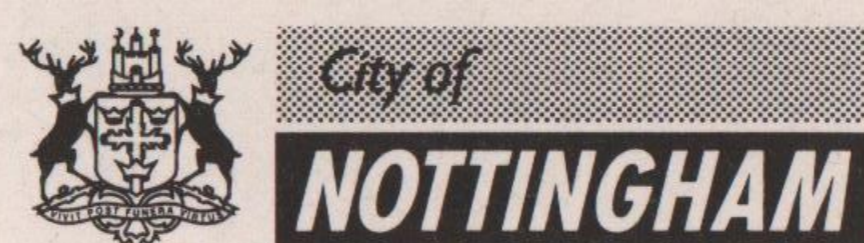


Visit the City Council Stand at Our Global Future to find -



- what's available near where you live
- How to get started in home composting
- Lots more!

See you there!!

Competitions

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Quizzes

How can I get involved -

- In practical conservation?
- In transport campaigns?
- In energy conservation?

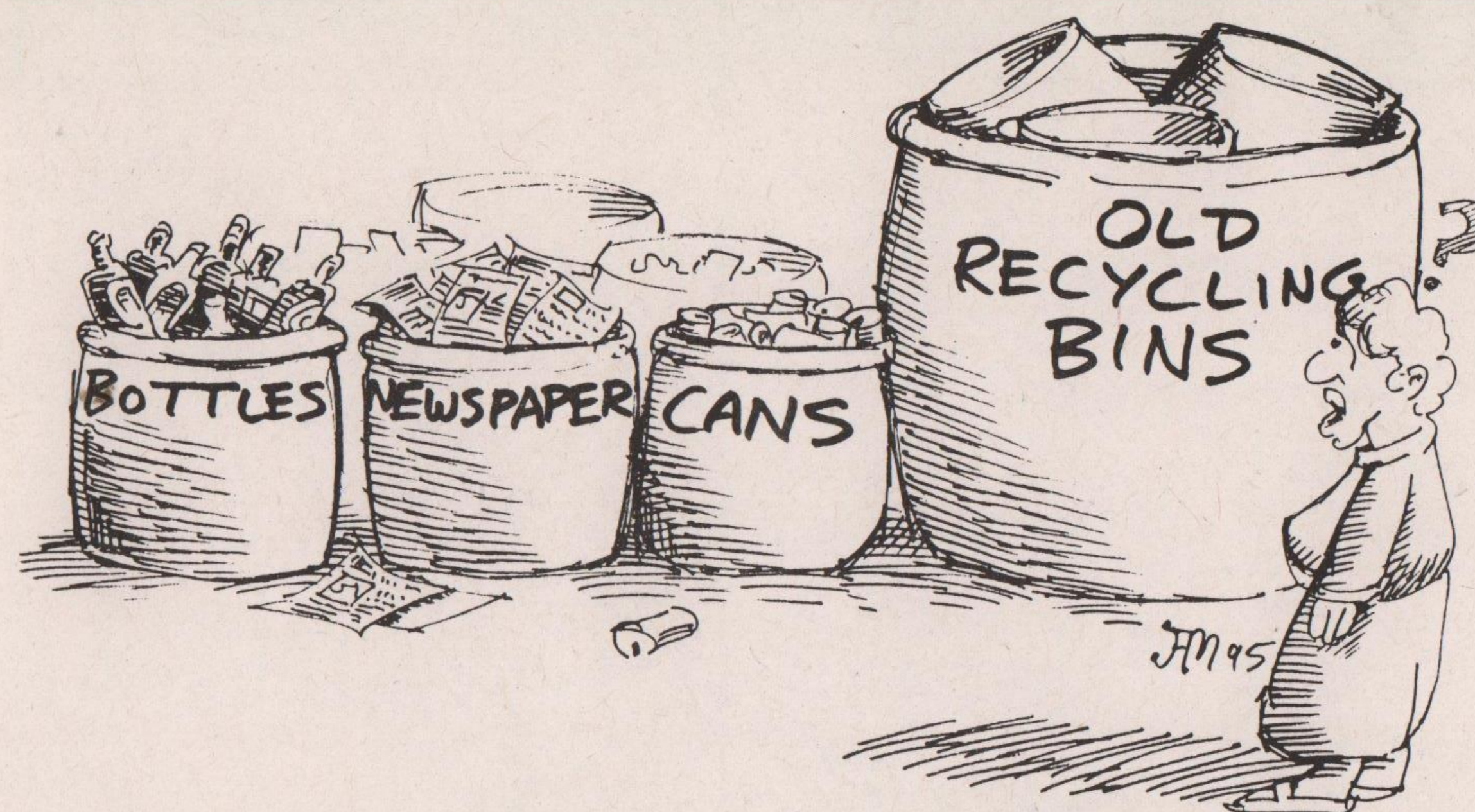


The Green Network database has the answers.
Come along to stand 60 at Global Future to find out more.

GREEN NETWORK

For more information contact Adam Woodward on 941 7849

GREEN NETWORK NEWS



GREEN ACTION

If you would like to get more involved in environmental activities, then this is an ideal month to start - with a range of events and activities during Environment Week (19-29 May), including the Global Future Festival (18-21 May). The festival will include entertainments and more than 150 exhibits over 10,000 square metres of space - including an Eco-Theatre, a Green Circus, and an Information Superhighway feature. The Global Future section inside describes some of the attractions in more detail.

Broxtowe Borough Council are offering a small 'Green Grants' scheme to community groups in the area involved in working to improve the local environment. Grants of around £10-£200 are available for projects carried out during Environment Week or later in the year.

In Gedling and Bassetlaw a new education pack is being launched by the two Borough Councils. The pack will provide teachers with ideas about how to use schools as a starting point for environmental education - for example, by looking at wildlife in the school grounds, or the school's use of energy. These ideas can then be linked into information in the pack about the wider environment in Gedling and Bassetlaw.

Two new cartoon characters will also be launched in Gedling. Woofgang and Barker will be set loose during Environment Week, asking people in Gedling to follow their lead in protecting the environment.

Nottingham Fire Stations are organising collections of old fire extinguishers (which often contain environmentally harmful material) for recycling and safe disposal. Any funds raised from the recycling will be used to support a smoke alarm campaign.

