

FIN Diary ☺☺☺☺ Apologies for printer tuck-ups.

Tues 29 March: Public meeting "Unity Against Racism"
April International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd.

- Fri 1 International Earth Night. Elves will be abroad hitting the eco-rapists where it hurts - In the pocket.
- Sun 3 Anniversary of the killing of hunt sab Tom Worby. Candlelight vigil at Cambridgeshire Foxhounds kennels. 0602 590357.
- Sun 3 Red Rables walk, Alstonfield & Lower Dove Dale. 1 pm Alstonfield National Park car park. Ph. 0773 827513.
- Wed 6 Culloden Free Festival, nr. Inverness.
- Fri 8 Grand National demo. Meet noon at ASDA, A57/A58 Bootle, Merseyside.
- w/e 8-10 Community Building Workshop, London. Ruth 081 675 4388.
- w/e 8-10 Earth First! Gathering, Todmorden, nr. Halifax, W.Yorks. Ph. Leeds EF! 0532 629427.
- Sat 9 Stop the Grand National. Noon at Aintree. 061 953 4039.
- 16 National conference against the Child Support Act. 071 837 7509.
- +March in Nottingham. Meet at Forest recreation ground 10 am.
- w/e 16-17 Community Building Experience, Sheffield. Eve 0742 665403.
- 17-24 Laboratory Animals Week. NAVS. 081 846 9777.
- Thurs 24 Talk on Homoeopathy by Joy Adams. 354 Mansfield Rd. 7.30 pm. Free.
- 22-24 Angling ~~82~~ and International Shooting Sports Exhibition. ~~B 522~~ NEC. Protests planned. 0902 883733.
- Sat 23 Laboratory Animals March, Hyde Park, London, 1pm. Rally at Parliament Square.
- Sat 23 World Day demo against Shamrock Farms, nr. Brighton. 0424 730154 or 0273 846941.
- Sun 24 World Day for Laboratory Animals.
- Fri 29 Warcollapse, Disaffect + Bob Tilton, Old Angel, 6250.

May 3rd 30 April - 2 May. Beltane Gatherings

- Sun 8 Red Rambles Cycle ~~82~~amble ~~822~~the Tissington Trail. Meet 10am on the Ashbourne end of the trail. 0773 827513.
- Weds. 18 Conflict + Kubrik, Wherehouse, Derby, ~~543~~cheduled.
- Sun 22 Walk on the Wild Side. Nationwide sponsored walks for ~~82~~spect for Animals ~~822~~ 525440. ~~5602~~ may 28
- Mon 30 Kingston Green Fair. ~~5602~~ ANL Carnival London?

Maidstone Green Fair. Po Box 263, Maidstone Kent

June * Fri 27-30 Avon Free Festival *

Sun 5 World Environment Day.

