefully we'll have a 1st birthday issue out in March, look out for it. FINs are normally available from: The Rainbow Centre, Mushroom Bookshop, Out To Munch, Hiziki, Jugglers, Wild Oats, Hyson Green Wholefoods, The Narrowboat, The Old Angel, Selectadisc and Way Ahead.

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LETS GO!

Wanted: A garden pond digging

Offered: Organic allotment vegetables

A LETS (Local Economic Trading System) is a mutual self help network which encourages the exchange of goods and services without money changing hands. There is a register of offers and needs sent to all members. Instead of using cash, transactions are valued in LETS credits and any service can be offered, depending on the skills and resources of the scheme's members. Many environmental benefits can result from LETS, for example members can share tools, such as cars, bikes, lawnmowers and electrical equipment, thus saving valuable resources; pond digging and other important conservation work can be rewarded with LETS credits; organic vegetable growers can find a useful outlet for their produce amongst other LETS members. (Another advantage of this scheme is that 'money' is not continually being sucked out of the community. The profits of parasitic large companies and multi-nationals would be compromised by the large scale adoption of LETS schemes. There are already numerous such schemes around the country. Membership of such a scheme is subversive and progressive. See also article in Nott Fin 2 - *Nott Fin*.)

If you wish to join the Nottingham LETS please send a cheque for £3 payable to 'The Rainbow Centre' to cover the running costs for 1993 (mail-outs throughout the year). Include a list of all the services and tools that you are prepared to offer and a second list of services and tools that you require. Send to: Box LETS, The Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd., NG1 3HU.

When I have at least 20 subscribers, I will type a list of members offers and needs and distribute these to everyone, together with a letter explaining how the scheme works and some blank recording slips to be filled in and sent to Box LETS as soon as possible after every completed transaction.

On receiving the membership lists it is up to each member to contact others in the scheme to arrange mutually satisfactory transactions - So please include your phone number as well as your address, to make it easier to be contacted. Members will receive updated membership lists and account balances throughout the year, when appropriate.

Should you require any further information about the scheme before deciding to join you are welcome to phone me on 820883, Rob Preston.

The following letter is being circulated as a suggestion of what people may wish to write in protest against the proposed reform of the Caravan Sites Act, for sending to MPs, Dept of Environment, anyone else you can think of. For more info contact Tribal Messenger, 118 Grosvenor Rd, St. Pauls, Bristol B52.

Dear

Reform of the Caravan Sites Act 1968

I am writing to you, in objection to the implications that the above mentioned proposed "reform" will have. If the reforms are carried through, and a travelling lifestyle becomes illegal, then the devastating consequences this will have throughout our society will be costly, both economically and morally.

Our social fabric is already being stretched by the current recession, and the implementation of the above reform will only add further to the desperate situation that so many of us in Britain now find ourselves in.

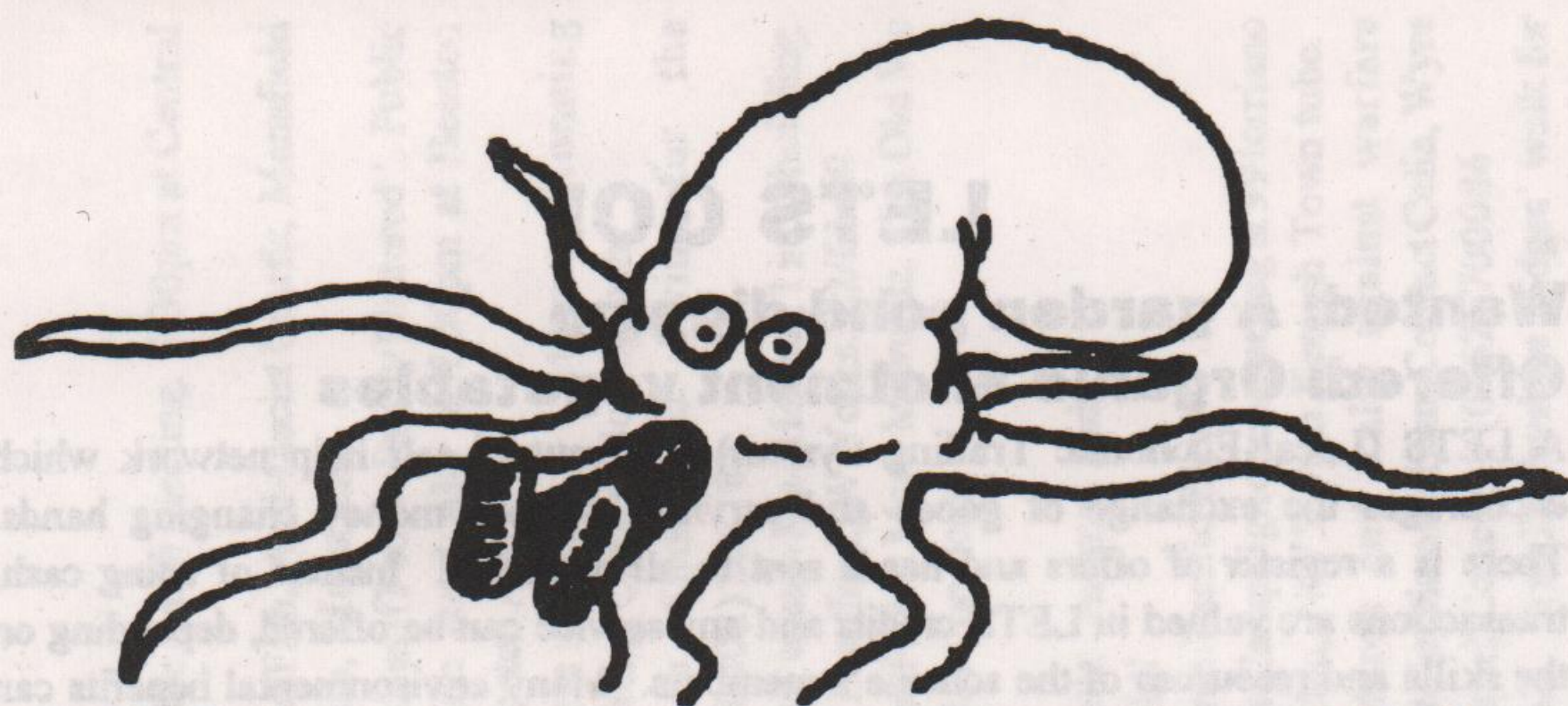
Specifically, if the Act is reformed as proposed numerous problems will arise:

