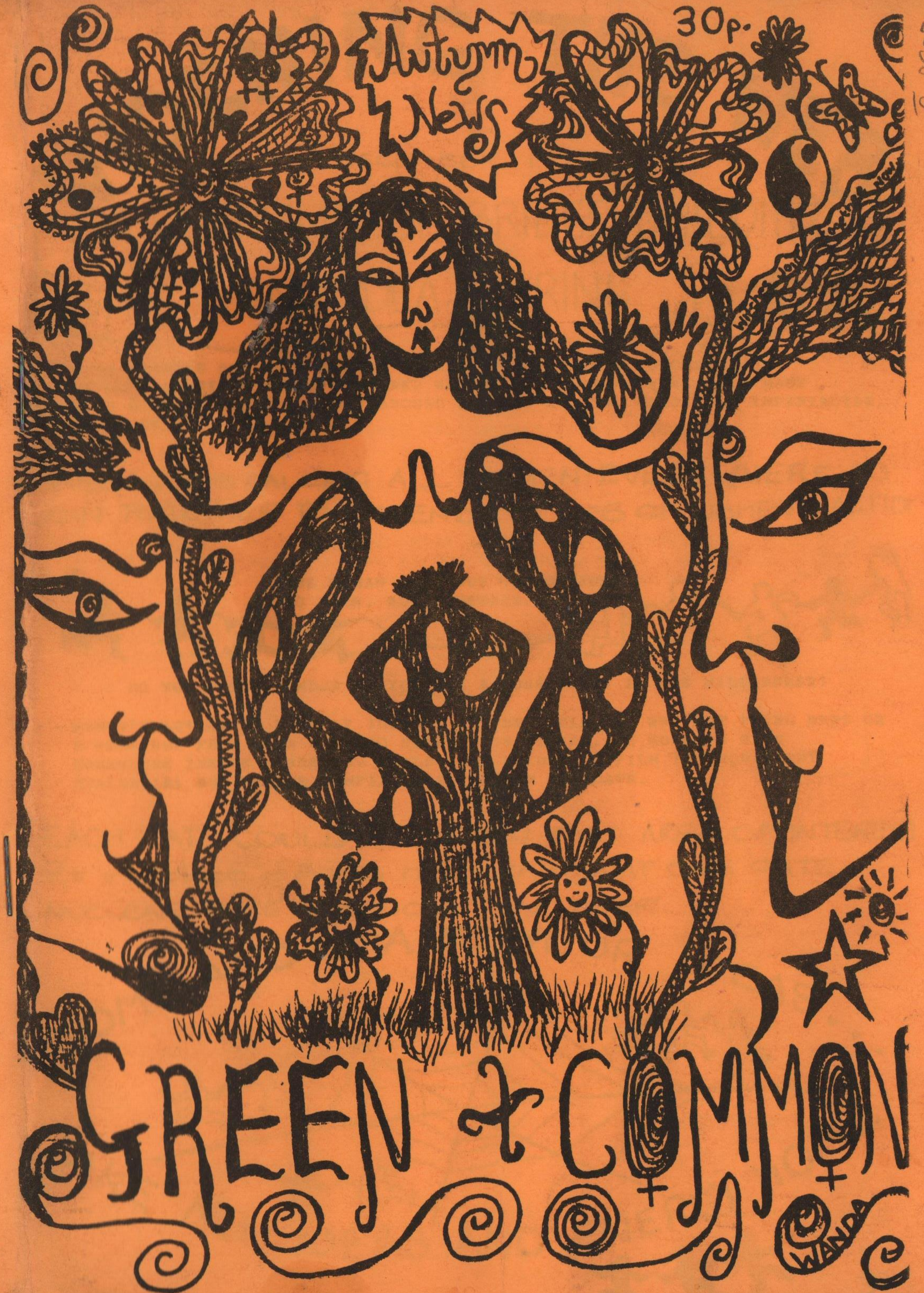


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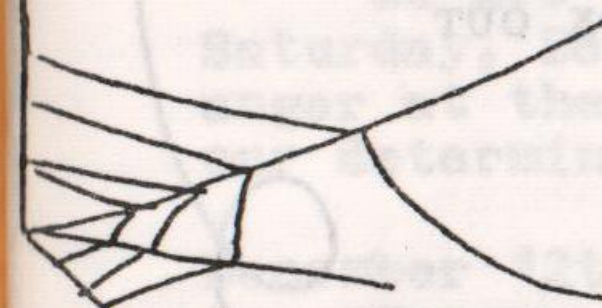


GREEN & COMMON
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WIDENING THE WEB

14-15 DECEMBER 1985

A WEEKEND OF BRIDGE BUILDING
AND IDEA SHARING



WHAT STARTED OUT AS A SINGLE THREAD OF RESISTANCE TO CRUISE HAS DEVELOPED INTO A MULTI-COLOURED WEB AS CONNECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH OTHER WOMEN'S ACTIONS AROUND RACISM, SEXISM, CLASSISM, IMPERIALISM, AND POVERTY.

GREENHAM IS CALLING ALL WOMEN EVERYWHERE TO JOIN TOGETHER TO EXTEND THE WEB OF WOMEN'S ACTION



ONE WOMAN OR GROUP CAN DO JUST SO MUCH, BUT TOGETHER....

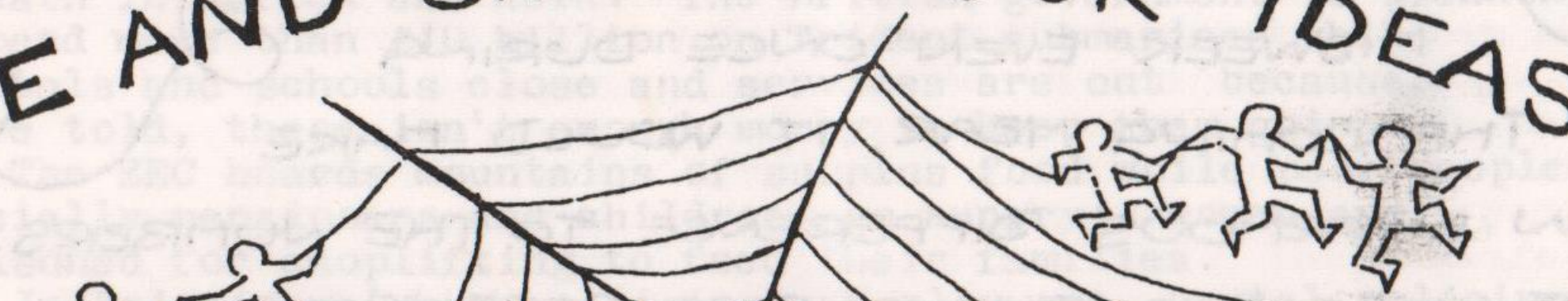


DO YOU OFTEN WONDER IF YOU ARE A LONE VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS?

WOMEN'S ACTION IS USUALLY IGNORED BY THE MEDIA, SO WHY NOT BRING NEWS OR A WORKSHOP FROM YOUR AREA TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. WE HOPE TO HAVE SOMEWHERE INSIDE WHERE YOU COULD SHOW SLIDES OR FILM (NO EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE) BUT PLEASE CONFIRM THIS NEARER THE DATE.