Two local authorities are aiming to raise the environmental awareness of their staff - Notts County Council are organising two internal Green Awareness Days, as well as publishing leaflets for staff on issues such as Greening Your Office and Greener Driving. Rushcliffe Borough Council have organised an 'Eco-Mastermind' competition for their staff. In Rushcliffe a Community Quiz will take place on 24 May (details in the Nottingham Green Calendar), as well as awards for local environmental competitions.

For more information on these events contact -

- Broxtowe Borough Council - Claire Smith on 925 4891.
- Gedling Borough Council - Rob Crowder on 967 5258.
- Rushcliffe Borough Council - Keith Wood on 981 9911 ext 320.
- Nottingham Fire Stations - Mark Gregory on 967 0880 ext 338.

Green Network News is a monthly publication aiming to share information and build links between all individuals and organisations in the Nottingham and South Notts area with an interest in the environment.

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- Global Future
- Ecoworks
- Urban Safari

GREENWOOD CRAFTS

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) are running a series of weekend Greenwood Craft courses this summer at the Conservation Training Centre in Burton Joyce. These events will show you how to produce a range of finished products from logs - such as hurdles, bowls, and stools - using hand tools and traditional methods.

All of the wood used on the courses is locally produced and harvested in accordance with a management plan. This ensures a sustainable supply and encourages local wildlife. The price of £30 for each two day course covers materials, tools and equipment.

For more information please call 931 3316 and ask for Tony or Deborah.

NATURAL BREAKS

Would you like to enjoy a cheap holiday, learn new skills and help to protect the environment? If so, Natural Break holidays are the answer. You do not need to be a 'green' expert - all you need is energy and enthusiasm.

The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) organise more than 500 holidays each year, ranging from dry stone walling in the Yorkshire Dales to managing the habitat of the swallowtail butterfly in the Norfolk Broads.

For more information contact

BTCV, Room L, 36 St Mary's Street, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 0EU, or call the 24 hour brochure hotline on 01491 824602.

IN BRIEF...

