

## SOUTH WALES HUNT SABS SEASON REVIEW

Hunting with hounds was recently banned, however the ban did not come until February 19th - late in the foxhunting season. Here in South Wales Hunt Saboteurs (sabs) were kept busy. The season was preceded as usual with 'Cubhunting' where new hounds are trained to find foxcubs & to kill slow ones, so that later in the season foxes give the hunt a good run. First up was the Curre & Llangybi Hunt. Sabs were met by the hunters & their terriermen thugs which resulted in a Sab having a walking stick in the mouth - luckily the rest of the day was fairly uneventful, with no known kills. Other Meets - Monmouthshire, South Herefordshire & Coswold Vale Farmers were all sabbed. The main season started with a meet of the Monmouthshire Hunt, with the help of Sabs from Bristol, Bath, Cirencester & Glastonbury, South Wales Sabs were able to ensure a kill free day. Plod turned up to do their quota of arrests of Sabs, (all of which resulted in release with no court action) & they turned a blind eye as the Sab's landrover was rammed - yet another bit of unbiass policing! Throughout the season Curre & Llangybi, Ross Harriers, Monmouthshire, South Hereford & Coswold Vale Farmers Hunts were actively sabotaged. Whilst also helping out fellow Sabs over the Bridge at the Benkly Hunt, Sabs found plenty of artificial earths (manmade fox holes put in place so the hunt can easily 'discover'

foxes in the area) & the Duke of Beaufort where Sabs stopped the hunters digging out a fox which resulted in a metal spike being driven through the door of the Sab's landrover. Then came the hunt ban, no longer would crazed toffs run roughshod across the countryside terrorising local wildlife...err not quite! Most Hunts started the next meet following the ban with a drag hunt (following a pre-arranged scent trail with no animal at the other end) but by the end of the day many reverted to trailing a fox. When the police did turn up their attention was still completely focused on the Sabs. This coming August is Cubhunting again with most Sab groups expecting much of the same especially by certain Hunts. Unless of course the police enforce the law - but don't hold your breath! If your interested in getting involved or have any information about local Hunts get in contact: South Wales Hunt Sabs, PO Box 1894, Newport, NP19 4WZ Check out: [www.hutsabs.org.uk](http://www.hutsabs.org.uk)

