This diary gives details of campaigns and meetings in Nottingham, or events elsewhere supported by Nottingham based activists, concerning Human & Animal Rights, Environmental & Social Issues, and Peace & Co-operation Worldwide. There are no single issues in reclaiming the future.

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APRIL

Gathering Visions, Gathering Strength. A gathering in Manchester of direct activists across movements to 3rd - 5th explore methods of social change. Cath (Organiser): 0161 834 8301. Nottm reps: Kate/Nick c/o Nottm EF!

Notts Disabled Peoples Movement. New group to be launched by disabled people, for disabled people. Sat 4th Campaign Against The Arms Trade. London Demo aginast UK visit of Indonesia's President/dictator. Sat 4th

Nottm Animal Rights Confederation. '1st Sunday' Meeting. Exclusive showing of Animal Defenders Circus Sun 5th Investigation Footage. Plus campaign planning. 6.30 - 9pm Rainbow Canteen: Refreshments-Come hungry!

Greenpeace Support Group meets 1st Monday monthly at The Navigation, Wilford St, nr Canal St. Mon 6th

Oxfam Campaigning Group meeting. Oxfam campaigns office: 942 3892. Tues 7th

Nottm Claimants Action. Fortnightly meeting. 7.30pm at the Rainbow Centre Canteen. Wed 8th

Liberation Tour. The End of Freedom of the Press? Speaker on the Galdalf case at the Rainbow Centre. Thur 9th

Gandalf (GA and ALF) Demo. Nottingham. Meet at 2pm at Weekday Cross. Fri 10th

Attwels Chicken & Turkey death camp. Slaughterhouse demo. Coventry. Travel with Veggies / Nottm ARC. Sat 11th

Friends of the Earth. 2nd & last Tuesdays. 7.30pm. Friends Meeting House, Clarendon St.

Economics & The Arms Trade open meeting. 7pm at Arkwright Lecture Theatre, Nottm Trent University, Shakespeare Street. Contact Ian Hewitt on 941 8418 x 4107.

Thur 16th McLibel: Who Won? Showing of 'Two Worlds Collide' video + discussing. Nottm Green Party at ICC Details: Nottm Green Party, 5 Target St, Radford NG7 3EY. Ph:978 4805.

World Day for Lab Animals: National Demo at Hillgrove Lab Cat Breeders. Details: Veggles / ARC. Sat 18th

The Welfare State & The New Deal. Nottm Claimants Action public meeting. 7.30pm. ICC, Mansfield Road. Wed 22nd

Rainbow Centre: Potential supporters are welcome to attend an Open Afternoon at 2pm. Wed 22nd

Nott FIN / Ned Ludd News editorial workshop. 7pm Rainbow Library (back door); Fri 24th Vaccination Awareness Network. Viera Scheibner Lecture. 1.30 at ICC, Mansfield Rd + Derby. 0115 948 0829. Sat 25th

Genetics Action. Contact Nottm Earth First! in advance. Sat 25th

World Day for Lab Animals: National Runaround in Cambridge. Details: Voggles / ARC. Sat 25th

Ecoworks Permaculture Project Community Day. Hungerhill Allotments, St Ann's. 960 5565 / 0973 116291. Sun 26th

Thurs 30th Beltaine: See in May Day with Fun & Frolics - Everywhere.

MAY

May Day 98, Bradford.

Birmingham G8 Summit: Mass Protests: R T S; Eco Village; Animal Rights Action; Earth First mayhem! 15th-17th Anti-vivisection campaign & information Stall, leafletting and fundraising for Nottingham Animal Rights TBC

Confederation. St Peters Gate from noon. Phone 958 5666 to offer help.

Shell Picket - Every Friday at 5.30pm at London Road. Contact June / Dave / Rainbow Centre to confirm. Nottm Hunt Saboteurs Assoc. To help with fundraising or active wildlife protection contact Brent c/o Rainbow.

Prevent Unwanted Pets. To help with fundraising or in any other way call 941 8872. Sanctuary Working Party. Helping local sanctuaries where no healthy animals are ever destroyed. Details from Rainbow.

