

HERE'S A **FESTIVAL LIST** to guide you through the summer. But bear in mind, festival lists are not gospel. Many festivals crack off just cos enough people together want one - they are spontaneous events and this makes the precise location difficult to predict. However, the fact that a festival is on a list means that there's likely to be a lot of people in the area wanting to make it happen (eg despite an injunction on the normal Avon festival site, Avon festival will go ahead somewhere in the area cos so many people will turn up to it). So don't moan at us for any inaccuracies - it's up to you to get out there and make the party happen.

MAY

Fri-Sun 15-17 - Forest Fayre, Forest of Dean, nr. Coleford. £15, info: 0594 832062/810091.

Fri-Mon 22-25 - Avon Free Festival

Sat 23 - Brighton Lesbian and Gay festival, Preston Park, Brighton.

Sun 31 - Zippy Picnic, Hampstead Heath (South end Green, by ponds).

JUNE

Mon 1 - Stonehenge walk leaves from Peace Pagoda, Battersea, London, meet at midday.

" " - 7th Anniversary of the Battle of the Beanfield.

Sat 6 - Cambridge Strawberry Fair, Free Festival.

Sat 13 - Norwich One World Festival, Earlham Park, Free.

Sun 16 - Beverly Rainbow Fair, Humberside, Beverly Racecourse.

Fri 12-Thurs 25 (dates vary on different lists) - Summer Solstice People's Free Festival, Stonehenge A303 Wiltshire.

Sat 13 - Stonehenge Motorcycle Run from, Giraffe Pub, London SE17.

Sat 20 - Summer Solstice Eve Party/Rave, Wiltshire.

Sun 21 - Summer Solstice, 03:13 am.

" " - Summer Blues Festival, Farnham Maltings, Farnham. Info: 0252 726234

" " - Leamington Peace Festival.

Fri-Sun 26-28 - Glastonbury Festival, £49 advance.

" " " " - Wish You Were Here Picnic, Hants.

JULY

Fri-Sun 3-5 - Bracknell Folk Festival, South Hill Park, Bracknell, Berkshire. Family=£48. Info: 0344 427242.

Thu 16 - Who Moved The Ground? Gander on the Green, Bournemouth.

Fri-Sun 17-19 - WOMAD Festival, South Hill Park Bracknell Berks. Info 0344 427272.

Fri-Mon 24-27 - Gwynedd Green Fair, Criccieth, Wales.

Fri-Sun 24-26 - Happy Daze Free Peace Festival, Wales.

Fri-Sun 31-2 - Green Man Free Festival, Wales.

August

Fri-Sun 7-9 - Torpedo Town Free Festival, Hants.

Fri-Sun 14-16 - Twisted Tree Trunk Free Festival, S-Wales.

Fri-Sun 21-23 - Cissbury Ring Free Festival, Sussex.

Sat 22 - Donnington Monsters of Rock.

Fri-Sun 28-30 - Reading Festival, £45 advance.

Fri-Mon 28-31 - The White Goddess Free Festival, Cornwall.

SEPTEMBER

Fri-Sun 4-6 - Cloud Nine Free Festival, North Yorkshire.

Fri-Sun 11-13 - Silver Moon Free Festival, Cumbria.

Fri-Sun 18-20 - Village Idiots Gathering, Sussex.

Tues 22 - Autumn Equinox.

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FESTIVAL FEVER

Well folks! Summer's nearly here and with loads of free site parties cracking off all over there's a festival atmosphere in the air, and unless you don't have any thumbs you've no excuse for not being there - so if the city's getting you down and you wanna have fun just for the sake of it, get there. Anyway, with the advent of the rave/festival cross over,

this summer may be the first time many people have attended a festival, so over the page there's a few tips from the Festival Welfare Services survival guide.

So all you've got is yourself, a big field and loads of other boys and girls hell bent on FUN. Make new friends, meet old ones and **CELEBRATE THE SUMMER.**

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Nottingham,
Notts



Festival survival

- Tips & Advice.

1 If you have a dog look after it and remember it can be shot by farmers if it bothers animals, so keep it under control.

2 If you have a fire, don't cut living wood; trees grow very slowly and **LIVEWOOD DOESN'T BURN**. However, vehicles, tents, etc and the people in them do (and people smell horrible when they burn) so use your head when positioning your fire.

3 Don't crap just anywhere - imagine treading in it in bare feet. If there are toilets or a trench on site, use them; if not, dig a hole (out of the way) and remember to take your own bog roll

and bury it with your shit.

4 Keep sites tidy. Some of the worst publicity for festivals is the untidy state that sites are left in, so tidy up after yourself. Litter like cans, glass, tins, etc is dangerous if just left around. Take the responsibility for your environment and keep it clean.

