

BNNR ARUGA!

Get yer arses down to the BNNR, 27 miles of beautiful country about to be tarmaced. They need people, that means you! Go to the camp at: Greenwood Protest camp, adj. to ARC Quarry, London Rd, Canwell, Nr Sutton Coldfield, W. Midlands 0797 0301978.

Dance Culture Fightback!



Miss Anna Kay

The following is a transcript of a speech by local sound system DESERT STORM at the RESISTANCE meeting this year on how to defend the counterculture.

"Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. I'm here representing the DESERT STORM sound system to talk to you on the subject of the Government's doomed attempt to marginalise, vilify and criminalise the activities of the free party network by the use of draconian laws, manipulation of the press, heavy handed policing and cloak & dagger surveillance techniques. This JUST SAY NO attitude is doomed to failure. By their actions the powers that be have relinquished any control or influence they could have had over the scene. The criminal justice marches of '94 signalled a new era with their reactionary fascist legislation the conservative government succeeded only in bringing together travellers, soundsystems, dj's, and ravers from all over. The organisation of

resistance caused networks and contacts to be formed that previously just didn't exist. Cementing the feeling of alienation from society.

Us And Them / Outlaws / Illegal Music / Counter Culture.

"When Parties Are Outlawed Only Outlaws Will Have Parties."

And why are they so interested in destroying us? I think for a number of reasons.

1) Money pressure from the breweries, who see the rave scene as a danger to their precious profits as people drink less (they obviously don't know my friend then).

2) A need for scapegoats to blame for the breaking down of society. "They've Come to Drug Our Children" etc.

And thirdly they see us as a threat to their control and I think this is closer to the mark. On the surface free parties seem harmless enough but once you've been to a few good ones normal life can seem mundane. The whole ethos of the "free party" seems infinitely more appealing than the "I'm Alright Jack" "Dog Eat Dog" morals of daily life, slaving away at a dead end job. Blinded by television. A Happy Cog In The Wheels. Making the fat cats fatter still.

Well I think we have more to offer. Better ideals, friendlier people, better music, better drugs and generally a better time altogether. I'm not saying we should force it down everyone's throats.

But we should be free to make our own decisions, and I've made mine. I choose to take drugs with my friends and listen to TEKNO. And why not, whose life is it anyway?

We're getting stronger and they are getting weaker. More people are waking up to the fact that they must "Protest To survive" that they can make a difference not just ravers and travellers, live export protesters, road protesters. When you see old grannies linked with dreadlocked travellers and resisting live export, something must be changing.

The day of reckoning approaches they couldn't stop *Reclaim The Streets* how are they going to stop the party on new years eve 1999, *They're Not*. Or the planned reclaiming of *Stonehenge Summer Solstice 2000 - They're Not*.

FREE PARTY

FREE PEOPLE

FREE FUTURE

OH AND ONE MORE THING (WITH THE LIGHTING OF A SPLIFF) LEGALISE CANNABIS.

Thankyou DesertStorm 24/1/98.

Critical Mass

On the fourth Friday of every month, there is a mass cycle ride through the city. Actually, this is not true, cos there are rarely enough cyclists meeting at the arranged time to make it worth while! A few years ago there were up to 70 people. Lately we are lucky to have ten.

It's important for cyclists and pedestrians to make a stand against the car culture of pollution, road rage, congestion, noise, etc. and reclaim a car free space for cyclists, but now you'll have to wait till June. If you are tired of being cut up by psychotic taxi drivers etc. pretend to be Norman Tebbit's father and get on your bike for the next Critical Mass to be held during Green Transport Week in June.

"Wheel" see you there!

G8, WTO, MAI - Global Domination, they must be taking the piss?



Not a lot of people know this! This year the next step to corporate domination and world government will happen unless everyone unites to oppose it.

In Britain;

- Massive wage cuts and job losses for ordinary workers.
- Loss of local small business.
- Environmental damage and degradation.
- Cuts in social services and welfare.
- Loss of animal rights.
- Lowering of food standards and reduced food safety.

- Undermining of local and national authority and democracy.