CONTACTS: RAINBOW CENTRE: 176-188 Mansfield Road, Nottm NG1 3HW. 10am-5pm. Ph: 958 5666 Contact these c/o the Rainbow Centre: NottFiN - the Free Information Network; McLibel Support Group; Animal Rights Confederation (also Angie on 974 6814); Kirkby Cats Home (also Phil on 01623 756592); Enough - Nottm Anti-Consumerism Campaign (also c/o Women's Environmental Network on 913 3029); Earth First!; Friends Of the Earth (also Jill on 953 8843); Nottm Windpower Project (also 948 0829); Prevent Unwanted Pets (phone on 941 8872); Vaccination Awareness Network (also 948 0829); Vegetarian & Vegan Society (also Tracy: 981 7620); Veggies Catering Campaign (also Lunchtimes at Clinton St East); ALSO: Green Network News has news & dates of many more environmental activities. Phone Tim Gray on 941 7849. Campaign Against The Arms Trade: 89 Crossman St NG5 2HL. Phone: 960 3693 (eve) / 970 6994. Greenpeace - Nottingham Support Group: Karl: 914 0974.

Note: All the groups listed do not neccessarily endorse the activities of all the others. PLEASE SEND FLIERS & POSTERS for display in the Free Information Exchange, in Nott FIN and on The Diary, to The Rainbow Centre, 176-188 Mansfield Road, Nottingham. Billboard / banner display facilities also available. PLEASE COPY AND CIRCULATE.

March saw the advent of the Direct Action Picnic in Nottingham, with intrepid picnickers smuggling chocolate cake into the heart of Babylon.

Nottingham's Front Line News



Episode 1:

Episode 2:

On March 4th people from the Animal Rights Confederation and Earth First! wandered into the furniture department of Jessops, the John Lewis store. A likely table was picked, tableclothed and spread with sandwiches. Party hats, party poppers and balloons added to the merriment as shoppers were invited to share a sandwich. They were handed a leaflet explaining how, supposedly caring and ethical John Lewis, hunt over their land and send their staff for drunken weekends shooting ducks, partridge, pheasants, squirrels, and anything else that moves. 20 other John Lewis stores round the country were picniced that week. The next demo is on April 10th. Contact Notts ARC c/o Rainbow.

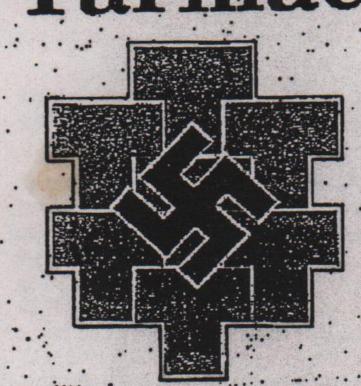
This time Earth First! went high class, teapot, wicker picnic basket, cucumber sandwiches, and chocolate cake. Under the guise of "special delivery" they accessed the building of architects Grogan Culling at 2 Commerce Square. These architects are plotting the destruction of Grade 1 wildlife site 'Canning Circus Meadow' (see Ned Ludd No 6).

"We spread out our picnic blanket and brewed up. At first our presence was not well received, but, as our normal picnic spot is to be destroyed, we had to try new venues. In the end architect Grogan Culling showed us the plans for the development and entered into debate on the importance of preserving the remaining intact ecosystems in inner city areas".

Grogan Culling say that they welcome all opinions and enquiries, so let them know what you think on 950 7313.

For more info contact; Nottingham Wildlife Trust on 958 8242.

BESTWOOD PARK UNDER THREAT.



Tarmac, destroyers of Twyford Down, the wildlife at the Manchester Airport 2nd runway site, and builders of the first childrens prison, are planning to reopen a quarry at Bestwood Country Park in the north of the city. They also plan to open a second quarry at the edge of the childrens play area in Bestwood.

The main areas of concern are;

1) Visual - Bestwood Country Park's broad leaved woodlands are a pleasing vista long before the park user arrives on site, this proposed hole will lessen that impact and perhaps even deter people from visiting our beautiful and historic park. This hole in the landscape will be clearly visible from the M1. This could also effect tourism in the area.

2) Disturbance - Over the last 6 years the Birklands Bird Ringing Group have been monitoring bird numbers at the park and the surrounding fields, we are particularly interested in the number of "open grassland" birds that are successfully breeding. On the proposed site three pairs of Skylarks, five pairs of Meadow Pipit, two to three pairs of Yellowhammer have been recorded. In the winter, Snipe, Goldfinch, Linnet, and Greenwoodpecker are regularly observed, whilst Short eared owl and Merlin have been occasional visitors. All these species are recognised as diminishing for all sorts of reasons, and need protecting.

3) Hydrology - It is now known that by digging a hole the natural drainage of the surrounding area alters and so the watertable will adjust accordingly. In a free draining sandy area such as this we fear a big loss of trees, given that the trees are drought stricken on an annual basis any further reduction of moisture content will be catastrophic.