5 On sites there is often very little or no water supply **SO BE PREPARED** (ie take plenty of your own). If there is, make sure it's OK before drinking. Use what water is available sparingly.

6 Remember that other people are on site as well.

Many families and children will be on site and may want to sleep at night so choose where to be noisy so as not to antagonise people. Drive slowly around sites, squashing children and animals makes a lot of mess and pisses people off.

7 Should you be ensnared by the long arm of the law, know your rights on arrest (see inside of back page) the most important being your right to silence - **EXERCISE IT** - the only information you must give is your name, address and date of birth; No comment will suffice for all other questions. The police must have reasonable

suspicion before searching you: your dress sense or the fact that you are a festival-goer are not reasonable grounds. The police are obliged to explain why they are searching you and to make a record of the search. But be polite - antagonistic behaviour will give the police grounds to hassle you. In the past the police have been known to be just a little bit of a hinderance to anyone trying to get to a festival. Don't be afraid to question the police (POLITELY). For example, if you find a police vehicle blocking an entrance or road that you would like to go down, don't just turn around - ask

them why they are blocking the road, ask if they will arrest you if you go down the road and if so what law you will be breaking, ask them to move - in many cases the police will outstretching their powers in trying to prevent your progress. If you do find yourself surrounded by concrete walls and

metal bars, before planning a miraculous escape, try phoning **RELEASE** emergency number - 071 603 8654 (operator referral) - cos they'll get you out a bit quicker.

8 Remember to enjoy and look after yourself. Try to eat and sleep sometimes. When

consuming substances ensure you know what they are and what they will do to you; if in doubt don't bother. If you are ill **GET HELP**, find the **WELFARE TEAM**. If a friend is freaking and it is drug induced, remind them of that and remember people can be talked through freak-outs (vitamin C helps as well if you have

any) but remember the welfare team on site is there if you need them. And finally, if your pastimes begin to get a bit rude (Ooh! Aah!) plastic bags with elastic bands won't prevent the spread of AIDS, condoms will - the choice is yours.



BNP FAILURE

The British National Party did gratifyingly badly at the General Election. They lost their deposits for every candidate they put up, and didn't come close to the numbers of votes

that the NF attracted in the late '70s. They did best in places like Tower Hamlets, while only polling 600 votes in nearby Erewash. The **ANTI-NAZI LEAGUE** was active throughout

the country. Around 150 anti-fascists gathered in Ilkeston to greet a small band of BNP members who arrived to find their meeting cancelled! The ANL will remain active after the

election. They can be contacted at PO BOX 99, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottingham, NG1 1FE, or at their stall in town on Saturdays between 11am and 1pm. Membership is only £1.

DEGREES OF PAIN

In 1990, 3 207 094 animals were subjected to experiments and procedures "likely to cause pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm". 748 025 procedures (25% of the total) were carried out by universities, polytechnics and medical schools with most of the remainder (58%) performed by commercial laboratories. Although industry uses more animals, most experimenters actually work in academic institutions, making universities the very heartland of vivisection. For it is here that researchers of the future are trained. During 1990, 10 382 animals were used in education and training. The main species included mice (3 886), rats (2 734), guinea pigs (440), cats (43),

sheep (51), birds (496), amphibians (2 070) and fish (482).

Source: Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals, Great Britain, 1990 (HMSO, 1991), and The Ethical Scientist, Animal Aid.

Many students studying for a degree in one of the life sciences (Biology, Zoology etc.), will have to face the dilemma - whether or not to experiment on animals as part of the practical work towards their degree. All examining boards now allow A-level students to opt out of dissection practicals if they so wish. The response of polytechnics and universities to this issue varies

widely from respect for the ethical concerns of the student to the attitude that people with these concerns have no place in the world of life science - dissect or get off the course!

Students should be allowed to opt out of any practical work on moral or ethical grounds. Many of these practicals are repeats of classical experiments carried out hundreds of times over the years and are purely for demonstration purposes. If these demonstrations are considered essential then surely students could watch a video - requiring the experiment to be performed only once.

At Nottingham Polytechnic, students studying Biology are required amongst other things to take blood from

live crabs, dissect trout and freshly killed frogs and expose bumble bees to pesticides to see how they react. Students are often not informed about what the experiment will be prior to the lab session, and as a result few will leave once a session has started. Students wishing to abstain from such work face an uphill struggle at the poly and some have been brave and persistent enough to win the concession to do extra work in place on the animal experimentation. Many although opposed to the work fear to jeopardise their course and so go along with it.

Information about animal experiments at Nottingham University is limited at present, although it is known that first

year students can opt out of an experiment involving chicken embryos (at least this was the case several years ago).

