



Your Own Stuff Press was formed in Nottingham in the late 1970's to encourage ordinary people to write - and to publish their writings. The Press has been able to involve its writers in every aspect of the process of publication and to see publication in the broadest possible sense of the word. In 1982, Your Own Stuff Press joined the National Federation of Worker Writers and Community Publishers.

The Press has publications ranging from poems by a local black schoolgirl, to dialect poetry, to short stories. Nottingham Writers Workshop was started by the Press and meets weekly as well as producing several performances each year. Your Own Stuff Press provides writers to run local workshops as one-offs or on a longer term basis and will run sessions in schools and community centres. Nottingham Writers Workshop are available to run performances in similar venues.

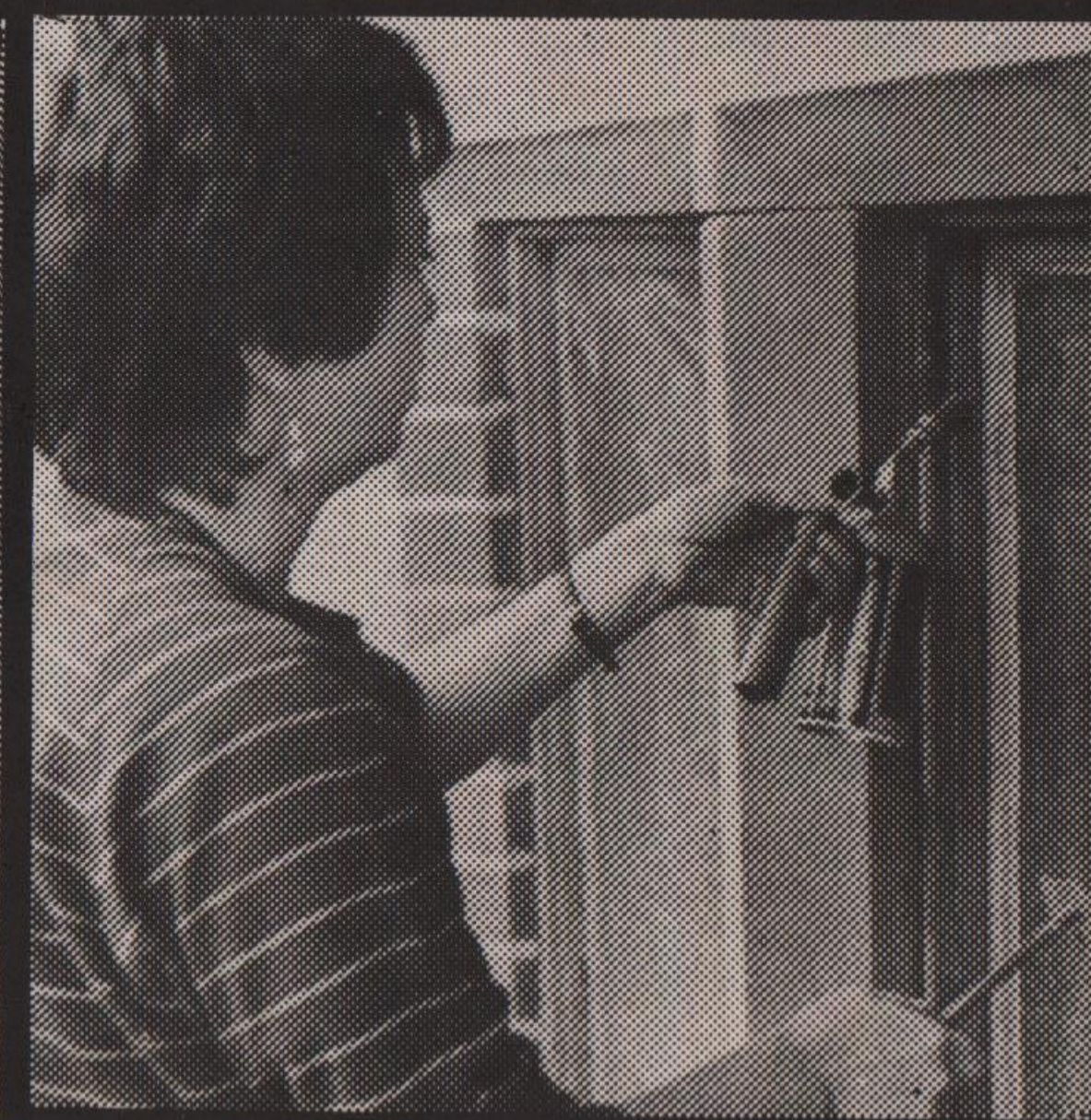
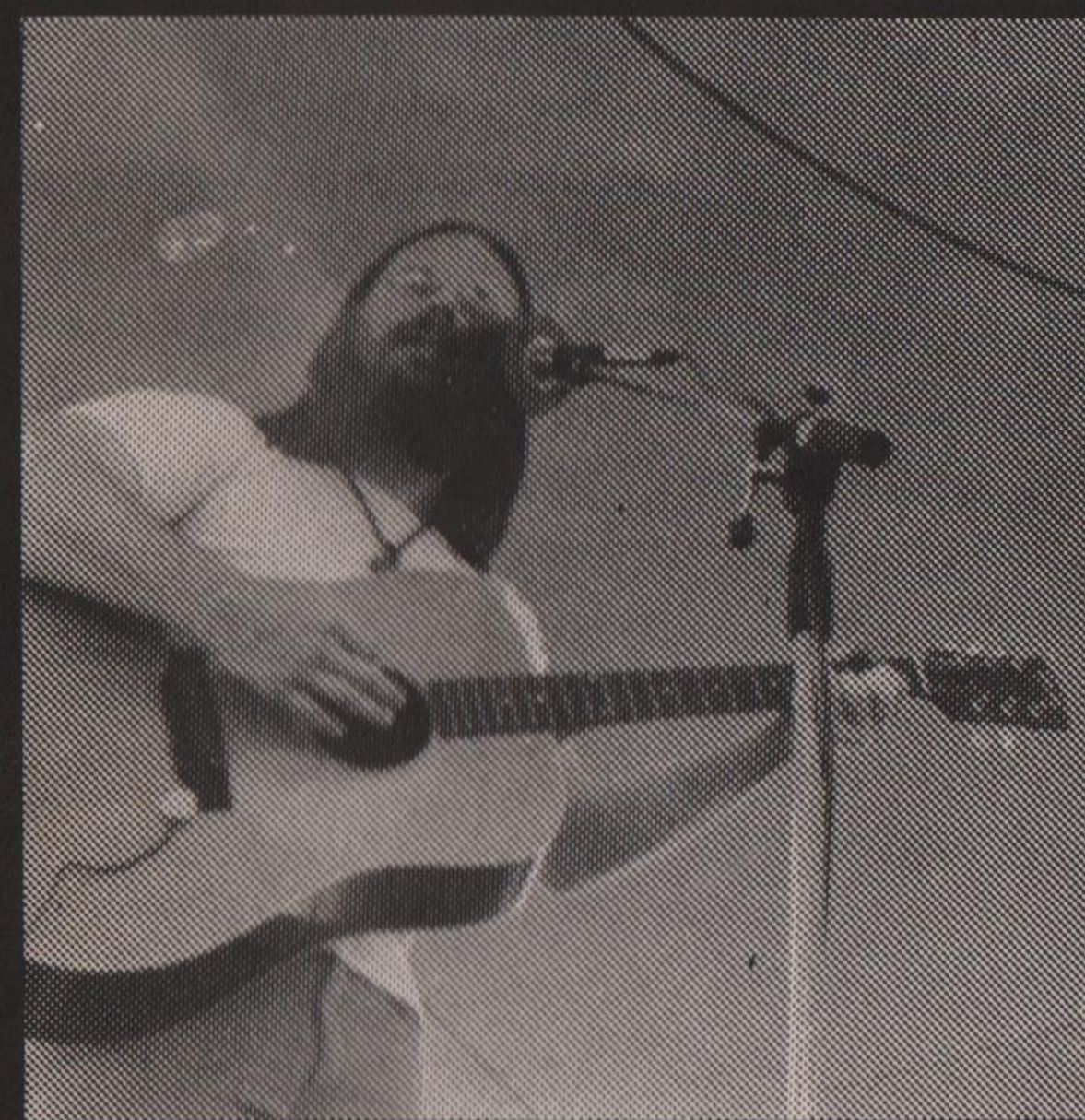
The Rainbow Centre, at 180, Mansfield Road, is a resource centre for campaigning groups in the city. There is a shop, a library, meeting rooms, 'Veggies' vegetarian food co-operative, a paper recycling operation, pigeon hole service for groups and poster-banner design facilities.

The shop sells badges, stickers, postcards, second-hand clothes, plants, books, hand-made pottery, jewellery and candles, photographs and lots more!

The Library has books, journals, pamphlets and periodicals on the themes of peace, the environment, co-operation, world development, alternative technology, human and animal rights and similar issues. It is open for anyone to come in and do research, read up on a particular topic or just browse.

The Rainbow Centre also produces a bi-monthly listings of what is happening in Nottingham.

PEOPLE'S NOTTINGHAM



a DIRECTORY of
CAMPAIGNING and 'ALTERNATIVE'
GROUPS in the CITY

Introduction

In the autumn of 1985 the **Rainbow Centre** opened as a focal point for campaigns associated with peace, our environment and human and animal rights. One of the original ideas was to produce a directory which would list the many organisations and groups who exist in the city of Nottingham, what they were trying to do and how people could join them. Fairly early on in this project, the Rainbow Centre met up with **Your Own Stuff Press** who had thought of producing a directory to alternative Nottingham along the lines of the Spare Rib diary with a mixture of useful information, pictures and items of local interest.