• **Action: Employees in the Community** (who place employees from local companies as secondees to local voluntary groups) have recently moved, to 2nd Floor, 20 Carrington Street, Nottingham, NG1 7FF (Phone 0115 947 0749).

• **Free T Shirts** are available for people joining Greenpeace by Standing Order (at £14.50, or £7 unwaged). For more information contact Jon Lincoln on 01623 656280.

ECOWORKS NEED YOU!

Ecoworks (Nottingham) Ltd is a not for profit company bringing together people who have had mental health problems and 'green' professionals in voluntary activity, social events and later training and employment. Our activities are focused on the environment. After initial teething problems in setting up a basic working structure for the organisation we are now in a position to expand our intake of volunteers.

We have a number of projects in their infancy including a group of organic permaculture allotments within Hungerhill (St Ann's). There are also small garden projects at mental health centres and residential projects, as well as

woodworking and construction schemes with ecological goals - for example the construction of exterior windowsill extensions as seed propagators with 'double glazing'.

Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact Ecoworks at 9A Forest Road East, Nottingham, NG1 4HJ, or call 948 4111.

Ecoworks are looking for office space to move into in the new future, preferably with office equipment included. If you have suitable for space to rent (Ecoworks can pay up to £2,500 per year for rent, rates heat and light) please call Adrian Horsley or Fran Mayers on 948 111.

GLAMOUR CAMPAIGN

The Women's Environmental Network (WEN) is about to launch a new campaign focusing on cosmetics, jewellery, clothing and tobacco - all 'glamour' industries that can entail unnecessary health and environmental risks. WEN will stress the positive alternatives to these industries such as chemical and cruelty free cosmetics.

The first stage of the campaign will look at the growth of the diet industries and the low-fat food market.

These industries may appear harmless - or even beneficial - but WEN is aiming to challenge the underlying assumptions they make about women's body shape and size. There are also environmental implications such as the pollution caused by the over-packaging and over-processing of diet foods.

For copies of WEN's briefings on Clothing, Cosmetics, Jewellery or Tobacco send an A4 S.A.E. to Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA.

PEACE TREES

Two Oak trees have been planted in Clifton Wood to commemorate peace initiatives by women across all three factions of former Yugoslavia.

Carried out by a group called *Through Heart to Peace*, the purpose is to highlight the ongoing practical and personal support it gives to refugees in the region.

Nottingham artist Carole Glover, who has travelled to Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia five times, has been given the trees and site by Nottingham City Council Arboreal Department.

Carole said 'We are building peace through friendship. These trees mark a long term commitment to helping individuals remake their collapsed lives'.

As a symbolic link across the battlegrounds of former Yugoslavia trees have been planted in Vukovar (Croatia) and Belgrade (Serbia). Trees are also being planted in other European countries - Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Holland, as well as around the world, in an act of unity and friendship.

For more information about Through Heart to Peace, contact Carole Glover on 982 2686.



'Peace Trees' being planted by Carole Glover with friends Jean & baby Eva. Photo courtesy of Carole Glover.

ELECTRONIC MAIL

Change Works is compiling a list of local groups and individuals interested in the environment who have computer communication facilities. If you have, please send an E-Mail message to changeworks@gn.apc.org, saying who you are and what communications set up you have. Please also say whether you're willing to be put onto a list of local E-Mail contacts, and whether you'd like to receive such a list.

If you do not have these facilities yet but are likely to get them soon, please let us know by writing to Tim Gray, Change Works, 16 Villa Street, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 2NY.

TREE CELEBRATION

The trees in the grounds of Nottingham Castle were being dressed by local children last month, who were also involved in face painting, juggling and making music. The children had been working with local artist Julie Elvin to explore tree lore and their importance in society. The decorations they used helped to draw attention to something that many of us hardly notice - a healthy tree.

The event was organised by Groundwork Greater Nottingham in association with the castle authorities and Nottingham City Council.

For more information contact Groundwork Greater Nottingham on 979 9227.

GNN UPDATE

These are the subjects planned for feature articles in the next two issues of Green Network News.

- **June** Transport issues.
- **July** Groups focus.

If anyone has ideas about possible subjects for GNN to cover in the future, any suggestions would be welcome.