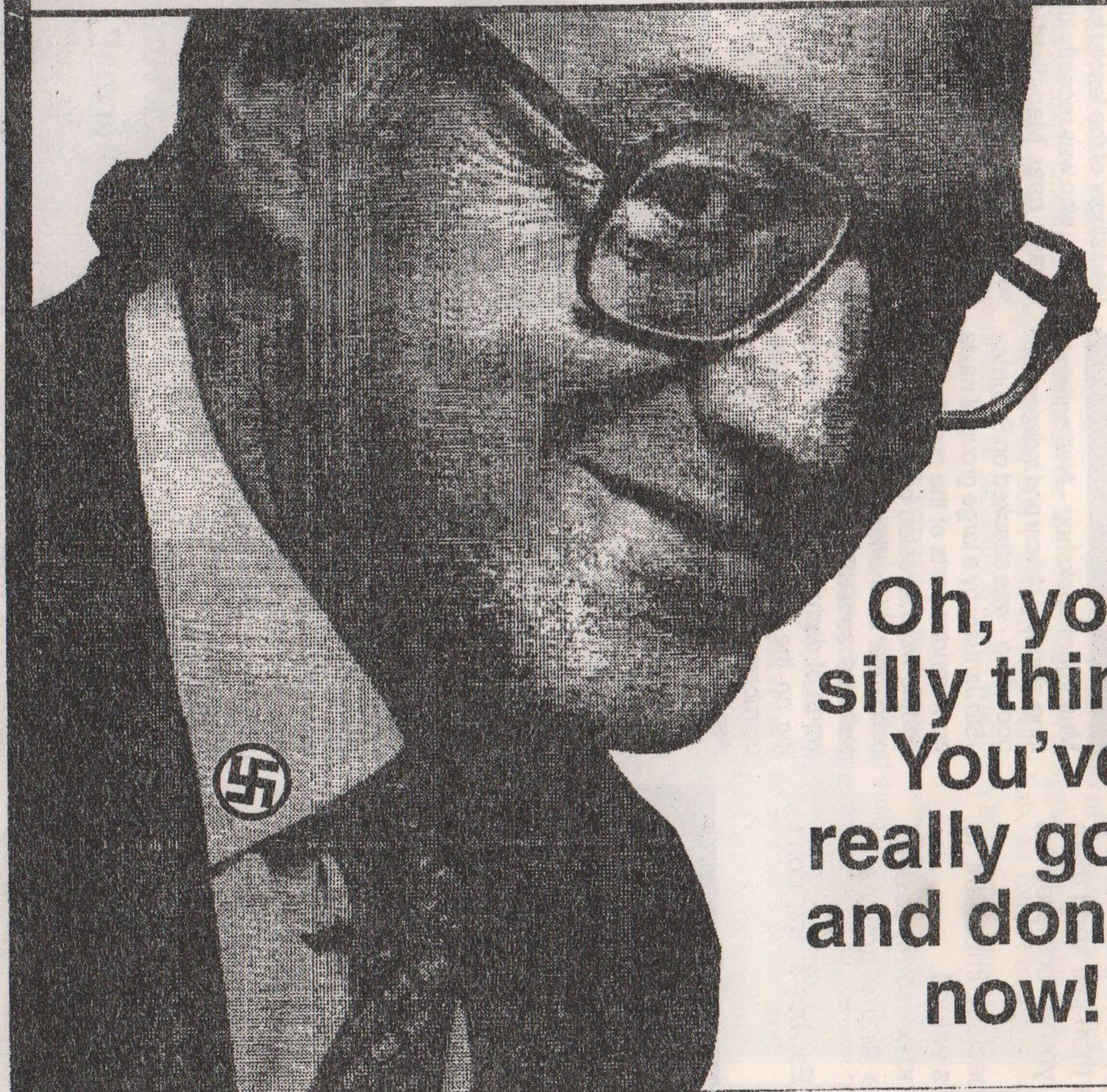
Sat 4 Strawberry Fayre, Midsummer Common Cambridge - free!

Mon. 18 April. Melibee & Thelma Starts London 071 837 32117

Mon 25 April. Rainbow Gathering. Sardinia. 051

May 22-28 Gay Pride Fezzie Brighton

NotFIN 9 FREE INFORMATION NETWORK



Oh, you
silly thing!
You've
really gone
and done it
now!



PLEASE TAKE ONE

Did you know?

Notts. County Council are proposing to build a dual carriageway over 100 ft. wide running from the M1 at Hucknall to the river Trent at Colwick, destroying huge areas of Greenbelt Land. This road would be paid for by private enterprises, who would recoup their investment by 'developing' the land between Nottingham and the new road. Basically, fat cats are destroying our countryside for profit and building more industrial units to produce useless crap for the consumer wage slaves living in the 25 000 new matchbox houses they intend to build as well.