4) Dust & Pollution - Increasing amounts of airborne dust will also mar the health of our trees. It blocks the leaves pores so the trees can't photosynthesise (create food) or breathe.

5) Amenity Value - Bestwood Country park is enjoyed by thousands of visitors every year. It is used for recreation, education, and just for chilling out and escaping from the city. When visitors are met with clouds of dust and the roar of JCB's rather than bird song it won't have the same effect.

6) Health & Safety - It is felt that even with the most up to date fencing and security methods the site will be a magnet to youngsters for miles around. It's not a question of if a tragedy occurs, but when. Accidents have already occured in the disused tarmac quarry on the edge of the park. Bestwood people are horrified at the prospect of dozens of H.G.V's rumbling through the village every hour, surly Tarmac a major international concern, does not need to exploit this little bit of our green and pleasant land.

Enough is Enough; contact

Paddy Tipping MP. House of Commons, Whitehall, London. and

N.J.Bears, Regional Estates Surveyor, Tarmac Quarry Products (Eastern) Ltd. Bellmoor, Retford, Nottinghamshire, DN22 8SG. Tel: (01777) 703891. Fax: (01777) 860546.

Tell them what you think of our park being threatened.

For further information on the scheme contact the volunteer rangers at Bestwood Country Park, Alexandra Lodge, Park Road, Bestwood Village, NG6 8UH

Earth First! are holding back on direct action at the moment to allow Tarmac to bow out gracefully. But we are collecting telephone numbers of people who would like to stop the bulldozers if it becomes neccessary to do so. Contact EF! c/o Rainbow Centre.

# "VIVA ZAPATISTA! YA BASTA!"

Act Now! Then send your words to Nottingham Free Information Network c/o Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3. Better still email veggies@innotts.co.uk

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7PM SUNDAY 26TH APRIL, AT THE CANTEEN 188 WILL BE AN EARTH FIRST? MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED. BE FOOD AND DRINK BY VEGGIES. AFTER THE VIDEO THERE WILL BE RADICAL ECOLOGY LITERATURE AVAILABLE. THERE WILL WE WILL BE SHOWING A VIDEO ON ANIMAL LIBERATION. THERE DREMEMBER HILLGROVE 18TH APRIL (SEE DIARY)D



ANIMAL LIBERATION THE MOVIE. PRESENTS:

# TRAIN HISTA WAKE UP!, WAKE UP!

For further information contact : 958 5666 (day) or Angie : 974 6814 (evenings / wee Regular yenue Rainbow Canteen, 188 Mansfield Rose Future Meetings: Sunday 3rd May. Sunday 7th June Sunday 5th July. Sunday 2nd August. Sunday 6th Sept. Sunday 4th Oct. Sunday 1st Nov. Sunday 6th December Social Refreshments

National Events Campaign News & Planning 188 Mansfield Road The Rainbow Centre **NENNE:** 

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Sunday 5th April

Campaign Planning & Social An opportunity to meet like-minded people and to be part of a wider animal rights community.

Free Video Show (7.30pm)



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NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY, OPEN PROGRAMME CAAT has been working for over 20 years for an end to the arms trade and the implementation of a national conversion strategy. For further information contact CAAT, 11 Goodwin St, London, N4 3HQ. Tel: 0171 281 0297

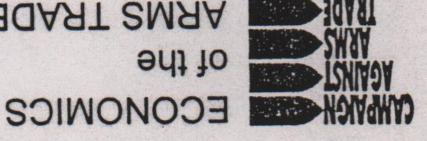
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Dr Paul Dunne (Middlesex University)

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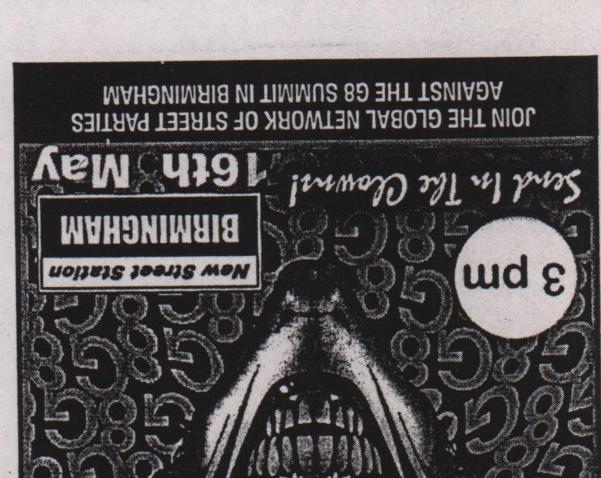


