



WAKE UP! WAKE UP! IT'S YER SOMERSET SHANTY TOWN...



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STONEHENGE WHITEWASHED!

"They are turning an important historic and spiritual site into a theme park for tourists, a playground for the rich"

Matt, traveller, Brighton

English Heritage's opening of Stonehenge on summer solstice, to a limited number of people, has been branded a "stage managed stunt" by people campaigning to bring back free access to the Stones. Two busloads of invited guests were driven from Salisbury to witness the sunrise at the Stones, but the reality for people without a ticket was that the four mile exclusion zone remained as usual.

Many groups are opposed to the issuing of tickets to a limited number of people. A spokesperson for the Stonehenge Campaign said, "Tickets will never be acceptable to the campaign. It is felt that tickets include those 'in the know' and exclude anyone who does not know the right people, didn't know in time, aren't together enough to apply, or simply got up that morning and decided to go to the Stones."

Ever since 1986 the exclusion zone has been in force to stop the Stonehenge Free Festival from taking place. This year around five hundred cops kept watch but still 40 people managed to get the field opposite the Hillstone, before they were chased out. Meanwhile King Arthur Pendragon was arrested with 12 other people under the "trespassory assembly" sections of the Criminal Justice Act.

The Stonehenge People's Free Festival began life in 1974 and grew and grew until in 1985 the powers-that-be decided enough was enough. That year a large convoy of travellers vehicles on their way to the Festival were blocked by the police. Trapped, they swung their vehicles into a field, crashing through a hedge. What happened next has gone down in traveller folklore as The Battle of the Beanfield. The police, out of control, started attacking people and vehicles. By the end 420 people had been arrested, and their homes had been systematically looted, smashed and burnt. One ITN reporter described the scene. "All of us [journalists] were shocked by what we saw: police tactics which seemed to break new grounds in the scale and the intensity of its violence. We saw police throw hammers, stones and other missiles through the windscreens of advancing vehicles; a woman dragged away by her hair; young men beaten over the head with truncheons as they tried to surrender; police using sledgehammers to smash up the interiors of the hippies' coaches."

The Battle of the Beanfield was the beginning of the clampdown for the free festival/traveller scene culminating in the draconian Criminal Justice Act.

The next year a four mile exclusion zone was placed round the stones for a five day period during the summer solstice - and will continue to be every year until it is challenged.

Stonehenge Campaign Newsletter: Quarterly update, comprehensive contacts listing inc all the Free Information Network (FINS). Send SAE+donation to c/o 99 Torriano Avenue London NW5 2RX.

Operation Solstice: Documentary on the Battle of the Beanfield, P.O. Box 10834, 44 Tottenham Lane, London, N8 OAW £10 + SAE

The Last of the Hippies: Booklet about Wally Hope, one of the main people who got the Stonehenge Festival going - and met with a very suspicious ending. £1 + SAE from DS4A, Box 8, 82 Colston St., Bristol, BS1 5BB.

Stonehenge was given to the nation by Cecil Chubb in 1918. In his will he specified that no more than 1 shilling be charged for people wanting access to the stones (It's £3.60 now) and that no building be erected near the Stones (so they built a car-park).

POLICE RESCUE ARMY SHOCKER!

There were red faces and laughter all round at last Saturday's spectacular Salisbury Reclaim The Streets (RTS) when protesters bumped into two stalled army tanks on a ring-road roundabout. Dozens of people were quick to take advantage clambering aboard until the soldiers, who had tried to kick and push them off, gave up and accepted their humiliating defeat. Never has there been such a photo opportunity as echoes of Tianamen Sq. came to the sleepy English town.

The good vibe posse danced and cavorted on the tanks while others discussed with the young soldiers the error of their ways in choosing such a career, i.e. killing someone. Huge jams built-up as the police not knowing whether to laugh or cry took a while to get into gear and clear those naughty hippies and punks off the tanks.

Earlier 2-300 people had had a 'walkabout' of Salisbury city centre for a couple of hours squeezing down narrow streets turning corner after corner as the crowds of shoppers cheered and laughed along with the happy group of RTS'ers, as riot vans

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For using a kidney self dialysis machine!