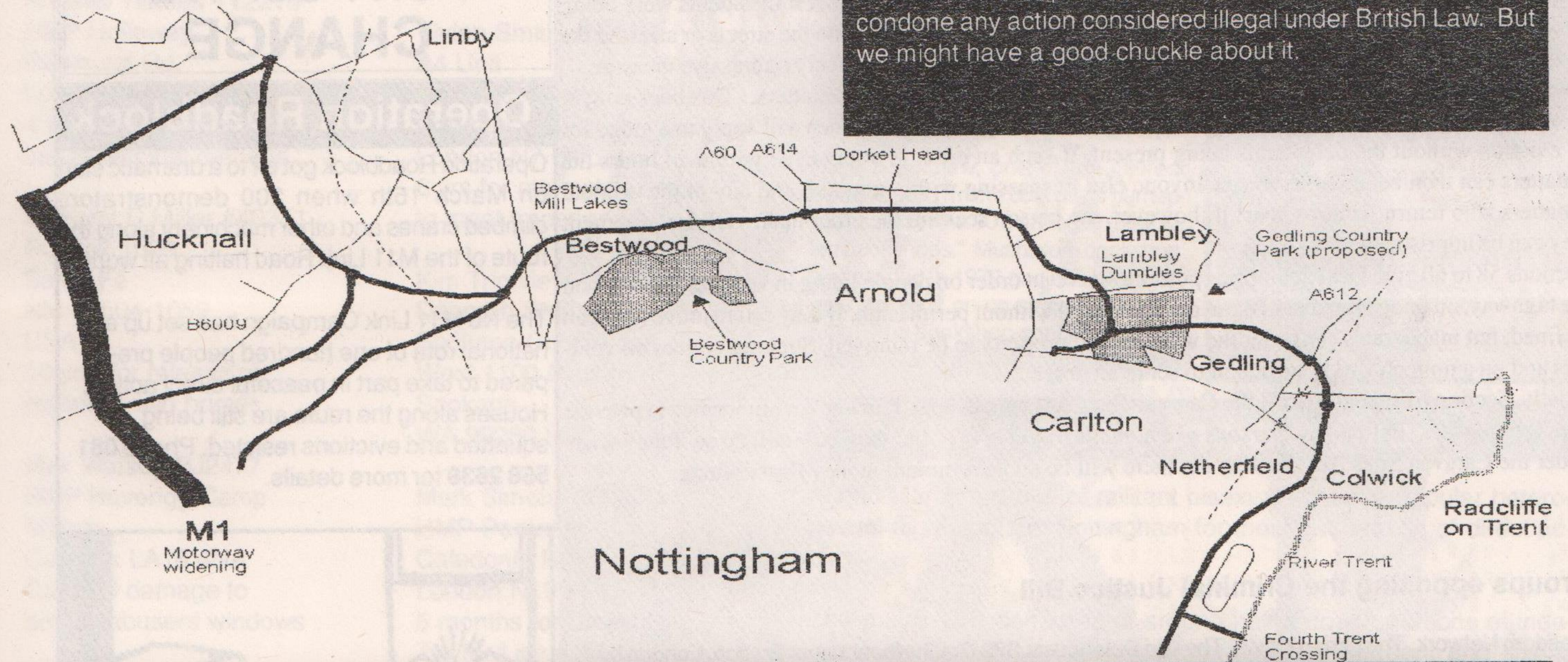
All this madness is part of the £23 billion of proposed road schemes, threatening 160+ SSSIs (Site of Special Scientific Interest - about as protected as a piece of land can get), which also includes plans to widen the M1 to 8 lanes as it passes Nottingham. According to the Council for the Protection of Rural England, by the year 2050, ONE FIFTH! of Britain will be under tarmac, to say nothing about the quarry the size of Oxfordshire they would need to dig to get all the stone to build these roads.

CARS KILL - KILL CARS

Get on your bike, get out there and stop them!

STOP, Campaign Against the Greater Nottingham Orbital Loop Road Proposal, (0602) 874406.

Earth First! (Nottingham), Box EF1, 180 Mansfield Rd., Nottingham, NG1 3HW (0602) 851405.