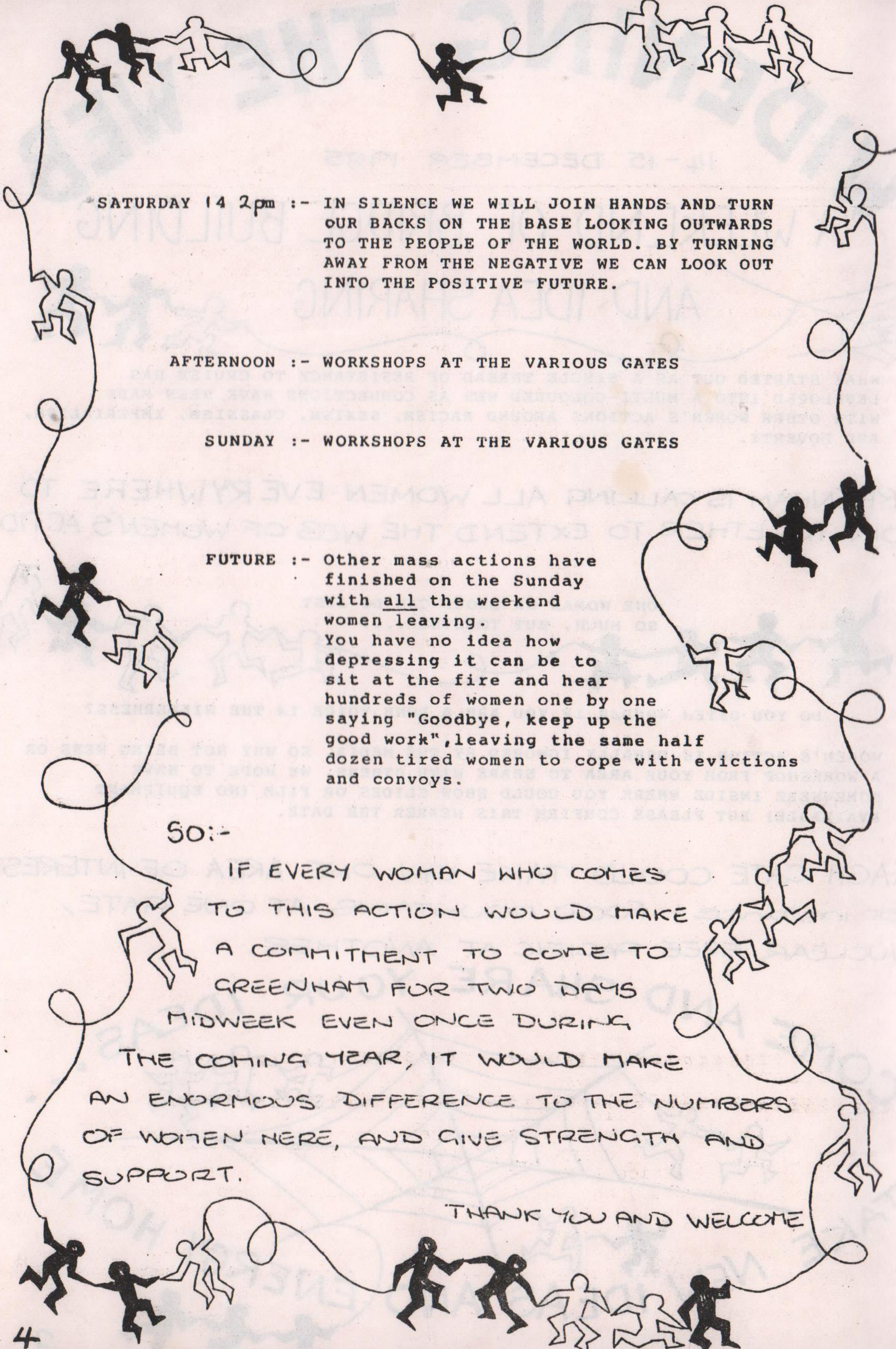
EACH GATE COULD TAKE ON ONE AREA OF INTEREST
for instance:- FOOD MOUNTAINS AT ONE GATE,
NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC AT ANOTHER.

COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS...



TAKE NEW IDEAS AND ENERGY HOME





SATURDAY 14 2pm :- IN SILENCE WE WILL JOIN HANDS AND TURN OUR BACKS ON THE BASE LOOKING OUTWARDS TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD. BY TURNING AWAY FROM THE NEGATIVE WE CAN LOOK OUT INTO THE POSITIVE FUTURE.

AFTERNOON :- WORKSHOPS AT THE VARIOUS GATES

SUNDAY :- WORKSHOPS AT THE VARIOUS GATES

FUTURE :- Other mass actions have finished on the Sunday with all the weekend women leaving. You have no idea how depressing it can be to sit at the fire and hear hundreds of women one by one saying "Goodbye, keep up the good work", leaving the same half dozen tired women to cope with evictions and convoys.

SO:-

IF EVERY WOMAN WHO COMES TO THIS ACTION WOULD MAKE A COMMITMENT TO COME TO GREENHAM FOR TWO DAYS MIDWEEK EVEN ONCE DURING THE COMING YEAR, IT WOULD MAKE AN ENORMOUS DIFFERENCE TO THE NUMBERS OF WOMEN HERE, AND GIVE STRENGTH AND SUPPORT.

THANK YOU AND WELCOME

December 14th Action,
Greenham Common Women's Peace Camp
Newbury, Berkshire.

Dear Friends,

We are writing to invite all women to Greenham Common on Saturday, December 14th, 1985, to express our mourning and anger at the continuing nuclear war preparations and to celebrate our determination to win peace and justice before it is too late.

Remember:

December 12th 1979 -- NATO decides to site Cruise missiles in Europe, starting with Greenham Common.

December 12th 1982 -- 35,000 women Embrace the Base at Greenham and decorate the fence with symbols of life and hope.

Thousands stay to blockade and Close the Base.

December 11th 1983 -- 50,000 women gather at Greenham and take down miles of the fence.

DECEMBER 14TH - WIDENING THE WEB

We call on the thousands of women who have ever visited Greenham to come back on this anniversary, bringing women who have never been before. WOMEN TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG -- Black and White; young and old; mothers, wives, lesbians, daughters, grandmothers; working women, homemakers, unwaged; disabled and able-bodied women. Celebrate our differences and recognise our power to change the world.

BREAK THE NUCLEAR CHAIN

The 96 Cruise missiles planned for Greenham are equivalent to 1200 Hiroshima bombs. They endanger our lives and the whole planet Earth. But Cruise missiles are only part of the nuclear chain and the nuclear mentality. So is racism, poverty, deprivation, unemployment, sexism, prejudice, violence, oppression, rape, torture. The chain's other deadly parts include Uranium mining, nuclear power, waste and dumping; weapons testing, radiation, cancers, the arms trade, prisons, food mountains; Polaris, Trident, zapping, SS20s, Star Wars.

Billions of pounds are spent on weapons while people starve to death in Africa and Asia. The British government is planning to spend more than £10 billion on Trident submarines while hospitals and schools close and services are cut because we are told, there isn't enough money to keep them going.

The EEC hoards mountains of surplus food while poor people, especially pensioners and children, go hungry: women are imprisoned for shoplifting to feed their families.

In Britain we've seen rising unemployment, brutal policing and the ugly consequences of deprivation and racism.

In South Africa the Black people are struggling for freedom and independence. Many have been imprisoned or killed. Women in Chile, Turkey, the Philippines, Iran and Iraq are tortured, raped and imprisoned because they continue to struggle for peace and freedom. The USA threatens Nicaragua with invasion and destruction, while in the Soviet Union dissidents are locked away in psychiatric hospitals and prisons. Governments con us that we need nuclear weapons against some foreign enemy. Our real enemies are the militarists and arms manufacturers.

For 40 years Europe and the U.S.A. have been testing nuclear weapons in the Pacific, destroying the Islanders' homes. They and their children have died of radiation-caused deformities, cancers and horrific birth defects. Cruise, Polaris, Trident --- they've suffered them all in an undeclared nuclear war of our making.

WE CANNOT SHIRK OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE HORRORS ---

WE MUST ACT NOW.

DECEMBER 14th -- WIDENING THE WEB -- STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S LINKS

Once again we will encircle the base. En-Close the base. Greenham Women's Peace Camp is testimony to the power of women and the power of nonviolence. There will be no leaders to tell you what to do when you come here. This is your space. But some suggestions for the day include: bring messages, banners etc for women across the world; bring your warnings to let the warmongers of the world know that their time is up. Attach them to balloons or leave them on the fence or exchange them with each other. If you wish to take them into the base, choose your own time and come equipped, prepared and self sufficient. When you return home send postcards of protest to governments that starve, torture and kill. At around 2.00 pm we will link hands all the way around the base, keening. Then in silence we will turn our backs on the base, rejecting it and looking outward to the peoples of the world. Bring candles, sparklers and flares to Light Up the base at dusk.

These are just ideas. In some areas women will be taking actions locally on the anniversary of December 12th (Thursday) and as part of the build up for Saturday. Contact your local CND/Greenham Support Group for details of this and buses to Greenham. If they aren't doing anything, take it on instead. Greenham women don't have the resources or desire for centralised organisation or sophisticated publicity, but we can help each other to communicate. Please copy this letter - or write your own - and send it to at least ten more women, asking them to send it to ten more... Reaching women is widening the web.

This action is about making links and connecting with women across the world. We are gathering at Greenham because women's vision and persistence have made this place special to us, not because Greenham is the centre of the web. But when you come, please bear in mind that women live here all year round, despite daily evictions. Please respect and care for the Common. Don't scar the Earth with careless fires, litter, shit or toilet paper.

There may be heavy policing on Saturday. We are most powerful when we are nonviolent. Please do not resort to physical or verbal violence against people, animals or other living things. Violence undermines us, and is self defeating.