A man on his way to a demo at Hillgrove Farm (where cats are bred for vivisection) had his car searched and was then arrested. The police claimed the boxes in his car were "cat boxes" and would be used to take liberated cats from the farm (It should be noted on the day of the demo, to liberate any cats people would have had to get through a ring of riot police, mounted police, police dogs, a 12 foot high metal fence as well as be invisible to all the surveillance equipment like the police helicopter and video cameras on 60 foot watch towers!). The police wouldn't believe the boxes contained self-dialysis equipment which the man needs to use four times a day, even though 'dialysis' was written all over them! Before being taken to Oxford police station he was kept in a police van for two and a half hours, then thirty minutes before he was due to use the equipment he was thrown out of Oxford nick. It then took him another two and a half hours to get back to his car - and his vital self dialysis equipment!

*** The editor of Weed World magazine in Portsmouth has been charged with intent to supply, after eagle-eyed cops found 0.4 grammes of cannabis on him.

MEAN GITS OF THE WEEK

A Brighton man who lost all his belongings in a housefire at the weekend has had his application for a crisis loan turned down. The DSS told him he wasn't legible cos he still had the clothes on his back!

were easily outpaced.

After the demo had got "tanked-up" people decided to go for an escorted stroll out into the countryside, passing a family funday motorshow (sic) towards Old Sarum Fort where people were told by a loud-hailer on a passing police-car that "Your leaders have arranged a party venue-please follow us!" Finally meandering down country roads brought all to a chilled-out traveller's site in beautiful surroundings where it was agreed a fantastic day had been had & that the omens looked good for Stonehenge in the millennium. DIY culture does it again.

*** Suffolk, Saturday night and a tale of two England's. One rich, one poor. In the moneyed corner, some landed gentry let a private party happen in the front of their mansion. One police vehicle turns up with environmental health a few times and politely asks if the sound can be turned down. Meanwhile in the poor corner just a few miles down the road on a large travellers site, the police turn up in riot vans, set up road blocks, confiscate equipment and stop the Solstice celebrations going ahead.

Party & Protest

JULY **Fri 3-Sun5** Winchester Hat Festival FREE Tel:01962 849841/ Bracknell Festival, South Hill Park, Berkshire £30 01344 484123 ...**Fri 3-Sat 4** Bude Surf + Rock Festival, Dinscott Farm, Bude, Cornwall rock & pop & surf market £29.50 01288 359099... **Fri 3** In depth discussion on anarchism 8pm Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Sq, London WC1 (the London Anarchist Forum meet every Friday at the above venue to discuss a range of topics 0181 847 0203)... **Sat 4** Beginning of the Genetix Snowball Campaign which is encouraging groups and individuals to "nonviolently, accountably and safely pull up a small number of genetically modified crops." There are currently 300 test sites round the country growing genetically modified crops - at least 11 of these have been 'de-contaminated' in the past two weeks (that's trashed to you and me)... For your very own snowball pack send a SAE to One World Centre, 6 Mount St., Manchester, M2 5NS. Tel:0161 834 0295. genetixsnowball@orangenet.co.uk. **Sat 4** Pride 98 Clapham Common £5 in advance 0870 1210121 **Falmouth Community Green Fair**, Trescobeas Rd Cornwall FREE 01326 375158 **Cannabis Conference**, Georges Rooms, Glastonbury. Info: 01458 835769... **Sat 4 - Sun5** Wirral Summer Green Fayre, Arrow Park, Upton FREE 0151 5128586 ... **Sun 5** Mass Trespass -Freedom to roam on the South Downs Meet 12 noon Brighton Railway Station 01273 685913 There will also be an over-night camping, so bring tent+sleping bag... **Sun 5** **National demo against Huntingdon Research Centre** who blind, torture, poison and kill hundreds of thousands of animals each year 12 noon outside gates, Woolley Rd., Alconbury, Huntingdon 0589 026435 /Lazy Sunday, St.Mary's Gardens, Bedford (rock/indie/dance) FREE 01234 360601... **Mon 6** **Fight Poverty Pay!** Smash the New Deal! Speakers Fight Racism! Fight Imperialism! Reinstate Nigel Cook Campaign and Tameside Careworkers 7.30 pm Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1...**6-10** **Cannabis Awareness Week**, Georges Rooms, Glastonbury. Info:01458 835769...**Wed 8** **Full Moon Party at Ashton Court Quarry** Protest Camp.0467 430 211 /Abolition Day 1 (campaign of action against nuclear weapons) CND 0171 700 2393 ...**Thu 9** Release of **Undercurrents 9** around the country. For details of a screening near you (or why not put one on yourself?) ring 01865 243562 ...**Fri 10-Sun 12** **Larmer Tree Festival** nr Tollard Royal (A354) Wiltshire folk/festival/world music £45/27/6 01722 415223/ Polapit Fayre, Tamar near Launceston, Cornwall dance+Global music £15 01566 727275 / Winchester Hat Fayre, Hampshire 01962 863966/ Aldermaston Womens Peace Camp 0117 939 3746...**Sat 11** Demonstration against **Hillgrove Farm** who breed thousands of cats for vivisection. Meet at Leys Recreation Ground, Station Lane (Next to Sainsbury's), Witney Oxon. Transport from across the UK is being organised. For more info. and transport details call 0121 623 6460. (Further demonstrations against the farm are expected throughout the summer... **Sat 11** **Greenwich Anti-Racist Festival**, Plumstead Common, London FREE 0181 317 8687/ Sponsored extravaganza to mark 40th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution Contact Rock around the Blockade 0171 837 1688 ...**Sat 11** **McWorld Cup**. Activists are invited to organise a football match at your local McDonalds!!! to synchronise with other Mcmatches taking place Globally...**Sat 11-Sun 12** **Community World Music Festival** Finsbury Park, London £15 0171 272 2400 ...**Sun 12** **Ambient Green Picnic** Shalford Park (Off A281) Guildford 01956 319692 FREE 12-9PM 4areas-separate dance & acoustic stage, cabaret tent (with SCHLIVE?) & the excellent Guilfin Ambient Lounge Tent.PLUS Children's area Healing area Rinky-Dink food/market stalls. Fireshow finale p.s. fanx to GuilFIN for the listings update -to subscribe to GuilFIN £7 for 12 issues PO BOX 217 Guildford Surrey GU1 1WS or guilfin@quarks.co.uk...**12-9 August, Brus-**