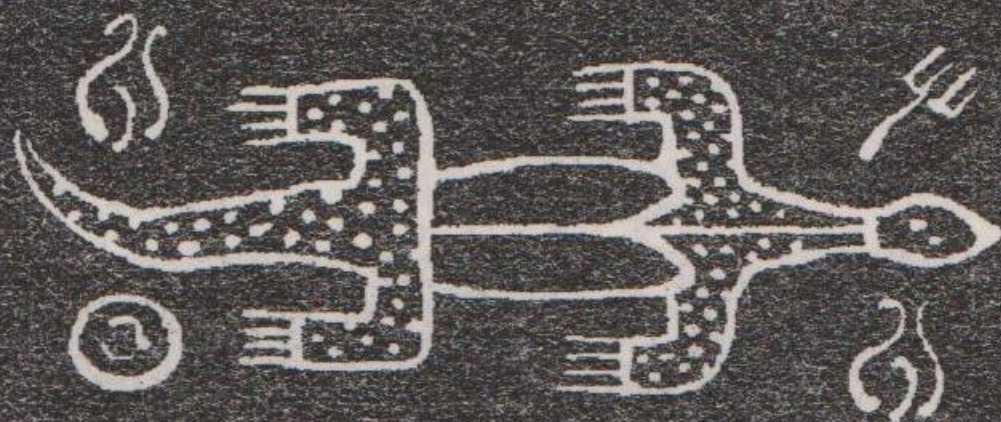


Editorial

Welcome to NottFIN 9. It's been a long time, but we've been very busy around the country chaining ourselves to trees etc. This issue has been brought out especially to coincide with the impending Criminal (in)Justice Bill. Recently a couple of us went through the motions of meeting with local MPs who, although very sympathetic, told us what we already knew - that the chance of stopping this Bill going through, or effecting any significant changes to it are practically zero. This Bill is a lot like the Poll Tax, it will have to be opposed by mass civil disobedience once implemented. Their power comes from our obedience. One silver lining is the coming together of many diverse groups in opposition. Also many former liberals will hopefully be radicalised by their enforced confrontation with the true power relationships which control our lives. As part of this struggle NottFIN was set up two years ago to provide information for Nottingham's subcultures. We aim to let people know about what's going on both locally and nationally, covering those areas the mainstream media ignores or lies about and encouraging people to get involved. NottFIN is also about action not just communication. We need information, articles, photos, drawing etc. We can only be as accurate and comprehensive as the info we receive.

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Leadenham Latest

A camp of eco-activists who successfully stopped work on the Leadenham Bypass in Lincolnshire for two weeks was viciously attacked by thugs recently.

Masked vigilantes from Leadenham village arrived at 5am with chainsaws to hack down trees that eco-activists had been sitting in. Activists who attempted to stop this mindless destruction were punched and violently assaulted by the masked individuals. The attack followed a small demo by local people in favour of the road being built.

The Leadenham bypass is routed along a rural trackway and through a hilltop plantation, that contains rare aconite flowers and ancient oaks. Upon hearing of the proposed eco-destruction, activists had set up a camp in time to prevent the 'St Valentines Day Massacre', with great support from many locals. Even the aconite divas and some elves came out at night to remove surveying stakes and tinker with diggers. Despite encouraging noises from the DoT that they would re-consider the route, Group Four and Lincolnshire Police were sent in to remove protestors from trees while contractors felled oak and ash trees and hedgerows.

For now the camp has packed up but the protest at Leadenham will continue in spite of this mindless violence by those who have decided in their infinite wisdom that a road is more important than "a few trees." A day of action is being planned in the near future. We need to respond in numbers to avoid this happening again. We will not be intimidated by thugs!

A Crime To Be On Land

The CRIMINAL JUSTICE BILL has provisions in it, like removing the Right to Silence and automatic right to trial by jury, which upset some lawyers as well as libertarians. Less attention has been paid to the way in which it removes the right to assembly by criminalising certain forms of trespass. In the past the police have regularly extended, bent and broken the law in the course of struggles against dissidents. They may be expected to go on doing so, so you don't have to be a Hunt Sab, an Earth Firster, a traveller, a hippy, a raver, or an eco-protester to be suddenly arrested when this bill comes into force, perhaps by this Summer.

Sections 45 & 46 extend the existing Public Order provisions to a group having a minimum of 6 vehicles, to green lanes and BOATs as well as to Common Land, where local authorities will act as if they were owners of the land. You can become a trespasser after you have entered the land. A power to remove vehicles is also introduced. If you do not move by a specified time you will be arrested.

Sections 47 & 51 redefine music to include "the emission of a succession of repetitive beats" and covers events where music is played at night and it is imagined that this will cause distress by reason of it's "loudness or duration", even if there is no sound at the time or there has never been any sound at all! 10 or more people who are imagined to be preparing for or waiting for a rave can be told to leave, and arrested if they don't. Although a senior police officer is supposed to give the order, a mere constable can announce it. Persons can be stopped within 5 miles of the expected event and there are powers to enter land without a warrant, to see what is going on and to seize sound equipment and vehicles which can be destroyed. If your vehicle is destroyed you will get a bill for it's seizure, removal and destruction! All these things will happen if there is no entertainment license, even if the land owner gives full permission to the event.

Sections 52 & 53 create the new crime of "aggravated trespass" everywhere except on metalled roads, and you can be arrested without a warrant for seeming to be a person who disrupts "any lawful activity". Such lawful activities might include hunting, tree felling, quarrying, road building nuclear war preparations, or perhaps the operation of other parts of the Act. For example, if dissidents were being arrested, traveller's homes being smashed up and squatters were thrown onto the streets or arrested the law could prevent you even witnessing what they are doing. This is a seriously oppressive measure.