We know and respect how hard women have to struggle in their own homes and localities, but when everyone goes home immediately after a big action at Greenham it can leave the Camp feeling bereft and isolated. So it would be wonderful if lots of women could come prepared to stay for the weekend or longer, perhaps to plan other nonviolent actions over this period. If you can, come prepared with warm waterproof clothes and bedding, tents, boltcutters etc.... But even if you can't stay this time, COME TO GREENHAM ON DEC. 14; THEN WIDEN THE WEB AND CARRY GREENHAM HOME, EMPOWERED AND STRONG.

For Peace,



6 This action will cost money. Donations to your local Greenham Group or direct to the Camp, payable to Greenham Women's Peace Camp (Dec 14th Action)

ONE OF YOUR DOCUMENTS IS MISSING.....

THURSDAY NIGHT, THE DAY BEFORE NAGASAKI, SOME BRIGHT SPARK HAD THIS WONDERFUL IDEA OF "DOING" THE 4 BIG BASES IN THE ALDER VALLEY:- BURGHFIELD ROYAL ORDNANCE FACTORY, ALDERMASTON WEAPONS RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT, R.A.F. WELFORD (HUGE WEAPONS DUMP) AND DEAR OLD G.C., ESPECIALLY 'SINCE THERE IS APPARENTLY ONLY 3 C.I.D. POLICE ON IN THE ALDER VALLEY AT ANY ONE TIME. AS IT TURNED OUT, BURGHFIELD GOT IGNORED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, BUT THE OTHER 3 WERE ALL IN OCCUPATION BY 3AM (THE TIME WHEN THE NAGASAKI BOMB WAS DROPPED.). 3 OF US WENT INTO ALDERMASTON. OUR ACTION STARTED OFF IN A FAIRLY TYPICAL WAY WHEN WE FOUND OUT THAT WE HAD LEFT OUR BOLT CUTTERS AT GREENHAM AND OUR LIFT UP TO ALDERMASTON HAD ALREADY DRIVEN BACK TO CAMP... HAVE YOU EVER DUG UNDER THE FENCE? I HADN'T BUT THERE'S ALWAYS A FIRST TIME (...ETC.ETC.) AND WE GOT IN AND THEN THROUGH ANOTHER FENCE (UNPICKING IT THIS TIME.). AFTER SPENDING A FEW HOURS REDECORATING SOME SUSPICIOUS-LOOKING WHITE FLASKS, TWO SETS OF BREATHING APPARATUS AND LOADS OF BUILDINGS (A HORRIFYING NUMBER OF WHICH HAD RADIATION SYMBOLS ON), WE FOUND A TELEPHONE BOX (NEAR THE MAIN GATE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN RETURN VISITS.). WE 'PHONED UP THE "ASSOCIATED PRESS" OFFICE, WHO WERE VERY INTERESTED AND EVEN 'PHONED BACK TO SAVE 10pS, AND THE GUARDIAN AND THE MORNING STAR. THE "A.P." JOURNALIST SAID HE WOULD 'PHONE THE M.O."D" POLICE TO VERIFY THE STORY, SO WE HUNG ABOUT IN THE PHONEBOX WAITING TO BE "GOT", THEN GOT COLD, BORED AND TIRED, WENT FOR A WALK, AND GOT PICKED UP WALKING PAST THE POLICE STATION! WE WERE HELD IN THE BASE FROM ABOUT 2.30AM TO 9.30AM, AND ONE OF THE ROOMS WE WERE PUT IN HAD A POLICE HAT HANGING ON THE WALL AND A "M.O.D" POLICE ALDERMASTON STATION ORDERS MANUAL LYING ON THE DESK. IT DIDN'T WHEN WE LEFT. THAT MORNING WE WERE CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL DAMAGE (THE PAINTING), BUT WITHIN A FEW DAYS WE HAD ALL BEEN PICKED UP AGAIN "ON SUSPICION OF THEFT." WE HAVEN'T BEEN CHARGED WITH THEFT (YET - WE'RE BAILED TO RE-APPEAR IN SEPTEMBER), PROBABLY BECAUSE AT THE TIME OF OUR RE-ARREST THEY STILL HAD SOME HOPE OF GETTING BACK BOTH THE ORIGINAL MANUAL AND THE PHOTOCOPIES, (WHICH WERE RAPIDLY MULTIPLYING THEMSELVES) BUT, NO CHANCE, THE DOCUMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN DISTRIBUTED AND ON TUESDAY THE STORY BROKE IN THE PRESS.



IF YOU WANT A COPY OF THE ALDERMASTON M.O.D. POLICE MANUAL, SEND A (BIG) S.A.E. TO LORNA, BLUEGATE.



P.S. - IT IS NOW LATE SEPTEMBER - LATEST NEWS IS THAT THEFT CHARGES WILL APPARENTLY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST US, BUT THAT "A REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR CONSIDERATION OF OFFICIAL SECRET ACT OFFENCES."

WE AREN'T THE ONLY WOMEN BAILED UNDER THIS ACT. (SEE REPORT ON BURGHFIELD BOMB FACTORY) WHETHER THESE ARE ONLY M.O.D THEATRICALS TO FRIGHTEN US AWAY FROM PLACES LIKE ALDERMASTON, BURGHFIELD, (WELFORD, PORTON DOWN, ETC. ETC.) OR VERY REAL CHARGES RESULTING IN VERY REAL TRIALS AND VERY REAL PRISON SENTENCES, IT IS VITAL THAT ACTIONS CONTINUE AT THESE PLACES. THEY ARE ONLY A FEW MILES FROM GREENHAM + THE SECURITY IS ROTTEN, SO HOW ABOUT A VISIT NEXT TIME YOU COME TO CAMP? (NOT THAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE TRESPASS, OR LEAVING MESSAGES, OR ANYTHING.....) ♀ ♀ ♀ 7

Song To The Tune of "The Chatanooga choo-choo"
by Elsie Rowley - Yellow Gate!

Women & Kids - theres such a lot of us at
Greenham
Won't live in fear, and thats the reason
we're here

Can you afford to pay the price for Ronald
Reagan?
He sends you to die - will you never ask why!
He has the lot of you for targets while
he's safe overseas

Margaret Thatchers just as bad with her
Won't you find your senses? M.O.D.'s

Help us shift the fences
Then we'll share the common and we'll
all be Friendses!
We will take the comby you can all

We will send it safely back to the U.S.
go away
of A!

Have a lovely day now - then be on your
way now
You'll be home in time for Christmas day!
There's gonna be a peaceful atmosphere

Women Unite - 'cos only men want to fight
around us
we'll tell you this - That we will still be
here when you've
GONE HOME!

So board the Chatanooga - we're a nuclear
free zone!



Being an enterprising soul I decided to go to church inside
the base, so I put on my best clothes, cut a hole just around
the corner on the way to Green, by the first squaddie hut, climbed
up the tank, and started to look for the church.

I walked through the RAF Regiment barracks, saying "Good
morning" to a few soldiers I met, and onto the main road. Being
slightly lost I asked an American where the Protestant church was,
and got directed to the "Chapel Center". Here I was half an hour
early for the service still, so an American guy, whom I assume was
some sort of lay-preacher gave me a cup of coffee, which I
sat drinking and making polite conversation about the
weather, etc, while everyone else got on with their choir
practise. When I'd finished my coffee, I left, following the
directions I'd been given. I was just walking up the high street
when - alas! - a police van with this guy in it who
unfortunately arrested me quite a few times last summer
drove up.....

(Charged with trespass and bailed to appear the next morning
I did so and was given Hiroshima Day (next day) as the date for
the actual case! I made it quite clear that I would not be
there; apart from the fact that it was Hiroshima Day I obviously
did not have enough time to call my witnesses - I want
3 or 4 people to appear as such - or to prepare my case. As
it did not turn up they issued a warrant, I was picked up on
it at 4:00 pm Hiroshima afternoon, held overnight and brought
to court next morning, found guilty of failing to appear in
court without reasonable excuse (!!!), and given a 3 months
conditional Discharge. The actual 'trespass' 'offence' has been
adjourned until Friday 13th September - all are ^{invited} ~~invited~~.)

Juley (generally Drange, but Yellow at
the moment.)

GREENHAM ZIMBABWE EXCHANGE



Two Greenham women have been invited to visit Zimbabwe to meet black women there. Food and accommodation will be provided, but we have to find the fares. We also want to return the invitation. The return air fare is £450 or so, so we need £1,000 initially, more for the return visit. Can you help? Do you know anyone who might give some money?

It is vital that women all over the world should be in touch with each other in this time of intense change. The future of planet earth depends on this, together with solutions to the nuclear issue. Problems can be neatly labelled as 'racism', say or 'non-violence' but they cannot be simply or quickly sorted out, either outside or inside ourselves. You may cringe at the image of the rifle, but this has been and is a fact of many women's lives, whether we or they like it or not.