So Your Own Stuff Press and the Rainbow Centre decided to join together and produce a number of directories; on campaigning and community groups; of resource centres; on women's groups; and on places to recycle waste products. This is the first of these directories. Rainbow has, with the help of CODA, organised the actual listings, Your Own Stuff Press has written the items on people's history while both groups have encouraged people to send in artwork and poems for inclusion.

Inevitably this directory is not complete. We wrote to 200 groups and these 80 are the replies we received. There are probably other groups which we never managed to make contact with and who don't know about this directory. We made a decision not to include those groups which already feature in recent directories - like community centres, self-help groups, under 5's and Afro-Caribbean groups. However we have listed these other available guides.

We hope that this directory will become an annual publication, so if you feel that your group should be listed here or you know someone or something which should be included for next year's update, please fill in and return the specimen questionnaire at the back of the book **before July 1987**. We would also appreciate your comments on whether you find this directory useful and interesting. Offers of artwork, poems, items on local historical events and so on are also very welcome.

Happy reading! Val Harris, Wendy Whitfield.

Coding Information:

WF - Wheelchair access.

WR - Assistance given if requested.

WX - No access for the chairbound.

CA - Children welcome with parent(s).

CR - Facilities if requested.

CX - No childrens facilities.

Animal Rights

NAME: *Animal Liberation Front Supporters Group.*
(Nottingham Group)

ADDRESS: Box G,
Mushroom Bookshop,
10, Heathcote Street,
Nottingham.

PHONE: -

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To end commercial + domestic exploitation of animals using direct action as a tool.

MEETINGS: No meetings.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Actions, demonstrations &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Intermittent Bulletin publicising events, actions + fundraising for fined activists.

NAME: *Animal Rights Confederation.*

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To compile + distribute news, activities and information from all organisations involved in animal rights.

MEETINGS: 7.30-9.00pm last Sunday of every month at the Narrow Boat Pub, Canal St, Nottingham.

WX CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Animal and bird rescue. Information stall at St Peters Gate; demonstrations, campaigns and distribution of animal rights info.

PUBLICATIONS: Various leaflets etc.

Experiments with Worms.

cut them in two
just above the thigh
and humans do not reproduce
both halves die;
prove this yourself, take a human from the shelf.

Now here we have a vivisectionist,
it's difficult to tell the sex of this
because this species has no balls
and very little conscience at all
but for those of you still in doubt
earlier we cut this ones' heart out
still we're keeping it breathing
on a cigarette machine
no need to be squeamish
its clinically clean
and the end will justify the means
vivisectionists have no feelings
spray perfume in it's eyes;
sure it cries, but it never dies
here have a try
we've got to be cruel to be kind
and we just might find some medical advance

Sometimes by chance
you can be cutting up a specimen
and suddenly from the mess therein
you can make a great achievement,
so we're all in agreement
we can feed tubes into it's brain
and record the scale of pain
as we burn acid through it's face
it's for the good of the race
Let's make this world a better place.

Henry Normal.

NAME: Cat Rescue.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To rehome unwanted, injured,
and stray cats and kittens.

MEETINGS: None.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Give advice of spaying and
neuturing. Keeping a lost and found list.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

Photo: John Birdsall



NAME: Hunt Saboteurs.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To disrupt and stop all forms of hunting, shooting and fishing by taking direct action.

MEETINGS: No regular meetings but contact + info to be obtained via Animal Rights Confederation.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Direct action throughout the year to prevent all types of blood sports.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: League Against Cruel Sports.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To lobby and enforce legislation to ban all blood sports.

MEETINGS: via Animal Rights Confederation (see separate entry).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Fund raising and general information regarding blood sports. Talks in schools and universities, group discussions, films shows.

PUBLICATIONS: Various literature and leaflets are available + assorted badges, stickers &c. for sale.

Campaigns

NAME: Amnesty International,

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Abolition of Death Penalty; abolition of Torture by Governments; Freedom for Prisoners of Conscience; Better conditions for all prisoners.

MEETINGS: 7.45pm Monthly 2nd week (check contact), at 162, Musters Road, West Bridgford. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Letter writing on behalf of Prisoners of Conscience to British + Foreign Govts and other relevant bodies. Lobbying, Fundraising.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Broxtowe South Womens Section (Labour Pty).

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Sexual Equality within Socialism. The promotion of women's issues within the Labour Party and the promotion of socialist ideals, particularly as they relate to women in general.

MEETINGS: Various days at members' houses (8.00pm). Contact group for details. CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: N/A

PUBLICATIONS: N/A

NAME: CROWD
(Cmpgn fr Right of Public Assembly/Dissent)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Opposition to the Public Order Bill.

MEETINGS: usually at 71, Forest Road. WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Leafletting, addressing public meetings and general campaign/pressure gp activity.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets etc.

NAME: Forest Fields Peace Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: A neighborhood group working against all weapons of mass destruction & campaigns for unilateral nuclear disarmament. Group supports CND & all groups active in struggle to achieve a nuclear-free and peaceful world.

MEETINGS: 2nd Monday & 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30pm. Forest Fields Neighborhood Centre as above. WR CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Production of public newsletter running stall leafleting, supporting demonstrations and taking part in Nonviolent Direct Action.

PUBLICATIONS: as above.

NAME: Greenpeace Supporters.
Nottingham Branch.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Fundraising and publicity for national/international campaigns to protect whales, seals, dumping of nuclear and other toxic waste &c. Also to promote interest in local issues.

MEETINGS: Contact group for details. New members welcome.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: House to house and street collections; sponsored events; talks given to (& from) groups; information collected in environment issues.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: National Council for Civil Liberties.
(Nottingham branch)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote and educate for the right to freedom of expression and demonstration especially Public Order legislation.

MEETINGS: Last Wednesday in the month, 7.30pm. at the Community Relations Council, Lwr Parliament St.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Observers at demonstrations, public information, general pressure gp activities.

PUBLICATIONS: General campaign and information literature and publicity materials.

Oral History

Born in South Wales in 1897, Harry Davies worked down the pit at Tyn Ewydd until the outbreak of the First World War when he joined the Royal Engineers. His class-consciousness developed rapidly during the war, especially after a 90 day period of imprisonment after being court-martialled for retaliating when struck by an officer!

At the end of the War, Harry continued his involvement with local politics, participating in struggles against coal-owners on behalf of the Miners' Federation. Of events leading up to and during the General Strike of 1926 Harry says:

"Under the Emergency Powers Act of 1926, if two of you were seen speaking together you were arrested and taken to the Police Station. I was taken in with some comrades on a Sunday morning - we were speaking. They fetched a coloured man in there and when we asked him what he was in for he said 'For preachin' the Gospel'. Afterwards, the door-latch opened and a parcel was pushed through with some cakes and things in and a voice said 'That's for your mothers' sakes'. That's how it was on one Sunday under the Emergency Powers Act.

"It's the same thing that's happening in South Africa now and it's a situation where the law is used in any way against the working people to suppress 'em to their ideas. Unemployment is a curse to any country and any government but unemployment is used by the rich so that they can keep the poor where they want 'em.

"They say there was a man in Nottingham coming up from the Meadows to sign on at the Labour Exchange at Castle Boulevard. And as he was crossing from the Midland Station to the canal bank to Lister Gate he saw a chap in the canal drowning, shouting 'Come and save me!' But he knew where the chap was working and he says 'Leave the bugger drown!' He went to the place where the man had worked and asked for his job and he said 'You've got a vacancy here, so and so drowned'. 'Oh,' he said, 'You've come too late, the bloke who pushed him in got it!'"

After the defeat of the 1926 General Strike, many militants in South Wales were denied work or were given only dangerous repair work to carry out. Of this period Harry says:

"I was injured in the pits after the 1926 strike. At that time there was 18 killed safenin' her up. Well, I was safenin' her up with two other lads and there was another fall. I got the lads out but it came anyway and caught my back and fractured my spine. I was off for six years. During this time I studied Common Law. The reason that I studied Common Law was to put up a fight for common justice for the widows of the miners that had been killed in accidents, against the coal-owners. And not only that. The Welsh coal-owners had the doctors in their pockets. The servants of the Welsh coal-owners would go to the widows offering bits of lumps of sums that was no good at all. What I used to do when they came to me: I'd send 'em to the Registrar and he'd settle the case for 'em in a proper way. From that period, all my working life has been spent working for the common good, amongst the unemployed and the trade unions.

Harry's first child, a daughter, died in 1931 at the age of two and a half, from malnutrition. On Easter Sunday 1933 her mother also died of a condition related to malnutrition. Harry moved to Nottingham in 1934.

"Well, I came to Nottingham first. I came from a poverty area but after being here a while I seen as much poverty nearly, here, as was there. More so in the Winter time when the poor little kids with rickets, in Narrowmarsh . . . the poverty of Narrowmarsh was beyond comprehension.

After his move to Nottingham, Harry continued to work for the 'common good'. He tried to establish trade unions, he worked within his own unions and fought for equal pay for women. At 89 he is still involved in local campaigns in Sneinton, where he now lives, and during these years Harry has found time to write poems, several novels including one called 'The Lean Years', childrens stories and articles.