These are the effects for the majority of people in Britain. The effect of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) and the ordinary people and the environment of the developing world will be devastating. The aims of the WTO and the MAI are to open up the global freemarket. Essentially opening up the world for the multinationals and the movement of capital. They call it "Creating a level playing field for companies". This level playing field places, for example, multibillion dollar agribusiness companies in direct competition with the Mexican peasant farmers! Although the world is been opened up to multinationals, it gives them no responsibilities. Under the MAI, multinationals will be able to sue local and national governments for millions if they try and introduce worker or environmental rights which would affect their profits if they invest in this country. Capital will also have unrestricted movement around the world i.e., they will go where it's cheapest. In effect it will be a rush to the bottom. (or a bum rush). To encourage foreign investment in this country wage levels, workers rights, and environmental standards will have to drop.

This globalisation is also happening within the European Union, pushed by the multinationals in the form of "the European round Table of Industrialists" (Also behind the European road building programme). To meet convergence criteria for the EU single currency government must cut back its debts, hence cuts in public spending and design build finance operating schemes for building roads hospitals etc. (which delay costs now at the expense of people in the future) The "rush to the bottom" will also extend to the British regions, through the European regional development agencies which will have to compete with each other to lower standards to attract inward investment.

Resistance against this mindless system and for the defence of humanity is being organised globally. Indigenous people, farmers, environmentalists, trade unionists, small business's, and human rights activists are organising in a loose, decentralised network, "a struggle of struggles" co-ordinated mainly by Peoples Global Action (PGA).

Join in - this will affect your life

How to resist;

1) Inform yourself - Info on MAI from: Corporate Watch, Box E, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford, OX4 1RQ

<http://www.oneworld.org/cw/> or The world Development Movement, 25 Beehive Place, London, SW9 7QR

<http://www.oneworld.org/wdm>

2) Act - In May G8, the leaders of the worlds most powerful countries, are meeting in Birmingham on the 15th to the 17th. This will see one of this years largest protests. Christian Aid and Jubilee 2000 plan to surround the conference with a human chain of 60,000 people, and Reclaim the Streets are holding a reclaim the summit street party on Saturday the 16th of May. RTS parties will be held simultaneously in 16 different countries. There will also be other actions and protests on the other days. An ecovillage, and alternative employment centre are being set up, and the New Economics Foundation will be holding a counter summit throughout the conference. When the world leaders leave Birmingham to go to the WTO summit in Geneva they will be met by thousands of protesters from every continent on the planet, in Peoples Global Action. Lets give them a good send off!

For further details on how you can get involved contact :

"The Counter Globalisation Network", c/o Manchester EF1, Dept 29, 1 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1HW.

manceff@avocados.globalnet.co.uk

or via Notts EF (see contacts list)

In the long term, act locally, think globally.

Support local business/jobs and mutual aid networks.

Defend worker, human, environmental and animal rights.

Build local direct democracy. @@@@

DiY Doris



Hello, me ducks,

It's been a busy month for me. First, international revolution at the Zapatista Challenge, then sitting in front of the live export trucks at Dover. I wouldn't be able to do half the things I do without my DiY Free Return Ticket to Anywhere. Hitch hiking is a useful, liberating, educational, environmentally friendly, and free form of transport. You can go to a gig, demo, or to see a friend at whim.

There have been lots of horror stories about hitch hiking, me and my friends have never had a psycho hitching yet, we

have however bumped into them in the pub and on the street. Just do it!

How to:

The best way is to find a friend who's done it before and hitch with them. If not, don't be daunted, be prepared. Take waterproofs, munchies, and a map, ohl, and the essential black marker pen or crayon. Get to your nearest main road or motorway junction on the edge of town.

Stand where:

- a) most traffic is going in your direction,
- b) traffic isn't going too fast,
- c) drivers have time to slow down,
- d) there's somewhere for your lovely lift to pull in.

This is not always the case, so, stand where there's the most hitch hiker graffiti.

Try and look harmless, and smile a lot. Humans will generally help other humans if they don't think that they'll get ripped off! Think positive. A single bloke will probably get a lift in about 20 minutes, a male and female pair in about half an hour. Having said that this obviously varies wildly between about 30 seconds and 7 hours, C'est la vie!

Making cardboard signs is a good idea as you get the "I wouldn't have picked you up but I'm going straight there" lifts. Write big and remember to put "please" at the bottom, it does make a difference.

Hitching is still legal, though not past the blue sign on the motorway junction. However the police will occasionally hassle you because they're like that. Hide anything illegal well.

There are no stereotypes of people who give lifts, from poor truckers to rich business men, grannies to travellers. Lifts can be boring or one of the best conversations of your life. I've been dined, given places to stay, learned new things, got stoned out of my brains, and talked to folks I'd never normally have met.