Help us learn more about women in Zimbabwe. Help us to find out how women there are working on these problems.

Cheques can be sent to:

Suzanne - 58, BARRY ROAD, LONDON SE22 or
directly to Acc. no. 31823015 Allied Irish Bank,
209, LEWISHAM HIGH ST., LONDON SE13

On June 4, at 9:15 AM, the MOD alleged that 2 womyn, all mysteriously named Katrina, climbed aboard a tank transporter & daubed silver symbols & slogans in paint, causing £120 of damage to government property. They couldn't prove it.

On Sept. 29, at the first trial date of the 12 'Katrinas', the MOD solicitor said she would prove "A Common Design." Meanwhile, a sign on the toilet door of the womyn's room at Newbury Courthouse reads: "Powerful Womyn are Dangerous Womyn, so they Lock Them Up."

All the 12 defendants pleaded not guilty, & chattered merrily in the cauldron as the MOD presented their witnesses. Unfortunately, the witnesses for the prosecution at this witch trial did more damage for the MOD's case than good. The 2 drivers of the tank transporter admitted that they never slowed down in order for the womyn to disembark from the lorry trailer, & that they never actually saw anyone painting, & couldn't say how many womyn there were. The 2 coppers were unable to identify the womyn, & one began to point to a Mackenzie Friend before he was silenced by the magistrate. This interruption, along with the fact that the lorry drivers had lots of time to discuss the case while they waited outside, brought an uproar of protest from the womyn. The bias of the court was clear, & a common design of Rage at the injustice filled the courtroom, billowing out of the cauldron of chaos at the conclusion of the day's proceedings.

On October 16, the defense was allowed to present witnesses, but none did. Womyn spoke, one after the next, of the bias of the court, & the impossibility of a fair trial. All refused to take part in the process. One womyn was dragged down to the cells for her refusal to participate. She returned minutes later. The refusal to cooperate, & the strong spirit of Anarchy woven into a common design, brewed bubbling in the cauldron. Powerful womyn. Dangerous womyn. After waiting 40 minutes, the magistrates returned with a dismissal in favor of the womyn. The cauldron exploded, sending colorful streamers shooting in wild celebration of a common design. Powerful womyn are dangerous womyn, and more & more, the threats of the cage cannot hold us from our Freedom ★.

Katrina needs support
send letters and cards to:-

KATRINA HOWSE
HMB BULWOOD HALL
HIGH ST.
HOCKLEY
ESSEX.

Please send her books but write and tell Katrina so she can put in for them from her property

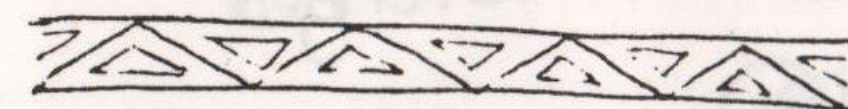
KATRINA HOWSE WAS SENT TO PRISON ON 18TH SEPT AFTER SHE APPEALED AT READING CROWN COURT AGAINST A CONVICTION FOR CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO THE GREENHAM FENCE. SINCE THE CONVICTION PUT HER IN BREACH OF A SUSPENDED SENTENCE, AND SINCE SHE WAS GIVEN A FURTHER 2 MONTHS FOR THE NEW 'OFFENCE', KATRINA NOW HAS A

6 MONTH SENTENCE.

KATRINA IS A VERY ACTIVE WOMAN AND HAS TOLD THE COURTS TIME + TIME AGAIN OF HOW, WHY, + WHEN SHE CUTS THE FENCE, SO IT IS IRONIC THAT SHE IS FINALLY GIVEN THIS HEAVY SENTENCE FOR SOMETHING THAT SHE DIDN'T ACTUALLY DO. HER TRIAL LASTED 3 DAYS, AND SHE MANAGED TO TOTALLY EXPOSE THE POLICE LIES + PERJURED EVIDENCE THAT MADE UP THE CASE FOR THE PROSECUTION, BUT "BRITISH JUSTICE" RAN TRUE TO FORM + FOUND HER **GUILTY**. UNLESS MORE + MORE WOMEN TAKE ACTION THE AUTHORITIES WILL CONTINUE TO PICK ON CERTAIN VERY ACTIVE WOMEN, SCAPEGOAT THEM, AND SEND THEM TO PRISON FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME TO KEEP THEM OUT OF THE WAY. IN APRIL IT WAS ANNE FRANCIS, NOW IT IS KATRINA, + IT WILL BECOME MORE + MORE FREQUENT. IT COULD BE ANY OF US NEXT. NOT ONLY MUST WE

FREE KATRINA HOWSE + ALL ♀♀♀
IN PRISON

BUT WE MUST CREATE THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH NO WOMAN CAN BE SCAPEGOATED OR PICKED UPON.



Yellowgate womyn need a VEHICLE (for camp) that WORKS! Any offers or suggestions to Yellowgate, Greenham. - donations to be seen to Yellow Gate ♀ please!

What are you woman,
Do you sit and watch the fire?
Are you ...

the woman of the family?
the mother of the children?
the wife of the husband?
the daughter of the father?
the servant of the master?
the embodiment of the stereotype?
the law abiding female?

What are you woman,
Sitting there,
What are you,
Woman?

Yes,
I am woman.

In all my senses I am woman,
In all my strength, and in my love.

And I'm angry,
angry as the wind.

And I'm angry,
angry as the rain.

And I'm angry as a woman.
As a woman who's been wronged
We're all angry.

And we're coming
All us strong,
wronged,
angry

Wimmin

We're coming back from our hibernated selves
where you buried us
To make us forget.

From the woods and the trees
the flames and the fire,
The burning stake of your mysogyny.

We're up rooting your stake,
Destroying your law.

And you'll never stop us

No matter how hard you try.
Because we're strong, and we don't forget,
we won't forget.

We see it all, and we remember.

Mouira
Lxx

For Katrina



ACT NOW!!

On the 20th July I took part in a NON-VIOLENT direct action on Salisbury Plain. The action involved making our way across fields to WADDMANS COPPICE where the Cruise missile Convoy was situated. The action was no different from any other action I have taken part in apart from two things: 1) the Extremely violent/aggressive way in which the MOD reacted to our presence, and, 2) the MOD invented an imaginary incident and have framed me with an assault charge.

I have always treated the MOD police as human beings, it is against my nature/character to treat them any different, I have often been criticized by other women for being too Soft/Naive!! and so it is ironic that I have been chosen to be framed with Assault. My feelings about the pending court case, my future, and the distress I have gone through through having had to almost prove my innocence to women before they can offer support has left me feeling extremely sad, disillusioned and angry. There are now 3 women at Greenham framed on assault charges and many women on framed criminal Damage charges. **WE ARE BEING PICKED OFF, WE ARE BEING BURNED FOR OUR RESISTANCE.** I am angry because it is still the same few women who are taking action and being persecuted. I am angry because I hear women proclaiming the end of Greenham, I see women leaving/giving up the struggle, re-accepting patriarchy and domination - re-becoming passive and inactive. I am tired of hearing the same old excuses about how women don't feel ready to take direct action - **JUST HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO SIT BACK AND WATCH THEM DESTROY YOUR LIVES YOUR FUTURE - YOUR CHILDRENS FUTURES? NOW is the time, more than any time before, when YOU have got to become/re-become Active. No more Armchair politics/liberation - No more Excuses - No more empty words and promises of future action and support - ACT NOW - AND NOT JUST SYMBOLICALLY!!**
(Lyn Barlow - Greenham Common)



Many thanks to all of you who supported me while I was in prison for four months through your letters, cards, flowers, books, prayers, thoughts and petitions to the Home Office. There are many 'coincidences' which I would like to share with you surrounding my punitive sentence and its cosmetic reduction.

The week before I appeared at Aylesbury Crown Court I attended an inquest on a 21 year old woman who had been mentally ill. She died in Pucklechurch Remand Centre in January of this year, and I was imprisoned there at the time. I went as a witness to the fact that she had been refused medical attention shortly before her death. There were many questions not raised at this inquest and important professional witnesses were not present. There was other evidence which supported my statement but the jury found that she had died from natural causes. The Home Office solicitors were there in force as they had obviously been given a copy of my statement a couple of weeks before. I had questioned what goes on in prison, and a week later I was sentenced to one year on each of two charges of cutting the perimeter fence at Greenham Common. Was this a coincidence? When I came out in August I learned that the woman who had died had been remanded for shoplifting goods to the value of 66p.

