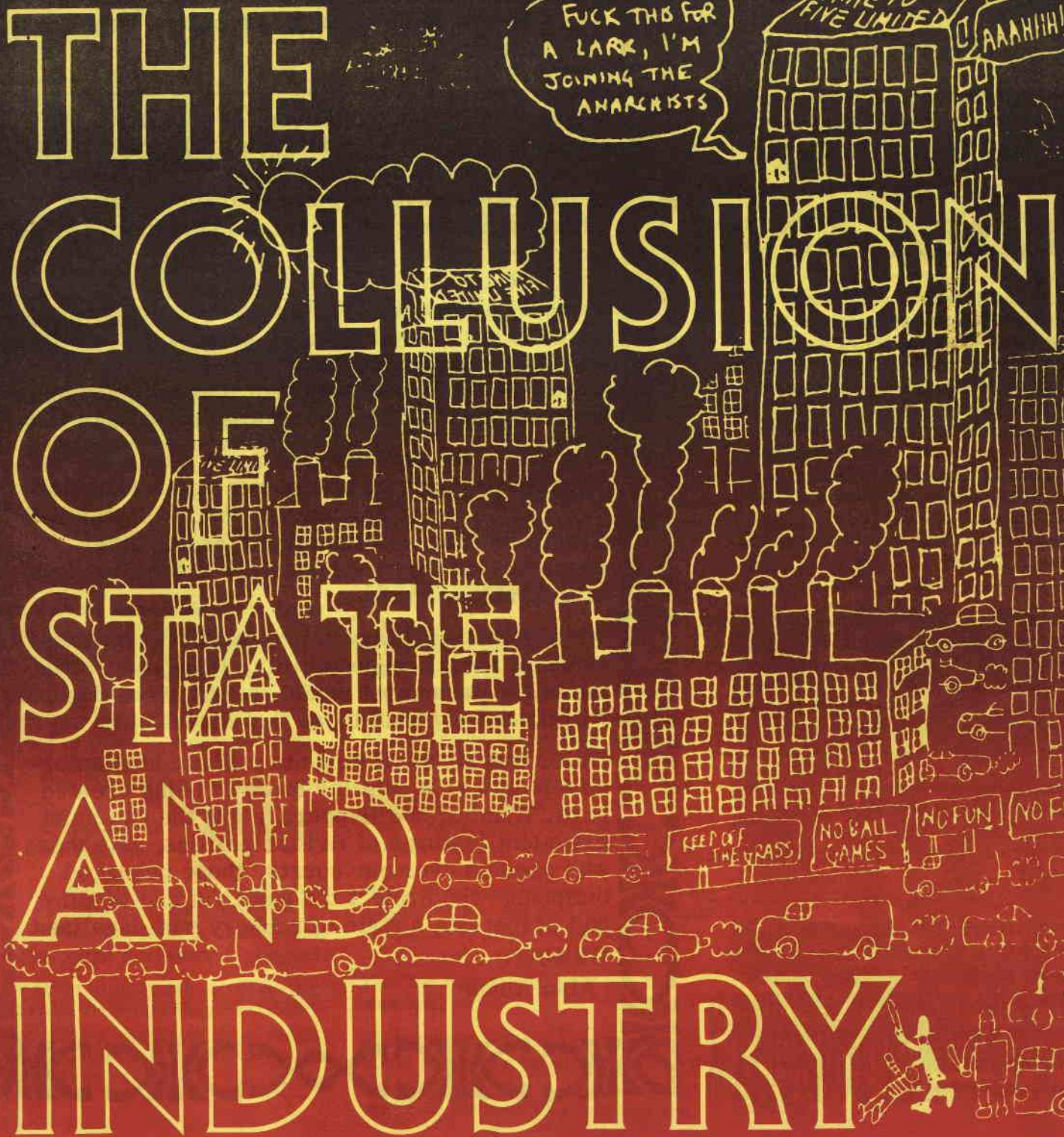


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The enemies of the people are those who know what people need

STONEHENGE. HENLEY. LOW LEVEL RADIATION. INDUSTRIALISM. SCHOOLS. WINS TANLEY.



THE STATE'S BRUTE VIOLENCE

THE CONVOY WAS LED INTO A TRAP AND MASSACRED.