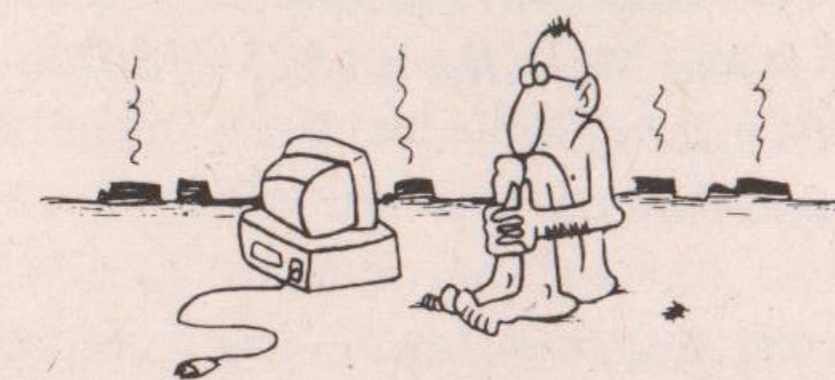
If you would like to write a feature article, or you have a photo that could be used, please let me know. Articles are usually needed around one month in advance of publication, and can be sent on paper or 3.5 inch disk (pc format). We will also be looking for stories about any current events or issues each month; please write or phone if you would like to contribute.

Contact me on 941 7849, or write to me at:

*Green Network
c/o The Rainbow Centre
182 Mansfield Road
Nottingham
NG1 3HW*

Adam Woodward (GN Co-ordinator)

GREEN NETWORK DATABASE



We would like to thank all of the groups that have returned questionnaires for the Green Network database. The information will be used at the Global Future event in May, where we will have our computer set up to deliver instant up-to-date information. For example, a visitor may be interested in organisations in Nottingham involved in practical conservation, or groups in Gedling involved in transport campaigns.

Information from the database will also be available for use after Global Future - watch this space for further developments.

*Adam Woodward,
Green Network co-ordinator.*

CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY

Many people find that they are sensitive to common household chemicals - cleaners, air fresheners, new carpets and residues on dry-cleaned clothes may cause symptoms such as eye irritation, dizziness and nausea. Past exposure to pesticides or solvents has also been linked to such problems.

This is known as Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), and can be a major health problem. The Women's Environmental Network (WEN) is examining ways in which MCS suffering can be reduced.

Thousands of synthetic chemicals are used freely but fewer than 10% have been properly tested for long-term effects on human health. Many are already linked with environment and health problems and WEN wants to see these chemicals examined more critically. WEN is collating information about MCS, its possible causes and effects, and ways in which people can reduce exposure to these chemicals.

For more information send an A4 S.A.E. to WEN at Aberdeen Studios, 22 Highbury Grove, London N5 2EA.

THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS

If your group or business would like to advertise in Green Network News, contact Adam Woodward on 941 7849. Reduced rates are available for voluntary groups and small businesses.

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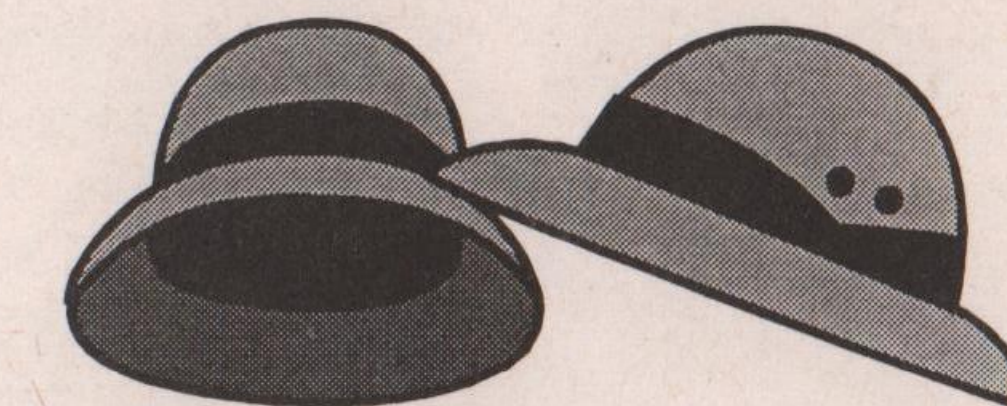
Stan Taylor and Ellen Poliakov with new guided walk leaflets (see 'Urban Safari' article). Photo courtesy of Groundwork Greater Nottingham.

