

NOVEMBER

- Sun 1 Foxhunting season opens. Contact Nottingham Hunt Sabs on (0602) 590357.
- Wed 11 Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.
- Thurs 19 Chumbawamba at the Marcus Garvey - Overall benefit gig.
- Fri 20 Bloody Lovely + Scum Pups, Lincoln Level
- Sun 22 Evolution All Dayer 2pm-12am, Shoreditch Town Hall £5, Ffi - Rachel on 081 345 6789
- Tues 24 Writers Workshop. Angel Row Library 7pm (doors close 8pm)
- Tues 24 Cathode Nation at the Narrowboat
- Thu 26/Fri 27 Pre-Christmas Book and Craft Fair at ACFF Education Centre, 28 Beaconsfield St, Hyson Green. 10-6.
- Thur 26 - Dec 6 National Tree Week. Events nationwide. Contact: (0225) 874018.
- Sat 28 Pagan Federation Conference. London. 9am-10pm. Talks by Monica Sjoo, Ronald Hutton, Caitlin & John Matthews. SAE to Dawn Hardy, BM 7097, London WC1N 3XX.
- Sat 28 Smith, Kline, Beecham demo. Harlow. Details (021) 212 4404.
- Sun 29 The Smithfield demo against the Royal Smithfield (meat) Show. Meet 11am outside Earls Court. More details Veg. Soc.
- Sun 29 -Dec 3 The Royal Smithfield Show. Events and protests to counter meat trade show. Details: Steve (061) 928 0793.

DECEMBER

- Tues 1 Stop Sealink Live Exports. Assemble 11am Eastern dock entrance, Dover. Contact SEARC: (0424) 730154 or (0344) 367044.
- Wed 2 Stonehenge Campaign open meeting. 99 Torriano Ave, London. 7.30pm
- Sat 5 Smith, Kline, Beecham demo. Welwyn G.C. Details: Details (021) 212 4404.
- Tue 8 Musicians Network meeting. Ffi 071 515 4205
- Wed-Thu 9-10 Total Lunar Eclipse 22.00-1.30
- Sat 12 Smith, Kline, Beecham demo. Brentford HQ. Details: Details (021) 212 4404.
- Tues 15 Cathode Nation, Old Angel
- Thu 17 Badger Baiters Court Case. Skegness Magistrates Court, Park Ave. for 3 days or more. Demo details: Tony (0507) 313352. Transport from Nottingham Nottm. Hunt Sabs: (0602) 590357.
- Mon 21 Winter Solstice 14.41 GMT.
- Tues 22 Anniversary of the murder of Chico

- Mendes (trade unionist and rainforest campaigner) outside his home in Acre, Brazil in 1988
- Tues 22 Writers Workshop. Angel Row Library 7pm (doors close 8pm)
- Thurs 24 Vigil at Wellcome Laboratories. Beckenham, Kent. 7pm - Midnight. Details: Bromley Animal Defence Group. (081) 464 6035.
- Fri 25 Hazleton Laboratories 5th Xmas vigil, Harrogate. 11am -4pm. Vegan Xmas meal. A-V group, PO box 135, Harrogate. HG1 5AX. (0423) 523826.
- Sat 26 Boxing Day Anti-Hunt Protests and Direct Action. Contact Nottingham Hunt Sabs on (0602) 590357

JANUARY 1993

- Sun 10 Red Rambles (see above) Wirksworth to Alport Heights. Wirksworth Market Place 1pm. 4 miles.
- Sat 16 Introduction to Massage and Aromatherapy at the Wellbeing Centre. 10am-4.30pm. £20/10 (book in adv)

GROUPS/FINS ETC

- Attack International, BM 6577, London WC1N 3XX
- Direct Action Movement - IWA, PO Box 29, SW PD0, Manchester M15
- The Rainbow Centre. Resource centre, shop and library. 180 Mansfield Road. Open Mon-Fri 10-5. 0602 585666. Video evening on environ. issues, human rights, peace etc. 4th Wednesday every month 7pm. Ring for programme.
- Nottingham Community Arts (NCA) Resources, courses etc. 39 Gregory Boulevard, Hyson Green. 0602 782463.
- Red Rope - Socialist Walkers and Climbers. Margaret Johnson 0602 704471, Jake Jackson 0602 232410.
- Friends of the Earth. Central Library, Angel Row 2nd Thurs. each month 7.30-9.30. Free. Local contact Alex Howe 0602 845984
- Nottm. Greenpeace. 1st Mon. each month, Narrowboat 8pm. Contact: Richard Brown 0602 208185
- Notts. CND 0602 588586.
- For everyone attracted to both men & women, Nottm Bisexual Group meet 2nd & 4th Thursdays of every month 8pm Room 3 I.C.C. Ffi Box B, Hiziki, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottm NG1 1FE
- Nottingham MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) 0602 272426.
- Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs. (0602) 590357.
- Turning Point (Animal Rights) £1.50 + SAE to PO Box 45, Northolt, Middx, UB5 6SZ
- Dogzine: c/o 32 Hill Rd., Pinner, Middlesex. HA5 1JZ.
- GuilFin, PO box 217, Guildford, Surrey.
- Counter Information, PigeonHole CL, c/o 11 Forth Street, Edinburgh EH1, Scotland
- MerseyFin, PO box 110, Liverpool, L69 6AU.
- London Fin, c/o 99 Torriano Ave, London NW5 2RX.
- Ugly Fanzine, (50p) Anton, c/o The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Gailey, Staffs.
- Isis Brum Fin, c/o 29 Silverton Cres., Moseley, Birmingham B13 9ND.

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Issue 6



Free Information Network
Please take one!

Roots Demo

On Saturday 7th November, hundreds of people from all over the country marched through the centre of Nottingham to demonstrate against Boots the Vivisector's continued use of animal experiments in their pharmaceutical business. The march was followed by a wreath and flower laying at Boots Pennyfoot Street vivisection lab, in memory of the primates and other mammals tortured at this lab and the beagles at their other lab at Thurgarton. Several people managed to gain access to the building and were arrested and held over the weekend on suspicion of criminal damage. The wreath laying was followed by a cruelty-free fair at a nearby community centre. In the Evening Post on the following Monday a spokesman for Boots stated that they "would like to see an end to animal testing", but (wait for it) "some testing will continue to be necessary to protect the health and safety of all of us." **Bollocks** - necessary to protect their healthy bank balance more like. Animal tests can never ensure human safety in fact they can only lead to a false sense of security. Boots, aware of this, maintain a public and product liability insurance to pay out claims up to £55 million.

Don't contribute to cruelty - Don't bother with Boots.

Further info: Nottingham Animal Rights Confederation, 180 Mansfield Rd.
Nottingham NG1 3HW.

Serious Crime

Everyone must have heard of the West Midlands Serious Crimes Squad, but few people are aware that there is an East Midlands SCS, and it's based at our very own Radford Road Police Station. It has come to the attention of Conviction East Midlands that there have been a number of prisoners convicted by this Squad who are protesting their innocence and they are currently looking into this. They urgently need any information on alleged frame-ups involving East Midlands SCS or Radford Road Police Station. Particularly they are interested in cases involving "verbal confessions" - incriminating statements allegedly made verbally by the suspect to the police but neither recorded on tape nor written down and signed by the suspect. Most needed are cases in which the police provided such unconfirmed verbal statements as evidence but failed to obtain a conviction. If you or anyone you know is aware of any such cases, please write to Conviction, c/o Box Fin, 180 Mansfield Road Nottm NG1 3HW.

Afterword

Acting the Fool is a political act. When pomposity and over-seriousness reign it is left to the Fool to be the voice of sanity. Getting started is easy; powerful cultural symbols can be demystified, and the inauthenticity of advertisements can be exposed, by anyone willing to use a bit of intelligence and a spray-can or felt-tip marker. [As a bonus the new message carries all the visual impact and presentation that the medianiks worked so hard to put into the original.]

But discomfoting trends in popular humour are soon recuperated; television political satire which scandalized the establishment twenty years ago is now presented at peak viewing time as satirical comedy. It may make us laugh, but it rarely does more than encourage our cynicism - as Shakespeare observed, "There is no harm in an allowed Fool". Revolutionary buffoonery must attempt to jolt people out of customary ways of thinking and behaving.

Our pranks have nothing to do with practical jokes. Too often practical jokes are played by the confident and cunning on the helpful and guileless. The message of practical jokes is that we should not be trustful of others, nor be too eager to be of assistance - a profoundly reactionary message.

Revolutionary buffoonery tries to build confidence, not cynicism; it tries to demystify, not alienate. But most of all it brings play back into daily life.

It has always been the aim of jesters, by playing the Fool themselves, to expose the real fools.



"This could be our last chance to unmake history."

Raoul Vaneigem

Welcome to issue 6 of Nott FIN.