Any students reading this who are experiencing similar problems, or anyone considering studying one of the life sciences, can obtain practical advice and support from ANIMAL AID, 7 Castle Street, Tonbridge, Kent, TN9 1BH, Tel: 0732 364 546.

Animal Aid are running a campaign for Ethical Science and as well as the personal advice they can offer, they can also supply information and possibly speakers to present the case for ethical science, and stimulate discussion within your department. They also produce an excellent booklet "Alternatives in Education and Research" which can be obtained from the address above.

LYNX IN COURT

Lynx, the national anti-fur organisation, is currently being sued by a Yorkshire fur factory farmer for libel, after describing conditions seen on the establishment. The action has been dragging on for over 2 years now and the increasing expense has crippled Lynx, forcing many important campaigns to be temporarily shelved. The case has now been Set Down for trial in Leeds and should finally come to Court this year: when Lynx is confident of winning. The only weakness Lynx has is financial. Contact Lynx on 0602 403211 (PO Box 300, Nottingham, NG1 5HN).



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Nott FIN OUT TO LUNCH

This issue of FIN has come out a bit later than hoped, mainly cos most of us went down to the Free Festival at Lechlade on the MayDay bank holiday weekend - this was meant to be going off in Hungerford, but Berkshire police were persistent in trying to prevent this, with 4 sites evicted in the 4 days prior to the weekend, so we ended up in Gloucestershire.

The party ended up as the biggest illegal free rave ever in this country, and if you didn't like raves at least it was a picturesque site by a lake and small wood, and it passed off without any trouble. Hopefully as the season picks up we'll see a wider range of events cracking off at festivals, and more people about.

OPEN DAYS

at **RADFORD ROAD POLICE STATION**

Nottingham

SUNDAY 28th JUNE 1992

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TRIBE TRASHED

Rumours are going around about a police raid at a Spiral Tribe rave. Apparently, the police smashed through the wall of the warehouse using a JCB, and made 1000 people lie face down on the ground. The action was carried out by violent, aggressive policemen with their ID numbers covered over. Several arrests were made and the rumours also say that one man died when he fell off a roof being chased by police. While we cannot be certain of any details, we know that something along these lines happened. Spiral Tribe are asking for people who were there to come forward as witnesses cos they are taking the police to court. They are not taking this lying down.

BRITISH JUSTICE!

The National Association of Probation Officers (NAPO) estimates that there are currently 500 genuine cases of wrongful imprisonment. Campaigning groups believe there are much more than this. One such group is CONVICTION, who provide support and advice to victims of wrongful imprisonment. They also produce newsletters which give details of cases, and addresses to write to prisoners, along with general news about

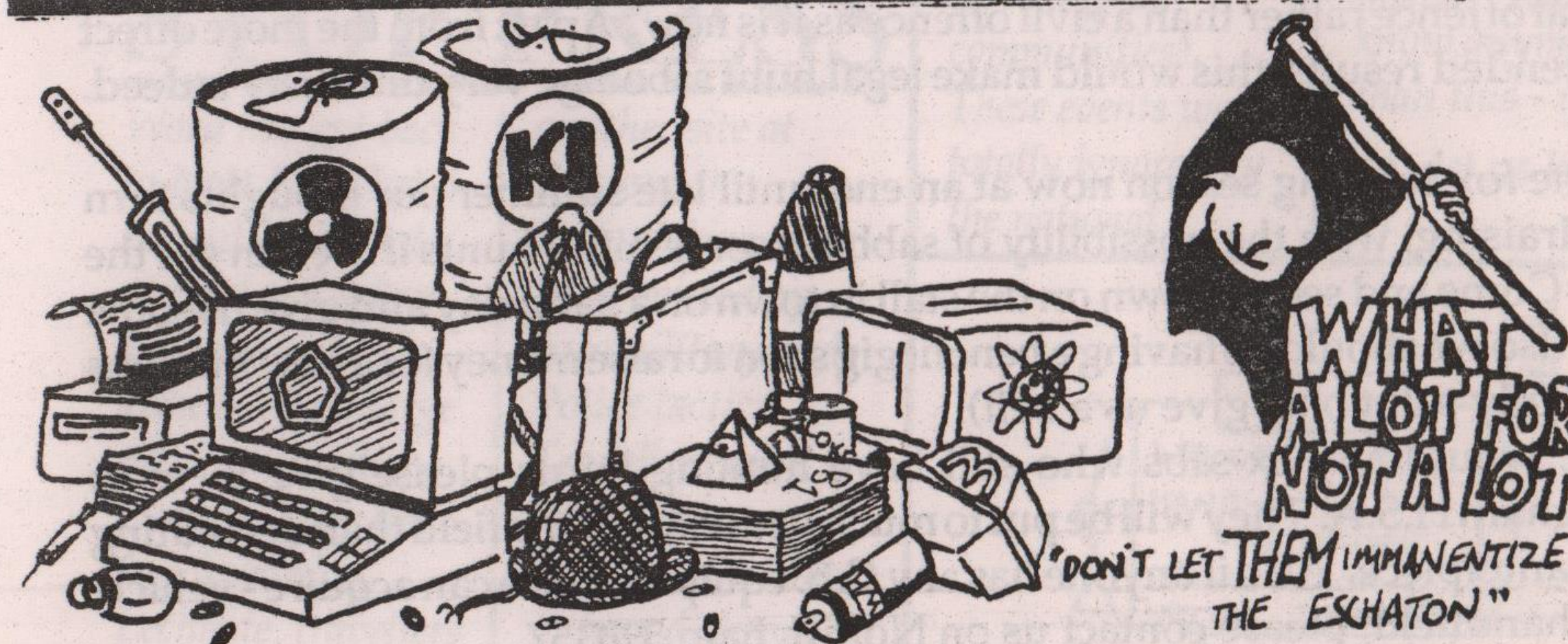
Conviction's work. It only costs £2 a year to receive the newsletter if you're waged, and it's free for the unwaged, but further donations are always welcomed.

