



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Due to the pressure of events this newsletter is a little thin: normal service will be resumed in March. Primarily this is because so much energy has been going into organising for the February 26th local demonstration and the March 19th TUC demonstration.

FEBRUARY 26th DEMONSTRATION

As you will no doubt be aware, Mushroom Bookshop was attacked by *Blood and Honour* members on January 15th. 32 of them were later arrested and have been bailed until mid-March when we will know the extent of the charges. This has provided the catalyst for a major local demonstration on 26th February against racism and fascism. If you attend one demonstration this year - make it this one! The atmosphere will be up-beat with musicians playing, if you can bring banners, flags, family and friends, all the better. Although the raid on Mushroom provided the catalyst, the theme is naturally broader, this also reflects the wishes of the Mushroom staff.

Ways to help:

a) Publicity material. Please stick the enclosed leaflets up in your workplace or elsewhere. Bulk copies are available of both of these as leaflets or posters, available from Mushroom Bookshop (but ring Ross first on 582506 to ensure adequate stock is there)

b) Stall. There are stalls in town and probably Sherwood, Bulwell and Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday 19th February. For town just turn up anytime between 11.00 and 1.00 at St. Peter's Gate (outside Marks and Spencers). If you would prefer to go on the other stalls, please ring Ross as above for times.

c) On the day. If you can leaflet or steward, turn up at the Forest at 10.00 to be given a job.

THE GOOD NEWS

Following the raid on Mushroom the nazi pub The Red Lion in Heanor has been 'closed for refurbishment' and our understanding is that the brewery will not allow it to be so used again. The Alexandra Social Club in Sandiacre - revealed in the press by NAFA to be where *Blood and Honour* has been holding gigs and meetings - has now said they will no longer allow them to meet or have events there. We will obviously keep an eye on this to make sure, but we have just heard that the Social Club are in financial trouble - the curse of NAFA claims another one? Congrats to all who leafleted the area calling for a boycott, to those who raised this in the House of Commons and in the press.

TUC DEMONSTRATION

NAFA activists were instrumental in setting up *Nottingham United Against Racism* to mobilise support, particularly among trade unions, for the March 19th TUC demonstration. This was launched at an 80-strong meeting of trade unionists, anti-fascist groups, Green Party, National Black Caucus and others. As we go to press we understand that UNISON, the T & GWU and the Hosiery Workers are sending coaches down. NUAR will also be organising coaches - tickets will be on sale at Mushroom Bookshop from the middle of the week. If you wish to get involved in this, contact the NUAR stall on the Feb. 26th demonstration. There will also be an open meeting on March 8th - venue to be confirmed.

NAFA MEETINGS

NAFA meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at the International Community Centre on Mansfield Road. Our youth work sub-group meets separately - write in for details of that. The next NAFA meetings are therefore the 28th of February and the 14th and 28th of March. Note. the 14th of March will be our delayed AGM (NAFA works to a 13 month year...) and the 28th March will be an "after the demonstrations, what now?" open event.

Best wishes to you; see you on the 26th.

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