Sections 56 & 57 introduce a special "interim possession order" against squatters. This does not yet exist and the courts will have to create one. But it is envisaged that the owner will apply to a judge for an eviction without the defendants being present. If such an order is not obeyed within 24 hours the squatters can then be arrested, as can anyone else trespassing within a month and any of the original squatters who return within a year! If, however, the person seeking the order makes a false statement they can be imprisoned.

Sections 58 to 60 give local authorities power to serve an order on people living in vehicles, whether on the highway, on unoccupied land or on occupied land without permission. If they fail to move they can be fined, but magistrates can order the vehicles and property to be removed. Sticking notices on vehicles and on a noticeboard is sufficient to serve an order.

Finally, Section 61 repeals part II the Caravan Sites Act which made it a duty for authorities to provide sites for "gypsies" defined as "persons of a nomadic habit of life" but they may still do so if they wish, under the Caravan Sites Act of 1960, but there will be no government money forthcoming.

Groups opposing the Criminal Justice Bill

Freedom Network, The Green Office, The Old Dolehouse, 372 Coldharbour Lane, Brixton, London SW9. 071 7386721.

Advance Party Network, PO Box 3290, London NW2 3UJ. 081 959 7525.

Campaign Against The Criminal Justice Bill, PO box DIY, 15 Goosegate, Nottingham.

Friends and Families of Travellers, 33 Bryanston St. Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7AZ. 0258 453695.

Justice Campaign, 8 Christie Court, 3 Aspern Grove, Haverstock Hill, London NW3. 071 7225214 or 071 8132046.

Liberty, 21 Tabard St. London SE14LA. 071 403 3888

SQUALL/SQUASH, squatters mag/group, 2 St. Pauls Rd., London N1 2QN.

Travelling Itinerants Truss, West Down, c/o Chilbolton PO., Chilbolton, Stockbridge, Hants.

Free Information Networks

ABBERDEEN FIN, 36 Buchan Road, Torry, Aberdeen, AB1 3SW
EFFIN, C/o York, The Coffee Bar, Grassroots, 58 Charles Street, Cardiff, CF1

GUILFIN, PO Box 217, Guildford, Surrey, FIN info - 0483 2003212 week-end only, fax anyday

ISIS BRUMFIN, C/o 29 Silvertown Crescent, Mosley, Birmingham, B13 9ND

LONDON FIN, C/o 99 Torriano Avenue, London, NW5 2RX

MANFIN, Dept 53, 1 Newton Street, Piccadilly, Manchester, M1 1HW

NEVERNEVER FIN, 8 Campbell Road, Southsea, Hants

NOTTFIN, C/o Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, Notts

OXFIN, 21 Cave Street, Oxford, OX4 1BA, 0865 790673 / 240545

(note OXFIN no longer provide free festival phoneline, dates etc.)

SHEFFIN, C/o The Ecology Company, 199 Crookes Valley Road, Sheffield, S10 1BA, 0742 671200