We are here to provide information on what's been happening and what's going on locally and generally. Just getting this thing out is enough work in itself, so please let us know of any info we might be interested in and make our job easier. We've grown enormously since our first issue: we should be printing at least 3000 of this issue (and each FIN tends to be read by more than one person, so we're reaching a lot of people) but obviously this puts us under a greater financial strain than we originally anticipated and, recently, most of our time has been spent sorting this out. However, we're starting to get things sussed. We now take advertising at exceptionally competitive rates, contact us if your interested. (Those of you who may see this as ideologically impure should start donating £100+ per issue). Once we feel relatively secure about our financial situation, we can devote more time to the contents and distribution. We're hoping to start working on achieving a much wider circulation when we can afford it, and intelligent suggestions/practical help would be appreciated. Hopefully we've got some benefit gigs coming up. I know we keep promising this but we mean it this time: We're putting on RDF in January, possibly a couple of local band gigs before Christmas, and Diseased Discos Incorporated are doing us a benefit on Friday 27th November at the Radford Arms for a quid (Their events are highly recommended by us: great atmosphere and music). Look out for these and support them if you can. Donations are still needed and greatly appreciated. Apologies if we've any unanswered mail, that's another thing we'll be sorting out soon.

For those of you who haven't seen a FIN before, Free Information Networks grew out of the Traveller/Free Festival scene and developed into more city/community based papers providing information for like minded individuals. During the late '80's there were FINs across the country, but now our numbers are dwindling, although Nott FIN has grown beyond all our early expectations. At the same time alternative subcultures have been attacked by the police, courts and media, and by new laws aimed at making life increasingly difficult for those looking for an alternative way of life. We have set up Nott FIN to provide information for Nottingham's subcultures. We aim to let people know what's been going on locally and nationally, covering those areas which the mainstream media ignores or lies about, and encouraging people to get involved. Nott FIN is not just about communication, it's about action.

You are Nott FIN, we are just facilitators. We need you to send information, write articles, get involved. If you feel we have missed something then it's your fault for not telling us. You can just write to us and tell us what you think - we get more mail from around the country than we do from Notts. We want to know if we're doing it right.

FINs are normally available from: The Rainbow Centre, Mushroom Books, Out To Munch, Hiziki, Hyson Green Wholefoods, Wild Oats, The Narrowboat and Jugglers. We also give them out around the place. Look out for it or send us an SAE.

This free paper was set up to pass on information to the community. We can only be as accurate and comprehensive as the information we receive. We apologise for any errors or omissions but the solution to this is in your hands.

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Lest We Forget

On Saturday 1st November members of Nottingham Hunt Saboteurs Association laid a wreath at the Quorn Foxhounds Kennels in remembrance of all the foxes killed during cubbing this year. Local and national press attended to witness the event, saboteurs then proceeded to successfully to sab the hunting that day despite a heavy police presence.

Sabbing Saves Lives

For more information Nott'm HSA on (0602) 590357 (24 hrs)

Diseased Discos Inc

DDI are a group of DJs who play a varied mix of good music (punk/reggae/ska/whatever), highly recommended by FIN folk. They're at the Radford Arms every other Friday night, good music and a friendly atmosphere guaranteed. Friday 13 Nov is a ska night, and Nov 27 is a Fin benefit - it's only a quid so get down there and help raise us some much needed cash. DDI will also be at the Radford Arms on December 25th. Diseased Dub Inc concentrate on the reggae - from heavy dub to ska. They'll be at The Box (ex BPI) on Wed 25th Nov, from 11 til 2; it's only £2 and pints and spirits are £1.20.



Badger digging trial

Wayne Coupe (27) of 26, Kirklington Rd, Rainworth, Gary Arthur Tucker (26) of Wharmby Avenue, Mansfield, Stephen Tucker (37) of 44, Lyndhurst Avenue, Blidworth and Andrew West (27) of 17, Abbots Crescent, Farnsfield are due to appear at Skegness magistrates court on Dec. 17th. They are accused of interfering with a badger sett and attempting to kill, injure or take a badger. Andrew West is further accused of possessing a dead badger and a sparrowhawk in his freezer. These four scum will probably get away with light fines, so if you would like to demonstrate your outrage at badger baiting, come to Skegness magistrates on the 17th Dec. and let them know what you think of them. Details of transport in Fin diary.

Local badger groups :

NE Derbyshire Badger Group

PO Box 822, Halfway, Sheffield S19 5UR.

North Northants Badgers

4 Whitehill Rd., Desborough, Kettering, Northants NN14 2JZ.

Northants Badger Group

1 The Stour, Daventry, Northants NN11 4PR.

Notts. Badger Group

PO Box 44, North PDO, Nottingham NG5 3BA.

South Derbyshire Badger Group

PO Box 14, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. DE144 3XW.

High Peak Badger Group

PO Box12, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Leicestershire Badger Group

Honeysuckle Cottage, Pickwell, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire LE142RA.

Lincolnshire Badger Group

The Manor House, Alford, Lincs. LN13 9DL.

Mid-Derbyshire Badger Group

5 Millersdale Close, Belper, Derbyshire DE51HP.

Nottingham Free Information Network

Fly Posting

Nottingham City Centre Management (a body recently set up, comprising the City and County councils, the police and several prestigious businesses based in the city centre) have written to local venues. The gist of their letter was as follows:

- > Flyposters will be prosecuted.
- > Up to £400 fine (soon to increase to £1000 - *Not Fin*)
- > +£40 daily fine on conviction of a continuing offence.
- > Venue and/or band will be prosecuted.

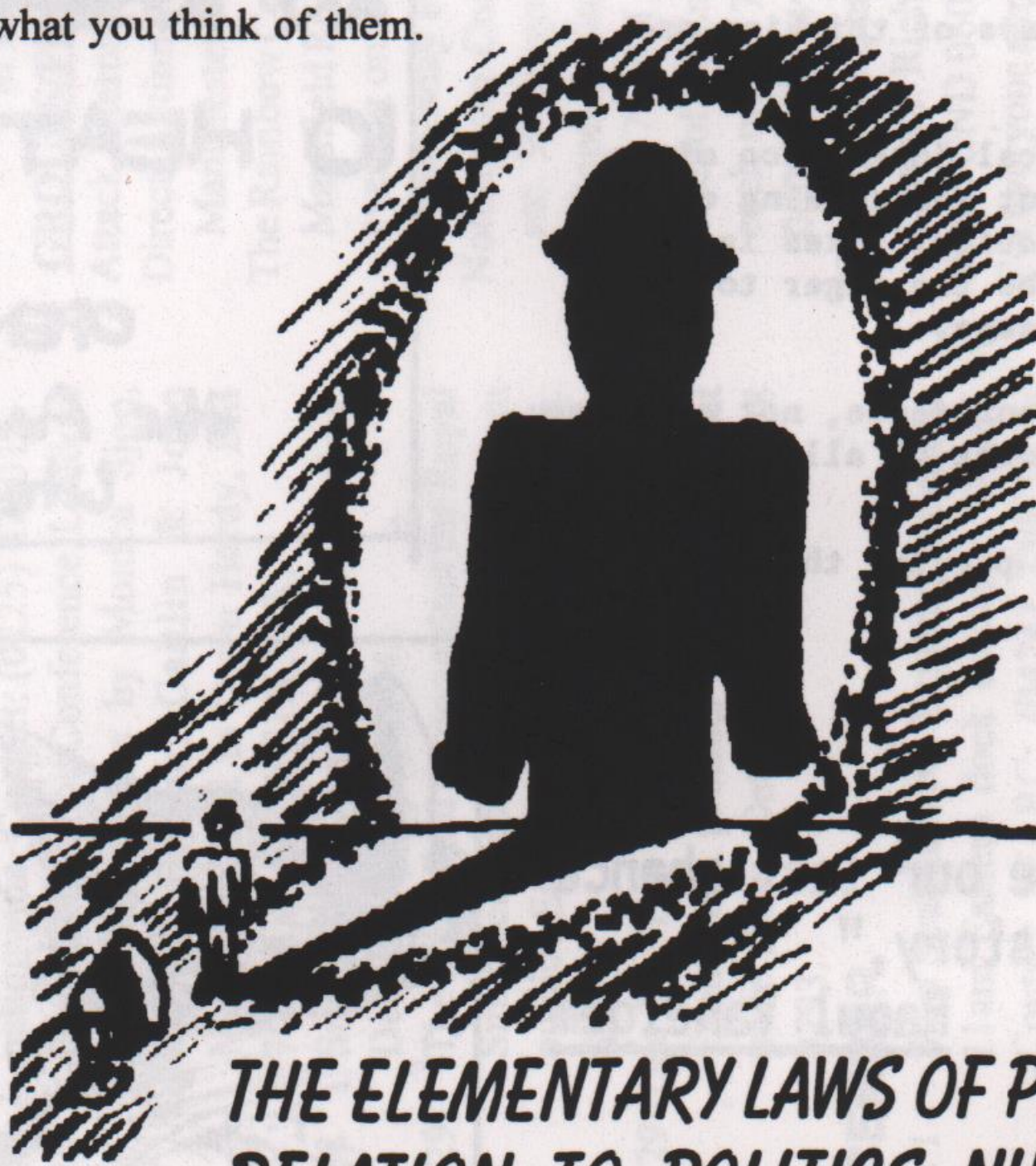
We didn't think much of this and wrote and told them so, giving the following three main reasons:

- (1) Fly-posting is nearly always the responsibility of the promoter, and nothing to do with venues or bands (so how can they be prosecuted).
- (2) Most fly-posting in Nottingham is done by record companies promoting their bands. If local promoters stopped fly-posting you'd barely notice the difference around town until you couldn't find out what gigs were on (get Overall free for a big gig list).
- (3) We'd rather see a load of posters than a load of boarded-up shops and building sites. (Fly-posters take note: don't post where you'll piss people off, e.g. on windows.)