Over one hundred thousand "home owners", including families and children, will be forced to look for new homes: this will dramatically increase both homelessness and the shortage of cheap housing; local authorities would be unable to meet the cost of bed and breakfast accomodation in lieu of non-existent housing; the police and prison system would be further strained by the large number of artificially created "homelessness" arrests; the confiscation of vehicles from the highway or unoccupied common land will have consequent effects of depriving generally self sufficient people of their homes, family bases and possessions; families and communities will be split up;..... the list can go on. Taken to extremes, the "offence" of trespass becomes a criminal charge, applicable to all ramblers, hikers, in fact any of us out for a walk. Campervan owners and lorry drivers will be similarly liable to arrest.

Common land must remain common. Drovers and green lanes must be available for parking, as they always once were, thereby removing the need to park on private land without permission. Disused MoD land could be made available for those wishing to gather together, with their families, friends and homes.

The government's proposals are immoral in principle and unworkable in practice. Travellers have the right to travel and park up on public land provided they do not encroach on private land. To force people to settle is a violation of the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, and is an even worse act when there is nowhere for them to settle.

I hope you will respond to this letter, in reply to me, and also to others who are considering the Act's reform. An ill-thought-out anti-traveller backlash will not solve anything, and will be directly responsible for the negation of thousands of people's civil liberties, livelihoods, and human rights.



FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF A TRAVELLERS ENCAMPMENT ON HER LAND, EVADNE FELT THAT SHE HAD NO OPTION BUT TO FEED HERSELF TO HER PET OCTOPUS

**GO ON PHONE IN
SICK!**

**THERE MUST BE HUNDREDS
OF THINGS YOU'D RATHER
BE DOING TODAY**

Together we can build a revolution where pleasure is the only aim.

THE HEALTH SHOP

The health shop is a drop-in street agency where you can get advice, information and support on all aspects of sexual health, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, drug use, family planning and other related health issues.

Anyone can use the health shop: it provides an absolutely confidential "no appointment" drop-in service (though appointments can be made), open 9-5, Monday to Friday. The project offers a variety of free services: information/advice on sexual health issues; support/counselling; family planning; sexually transmitted disease advice; hepatitis B screening/vaccination; **needle and syringe exchange**; free condoms and Safer Sex information/advice; drug advice and information/support; health education sessions including workshops and video afternoons; support group; telephone advice; HIV/AIDS information/support; resources room and videos.

The project has five members of staff: the Project Co-ordinator, 3 Project Workers and an Administrator. A number of the staff are qualified and experienced nurses. Two of the Project Workers will be working out in the community as well as at the project, one looking specifically at men's health issues, the other looking at ethnic minority health issues and concerns.

For further information contact: The Health Shop, Broad Street, Hookley, Nottingham, NG1 3AL. Tel: 475414.

Unstitched

On the front cover of Issue 4 we reported on the stitch up of a Nottingham Sab, in a case which showed how disgracefully bent the Cops and the Magistrates Court can be. We are pleased to report that this sab recently managed to defeat the police in court twice in the same week. He successfully appealed against his conviction in the Crown Court, and also defeated an attempt by the police to have him bound over, arising from a seperate incident whilst out sabbing.

Fur trade closes Lynx

On December 23rd, garnishee orders were issued against all Lynx bank accounts and the Lynx registered office by solicitor Cripps Harries Hall, acting for Swalesmoor Mink Farm Ltd.

This effectively freezes Lynx's bank accounts and puts a strait jacket on the organisation. It means Lynx's seven year campaign to end the barbarism of the fur trade has been brought to an end.

The garnishee order has been issued as Lynx had not paid the damages and costs awarded against it in a recent libel action brought by Swalesmoor Mink Farm. These damages amount to £40,000 and Cripps Harries Hall's costs are likely to exceed £100,000.

The libel action was brought against Lynx, its founding director Mark Glover and its scientific consultant, Stefan Ormrod, for an article published by Lynx about conditions on the mink farm in 1989. Prolonged interlocutory proceedings ended with a five week trial in Leeds which finished in November 1992. On December 8th, the case was raised in the House of Commons by a number of MPs.

What Lynx actually did was to describe the Swalesmoor Mink Farm as a Hellhole. As a result, the limited company Lynx went into liquidation in January of this year. You may have noticed that the shop in Nottingham has closed down. All that remains of Lynx is the Lynx charity - Lynx Educational Trust for Animal Welfare.

Footnote - Mark Glover stated "What we do know is that a representative of the Fur Education Council sat with the owner of Swalesmoor Mink Farm throughout the trial, passing notes of instruction to his legal representatives. Support was given to them by the world-wide fur trade. Cripps Harries Hall acts for the Fur Breeders' Association of the UK as well as the British Field Sports Society and a number of hunts.

"This year 50 million wild animals were gassed, strangled, trapped or electrocuted internationally. With the passing of Lynx, the main voice of protest is silenced. If this is justice, God help the animals."

**For further information contact
Mark Glover on (0602) 525440.**

The demise of Lynx, as well as being a serious blow to the anti-fur movement has serious repercussions for protest/campaign groups in general. If organisations can be bankrupted through the courts simply for telling the truth, they will have to arrange their affairs such that their assets and personnel are beyond the reach of such actions.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE SHARING NETWORK



Are you into sharing skills, knowledge, ideas, experiences and fun with other like-minded people? Then you may be interested in being part of a rapidly expanding network of people wanting to share education and learn from others.

We intend to put people in contact with others offering free education, organise skills and knowledge sharing camps/events, set up new radical groups etc.

This is a voluntary network, so the more people get involved the more we can do.

For more details contact: Laura Kemp, SKSN, P.O. Box 20, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 NWA.

Radical Routes

Taking Control Of Our Own Lives

Radical Routes Ltd is a secondary co-operative made up of member housing and workers co-ops, initiated by mainly young unemployed people to take more control over their own lives via such issues as housing, education and employment.