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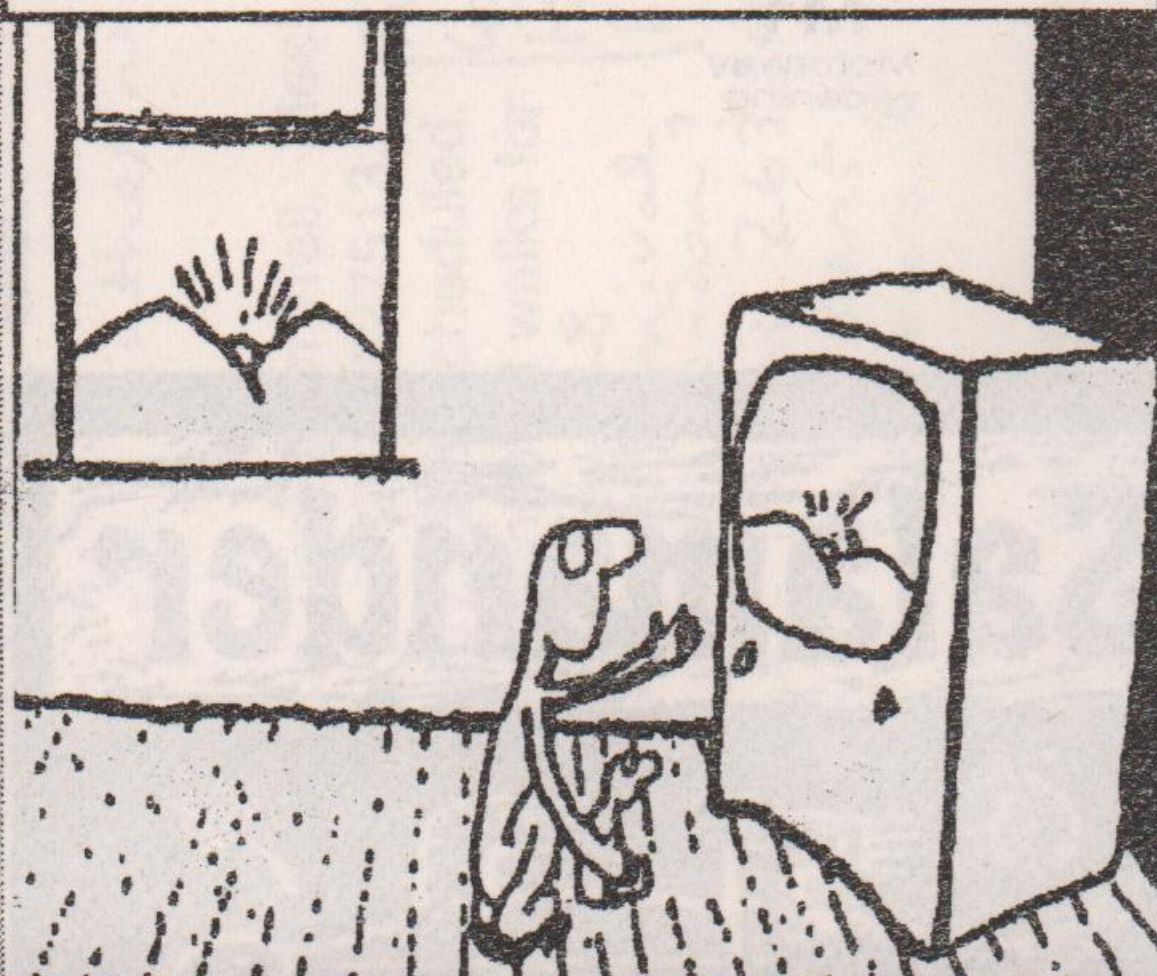
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HOCKLEY
NOTTINGHAM

FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

Operation Roadblock

Operation Roadblock got off to a dramatic start on March 15th when 200 demonstrators climbed cranes and other machinery along the route of the M11 Link Road halting all work.

The No M11 Link Campaign has set up a national rota of one hundred people prepared to take part in peaceful direct action. Houses along the route are still being squatted and evictions resisted. Phone 081 558 2638 for more details.



Homophobic Attack

On Thursday 17th February, 6 women were subjected to an attack outside The Old Vic Tavern, following an incident involving verbal homophobic abuse inside the pub. The staff were totally unsupportive even to the extent of refusing an injured woman the use of the phone.

If you are a homophobe, enjoy your pint with the staff of the Old Vic! Source: Anonymous

Writing to Prisoners

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Writing to prisoners helps break down that isolation, so that prisoners do not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write then just send them a card wishing them well, its the fact that you've bothered to write that counts.

If you know a prisoner personally it is especially important to write as obviously contact from old friends is valued.

Please remember that all letters are opened and censored so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or somebodies freedom.

Many prisoners are allowed to receive SAEs, but if not, don't expect a reply as these will be restricted.

Prisoners Of War

List correct on 23.3.94

Alison Mckee RE2370
HMP Askham Grange
Askham Richard
York YO2 3PT
2 yrs. for criminal damage

Annette Tibbles TT2215
HMP Holloway
Parkhurst Rd.
London N7 0NU
4 yrs. for conspiracy to
cause criminal damage

Anthony D Miller #40351
PO Box 1059
Santa Fe
NM 87504-1059
USA
10 yrs. for release of
captured wild horses

Max Watson BJ2477
HMP Haverigg Camp
Millom
Cumbria LA18 4NA
Criminal damage to
animal abusers windows

Terry Helsby EF0761
HMP Risley
Warrington Rd.
Risley
Warrington
Cheshire WA3 6BP
3.5 yrs for liberation of
polecats & crim. dam.