Stan Taylor of the Sneinton Environmental Society and Groundwork Greater Nottingham have recently launched a new programme of guided walks through the city.

Ellen Poliakov (Groundwork volunteer) says 'even with the help of Groundwork's recently produced trail leaflets, it can still take somebody like Stan, who is prepared to volunteer their time, to help reveal the full story.'

Sneinton Environmental Society would like to encourage people to use the trail leaflets, but are also happy to arrange personal tours and guided walks for those people who really want to get to grips with the past.

For more information contact Stan Taylor on 987 5035.



WINNING THE WAR ON WASTE

During the Second World War (from 1939 to 1945), when things were in very short supply, the country had to cut down on almost everything and people came up with ingenious ways in which to save, reduce, reuse and recycle. These methods still have relevance today, when recycling and reuse is again high on our list of priorities. Some of these ideas are described in the colourful 'Winning the War on Waste' booklet, which is now available free from local libraries. The booklet has been produced by Nottingham City Council and the Nottingham Green Partnership

During the war recycling and reuse of paper was vital - writing paper and envelopes were used

again and again, and paper bags were returned to the shops for refilling. As the average household produces around one tonne of waste per year - about the size of a small elephant - ideas like this can make a big difference today, by conserving resources and energy, and to cutting down on pollution.

A companion video to the 'Winning the War on Waste' booklet is also available, as well as an audio cassette of wartime reminiscences about reuse and recycling. These resources are available to local clubs and community groups.

For more information call the recycling hotline on 950 5800.

GREEN NETWORK CONSTITUTION

Green Network News has now been operating for a few years, with the aim of enabling individuals and organisations with an interest in the environment to work together more easily. However, until recently we did not have a formal set of objectives, or any formal membership system. This situation was changed at the April business meeting of Green Network news, when the Steering Committee adopted a constitution - this sets out the objectives of the organisation and how it will be organised.

It also gives the network the full name 'Greater Nottingham and South Notts Green Network',

also to be known as the 'Green Network'.

We will be contacting organisations in the near future to ask them to formally join the network (which will be free). Members of the network will be able to vote at general meetings of the network, and influence it's future direction. We will also be encouraging members to put forward representatives for the Green Network steering committee.

If you would like to see a copy of the constitution, contact Adam Woodward (Green Network Co-ordinator) on 941 7849.