NAME: Nottingham Action for Benefits.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Co-ordinating pressure group campaigning on social security and poverty; an alliance of all voluntary sector advice centres/law centres/welfare rights workers/claimants/unions/statutory sector workers and pressure groups.

MEETINGS: at above address 1st Wednesday of every month 7.30pm. WX CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Co-ordination of action for benefits against current reform proposals. Talks, leaflets, welfare rights stalls, conferences &c.

PUBLICATIONS: General information leaflets.

NAME: Nottingham Anti-Apartheid.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To educate + inform the public about the apartheid system in South Africa and to campaign for international action to bring about its end. To co-operate with and support Southern African groups campaigning against apartheid.

MEETINGS: Community Relations Council Offices, 67, Lower Parliament St. First Monday in month, 7.30pm. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Petitions, campaigns, leaflets, demonstrations, public meetings, working with Local Authorities, TUs, black, women's and church groups.

PUBLICATIONS: Nottm. Anti-Apartheid Newsletter, leaflets, petitions &c. AA News (monthly)/AA Womens Cttee Newsletter/AA Health Cttee N/L (Nat pubs).

Oral History

Harry Davies:

'The activities by the National Unemployed Workers of the 1930's in Nottingham was all to see that the kiddies and the women and the unemployed got what rights they had in them days; but they were very poor rights, and everything had to be fought for. One activity was to see that the unemployed was not used as cheap labour in different parts of the country. They used to send the unemployed from Nottingham to work for three months for the Forestry Commission, and just pay 'em about fifteen shillings a week whilst the wife and children would be looked after with a very, very small dole. We used to call 'em Slave Camps.

We would hold meetings and marches against the Means Test. We had a shop in Chesterfield Street, Nottingham. Underneath there was a joiner by the name of Ledger, and he used to make a coffin. On the coffin would be painted:

'He died of the Means Test - no Winter Relief.'

Well that coffin used to be carried right round Nottingham on a Saturday morning!

At Christmas time, we used to see that the kiddies had a decent Christmas dinner, and a bit of a present. The good people in Nottingham were Parr, the butcher; Marsdens, the grocers; Burton the grocer; the Co-Operative Society; and Tom King of Sneinton Market, the big fruiterer. These were some of the main people that supplied us with all the stuff the kiddies needed. Where Broad Marsh is now, we'd have about five hundred kids in the chapel there and they would all get a decent dinner and a bit of a present. They'd sing this bit of a song:

'Who puts kiddies on the UAB?
Who starves kiddies on the UAB?
Who wants war because they long to see
Sweat and profit out of you and me.'

(UAB - Unemployment Assistance Board)

Then the Unemployed man, after he'd been dismissed from work, would get no dole when he'd been charged with misconduct or something like that. Then cases had to be fought for in the Castle Boulevard Labour Exchange, in the Courts of Referees. Then there were tribunals in Westminster Buildings, Parliament Street; the Unemployment Assistance Board; the Means Test people and then the Public Assistance Committee in the Council House - the old Parish Relief! In the old days, a person could be charged with not genuinely seeking work, it had to be proved that they were genuinely seeking work!

NAME: Nottm. Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Nottingham CND policy is to oppose all nuclear weapons both East and West. We want Britain to renounce possession of such weapons and to close all nuclear bases. NCND is membership org. with groups across city. (office for details).

MEETINGS: Monthly 2nd Thursday 7.30pm. at the WEA, 16, Shakespeare Street. Various sub-group meetings. WX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Public meetings, leafletting, doorknocking, petitioning, NonViolent Direct Action demonstrations &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Nottingham CND Bulletin, monthly free to members, 20p non-members. Various leaflets, pamphlets &c. covering all aspects of the Arms Race.

NAME: Nottingham Child Poverty Action Group.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: A pressure group organised for and with the poor to take up campaigns, welfare rights issues &c. Main focus is on campaigning work centred on poverty and social security.

MEETINGS: Monthly Mon-Tues evenings 7.30pm at NCVS. Contact group for next meeting. WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Lectures, talks, conferences, researches publications and information re. social security review, welfare rights issues &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets and printed information.

SO PRETTY.

I do not believe that an outside
Power controls the happiness of my
Life although I have lived in a
Prison with a free heart.

My world is alluring and beautiful,
Free and intelligent, gay and dreamy,
And honest. I was a rebel against the
Exploitation and brainless unbearable
Snobbery of the rich.

I was highly sensitive and passionate,
By nature knowing what love can do,
After the pangs and joys I had
Been through - the hope and the hopeless.

Sometimes I felt alone as if hidden in
An unknown region. Are we to pass by
Life, as the snow, without any real meaning?
What is there more beautiful in Life than
To see, than man or woman lullabying a child
To sweet sleep? There never was a flowering
Rose-bush so pretty.

Harry Davies.

NAME: Nottingham Defend Molesworth Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To resist, through nonviolent
direct action and campaign through education, the
deployment of American Cruise missiles at USAF
Molesworth in Cambridgeshire.

MEETINGS: Nottm. CND Office, 1st + 3rd Monday and
2nd + 4th Tuesday every month at 6.00pm. WX CR

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Organises demonstrations and
actions at Molesworth and associated sites. Videos
and talks, fundraising, exhibitions, builds links.

PUBLICATIONS: Advertises forthcoming events in the
Nottingham CND Bulletin - Monthly, price 20p to
non-members. Free to members of Nottingham CND.

NAME: Nottingham MIND Campaign Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Campaigns for better attitudes
toward and better services for people who have been
psychiatrically labelled. Presses for alternatives
to traditional psychiatry + greater sensitivity to
the mental health of women and black people.

MEETINGS: Third Thursday each month. 7.30-9.30pm. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: General campaign activities.
Lobbying, press releases, leaflets and exhibitions.

PUBLICATIONS: As above.

LOVE OF BROTHERHOOD.

Those who deny love and pleasure, to see
Human suffering from distant eyes of statues
As silent as death, as one chapter of life
Closes to open another, tying the mind in
Knots, as shallower the water bigger the
Splash, as some memories of youth stored
Away and forgotten, as the sun splinters
Into flecks of gold and the wind wrinkles
The surface of water moving in patches;
As the centre of life on times shines
Brilliantly in clear and honest eyes, and
The truth becomes light to bear when
The disorder of the beautiful finds
Itself in the love of brotherhood.

Harry Davis.

VULGAR AMBITION

Workers do not want education in order
To become technically better for higher
Wages. They don't want it that they may
Rise out of their own class, always a
Vulgar ambition. They want it because
That in the treasures of the mind they
Find an aid to good citizenship and a
Source of pure enjoyment and a repose
From the unnecessary hardships of life
In the midst of clanging machinery and
Noise -- our hideous cities to toil.

Harry Davies.

NAME: Nottingham Women for Peace.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Working for Peace and making links between war, patriarchy, classism and racism. No hierarchy or membership; collective organisation of youngish women with feminist perspective.

MEETINGS: International Community Centre, 61b Mansfield Road. Tuesdays 7.45pm.

WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Local peace actions + demos; visiting Greenham + other Peace Camps; stall in St. Peters Gt; talks to schools &c re womens peace mvt.

PUBLICATIONS: Womens Newsletter. Regular publication about what's happening in the womens peace movement. New women welcome to get involved.

NAME: Peace Action Network.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: PAN aims to promote and co-ordinate Nonviolent Direct Action for peace. The group works with CND in campaigning for nuclear disarmament & also tries to introduce Nonviolent Direct Action into other struggles.

MEETINGS: Sundays 6.00 or 7.30pm, Rainbow Centre 180, Mansfield Road.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Non-violent direct action.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: PEDALS.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Campaigning + pressure group encouraging more people to cycle and working for better, safer + more attractive cycling conditions, greater consideration in town planning and traffic management schemes. Comments on proposed schemes.

MEETINGS: Monthly 3rd Monday (except August) 7.30pm in the back room, Salutation Inn, Maid Marion Way. WX CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Proposing better facilities for cyclists. Organises regular cycle rides especially annual Raleigh Great Notts. Bike Ride.

PUBLICATIONS: Various inc. Pot Hole Report Cards - part of campaign for improved road surfaces.

NAME: The Partially Sighted Society.
(Nottingham Branch).

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide information, mutual support and social activities for people with poor sight. Education of the public in all aspects of visual impairment and acting collectively as a pressure group. Branches: Hucknall/Beeston/Newark.

MEETINGS: Auditorium, Central Library, Chapel Bar, 2nd Monday every month between 1.45 - 3.45pm. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Guest speakers at meetings, regular outings to places of interest during summer and provision of high-print magazines + literature.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Raleigh St. Area for Nuclear Disarmament.
(RAND)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote and campaign for British unilateral nuclear disarmament in the All Saints/Arboretum neighbourhood of Nottingham.

MEETINGS: Monthly every third Tuesday, 7.30pm All Saints Community Centre, Raleigh Street. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Leafletting campaigns, participation in Nottm CND activities and Direct Action, social and fundraising events. Stalls at festivals.

PUBLICATIONS: Intermittent newsletter to members, leaflets circulated about current issues within the nuclear debate.

NAME: World Development Movement.
(Nottingham group)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To work for a fairer economic system by reducing the imbalances in trade and in finance which favour richer countries at expense of poorer ones. Although is not a charity, it is not linked to any political party as all need changing.

MEETINGS: Various venues. Contact group for details WR CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Educating ourselves about world development issues, trying to increase public awareness through stalls &c. lobbying and campaigning.