This "umbrella" co-op has been set up as a formal/legal basis for supporting other co-ops with their financial and technical needs; for example: helping to set up new co-ops, be it financial loans, or practical advice we've learnt from experience as a network. We need support to help others on their way to create more sustainable alternatives to the society we find ourselves in. Invest in us through our ethical investment scheme - have more control over where your money goes. Subscribe to our newsletter. Join us - be it your co-op or you as an individual.

For more details contact: Radical Routes Ltd, 24 South Road, Hockley, Birmingham, B18.

Women's Castle.

Bread And Honey Arts Projects Presents:

A series of workshops to be held at Nottingham Castle.

These workshops are free and open to all women.

Maps!

Saturday 6th February 1993.

10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Free.

A one day workshop exploring journeys you have taken or would like to take (fantasy or literal). You are invited to bring along photos, diaries, maps and memorabilia.

Please book in advance - contact Karen on (0533) 830587 for further details.

Crèche facilities available, please state when booking.

How We See Each Other.

Wednesday 17th February.

10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m., Women only - Free.

This workshop is for mothers/carers and their children. Using all sorts of materials to make and decorate cut-out figures of children or adults, see and feel what it's like to change places.

contact Kay Brown for further details and book in advance on (0602) 784857.

Crèche facilities available, please state when booking.

Printing Workshop.

Saturday 20th February 1993.

10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Women only - Free.

Printing from found and recycled materials - a one day course investigating ways of creating prints with and without specialist equipment.

Please contact Bernie Rutter for further details and book in advance on (0533) 830587.

Crèche facilities available, please state when booking.

Mosaic Workshop.

Friday 19th March 1993.

10.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Women only - Free.

Bring along old crockery, mirrors etc. to inlay into cement and make beautiful mosaic plaques, bowls or plant pots.

Please contact Pauline Holmes for further details and book in advance on (0602) 585178.

Crèche facilities available, please state when booking.

These workshops are all being held in the Education Studio of Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery.

The Rainbow Centre

Throughout this issue, 180 Mansfield Rd appears as the address for Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation, the anti-Boots and anti-McDonalds campaigns and is even the address for Nott Fin itself.

180-182 Mansfield Rd is the address for the Rainbow Centre, Nottingham's information and resource centre for green issues (including the environment, peace, southern world issues, human and animal rights).

The Rainbow Centre is an active supporter of Amnesty, Survival International, Campaign Against The Arms Trade, the Vegetarian and Vegan Societies and many other organisations. It is also the home/contact address of many diverse groups ranging from Nott Fin to Nottingham Green Network.

The Rainbow Centre has a comprehensive library, computer facilities, photocopier, workspace, meeting rooms, a campaigns merchandise shop, monthly exhibitions and a small scale recycling facility.

The library contains a wide range of information including current journals, leaflets, books and videos. It also has a press cutting collection on green issues dating from 1985, which is available for archive research work. The centre regularly receives journals, campaign news and other information from over 100 local and national groups from Animal Aid to the Womens' Environmental Network. Videos are available for hire, and the library books are available for loan.

The centre provides the workspace and resources for local groups and individual campaigns, working in co-operation with them whilst maintaining its own independence. It is run by volunteers and receives no external funding.

Veggies, the catering campaign based at the centre provides much of the financial and administrative support, and their catering stall can be found daily between 11 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. at Clinton St. West near the Victoria Centre. The stall can also be seen at gigs and events supplying excellent value vegan fast food.

The Rainbow Centre shop sells recycled products, Traidcraft goods, campaign merchandise, T-shirts, books, magazines, cruelty free toiletries and basic wholefoods including Veggies frozen foods. The shop raises much needed funds for the centre. A large number of publications, directories and information packs have been produced at the centre such as The Cruelty Free Guide to Nottingham, The Recycling Guide to Nottingham which is in the process of being updated, and the newly produced Vegetarian Guide to Nottingham (Available from Mushroom Book shop, Hiziki Wholefoods and other outlets, well worth a £1 - Nott Fin).

The centre also produces an animal rights contact list which is updated every six months and contains 2700 different groups and addresses. Every three months an up to date animal rights calendar full of events and demos is also published.

All the projects at the centre need volunteers, but more importantly the centre needs your patronage to justify its day to day existence. The centre offers resources facilities and space for individuals and groups to do their own on the spot private research and project organisation, which is just waiting to be used.

**Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham
Telephone (0602) 585666**

McDonut

BRAIN DONOR

I WOULD LIKE TO SUFFER IN
ANOTHER BODY AFTER THIS ONE

LET YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES KNOW
HOW INCREDIBLY STUPID YOU ARE

WOULD YOU LIKE to remain on the eternal merry-go-round of material misery, experiencing birth, death, old age and disease in as many as 8,400,000 different species?

IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES, you don't need your brain any more! Perhaps you would like to donate it to our wonderful scientists who are lacking the brainpower needed to work out how to get the world out of the mess they have put it in.

GIVE YOUR BRAIN TO SCIENCE TODAY - FOR A BRIGHTER NEW TOMORROW

Scrap The Child Support Act - Every Mother is a Working Mother

In April 1993 the Child Support Act will come into force. The Act will force single mothers on income support to claim maintenance from absent fathers, regardless of the mother's wishes, the father's income, or his second family. The Government claims to be doing this in the name of family responsibility, but the sole reason is because the Treasury gets to pocket the money (single mothers and their children gain nothing from the Act).

Some people may feel that this is a fine law, clamping down on scrounging off the state, but the Act will create numerous problems and hardships for single parents, which the Government couldn't give a shit about if they're saving money at the expense of the poorest in society. Single mothers already have a right to money from absent fathers, but the Act will push women back into financial dependence on men. No consideration is made for women who may want to have nothing to do with their child's father (eg for reason of violence - 36% of single mothers have experienced, or fear, violence from ex-partners). Mothers who refuse to name the father will lose £8.49 pw from their Income Support. The Act would force women to cease claiming income support and into low-waged, shitty jobs which would undercut everyone's wages (Single mothers earn on average £142 pw, 51% of men's average earnings). The Act takes no account of the father's income and will impoverish fathers as well (60% of employed absent fathers earn less than £150 pw).

The DSS has already started hassling single mothers and illegally cutting income support, even though the Act doesn't take effect until April.