At the appeal stage of my case I applied for Legal Aid and was told that in order to qualify for a contribution towards my legal expenses my husband would immediately have to deposit £ 4,000 in the local magistrates' court. The cost of the appeal was not a tenth of this. Is it normal practice for the courts to demand this amount of money?

For those of you who thought that the Appeal Court had shown some kind of sense in halving my sentence it may help to realise that on a year's sentence I would have been eligible for parole at six months, so the reduction in effect was only of two months and the other half being suspended means a longer parole with an added sting to the sentence. Suspended sentences are being used rather like the cat and mouse tactics against the suffragettes early this century. There are risks of being framed for an offence while under a suspended sentence, as has happened to Katrina Howse who was given a 4 months suspended sentence after one of these incidents at Greenham Common. She was given an extra 2 months so she is serving 6 months in Bullwood Hall Borstal in Essex.

The Lord Chief Justice had given orders for me not to be in the actual court for the appeal. I was, however, to be in the cells. He made quite a show, for the benefit of the press no doubt, of pretending he didn't know of my presence outside the court, and that if he had known, I would have been able to hear the appeal. If this had been allowed I would have corrected the inaccuracy of part of the transcript read in court. This stated that in mitigation I said, "The only thing I have to say is, are you going to punish me for taking a cause seriously?" What I actually said was, "The only thing I have to say is, are you going to punish me for taking Christ seriously?" I am assured by the court shorthand-writers that this was a genuine mistake. Was it in fact another coincidence?

Women who have been to prison must question British Justice which imprisons innocent women, the mentally ill, gives long sentences for minor offences, which imposes longer sentences on women than men, and that can further degrade women with strip-searches and by the use of strip-cells which should have been abolished long ago.

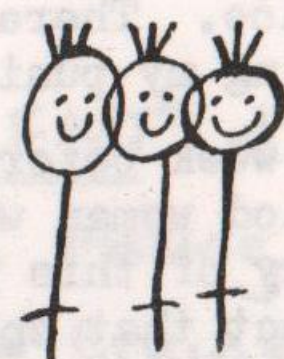
It is important for Christians to speak out against all forms of oppression, not only of the nuclear kind, but wherever they occur. The Church is so involved with its presence in establishments which purvey oppression; by that I mean prisons the armed forces, and in the Church itself where some still seek to oppress women by not recognising their equality in Christ. It is necessary to name oppression for it to be recognised, and that is why on August 6th this year, just after I came out of prison, I put flowers on the war memorial in Abergavenny with a card bearing the inscription, "For all these women and children who die as a result of the war that is continuously waged against them openly in war and covertly in times of 'peace', especially for all those who died at Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

Whenever one of us is imprisoned, for short or long periods, (in the United States as long as 18 years) for opposing war and oppression, we must support that person not only with our love, but with a greater commitment.

Love and Peace,

Anne Francis

Women's Freedom Camp



Outside Styal Women's prison for 2 weeks

Why we were there :-

Because we care. We want to

Support all the women inside the prison.

The prison is hidden.

The women are hidden.

The facts are hidden.

The suffering is real.

The system has created a vicious circle - more women are being trapped by it. Victims of a system that promotes poverty, racism, violence and drug addiction. The government's answer is to build more prisons. Britain imprisons more people each year than any other country in Europe.

Locking women up solves NOTHING

Over the 2 weeks we have been able to communicate with the women by singing, playing music, sending flowers and letters etc., and talking directly to them. Our presence outside has made Styal visible and highlighted the problems within the prison. However, we must be sensitive to the added pressures on the women themselves.

This issue affects us all - It must be taken further to those who uphold the prison system - starting at the law courts and Home Office, through the Remand Centres and the Prisons.

* Write to the women inside. Write to the women in Styal via their houses: Hooker; Bruce; Gaskell; Wilson; Bronte; Barker; Martin; Fry; Brown; Reighton; Size; Davies; Howard; Patterson; Mums and babies; Alderney; and hospital (Styal, Cheshire)

If you care, you can use the freedom you still have to instigate change

Hotel Newbury Nick



THE HOME OFFICE ISSUED A STATEMENT FOLLOWING ENQUIRIES REGARDING ♀♀ SERVING THEIR SENTENCES IN NEWBURY NICK.....

"Newbury Police Station has not been approved by the Home Office for holding sentenced prisoners."

IN ENGLAND + WALES THERE ARE 185 APPROVED CELLS IN 123 POLICE STATIONS. THEY REFUSED TO NAME THEM. ACTING INSPECTOR REED (NEWBURY) SAID.....

"We've been asked in the past to hold prisoners in cells during a prison dispute and no-one said anything then..... Why now?"

♀♀ PLEASE ASK AT YOUR LOCAL POLICE STATION IF IT HAS AN APPROVED CELL AND LET US KNOW.

ANNIE. (ORANGE GATE)

Women Inside

Sue*, A Woman in Styal Prison, told me this- During the week, the women work full-time- the average wage for which is about £2.00 a week. Sue's work is making shirts and she says that they go to Men's Prisons and British Nuclear Fuels. Sue is opposed to Nuclear Energy (she doesn't think much of Prisons either) and feels strongly that she doesn't want to do this work. She can apply for a work-change but thinks that she is unlikely to get one as she is good at the job. If she were to refuse to make the shirts, she would be sent to the Punishment Block. When she came back from the Punishment Block, she would be sent back to make the shirts again etc. Sue told me that, even so, she feels badly about not refusing to do this work and that there were many other women who felt the same. There is little that the women in Styal can do to change this situation. Is there anything that we can do?

Contact: Box F, Mushroom Book Shop, Heathcote St., Nottingham.

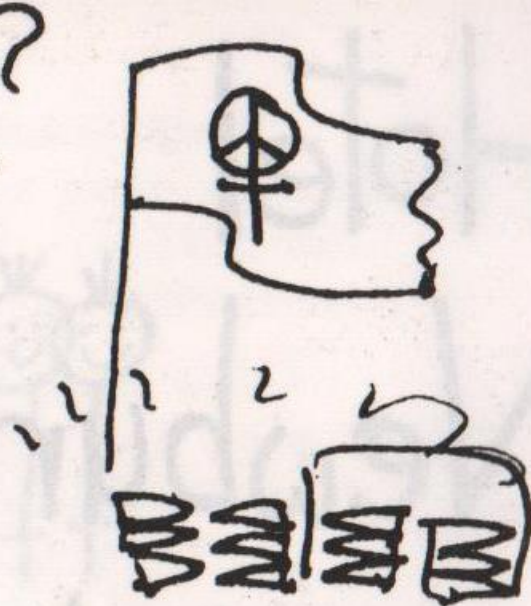
*This woman's name has been changed due to my positive paranoia.

Wot, no Spetsnaz at USAF Welford?

Women had a belated birthday celebration painting bombs and bombstores in USAF Welford (second home of Greenham's 501st Tactical Missile Wing) during the ridiculous Grave Defender exercise on Sept. 7th. Spent 4 enjoyable hours, some spray cans, marker pens and superglue leaving messages about the Pacific and reminding the soldiers to get their sperm checked for radiation damage. We left a large white peace banner hanging from the roof of one of the bomb stores, which they eventually noticed. Two hours later we gave them another clue, creatively adding ☸ to a red warning flag by the chemical weapons store. Some time later we left, deciding that they didn't deserve to catch us after all.

A highly recommended site for nocturnal frolics,
Olga, TANYA & Natasha Spetsnaz ★

... talking of WELFORD.... On the late hours of the eighth of August - 40 years on from the dropping of the bomb on Nagasaki - 12 women left the camp heading to pay a visit to Welford. (Meanwhile we were off to Aldermaston and into Greenham). We cut a hole and after climbing through realised that further down was an open gate. (funny security!!) We crossed a field over the road from some buildings



and found a vehicle compound and then the "sensitive area". So over the gate we sprang though, the thought of it to me was daunting. We spent a couple of hours wandering around, looking into buildings, hangers and watching patrol cars pass by ~ always in the distance! There were hangers with electrical bits & pieces in. We crossed through a peculiar corn field and up a high grass bank/ridge. Below was compounds with small hangers each separated by grass ridges. The gate was open so in we rang ~ making quite a lot of noise. Then we climbed up the ridges & shaked, sang, keened, shouted & made ourselves visible. Armed Americans appeared. They tried to stop us as we snaked about, we could see racks of Class II ammunition / bombs etc. The Americans were unnecessarily violent, pushing us about & brandishing ~~for~~ their guns. We eventually got into the back of a dodgeram - after fiddling with the tyres. They took us to the racketball court, holding us on suspicion of Criminal Damage. The MoD, C.I.D. & Newbury Police eventually came. We were interviewed and about five hrs