The City Centre Manager Martin Garratt wrote back to us and we arranged a meeting to discuss the situation. Basically, although Martin appeared sympathetic towards our position, as stated above. He was unwilling to compromise at this time, and suggested that there is plenty of advertising space in pubs etc. (We can't see many pubs giving free publicity to other venues). His position was that persistent fly-posters will be prosecuted (including political groups and large record companies) to make an example of them and discourage others (he was particularly interested in bands "Peg" and "Throb" so if you know them, let them know). Apparently they have the power to do this and a prosecution is underway in Derby although there are no plans to prosecute anyone in Nottingham as yet. If the situation "improves" then there may be a "chance" of areas designated for fly-posting, similar to those in Sheffield and other cities. If you have any suggestions or comments on this situation contact us and/or Martin Garratt (City Centre Manager) on 0602 350860 24h Phone line.

Junk Mail

Ever wondered what to do with all the junk mail that comes through your door, advertising all sorts of crap you don't want. Well why not save it all up until you get a postage paid envelope with one. Stuff it all in, the heavier the better and send it off with an explanatory note. See how they like it.



**THE ELEMENTARY LAWS OF PHYSICS IN
RELATION TO POLITICS NUMBER 23**

**GO ON
PHONE IN
SICK!
THERE MUST
BE HUNDREDS
OF THINGS
YOU'D RATHER
BE DOING
TODAY**

Together we can build a revolution where
pleasure is the only aim.

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

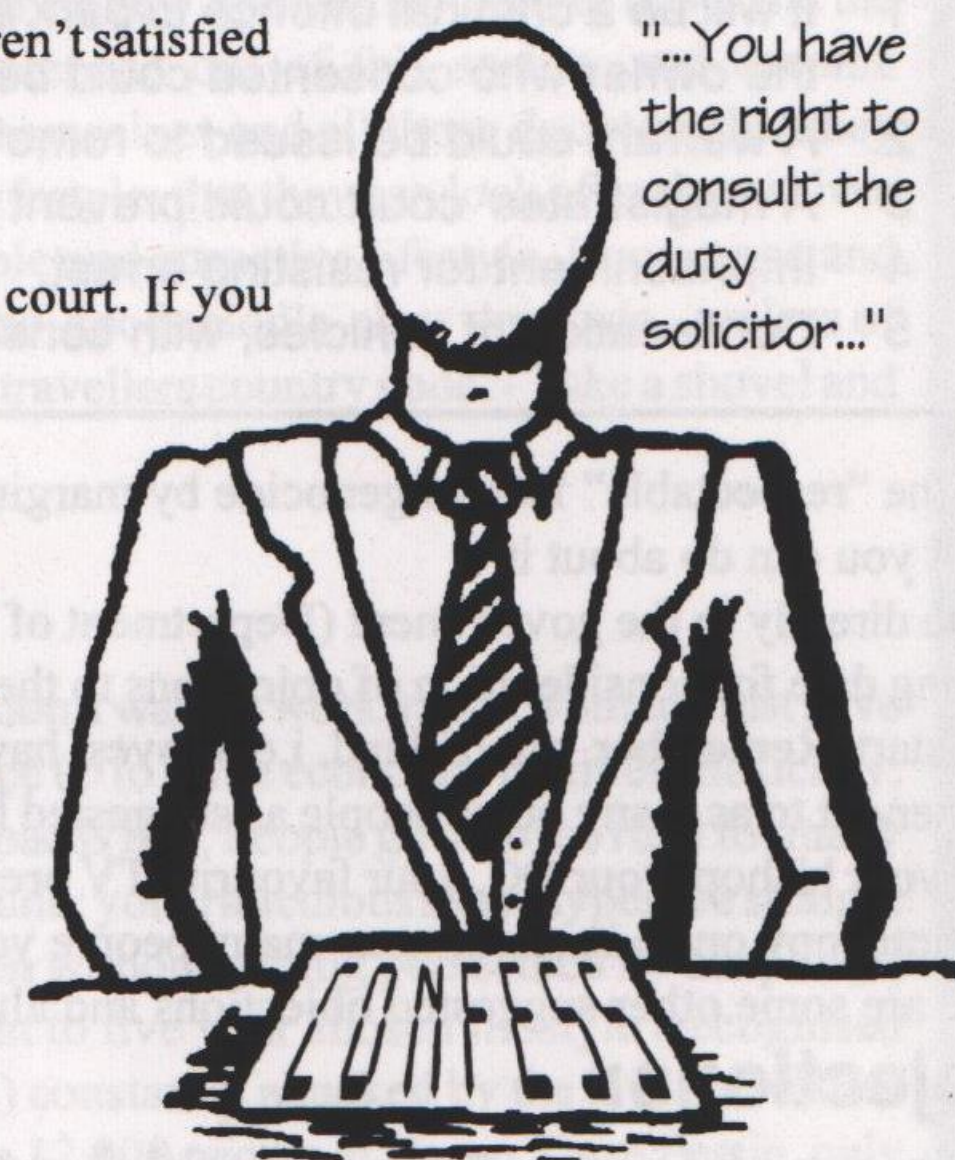
1. Check police identity; ask to see their warrant card, and remember the details. If they are uniformed, remember their numbers.
2. If you are stopped and searched in the street, ask why. The police can stop you in any public place if they suspect that you are in possession of 'prohibited articles' 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.

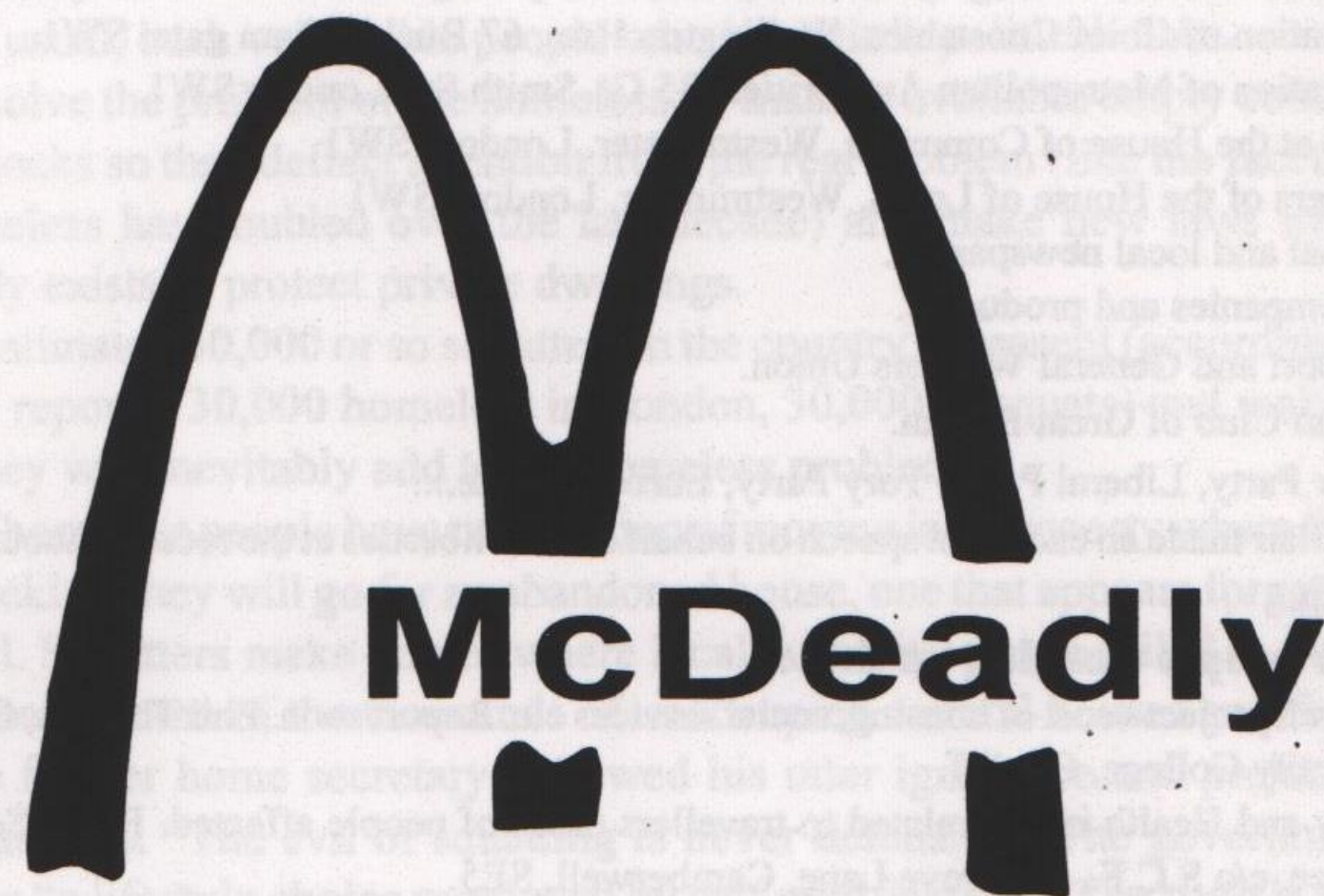
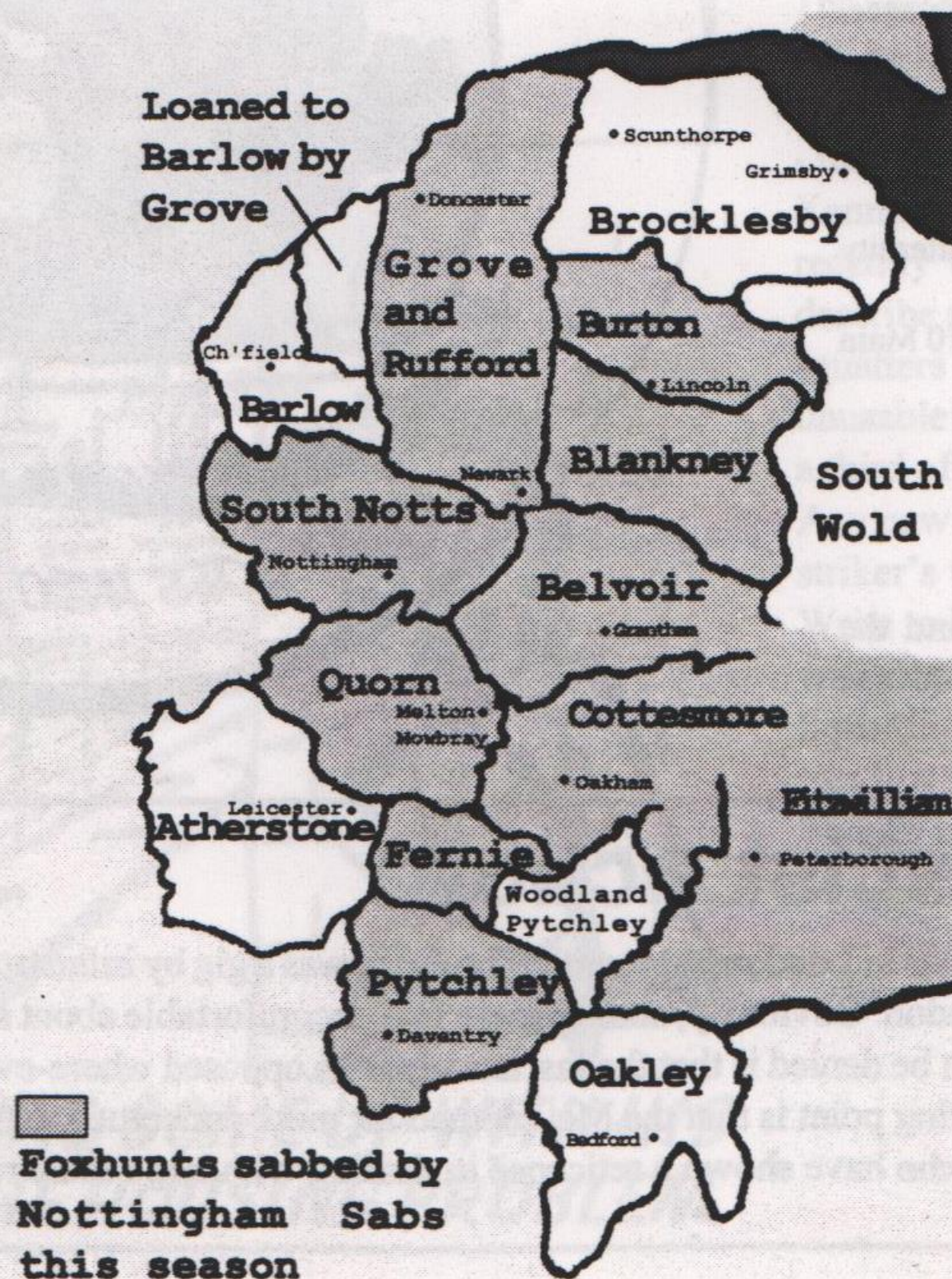
If your home or workplace is to be searched