The Government is currently trying to deprive travellers and single mothers of their benefits. They are starting with those who are least equipped to resist - if we sit back and leave them to it they'll extend their efforts to get as many of us as they can. Single mothers are protecting their right to benefit by refusing to submit to DSS interrogation. If we support them in their non-co-operation we are defending everyone's right to benefit. Together we can make the Act unworkable, just as we did with the Poll Tax.

For more information contact the Campaign Against the Child Support Act: PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU Tel: 071 837 7509, minicom/voice Fax 071 833 4817. Box 14, 1 Newton St, Manchester M1 1HW Tel: 061 344 0758. PO Box 196, Bristol BS99 7UT Tel: 0272 426608.



BOB, MEANWHILE, HAD COME UP WITH HIS OWN METHOD OF SPEEDING UP HIS FRESH CLAIM

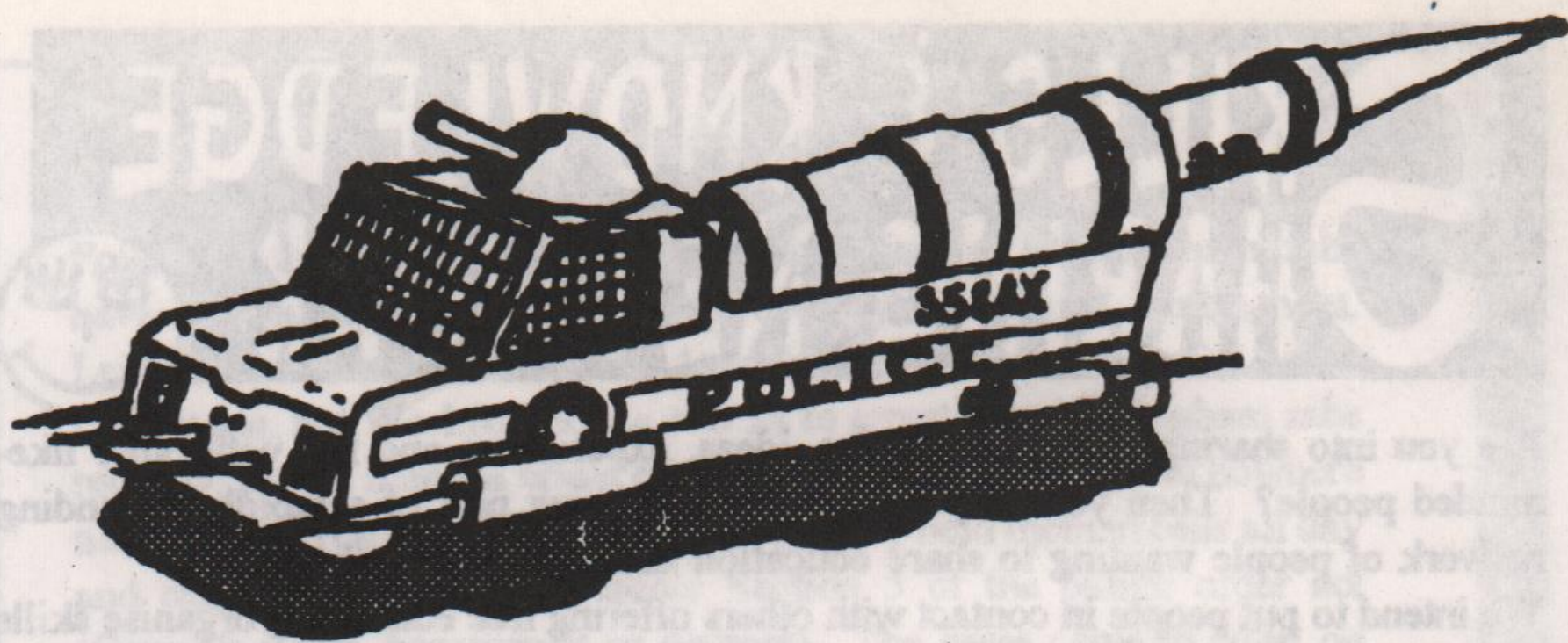
Red Rambles

A programme of free walks in the White Peak for Greens, socialists, Libertarians and Anarchists.

Sunday Feb 7th, Hidden Valley Walk. Meet 1.00pm at Dale End (half a mile west of Elton). Length 4 miles.

Sunday March 7th, Derbyshire "Edges". Meet 11.00am at National Trust Car Park (next to Robin Hood Pub on A619 Baslow to Chesterfield road). Length 8 miles.

More info/Confirmation of details: Tel. 0773 827513.



MEANWHILE THE LONDON MET. HAS REVEALED ITS SOLUTION TO THE RISING TIDE OF SUPERMARKET-TROLLEY THEFT

Freewheelers

The following information is reproduced from Freewheelers' own fliers. It seems like a well sound idea to us, and we'd be interested to hear from anyone who's actually used them.

Freewheelers is a national liftshare agency which matches people who are driving somewhere with people who want to catch a lift. Passengers contribute a set sum to the driver's petrol costs. Drivers cover between 40% and 120% of their petrol costs and passengers get to travel much cheaper than any other form of public transport. A detailed safety procedure gives you peace of mind, and if you wish to travel only with people of the same sex that's no problem. You can reach us easily by telephone from anywhere in the UK, our computer will tell us instantly if someone is going your way.

Drivers can cover their petrol costs and more. Each passenger will contribute approximately 40% of your petrol costs - that's 2.5p a mile each. So with 3 passengers you'll cover all your petrol costs and receive a contribution to other running expenses. Your existing insurance covers all passengers if you follow our price guidelines. You cannot profiteer, so company cars cannot be used.