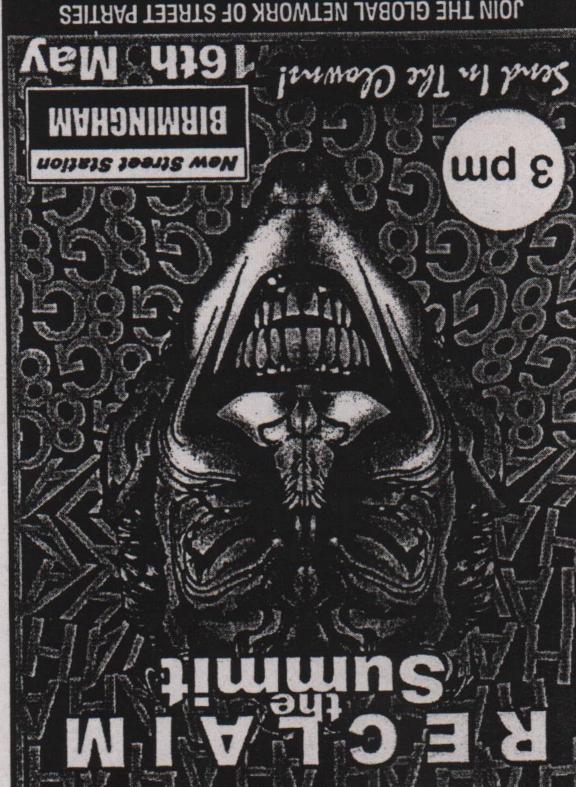
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Want to know more? Community Centre on Saturday Ith April ... A launch event taking place at Sherwood A 'voice' for all Disabled people An organisation run by Disabled people

new organisation for Disabled people in NOLLINGHAMSHIRE DISABLED PEOPLES' MOVEMENT

Moving On with





## **LARGE PRINT** AVAILABLE IN

favourite circus". It's time to end circuses 78% voted to boycott "the BBC's In a Hucknall Dispatches telephone poll curcus goers turned back at the protest. would be arrested. A large proportion of off due to an anoymous report that they Unfortunately most locals were scared animals to provide "entertainment". outside the circus which uses neglected protest. Activists turned up to picket were in town and they were doing a Centre to inform us that Circus King Hucknall locals contacted the Rainbow

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Nottm, Or Tel. 0839 046175 (pager). Rainbow Centre, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham Claimants Action, clo

Oxford, OX4 1HU. Oxford Community Centre, Princes St, Contact: Groundswell OUWCU, East

involved! (ta SchNews 158). direct action we can make change - get Nottingham, have been fighting the JSA. Workers and unemployed should unite to fight this. It's only through collective groups around the UK, including extra £5 billion to help them. Claimants result that the Government found an invading expensive restaurants, with the action, occupying dole offices and In France the unemployed took direct

we say there is - RESISTANCE! Labour says there will be no fifth option,

the Government (see MAI srticle.) profit of the corporations and their lackeys want "wage slavery" it only helps the it, and the proceeds, fairly". People don't what work is important, and then to share real challenge is to decide as a society for social ills is a fairytale solution. The hamburgers and cleaning cars is a panacea of work is fantastical. To suggest selling real human value. New Labour's vision not considered work, regardless of it's . does not make money or is not paid is destructive. Conversely, anything that is socially and environmentally money is considered work, even when it our economy so anything that makes useful work. The profit motive drives of making judgements about what is Party said, "We have become incapable Christmas, Molly Scott Cato of the Green despite making 10 staff redundant before taken on 20 people under the New Deal-Eastbourne, Anglo-Dutch Meats have Already in a trial area for the scheme, of work on fair pay and conditions. casualising" jobs and undermining yeas with subsidised 6 month contracts further Deal will create a section of the workforce worker's rights or job security. The New Blair's "flexible workforce" i.e., no unemployed, it's an extension of Tory This is not just an issue for the

extra £900, (The Economist). yet thanks to tax cuts the top 10% get an £13 a week less than twenty years ago, The poorest 10% of the population get before they went inside, (1994 figures). 75% of prisoners were unemployed more prisons. It's not a coincidence that slavery on the New Deal, and more and to control the capitalist fall out, wage for all, Government is working out way's the system to be fairer with abetter deal capitalist system. Instead of changing Unemployment is a fact of the global So, what's the problem?

from drugs, crime and homelessness."

for up to a year.

service. There is no fifth option spart Councillor said "It's a new national As John Fillis Lancashire Labour