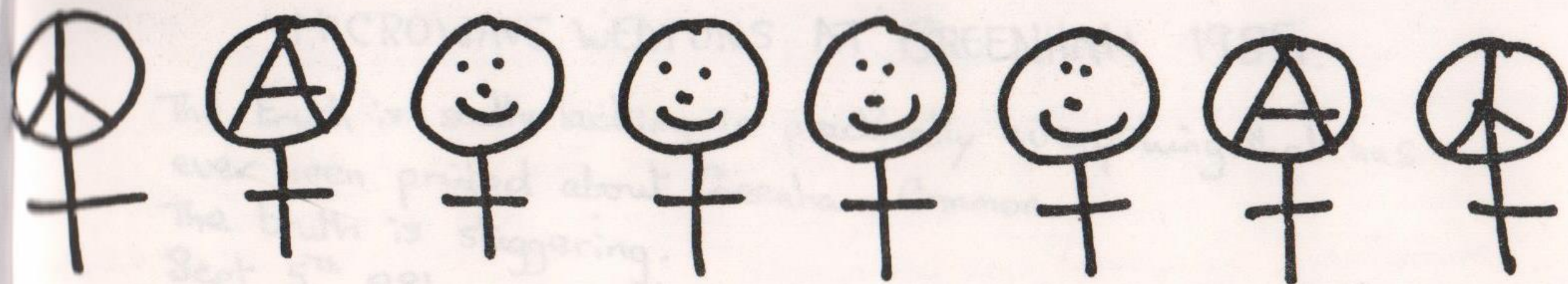
later given an armed escort out of the base and watched as we loitered about. Luckily there was a bus at eight from a nearby village. The next day was mostly spent at court supporting ♀♀ who had court cases. ☆



Evictions, now winter is nearing, are becoming more frequent. The bailiffs are coming not just in the morning but in the afternoon, trying to get us off guard! However they still continue to use sly tactics and are trying their hardest to snatch our stuff! With more ♀♀ evictions would be easier - please ♀♀ come!!



The convoy has not been out since mid July! Last Monday support vehicles left yellow early morning, they went to Salisbury Plain! A Launcher was spotted on the Plain - though it didn't come from Greenham! Peculiar eh? They came back greeted by corrosive & lbs of paint! An innocent ♀♀ was identified by the driver & arrested! Then the ♀♀ who did it said it was her & was taken & charged with £100 worth of damage.



WOMEN
PEACE
CAMP

WOENS DRECHT
holland.

In mid april this year, ♀♀ started a ♀s peace camp, once again in Holland. It is situated next to the military base at Woensdrecht where, in the future, it is possible that cruise missiles will be placed.

For 2 years, there have been 2 mixed peace camps at Woensdrecht. Last week both have been totally evicted, but the camps are still there.

♀♀ wanted their own ♀ only peace action camp and were allowed to squat on nearby land belonging to the "atom free state" organisation who had bought the land (near maingate) to slow-down the process enlarging the base.

There are 8 ♀♀ living at the camp now, even though it is evicted once a week and the police have taken benders, plastic, sticks tables and blankets.

At camp we organise our own ♀♀ only actions against militarism, male "power". We have attempted to make contact with other ♀♀s groups in the nearest village, Hoogerheide, and nearest town Bergen op Zoom, and throughout Holland.

WE WANT THE CAMP TO BE A ♀♀s SPACE WHERE WE CAN SHARE FEELINGS AND PLANS TOGETHER.....

SO COME TO THE ♀♀s PEACE CAMP AT WOENS DRECHT

Maartje - Joke - Joze - Helen
Jolanda - Hans - Janita - Evelien.

♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀ ♀♀
WALK ♀ WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK - WALK

22 october till 31 october

from DEN HAAG to WOENS DreCHT

FOR - BY - WITH ♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀♀

DEN HAAG the place where the dutch parliament sits and
the decision to place cruise at Woensdrecht will be
taken at Den Haag on november 1st.

WOENS DreCHT the place where the missiles will be stationed.

ROUTE

DEN HAAG - RIJSWIJK - ROTTERDAM - DORDRECHT - MOERDIJK

BREDA - ET TEN LEUR - ROZENDAAL - BERGEN op ZOOM - WOENS DreCHT

♀♀ from the stop over towns on route will attend to eating,
drinking, sleeping, laughing, talking, making music, doing actions etc.

THE VOLKEL ♀♀ VAN IS FOLLOWING THE WALK

VOLKEL ♀♀ = first dutch ♀♀s camp ♀♀

START 22 OCTOBER, with a torchlight procession in the evening
from DEN HAAG

ARRIVING 31 OCTOBER in WOENS DreCHT

FOR A THREE DAY ♀♀ PARTY THERE !!!

information: ♀♀ peace camp
Woensdrecht Holland.

MICROWAVE WEAPONS AT GREENHAM 1985.

The truth is sadly lacking in practically everything that has
ever been printed about Greenham Common.

The truth is staggering.

Sept 5th 1981 women set up the womens peace camp to stop
Cruise missiles. The Cruise program is well and truly stopped.

Nov. 83 the American military and British government showed
the world that Cruise missiles were arriving at Greenham. The
fuss, the show of security, the propagandist lasted 3 weeks, then
it was all gone. We were left sitting outside a charade. It
was clear that the business of the base was bussiness, money
and real estate and that the people who made the decisions would
do any unscrupulous thing to keep their power. We had free
run of the base, with most of the security gone. Tens of thousands
of women have been into nearly every building and corner
of the base in the last 3 years. 1400 women have been
arrested and charged in the base in the 3 months from

April 1st 1985. Before April 1st 1985 women were not charged
with being in the base. Women were not charged with huge amounts
of 'politically embarrassing criminal damage' like the painting of the
Blackbird Spy plane, painting of Cruise missile launchers (which are
empty trucks designed to transport missiles around the countryside)
and the painting of computers and video screens etc. We were
not charged with stealing huge amounts of 'politically embarrassing
confidential material', even when we were arrested with documents.
One set of documents obtained from the safe room of building No. 1
in Sept. 84 revealed pages of deficiencies, low moral and that there
was no operational war time computer program. The updating of this
was being held up by USAF HQ. The main work going on inside the base
was 'Chemical Warfare excersises' and training with the Cruise convoy
vehicles.

The way that all womens actions were treated was to, cover up,
trivialise, minimise, cover up, trivialise, minimise, change.
For the past year and now, the situation has been and is very DANGEROUS.

The people and much of the peace movement believed that
Cruise missiles were put at Greenham and sunk into despair,
apathy and cynicism.

Some people in the British government, American military and NATO's
supreme allied command, know the real state of the Cruise program
and the events at Greenham, and the same people are
responsible for making political and strategic decisions
about how to deal with the Peace movement and the womens
camps at Greenham. For at least 2 years the authorities
have been seriously trying to get rid of us by every
conceivable means.

In September 84 women experienced physical symptoms of sore throats, headaches, pains in the ears, which they believed were being caused by something on the base. This was a period when a huge security operation was going on and electronic surveillance equipment was being used.

In the months that followed various women became ill, experiencing sickness, diarrhea, migraines, irregularity of periods etc. Women would go away from the camp and come back and get ill again. Some women did not experience anything and other women were being effected more and more severely, becoming increasingly sensitive to any electrical energy, to the point where women could sense the exact location of beams of electrical energy around the base.

In 1985 several different scientists have measured these beams of energy with radio equipment and low level radiation meters. Beams of electromagnetic energy a few feet in diameter have been recorded running directly through the various womens camps. The signal is not constant but is increasingly used at times of convoy movements or when large numbers of women gather. We believe that these beams of energy are microwaves. We know they are harmful because of personal experience and we know how powerful they are. The long term effects of microwaves can be leukemia, cancer, birth defects, death. Immediate effects can be difficulty in communicating, thinking and your emotions and behaviour can be effected before you are aware of what is happening.

What is clear is that the 'military mentality' of obliterating the enemy or neutralising the opposition, is being used against us. Our lives are not respected. In the military mind we are not human beings and nor are our children. Pollution of the area and the effects on other people is insignificant. The military personel who use this equipment are dispensable. This same mentality invented and used nuclear weapons. It is the WAR MENTALITY which we are fighting.

What can we do about this situation.

Women can you get hold of geiger counters, radios etc. Test any other places you think this may be happening. Come to Greenham and stop it here. Talk to anyone you know in the military or electronics. Find out where microwave technology is being researched, produced in this country. Make public information.

Uncover the truth and stop it!

Sarah Green
Greenham Common.