PUBLICATIONS: leaflets and campaign literature on relevant issues.

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Other Directories

1. **Self-Help Groups in Nottingham and District.**
114, Mansfield Road.
2. **Directory of Neighbourhood Groups.**
Nottingham CVS.
3. **D.O.V.E. Directory of Voluntary Entertainers**
Nottingham CVS.
4. **Adult Education in Nottinghamshire.**
Nottinghamshire County Council.
5. **Directory of Afro-Caribbean Groups and Organisations**
Nottinghamshire County Council.
6. **Directory of Libraries.**
Nottinghamshire County Council.
7. **Guide to Community Transport Services.**
Notts. County Council Planning and Transportation.
8. **Notts. City Area Directory 1986.**
(leisure and youth + community services)
Nottinghamshire County Council.
9. **Guide to Mental Handicap services in Nottingham 1985.**
Nottinghamshire Community Health Council.
10. **Community Centres.**
Nottingham City Council Arts Department.
11. **'Door to Door' - a guide to transport for Disabled people.**
Nottingham City Council Dept. of Transport.
12. **Guide for Disabled people in Nottingham City Centre.**
Nottingham City Council.
13. **Notts. - a district by district guide.**
(welfare rights, DHSS offices, Unemployment Benefit offices, Housing Benefit offices).
14. **Help Yourself to the Arts.**
East Midlands Arts.
15. **Birth Plans.**
BBC Radio Nottingham.
16. **'Directory' of where to recycle used products.**
TXRX Helpline.
17. **The Solicitors Regional Directory 1986.**
The Law Society.

the Community

NAME: Community Radio Team.
(TXRX and Careline)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide access to radio for community groups to publicise their activities and issues and to give a voice to people who would not otherwise be heard. TXRX works with Radio Nottm. Careline works with Radio Trent.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Facilitating access to radio, interviews, telephone enquiries &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Occasional directories and listings.

NAME: Disablement Information Advice Line (DIAL).
(Nottinghamshire)

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide information to disabled persons and their carers helping them solve problems using statutory & voluntary organisations. Help in many forms offered.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Advice Centre Mon-Fri 2-4pm.
Mon (eve) 7.30-8.30pm. Telephone advice service.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Forest Fields Advice Centre.
ADDRESS: 69, Wiverton Rd,
Forest Fields,
Nottingham,
NG7 6NU.
PHONE: 626582.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide welfare rights info to the local community. To reach as many people as possible and to inform them of the benefits they are entitled to.

MEETINGS: Open 10.30-12.30pm Tuesday; 2.00-3.30pm Thursday; 11.00-12.30pm Saturday. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Outreach work, advice sessions, take-up campaigns, representation at tribunals and Welfare Rights training sessions.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Nottingham Help the Homeless Ltd.
ADDRESS: Bishops House
High Pavement
Nottingham
PHONE: 582634

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To supply accomadation and assistance to the single homeless.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Operate night shelters and two other hostels.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Rainbow Centre.
ADDRESS: 180, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham,
NG1 3HU.
PHONE: 585666.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To educate & promote the ideas of peace, conservation, awareness of human & animal rights, third world issues &c. Services include a shop, rooms for hire, display areas, pigeon hole service, recycling scheme and a library.

MEETINGS: Regular Rainbow, volunteers and Library group meetings. Contact Rainbow for details.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Stalls at festivals &c. Co-ord of campaigns. Displays and education packs put together for various groups, schools &c.

PUBLICATIONS: General publicity, education packs, bi-monthly listings of events in Nottingham area. Rainbow News - occasional newsletter.

NAME: Second Base.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To assist the single homeless aquire and maintain permament independant accoma-dation.

MEETINGS: Open office hours Monday- Friday (except Wednesday) at 83 Derby Road. WX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Management of 17 flats and houses in Nottm for up to 59 single homeless people. Staff offer support to help acquire accomadation.

PUBLICATIONS: -

NAME: Stonebridge City Farm.
ADDRESS: Mark Wilkinson,
Stonebridge Road,
St. Anns,
Nottingham,
NG3 2FR. WF CA
PHONE: 505113.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To give young people and children in Nottingham a taste of farm life + increase their awareness of animals and their part in the food production process. Stonebridge City Farm is a registered charity - open daily 9.00-5.00pm.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Playschemes in school holidays, work experience, farm work with land and animals. Intermediate Technology schemes.

Funding Information

The following five leaflets can be obtained from Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service:-

- * Charitable Trusts of Interest to Groups Working with Individuals;
- * Small Starter Grants for Voluntary Organisations;
- * Guidelines for Fund Seekers;
- * Grants for Voluntary Organisations from local Companies;
- * Charitable Trust Funds for Voluntary Organisations.

In addition to these leaflets, numerous books regarding funding information may be viewed in the Information Room at Nottingham CVS, 33, Mansfield Road. For example:-

- * A Guide to the Major Grant Making Trusts;
- * Directory of Grant Making Trusts, 1985, Charities Aid Foundation;
- * Raising Money Locally, Directory of Social Change;
- * Writing an Application, Directory of Social Change;
- * Local Development Agencies Development Fund, Information Pack (introduction to fund, explanatory notes for applicants, application form, endorsement form for L.A). Pub: LDA Fund;
- * Handbook for Residents and Community Groups (how to manage your money and accounting advice). Pub: Community Accountancy Handbook.

Collectives and Co-Operatives

NAME: Black Raven Book Stall.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To make available material contributing toward radical social change. Aims to stock a wide range of low priced and not generally available literature. The emphasis is mainly Anarchist, but includes the Peace Movement etc.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Stalls at St Peters Gate each Saturday, Anarchist Group Meetings, Gigs, Meetings and so on.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Hockley Wholefoods Ltd.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To sell + promote a wide range of wholefoods; increase public awareness of healthy foods; be non-profit making re. benefits to members above wage levels; operate a fair pricing policy. Support + development work for other collectives.

MEETINGS: Regularly for workers at shop.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Retailing wholefoods; giving occasional talks to groups; stalls at festivals &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Various literature about wholefoods.

NAME: Mad Hatter Catering Co-Operative Ltd.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Committed to providing fresh, quality food containing no meat products or additives. Vegan alternatives on menus. Little or no sugar used - sugar-free cakes available. Committed to co-operative working.

MEETINGS: None.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Catering for any occasion. Meetings, Socials, Festivals, Private and Kiddies Parties, Functions &c. No job too small!!

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Mushroom Bookshop.

ADDRESS: 10, Heathcote Street,
Nottingham.

WF CA

PHONE: 582506.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Radical Bookshop. Workers are committed to non-violence, vegetarianism, feminism, gay liberation &c. Mushroom is run under workers' control.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Bookselling plus occasional fringe activities eg. writers' evenings, library supply, bookstalls &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Occasional pamphlets and booklets published, general publicity materials.

NAME: Ouroboros Wholefood Collective.

ADDRESS: 37a, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham.

WF

PHONE: 412016.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote the use of wholefoods as an alternative to wasteful, unhealthy and exploitative processed foods. To encourage growth of vegetarianism & to publicise the relevance of organic wholefoods.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Running the shop. Stalls at festivals and occasional talks to schools.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Peace News.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Commitment to spreading the ideas & practice of pacifism, feminism & anarchism through the paper. To provide a service & spread information & ideas that cannot be found elsewhere.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Writing, editing and publishing Peace News and other pamphlets, leaflets, badges & postcards.

PUBLICATIONS: Peace News (fortnightly Fridays 50p from various outlets in Nottingham). A full list of publications available on request.

NAME: Workcon Building Collective Ltd.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Building collective offering permanent employment, equal opportunities and training in workers' controlled situation. Supports other co-ops, collectives + political gps (War on Want/Anti Apartheid &c); devpt work in Nicaragua.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Repair Grants on owner-occupied properties, housing association + housing co-ops.

PUBLICATIONS: None.



Photo supplied by Nottm. Community Arts Centre.

Ecology and Conservation

NAME: British Trust for Conservation Volunteers.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: British Trust for Conservation Volunteers is a nationally registered charity which aims to involve volunteers in practical conservation work eg Dry Stone Walling, Footpath work and Hedge Laying, Fencing, Tree Planting &c.

MEETINGS: Contact group for details. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Regular conservation work with schools, unemployed and disabled groups in midweek and at weekends. Week-long projects. Training.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Nottingham Conservation Volunteers.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To carry out conservation work to improve the environment. To educate ourselves + others about the natural world, gaining skills in rural crafts.

MEETINGS: Alternate Thursdays, Old Angel, Stoney St Nottingham; 8.30pm. WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Hedge laying, Tree planting, erection of styles, fences, gates; making paths, scrub clearance &c.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: The Men of the Trees Society.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To encourage planting, protection and establishment of trees, woods and forests and to co-operate with groups of similar interest. Administers 'family tree' scheme for Tree Council. Launched 'Tree 2000' - scheme to reclaim deserts.

MEETINGS: St. Andrews with Castle Gate URC Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottm. Not regular. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Tree planting, talks to groups, schools &c. Stalls and displays at events. Some trees available for planting as funds dictate.

PUBLICATIONS: N/A.



Photo: Jeremy Jago

Education

NAME: Education Otherwise.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To support parents who wish to educate their children other than in school. To exchange information + resources and provide advice. To work toward education being available to all - whatever their age.

MEETINGS: Write to local contact. WR CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Not applicable.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: MUNDI (Mobile Unit for Development Issues).