The benefits of hitching are twofold;

- 1) Freedom to go places quickly, very cheaply, and with no extra environmental damage.
- 2) Getting unique insights into humanity - talking to allsorts about allsorts. Getting to understand that we are all just people and most people are basically OK. Anarchy in action, happy hitching!

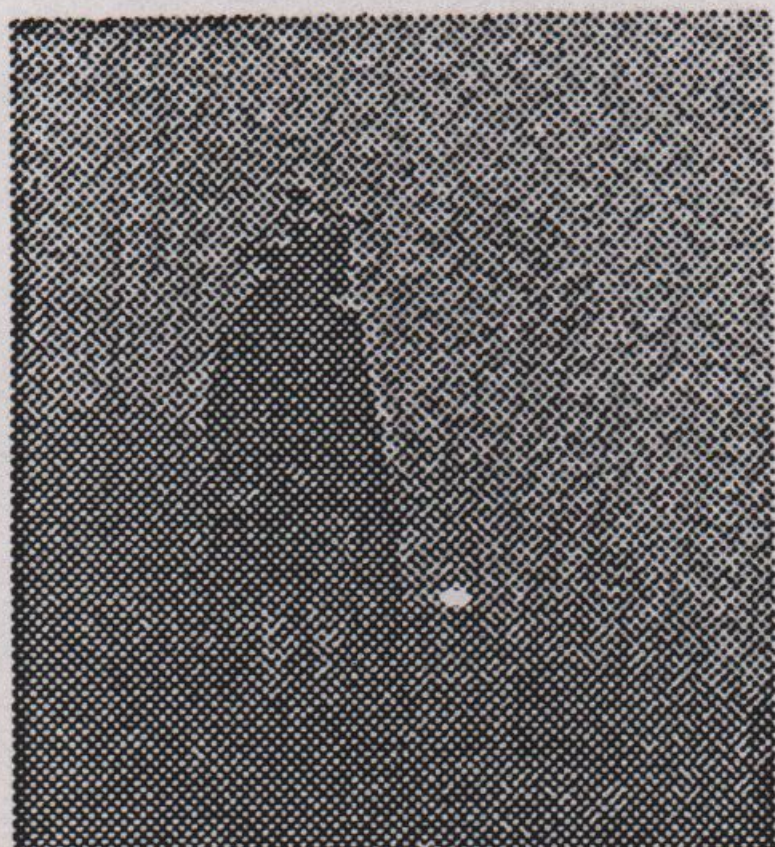
For people that are not confident enough to hitch, or don't feel safe (especially single women) there is a more organised alternative. Lift shares and cheap lifts are organised by FreeWheelers, 25 Low Friar Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 5UE.

Tel: 0191 222 0090/0094.

Fax: 0191 221 0066.

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VIVA ZAPATISTA!



more information on the Zapatista and international struggle against global capitalism see

<http://www.agp.org> and

<http://www.ezln.org>

for local solidarity, donations or information on how to go to Chiapas contact Nott Earth First! (see contacts)

Vegan Rum Truffle

Kanteen Katie's recipe column

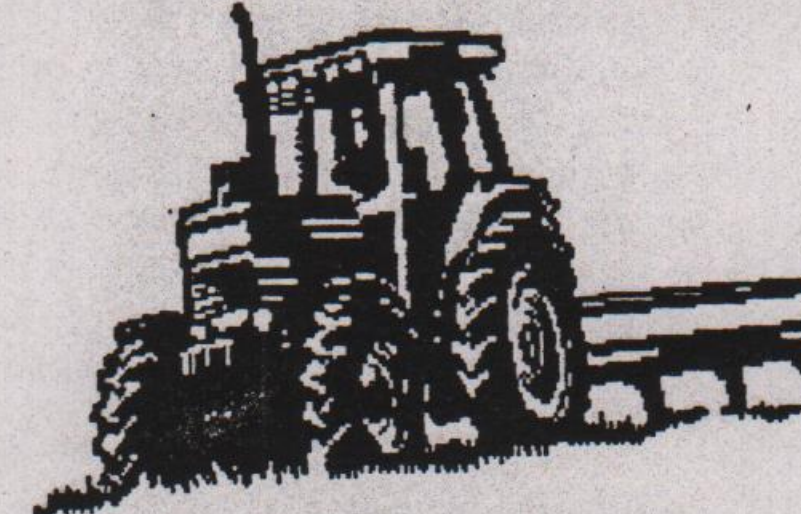
A recipe for all those whose chocoholic instincts were re-awakened by Uncle Stevie's vegan mars bar recipe.