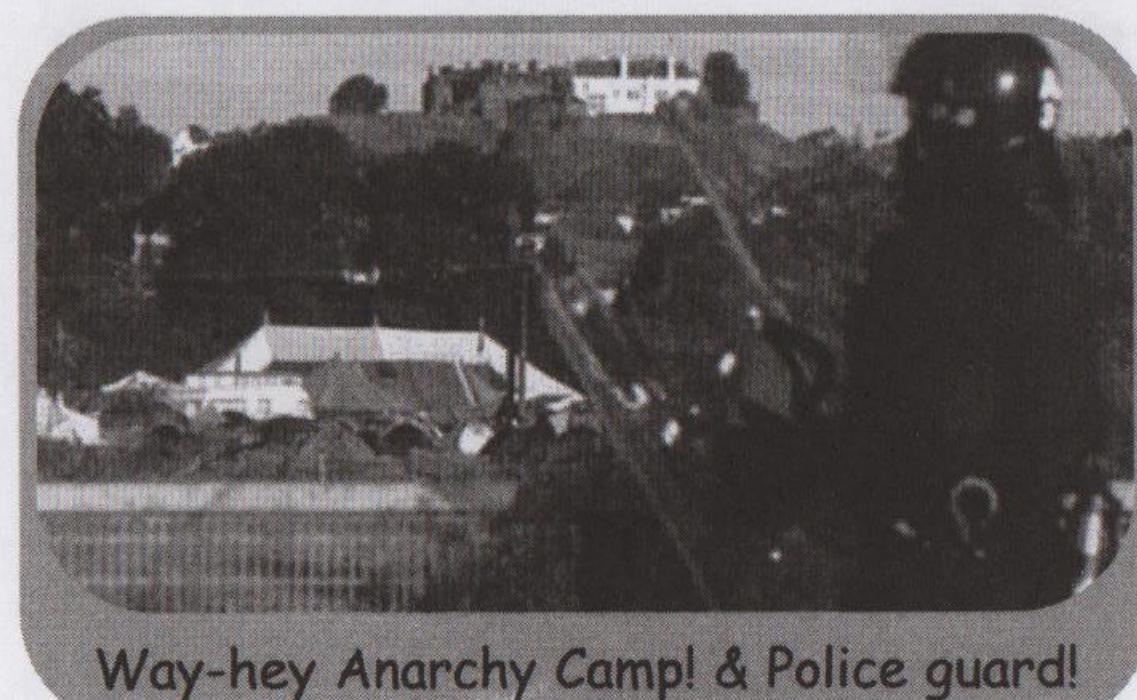


Distracting hounds from the kill

## DIRECT ACTION EVERYONE'S DOING IT

Saturday 9th - In Newport, whilst G8 protesters were returning home, over 300 local people turned out to protest at the council's proposal to turn Glasllwch recreation ground & allotments into an extension of St. Woolos cemetery. The protest gathered at the proposed site for a picnic to send a clear message to the council, that people will fight for their public spaces.

The next Dissent! gathering, will be near Monmouth on 6&7th August 2005. It will be a chance to reflect on the G8 & plan for future actions like D.S.E.I. see the C.A.N. website for more details.



Way-heh Anarchy Camp! & Police guard!

## THE ECOVILLAGE

Many protesters at the G8 camped for at least part of the time at the Ecovillage in Stirling organised by the Dissent! Network. It was billed as: 'a large self-managed outdoor space near Gleneagles: a space for all who aspire to radical decentralised alternatives to capital, power & ecological collapse. A place to meet, chat, eat, sleep, organise, & more.'

Planned for months, landowners pulled out leaving no choice but a site offered by the council next to Stirling Athletic Football Club just over the Ochir Hills from Gleneagles. However it had a river on three sides, giant hogweed & plenty of methane on some areas. In-between the land was either bumpy or boggy. None of this seemed to bother anyone. The camp was split into neighbourhoods, which were the focal point for decision-making. Each neighbourhood was as autonomous as possible, with its own kitchens & meeting space. There were meetings every day & spokespersons from each neighbourhoods then went along to the camp spokes council.

In addition a large area was set-aside for the People & Planet summer festival providing workshops for those inclined. Indymedia had a a marquee with 20+ laptops & satellite link for internet access as well as a cinema - all powered by alternative technology.

Before the G8 itself started the camp had a stage with punk, folk & hiphop bands including Oi Polloi, Headjam, Swellbellies, Cosmo, Riot-Folk Collective, KilnAboy, Mr Manage, Syanyde & more. By Tuesday everyone got focussed & it was early to bed & up for morning meetings & wednesday's protests.

When the Police blockaded the camp in the early hours of thursday morning, the mood got a little tense, but people stayed committed throughout the siege, without too much panic.

The camp was in itself an example of anarchism at work as people pulled together for the common good. Oh & the food was cheap, vegan & lush too!



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G8 Summer Special

ANARCHIST NEWSLETTER OF SOUTH-EAST WALES • AGAINST POWER & PROFIT

## CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST

While not doubting the atrocity of the London bombs (as if anyone could), no one should doubt that these were Blair's bombs & he can't escape his guilt with Bush-esque speeches about "our way of life". Having been warned by the Joint Intelligence Committee that "by far the greatest terrorist threat [to the UK would be] heightened by military action against Iraq". He has brought the daily horrors of Iraq home. Denial of that insults the memory of all those who have died as a result.