Conviction provide active support to prisoners, publicising cases, helping with the appeal process, encouraging other relevant organisations to take on cases, or simply making the jail term slightly easier. Recently Conviction made a submission to

the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice. They are receiving so many requests for help that the existing members can't cope. Can you help them? Do you want to follow up cases? Write to Prisoners? Visit them in prisons? If you were the victim of wrongful imprisonment you would want someone out there for you. Contact Conviction, PO Box 522, Sheffield, S1 3FF.

Liberty (formerly National Council for Civil Liberties)

have organised a Criminal Justice campaign (which has the backing of Conviction). One recent initiative is the establishment of a criminal justice network to link up solicitors, academics and law students who can try and represent or advise prisoners fighting their convictions. Another is a national day for Justice on June 21st, but at time of writing we lack any details about this. Contact Liberty, 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 4LA.



POLICE OUT OF ORDER (AGAIN)

Nottingham sabs have continued to sab foxhunts every weekend up to the end of the season, both around Nottingham and further afield. The season had quite a violent ending with several attacks on sabs. While sabbing the Cottesmore hunt near Bourne in Lincolnshire, a sab had his leg broken by a supporter. The police present at the time, chose to ignore this. At the same meet, the last of the Cottesmore master, Captain Fanshawe, one Nottingham sab had his wrist broken whilst being arrested for trying to prevent a supporter from stealing his camera. Despite all the violence and intimidation sabs still managed to prevent any kills in an area where they would normally expect to kill several times. At the final meeting of the troubled Quorn hunt, one Nottingham sab needed hospital treatment after being beaten unconscious by followers of the hunt. In addition to this, nearly every meet sabbed towards the end of the season saw numerous arbitrary arrests of sabs by the Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire constabularies. Very rarely were any sabs charged as a result of these arrests - it is intended that all these cases will be fought and actions for damages brought against the police. Hopefully the subsequent bad publicity for the police will make them think twice next season before arresting someone for walking down a public footpath.

In the dying moments of the last Parliament we saw the defeat of the Wild Animal Protection Bill by only 12 votes! This bill if passed would have outlawed all forms of hunting with dogs. Had Labour won the election they would have allowed time for similar legislation to come before the house again, but as we now know this will not happen. Doubtless there will still be an attempt in the Commons, probably with a private members bill, and it will stand some chance with the reduced Tory majority although whether it would get through the Lords is another matter.

Another consequence of the Tory victory is possible anti-sab legislation. As a result of proposed new anti-squatting/traveller laws, trespass could become a criminal offence rather than a civil offence as it is now. Apart from the more direct and intended results, this would make legal hunt sabotage very difficulty indeed.

With the fox-hunting season now at an end until late summer our thoughts turn to fundraising, with the possibility of sabbing some mink hunts if we can get the meets. Come and see us down on the stall in town on a Saturday and give us some dosh. Also we should be having a benefit gig soon to raise money for a new minibus (if anybody's got one, give us a bell).

Finally, would any ex-sabs who still have hunting horns please give them to Nottingham H.S.A. They will be put to much better use in the field than decorating your mantelpiece. Also if anyone has any C.B. equipment we can acquire - vehicle sets or handheld, please contact us on Nottingham [590357](tel:0530357).