Vivien Smith TT2743
A4 Unit
HMP Holloway
Parkhurst Rd.
London N7 0NU
6 yrs for attempted arson
to meat transporters

Kim Trimview
Deborah Stout
Spokane County Jail
West 1100 Mallon
Spokane
WA 99260 USA

Mark Simons NX3434
HMP Pentonville
Caledonia Rd.
London N19
5 months for breaking
Twyford injunction.

Mushroom Attack

Mushroom bookshop - Nottingham's long-standing radical and independent bookshop - was attacked on Saturday 15th January by a large group of nazis from various parts of the country. 32 people were arrested by Nottingham police after the incident. The bookshop suffered several thousand pounds worth of damage, but resumed trading on the following Tuesday. Two members of staff were injured and one disabled customer was also hurt.

The attack took place at 3.30 in the afternoon, with 15-20 customers in the shop. About half the nazis entered the shop, many wearing swastika armbands and almost immediately started wrecking the shop concentrating on computer and other electrical equipment and the plate glass windows. Metal card racks were demolished and thrown at customers, some of whom escaped through a fire escape and others locking themselves in the shop office. The attack was over within minutes and all the attackers were captured by police later on a bus to Heanor.

Ross Bradshaw, one of the injured workers, said "In the 30's nazis burned books and in the 90's are again attacking bookshops." Mushroom bookshop was started in 1972 and has been run as a workers' co-op since the beginning. The bookshop continues to run as before and refuses to give in to this

intimidation.

The fascists are thought to have been on their way to a memorial gig in London for Ian Stewart Donaldson, former lead singer of the fascist band Screwdriver, who was recently killed in a car smash near Mansfield (Karma or what!). The 'secret' gig like most far right events nowadays was cancelled due to a mobilisation of Anti Fascists in London.

Do you have any information on fascists operating in the East Midlands, if so contact Anti Fascist Action, PO Box 39, Mansfield. All information treated in confidence.

mushroom
B.O.O.K.S.H.O.P

Thanks to all for your support following the Nazi attack. Special thanks to all those on the February 26th demonstration against racism and fascism. We're back running as 'normal'.

10-12 Heathcote Street,
Nottingham, NG1 3AA
0602 - 582506

Bisexuals In your Face

In mid March a group of militant bisexuals choose popular heterosexual night spots in Nottingham for their first season of direct action.

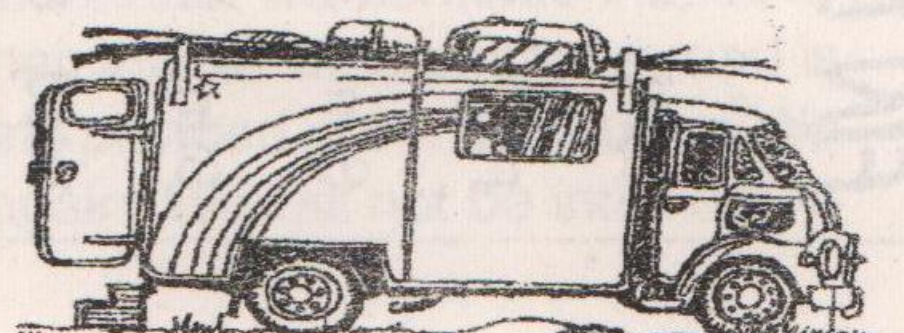
The group, BIF, consisted of around half a dozen persons of indeterminate gender whose targets ranged from student and sixties nights to traditional Irish Ceilidh.

One witness who was in the Cookie Club said of the protesters; "Whilst two of the more feminine ones kissed and fondled in front of me, another stole my drinks." When her partner complained, one of the more extreme BIFers head butted him.

The next night, in Nottingham Trent Student Union the group occupied the dance floor. During a prolonged simulated sex act one of the protesters was forcibly removed from the dance floor and sustained injuries at the hands of bar security.

Finally, in west Bridgford, the group descended on the church hall which was hosting a family orientated Ceilidh. With complete disregard for family values two of the BIF males (we think) proceeded to gyrate erotically against each other, an act which cumulated in the frenzied ripping of clothing. A shocked father of two who didn't wish to be named claimed he had to cover his childrens eyes to prevent them seeing the spectacle. As they left the scene, one particularly particularly glamorous BIFer was heard to shout back at stunned observers "Conformist hetero trash".

Source: BIF press release.



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