All you need is: 90g raisins, 90ml of dark rum, 80g vegan marg., 105g gram flour, 45ml maple syrup(golden syrup will do), 50g coco powder, 3 tablespoons of desiccated coconut.

METHOD: Put the raisins in a bowl and pour over the rum, and leave to soak. Melt the marg in a pan, stir in the gram flour and cook gently, stirring constantly for about 3 mins. Stir in the syrup, rum and raisins, mix and remove from the heat. Set aside 1 tablespoon of coco powder, and put the rest of the coco in the pan and mix it in.

Leave the mixture to cool for 20 mins. Mix the set aside coco powder with the coconut. Take a large teaspoon of the mixture and drop into the coconut and coco. Roll it into a ball. Chill truffles in fridge. HINT: Can look posh in a little bag, tied up with a bow.

The John Archer Memorial Column



Anyone who had any faith in a change in British politics must by now have had their illusions totally shattered. The countryside movement with their battle cry of "listen to us" and "freedom in the countryside" (free to kill foxes and free to deny us our freedom to roam, free to poison the land and free to collect subsidy for doing it) was the nail in new labour's coffin. Now its time to finally realise that voting changes nothing and to take control of our own lives.

One of the most important things in our

lives is food and drink and the political issues surrounding these are numerous.

Food is transported thousands of miles using vast quantities of fuel and creating more roads etc.

Out of town supermarkets are making shopping more difficult for those without cars and are killing town centres.

Most food is grown using chemicals and the chance of it being genetically modified is increasing.

The owner of supermarkets donate to political parties, for example Asda, whose chair Archie Norman is a Conservative MP. Large brewers also donate to political parties which is one of the reasons why cannabis is still illegal.

I could go on & on but as this information is all available in more detail elsewhere I want to instead offer solutions

Most of us can contribute something we've grown ourselves to our diet.

The easiest, quickest and space saving gardening is to sprout seeds and beans. These can be grown all year round and can be used in a sandwich to replace lettuce that has been imported from Holland. Seed sprouters can be bought from wholefood shops or made with jam jars, marg. tubs etc. Suitable seeds for sprouting are alfalfa, chick peas, green lentils, mung beans, radish etc.

Moving up to "real" food and a bit of haughty culture.

There are a few problems to solve before lettuce can be grown in the back yard. The main one is lack of soil as most yards are bare concrete with a few dog turds if your lucky. So unless you want to spend hours with a pick axe you need containers and unfortunately the ones at B & Q are small and expensive. This can be overcome with a bit of scavenging. Beds can be made from bricks, old scaffold poles and wood, pallets, old kitchen units on their side, old baths and even tyres cut along the centre and prised apart. Obviously potential pollution from rubber and chipboard need to be taken into account and the containers must be free draining. The second problem is where to get soil from. Obviously this can be bought but this is expensive in any large quantity. Soil can be "made" with kitchen waste, wood chips, leaf mould but this takes time and will be deficient in minerals. New houses etc. have top soil imported to cover up the builders rubble and its probably best to scrounge some of this or dig up a barrow load from the golf course and increase the fertility at a later date.

Hints and useful books

Start small but design the area so that expansion is possible. Remember that vertical space e.g. window boxes and trellising can be used.

Note which areas get the most sun.

If always on the move use containers that can be transported (shopping trolleys lined with wood) or plant things that the next tenants will know e.g. herbs and flowers instead of beans.

Tools can be borrowed from Nottm Lets

'Permaculture in a Nutshell' - Patrick Whitefield

'Salads for small gardens' - Joy Larkham

Permaculture magazine

How to Murder someone and get away with it!

If you were to get a large metal bar, say for instance a car bumper. If you took said car bumper and beat someone to death with it, after capture, you'd probably get 7 to 10 years, (after all it's only murder - Barry Horne got 18 years for planning criminal damage!)

Now the crafty bit. Take your deadly blunt instrument/car bumper and attach it to a car, just to add that extra few thousand horse power to your swing. Put your foot down and hit someone with it. In court put on a suit and tie, look mournfully at the grieving family, and say your sorry but you were in a hurry. 3 year suspended sentence, driving licence confiscated, possibly, sorted. For extra effect strap on hard man cattle bars at child height cos there's so many cows on the roads in England!