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.



Nottingham Hunt Sabs The season so far.

Since the cubbing period during September - October, we have been actively sabotaging local hunts with great success, the lives of many cubs have been saved. Particularly targetted, has been the media favourites, The Quorn (see separate report). As the main foxhunting season gets underway in November we shall be keeping up the pressure on the blood junkies. If you would like to get involved in any way from fund-raising to actually sabbing, then write to Nottingham Hunt Sabs at **PO Box 1, Carlton PDO, Nottingham NG4 2JY**, or ring us on **(0602)590357**. Other hunts targetted by Nottingham sabs include; Grove and Rufford F.H., Burton F.H., Blankney F.H., South Notts. F.H., Belvoir F.H., Cottesmore F.H., Fitzwilliam F.H., Fernie F.H., High Peak Harriers and Westerby Bassets.



October 16th was World Anti-McDonalds Day and actions were taken outside McDonalds all over Britain and abroad, including Nottingham, where branches were leafletted. If you still don't know why we oppose them so much, try Veggies or The Rainbow Centre on Mansfield Rd, who should have some info.

It takes 21 gallons of water to produce 1lb of lettuce or 139 gallons to produce 1lb of whole wheat bread compared to 2,464 gallons for a pound of beef.

Nine out of ten people favour a new law to force shops and offices to collect waste paper and cardboard for recycling. Mori were commissioned to do the poll by the British paper industry who also want legislation

A Bullfighter was gored and killed recently as he stabbed two darts into the bull's back in Seville, Spain

An Action Call

Public responses to new government proposals to "tackle illegal camping" (via reform of the Caravan Sites Act 1968)

What this means and what you can do about it.

The proposals are :-

- 1 It will be a criminal offence to park any living vehicle on the highway, unoccupied common land, or any land without consent of the owner. (Even the owner who consented could be fined up to £20,000 if in breach of planning regulations).
- 2 A warrant could be issued to remove vehicles immediately.
- 3 A magistrates' court could prevent anyone returning to the area for up to two years.
- 4 Imprisonment for resisting arrest.
- 5 Confiscation of vehicles, with consequent effects of mass homelessness and splitting up of families.

It is the "respectable" face of genocide by marginalisation for most, if not all, travelling people in Britain, **if allowed to succeed.**

What you can do about it

Write directly to the government (Department of Environment - address below) telling them what they should do instead, i.e. droves not prisons **before** this becomes law. The closing date for consideration of objections to the government consultation paper was November 13th 1992. If more people are against these proposals than for them, this will be a start. Remember, public land, i.e. droves, have been the heritage of the travelling peoples, legally, since "time immemorial". While you are about it, photocopy your letter and send it to as many other people as suggested below as you can, in order to mobilise them to start asking the government awkward questions on your behalf as well i.e. your MP, your bishop, your QC, your favourite TV presenter, any other MP, QC or journalist you might have heard of who could do a good PR job on our behalf. Then get more FINs or photocopy one and send it to as many people you know who are also good at writing letters. Use a c/o address if need be.

Here are some other suggested objections and alternatives you can use, plus any others you can think of:

Objections:

The problems this would cause if made into law.

Suggested Alternatives:

- 1 Harm and distress caused to families, especially children.
 - 2 Lack of funds for people on the dole to buy their own land as an alternative.
 - 3 Police and prison systems unable to cope with large numbers of artificially created "homelessness" arrests.
 - 4 Every campervan owner and lorry driver in the country would be similarly liable to arrest.
 - 5 Over one hundred thousand self-sufficient people will be added to the homelessness problem.
 - 6 Local authorities would be unable to meet the costs of bed and breakfast accommodation, in lieu of non-existent housing.
 - 7 Social services may be forced to take children into care for which there was no real cause, bar **deliberate** splitting up of families.
 - 8 There is already too much strain on resources for homeless people due to housing repossessions.
 - 9 Inner City problems would increase and further add to problems caused by proposed changes in the squatting laws.
 - 10 Compulsory purchase for further sites would be opposed locally, nor would local councils have any money to implement them.
- 1 Make droves and green lanes accessible for parking as they **always** once were, thereby removing the need to park on private land without permission.
 - 2 Encourage landowners to make sites available by relaxing planning restrictions.
 - 3 Make more government and local authority money available for sites with appropriate facilities rather than stopping it altogether.
 - 4 Make disused M.O.D. land available for traditional gatherings to take place.
 - 5 Release what is left of common land for temporary use by people with mobile homes, say, for 28 days.
 - 6 End highway discrimination against travellers.

So if you think the government's proposals are immoral in principle and unworkable in practice i.e. that travellers have a **right** to travel and park up on public land provided they do not encroach on private land, and that to force them to settle is absolutely wrong, even more so because there is nowhere for them to settle and the government has absolutely no intention of providing them anywhere anyway, in other words, this is just a home-grown version of the "ethnic cleansing" routine, then write direct to:

Charles Hawkness, Room NI2/20, Department of Environment, 2 Marsham St., London, SW1P 3EB

Association of District Councils, 26 Chapter St., London SW1

Association of County Councils, 66a Eaton Square, London SW1

Police Federation, 15 Langley Rd., Surbiton, Surrey.

Association of Chief Constables, Wellington Hse., 67 Buckingham gate, SW1.

Association of Metropolitan Authorities, 35 Gt. Smith St., London SW1.

M.P.'s at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1

Members of the House of Lords, Westminster, London, SW1

National and local newspapers.

TV Companies and producers.

Transport and General Workers Union.

Caravan Club of Great Britain.

Labour Party, Liberal Party, Tory Party, Euro Mp's etc....