While the Establishment turned its blind eye (the Sunday Times didn't even mention it), its animal henchmen beat hell out of the Convoy, on its way to set up the Stonehenge Free Festival. 700 self-selected sadists, trained at Greenham and the miners' picket lines, ran amok, beating up hippies, punks and pregnant women, destroying their buses - their homes.

The State, imposed by the sword, still maintains its power by such violence. The State well knows that it cannot survive without vicious reprisal against the smallest act of defiance.

Three convoys, one from Rainbow Village, had gathered at Savernake Forest. On June 1st about mid-day they set out for Stonehenge (the National Trust notwithstanding). "It was a good convoy. Everyone waited for the slow ones. People on the road were waving and smiling," (Sarah). But the police, following behind were already picking off the stragglers.

Then four or five miles from Stonehenge (outside the exclusion zone of the injunction) the Convoy met the massed forces of police in the biggest operation ever mounted by the Wiltshire police. The road was blocked by piled gravel with a convenient turn to the left just in front of it. The Convoy turned left, into the trap. Another right turn and into another road block of piled gravel. The trap was set.

Hearing shouting and breaking glass from the front, the buses broke through into the field on their right. But they were surrounded, trapped.

They tried to negotiate a return to Savernake. By now they realized there was no chance of them establishing the festival and they only wanted to get away with themselves

and their homes in one piece. The police gave them one option only, to walk away from their vehicles and be processed at the police station. A helicopter flew above, telling them to surrender.

Sarah, with a truck and trailer, says: "We didn't accept that. We wanted to keep with our buses, otherwise we knew they'd be trashed."

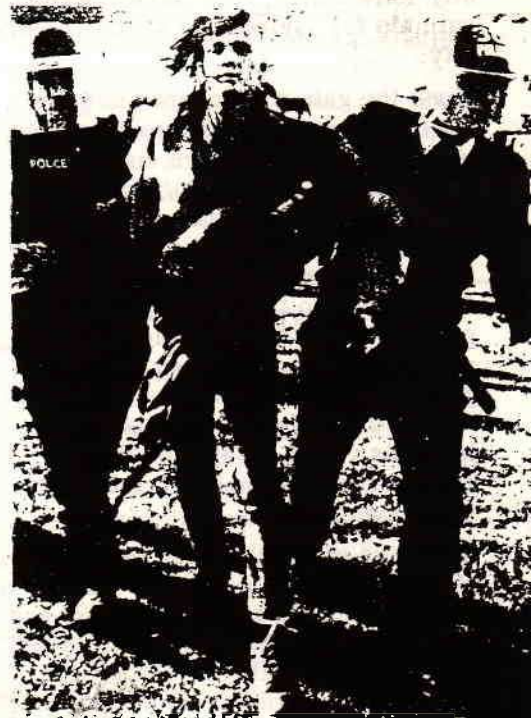
The Convoy, listening to the police on CB radio, heard them say, "Keep them talking until you're ready, then move in." And about 7pm they moved in, bursting through the hedge in full riot gear, helmets, shields, truncheons, 700 of them.

Attacked

"Pigs on site! Pigs on site!" and everyone raced for their vehicles. "We started to drive. Anywhere. But there was nowhere to drive to. We were just driving round and round, trying to get away from the pigs and trying not to drive into each other. Then they started breaking windows, going for the front first. Four times the truncheon banged onto my windscreen, the it broke. I was so outraged. Then my small side window went. I just stopped the truck and got out. They took my keys." (Sarah). The police then used Sarah's truck and others to ram the buses until only one bus was left.

Nick writes: "From our coach we could see other people being beaten up; everyone was in a panic and trying to escape. Our bus was the

last to surrender. As we careered about, the police threw rocks and wood through the windows and launched out with their truncheons; glass was flying everywhere. We were rammed and stopped, surrounded by screaming police, "Out, Out, Out!" I was dragged by the hair through the smashed coach window, onto the ground, kicked, truncheoned. They just went mad. Then they dragged me off to an ambulance, banging me into any truck or tree that we passed. I got three stitches in my head. A boy next to me had a broken wrist, and the cop who was cuffed to him, kept twisting the cuffs, making the boy scream in pain."