sels to Faslane Peace Walk. More information from Abolition Days 1998 c/o CND 0171 700 2393 email: eirls@mcmail.org...**Sun 12** Hull Rainbow Festival 2 noon-6pm Bands/dance tent/stalls (no meat or animal products) FREE 01482 229782 ...**Tue 14** Launch of the **Portsmouth Anarchist Network** 7.30 pm Spithead Housing co-op community room, Montgomerie Rd... **Wed 15-Sun 19** **Buddhafield Festival** nr Shepton Mallet, Somerset £25 0181 6779564...**Fri 17** Benefit gig for Sheffield Reclaim The Streets, evening of acoustic songs and storytelling at Morris Riverside, Sheffield £2...**Fri 17-19** **Music in the Sun Festival**, Don Valley Grass Bowl, Sheffield £4 a day/9.50 the weekend 0114 2754504/ Festival at the Edge 'storytelling, music and song' Stokes Barn, Much Wenlock, Shropshire £25 adults/12.50 kids over 5 01952 594929 ...**Sat 18** **Music in the Square** Portsmouth 12-11pm FREE Tel: 01705 834142 Zion Train -Tofu's & lots of other goodies /Triangle Festival, Ramsors Rec., Nightingale Rd., Hitchin, Herts Folk/Reggae/Techno FREE 01462 632479/ Beatchester 98, Castlefield Areana, Manchester FREE 0976 224854 **Live animal exports day of action** starting at 9 am silent protest outside live export vet. inspector 58 Union Rd., Deal (A258 from Dover) ending with mass blockade of port at 3pm/ National Conference to Defend Council Housing, St.Matthias Centre, Poplar High St., London E14 Since the election of New Labour 40,000 council homes have been lost to private landlords. Some 26,000 sold at knock-down prices -an average of £9,4000 each. How can tenants fight back against this privatisation? 10 am-5 pm 0171 538 2113 ...**Sat 18-Sun 19** **Bristol Community Festival**, Ashton Court, Bristol FREE 0117 904 2275...**Sun 19** Festival of Global Rights, Hackney Marshes FREE ...**Sun 19th** **Fur Farm Demonstration**. Omnley Fur Farm, Stoke on Trent, 1pm. Contact 01902 711935...**Mon 20** **The Legacy of the Black Panthers** video + discussion 7.30 pm Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1...**Tue 21** **Fight Poverty Pay!** No Slave Labour! Speakers Nigel Cook and Tameside careworkers 7.30 pm Sparkhill Centre, Stratford Rd, Sparkhill, Birmingham ...**Fri 24** **Anti Vivisection Night** Vigil at 9pm- Harlan Sera Labs, Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leics. Contact 0116 236 6450...**Fri 24-Sun26** **Womad Reading** £58/53 tel: 01225 744494...**Sat 25** **Sexual Freedom Parade** and Prostitution Pride 2pm Soho Square to Hyde Park with a picnic Bring your own nibbles. 0171 460 1979 / Day of action against Sainbury's Exotic Meat Sales. Local groups action everywhere For info packs ring Viva! 01273 777688 / "I'd rather wear drag than wear fur" demo at Downing St. 11am 01902 711935...**Sun 26** **Ashton Court anti-quarry campaign** Day of Action ...**Wed 29-Sun 2** **Aug** Big Green Gathering, West Wiltshire £50/concs 01747 870667 powered by sun & wind...**Fri 30** **Giggawatt Festival** King's Function Grounds Milford Haven £17...Through-out July /Sept Mikron Theatre Company are performing "If You GoDown To The Woods - Tales From The Newbury Bypass" as part of their National Waterways Tour. It really captures the spirit of what happened. To see if they're performing on a water way near you, ring 01484 843701.