Tony Blair made an excellent speech on behalf of civil liberties at the recent Labour Party Conference.

Try him.

Other people working on this :

Research project - cost of housing, social services etc. Report soon. Phil Thomas, Cardiff Law School, University College, Cardiff.

Family and Health issues related to travellers cases of people affected. Freda Schreiker, Maternity Alliance, c/o S.C.F., 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, SE5.

Contacts with supportive M.P.'s etc.. Up to date news. New Gypsy Council, Charlie Smith, 10 Main Road, Hartford Caravan Site, Thunsley, Bufeet, SS7 3QH. 0268 774977

National Council of Civil Liberties, 21 Tabard Street, London, SE1 071 403-3888

Shelter. 88 Old St., London EC1. 071 253-0202

Amnesty International. 99 Roseberry Avenue, London, EC1. 071 814-6200

Use your initiative to initiate actions/events to draw attention to the situation and the potential consequences of it, and other, better alternatives the government could use instead.



Anti-Fascist Action

You probably saw on the news about the clashes between Nazis and Anti-Fascists in London last month. The event was a gig by infamous White Power band Screwdriver. The Anti-Fascist Action were there in force and kicked the nazis all round London. Obviously, some people feel uncomfortable about such actions, either on the grounds of pacifism or freedom of speech. This is an individual's choice but what can't be denied is that the fascists **must** be opposed where-ever they rear their ugly heads; they must never be allowed to attain the strength they have in Europe. One interesting point is that the Met seemed far more concerned with the Anti-Fascist Action than the Fascists, behaviour uncomfortably reminiscent of their German colleagues, who have shown a reticence in dealing with large scale racist attacks.

Poll What?

You may not hear much about the Poll Tax any more, but the Council are still after you for your arrears. More and more people are starting to get letters from Bailiffs, or from the Council threatening Bailiffs or Committal Hearings. These can sometimes scare people into paying so here's a quick reminder:

Don't Panic Don't Pay

The first thing to remember is that hundreds if not thousands of people will have received the same letter as you and it takes them ages to move from writing letters to taking action. When the bailiffs do come round you should first get a note through your door saying they'll be round to take your goods if you don't pay within so many days. Don't worry:

- (i) They don't always return, cos they have so many people to deal with.
- (ii) If they return **they have no right of entry**. They can enter through **open** doors or windows, but they cannot break-in unless you have previously let them in. **Never let a bailiff into your house**. If they can't get in there's **nothing** they can do.
- (iii) They will often lie about what they're allowed to do. **Don't listen to them**. Know your rights, don't let them in the house and don't sign anything. Don't worry if they threaten to get the police round - poll tax debt is a civil matter, **not** a criminal one, and in no way concerns the police.
- (iv) It is worth remembering that if people get together and give Bailiffs a hard time when they call it discourages them from ever returning to that area.

If you get a summons, first check if it's for liability or committal. If it's the former forget about it, you're still at an early stage. You can only be summonsed to a committal hearing after the council have tried liability orders, wage arrestment and bailiffs unsuccessfully, so it takes a long time to get to this stage.

Magistrates are very reluctant to send people to jail for non-payment and can only jail you as a last resort if you refuse outright to make any attempt to pay. You don't need to pay it all at once to avoid jail, you can arrange instalments based on your earnings - they'll be keen to make a deal and should accept any reasonable offer. If you want to avoid court altogether you can arrange things with the City Treasury beforehand.

If you don't turn up for a committal hearing a warrant will be issued ordering you to court. The police have better things to do than follow up such warrants and many people have ignored such warrants with at best only a token effort from the police. If they do get you to court you can go through the procedure above to avoid jail. Nottingham is a very strong area for non-payment. It was non-payment which made the Government change the poll tax; it remains with us with this year's bills and our arrears, but if we continue to stand firm there is simply nothing they can do, and we can kill it once and for all.

Dewhursts, Britain's biggest butchers chain, plan to close 600 shops. They blame competition from supermarkets

Swan populations have risen by 25% since anglers reduced their use of lead weights.

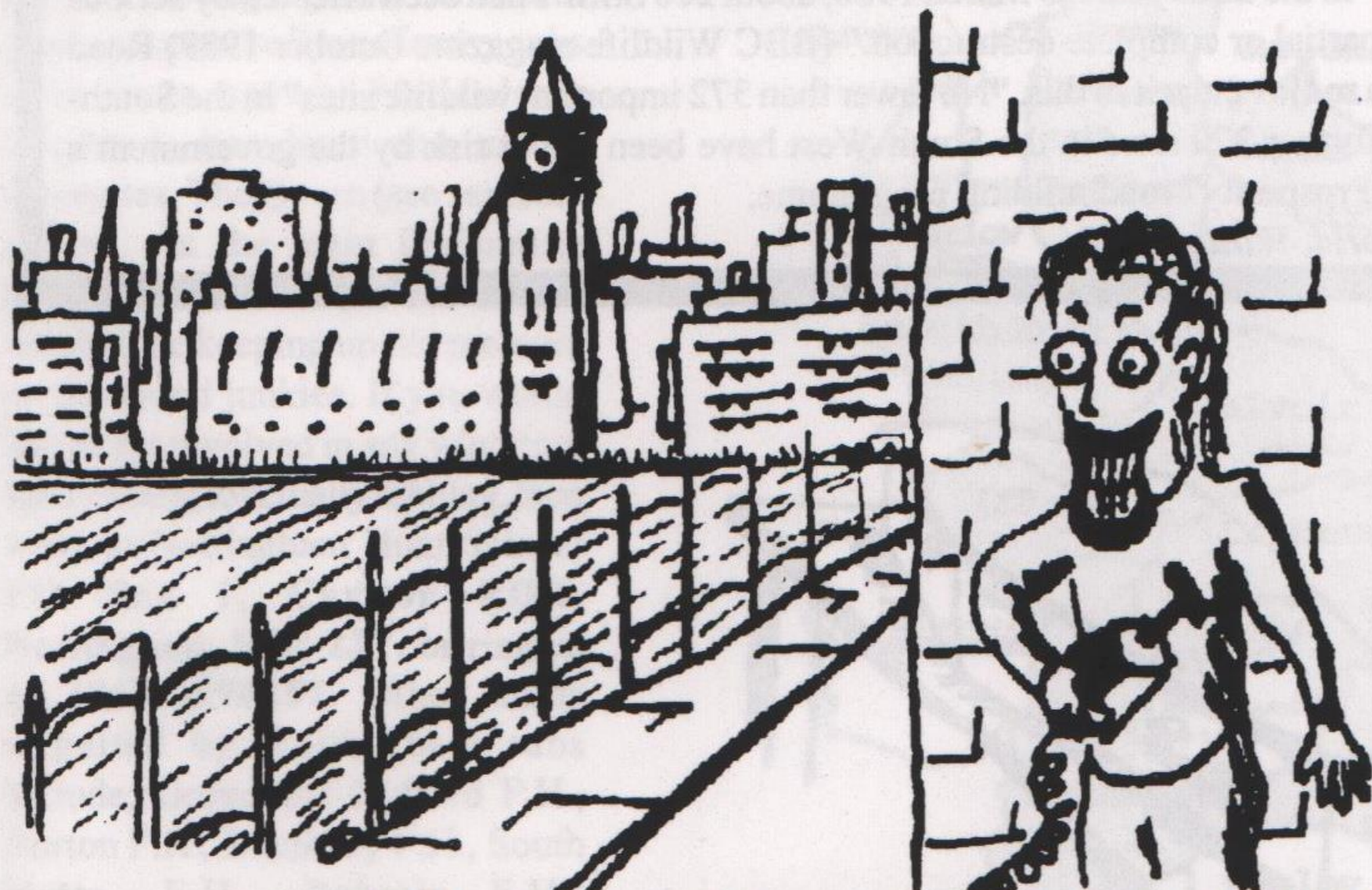
Bernard Matthews reported a 63% drop in half year profits, blaming a large drop in whole turkeys and turkey meat.

Carlisle City Council has banned circuses with wild animal acts from its land - Congratulations to Lakeland Animal Aid

25,000 tons of goose feather is exported annually from Hungary where about 50% of these are plucked from live geese the rest from geese that have been slaughtered. The UK down market is worth £2.6 million annually. There are alternatives. Beauty Without Cruelty Charity advise the use of many.

For further information write to BWC Charity, 57 King Henry's Walk, London, N1 1NH

(Source : Turning Point)



BOB, MEANWHILE, HAD COME UP WITH HIS OWN SOLUTION TO THE HOUSING PROBLEM.

Not Fin
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Were received the following letter and thought it deserved printing:

Dear FIN,

I have heard a great number of gloomy reactions to the recent news about benefits being cut for "travellers". I see this as a good thing - yes! - a very good thing. It gives travellers the chance to prove that they really have stepped out of this society and become independent of it. A chance to prove to themselves and all those doubters that they are serious about an itinerant alternative lifestyle; that they can look after themselves and each other and create a genuine, viable and attractive lifestyle. Prove once and for all that they are not lazy, scrounging no-good middle-class dropouts... unless of course they are... Oh! and don't forget the travellers country code :- Take a shovel and bury your bullshit.

Yours affably enough,
Paul, Nottingham.