Sue also from that last bus under arrest

500 of the Convoy were taken off and charged with illegal assembly, a mediaeval law long disused but revived by our 'Better's' specially for the occasion. They were let out on bail as long as they stayed 25 miles from Stonehenge.

Sarah's truck is a write-off. "The next time I saw it, the whole front had been twisted and crunched right in. But the engine's good. I'll do something with it."

There's now a sign at the picnic area in Savernake Forest, where the Convoy's gone back to, saying that this isn't a festival and that they were just trying to put their lives back together again. But its

becoming a festival of sorts and the Convoy don't seem nearly so sorry for themselves as the sign makes out.

A court injunction has given them seven days to leave the site. "Just about right for getting to the Stones on the Solstice!"

Convoy at Westbury.

After being evicted from Savernake the Convoy went to Westbury, where a white horse is carved into the chalk. The site was on the top of the hill where about 3,000 held a festival. Hawkwind, Here and Now and Osric Tentacles were among the

bands that played. On the Solstice, instead of Stonehenge, a group of about 30 went to Glastonbury Tor for their rituals.

At Westbury "there was a really good feeling on the site. You could walk anywhere without feeling threatened like in a football crowd. From the site on the top of the hill the lights on the plain below, all round, reminded me of the camp fires of the Roman armies invading our iron-age encampment.

It was 'Creative Cuisine' of Didcot which had the catering contract to feed the pigs at their Stonehenge operation.

CLASS WAR MARCH

The first time for many years anarchistists marched through the streets of London. The well-healed tenants of Holland Park watched with frozen smiles as the angry young anarchists threatened their comfortable insularity with the sight of the hard world outside. That march made it clear just how precarious is their wealth.



RABID DOGS LIBERATED

Someone writes: On Sun. 7 July members of the Central Animal Liberation League the Oxford University Park Farm. The 'farm' breeds animals for vivisection at the university.

First the gate was opened and the farm vans pushed out onto a service road. Meanwhile others cut down a fence adjacent to the dog breeding unit. The activists then entered into the farm and smashed a window into the unit. Dogs were carried out and leads put onto them. Puppies were put into sacks (after advice from a vet) and the van was then driven to a secret location and the dogs transferred to another vehicle before being driven to a safe house near London for eventual distribution to good homes.

The dogs were obviously pets from their behaviour, a rag bag mixture of mongrels, beagles, alsations and an old english sheep dog which liked shaking paws with humans. There were some problems on the way back with a bitch being on heat.

The window of the monkey unit was

smashed and entered by a video crew (who had also filmed the dogs liberation. The monkey unit alarm system had a direct connection to the police station so activists had to leave quickly.

Later 5 were arrested in a nearby car park.

The university issued a press release to say that the activists could have caught rabies or herpes.

ECCLESHILL 13

In Bradford in September the Eccleshill 13 are coming to court for public order offences. The case is expected to last 2½ weeks so the State is making a big thing of it.

Early last April the fascists put up a candidate for MP. 800 people from the Socialist Federation, the Asian Youth Movement, the Young West Indians and the Rastas joined together to disrupt the meeting. Chairs were thrown and the meeting disintegrated.

Now the State wants its revenge on these 'troublemakers'. But they'll have big community support.

MOLESWORTH.

Actions at Molesworth are continuing and varied. Gate parties help to make it interesting. A police presence is always necessary to guard the expensive fence. A large part of this was removed and sent to the U.S. Congress.

A recent development has been the increased militancy of many CND supporters and their readiness to undertake direct action.

On June 8th nineteen people were arrested at Peace Corner after having cut the perimeter fence. This was the fourth stage of the Molesworth Snowball, following the example set at Sculthorpe in Norfolk, and is a non-violent open action. These people appeared before the Beak at Huntingdon and predictably, the magistrates didn't even want to listen to their reasons! For details of further actions send an SAE to: Molesworth Snowball, Green St. Dursley, Glos. GL11 5HW. Otherwise, Molesworth is waiting for you, at all times, night or day.

FOOTBALL CLUBBED!

I GREW UP totally obsessed with football. Here was an avenue to freedom where adults didn't keep telling you what to do, where teachers didn't interfere, where the pleasure came from skills developed with the ball.