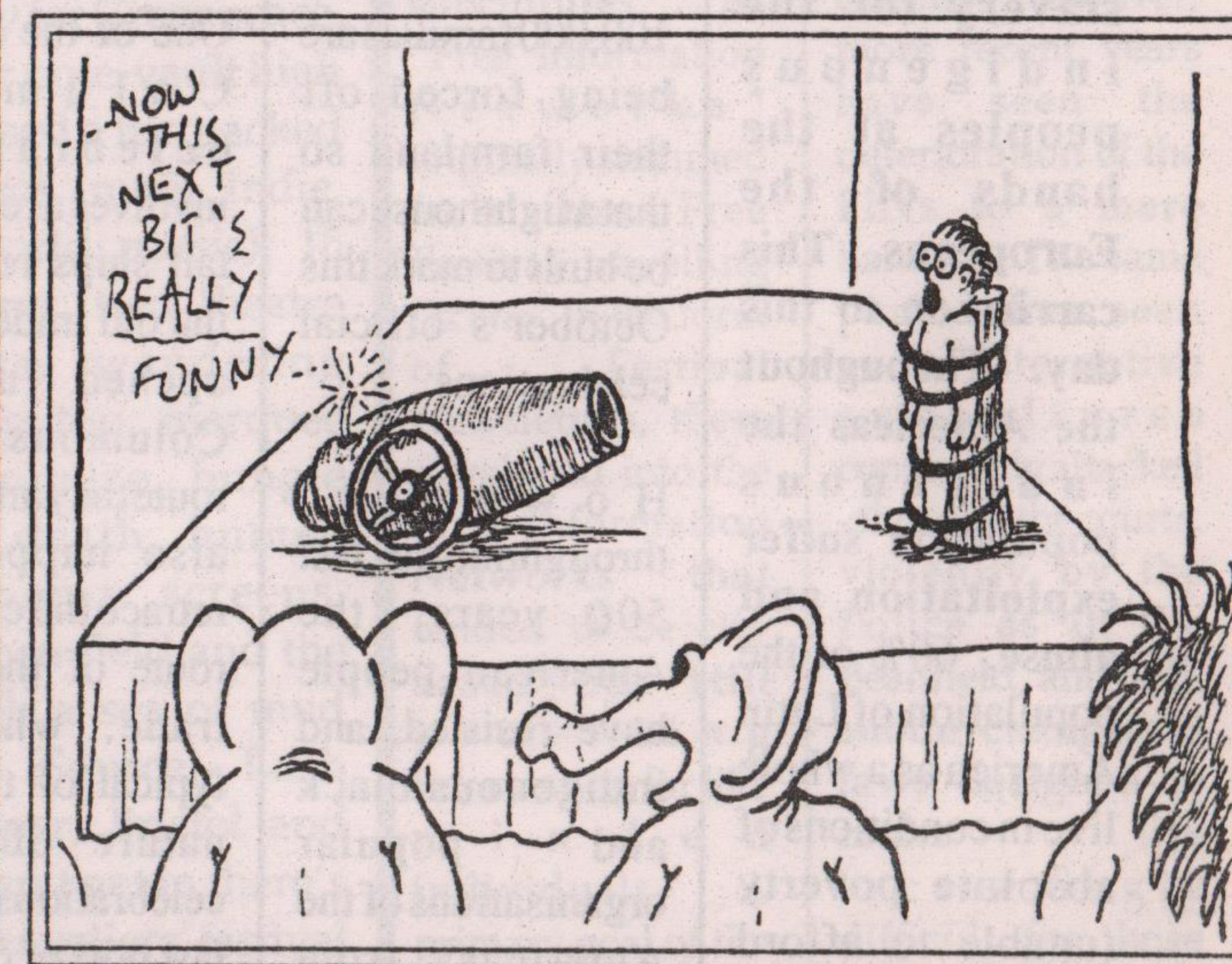
CRUEL CIRCUS

Following a recent decision of Nottm City Council, circuses with performing animals are now banned from council land. This decision coincided with the visit to the Forest Recreation Ground of Sir Robert Fossett's Circus at the end of April. This circus has performing bears, elephants and camels, and will now be the last circus of this type on this site. Local animal rights campaigners

picketed the circus throughout it's week long stay, handing out leaflets to potential customers, explaining the

cruelty involved in these anachronistic and barbaric spectacles. The attendances of paying customers at the

performances were very poor: the circus can hardly have covered its feeding costs. These circuses will still be around for a while, setting up on private sites like the Nottm Racecourse, but their days must be numbered.