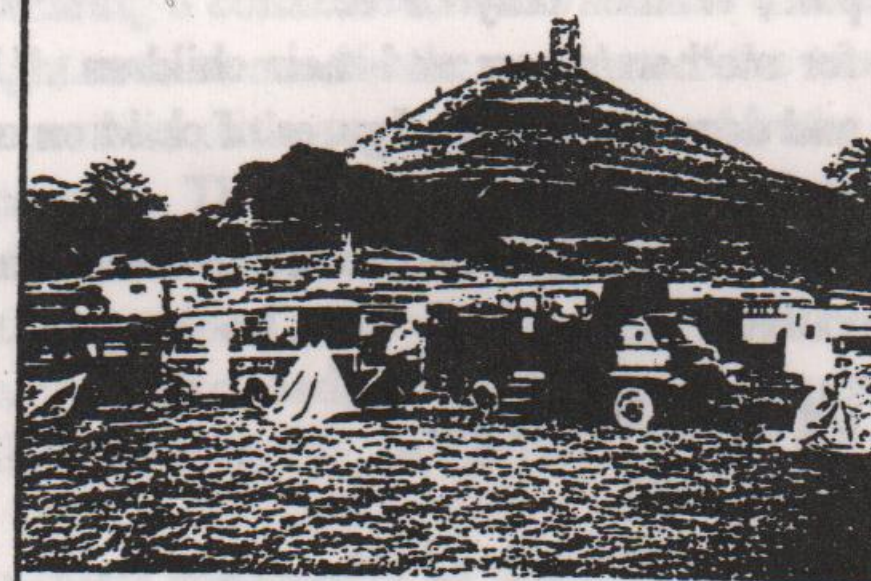
Membership is £5.00 for one year, starting on the day of your first match. Passengers must also buy credits in advance. Each time we give you details of a match you use up a credit. To start buy 5 credits at £1.00 each. It's even cheaper if you buy more. We refund unused credits if you no longer wish to use the scheme.

For more information/membership form write to: "Freewheelers", Freeport, London, SW2 5BR.

Monolith Publications

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Trying to go for it



John Harrison

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John Harrison
PO Box 4, Syston,
Leicestershire, LE7 8RB.



Groups/FINS etc.

Advisory Service For Squatters, 2 St.Pauls Rd., Islington, London, N1. Tel. 071 359 8814.

Animal Aid, 7 Castle St., Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1BH. 0732 364546.

Anti-Nuclear Network, c/o 265 Seven Sisters Rd., London, N42DE. Federation of local autonomous groups opposed to nuclear power.

AK Distribution, 3 Balmoral Place, Stirling FK8 2RD.

ALF Press Office: BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX. 0836 310763.

ALF Support Group, BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX.

Attack International, BM 6577, London WC1N 3XX.

Campaign Against Leather and Fur, PO Box 17, 198 Blackstock Rd., London N5 1EN.

Campaign Against The Child Support Act, PO Box 287, London NW6 5QU. 071 833 4817

Catalyst Collective Ltd., 56 Kingsbench St., Hull HU3 2TX.

Compassion in World Farming, 20 Lavant St., Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3EW. 0730 64208.

Class War, PO Box 496, Glasgow G14 0PG. PO Box 1021, Edinburgh EH8 9PW.

Counter Information, PigeonHole CI, c/o 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1, Scotland

Direct Action Movement - IWA, PO Box 29, SW PDO, Manchester M15.

Flamingoland Dolphin Campaign, PO Box 11, S.E.D.O., Manchester M18 8GU.

Glastonbury Assembly Rooms, High St., Glastonbury 0453 34677; Shares £500.

Green Federation, c/o The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd L57 1AX. (See article)

Greenpeace (London), office 5 Caledonian Rd., London N1. Fighting McDonalds libel writs. Support needed for McLibel Support Campaign, also Anti-car Reclaim the Streets Campaign.

Human Rights for Child Abuse Survivors, c/o M. Charles, 27 Old Gloucester St., London WC1N 3XX. SAE for further info.

Hunt Saboteurs Association, PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 2JY. Tel 0602 590357

League Against Cruel Sports, 83-87 Union St., London SE1 1SG..

Legalise Cannabis Campaign, BM Box 2455, London WC1N 3XX.

Living Land Project, 122 Charles Barry Crescent, Hulme, Manchester M15 5DW. Aiming to buy smallholding for veganic farming project. Loans required.

Merseyside Green Anarchist/Earth First!, c/o Green Group, PO Box 187, 160 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L69 7BR.

Movement for Compassionate Living (The Vegan Way), 47 Highlands Rd., Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 8NQ.

Musicians Network, c/o 29 Brackan House, Watts Grove, Bow, London, E3 3RG. 071 515 4205. Open meetings, 2nd Tuesday every month.

National Anti Vivisection Society (NAVS), 261 Goldhawk Rd., London W12 9PE.

Nottingham Bisexual Group, for everyone attracted to both men & women, meeting 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month 8pm Room 3 I.C.C. Ffi Box B, Hiziki, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottm NG1 1FE.

Nottingham Charter 88, 21 Bosworth Walk, The Meadows, Nottingham.

Nottingham Community Arts (NCA) Resources, courses etc. 39 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green. 0602 782463.

Notts. CND 0602 588586.

Nottingham Friends of the Earth. Central Library, Angel Row 2nd Thurs. each month 7.30-9.30. Free. Local contact Alex Howe 0602 845984.

Nottingham Greenpeace. 1st Mon. each month, Narrowboat 8pm. Contact: Richard Brown 0602 208185.

Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs. 0602 590357.

Nottingham Motorcycle Action Group, Andy Bailey, 24 Bodmin drive, Aspley, Nottingham NG8 5LG.

Nottingham MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) 0602 272426.

PADRAS, c/o 96, Church Rd, Redfield, Bristol, 5.

Paganlink Network. For info., events etc., contact John Male, 25 East Hill, Dartford, Kent, 0322 288110 or Anne Barrowcliffe, c/o Box Q, 34 Cowley Rd., Oxford.

Peoples Land Group, 1 Kingsbench St., Hull, HU3 2TW. £3/yr. for newsletter. Membership free. Land trust with a fund of over £6000 so far.

Radical Routes Network, 24 South Road, Hockley, B'ham B8. Secondary co-op of radical collectives / co-ops.

The Rainbow Centre. Resource centre, shop and library. 180 Mansfield Road. Open Mon-Fri 10-5. 0602 585666. Video evening on environ. issues, human rights, peace etc. 4th Wednesday every month 7pm. Ring for programme.

Release. 24hr. confidential advice and helpline on drugs and legal matters. 071 603 8654, Office 071 729 9904.

Red Rope - Socialist Walkers and Climbers. Margaret Johnson 0602 704471, Jake Jackson 0602 232410.