I used to play where ever, when ever, I could, in streets, alleys, backyards, parks, any concrete or tarmac surface. When it rained too heavily to play outside, I played table football with friends. We put our own super league together and played out these matches with players made from old buttons and matches, coloured red or blue or green to denote club colours. The ball was a mechano screw and a large overcoat button was the 'flicker'. This was in the days before six-a-side pitches and courts, floodlit training areas. There were less opportunities for 'proper' 11-a-side football.

Every Saturday morning we went to the 'pictures' - the kids cinema show. Every Saturday afternoon to 'the match', in my case to watch Derby County - 'The Rams' - in the boys' enclosure. Kids then couldn't afford booze or cars

Violence on the pitch was more common, but it wasn't policed or reported or exaggerated. Football in Britain was much more physical and ugly to watch. Defensive players' only job was to kick the ball a long way, to 'stop' the opposing forwards and to use all sorts of dirty

play. Centreforwards would charge goal-keepers over the goal line; physical shoulder-to-shoulder charging was allowed. Now, when it happens, the player shoved off the ball usually gets a free kick given to his team.

Although 'continental' soccer was derided, the truth was it was far superior except in the scoring of goals. The ball skills, the passing, the free kick situations were delightful to watch. In continental football no physical contact was allowed by referees, which only encouraged skills

Football crowds were not violent even when hemmed in or trapped by police funnels, or cup tie fans desperate to get tickets for their club in the next round.

Today most of the crowd violence is caused by kids drinking heavily and by gang fights. Football is the arena but football is not the cause. Where the Football Association must take responsibility is for professional fouls on the pitch, for weak referees tolerating dangerous tackles and kicks.

They play, as I still do, for the love of the finest team sport in the world, the most popular sport in the world, association football. At its finest it is an art and scoring goals is the poetry of the ball.

Dennis Gould.

WAY BEHIND!

A SYMPOSIUM was held in November by the Centre for Agricultural Strategy on 'Food Production and our Rural Environment - The Way Ahead'. Significantly the symposium was sponsored by the well-known German agro-chemical firm, BASF.

After decades of an increasingly industrialised and chemically based and highly capitalised form of farming, in which our Agricultural Colleges have turned out students sold on these methods, the consequences are coming home to roost. As people look at our ravaged countryside, polluted water supplies and costly food mountains, they are beginning to wonder where it will end.

The acceptance by the academics in agriculture that there is a problem is a small step forward and the fact that there is a divergence of interests that to some extent have to be reconciled is a step forward from the concept that if you have acquired enough money or power to acquire a piece of land you can do what you damn well like with it.

In a paper on the symposium Professor C. R. W. Spedding says: "It may also be useful to depersonalise the debate somewhat. That is why the present discussion is concerned with food production on the one hand, and our

rural environment on the other. It may not be possible to avoid generalisations altogether but we can try to avoid generalising about people."

One generalisation we can make is that it is long since the primary purpose of agriculture has been food production; the primary purpose has been profit maximisation, not for the community but the private individual. That is why the conflict of interests has come about between the public view of the countryside and the vested interests involved in agriculture.

Everybody requires food to live and at this point there is or should be no conflict of interests. Where interests conflict is where, as Professor Spedding puts it, farming becomes a business like any other.

To my mind what stable agricultural policies require is stability and not be subject to changes of policy enforced by the dominant interests at the time. Vast profits are being made by the richest and biggest farmers largely subsidised by our taxes, whose methods are expensive and damage the environment. When the political masters direct a squeeze, it is the smallest who go to the wall.

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LETTERS PAGE

Cutting taxes?

Dear GA,

There has been a lot of debate within the pages of Green Anarchist (and to a lesser extent in other anarchist papers) on the subject of taxes. The two basic arguments seem to go like this:

'The government has economic power because we pay taxes to it, therefore, the less we pay, the less oppressed we are'. 'Lowering taxes would make cooperatives more competitive and therefore promote cooperative forms of work'.

This is economic bullshit. Yes, the government spends our money, which it takes back from us after we have earned it from a capitalist. But the reason the government is able to dictate how much tax we pay is because it is the pawn of the capitalists in the first place. Lowering has absolutely no effect on the quality of our lives at all. If the lowering of taxes is seen as a step towards abolishing them, then this is complete rubbish, as no government would ever do that (obviously). Lowering taxes may possibly make cooperatives more efficient, but the best that can come of that is that we have more scope to work cooperatively within the capitalist system. The system is no less strong than it was before, and the workers are in danger of becoming a part of the capitalist system themselves.