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To develop and promote development education and anti-racism in schools and in youth clubs throughout Nottinghamshire.

MEETINGS: Interested people should contact MUNDI via the above address.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Working with a). Schools and Youth Clubs in supporting work in this field and b). Developing and building the above.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

'Entertainment!'

Of a theatrical, musical and literary nature!

NAME: Bridges Dance Company,
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote the dance arts in Notts and Derbys by organising participatory workshops to broaden people's perspectives of contemporary dance by involvement, watching performances and attending classes.

MEETINGS: Queens Walk Community Centre, Meadows.
Various days/times. Contact above for details. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Workshops, short courses and residencies to people of all backgrounds, ages and experience. Performances in schools, colleges &c.

NAME: Nottingham Writers' Workshop.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To give constructive feedback to writers of prose, poetry, journals, diaries etc. To be non-intellectual, encouraging writers to value their own work regardless of whether it fits into middle-class 'literary norms'.

MEETINGS: Every Tuesday, 7.00-8.30pm. the Meeting Room, County Library, Angel Row. Open to all. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Public performances three/four times per year.

PUBLICATIONS: Annual Anthology of members' work.

NAME: Perspectives Theatre Company.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Regional touring Theatre Co. for the East Midlands. PTC is run co-operatively + informed by the principles of socialism + feminism taking relevant high quality theatre to community audiences and non-theatre venues.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: As above (jointly funded by East Midlands Arts, Notts County Council and Derbys County Council).

PUBLICATIONS: General publicity.

NAME: Recommended.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide an alternative to juke-box music by playing tapes of jazz, African, avant-garde & folk music. To enable all to create their own 45 minute sets of music.

MEETINGS: Thursdays, 8.30-10.45pm. At the Newcastle Arms, North Sherwood Street, Nottingham. WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Weekly music night, occasional festival slots, some promotion of gigs and travel to gigs throughout the country.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

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NAME: Secret Agent Theatre Company.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To create original, quality theatre with an emphasis on the performance skills of the stylised actor. The Secret Agents aim to cater for a wide range of audience, but direct the style towards the young adult.

MEETINGS: Not Applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Performances. The group take workshops which are intended to give insights into the creative process & style of Secret Agents.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Spotz.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: A cabaret collective providing non-racist, non-sexist leftish entertainment. Aims to provide a platform for local acts who would otherwise not be seen especially black and women's groups. New members + performers always welcome.

MEETINGS: Intermittent in members' homes.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: First Sunday of every month. Live cabaret of local and visiting acts, comedy, drama, live music etc.

PUBLICATIONS: General publicity materials.

NAME: Take-away Theatre.

ADDRESS: c/o Nottingham Community Arts Centre,
39, Gregory Boulevard,
Hyson Green,
Nottingham.

PHONE: 782463.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To teach drama skills to unemployed people through involvement in production of plays and through courses.

MEETINGS: Nottm. Community Arts Centre. Various days and times.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: As above.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Your Own Stuff Press.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To find and publish working-class writing from within the region. To stimulate writing in communities previously ignored by mainstream publishers. New members always welcome.

MEETINGS: Second Monday of the month, 7.00-9.00pm. County Library, Angel Row, Nottingham. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Writers' workshops, book and magazine production, performances, broadcasts on radio etc.

PUBLICATIONS: Many and various. Contact group for details.

GET IT STRAIGHT by Martin Glyn

SUM PEPUL WAN TO CARL ME
A EUROPEAN
A CUM TELL ME BOUT ME BACKGROUN
FRAM DE CARRIBEAN
BUT MY ROOTS
NO DISPUTE
IS AN AFRICAN

DE REASON WHY DEM CARL ME
A EUROPEAN
CARSE LEM FEEL SEH TO BE DAT
IS A 1ST CLARSE CITIZEN
DEM INDOCTRINATE ME
WID ALL A DEM LIES
DEM RAPE WE COUNTRIES
IN FRONT A WE EYES
SO IS TIME AFRICANS
TO CONCENTRATE
CARSE ME GWANE PUT
DE RECARD STRAIGHT

YUH HEAR BOUT COLUMBUS
WHO SAIL DE IGH SEAS
GUH A AFRICAN PEPUL COUNTRIES
WEN EVER IM PLEASE
BUT IM NEVER FIN AMERICA
BUT IM DICOVER DISEASE
TO WE AFRICAN PEPUL
IM CARRY VD
BUT DEM NUH TELL YUH DAT
INNA FE WE BISTRY
DEM SEH WILBERFORCE
ABOLISH SLAVERY
BUT
IT WOZ NO WHITEMAN
IT WOZ WE !

YUH SEE !
AFRICAN PEPUL HAD TO SUFFER
AFRICAN PEPUL HAD TO DEAD
IT WOZ AFRICAN PEPULS BLOOD
DID SHED
INNA A DISYA COUNTRY
DERE IS SUMTING I HATE
A LOTTA WE WALK ROUN
A SEH ENGLAN IS GREAT
AN STILL DEM TREAT AFRICAN PEPUL
SECAND RATE

A LOTTA WHITE PEPUL
KEEP AFRICAN PEPUL DOUN
YET RUN OFF TO WE COUNTRY
FE TUN DEM SKIN BROWN

BREDDA MALCUM 'X' DID KNOW
WHA GWANE
SO IM DECIDE SEH SUMTING
MUS BE DONE
BUT DE TIME DID CUM
IM FINAL OUR
DEM SEH
MALCUM 'X' WAS AN AFRICAN
IM AV TOO MUCH POWER
SO DEM SHOOT IM
YES !
DEM SHOOT IM

SO TO ALL OF YUH
WHO SEH
DAT I'M A RACIST
DERE IS SUMTING
DAT YUH AV MISSED
WE AV NUH ECONOMIC POWER
NO POLITICAL RIGHT
CARSE OUR SKIN
IS BLACK
NOT WHITE

SO YUH MIGHT WAN TO CARL ME
A EUROPEAN
A CUM TELL ME BOUT ME BACKGROUN
FRAM DE CARIBEAN
BUT MY ROOTS NO DISPUTE
IS AN AFRICAN
SO !
DON'T CARL ME NO EUROPEAN
DON'T CARL ME WEST INDIAN
DON'T CARL ME BLACK AMERICAN
AN DON'T CARL ME
A COLOURED MAN
CARSE MY ROOTS
NO DISPUTE
IS AN AFRICAN
AFRICAN ! !

Health

NAME: AIDS Information Project,

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide accurate information on AIDS and AIDS related issues to the whole community. We offer support to those whose lives are in some way touched by AIDS.

MEETINGS: Monthly at General Hospital (contact Gill for details).

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Helpline on Monday and Tuesday nights 7-10pm. Distribution of Health education materials. Talks, Displays &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets, pamphlets &c. about AIDS and AIDS related issues.

NAME: Association of Radical Midwives.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: For midwives committed to assisting women (+ their families) to fully participate in the birth of their child.

MEETINGS: Irregular. Contact Pippa for details.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Support, confidence building + skill sharing amongst women and their families.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

Burning of the Castle: 1831

All combinations (or Trade Unions) of workmen were made illegal by the Combination Act of 1799. The trade union of the local hosiery trade, the Associated Stockingers, had been suppressed in 1779. There was a remnant of this combination, the Nottingham Frameworkers and Knitters Association, which was permitted to meet by the government but was very moderate and had no clout whatsoever.

By 1811 there had been a decade of war with France, and coupled with this was a 20% increase in the population of Nottingham; bread shortages and corn riots; curtailed foreign markets and high food prices through unemployment. People became desperate. Some showed their desperation by smashing frames of master hosiers with sledge hammers or by burning them. Local activists became known as Luddites because they often announced their intentions through warning notices signed Ned Ludd. In 1812 the government brought in a punitive Bill against Framebreakers, making their crimes punishable by death, whereas the previous penalty had been transportation.

In 1831, the long-awaited Reform Bill was drafted: (*)

"The Reform Bill was at this time greatly agitating the public mind. It was the talk by day and the dream by night of the great bulk of the people and for some weeks past all tidings respecting it had been received with the most enthusiastic interest.

The Michaelmas or Goose Fair had attracted to the town an unusually large number of strangers, amongst whom were a considerable body of evil-disposed persons. These characters ripe for mischief needed but a solitary pretence to induce the ignorant and unreflecting of the Reformers to join them in the commission of acts of devastation and plunder and unfortunately, the obstinacy of the House of Lords too soon gave them the alluring incentive.

Pickford's van arrived in the town at half-past-eight in the evening of Saturday 8th. with the intelligence that the Bill had been rejected in the Lords. In little more than an hour, no less than nineteen requisitions from different parties were forwarded to the Mayor calling for him to convene a public meeting on the subject.

On the morning of the Sunday, hundreds of people assembled in front of the Post Office on High Street and before the White Lion Hotel awaiting the arrival of the mail. On the coach driving up either a passenger or the guard said that in London The Reformers were beating to arms, and the announcement was received with loud cheers."

On the following Monday an organised group of people went to the Forest where a mill was destroyed. At Notintone Place, Colwick, railings were torn down and used as weapons. At Colwick Hall, Mrs. Masters (Mary Chatwick, Byron's first love), her daughters and a friend had to hide in the shrubbery whilst the Hall was pillaged and burnt. The group returned to Nottingham and divided into two. One group tried to release prisoners from the House of Correction whilst the others succeeded in entering the Castle which was then pillaged and burned down. On Tuesday, a silk mill at Beeston was burnt and Wollaton Hall was attacked. Troops were assembled there, prisoners were taken, and the riots came to an end.