AUGUST

1-28 **The first Natty Gathering**. A 28 day experiment in positive impact living on 23 acres of land owned by the participants. 72 hr permaculture course, music, all the usual. Bring what you wanna find! For details of location, ring 01273 234035 ...**1 Aug** **Harry Palmers Allotment Extravaganza** @ Uplands Allotments, Handsworth, Birmingham to celebrate 50th anniversary of largest post-war allotment site in

UK. Illuminations, Pryotechnics, Chamber Music, multi-cultural seed packets and allotment academic Prof. David Crouch who will be wandering the site throughout the day spouting allotment info! 01482 218068 **Sat 1** **Summer Rites Gay Festival** Brockwell Park, London, SE24 1- 10 pm £3/ Demonstration against Huntington Vivisection Laboratories. Meet at Wilmslow Railway Station, Cheshire at 12 noon. More info: 0589 026 435./ Not Another Reclaim The Streets 12 noon Fitzalan Square, Sheffield (this will be acoustic so bring musical instruments)...**Sun 2** **Sundaze Festival**, Rushton Hall, Kettering, Northants 3 stages, market etc £7/5 01536 710002 / Taunton Green Fair, Somerset...**Mon 3-11** **Week long international Peace Camp** at Brussels, Belgium 0171 700 2393 ...**Thu 6-Sun 9** **Gaunts House Summer Gathering** Wimborne Dorset 01202 841522 ...**Fri 7** **Full Moon Party at Ashton Court Park** protest camp ...**Fri 7-Sun 9** **Big Chill Enchanted Garden Festival** 15 miles from Dorset coast £40 0171 9249999...**Mon 3-11** **Week long international Peace Camp** at Brussels, Belgium 0171 700 2393 ...**Fri 7-9** **West Country Activist Summer Gathering, Workshops & fun**. £5 + food. S.Devon. Info 01626 363 844/ Guildford 98 festival, Stoke Park, Guildford. £42. Info 01483 454159...**Sat 8 - 22** **Vegan summer Gathering** 0115 958 5666 Sat 8 March for All Animals- against Labours broken promises 12 noon Kennington Park, London 0181 2083289 / Brighton Pride 98 Preston park 01273 730562 ...**Tue 11-25** Two week disarmament camp at **Trident Base, Faslane**, bonnie Scotland inc. on Saturday march and rally at base, food and ceildh 01603 611953... **Wed 12** 'Glorious Twelfth' Grouse shooting sabbing season begins. Transport from across the country. Hunt Saboteurs Association 01273 622827...**Fri 14-Sun 16** **Megadogs Lizard festival** becomes the Beach party, Carlyon Bay, St.Austell, Cornwall £60 0990 3444444...**Sat 15** Bristol Reclaim The Streets Meet Eastville Park 12 noon (M32 June 2) ...**Sun 16** Smokey Bears Picnic, Southsea Common, Portsmouth 2pm. Free Bring what you expect to find. Er...Rizlas?... **Wed 19-Sun 23** **Northern Green Gathering** nr Pontefract, Wyorks 0113 224 9885... **Fri 28-Mon 31** **Exodus Gathering**...**Sat 29- Mon 31** **Ashton Court anti-quarry** campaign weekend of action ...**Sat 29** **Multi-Cultural Festival**, Pencester Gardens, Dover 11 am - 6 pm FREE 01303 262039/ Prague Reclaim The Streets Meet 2 pm Karlovo Namesti , Prague, Czech Republic...**Mon 31** **ST Ocean Festival**, Newquay, Cornwall Benefit gig for Surgers Against Sewage 01872 553011 **Sutton Green Fair**, Carshalton Park, Ruskin Rd., Surry FREE 0181 6477706... **Notting Hill Carnival**, London FREE