SICK? well yes it fuckin' is!

May Day '98

Don't believe the hype: capitalism has not gone away. We might live in an increasingly fragmented world, but everywhere is the same social system trying to subject us to it's laws of money, profit and power. And everywhere from South Korea to South Yorkshire, people are pissed off - fighting back and struggling to regain control of their lives.

With these huge social battles looming on the horizon, the old softly softly approach of reformism is dead in the water - the reality of the Blair government offers daily proof. Meanwhile for the orthodox left it is business as usual - paper-sales, recruitment drives and one dead end campaign after another. As the revolutionary movement marches in ever decreasing circles, it's about time we stopped and asked ourselves one basic question: if our ideas are so great why are our numbers so small!

May Day '98 is a four day conference open to anyone and everyone serious

about changing this world. A new sort of movement unfettered by the past and ready for the struggles of the 21st century. May Day '98 will be organised around four major themes;

Land, Ecology and the Environment; All Worked Up (work & unemployment); Dream Time; and Away from the Margins.

A fifth theme 'Practicalities' will dominate events on the Monday morning and will allow us to start putting ideas into practice. The idea of themes has been lifted from the "encuentros" - the international meetings of 3-4000 revolutionaries in Mexico in July/August 1996 and Spain in July/August 1997. We'd like to think that May Day '98 will be held in the same spirit of genuine co-operation and open debate, and that it can play a part in a parallel re-alignment of the revolutionary movement in the U.K.

There'll be loads of other stuff; gigs, football, @bookfair etc... all happening in Bradford.

Contact : May Day '98, PO Box HH57, Leeds LS8 5XG.

e-mail: daymay@geocities.com Or may_day99@hotmail.com

"A ROVING WE DID GO...."

Local transport day went surprisingly well, despite the rather rabid reluctance of the Rover cars salesmen to let us hang our banner from their flag pole. We were pleased to discover that we'd accidentally picked their national cars sales day for our demo which explains why they were none to pleased to see us! Leafletting at St Peter's Gate went well, so hopefully GREEN TRANSPORT WEEK (SAT 13th-Sun 21st June) will be bigger better and less wet! Monday 20th April is the next planning meeting so come along or send your ideas to "Green Transport Week" c/o Rainbow Centre. (Time and venue for meeting still to be confirmed so watch the diary).

Fight State Censorship of the Radical Press

The GAndALF prosecution (brought against editors of Green Anarchist newspaper and the ALF supporters group newsletter) is an attempt to silence the alternative press, criminalise the direct action movement, and deny everyone basic freedoms of expression, association and conscience. They got 3 years! Two other defendants are to be charged. Hear them speak at Rainbow Centre at 7pm on Thursday April 9th; with a National

demo in Nottingham on Friday 10th.

Also Video, discussion, music, poetry, stalls, vegan food and refreshments.

The Blessed Witch

Sweet butcher and hooded crow flit around the hawthorn bush as hedgehogs kiss the dripping milk and steal among the weeping slug. The nightjar blinks in feigned surprise as barnowl breaks the mouses back, mist seeps through the elm tree spires as Lilith, on her travels flies with eyes as old as time itself, accompanied by faithful toad she gathers ragged robins wealth, the golden rod, the mandrake root, to stir and play in vipers den to make the Greenwood rise again. LORD BIRO.

FIN!

The Free Information Network is a community based paper providing information on subcultures and the fightback against this earth-raping, exploitative and oppressive system. Ned Ludd's News is just one of a network of FINs and similar publications around the country.

Although we obtain much information from this network, we also rely on you writing and sending us stuff, particularly about local issues. If you like Ned Ludd's then give us some cash. Only donations keep us free. If you organise gigs/parties then do a benefit for us, or invite us to run a stall or collection at the event. We can help in the organising.

This Newsletter is produced by a collective of Nottingham campaigners. Your help is welcomed. We need writers, typists, layout designers, distributors, fundraisers

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Join us at the next editorial workshop on Friday 24th April, at 7pm at the Rainbow Centre Library, 182 Mansfield Rd, Nottm (yellow back door at junction with Huntington St, near Elm Avenue, 4 mins from Victoria Centre Bus Station)

Thanks to Nigel & Andy NottFin is on the internet at <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/4111/ned.html>