Yes, Paul; and I suppose the unemployed don't want to work, raped women must have been "asking for it", and miners should face up to some economic realities. Basically, you know nothing about what life on the road is like. People go onto the road for many different reasons and from every background: your ridiculous stereotypes are straight out of "The Sun". It isn't an easy life, even without getting persecuted by the police, pilloried in the press, and having the right to live your chosen lifestyle (recognised by the UN Declaration on Human Rights) constantly attacked by the law. Travellers survive in a million different ways (of the 12,000 people at Happy Daze Festie, only 160 actually used the mobile DSS offices set up). Even when some travellers followed the new Government proposals, bought some land and set up a "teepee" village they received constant harassment. Festivals have traditionally provided an internal trading economy, and Government attacks on these have totally messed this up. Travellers are not necessarily trying to set up exemplary utopian communities, as you seem to think, they just want to live their chosen lifestyle in peace, and should have the same access to benefits as anyone else.

Yours informatively,
Fin Folk.

Fact - It costs £1.5 million per day to keep homeless people in bed and breakfast accommodation in London alone.

The government are planning an anti-squatter-homeless bill later this month the preliminary draft of which is going through the civil service departments before going off to the home secretary.

The first sign of it's arrival in parliament will be a sensationalist Tory media campaign with a "war on squatters" (like all that crap about travellers over the summer) to help boost the government's popularity as the recession gets worse. They will aim to use the squatters as scape-goats and, as usual, bash vulnerable people who have little political clout.

They are unable to solve the problem of the homeless by making available empty council houses and office blocks so they deflect attention from the real problem (like the fact that the number of homeless has doubled over the last decade) and make new laws when adequate law already exists to protect private dwellings.

By victimising the estimated 50,000 or so squatters in the country at present (according to a Surrey University report: 130,000 homeless in London, 30,000 in squats) and making them "criminals" they will inevitably add to the homeless problem.

The vast majority of homeless people have no intention of moving into property where they will be flung out quickly. They will go for an abandoned house, one that appears forgotten about by the council. Squatters make homes where local authorities have failed to do so - they are making use of some of the thousands of unoccupied council houses and flats. Kenneth Baker, the former home secretary, showed his utter ignorance and prejudice recently when he said that "The evil of squatting is never defensible. The government describe squatting as "a lifestyle choice motivated by self gratification". The truth is that squatters are ordinary people, homeless and seeking shelter in otherwise unused or unusable properties. What is the point of making a sheltering homeless person (or persons: a third of squatters are families) into a criminal?

Any new law could also affect commercial properties and stop student protest "sit-ins" or striker's workplace occupations.

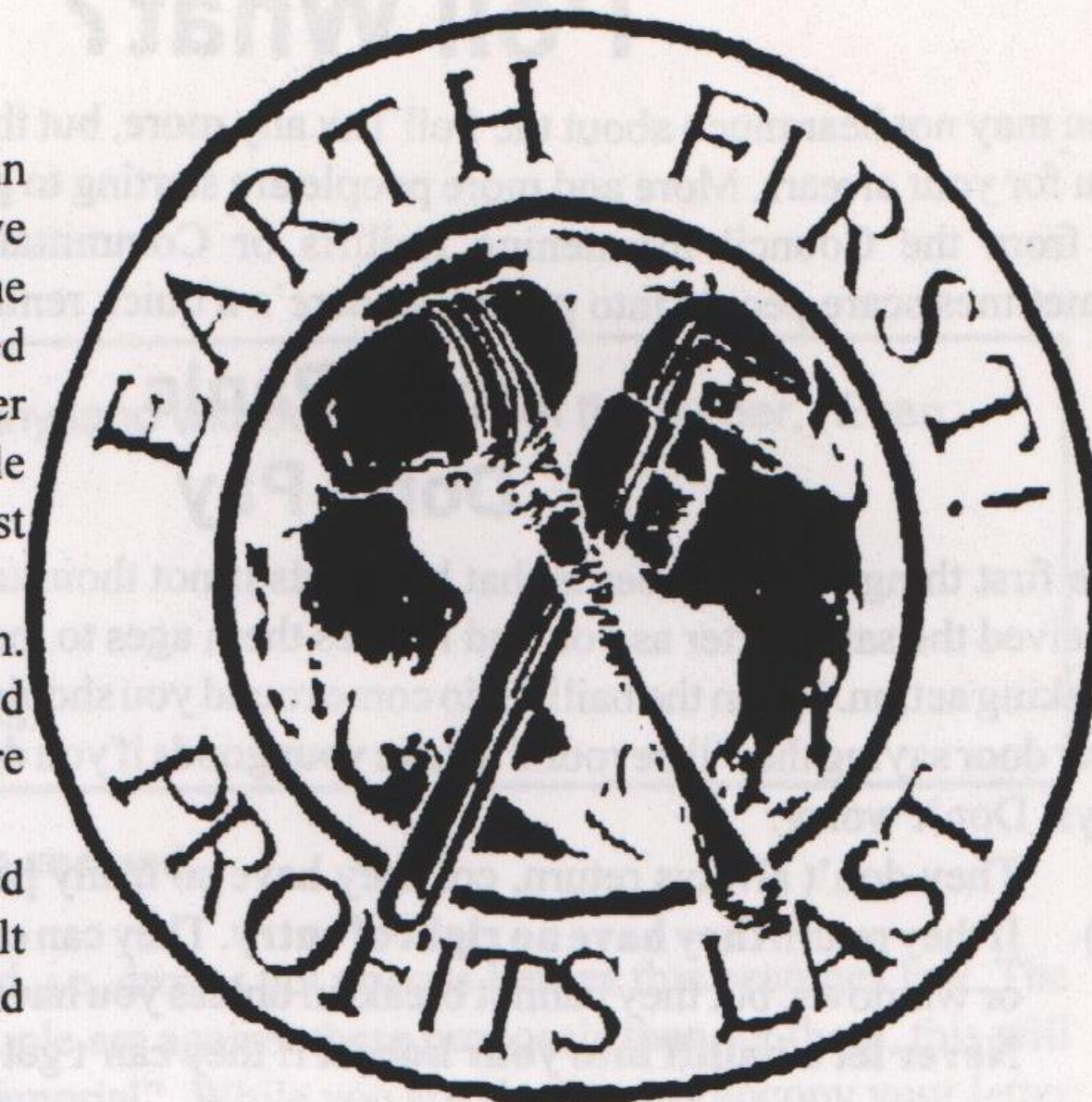
Write to M.P.'s and newspapers, counteract the inevitably biased press and media - help with donations to squatter/homeless aid groups.

Squatting is not the problem - the real problem is the housing crisis, the empty homes, the fact that homes are seen in terms of profit and power - not real human need...

Thanks to Guilford FIN for this article. Guil FIN is available with SAE from :

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Don't Let Twyford Down!



Twyford Downs, near Winchester, form part of one of the most beautiful and precious landscapes in England. Steeped in the history of this land, the area has a wealth of unique historic sites, SSSIs, ancient trackways and wild flowers that have been virtually eliminated from the rest of the countryside. However, thanks to our crazy car culture and the DOTs blue line mania, plus the intervention of powerful self-interested parties like Winchester College, Tarmac Construction are poised to rip a 100ft deep cutting through the centre of this amazing place and create huge embankments across the adjoining water meadows with the excavated chalk. The downs are still intact, well 98% intact. Preliminary work has created a hugely visible scar on the hillside but this could be restored and replanted if protesters and environmental activists can win the fight against the planet-wreckers.

Protest in many forms has been happening here for twenty years during this country's biggest ever anti-road's campaign. Despite efforts by the Twyford Downs Association, environmental groups and individuals, the government are determined to ignore them and build this motorway. Success or failure has implications for the whole road building programme, future planning and whether people can regain control over the way their quality of life is dictated.

The powers that be are utterly stubborn and un-democratic in this matter, it is now clear that stronger measures are needed if the imminent tragedy is to be avoided. Until recently campaigners have shied away from direct action as a means to halt environmental destruction. Sadly they have watched so much of the countryside ruined by roads, housing estates and superstores that some have now decided that enough is enough and it's time to get tougher.

Non-violent direct action (NVDA) has been used many times this summer to disrupt the contractors and send the message that we will fight for our natural heritage; that no-one on this planet should dare or have the right to order such devastation. Time delays and extra costs have been caused by activists obstructing the preliminary works by locking onto machinery, flooding the site and generally demoralising the contractors. At the same time, there has been covert sabotage by mysterious operators who appear only at night. These folk are believed to be quite small and may originate at the bottom of the roads minister's gardener. The consensus view among Earth First! activists is that we neither condemn nor condone damage to property, it is a matter for individuals to work out their own methods of opposition. It could be, however, that even the people of Winchester have seen that petitions and letters have not worked and are expressing their outrage in one of the only ways left. Any-one who has been to Twyford will realise the importance of preserving this landscape by any non-violent means possible. Civil disobedience may now be the only thing that will succeed in saving the downs.