THE NOTTINGHAM GREEN CALENDAR

MAY 1995

- Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's **British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)** activities - including a variety of practical tasks.
Contact Karen on 931 3316.
- Sun's (& some other days) **Notts Wildlife Trust** conservation activities at wildlife reserves around the county. *Contact Erin McDaid on 958 8242.*
- Monday 1st **Greenpeace** Support Group meeting at the Narrowboat Pub, Canal Street. *Contact David Meatcher on 925 7186.*
- Tuesday 2nd **NOGS** (Nottingham Organic Gardeners) meeting. *Contact Mike Poyzer on 958 7006 after 6.30pm.*
- Tuesday 2nd **Oxfam Campaigning Group** meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row.
Contact Graham Gardener on 978 7319.
- Wednesday 3rd **Green Network** Editorial Meeting. 3pm at Lawrence House, Talbot Street. *Phone 941 7849 for details.*
- Wednesday 3rd **Nottingham EIA** (Environmental Investigation Agency) meeting. 7.30pm at the Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road.
Contact Rachel Jones on 939 5830.
- Friday 5th **Greenpeace Youth Group** meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham Trent University library, Shakespeare St.
Contact Alex Penn on 925 5196 to confirm date and venue.
- Sunday 7th **Leen Valley Conservation Volunteers** meeting. 10.30am at Rise Park Community Centre. *Phone 975 6376 for details.*
- Monday 8th **Nottingham Permaculture Association** meeting. *Contact Phil Corbett on 947 4977.*
- Tuesday 9th **Nottingham Churches Environmental Network** meeting. 7.30-9pm in the church hall of the St Andrews with Castle Gate United Reform Church on the corner of Goldsmith Street and Chaucer Street. All Welcome.
Contact Kevin Scot on 948 3500 ext 6123.
- Thursday 11th **Friends of the Earth** meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham County Library, Angel Row. *Contact Tim Gray on 922 3439.*
- Weekend 12-14 **BTCV Countryside Weekend** - Bridge Building at Nottingham Canal. Pickup from Nottingham BR Station at 8pm. Cost £10. *Call 01132 742335 for details.*
- Saturday 13th **Notts Cyclists' Touring Club Beginners Section** ride to Kinoulton - all welcome. Meet at 10.30am, at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre, Boundary Road, West Bridgford. *Contact Graham Lansdell on 986 0299 for details.*
- Saturday 13th Oxfam Sponsored **'Walk for the Amazon'**. *Contact Chris or Tejal on 942 3892.*
- Sunday 14th **Gedling Borough Wildlife Group** walk - Stoke Bardolph and the River Trent. Meet at 2.30pm at the Ferryboat Inn, Stoke Bardolph. *Contact Ian Grimwood on 987 4406 for details.*
- Monday 15th **Pedals** meeting. 8.30pm at the Ferry Inn, Wilford (preceded by a short ride at 7pm, from Queen's Bridge Road, opposite Nottingham BR Station). *Contact Hugh McClintock on 981 6206.*
- Thursday 18th **Notts Transport 2000** meeting. 7.30pm at the Tom Hoskins pub, near Nottingham BR Station.
Phone Ron Gillott on 920 1238
- Weekend 18-21 May **'Our Global Future'** Environmental Festival, at the Harvey Hadden Sports Centre in Bilborough.
For more information, or to book a stand, contact John Talbot (Festival Director) on 01675 443066.
- Friday 19th **Critical Mass** Cycle Ride to protest against traffic congestion. Meet in the Market Square at 5.15pm.
Contact Box CTM, Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG1 3HW.
- Saturday 20th **The Youth Environment Forum**. 10am-4pm in Bilborough. *Contact Jo Ward on 950 5792.*
- Sunday 21st BTCV/Spadework Training Event - **Woodpecker and Warbler** Identification, from 10am-4pm.
Cost £5.00 (waged) or £2.50 (unwaged). *Call 931 3316 for details.*
- Sunday 21st **Teddy Bears Picnic**, from 10am-12noon in Bestwood Country Park, with a 1 mile woodland walk, and stories.
Cost 50p per child. Meet at Bestwood Lodge Drive Car Park. *For more information call 967 0042.*
- Tuesday 23rd **Bulwell Environmental Group** meeting. Crabtree Farm Estate Community Centre. *Contact Diana Langley on 927 3813.*
- Wednesday 24th **Rushcliffe Community Quiz** with a 'green' theme, followed by **Awards Ceremony** for environmental competitions.
Quiz from 6pm, open to 3 person teams (1 member must live in Rushcliffe). Awards from 7.30pm. Both events at Rushcliffe Indoor Bowls Centre, Rugby Road, West Bridgford. *Contact Keith Wood at Rushcliffe Borough Council on 981 9911 ext 320.*
- Wednesday 24th **Nottingham Women's Environmental Network** meeting. 8pm at 5 Meynall Grove, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham.
Call 960 5843 for details.
- Saturday 27th **Notts Cyclists' Touring Club Beginners Section** ride to Erewash Canal - all welcome.
Meet at 10.30am, at Wollaton Park car park, off Wollaton Road. *Contact Graham Lansdell on 986 0299 for details.*
- Weekend 27th-28th BTCV/Spadework Training Event - **Coppice Crafts**. 10am-4pm at Burton Joyce. Cost £5.00 (waged) or £2.50 (unwaged).
Call 931 3316 for details.
- Sunday 28th **Greenpeace** Sponsored 'Whale Walks' (of five and ten miles). 11am at Attenborough Nature Reserve.
Call David Meatcher on 925 7186 for details. Sponsor forms will be available from 1 May.