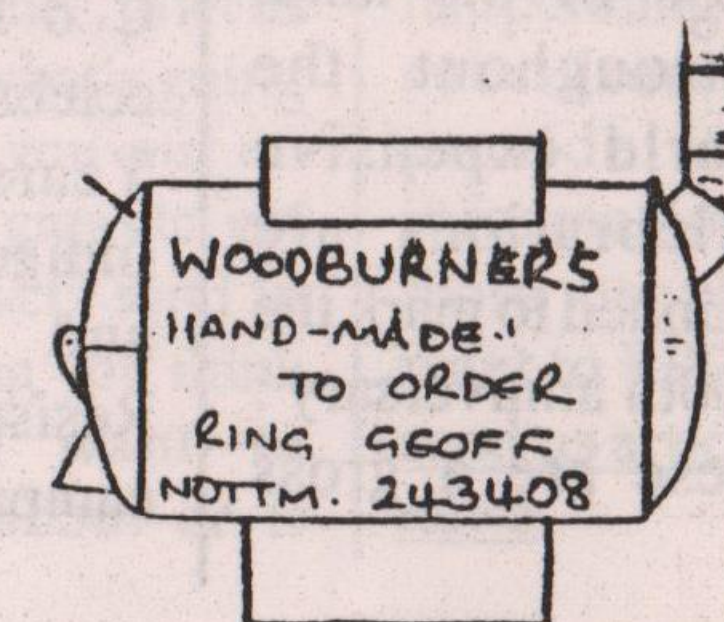
STOP PRESS

Word has got back to Nott FIN that a rave at a disused airfield at Lasham, Hampshire was attacked by a large number of police. Further, after the free festival at Lechlade, travellers moved on to

another site at Enstone in Oxfordshire, only to be evicted by paramilitary style Police tactics. Travellers were forced to leave 3 vehicles at a time, in four different directions

(breaking up communities). These events were totally ignored by the national

media. We don't know anymore than this - if you do, let us know.



500 YEARS OF RESISTANCE

1992 is the 500th anniversary of Columbus' "discovery" of the Americas. This initiated 500 years of exploitation, oppression and slavery for the indigenous peoples at the hands of the Europeans. This carries on to this day. Throughout the Americas the indigenous population suffer exploitation and abuse. 60% of the population of Latin America as a whole live in conditions of absolute poverty (unable to afford food that provides the minimum nutritional requirements) while 8% of the population control 80% of the land. Throughout the world expensive celebrations are planned to mark the 500th anniversary: these are a gross

insult to those who have suffered from the legacy of Columbus. Perhaps the worst example of this is in San Domingo in the Dominican Republic, where 100,000 families are being forced off their farmland so that a lighthouse can be built to mark this October's official celebrations.

However, throughout the last 500 years the American people have resisted, and indigenous, black and popular organisations of the Americas, from Alaska to Tierra Del Fuego, have come together to launch a world wide campaign in response to the Columbus celebrations: "500 Years of Indigenous, Black and Popular Resistance". The campaign aims to

exploit the publicity generated by the Columbus celebrations to publicise the struggles currently being waged in the Americas.

One of the official Columbus celebrations involves a regatta of tall ships retracing the old trade routes opened up by Columbus - the route they are taking also happens to retrace the classical route of the slave trade, which is typical of the sick nature of these celebrations. Their last port of call will be Liverpool in August 1992. The Liverpool 500 Years of Resistance Group, by negotiating with the Merseyside Development Council, have already made significant gains in changing the nature of the event (eg it is

now a "commemoration" rather than a "celebration") and have even been awarded some money to help present their side of the story.

The most audacious event planned is the 500 years rally in August, which hopefully will include several internationally renowned speakers, including ANC leader Nelson Mandela, and former Nicaraguan president Daniel Ortega, and will provide a strong alternative to the official celebrations (attended by George Bush).

For more details on the 500 Years Campaign contact 500 Years of Resistance Campaign, Latin America House, Kingsgate Place, London, NW6 4TA.

GLASTONBURY

Many of us thought that it wouldn't happen after the violence in 1990, but Glastonbury Festival is back after 2 years absence. The dates are 26-28 June. The site is 200 acres bigger, surrounded by 10'6" high steel fence and the entrance price is £49 ("includes camping, car-parking, VAT, and all on-site events" according to the adverts, although rumours abound of an extra £50 fee to camp with your vehicle). This year's festival is to raise money for Greenpeace. If you can afford £49 or pole-vault high enough you are promised a fun packed weekend: music stages (main, indie, acoustic, jazz and world music), 15 hours a day of cabaret, two theatre tents, street shows, wandering performers, circus big top, marquee and stage, flying trapeze, bungee jumpers, wheel of death, human cannonballs, 2 cinema screens, children's festival, green field and the usual wading through a sea of mud (weather permitting). (Source - Lush Community Newspaper, Bristol and Festival ads.) If you can't get in there's bound to be the usual travellers' festival in the neighbourhood, with the added advantage that it's free.