Near the Morestead Road, on the line of the proposed motorway, is a network of ancient with deep turfed gullies hewn by millions of human and animal feet over thousands of years. To stand here and feel the history of this site and feel a connection with our past is a wonderful experience. The protesters camped here believe this place can be saved and have pledged to protect it from the threatened environmental vandalism. The site has been declared an independent territory and has been fortified in readiness for the next act of government sponsored destruction: the stripping of the flower rich turf which has evolved over hundreds of years and moving it to another site. An act that can be likened to the collection of zoo specimens while allowing their habitats to disappear. Some of the protesters have been on site since March and are totally committed to it's protection but success also depends on large numbers of people visiting or staying at the camp or supporting it in other ways like supplying food or firewood. There is more work to be done to the defences at the trackways and always the opportunity of inspiring or joining one of many actions against the contractors. If you can't stay indefinitely contact South Downs EF! to join the network of people who can get to the site quickly and organise a telephone tree of activists in your area, gather equipment and arrange transport.

It's not all work, however, camping out on the downs (there is always tent space available) and meeting like minded people is a very worthwhile experience and there are usually musicians. Walk on the downs in the moonlight and develop your sense of outrage at the mindless march of 'progress'. Get there soon. Don't let Twyford down.

**For information, contact: 0273-683205, 0865-726698
or a short recorded message on 0225-444133**

Right of Reply

Clive Soley MP is sponsoring a private members' bill through the House of Commons which intends to establish a statutory Right of Reply for people who are victimised by the press. Such a law would give protection to individuals and minority groups who are smeared by press propaganda and will be a start in modifying the deplorable behaviour of British printed-media. Any newspaper or magazine carrying a provably inaccurate article would have to give similar space and position to an article countering the allegations by the individuals or groups who have been defamed. This would have given us a chance to speak back against the lies and propaganda printed about the Festivals this summer. The bill is being prepared for it's second reading, and Clive Soley needs to build up a dossier of cases of press victimisation and abuse of minority groups, where the media reports are demonstrably false. The requirements are as follows:

- (1) The examples must be from printed media published after January '91 (to prove the ineffectiveness of the Press Complaints Commission, which was inaugurated then).
- (2) The cases can be personal or collective (i.e. involving an individual or a group) but must be provably factually inaccurate and not open to debate or opinion.
- (3) There must have been a failed attempt to gain justice by complaining to the newspaper (include copies of correspondence). If the paper printed a reply from you they have given you a right of reply (unless it was edited out of context).
- (4) Harm must have occurred, e.g. a deleterious effect on the life, circumstances, employment or social situation of the victim.

These restrictions may be tight but they are necessary to give the bill the maximum chance of success, and there will still be many glaring cases of victimisation to report. Anyone with something to contribute should write succinctly and clearly to Mr. Clive Soley MP, (attn: Mike Jempson), House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, **within the next two weeks.**

The above information was summarised from a sheet produced by Sub-Culture Alternatives Freedom Foundation. They can be contacted for further advice/info: SAFF, 6-8 Burley Lodge Road, Leeds LS6 1QP (0532) 451309.

More animals are murdered on major roads in a single English county than die in vivisection's concentration camps in the whole of the country. Last year 4,365* animals died in laboratory tests (Home Office figures - reliable?) but more than 5,000 animals came to a sticky end on 'A' roads **alone** in the county of Surrey (Colonel James Baker, MOD Conservation Unit). "These stark figures suggest that more than one million animals are killed by motorists in speeding cars nationally with deaths projected to increase over the next decade as traffic flows rise".

Green magazine June 1992

*How come only 4,365 died when 3,242,449 experiments were performed - *Natl Fin*

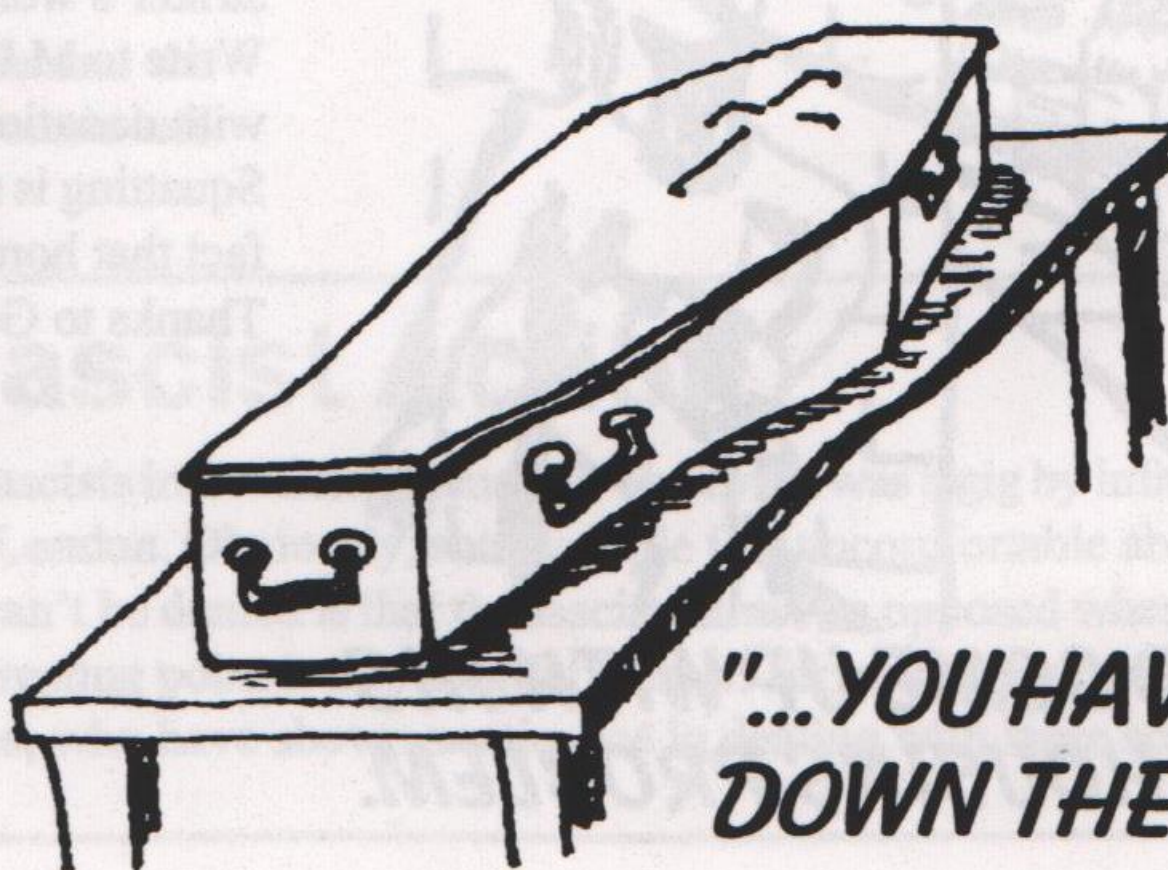
It has been estimated that as many as 47,000 badgers are killed on the road each year. With just 43,000 badger social groups in the country, this means that every year each set will lose at least one member of it's family in a traffic accident.

Natural World, Winter 1991

Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) are those identified by the government as being the most important areas for wildlife in the UK - they are the bare minimum necessary to preserve bio-diversity in this country - "...but even that bare minimum isn't safe," says Robin Maynard, FoE's Countryside Campaigner (Times, 30/5/92)

The Nature Conservancy Council, the (government's advisor on wildlife conservation, reports that "in the three years to March 1988, about 200 SSSI's had been affected by serious damage or partial or complete destruction." (BBC Wildlife magazine October 1989) Road building is a **major** culprit in this. "No fewer than 372 important wildlife sites" in the South-East and a further 220 sites in the South-West have been put at risk by the government's "Roads for Prosperity" roadbuilding programme.

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**"... YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FALL
DOWN THE STATION STEPS..."**

Mine Field Day

On Wednesday 21st October the first of two demonstrations took place in London to voice public outrage at the proposed closure of 31 of Britain's few remaining coal mines. The closures would result in the direct loss of 31,000 jobs and the indirect loss of many thousands more.

The Tories claim that this is because the pits are uneconomic. This is blatantly untrue. One claim made by the Tories is that coal stocks are increasing by one million tonnes per month and that as a result British tax payers are paying £100 million a month to keep the pits open. In fact, the one million tonnes figure is based on the month of July when demand for coal is at its lowest. The stockpiles only represent one quarter of production from the pits; the other three quarters of which is sold at current prices.

The price tag of £100 million per month is also a piece of cooked bookwork; it assumes that the excess coal is completely unsaleable. In fact it can be sold at the world market price with a subsidy of just £9 million per month; this contrasts starkly with the cost of pit closures, which would be £110 million per month in the first year and £50 million every year after.

Finally, it is worth knowing that half the new stockpiling is the result of foreign imported coal.

Rather than use British coal, our most important and plentiful natural resource, the Tories propose that our power stations be fuelled by imported (potentially exhaustible) natural gas.

The economic argument against the preservation of British mines is completely flawed. The Tories are perfectly aware of this; their real reason for wishing to close the pits is for simpler: the mines have always represented a strong, united and respected unionised class group. Their ability to bring down governments though their control of energy was proved by the decline of the Heath administration.

In the strike of 1984 the Tories were determined to smash the miners forever. In those years of economic boom and selfishness they very nearly succeeded. The formation of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers by Notts. miners in a desperate attempt to bargain with government played right into their hands. The respect which the Tories have for this new 'moderate' union is shown by the brutality with which they have attacked the Nottinghamshire coal fields.

There was a time when they could have got away with it but this time the worm has, at last, turned. Conservative politics is being shown up for the sham it is and people who once prospered under Thatcher are now suffering grating poverty under Major. Where unions and working class organisations were once seen as a thing of the past, they are now perceived as the only hope that we have.