(*) Quote taken from The Nottingham Date Book (1750-1879).
Nottinghamshire Record Office.

NAME: British Holistic Medical Association,
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote the ideal of Whole Person Healing and to bring together National Health Service staff for greater understanding and awareness.

MEETINGS: Room C48, School of Nursing, Queens Medical Centre. Monthly 4th Thursday 7.30-9.30pm. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Talks, demonstrations &c. of Homeopathy, Herbal Medicine, Osteopathy and other alternative forms of medicine.

PUBLICATIONS: General Information to members.

NAME: Energy Stream - Post Reichian Therapy Assn.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Energy Stream is a group of Post-Reichian Therapists dedicated to the struggle against Patriarchy and for the free expression of Life Energy. All therapists have undergone 2 years training (T symbol) minimum.

MEETINGS: International Community Centre, 61b, Mansfield Rd. Wed 10-12am (women), 7.30-9.30pm. (T) WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Runs Self-Help groups teaching basic skills of Theory + Practice of Reichian Therapy, Hands-on Healing, Massage &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Various including 'Melting Armour', 'Loving Contact' and 'Fury on Earth' available from Mushroom Bookshop, 10 Heathcote St. Nottm.



SHADOWS ACTION, Nottingham, August 1986.
Human outlines were made on pavements in rain-soluble paint to commemorate the Hiroshima blast of 1945.

When the bomb was fired, scorched shadows of its victims were left by the heat rays within a split second.

Photo: Rob Raynham

NAME: Homeopathic Medicine.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote and inform the public about the positive bebefits of Homeopathy as a natural alternative to conventional medicine.

MEETINGS: None.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Day-to-day practise of classical Homeopathic methods. Home visits in W Bridgford by arrangement.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Nottingham Advocacy Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

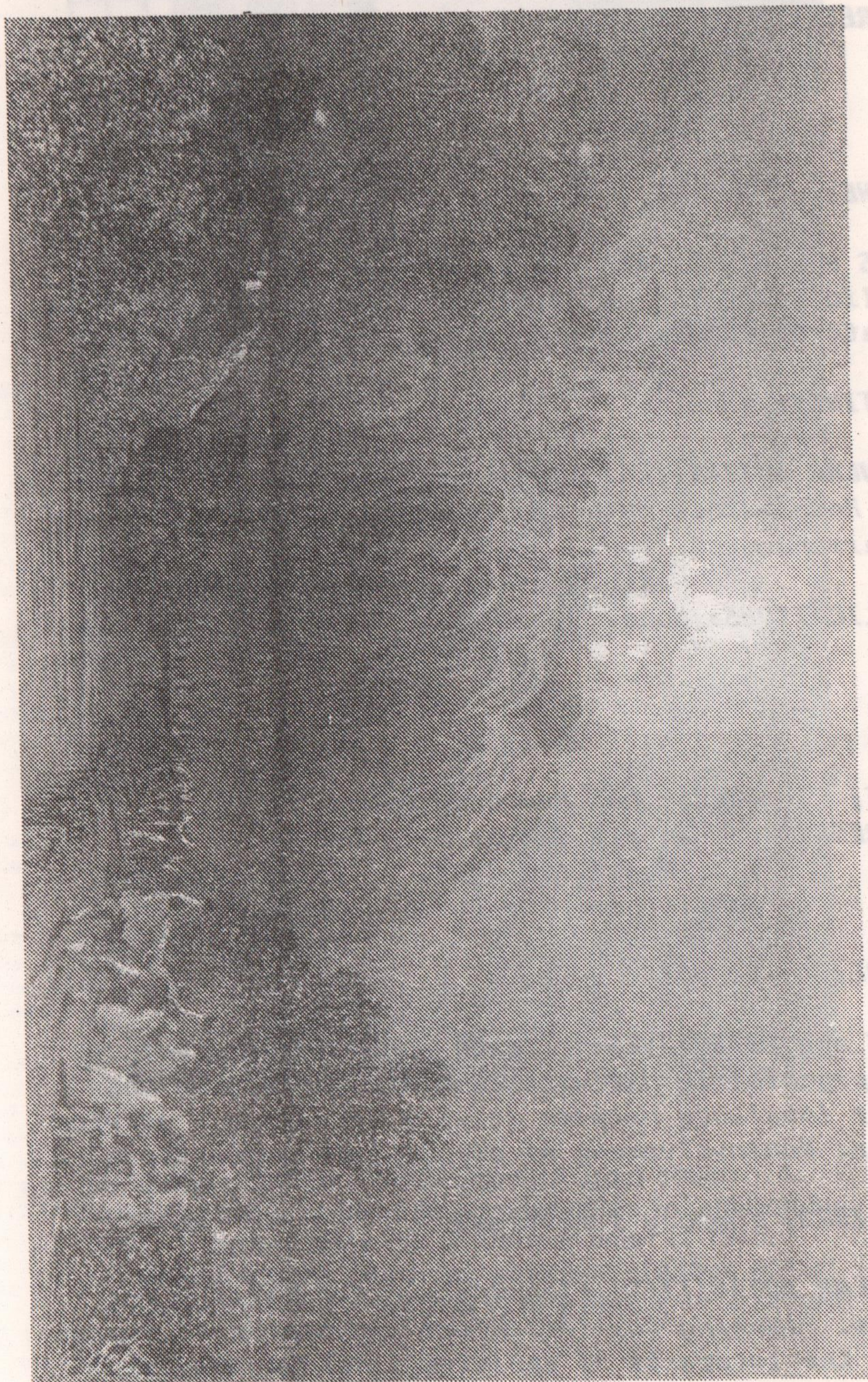
AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Provide independant advocacy for psychiatric patients in order to redress the power imbalance between service providers + service users. Noninvolvement of psychiatric professionals.

MEETINGS: Tuesday lunchtimes.

WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Planning and fundraising for posts. Planning for 'volunteer' advocates to represent the interests of individuals in hospitals.

PUBLICATIONS: None.



NAME: Nottingham Counselling Centre.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide a free professional counselling service to individuals and families. Contact the Centre for details of assessments, interviews and appointments.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Private and confidential counselling between 9.00-5.00pm. Monday to Friday.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Nottingham Natural Health Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide a meeting point for alternative medical practitioners and the public. To provide information on all aspects of alternative medicine, promote education and dialogue with the medical profession.

MEETINGS: Teachers Centre, Cranmer St, Monthly, 2nd Wednesday 7.30-9.30 pm. WX CA.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Courses, audio-visual materials practitioners list, collection & collation of info. Meetings and discussions on health topics.

PUBLICATIONS: Occasional news-letter.

NAME: Nottingham Patients Council Support Group.
ADDRESS: c/o 114, Mansfield Road,
Nottingham,
NG1 3HL.
PHONE: 502931 or 608144 x 341.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote the interests of users + ex. users of psychiatric services in Nottm. + district and to help to make users' collective voice heard. Service does not exist to criticise staff but to help users air their views.

MEETINGS: Weekly planning and evaluation meetings each Friday at 10.00am at the above address.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Supports patients' councils; daily visits to hospitals/daycentres with residents only meetings discussing issues affecting patients.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

Poems by the Banana Poets:

Let's shell out seventeen fifty
To see Torvill and Dean
While they skate round the rink
Like a king with his queen
When people are starving
Or can't get a job
Let's waste tax payers' money
And build a tent that is grand
It could go on the Forest
And blend in with the land
Let's forget about famine
And the nasty things that go on
We can watch Torvill and Dean
When they drop the H bomb
So when you sit in that tent
I hope your consciences are clear
'cos people are hungry
But they ain't f.....g here!

Baz Pilkington - Banana Poets.

Lesbian and Gay

NAME: Labour Campaign for Lesbian and Gay Rights.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To campaign for lesbian and gay rights and awareness within the labour movement and to build socialism amongst lesbians and gays. Affiliations sought from Labour Party and Trades Union branches.

MEETINGS: No regular meetings.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Campaigns for equal opportunities within the City and County. Liaison with National campaigns and work within labour + TU movemt.

NAME: Nottingham Friend.
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: A befriending and counselling agency for gay and bisexual men and women dealing with problems of loneliness/isolation, relationship difficulties, legal matters and helping people to come out. Workers are all trained, gay volunteers.

MEETINGS: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm. Nottm. CVS, 31a, Mansfield Road. WX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Counselling, advice, help and support for gay men, lesbians and bisexual people who can be met in their own homes if requested.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets.

MUMMY/DADDY

Mummy washes the dishes
Daddy washes the car
Mummy polishes the table
Daddy polishes the car
Mummy feeds us all
Daddy feeds the car
Mummy feels upset
Daddy feels the car
Mummy worries in the kitchen
Daddy worries about the car
Mummy can't take anymore
Daddy can't fix the brakes
Mummy takes tranquilisers
Daddy takes the M.O.T.
Mummy stares at the wall
Daddy stares at his new tyres
Mummy goes away in an ambulance
Daddy goes out in his car
When I grow up
I want to be a car.

Steve Oliver - Banana Poets.

NAME: Nottingham Gay Social Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To provide an informal alternative to the commercial gay scene in Nottingham.

MEETINGS: Varies. (see monthly news-sheet or via Gay Switchboard). WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: -

PUBLICATIONS: Monthly News-sheet.