FIN

Nottingham Free Information Network has been set up as an attempt to provide a wide variety of information concerning minority subcultures. The "Free Information Networks" originally stemmed from the Free Festival travelling "scene" in the form of Festival Newsletters, these developed into the Free Information Networks that tended to be city based but still providing information for like minded individuals. A primary goal of the FINs is to let people know what is going on in the "scene" and in this respect Nottingham FIN is dependant on YOU, the people who are the "scene", to let us know what's going on. If you put on events, gigs etc. get in contact; send in anything you think people want to know about or if

you want to be more involved, get in touch - everyone welcome.

During the mid to late eighties there were FINs in many cities across the country. However, more recent years have seen the deterioration of the FINs to a mere handful. The same period has seen such alternative subcultures continually attacked - through the courts, violently by the Police as in the Beanfield, and with subtle changes in laws designed to make life increasingly difficult for those wishing to lead an alternative lifestyle. Thus Nott FIN is also attempting to keep people in the know with regards to what is happening to the subculture and provide relevant information for those people who want to RESIST. So send us articles and news.

FINance

The first issue of Nott FIN cost £50 to print, and there were a few other costs involved in setting ourselves up. All of this was funded by people involved with the FIN. Since then Diseased Discos Inc have raised £25 for us (for which we are very grateful, and a great time was had

- get to their events if you can) of which £5 paid for affiliation to a print workshop and £20 can be put towards the cost of printing this issue. However, the rest of the printing costs will leave us £30 in debt. The FIN is cheap to produce so even small donations make a

difference; similarly, a benefit which only raises a bit of cash will help us out a lot. We are putting on a Nott FIN benefit gig on Tuesday 26th of May at the Imperial on St James St (opposite Way Ahead records). Playing are Back To The Planet and AOS3 (who both play upbeat reggae in a Citizen Fish-ish vein) and it only costs £3/

£2.50 (conc). This gig is DEFINITELY ON - so ignore Overall's little error (and don't go to Derby on that day to see Rhythm-ites and BTTP cos they ain't playing). If we get enough people we'll be able to raise enough money to finance FIN no3, so please support it.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

In a time when most of us have very little money - recession-hit wages, limited benefits and laughable student grants - maybe we should begin to think seriously about alternatives. Of course, we all know about the age-old bartering system, but could it work alongside today's ongoing

capitalist battle? Well, the people of Totnes in South Devon have created a system of Acorns. A small community actually does exist, amongst the rip-off tourist industry of the area, which manages to live with the minimum exchange of recognised notes

and coins. Let's face it, how can a tatty piece of paper be worth a week's supply of food?

Members of this scheme write acorn cheques in exchange for goods and services, which are deposited in the LETS (Local Economy Trading System) bank. The most wonderful part is that there are no worries of debt (these cheques aren't bouncy), and no interest to be

gained - so greed can't ruin it.

Unfortunately, Totnes has now been overrun by middle-aged, middleclass new-agers, "cultivating their inner-lives"; but if they can do it, surely we can too!

So, if you've got skills to offer but no money - or if you get guilt pangs for selling something for £15 that's only worth £10 - Think about it...

NOT DIARY WARNING

We're not making any attempt at doing a diary this issue. There's a festival list on the back page, and for a comprehensive gig guide get Overall - this will still be well worth getting even when they start charging (even if they do make mistakes - Rhythm-ites and Back To The Planet are definitely NOT playing in Derby on 26 May, BTTP are playing in NOTTINGHAM). However, particularly worth looking out for are Superchunk on Tues 19; Midway Still on Wed 20; the Nottm Central America Support Group benefit at Bobby Brown's Cafe on Thurs 21; Rhythm-ites and Joe 91 on Fri 22; The Orb on Sun 31; NO FX on 2 June; Rhythm-ites in Derby on 2 June; Cardiacs and Levitation on 6 June; and the Nott FIN benefit gig on Tues 26 May at the Imperial on St James St off Market Sq, featuring Back To The Planet (currently on tour with Levellers) and AOS3.

At the Lechlade festival a number of people were ripped off for large sums of money while attempting to exchange their monies for various 'goods' and 'services', by bastard rip-off merchants who then used scare-tactics in an attempt to frighten people off the site. Festivals are not mini anarchist utopias: while the majority of us are friendly people out to have a good time, there is a minority of scumbags out to rip people off, so don't assume you can trust everyone you meet: use care and BE VIGILANT.