The fundamental fact which the anarchist movement has to grasp is that economic power is determined by who owns and controls the MEANS OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION. The capitalist system can only be abolished when the workers seize control of these for themselves. Only then can money be abolished (useless as it is), and work be done in a truly cooperative fashion.

Chris. Stream.

Actions in

Basingstoke

Dear Whoever you may be,

..... To read your mag gives me some hope for a sane future, knowing that there are thousands and thousands of people out there who care about our future. It's just so fucking ironic that people who do act for the sake of an ignorant humanity are the ones who get persecuted.

.... 2 of our squatted houses are to be demolished to widen the road going into A.W.R.E. Aldermaston. Also in North Hampshire the widening of many country lanes causes a certain amount of suspicion. And the Central Electricity Board has decided to plant their iron trees across a beautiful piece of Hampshire meadowland (mushroom fields included!) and also through a mediaeval forest which is usually a place of peaceful sanctuary to all of us (a great place to trip!). The pylons connect Thatcham, whose line with Andover is presently overloaded, with Bramley. And why? The answer is obvious. A lot of development has been going on around here with the invasion of Cruise at Greenham.....

Keep up the good work. Hope, Peace and Anarchy, Carlton. c/o 26 Tippet Gardens, Brighton Hill, Basingstoke. Hampshire.

Dear Green A,

..... The mag gets better every issue. I like the marrying up of Class War and ecological issues, though I don't agree with all of the paper (eg. I feel the gradualist philosophies of some Green A writers are perhaps naive), it's healthy to see a broad range of opinions rather than the sectarianism that seems to plague some other A mags..... Also like the layout and the recipe. Perhaps it should be a policy to make all recipes vegan?

Love and Solidarity, Graham. 360. Victoria Ave. Southend on Sea.

(Of the three founders of Green A, one is vegetarian but not vegan. One, after many years as a vegetarian, having managed a farm, now thinks that organic farming is impossible without animals. The third is a carnivore: at the poles Esquimos have no alternative but to eat flesh. In temperate regions in winter there is nothing available but flesh. He therefore thinks that vegetarianism is ecologically unsound.

Nevertheless the mag is pleased to reflect the vegan views of probably the majority of its readers. But we're a little uneasy about making it into a principle. Green A.)

Help with fines?

Dear Green Anarchists,

On Tues, 23rd April vega/pacifist/anarchist Brian Lowens was sentenced to three months in detention centre for causing £500 worth of criminal damage to MacDonalds and Kentucky Fried Chicken shops in the town.

The severity of the sentence is obviously a political move. Brian had never been before a court before and it seems obvious that as a result of presenting the court with reasons for carrying out his actions Brian had lost his liberty. The court was told of McDonald's exploitation of animals and nature's resources but seemed not impressed. Brian has also been ordered to pay compensation of £500 and rather than leave him with this cloud hanging over his head, we are setting up a bust fund to try and clear the amount upon his release. So we appeal to readers of Green Anarchist to send donations, no matter how large, to help with the fund. Another youth is due to appear at magistrates court on similar charges - though for a greater amount of damage - it is likely that compensation will have to be paid in this case too. So lots of money will be needed. We hope you'll help out. Please send any donations to:

B.L.B.F., c/o '48', 48 Beetwell St. Chesterfield, Derbys.

Many thanks for all your attention and help. Freedom, Peace & Unity.

(There are many others too, like the Convoy, who need money. So we thought we'd set up a Green Anarchist General Bust Fund. So there are many people who would really appreciate it if your next gig could

HENLEY REGATTA

Revenge the Henge - Bash the Rich Demo

"Very little bashing went on. There were loads of people dressed straight so it was hard to tell the numbers exactly. The police had reacted 'Stop the City' style with 2000 of them on duty with a very high profile, riot vans lined up down the main road, though they were pretty tame (too public, I suppose, for the Henge-type 'community policing')

Some actions I heard about: some punks stole a yacht anchor, a biker laid into a Henry on the bridge, a big chant session near the bridge,

police lining the road, should to shoulder for 200 yards, definitely a new spectacle for Henley; graffitiing of posh places by well dressed anarchists; general hassling of the rich.