NAME: Nottingham Gay Switchboard.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To give help, information and advice on all matters relating to gays + lesbians. Information re. gay pubs/clubs/groups/magazines and literature/legal matters/AIDS/TV/TS/bisexuals/married gays + lesbians/parents/religion/accomodation.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Two 'phone lines staffed by trained gay volunteers working a rota. Speakers available to groups for meetings &c.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall be trodden underfoot

Rory fights the system
he's a prisoner of war
but denies he's a victim

bites the hand that's seen to feed
the hand that signs for guns in the name of peace
the hand that draws the line across the refugee

says Income Tax nails the soldiers boots
blood money fuels the tanks
whilst the men in the Burtons suits
are laughing
laughing all the way to the bank.

Rory trips your anger with his smile
disarms you
with his lifestyle
plans to stop the city
with ideas for a clash L.P.
Billy Bragg and New Model Army

his battleground is your personal views
where you shoot him down as a crank
whilst the men in the Burtons suits
are laughing
laughing all the way to the Bank

you say Rory's dreams are built on sand
he's a foot soldier
in no-mans land
a cliché casualty
a sheep to the slaughter
a moth to a candle
a fish out of water
trying to compete with the nine o'clock news
civic pride and the vote of thanks
whilst the men in the Burtons suits
are laughing
laughing all the way to the Bank

The sad thing is he really believes
the world could change you say
apart from that he's fairly sane.

Henry Normal.

NAME: Nottm Lesbian & Gay Community Centre.
(Co-operative Society).
ADDRESS: c/o 118 Workshop,
118 Mansfield Rd,
Nottingham,
NG1 3HL.
PHONE: c/o Chris R

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: The establishment of a lesbian and gay community centre in Nottingham. Liaising with other lesbian and gay organisations and campaigning and lobbying support for such a centre.

MEETINGS: Every 2 months. No fixed meeting place.
Contact group for details.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Fund-raising and social events.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Quest.
(Nottingham group).

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Group of homosexual Catholics. Aims to maintain dialogue with Catholic clergy, to educate priests &c. on ways of dealing with gay Catholics in a sympathetic and positive light.

MEETINGS: Usually Thursdays, 8.00pm. Venues vary. CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Phone-line every Wednesday (see above). Regular advertising in local media.

PUBLICATIONS: None.

NAME: Broxtowe Green Party.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To respect all forms of life + to work toward a world in which the quality of life is more important than material goods.

MEETINGS: Victoria Hotel, Dovecote Lane, Beeston.
8.00pm. 3rd Monday of every month. WX CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Supporting candidates in local + general elections. Local environmental campaign. Drawing attention to peace, economy + environment.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets and general publicity.

NAME: Nottingham Anarchist Group.

ADDRESS: Box A,
The Rainbow Centre,
180, Mansfield Road,

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To work for an end to state control and centralised power. To bring about a society where all are free to organise locally for their mutual benefit. None shall hold power over another.

MEETINGS: 7.30pm Wednesdays at the International Community Centre, Mansfield Rd. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Working with other groups such as the Society for Mutual Aid and Self Help, Black Raven bookstall, claimants action, the Peace Movt.

PUBLICATIONS: Nottingham Anarchist News (10p).

Fallacy of the Lower Middle Class.

And on the 8th day, God created the lower middle class and he spoke saying take from these Terraced slums my working class people that they may settle in the new promised land we shall call council estates and give unto them extended credit facilities with no deposit and whole manner of consumer goods. Let them purchase venetian blinds, electric door bells which play ten much loved tunes and go forth to Spain for their holiday of a lifetime bringing back a 3ft. donkey and some genuine reproduction maracas.

Let them install fitted carpets, central heating and Japanese hi-fi systems in their abode. Surround them with images of style and culture that they may dwell in their illusion.

And unto them furnish sons and daughters that they may grow strong in their pretensions and flee from these places calles council estates saying:-

"Get behind me thee social stigma"

and let these sons and daughters visit tasteful restaurants for evening meals and let them buy basket work and matching pine from arty shops that charge outrageous prices and let these sons and daughters read their Daily Mail and go out in foursomes to the local lounge and talk about loft insulation, patio doors and stone fireplaces and never, never, call these people working class for these are to be termed the lower middle class for verily the term working class is to be cast from this land for ever and ever.

AMEN.

Henry Normal.

Oral History

Chilwell Disaster 1918.

Conversation with a woman born in 1902.
(Oral History Collection).

"I remember Chilwell being built in the 1914 war . . . and then that explosion! I'd just got off the train when I heard it go. And oh! It did go loud!

Well then me and another woman went down to the gates, to Chilwell gates, and we seen 'em all coming out. Well, the people what lived there they got bowls of water and everything; and them what could walk out - what wan't seriously injured - and they was bleedin', or anythin' like that, these used to bathe it for them. And then there was a policeman stoppin' cars to help, as well as the ambulance, to take all these what was seriously wounded to hospital. And then there was a lot, oh a lot of people what they couldn't recognise because they'd got limbs blown off and everything. So what they done, when they made coffins, they just put 'em in the coffins and then they buried 'em all in one grave at Attenborough Cemetary there".



THE MIXING HOUSE AFTER THE EXPLOSION, JULY 1st, 1918

NAME: Nottingham Green Party.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: As laid out in the Green Party manifesto which can be purchased from above address price £1.00. Not just an environmental party, there are detailed and radical economic, defence, animal rights and land policies.

MEETINGS: International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, monthly 2nd Wednesday, 8.00pm. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Fighting elections at all levels of Government.

PUBLICATIONS: Many and various regarding policy &c.

NAME: Rushcliffe Green Party.

ADDRESS:

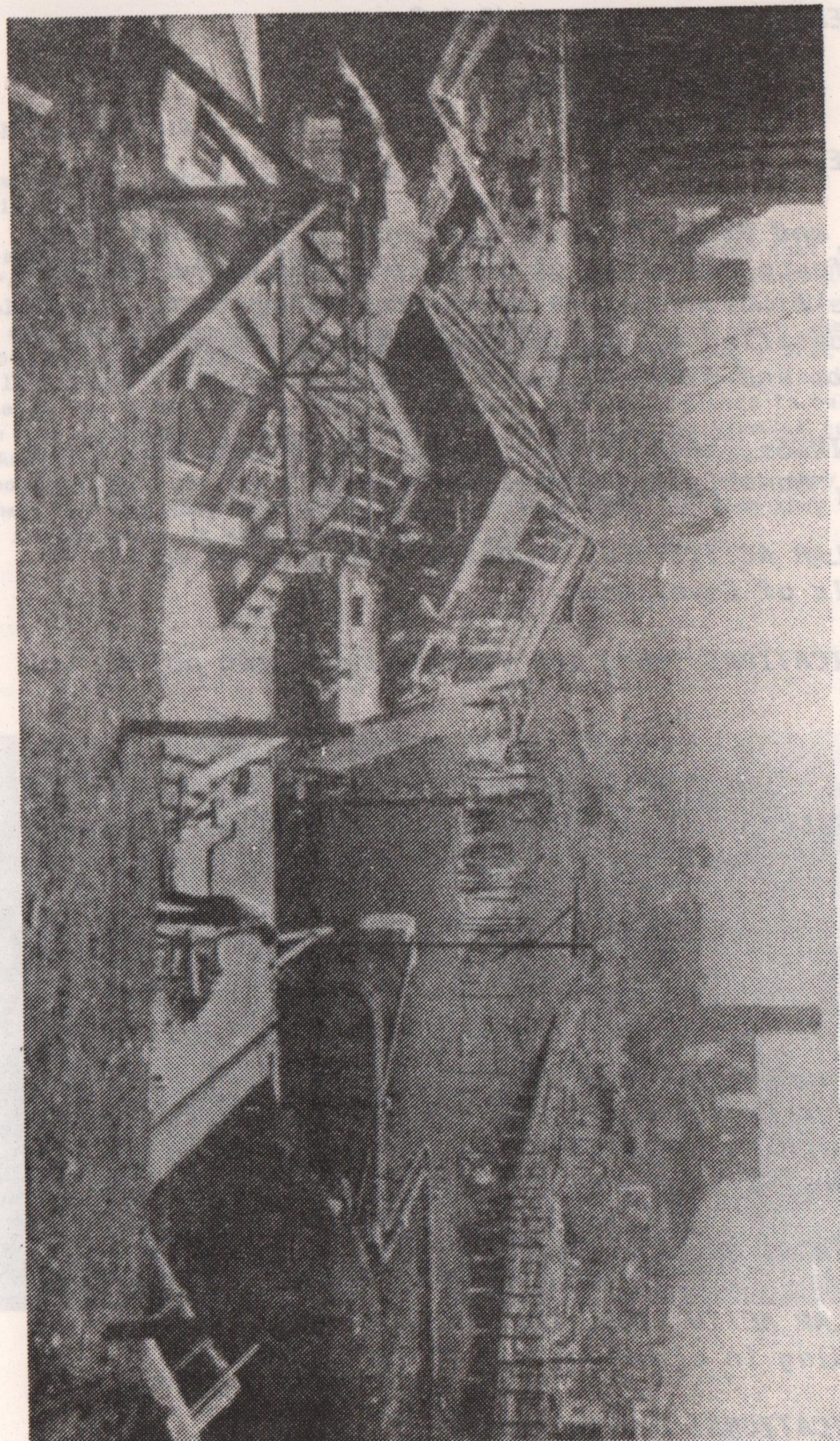
PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To work for peace, liberation and survival in a sustainable society by educating, campaigning and standing in elections for local and national government.