Whilst Blair has urged us to "move on from Iraq", the World Tribunal on Iraq in Istanbul has had virtually no coverage. The tribunal is an international public inquiry into the invasion & occupation. Its expert, eyewitness testimonies, say Arundathi Roy, a tribunal jury member, "demonstrate that even those of us who have tried to follow the war closely are not aware of a fraction of the horrors that have been unleashed in Iraq." Dahr Jamail, a reporter working in Iraq,

described how US marines assaulted staff & stopped the wounded entering the hospitals of besieged Fallujah, American snipers firing at the doors & windows preventing medicines &



An Iraqi victim of UK & US terrorism. How to Stop Terrorism: STOP KILLING PEOPLE'S BABIES.

emergency blood reaching them. Children & the elderly were shot dead in front of their families, in cold blood. While the two men responsible for the carnage in Iraq, Bush & Blair, were side by side at Gleneagles; the connection between their "war on terror" & the London bombs was only too clear. For the pop stars, church leaders & polite people who believed Blair & Brown when they declared their bogus "great moral crusade" against poverty, Iraq is an embarrassment. The killing of more than 100,000 Iraqis was airbrushed out of the debate.

Blair will almost certainly use the tragedy to further destroy civil liberties in Britain, as Bush has done in America. ID cards will be pushed even harder. They are not after security, but greater control. We must resist this & work harder to end British military aggression, we owe it to those who died & suffered in London, & people killed in our name all over the world.

## LIFE GETS WORSE FOR WORLD'S POOREST

Ignore the hype, the measures adopted by the G8 will increase poverty in Africa, Asia & South America. This is because the debt relief, like the aid that has gone before it, carries 'conditionalities'. In order to qualify for western 'help' countries have to adopt certain economic models.

Governments are prevented from controlling the provision of basic services like water, power, health or education. Everything must be opened up to the free market.

Which means western companies move in to make an easy profit from the worlds poorest & most vulnerable people.

People are forced to drink water from polluted rivers, not because clean water isn't available, but because the mark up by the western water provider is so big that they simply can't afford it.

Companies like Coca Cola move in, attracted by cheap land, cheap labour & no restrictions on health & safety,



"We'll all be getting richer, whilst pretending that we're helping the poor at the same time! What a scam! We even got some corrupt leaders of non-G8 less-rich counties in the photo for some good Public Relations - why not eh?"

environment or working rights. They have an unregulated zone where profit is king & all those profits heads straight to shareholders in the US & Europe.

A few crumbs in debt relief & aid is completely insignificant compared to the amount of wealth drained off from poorest countries by the shareholders of rich Western multinationals.

Brown called his aid/debt proposals "a

smart business proposition: enlightened self-interest at its best". Indeed the Department of International Development has publicly stated that the use of aid is to "enable the private sector to invest with more confidence." What the poor of Africa, Asia, & South America really need is justice - not charity. The G8 could help by putting an end to the West's ruthless exploitation of Africa's mineral & other resources. The G8 could end the cynical manipulation of South American economies & politics by Western politicians & businessmen who are acting entirely in their own interests. But the G8 are not going to do that. Not even if a lot of nice liberals with white armbands ask them to. Because the wealth of the Western rich depends a great deal on the exploitation of the Poor. And that wealth is apparently worth every one of those children who do indeed die every three seconds.

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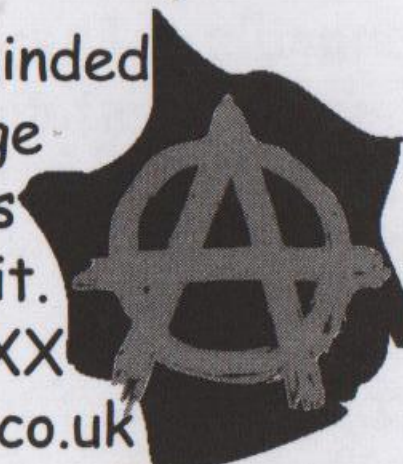
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# G8 2005 RESISTED!

July 2nd - 8th 2005 saw the biggest mobilisation of anarchists in the UK for many years, in protest against the holding of the G8 summit at Gleneagles Hotel. Setting up base all over Scotland, including convergence spaces in Edinburgh, Glasgow, & at the Ecovillage in Stirling.



