

Thankyou...

Thankyou to all the local people for the teabags, coffee, food, money, and most of all, smiles, chats, and generous support.

National contributions from Trade Unions include:

London tube workers, London office of Amnesty International, NACODS, Nottingham NALGO County and City staff, Nottingham University students, Keystone P.O. and sorting staff, NATFHE (various branches), NUPE, CPSA (various), Paddy Tipping M.P., ACTS (various), NUT (various), MSF (various), Black and Gold.

With a special thankyou to Tim Martin who got the sack from his job for collecting £10.

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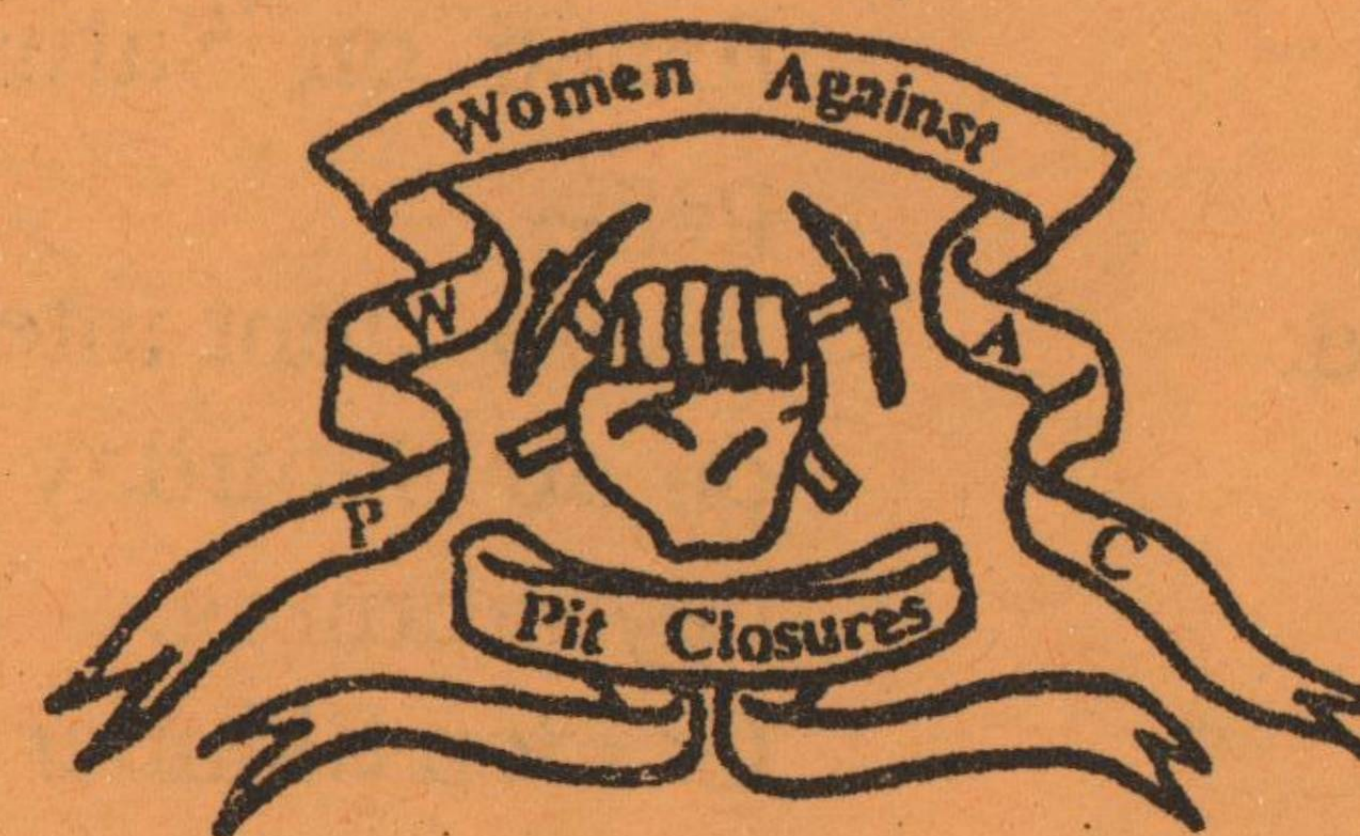
GIVE US A RING . . .

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NE MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

And Finally...

we want *you* to be involved. Stop by, even if it is only for a chat. Ask your workmates and friends to give us support. We have to keep up the fight to keep the pits open and jobs for our kids. We cannot do that alone. Join the camp - for an hour or a night - you'll be very welcome.

National Women Against Pit Closures



Rufford Camp

Newsletter Number 1

Thursday, 4th February

The Planning

Two meetings took place at the Robin Hood Pub at Rainworth, planning what we needed to do. Local women decided on Thursday 21st January as Day 1. The caravan was pulled onto site with basic amenities, but we were up, and if not running, striding, into the struggle! Lots of local support given and received with gratitude.

The Past 2 Weeks

- Day 1: We're official!
- Friday 22nd: Nottingham Evening Post arrive and take pictures published on Saturday's front page.
- Saturday 23rd: Radio Trent interview taken, on air Saturday night / Sunday morning.
- Sunday 24th: Gordon Skinner visits to give support. Portaloo arrives!
- Monday 25th: Local shopkeeper gives practical support - dozens of free disposable cups!
- Tuesday 26th: Parish council agrees to us using washing facilities in Village Hall.
- Wednesday 27th: Bowl of stew arrives from local miner's mother!
- Thursday 28th: Pit electrical engineer sets up supply to the caravan.
- Friday 29th: BBC TV national news coverage and visit by Alan Meale M.P.
- Saturday 30th: Demo in Nottingham. Brilliant. Linda from our camp shares rally platform with A. Scargill.
- Sunday 31st: Visit by busload of Durham miner's wives.

- Monday 1st February: Telephone arrives, courtesy of local councillor, Sally Higgins.
- Tuesday 2nd: Portacabin arrives. Now we're OFFICE-ial!
- Wednesday 3rd: Meeting at Village Hall, 7pm, planning events.

IMPORTANT:

*We need more women involved,
especially at night.*

**Come along to our meetings: every
Wednesday night, 7pm, at Rainworth
Village Hall.**

Future Events:

Saturday, 13th February: The Big Fight!

Come and sign up for your side - Heseltine v. Scargill at the caravan, 10am - 4pm. Result announced 5pm. Free tea, coffee and biscuits.

Saturday, 27th February: Fun day at camp.

Kids and young people have fun and learn about the fight to save the pits.