4) Working for the environmental task part will get paid £3,200 a person.) sector (any voluntary organisation taking 3) A six month job in the voluntary

2) Full time study on an approved course

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into force nationwide. In April Labour's New Deal will come

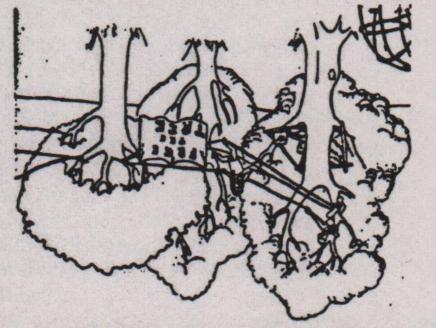


#### FLEXPLOITATION WAGESLAVERY&

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or sign if you haven't already. letters wrote to the council, please write of opposition have collected and 700 a pichic in the park. Over 7000 signatures support has grown with benefit gigs and with five more under construction. Local houses at the Bass recreational ground The tree dwellers have set up 5 tree



DEKBY UPDATE

#### **BNNR ARUGA!**

Get yer arses down to the BNNR, 27 miles of beutiful 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!



The following is a transcript of a speech by local sound system DESERT STORM at the RESISTRANCE 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

resistrance 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

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 fouth 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 Tebbits 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.

more roads etc.

- 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 its cheapest. In effect it will be a rush to the bottom. (or a burn 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, environmentalist, 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/

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 EF!, Dept 29, 1 Newton Street, Manchester, M1 1HW.

mancef@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, oh!, 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;

Freedom to go places quickly, very cheaply, and with no extra environmental damage.
 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!

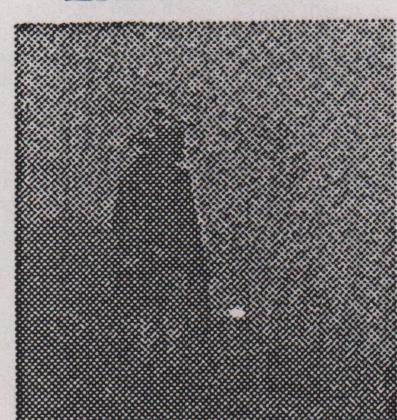
For people that are not confident enough to hitch, or don't feel safe (especially single women) there is a more organised alternative. Lift shares and cheep lifts are organised by; Freewheelers, 25 Low Friar Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE1 5UE.

Tel: 0191 222 0090/0094.

Fax: 0191 221 0066.

Thanks to Godhaven Ink.

# VIVA ZAPATISTA!



Last month there was a conference to inspire solidarity with the Zapatista Liberation Army (EZLN) in Mexico. Zapatista army emerged from the jungle on New Year's Day 1994, the day of the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement which, along with other free trade agreements, opened up the land of the Mayan indians in Chiapas, Mexico, to exploitation to multinational companies. Chiapas produces 55% of Mexican hydroelectric energy, yet 30% of all dwellings had no electricity and 40% lacked piped water. Chiapas is the third largest producer of gas, and the fourth largest producer of oil in Mexico. 70% of the Lacadon jungle's resources have been lost in the last 30 years. Yet 80% of its areas are classed as areas of "acute marginalisation" and poverty.

Due to agreement by the Mayan people, 12 days later the EZLN called a ceasefire. Since then thousands have been made homeless and hundreds killed by government and US backed paramilitaries. At the beginning of this year 45 mainly women and children were massacred in Acteal. One woman survivor said, "I have an older sister who was shot in Acteal. She was pregnant. When she died, I personally saw how they opened her stomach to cut out the baby."

Pressure on the Mayan Indians is increasing with the Mexican government expelling peace observers from the country. We are trying to help organise two levels of support. We want to help send observers to Chiapas to live in villages there as witnesses. We are also organising non violently against the roots of the struggle, the globalisation of free trade, capitalism and the multinationals. As a simple thing to do boycott Nestle and let them know why, (exploiting natural resources in Chiapas and encouraging globalisation). Nestle are also destroying rainforests in Indonesia, killing babies through aggressive baby milk marketing in Africa and making more information on the Zapatista and international struggle against global capitalism see

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# 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 desicated 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

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

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 cooperation and open debate, and that it can play a part in a parallel re-alignment of the revolutionary movement in the

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

football, @bookfair etc ... all happening in Bradford.

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# "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! Leafleting 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.

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# 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

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 Huntingdom St, near Elm Avenue, 4 mins from Victoria Centre Bus Station)

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