SEPTEMBER

Fri 4-Sun 6 **Off The Tracks Festival** Parks Farm Castle Donnington £26 tel:01332 384518...**Sat 5 - York Peace Festival** Rowntree Park York FREE tel: 01904 642493/National Anti Vivisection Demo 2 noon at Queens Park, Loughborough 0116 236 6450 ...**Sun 6** **Nottingham Green Festival**, Embankment. 11am-5pm. Info 0115 958 2369/ Full Moon Party at Ashton Court anti-quarry campaign protest camp... **Wed 9- Mon 14** **Earth First! National Summer Gathering**, Dorset. Everything from 'how to do an office occupation', facilitate meetings and run a newsletter, first aid, self defence, climbing, land collectives, prisoner support, community organising, pirate radio stations. Discussions on past, present and future UK campaigns, the implications of the global economy, building international resistance and learning from activists elsewhere in the world. Costs £10 plus £3 a day for cheap organic vegan food. Fore more details send a first class SAE to Earth First! Summer Gathering, c/o Cornerstone Resource Centre, 16 Sholebroke Avenue, Chapelton, Leeds, LS7 3HB, UK; Tel 0113 262 9365. E-mail: cornerstone@gn.apc.org **11-13** Land grab! Activist/permaculture/practical workshops, music +

madness organised by the Land Is Ours. Phone for location nearer the time 01865 722016/0585 132080 - running on the same days but maybe not at the same venue Allotments Conference, to help publicise and increase use around the country...**2nd Self Help Forum**, Sheffield Protest 0171 833 2071...**Fri 19-Thur 24 War Resisters' International Peace Conference**, Porec, Croatia 0171 278 0444 ...**Sat 26 Cannabis Picnic** on the 70th anniversary of cannabis prohibition. Meet Hyde Park, London, noon onwards. 01458 835 769.

OCTOBER

Fri 16 World Food Day, Vegan Society 01424 427393...**Sat 31 Fuck the Monarchy March** on Buckingham Palace 2 pm Embankment 01523 160145 - For a much more in depth listing (including lots of folk festies if you're into that) read Festival Eye, BCM 2002, LONDON, WC1 3XX 01568 760492 www.festivaley.com For a list of **Free Information Networks** contact **Stonehenge Campaign**, www.geocities.com/soho/9000/stonego.htm

FREE PARTY GUIDELINES

Despite the best efforts of the authorities, people are still putting on free parties up and down the country. Here's a few do's and don'ts just in case you stumble wide-eyed across one.

*Be prepared to be self sufficient. Facilities will be minimal.

*Park sensibly, keep site roads clear.

*Be friendly to local residents, ramblers etc. Smile you're at a free party!

*Bury your shit!!

*Don't trash the site - take a bin bag

*Fires - use dead not live wood (it don't burn in any case).

*Make a donation - if someone passes a bucket round, don't be a mean git. It costs money to put on a free event.

*Know your rights - Get yourself a BUST CARD, 10p from Release. Advice line 0171 729 9904 **Emergency Help Line 0171 6038654** Enjoy yourself - and don't let the party poopers get yer down!

CRITICAL MASS BIKE RIDES

The term 'Critical Mass' is used by Scientists to describe the point at which a whole mess of stuff reaches the Critical moment when it is so dense something's gotta give. Activists use the term to describe the point at which there are so many cyclists gathered on one road that they have reached "Critical Mass" and the car is no longer king!

First Sat of every month. **Hull** opposite Train station 5 pm / **Victoria Square, Birmingham** Noon
2nd Fri West London, Shepherds Bush Green 6pm...**3rd Fri Bargate, Southampton** 6 pm ...**4th Fri Nottingham** Market Square 5.15 pm ...**Last Sat** Byres Rd/Univ Ave **Glasgow** 2 pm...**Last Friday London** 5 pm under Waterloo Bridge by National Film Theatre ...**Sheffield** meet British Rail 5 pm...**Guildford** Meet British Rail station 5.15 pm ...**The mound Edinburgh** 5 pm...**St.Peters Sq, Manchester** 5 pm.

Protest Camps

Alvis Factory Peace Camp, Coventry Northview, Walsgrave, Coventry Tel: 01926 338805 or 0336 774113 pager 07666 734373. Against company that sells Scorpion tanks to Indonesia.