Some were disappointed at the lack of violence, but apart from other reasons, the chance of escape from Henley for punks after any riots would have been nil.

Whether it was a success or not depends on what you think the point was. To me it is, enough to attack the rich for being rich while this

country is in a terrible recession especially as it is largely the fault of these people in the first place. A second reason, though, would be propaganda by the deed, trying to make people see the connection between recession and the class control of the economy, rather than blaming it on unions, blacks, communists, video nasties etc,

If it failed anywhere it was in the lack of communication between us and the ordinary people who were there. A lot of them must have come away thinking pretty badly of us because we didn't explain ourselves better/at all.

An old quote: "The worst recessions never enter the best restaurants."

Well, they do now!"



FESTIVALS

14. Nottingham CND Peace Festival July 13-14. Slisbury Hill Peace Picnic. Overlooking Bath. Avon.

19-21. WOMAD multi-cultural Festival. £16. Mersea Island. Essex. 0272 290242.

21. 'Stop the Air Fair' Alconbury.

26-28. Cambridge Folk Festival. Cherry Hinton Hall Grounds, 0223 358977.

26-28. Elephant Fair. St. Germans, Cornwall. £16. 0503 30816.

August 1-31 Cantlin Stone. Nr Clun Forest. Mid Wales.

1-4. Meigan Fair. Gilfach Farm, Llanyscarmarthen, West Wales Free.

3-4(?) Bristol Free Festival. Ashton Court. Two stages. 0272 24923.

3-4. Anarchist Gathering. Molesworth. Bring what you expect to find.

5-9(?) Whitworth Travellers Fair. Nr. Rochdale. Charter Fair.

8 (?) Pullens Free Festival. Pullens Gardens Amelia St. London SE17. (Mick. 65 Iliffe St. SE17.

9-11. Brambles Farm Peace Festival. Waterlooville, Hants. Poison Girls. Roy Harper. 0705252887.

9-10. Fairport Convention Annual Reunion. Cont: Dave Pegg. PO Box 37. Banbury Oxon.

17. Monsters of Rock. Caste Donnington, Leics. 0279 70671.

17-23. Whitby Folk Festival. Yorks 0482 634742.

23-30. Sussex Free Holiday Festivities. Chantonbury Ring. Nr.

Brighton and Worthing. Celtic site. 23-28. Northern Cosmic Bears Picnic. Heapy Moor, Near Rivington, Chorley, Lancs. Free.

24-26. Rainbow People's Pilgrimage to Glastonbury Tor. Somerset.

Aug. 24-26. Mines Not Missiles Festival 85. Aylesham Welfare Grounds. Aylesham, Kent.

29-Sept 2. Women's Free Festival. Avebury.

Aug. 31-Sept. 22. Strawberry Fields Forever Festival. Ra Tor. Nr. old airfield, Camelford, Bodmin Moor, Cornwall.

September.

14. Nottingham CND Peace Festival Noon to 8pm.

21-22 Peace picnic. Jacks Lake, Hadley Woods, Nr. Cockfosters, London

October

20. Magic Mushroom Safari and Picnic. Warren Wood near the A6 at Clophill, Beds, From 2pm. Contact Flat 3. 51 Waterloo Rd. Bedford.



Norway. July 25- Aug 8. 7th Pan-Scandinavian gathering, the Nordic Ting. "It's amazing to see the similarities of the Rainbow gathering and the nordic ting." Post box 2169 Knt: Innherredsvn 69c, N-7001 Trondheim, Norway.

EVENTS

July 13-14. Class War National Rally. Caxton House, St John's Way, Archway, London. N19.

20. Benefit Gig for GA Bust Fund etc. 'Antisect', 'Dirt' 'Cabbage Collective'. East Oxford Community Centre. £1.50. 0865 770185.

27-28. Molesworth Snowball. Stage 5.

28-10 aug. 10th Int. NV March for Demilitarisation. Arhus. Denmark. info: oi980 4534 (evenings)

August 23-25. Weekend Peace Camp USAF Croughton. Info: 0908676645

Sept. 16. Blockade Faslane, Rhu 820719.

Oct. 16. International Day of Protest against McDonalds Hamburgers (World Food Day)



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