Sea Shepherd, PO Box 5, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 2PY.

Skool Bus. Travellers school. c/o 206 Lawford Rd., Rugby, CV21 2HS - send donations etc.

Shelter nightline. Emergency housing help outside office hours. Freephone 0800 446 441.

South Downs Earth First!, c/o Prior House, Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY. SAE for newsletter.

Squatters Action For Secure Homes (SQUASH). Meetings in London on alternate Thursdays. 071 359 8814 or 071 8377580 for further info.

Stonehenge Campaign, c/o 99 Torriano Ave., London, NW5 2RX.

Subculture Alternatives Freedom Foundation (SAFF), 6-8 Burley Lodge Rd., Leeds, W.Yorks., LS6 1QP. Safeguarding the right to freedom of belief for religious and philosophical minorities.

Vegan Bikers Association, 48 Hawkins Hall Lane, Datchworth, Knebworth, Herts. SG3 6TE.

Vegan Community Project, 31 Caerau Rd., Caerau Rd., Maesteg, Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan CF34 0FB.

Vegan Society, 7 Battle Rd., St.Leonards-on-Sea, E.Sussex, TN37 7AA. 0424 427393



Publications

Counter Information, PigeonHole CI, c/o 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1, Scotland.

Dogzine c/o 32 Hill Rd., Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 1JZ.

Greenleaf, c/o George Firsoff, 96 Church Rd., Bristol 5 - quarterly journal of Robins Greenwood Gang. November Issue, 60p + large SAE. Ethnic cleansing - UK, Stonehenge conference group, paganism, Cornish dreamtime, news etc.

GuiltFin, PO box 217, Guildford, Surrey.

Hoblink, Box 1, 13 Merrivale Rd., Stafford, ST17 9EB - Newsletter of the national network for gay and lesbian and bisexual pagans, £5 waged / £2 unwaged per annum.

Isis Brum Fin, c/o 29 Silverton Cres., Moseley, Birmingham B13 9ND.

London Fin, c/o 99 Torriano Ave, London NW5 2RX.

MerseyFin, PO box 110, Liverpool, L69 6AU.

Monolith News/Legalise Stonehenge Campaign, P.O. Box 4, Syston, Leics. LE7 4RD.

Nott Fin, Box Fin, The Rainbow Centre, 180, Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Outlook, 87 Kirkstall Ave., London SW2 4HE. Nov/Dec Issue 24, £1.20 + 30p p&p; sabotage, security services, balkans, music, reviews etc.

Oxfin, 21 Cave St., OX4 1BA. Tel. 0865 790673 / 240545.

SQUALL, c/o 2 St.Pauls Rd., London N1 2QN. Magazine for the Squatter/Homeless. Nov/Dec Issue 3, FREE (send A5 SAE); travellers, reactions of official bodies to the intended criminalisation of squatting, action letters etc.

Support Animal Rights Prisoners (SARP), PO Box 96, Northampton NN5 5JT. Free newsletter, donations needed.

Taking Liberties, PO Box 446, Sheffield, S.Yorks.- Magazine of The Northern Anarchist Black Cross.

Tribal Messenger c/o John Pendragon, Box 21, 118 Grosvenor Rd., St.Pauls Rd., Bristol. Magazine £2.50 inc. p&p.

Turning Point (Animal Rights) £1.50 + SAE to PO Box 45, Northolt, Middx, UB5 6SZ.

Ugly Fanzine, (50p) Anton, c/o The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Gailey, Staffs.

Buying Back Our Land

75% of land in Britain is in the hands of 1% of the population ("On Common Ground", by Francis Reed, Working Press 1991). It's not surprising then that it can be hard enough finding a decent house to live, let alone somewhere to hold a festival. An ambitious scheme - The Green Federation - has been set up to do something about this. They hope to be able to buy a site (around 25-50 acres) which could be used for regular events without rent being charged. Facilities could then be made permanently available, and the site constantly cared for and improved. One initial plan is to contact as many people and groups with an interest in seeing festivals survive and flourish and ask for a pledge of money (depending on their financial situation) and a promise to attend a general meeting. At the meeting all problems which may arise from such a project could be tackled and a simple constitution agreed. Pledges could be realised at this meeting and a clear idea of how funds are to be used established. The Green Federation is circulating information about this project to hundreds of groups in the hope of making this idea (which is not a new one) a reality. In order to announce future meetings and keep people abreast of developments they are asking people to register (fee £1) as soon as possible, and at least before spring equinox 1993. For further information contact: The Green Federation, c/o The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd, L57 1AX.

Under The Hammer

Motorcycling is threatened by the following:

Leg Protectors

So called safety devices which have been shown to be potentially lethal. The international motorcycle industry has evidence to show that these devices tend to pitch the rider forward during an impact which can result in increased head injury and death.

Air Bags

Devices that explode during impact to prevent the rider from being pitched forwards by the leg protectors! Riders are fearful of faulty switches causing unexpected operation of the air bag.

Noise Regulations

Proposed new noise regulations will outlaw air cooled motorcycles. Even Police motorcycles will not be able to comply! We support enforcement of the current regulations. New legislation is unnecessary.

Vehicle Insurance

Many companies are refusing to insure motorcycles at all, others will only insure for Third Party.