GREENHAM WOMEN SURPRISE THE USAF

The United States Air Force in Europe (USAFE) is attempting to refine launch equipment tactics to deploy Ground Launched Cruise Missiles (GLCM). Such improvements are aimed at improving 'survivability' - such as reducing noise levels of GLCM units. (You can hear a convoy coming alongway off) as well as disguising their 'visual' structure - Launchers and control crates hiding on Salisbury Plain in shrubs and trees are still obviously launchers and control crates. A further aim is also to teach personnel 'to observe radio discipline', & to improve the communication links between convoys en route and in hiding, and Central Command. Currently a standard military high frequency radio is used, which can be monitored by non-military persons fairly easily. USAFE have decided to switch to the Advanced Agency High Frequency network.

Tactics for dealing with chemical warfare are being learnt from the U.S. Army, this doesn't seem to be too satisfactory as too many personnel are involved.

The Junior Commander-in-Chief of USAFE remarked that they still had a lot to learn about perimeter defense - 'We are doing, but there is still more to be done.' (As you see we'd all agree the fiasco of the 'Special' silo 'uncuttable' fence, is a case in point.)

'The missiles themselves now have the base except in times of crisis. Instead concrete blocks to simulate the weight of the actual GLCMs are mounted in the firing tubes during training to reduce the chances of an accident. This statement from USAFE officials contradicts a second statement in the same article which says: - 'The first 2 GLCMs from an operational unit were launched in June. Missiles which had been based at RAF Cutenham (common along with their launch teams, were flown to Utah for operational testing. The missiles which had been subjected to all the stresses of their normal operational environment' (ie deployment) 'were launched

using standard procedures and launch crews!

Both launchings, we are told, were completely successful, they were recovered by parachute, and are now being 'reconditioned at the factory' before being returned to operation.

Perhaps the most encouraging news to us is the fact that 'USAF officials remain surprised at the persistence of some anti-missile protesters, particularly at Cutenham Common!'. GLCM crews at Greenham are able to move their convoys out 'only' to designated areas of Salisbury Plain for exercise about 75% of the optimum amount of time! However the exercises are limited to one 5 day period per month because of the of providing Civilian Police to protect the convoys from protesters!


These facts are taken from an article in Aviation Week & Space Technology of 5th August 1985. It shows that the missiles are at Cutenham but cannot be successfully deployed or exercised.

Naomi Yellowcake.

♀ ♂ ☆
WOMYNS FESTIVAL ~ Saturday 7th
Dec. 7th
in IPSWICH!

displays of ♀'s work @ bookstalls @ anything to do with ♀. Its in a large hall in our local primary school. Workshops all day in Astrology, ♀'s poetry, violence against ♀, drug & drink related problems in women and alternative medicine VIDEOS, VEGETARIAN FOOD. In the evening the fabulous dirt sisters. Contact Jenny 28 Hawley, 108 Victoria St. Ipswich! ☆ ◎

SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL for WOMEN.



SPEAK OUT
HEALTH
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SAY

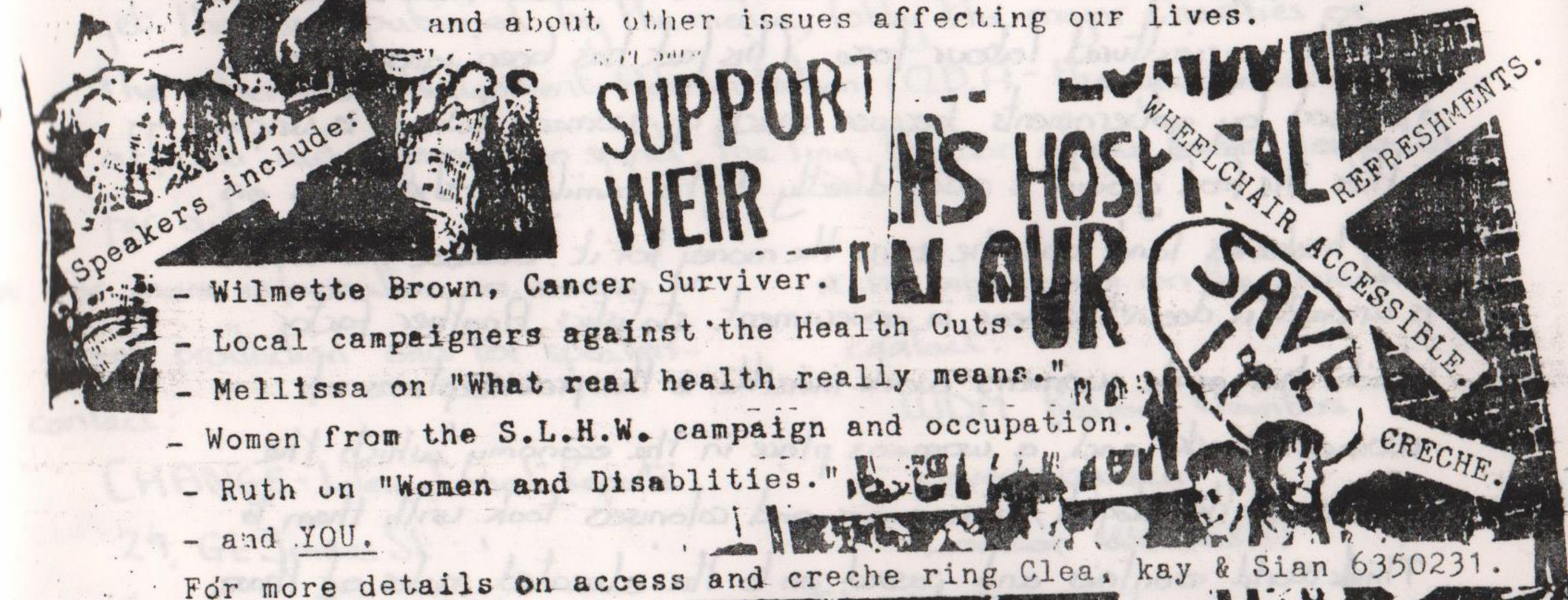
A WOMAN'S JOB
THEY DIDN'T GET US OUT, WE JUST WENT UNDERGROUND..
SO COME AND JOIN US AT:
St. Matthews Meeting place.
BRIXTON.

SAT 28th sept
2-5pm

TO TALK ABOUT WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER AND WINNING.

Because for us it was no accident that they decided to close a hospital that was:

- a womens hospital run by women.
- a hospital used by many black and Asian women.
- a focal point for women organising against the health cuts and about other issues affecting our lives.



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WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

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Speakers include:

- Wilmette Brown, Cancer Survivor.
- Local campaigners against the Health Cuts.
- Mellissa on "What real health really means."
- Women from the S.L.H.W. campaign and occupation.
- Ruth on "Women and Disabilities."
- and YOU.

For more details on access and creche ring Clea, Kay & Sian 6350231.

All women welcome.

Women Can End World Hunger

On October 22nd the development agencies and the churches will organise a mass lobby of parliament to persuade the government to do something about world hunger. British aid has fallen by £35 million in real terms this year, and the government has not given any extra money for famine relief. The money it claims to have given has been diverted from other aid programmes.

The lobby will urge the government to:

- * Give much more support for local food production.
- * Immediately increase aid to the poorest.
- * Provide fairer trading opportunities for poor countries.
- * Reduce the international debts owed by the poorest countries.

There is no doubt that these are essential steps which we must make the government commit itself to. However there is one vital thing missing from the campaign which will cause it to fail. That is, that there is no mention of women. Women's labour produces almost half the world's food. In Africa for example, three quarters of the agricultural work is done by women and in Asia it is estimated that women are half the agricultural labour force. This fact has been ignored and disguised by governments because much of women's labour is unpaid — either the food grown is eaten directly by her family or she works on her husband's land and he earns the money for it. Because her work is unpaid it doesn't appear in government statistics. Another factor which has made women's work invisible is the preconceptions of "women's work" and "a woman's place in the economy" which the western anthropologists, missionaries and colonisers took with them to Third World countries and passed on to the educated males of those countries who now form the national governments. Again and

his wife?

This isn't just a question of statistics and names, because women are ignored by agricultural planners and aid agencies they do not get access to the new technology which is introduced, they are not given — or they even lose — land in land reform schemes, they cannot get loans or grants to buy seed, or fertilizers, and as the vast majority of agricultural advisers are male, they only talk to the men when they visit the villages. Projects which involve growing cash crops such as coffee, peanuts or cotton are almost always aimed at the men. The best land is used for the cash crop and women are expected to help their husbands work on the new crop, this leaves the women with less time and poor land to grow the food needed by her family to survive. The money men earn from the sale of cash crops most often goes on luxury goods which increase his status in the community.