MEETINGS: Monthly, contact group for details. CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Discussion of green policies, standing in elections and social events.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets etc.



Solidarity

NAME: *British Soviet Friendship Society.
(Nottingham Branch).*

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: *To promote peace, friendship and understanding between British and Soviet people and in particular between the peoples of Nottingham and Minsk (Nottingham's twin city in the USSR).*

MEETINGS: *International Community Centre, Mansfield Road. Variety of dates and times.* WF

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: *Speaking engagements, distribution of literature about the USSR, promoting links between Nottm + Minsk groups. Visitors from USSR.*

PUBLICATIONS: *General promotional literature and leaflets &c.*

NAME: *Nottingham Irish Solidarity Group.*

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: *Self-determination of Irish people, immediate withdrawal of British Troops and support for the struggle of the Irish people.*

MEETINGS: *International Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Fortnightly, Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.15pm.* WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: *Meetings, social events and educational.*

PUBLICATIONS: *NONE.*

General Ludd's Triumph - to the tune of 'Poor Jack'.

Chant no more your old rhymes about bold Robin Hood
His feats I but little admire
I will sing the Achievements of General Ludd
Now the hero of Nottinghamshire
Brave Ludd was to measures of violence unused
Till his sufferings became so severe
That at last to defend his own Interest he rous'd
And for the great work did prepare.

Now by force unsubdued, and by threats undismay'd
Death itself can't his ardour repress
The presence of Armies can't make him afraid
Nor impede his career of success
Whilst the news of his conquests is spread far and near
How his Enemies take the alarm
His courage, his fortitude, strikes them with fear
For they dread his Omnipotent arm.

The guilty may fear but no vengeance he aims
At the honest man's life or Estate
His wrath is entirely confided to wide frames
And to those that old prices abate
These Engines of mischief were sentenced to die
By unanimous vote of the Trade
And Ludd who can all opposition defy
Was the grand Executioner made.

And when in the work of destruction employed
He himself to no method confines
By fire and by water he gets them destroyed
For the Elements aid his designs
Whether guarded by Soldiers along the Highway
Or closely secured in the room
He shivers them up both by night and by day
And nothing can soften their doom.

He may censure great Ludd's disrespect for the Laws
Who ne'er for a moment reflects
That Cool Imposition alone was the cause
Which produce these unhappy effects.
Let the haughty no longer the humble oppress
Then shall Ludd sheath his conquering Sword
His grievances instantly meet with redress
Then peace will be quickly restored.

Let the wise and the great lend their aid and advice
Nor ever their assistance withdraw
Till full fashioned work at the old fashioned price
Is established by Custom and Law
Then the Trade when this ardorous contest is o'er
Shall raise in full splendour its head
And colting and cutting and squaring no more
Shall deprive honest workmen of bread.

NAME: **Nottm. Central America Solidarity Campaign.**
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Solidarity work with people of Central America particularly the Sandanista Peoples Revolution in Nicaragua, FMLN/FDR of El Salvador + the URNG of Guatemala. Works with TU, Labour movt; CND, Radical Churches + Third World organisations.

MEETINGS: 118, Mansfield Rd. Last Thursday monthly, 7.30pm. ('phone to confirm meetings). WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Public meetings, film + slide shows, speakers to other groups, fundraising, tours by visiting Central Americans, concerts, stalls &c.

PUBLICATIONS: Newsletters, leaflets. Print Tshirts, make badges &c.

NAME: **Nottingham-Juigalpa Direct Links Committee.**
ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote links at basic level with Trade Unions, Churches, Community and Peace Groups etc. in Nottingham with their counterparts in Juigalpa, regional capital of Chortales in Nicaragua.

MEETINGS: TGWU District Offices, 259 Mansfield Rd. 7.30 pm Thursdays (usually). WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Several long-term projects inc. money and materials for the Technical and Economic School in Juigalpa. Contact group for full list.

PUBLICATIONS: N/A.

Oral History

Lionel Jacobs: At 73, still working as a tailor in the centre of Nottingham, has been active in the Trade Union and Labour Movement all his life. Born in London, he took part in the fight against facism in Spain, fighting with the British Battalion of the International Brigade. When Lionel came out of the Army in 1946 he moved to Nottingham.

Franco's Jails:

"We went to Spain because it was anti-facist. We'd been fighting all the time: been in the battles of Cable Street, London, and other places, and it was a very natural development. Young people those days were very militant, they'd nothing to lose; bad unemployment, rotten conditions.

Now talking about Franco's prisons - I got captured! I shall never forget the date; it was March 31st, 1938. I remember, because the thought always crosses my mind that if I'd got captured the next day, it would have been April Fools' Day! And we were fools, because we got captured!

I was a Political Commissar, which was a political officer. He was responsible for maintaining morale, keeping spirits up, explaining events as they occurred. The saying of the Political Commissars was, "First to advance, Last to retreat!" You had to be in the forefront of everything.

Their object was to break our spirit and our object was to defeat 'em. When we first got captured, they'd issued leaflets to the Brigade, called upon the British Battalion to desert, promised all sorts of things. When we first got captured, they published throughout the World Press, reports that the British Battalion of the International Brigade had deserted. Then they got us in a prison and gave us instructions what we were supposed to do. We was to shout the Fascist slogan when they gave us the command "Viva Franco!" We weren't going to have it. So myself and another colleague said through an interpreter that we weren't going to have it, and immediately there was a terrific uproar, because a lot of our older chaps thought we were going to get shot. They said, "You'll get us all shot!", but the chap that was questioning us took that as a protest about not doing the Fascist salute. So we had a long argument with him and in the end we agreed on a compromise: we'd give the Fascist salute, we'd give the British Salute and then we'd shout Viva Franco, but we never shouted that; half of us shouted 'Viva Blanco' and the other half shouted 'F___ you'.

The conditions in prison were what you'd expect of that sort of thing. Got a diet which was a couple of bread rolls, a bowl of soup, I never touched it the whole time I was there. Midday and evening, a bowl of beans or something like that. Very hard to survive; but we managed alright.

Of course our main interest was in maintaining morale so we organised classes - I taught Working Class History, Jack Jones taught Philosophy. We organised concerts, that did a great deal to maintain morale. There were about 700 in the prison itself, and of these about 150 were British, the rest were Americans, Germans, French Canadians and one or two Italians and Balkans. The funny thing was, they normally took no prisoners!

Eventually some of the chaps got exchanged for Italian prisoners: about half of us, the rest of us stayed until about February 1939 and then they exchanged us: one of us for ten Italians! The prison we were at then was San Sebastian right on the front, on the beach. In the yard you could see the bullet marks with the bloodstains running down where the republican prisoners were shot and executed. When anybody was being shot, they would shout 'Long live the Republic! Down with Facism!'

NAME: Michael Woodward Group.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote understanding of Latin American affairs particularly Chilean liberation struggle (name from English priest murdered by Military Junta 1973). Supports financially and by letter a Chilean priest working with poor there.

MEETINGS: As above every second Friday of the month at 8.00pm. WF CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Discussions, videos, speaking engagements to other groups, letter writing and fundraising events.

PUBLICATIONS: n/a.

NAME: United Nations Association.

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To work for international co-operation, friendship and understanding. To secure acceptance & support for the U.N. by educating the people about its principles. To advocate the full development of the U.N. agencies.

MEETINGS: Adult Education Centre, Shakespeare St, Nottm. 2nd Tuesday of month Sept - June 7.30 pm. WX CX

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Working towards above aims. The meetings include films, slide lectures, speakers fundraising events. Seeking new members for group.

PUBLICATIONS: Posters, leaflets etc.

**Luddite verse, posted in Nottingham on
Saturday morning, May 9th. 1812.**

Welcome Ned Ludd, your case is good
Make Perceval your aim;
For by the Bill 'tis understood
It's Death to break a Frame -

With Dexterous skill, the Hosiers kill
For they are quite as bad;
And die you must, by the late Bill,
Go on my bonny Lad! -

You might as well be hung for death
As breaking a machine -
So now my lad, your sword unsheath
And make it sharp and keen -
We are ready now your cause to join
Whenever you may call;
So make foul blood run clear and fine
Of Tyrants great and small! -

Deface this who dare
They shall have Tyrants' fare
For Ned is every where
An can see and hear.

Vegetarian and Vegan

NAME: Veggies Catering Campaign.
ADDRESS: 180, Mansfield Rd,
Nottingham,
NG1 3HU. WF CA
PHONE: 585666.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: Veggies is a co-op campaigning to inform the public about their health, relationship with animals & the environment & the part that their diet plays in the distribution of food world-wide.

MEETINGS: Not applicable.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Providing vegetarian catering at other peoples events, demos, fayres etc. Trading stall (Clinton St West), freezer service to all.

PUBLICATIONS: Literature on animal rights, vegetarianism, diet etc.

NAME: Vegetarian and Vegan Society.
ADDRESS: 180, Mansfield Rd,
Nottingham,
NG1 3HU. WF CA
PHONE: 585666.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES: To promote vegetarian/vegan diet.

MEETINGS: Various venues, often Theosophical Hall, Maid Marion Way. Contact group for details. WF CA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES: Public meetings, information stalls, talks, practical advice given. Support for other groups with similar aims.

PUBLICATIONS: Leaflets and information on vegetarianism, animal rights etc.

-(see also Collectives and Co-Operatives)

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