We Are Friendly, Responsible People

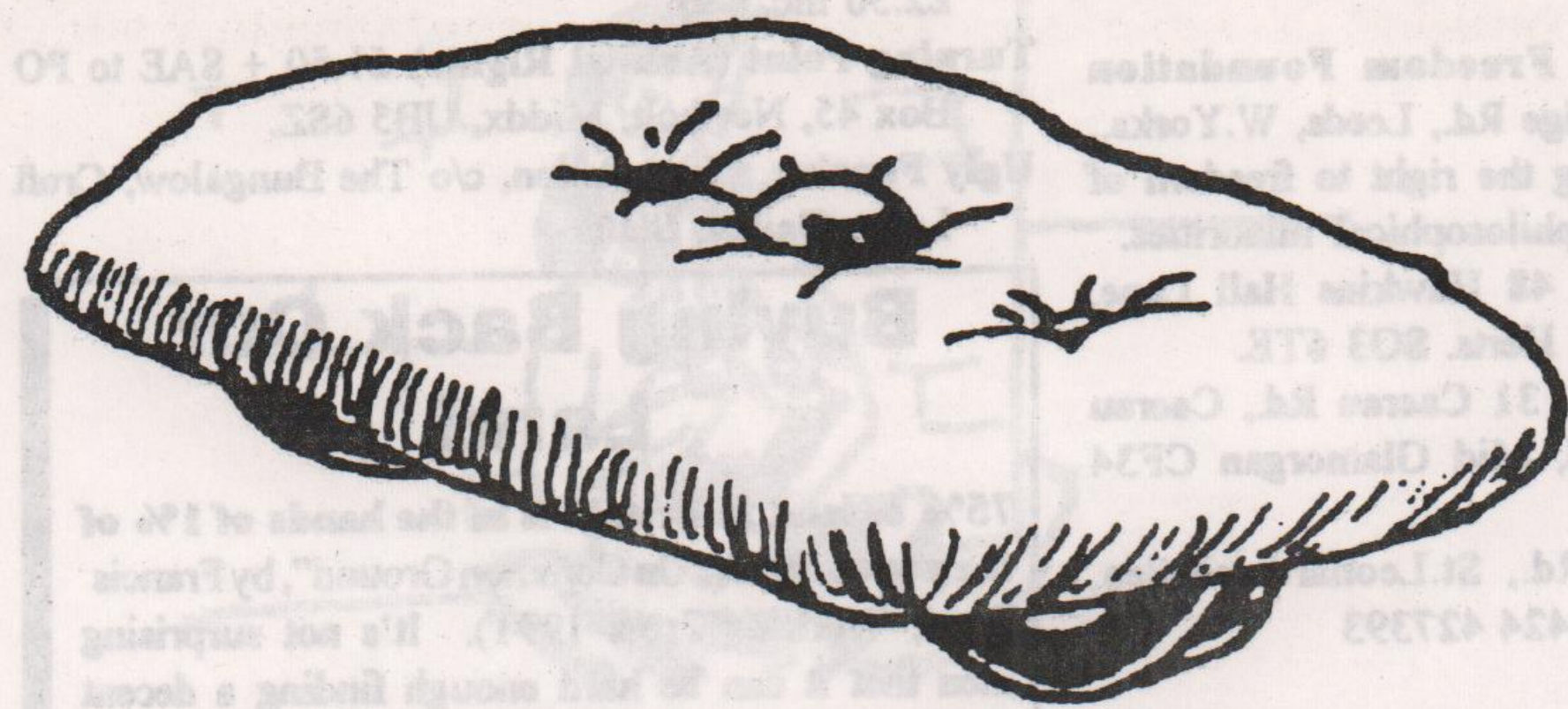
Government targets for motorcycle accident reduction have been achieved 10 years early. In 1991 car accidents were up 25%. Motorcycle accidents were down 40%. Motorcycling is becoming safer. Further legislation is unnecessary and of questionable value.



The above information is reproduced from a leaflet of the Motorcycle Action Group. They offer: discounts at 300 bike shops; low cost insurance; half price tyres; legal advice; bi-monthly magazine; social events; security markings.

For further information and membership contact:
Nottingham MAG: Andy Bailey, 24 Bodmin Drive,

Aspley, Nottingham, NG8 5LG. Tel: 0602 708730. Central Mag: PO Box 750, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B30 3BA. Tel: 021 459 5860.



UNVEILED TODAY, THE NEW SUZUKI
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Boating for a Better Planet

"Lilith" is a 70' wooden narrowboat, probably built around 1901. She has been totally rebuilt since finishing work carrying coal around 1970, and now spends her time travelling the canals of England being used as a base for raising money for Environmental or Ecological charities.

Her owners are offering an opportunity to spend time on "Lilith": you don't need any special skills or talent, just the ability and desire to enjoy yourself and do some good for the planet at the same time. Daily costs work out at £2.50 per day (this covers food for at least 3 meals a day and all food is vegetarian if not vegan). They also ask for a small contribution towards gas and paraffin. All you need to do is contact the address below stating when you want to spend time on "Lilith". This can be as long and as often as you like, but book early as this offer is open to everyone and they can't guarantee places.

Lilith will be visiting Manchester, Northampton, London and probably Worcester throughout the summer.

For more information and an itinerary of the tour please contact: Lilith c/o 41, Travis Court, Royton, Oldham, OL2 6YX.

Any individual, group or organisation interested in using the 4 foot high sloping canvas sides of Lilith as a display area for environmental, green, animal rights issues etc. as it travels around the country, are welcome to. Contact the above address.

Sab Update

Following a successful anti-cubhunting campaign, Nottingham sabs have continued to save lives in the countryside around Nottingham. Leicestershire constabulary seem to be behaving themselves a bit better this season, but Worksop police saw fit to arrest nine Nottingham sabs recently, for the heinous crime of standing at the side of a road nowhere near the hunt (Grove and Rufford F.H.). They held them in cells all day and charged eight of them under Section 5 of the public order act (Causing alarm, harassment or distress). The cases came to court on Monday 11 Jan. the judge threw the cases out of court without even needing to hear the defence. Nottingham sabs are now defeating many cases like these in the courts (see elsewhere in this issue - *Not Fin*), watch this space.

On a national level, many hunts in the south of the country have become so desperate, that they have hired private security firms to 'protect' their killing from 'bandits' (sabs). The main firm is Estate Management Services. These hired heavies physically remove sabs from the land and even from public rights of way. The police as usual oversee and 'uphold' the law, well the bits they choose to anyway. These tactics were tried first at the Northumberland Beagling Festival in late 1992, and sabbing still continued unabated. Hiring these people must be costing somebody a fortune, how long can they keep it up, before they bankrupt themselves? This new tactic has been heralded in the bloodsport press as the end of sabbing - we shall see.

Hunting over the Xmas and New Year period has been greatly affected by the bad weather - hunts not going out, but now it's warming up a bit they'll be out and so will we.

Nottingham Hunt Sabs (0602) 590357

Meeting every Weds. 7.30 at the I.C.C. Mansfield Rd, Nottingham.
Reynard

Badger Diggers

Following on from the report in the last Fin, as a concerned citizen, I attended the trial of four badger diggers from the Mansfield area. There were a large number of demonstrators at the court in Louth, Lincs. (the original case was transferred from Skegness), expressing their disgust at the practice of badger digging/baiting. All defendants pleaded not guilty, and the trial was set to last threedays.