**Clandestine Insurgent Rebel Clown Army (CIRCA):** Colourful peaceniks using clowning to ridicule the rich & powerful. [www.clownarmy.org](http://www.clownarmy.org)

## MAKEPROPERTYHISTORY

Saturday 2nd - Over 200,000 people, marched in Edinburgh. A wide cross section including churchgoers, liberals & left-wingers. Some genuinely believed that by marching around Edinburgh, they were doing their bit to help the poor of the world; a great many saw through the liberal whitewash of Make Poverty History & encouraged people to really help the poor & make the G8 history.

Many of this latter group felt uncomfortable in the orchestrated walk from A to B & split away from the march. Immediately gaining the attention of the Metropolitan Police's 'Forward Intelligence Team' (FIT). At first the police tried to block their way but it was not long before the bloc were baton charged & eventually blocked into a side street where buses were parked & hemmed into a cordon. Eventually those inside were photographed, illegally searched & released.

Meanwhile in London at Live8 some people helped stop poverty by watching pop music played by millionaires.....?



**Street Medics:** These are medically trained activist volunteers. Essential on protests especially when dealing with police. [www.actionmedics.org.uk](http://www.actionmedics.org.uk)

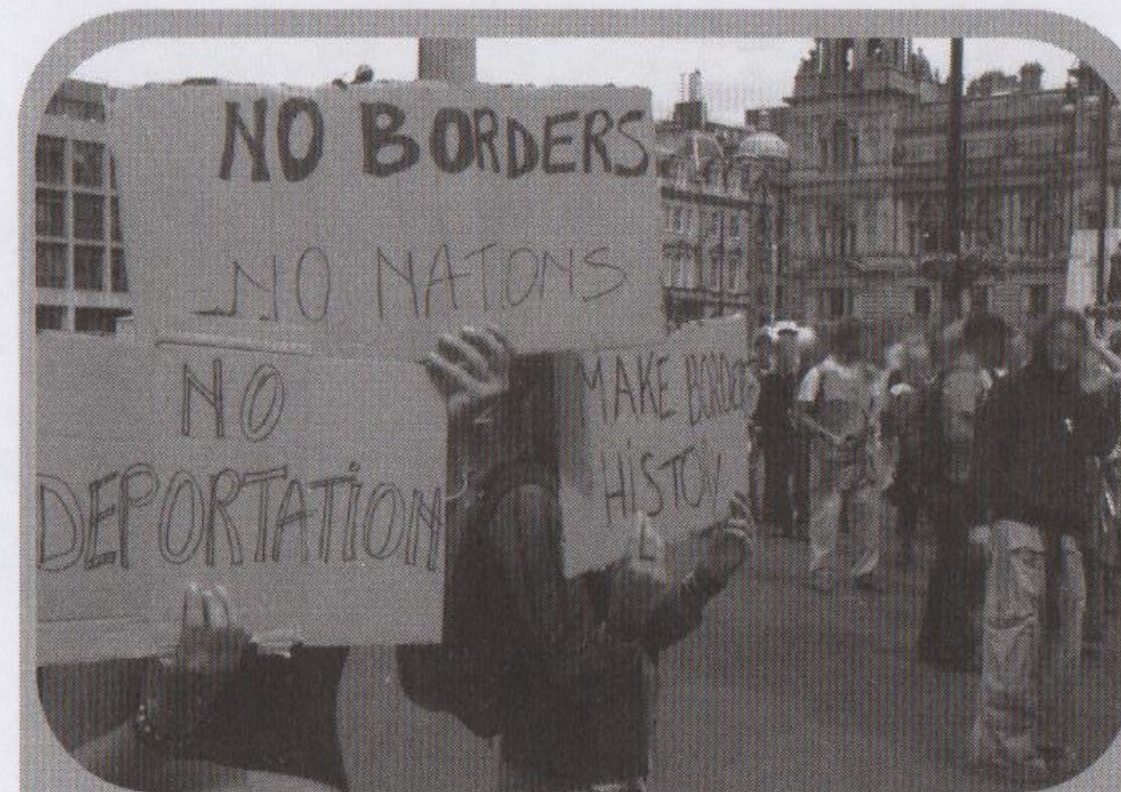


**Legal Observers:** Wearing bright orange bibs & armed with notebooks, they monitor police activities.

## MAKEBORDERSHISTORY

Sunday 3rd - Tour for freedom of movement & against migration control in Glasgow. The crowd split into small groups, visiting government institutions & multinational companies where, denied sanctuary & protection, asylum seekers are exploited & repressed. These included the Immigration Appeal courts, the registration of birth, marriage & deaths, employment agencies such as Manpower & Staff Finders, who profit from contracts with refugee workers & Serco: the multinational who run Dungavel Migrant Removal Centre. Everyone detained in the centre had been removed & placed in separate locations because of the protests.

A No Borders network being set up in South Wales for organisation, information & education about asylum & immigration issues. So that if deportations are taking place we can organise resistance. It will also be an avenue through which we can actively challenge & break down the borders be they racial, cultural, gender, class, sexual or political - that divide us. If your interested please email [noborderswales@riseup.net](mailto:noborderswales@riseup.net)



**Normal People:** People at protests come from all walks of life, with a sense of social justice & a desire to change the world.

## CARNIVAL FOR FULL ENJOYMENT

Monday 4th - The police managed to turn a light hearted anti-capitalist carnival into a full scale riot resulting in the centre of Edinburgh being closed down for most of the day. Street medics were arrested before the crowd was baton charged for maximum impact. Though the police had it far from their own way, so many ultra violent English cops in the Scottish capital stirred up the locals. Annoyed by the militarisation of their city, by the evening the police were getting more grief from local residents than on any of the protests!