JUNE 1995

- Tues, Wed, Thur, & Sun's **BTCV** activities - see May.
- Sun's (& some other days) **Notts Wildlife Trust** activities - see May.
- Friday 2nd **Greenpeace Youth Group** meeting. 7.30pm at Nottingham Trent University library, Shakespeare St.
Contact Alex Penn on 925 5196 to confirm date and venue.
- Tuesday 6th **Gedling Borough Wildlife Group** walk of around 4 miles - Blidworth. Meet outside the Little John Pub, Ravenshead
Contact Ian Grimwood on 987 4406 for details.
- Thursday 8th **Buses and Town Centres - In or Out** Conference. 10am-4.30pm at Florence Boot Hall, University of Nottingham.
Fee £80 (£50 for voluntary groups). *Contact the CPD Secretary on 951 4883.*
- Sunday 18th **Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride**. *Contact Marilyn Loudon on 977 4374.*

Green Contact Details are also available from The Rainbow Centre on 958 5666.

To be sure of receiving Green Network News every month, your name can be added to our mailing list.

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GLOBAL FUTURE '95

THE LARGEST FESTIVAL OF THE YEAR

Our Global Future '95 (from 18-21 May) is set to be the UK's largest environmental festival of the year, with thousands of visitors already booking for the event. Well over 4,000 young people from Nottinghamshire schools will also be helping to pack the festival, courtesy of Diamond Cable Communications who are sponsoring the free admission of all children.

Exhibitors at the festival will include a huge range of different organisations, including voluntary groups such as the Nottingham Civic Society, the Greenwood Community Trust, Notts Wildlife Trust, the International Tree Foundation and Oxfam Campaigns. Companies including the Ecological Trading Company, Boots and Midlands Paper Recycling will also be represented, along with Nottingham City Council

and Nottinghamshire County Council.

If you would like more information, or your organisation would like to take part, contact Keith Jager or Alison Marshall on 01675 443066.

*The other three articles on this page look at three of the exhibitors who will be taking part in *Our Global Future*.*