The events of Wednesday and Sunday have proved that anger against the government is reaching a pitch and, most important of all, that British people from every section of society were marching at these demonstrations in support of the miners.

It would be untrue to say that the demonstrations were about simply one issue, however. Although the miners were the central unifying factor, the atmosphere in London was one of intense hatred for everything that the Tories have done over the past thirteen years to persecute and exploit the working classes in this country.

Interestingly, the way in which the Wednesday demonstration was reported in the press was another example of suppression of information. We were given a "peaceful" and "uneventful" march around Hyde Park. In fact, the route which the march took, completely avoiding central London or any other place of importance (most notably Parliament itself) angered the majority of marchers who wanted to make their grievances known in more concrete terms. As we filed back into the Park a feeling that very little had been achieved was almost tangible.

Then, without any prompting, a group of several thousand people broke through the police lines and began to run towards Westminster; more would have followed had the police not managed to re-establish a cordon across the Park entrance with hundreds of reinforcements and vehicles which appeared almost from nowhere.

This part of the demo reached its height in Knightsbridge, a stone's throw (pardon the pun) from Harrods where the police simply cordoned the march in from both sides and for an hour or so seemed utterly at a loss for what to do. Here the anger began to boil over, bottles were thrown and thousands of people threw themselves against the police lines in an attempt to reach parliament, 'the seat of democracy'. This was no 'splinter group' such as "Class War" or the "S.W.P.", simply a cross section of the march. Ordinary people who a year ago, perhaps, would not have imagined becoming involved in an event of this type.

Finally dispersed by being jammed at both ends by solid walls of police vans and made to walk at a snail's pace around various back streets whilst the main demo petered out; but as people left the chant "we'll be back next Sunday" rang out; and they were.

That this event never made the papers is a clear indication of just how scared the Tories are of violent protest against the spreading like wildfire.

But spread it will. The Tories are on the run. We must not forget the miners. Neither should we forget the other people in society who have suffered and will continue to suffer under their policies. The most important thing now is to keep up the impetus. It's down to us all to make sure that Major and his thugs don't last another year.



"Our society has until the year 2000 to totally alter direction roughly from competition to co-operation or it's curtains for humanity."

This is the situation according to Fraser Clark - coiner of the term 'Zippy' and prime mover within **Evolution Enterprises**, the people who gave us Encyclopaedia Psychedelica International, ambient lectures (playshops), Wisdom Weekenders and most recently Evolution Records.

Their first release, "Shamanarchy in the UK", presents a broad array of 'underground' sounds ranging from the minimal fury of Spiral Tribes "Breach the Peace" through some ambient ethnicity from New Age Radio to more laid back and spacey house tunes from Entropy and Australasia (Magic Mushroom band's dance wing). Also featured on the album is the slightly more hectic "Beast Within" courtesy of EatStatic (Ozrics gone house) and the excellent "Universe I Love You" from Universal Mind with Sir George Trevelyan. Clarke sees the Zippy/dance culture as a marriage of technology and paganism; in effect what you have at an outdoor rave is a few hundred people in a focused state of awareness communally meditating on a hi-tech tribal beat. Pagans have been using methods such as these for thousands of years in ritual form to seek spiritual states of consciousness - hence the Zippy as Techno-Pagan.

He views the hippy movement as a reaction against technology: "Hippy was the Goddesses first wave and was never meant to succeed. It was mostly a necessary balancing reaction against techno, a dry run to prepare a solid bed of experience for this wave! The Rave Wave". He outlines the essential difference between house and rock as one of attitude - rock being individualistic, egotistic, stagnant and ultimately destructive whereas dance is communal, synthesising and constructive: "see rock belongs to an age when we still needed leaders. You can tell a rock crowd from a house crowd because the rock crowd are all looking in the same direction - at the big fat egos strutting around on stage while everyone passively consumes. The house crowd as crucially different in that they're all looking at each other! music's back in the hands of the people now, or back in their feet... Dance isn't optional - it's the necessary booting up process for moving into the further reaches of the new culture... Rock'n'Roll tears apart, house puts back together".

For more information on Evolution contact Rachel on 081 345-6789

If you like the sound of the sounds you can check them out at a ten hour festival of entertainment for mind, body and soul, the first of a series of events aiming to keep the spirit alive of the summer alive throughout the year.

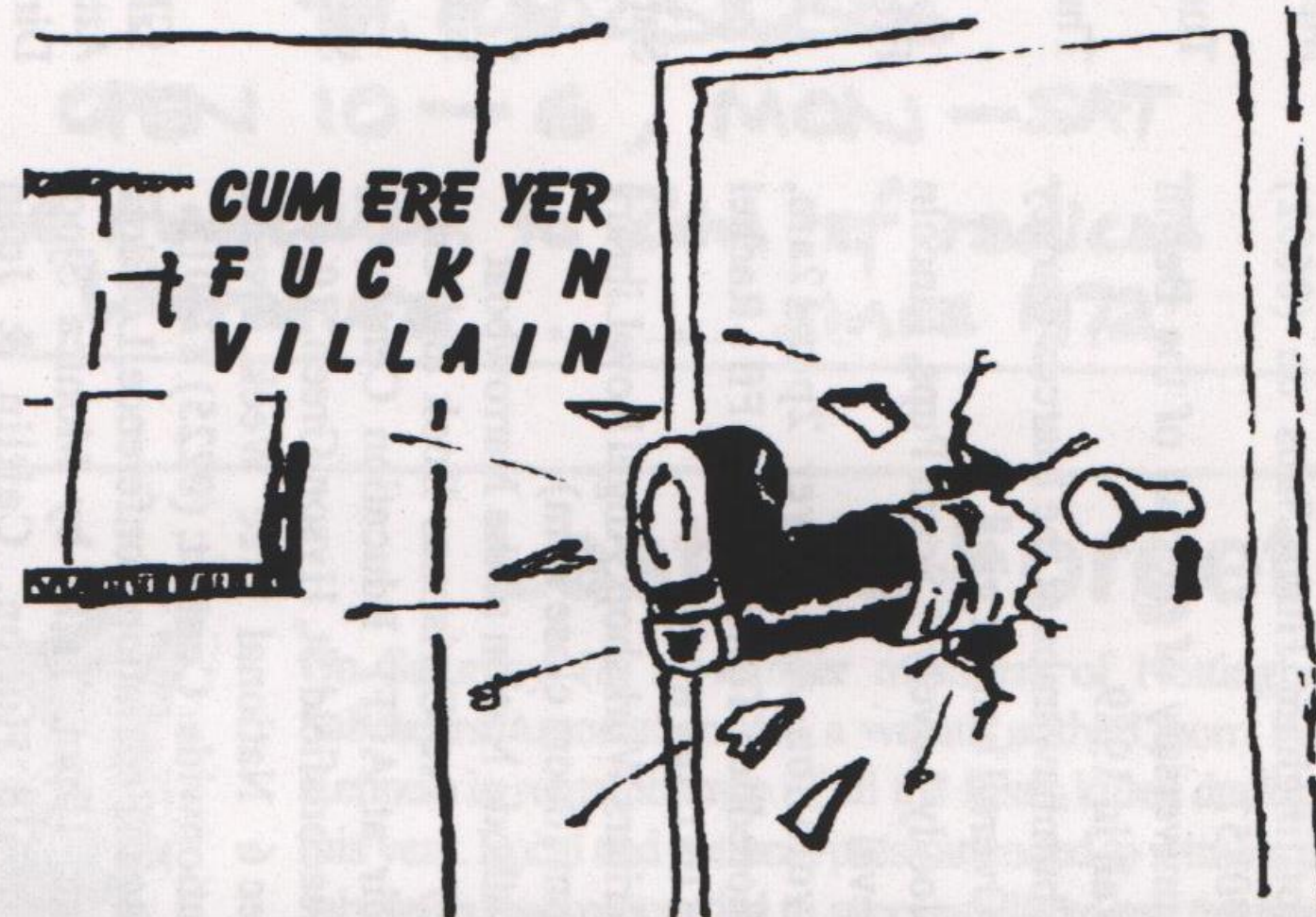
November 22nd 2pm - 12pm at Shoreditch Town Hall
For further information see above.

Oriel Thinned

Oxford City Council twice refused Oriel College planning permission to turn their sports ground into luxury developments because of an 18th century wood on the land. The dons had contractors to 'thin it' to the ground with chainsaws in March. Three months later the Earth Liberation Front retaliated by thinning Oriel's cricket pitch with spades.

(Source: OxFiend)

Actor, Dick Cox, has filed a personal injury suit against the producers of Far and Away (the film starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman). He alleges that during the land rush sequence a canon was fired and a low flying helicopte used to spook horses into stampeding. Four people were injured and one horse was later destroyed.



"...POLICE DO NOT NEED A WARRANT TO ENTER YOUR HOME TO ARREST SOMEONE BUT IN THEORY THEY SHOULD NAME THE PERSON BEING SOUGHT..."

To Hell With Shell

80 unarmed villagers were massacred and 495 houses razed by federal Nigerian troops after the Shell Oil Company was besieged by demonstrators in River State complaining about polluted land a suppressed Judicial Commission confirmed.

Source: *Counter Information*