## G8: BLOCKADED!

Wednesday 6th a.m. - The aim was to prevent the G8 meeting by stopping the support staff - thousands of civil servants, advisors, caterers, consultants & translators from arriving in time. It was hugely successful as the roads into Gleneagles ground to a halt & much of the support staff didn't get to the summit until the afternoon..

On the A9, smaller roads & outside hotels small groups of protesters locked-on to cars, bridges or each other to form blockades. Others simply sat on the road stopping traffic. Whilst some were removed quickly, others lasted for most of the day. Over a thousand protesters formed a mass march from the ecovillage to shut down the M9. Large numbers of police blocked the way & attempted standard policing - stop, enclose & contain the crowd. Not this time - using black bloc tactics the crowd pushed through police lines. Not everyone will be comfortable with the tactics, but without it the police would not have allowed the protest to have taken place. Marchers walked at least five miles confronting the police several times before reaching the M9 which was closed by barricades of tree trunks & rocks in several places. Even once dispersed the road was closed for hours as blockades were cleared.

The combination of tactics - small 'affinity' groups, & a large mass 'walk-out' - in different parts of the road network stretched police to breaking point. It also allowed activists with differing views of protest to work together & shut down the G8.

The extent to which police were stretched was betrayed by 2 armed police officers who were overheard on a plane returning to Cardiff. 'It all went pear shaped' said one, 'communications were a mess, nobody knew what was going on'. If anyone's worried that police were traumatised by the stone throwing, they needn't be. The other replied, 'yeah, but it was a good laugh doing that public order stuff. I'd do it all again tomorrow'.



**Music:** An essential part of protest usually with lots of Samba drumming. Some, like the Infernal Noise Brigade, take it a fair bit further!

## GLENEAGLES BREACHED!

Wednesday 6th p.m. - People moved towards the perimeter of Gleneagles. When the march reached a fence blocking the road to Gleneagles people paused bringing the march to a standstill. The fence was dismantled in front of police lines, whilst another group of about 700 people moved into a field towards a fence that formed the enclosure of the Hotel. This was also partially dismantled & a watch tower attacked. Police presence was massive, with hundreds of riot police, police on horses, dogs, & even military helicopters that kept flying in more riot police. The crowd maintained their ground for over an hour resisting police charges, whilst about 100 people staged a sit down protest in front of the gap in the other fence. Eventually a big police charge managed to push people back down the hill & out of the fields.