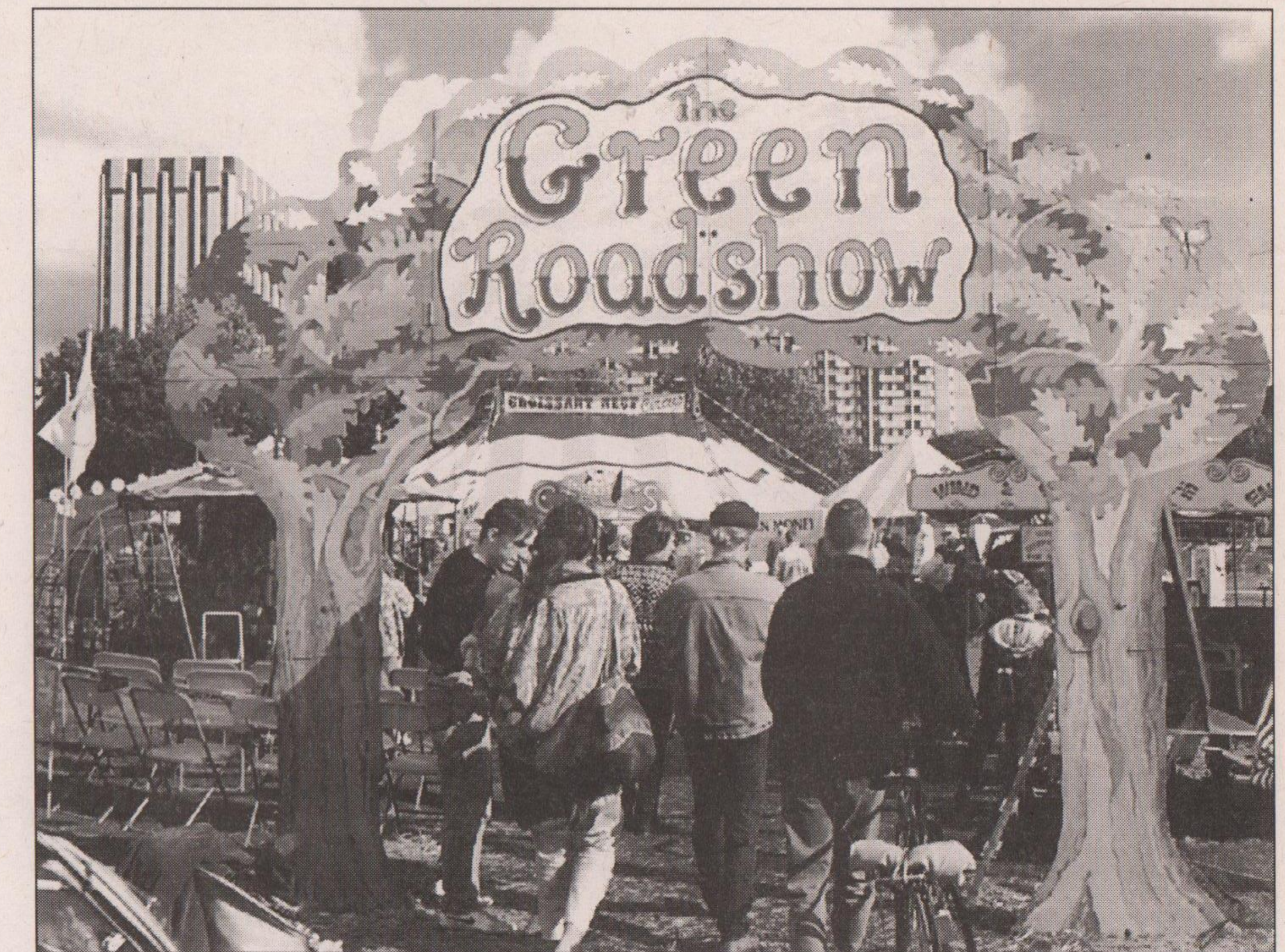
THE GREEN ROADSHOW

The Green Roadshow - appearing at *Our Global Future '95* - includes the world's only wind and solar powered circus, as well as many unique environmental exhibits and displays. The roadshow grew out of a desire to take the 'green' message out and about to the public, as well as 'preaching to the converted'. In the last two years it has visited many cities all over the UK, as well as attending several large shows, such as the Glastonbury Festival.

The 'Croissant Neuf' circus includes juggling, unicycling, acrobatics, stiltwalking, magic and illusion. The circus lighting and sound systems are powered by batteries charged through wind turbines and photo-voltaic panels.

Other parts of the show include electric cars and bicycles, a solar powered roundabout and an alternative technology display, as well as a 40ft high working wind turbine. You can also receive ethical investment advice, visit the kids scrapstore tent, and see the permaculture and woodland craft displays. The ongoing programme of green entertainments includes clown and puppet shows, recycling shows and circus skills workshops.

Andy Hope (of the Green Roadshow).



*The gateway to the Green Roadshow.
Photo courtesy of the Green Roadshow.*

RAISING THE ROOF

The Nottingham Green Partnership is planning to raise the roof at *Our Global Future '95*. As part of the four day environmental show the Green Partnership is building three temporary household rooms designed to illustrate green living in the home.

On display will be three rooms - a kitchen, lounge and garden area - all equipped with environmentally friendly fixtures and fittings.

The exhibition will bring to life many of the lifestyle ideas first published by the Partnership in the 'Buy Green Guide', which is full of ideas

for environmentally friendly shopping. This excellent publication will be available free of charge to visitors to *Our Global Future*.

The exhibition will put on display -

- energy efficiency in the home,
- a selection of furniture and fittings,
- environmentally friendly washing and cleaning products,
- a CFC free and low energy kitchen,
- growing your own food,
- green cooking, eating and composting.

For further information about the Nottingham Green Partnership please contact Steve Waller on 948 3500.



CLOTHES FROM PLASTIC BOTTLES!

Any Mountain Clothing will be displaying its range of recycled outdoor clothing at *Our Global Future '95*. Material from discarded plastic bottles is used to produce a range of garments and accessories suitable for outdoor activities.

'Fleece' jackets and other garments are normally

manufactured from oil. The recycled alternatives are similar in price, but help to save resources. The bottles would otherwise have ended up in landfills, along with most of the 8 million plastic bottles currently used each year in the UK (less than 2% of the bottles are currently recycled).

Come along to the stand at *Global Future*, and see how warm clothing can be made from 'a load of old rubbish'.

For more information about the recycled range of clothing, contact Any Mountain on 01629 826252.