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9 Baggrave End,	Barsby, Leics. LE7 8RB
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FREE PARTY

Sunny days are on the way and raveolution is set to hit new dizze heights. All you groovers had enough of the urban drudge, well put on your raving boots, get up and soak up some countryside vibe. Steroid mutant bouncer free-zone, free festival, free party. With the free site parties becoming ever more

popular around the Nottingham area, it's looking good for a top summer. So get off your arse, bring your fellow party addicts with the right attitude and prepare to dance the nights away. Despite their recent heavy hassle courtesy of the police, upfront Spiral Tribe along with Circus Warp / Irritant and co. provided a hardcore

extravaganza for over 10000 people at the Beltane Free Festival (Lechlade). The massive turnout prompted one of the tribe's M.C.s to invite ravers to join them on the road, and with help and donations they promised a free party every week for the rest of the summer. Although the hard techno music wasn't to

everyone's liking on the site, the sun shined and the majority of people had a pucker festival. Keep an ear out at the Avon Free Festival for Nottingham's DiY playing some mellower choons. Get out there and join the travelling ravers, city groovers, rastas, rockers and a pick n mix of party maniacs. Enjoy the bouncing audio - visual experience and most importantly enjoy yourselves.

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RIGHTS ON ARREST ADVICE

In practice you have few enforceable rights against the police: even evidence illegally obtained by them can be used against you in court.

REMEMBER:

1. Don't get drawn into conversations with the police. Apparently innocent remarks can be used against you.. You do not have to say or write anything, or sign any statement. You have the right to refuse to answer all police questions. Most people are better off remaining silent when being questioned. If the police suspect you have committed any offence, you can be arrested if you refuse to give your name and address, or if they aren't satisfied with the address you have given.
2. If in doubt, do and say nothing until you have contacted your solicitor, Release, or the Duty Solicitor.
3. If anything you ask for is refused, ask why and remember the reason given.
4. As soon as possible make full notes of what has happened and give them to your solicitor. These can be used as evidence in court. If you have been injured go and see a doctor as soon as possible, giving a full explanation of your injuries.

ON THE STREET - IF YOU ARE STOPPED:

1. Check police identity; ask to see their warrant card, and remember the details. If they are uniformed, remember their numbers.
2. If you are stopped and searched in the street, ask why. The police can stop you in any public place if they suspect that you are in possession of 'prohibited articles' such as offensive weapons, or stolen goods. On the street, the police can only search outer clothing such as coats, gloves etc. If they suspect that you are in possession of illegal drugs, they can take you to a police station for a more thorough search without formally arresting you. They should show evidence of identity before searching you, and must keep a record of the search.

IF YOU ARE TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION:

1. The custody Officer should give you a notice setting out your rights.
 - a. You have the right to have someone informed of your arrest.
 - b. You have the right to consult your lawyer or a Duty Solicitor. Advice under the Duty Solicitor scheme is free.
 - c. You have the right to consult the PACE (police and criminal evidence act) codes of practice.
 Access to legal help and informing someone of your arrest can be delayed if you are suspected of a 'serious offence'. Most important of all, you have the right to remain silent.
2. Ask if you have been arrested, and if so, why. Ask to see the custody officer as soon as you arrive at the police station. Make sure that the starting time of your detention is correctly recorded at the top of the police custody record, together with a record about whether you need a solicitor or relative informed. Make sure you know why you are being held. The nature of the charges determines your entitlement to rights in the police station.
3. Ask the custody officer to phone your solicitor, the Duty Solicitor, or Release. Insist that a friend or relative is informed of your arrest. You have the right to have someone informed without delay unless you are being detained in connection with a 'serious arrestable offence' (PACE Act section 56). If this is the case, police can delay access to solicitors and relatives in specific circumstances. If they do refuse access, ask why. Insist the reason is recorded on your custody sheet. Even if the police are confident that there are grounds for refusing access to a solicitor, they have to allow access before 36 hours has expired.
4. Ask to be charged or released. Unless you are suspected of a 'serious offence', you must be released or charged with 24 hours of detention, and you have the right to consult a solicitor at any time. Make sure that your request to see a solicitor and the time of the request is recorded by the custody officer. Whatever the police say, NEVER sign the custody sheet saying you don't want to see a solicitor. Insist on seeing one. If you are held in connection with a 'serious offence' you can be held for up to 36 hours without access to a solicitor, without being charged, if certain conditions are satisfied. For guidance, ask the police for their codes of conduct on detention. You have the right to see them. After 36 hours, you have the right to see a solicitor. A magistrate may order your continued detention in the police station for up to 96 hours, with a series of reviews. If after 96 hours, you have still not been charged, you have the right to be released.
5. In order to get bail (i.e. released from the police station before going to court) you will probably have to satisfy the police that you have a fixed address. REMEMBER - don't admit anything to the police until you have talked to a solicitor. You have the right to remain silent.

IF YOUR HOME OR WORKPLACE IS TO BE SEARCHED:

Police do not need a warrant or your permission to enter your home in order to arrest someone, but in theory they should name the person sought. Searches can sometimes be conducted without a warrant. In all cases you should ask the reason for the search. You are entitled to see a copy of the search warrant. Police should supply you with information about their powers to search premises. A record of the search must be kept by the police.