**The Black Bloc:** With origins in the European squater movement The Black Bloc is nothing more or less than a tactic by which to resist & confront the powers of oppression. Masked & all dressed in black using anonymity & collective strength to reach its goals.

## SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORLD'S POOR

Solidarity with the world's poor means putting yourself in the place of the person who is having their life destroyed by multinational companies. It means when your outside the buildings of one of those companies, doing what that person would do. What would you do outside the bank who finaced the destruction of your village, family & culture? Or the company that built its fast food outlet on your grandparents' graves?

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) is a major investment bank that profits from human misery & environmental destruction. Most recently it has helped bankroll the controversial Baku Cehan oil pipeline which now runs through Azerbaijan, Georgia & Turkey. Built on the destroyed villages of ethnic Kurds among others, & vast environmental destruction. See [www.bakuceyhan.org.uk](http://www.bakuceyhan.org.uk) Burger King's profile is not as high as that of its main competitor McDonalds. However its practices are just as bad, exploiting workers, the environment & animals. They out-do McDonalds by opening restaurants in illegally occupied land in Palestine.

Pizza Hut is a division of YUM! Brands, Inc; the world's largest restaurant company by far; owning KFC, Taco Bell, &



**Kids:** Anarchists don't eat babies, but quite a few raise them. As Police wondered what to do a Kids Bloc successfully blockaded A8239!

## NOW WOT?

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th - After the success of the protests on wednesday, the police were not going to allow any more. Under the shadow of the London Bombs the police banned most protests & blockaded the Stirling Ecovillage. A "Boogie on the Bridge" street party was held in Glasgow on Friday. Most activists were involved in prisoner support.

## MAKEPOLICINGHISTORY

Keeping the leaders of the G8 comfortable for their 3 day stay was the largest policing operation ever in the UK. Over 700 people were detained or arrested & around 366 have been charged. Widespread abuse of Section 60 of the Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994 (Search for weapons) to stop & search was common. The police routinely demanded names & addresses, without legal right, demanding to see ID despite no requirement to carry or produce ID. Most people were photographed & filmed just for participating in protests. Cordons were regularly used & at the ecovillage the police refused to let anyone enter or leave for long periods of time. Some protesters were arrested whilst travelling & held for alleged conspiracy. People were injured by police batons. Many police routinely covered their numbers, making them impossible to identify. The public were prevented from attending courts, against the legal right to an open hearing. All of this was designed to intimidate people not to protest. [www.g8legalsupport.info](http://www.g8legalsupport.info)



**The Police:** Sadly some people go to demonstrations to cause trouble & shout out their public orders. This G8 they proved their reputation for discipline & violence but failed to control protests.

## TWO ARRESTS

Arrested in a field at the same time as another bunch of people. The copper whacked me with his sexy extendible baton twice, then locked us up in those lovely cuffs that lacerate your hands as you move (Nice). Lined us up with a copper on each arm, nicked, charged & photographed. Then slung in the van for almost an hour our arms still cuffed behind our backs. Some were kept in vans for up to 8 hours with no food or water. Then we were searched & slung in Stirling cells, woken up in the middle of the night & questioned by CID with no lawyers, then moved to a holding cell in Falkirk. The news came in about the bombs in London, home of family & friends. I had no chance to contact anyone or any clue when I'd be let out. In court I had to get out of Scotland as part of my bail conditions. I booked a flight but was ARRESTED AGAIN at Waverley station for still being in Scotland. How else was I supposed to get back? Teleport??...



**Blockades:** Small affinity groups were responsible for closing many roads into Gleneagles. There were literally so many it would be impossible to document them all however see [www.indymedia.org.uk](http://www.indymedia.org.uk) for reports.