The first day's proceedings were taken up with the oral and video evidence of police witnesses. The gist of the story, is that during a police raid in May of 1991, the four men were found running away from a wood, with injured terriers and a lurcher. In the wood were found a 'disturbed' badger sett which had been dug in to, spades, the jackets of the defendants and electronic tracker collars and bleeper boxes. (Terriers are sent into a sett wearing a collar attached to a radio transmitter. The terrier finds a badger and they fight nose to nose in the confines of the tunnel. The bleeper box is then used to find the position of the terrier underground in the sett, at which point they dig down to the animals. The same technique is used 'legally' for foxes.) The defendants claimed that they had been 'foxing' but forensic evidence showed badger hairs in the back of their van, and a search of the home of Andrew West (27), revealed the remains of a family group of badgers in a freezer. With more evidence from expert witnesses due to follow the next day, things did not look too good for 'the Mansfield four'.

Their only defence witness appeared to be "Dr." Barry Peachey, self-appointed legal advisor to the bloodsports community. Peachey who travels from court to court defending 'alleged' badger diggers is the author of a book *Hunting the Badger* and once boasted in his regular column in *Shooting News* that he was "handy with a spade". Peachey also recently lost a libel case against the League Against Cruel Sports, and was landed with costs estimated at £250,000.

Fortunately or unfortunately we were deprived of his testimony, as the defendants changed their plea to guilty on the second day of the trial.

Wayne Coupe (27) of 26, Kirklington Rd, Rainworth, Gary Arthur Tucker (26) of Wharmby Ave, Mansfield, and Stephen Tucker (37) of 44, Lyndhurst Avenue, Blidworth were fined £500 each. The two Tucker brothers paid up on the spot. Andrew West (27) of 17, Abbots Crescent, Farnsfield has to return to court for sentencing at a later date on the charge of possession of dead badgers. In addition there are kennel fees of approx. £2000 to pay for the 12 dogs the diggers had with them on the day.

Brock

Footnote

Nicholas Soames MP, parliamentary secretary of M.A.F.F. has announced that 'in exceptional circumstances' he is prepared to grant licences to fox killers to attack occupied badger setts with spades and dogs. - *Not Fin*

Rights On Arrest Advice

In practice you have few enforceable rights against the police; even evidence illegally obtained by them can be used against you in court.

Remember

1. Don't get drawn into conversations with the police. Apparently innocent remarks can be used against you. You do not have to say or write anything, or sign any statement. You have the right to refuse to answer all police questions. Most people are better off remaining silent when being questioned.

If the police suspect you have committed any offence, you can be arrested if you refuse to give your name and address, or if they aren't satisfied with the address you have given.

2. If in doubt, do and say nothing until you have contacted your solicitor, Release, or the Duty Solicitor.
3. If anything you ask for is refused, ask why and remember the reason given.
4. As soon as possible make full notes of what has happened and give them to your solicitor. These can be used as evidence in court. If you have been injured go and see a doctor as soon as possible, giving a full explanation of your injuries.

On the street - if you are stopped

1. Check police identity; ask to see their warrant card, and remember the details. If they are uniformed, remember their numbers.
2. If you are stopped and searched in the street, ask why. The police can stop you in any public place if they suspect that you are in possession of 'prohibited articles' such as offensive weapons, or stolen goods.

On the street, the police can only search outer clothing such as coats, gloves etc. If they suspect that you are in possession of illegal drugs, they can take you to a police station for a more thorough search without formally arresting you. They should show evidence of identity before searching you, and must keep a record of the search.

If you are taken to a police station

1. The custody Officer should give you a notice setting out your rights.
 - a. You have the right to have someone informed of your arrest.
 - b. You have the right to consult your lawyer or a Duty Solicitor. Advice under the Duty Solicitor scheme is free.
 - c. You have the right to consult the PACE (police and criminal evidence act) codes of practice.

Access to legal help and informing someone of your arrest can be delayed if you are suspected of a 'serious offence'.

Most important of all, you have the right to remain silent.

2. Ask if you have been arrested, and if so, why. Ask to see the custody officer as soon as you arrive at the police station. Make sure that the starting time of your detention is correctly recorded at the top of the police custody record, together with a record about whether you need a solicitor or relative informed. Make sure you know why you are being held. The nature of the charges determines your entitlement to rights in the police station.
3. Ask the custody officer to phone your solicitor, the Duty Solicitor, or Release. Insist that a friend or relative is informed of your arrest. You have the right to have someone informed without delay unless you are being detained in connection with a 'serious arrestable offence' (PACE Act section 56). If this is the case, police can delay access to solicitors and relatives in specific circumstances. If they do refuse access, ask why. Insist the reason is recorded on your custody sheet. Even if the police are confident that there are grounds for refusing access to a solicitor, they have to allow access before 36 hours has expired.
4. Ask to be charged or released. Unless you are suspected of a 'serious offence', you must be released or charged with 24 hours of detention, and you have the right to consult a solicitor at any time. Make sure that your request to see a solicitor and the time of the request is recorded by the custody officer.

Whatever the police say, **never sign the custody sheet saying you don't want to see a solicitor. Insist on seeing one.** If you are held in connection with a 'serious offence' you can be held for up to 36 hours without access to a solicitor, without being charged, if certain conditions are satisfied. For guidance, ask the police for their codes of conduct on detention. You have the right to see them.

After 36 hours, you have the right to see a solicitor. A magistrate may order your continued detention in the police station for up to 96 hours, with a series of reviews. If after 96 hours, you have still not been charged, you have the right to be released.

5. In order to get bail (i.e. released from the police station before going to court) you will probably have to satisfy the police that you have a fixed address. Remember - don't admit anything to the police until you have talked to a solicitor. You have the right to remain silent.

If your home or workplace is to be searched

Police do not need a warrant or your permission to enter your home in order to arrest someone, but in theory they should name the person sought. Searches can sometimes be conducted without a warrant. In all cases you should ask the reason for the search. You are entitled to see a copy of the search warrant. Police should supply you with information about their powers to search premises. A record of the search must be kept by the police.