Talk of increasing world food production to end hunger is meaningless unless we make the decision makers concerned understand these facts. I believe that as women we must do whatever we can to make them understand.

We could use the mass lobby of parliament, pester our own M.P.s, get the issue publicised by the media, lobby the major charities or the Overseas Development Administration (O.D.A. — the government's official aid agency who spend the tiny fraction of our taxes designated for aid.)

* For more information on women + food production and for speakers — contact:

CHANGE - International Reports
29, GE James St
London WC1N 3ES

Tel - 01-405-3601

* For information on the mass lobby — contact:

WDM, Bedford Chambers
Covent Garden
London WC2E 8HA

Tel - 01-832-3672

Reading Ann (Orange Gate)

The Mountains ARE Moving.

WELL over 100 demonstrations / vigils took place on 28th / 29th September; in towns and cities from Aberdeen to Tunno, Felixstowe to Preston. We are getting a lot of enthusiastic reports back from people who organised and took part in them. Many talk of queues to sign petitions, and leaflets running out; everyone is very positive. We would welcome all news of actions as we are collating facts and figures, and ideas. The local radio or papers covered the demonstrations well, as did one or two national journals.

We all seem to be at the beginning of a strong pressure / grassroots feeling that we can do something to change C.A.P.

Mr Andersen, the Commissioner in charge of Agriculture (C.A.P.) has already been informed of our main points; these have also been given to people who are forming the working group preparing evidence to submit when C.A.P. comes up for review.

December '85 is the closing date for evidence. The forming lobby in mainland Europe is very strong. The more letters and petitions we can send to M.P.'s, M.E.P.'s and Mr Andersen, the more we can add to the pressure of asking C.A.P. to be a policy fair for all the world.

WIDENING THE WEB.

We will be at Red Gate all that weekend with facts, figures and information - we'd like any that you can bring too, so that on Sunday 15th at 11.0am we can gather and share ideas for future actions and pressures. If you can't be there do send your thoughts and feelings so they can be put forward.

Together we can change C.A.P.

Together we can move Mountains.

Mountain Moving 1985 - to the tune of

^{Bund she'll be coming}
We'll be moving all those mountains when we come.
We'll tell the world exactly what is going on.
How the starving people suffer, while you're piling
up your butter,
Just to keep the price £2000 a tonne.

We'll be shifting all that dried milk when we
come,

We don't give a bugger where it's coming from,
For the poor & starving need it & you shouldn't
go & steal it -
Whats more it's ours and here for everyone!

Give a reason why you're hoarding all that wheat,
And we know that you have mountains full of
meat,

Will you kindly now deploy it, for we can't
let you destroy it,
Just remember that the people have to eat

We say Europe's economics don't make sense
And we're sick of people sitting on the fence
But the guilt is there to share it, if you think
that you can
bear it!

For the onus of the burden is immense.

When we stop it we will really go to town
And the price of food will soon be coming down
Stop the bastards who are greedy

and we'll give it to the needy
But we need your help to bring the mounta-
-ins down!

Elsie Rowley
Greenham/Manchester

FOR THE INTERVENTION FOOD MOUNTAIN
ACTION

September 28/29th 1985.

♀ that have stuff stored in any places
used to store things, especially from last
year, will they please write to Leat
at Green Gate or pick up their things as
we don't want to throw away or
redistribute treasured possessions but we
need to sort it out.
Thanks.

~~SAVING~~ ♀

Any ♀ in Surrey who know anything about
Chessington or Reigate please contact Lyn at
Greenham

Any Information about
R.O.F. Burghfield (nr Reading) please write
to Sarah at Blue. Also any information
about any bases, R.O.F, or places of interest.
... Mildenhall? Chicksands? Blacknest,
Boundary Hall, microwave Transmitter at
34 Dauntrey + interesting filing cabinets??

OFFICES... OFFICES?

In case women were confused by the last newsletter, there
is no London Office for the Women's Peace Camp.
After the problems with previous London offices, the last
of which (Caledonian Rd) was closed down in December,
the camp feels we are better off without! We receive post,
so letters, cheques, info on meetings, requests for speakers
etc. should be sent to us direct to: Women's Peace Camp,
USAF Greenham Common, Newbury, Berks. Our bank
account is at Newbury Building Society, Bartholomew St.
Newbury. A/c 593375 WOM. Sorry we haven't got a
phone.... but then all the more reason to come and see
what is actually going on here!!!

LONDON GREENHAM SUPPORT GROUP OFFICE

52-54 FEATHERSTONE ST.

LONDON E.C.1. (Near Old St. tube)

Tel: 01-608-0244

or contact Rose (01-387-1191) or Anita (01-788-9881)
(eves)

This office has recently opened to provide a space
and resources for London Greenham/Peace Women to talk,
to communicate, plan and coordinate actions and campaigns
with each other, with Greenham women and groups
elsewhere in Britain and the world. There are monthly
meetings on Monday evenings at the office, 7.00 pm. All
women welcome. The office will be whatever the women
who participate make it.

LONDON GREENHAM WOMEN - the office needs support
money and women to keep it going
Next meeting: Monday Sept 2nd 7-9 pm.

P.S. We have just heard that there are still phone bills
and electricity bills of £2,400 outstanding from the
Caledonian Rd "office". These bills were not run up by
women living at the peace camp or by women involved
in the new London Greenham Support Group Office, but
someone is going to have to pay them. Please help if
you can. It would be nice if women who stayed at or
used Cally Rd. would contribute....

Fines

Camp winmin are receiving heavier fines and sentencing as punishment for our persistence. We desperately need money - specifically for fines. Most winmin refuse to pay fines but there are occasions where winmin just don't feel that they can go to prison.

If you can help please can you send cash or cheques, if to the camp please say it is for fines or directly to the Anti-Nuclear Appeal, Lloyds bank, main branch, Newbury, Berkshire.

Account Number - 0824 564.

R.O.F. BURGHFIELD - "ARTIFICIAL LIMB + BIRO FACTORY" ?!!

- so say the (armed) m.o.d. police guarding the place...

So what's all the fuss about?

On Monday 9th September nine women from Greenham were arrested inside Burghfield "on suspicion of criminal damage". We were held all night and then charged at Reading Police Station the next morning. We thought that would be it, and were expecting to be released - the next we heard was that we were going to be remanded in custody for 8 days. By now it was noon, too late to get any of the "Greenham" solicitors down from London, + we weren't allowed phone calls because we were "about to" go up to court. In fact we didn't get to court till 3pm - taken in 2 groups as we'd been arrested separately. It was a great relief when the magistrates did after all give us bail - but 2 of us had to put up sureties of £300 each because they already had court cases in Newbury, and another £500 because she'd broken bail before. (Although she'd appeared in Newbury magistrates court + they'd accepting her reasons + given her bail...)

We all had to return to court on 18th September, we thought to plea, but we were then told the m.o.d. as they take this as "an extremely serious" matter, have sent the papers of the case to the Director of Public Prosecutions, because they want to charge us under the Official Secrets Act. The case is adjourned until October 30th, Reading Magistrates Court.

Burghfield isn't on the map, the MOD prosecution at first wouldn't even name the place in court... The truth is that it is a bomb factory - nuclear warheads are made in there for Britain's so-called "independent deterrent" + sent up to Faslane. If they do press on with this we're going to make sure it's public....

They are trying to frighten us by threats of heavy

charges, heavy sentences.

On the same day (18th September), Katrina Howse was sentenced to 6 months in prison by Reading Crown Court. Two days later Lorna was bound over for 2 years to keep the peace.

Women, please please come to Greenham whenever you can, take action here and at other bases. They are trying to pick off the active women one by one. If we ALL become active this will become impossible for them to do.

The best way to support Katrina in prison is to take action now!

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Thanks to all the women in Australia and at Greenham Common who help and supported me in getting my daughter Janet to England in August. In Australia women gave so much practical assistance and without it I wouldn't have stood a chance, while back at Greenham women were sending positive thoughts to us, which I'm sure helped me to stay cool on the day the action took place. Obviously I can't name the women concerned but you'll know who I mean. Janet is happy to be in England, among lots of women and says she's already made her decision to stay here. Cheers, Judith.

~~~~~  
mom

Ann, June, Marmalade and Dawn are glad to say that Greengage camp is now open !!



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We desperately need Women, Money, Bedding, regular wood, nightwatches, boltcutters, thermal underwear, jumpers, and SUPPORT. The winter is on its way/nearly here and we need good plastic. Good bedding is important for us, and any help with taking damp, wet bedding away & drying it would be a great help. I would like to hear feedback off ☸☸ about the newsletter and what they think. Remember this newsletter is for women and you can send in anything you want to have in.

lots of love Indra xx