Ashton Court, Bristol Tel: 0467 430211. Fighting a twenty acre quarry extension into Ashton Court public park.

Bangor Tel: 01248 351541 or 0836 563980 or site mobile 0961 367421. Email: jmk@undeb.bangor.ac.uk. Greenbelt housing development.

Bingley Anti-Road Campaign Rye Loaf Camp, Bingley. Tel: 01274 511039. Bingley relief road, part of the Bradford-Cumbria link (DBFO). Will rip thro' 10,000 year old Bingley Bog.

Cork Environmental Alliance Tel: +353 2 127 2277. Contact for camp against electricity pylons.

Crystal Palace Tel: 0181 7617826 or site mobile

0410 452187. Twenty screen multiplex cinema on inner-city green space. Brixton tube then No. 3 bus.

Reclaim Your Park, Derby Treetop Dwellings, Bass Recreation Ground, Derby, BE3 Tel: 07970-318397 Road through inner-city green space.

Faslane Peace Camp Shandon, Helensborough, Dunbartonshire, Scotland Tel: 01436 820901. Non Violent Direct Action against Trident.

Glen of the Downs Tel: +353 1 287 3341 or site mobile +353 8 8210 7471. Camp to oppose a motorway near Dublin that will trash a nature reserve.

Hills Not Holes PO Box 2113, Shepton Mallet, Somerset BA4. Fighting the destruction of the Mendip Hills, being dug up for aggregate quarrying

Lyminge Forest Action Group Greensword, The Spout House, Lyminge, Kent CT21 4LQ Tel: 01303 862722 Mobile: 0467 604409 or 0468 945595. Well-established camp against proposed holiday village. Directions: from Canterbury take the Folkstone bus to Six Mile Garage and turn left for main West Wood car park for the camps.

St. Mary's Churchyard, Southampton Set up last Thursday in protest against plans to "redevelop" the old churchyard and build business units, apartment blocks etc. Call 0589 650993



Womens Peace Camps

Aldermaston c/o 33 Heron Road, Bristol BS5 OLT Tel: 0117 939 3746. Camp held on second weekend of each month.

Burghfield Tel: 01703 554 1134. Camp last weekend of every month.

Greenham Common Womens' Peace Camp Yellow Gate, Greenham Common, Newbury, Berks Tel: 01374 136728. Between 7-9.30pm only. Permanent camp outside main gate of Greenham Common. Organises info about, and actions against, the production of trident at Aldermaston and Burghfield.

Menwith Hill Kettlesing Head Layby, Near Harrogate, N. Yorkshire HG3 2RA Tel: 01943 468593. Opposing the massive US Spy Base.

Sellafield c/o 16 Sholebrook Avenue, 16 Sholebroke Ave., Chapelton, Leeds LS7 Tel: 0113 262 1534. Bi-monthly camp.

Aspe Valley

Situated in the French Pyrenees, it's one of the most beautiful and unspoilt valleys and home to the last few Brown Bears in the Pyrenees. However, work has been started for a motorway which will devastate most of the valley. *La Goutte d'Eau* has been the action centre there for ten years and is now facing eviction anytime from the end of July till September. They're having a festival July 11th-14th and are asking people to stay and camp there afterwards. Go on - show them how to dig tunnels, dive diggers and climb trees, but beware of the full-on French Riot Police: La Goutte d'Eau, F-64490 Cete-Eygun (50miles south-west of Pau, on the N134), Tel 0033 59347883

Manchester Airport

A new camp has just been set up at Manchester Airport in order to prevent Arthurswood being felled. The wood is mainly beech trees all of which apparently obstruct the satellite and radar reception on Runway 2! The land is owned by the National Trust who it is rumoured received a large donation and an entire farm for their co-operation. An injunction is being sought in an emergency session of the High Court to prevent the trees being felled. Directions to the camp go to the A538, turn left on to the Altrincham road, follow that for less than 100 yards and turn right off it onto the small road towards the the Moathouse Hotel. Almost immediately there is a bridlepath on your right hand side follow this from there its obvious. Contact 07775 602954

ASHTON COURT

The sign on the entrance to Ashton Court Park says "You are visiting a beautiful and peaceful park. Help keep it that way so that everyone can enjoy it." So what do North Somerset Council do? They give planning permission for the extension of Pioneer Aggregates' Dumford Quarry into 20 acres of the park!

So how come a park given in 1959 to the people of Bristol, under the condition 'that no part of it should be set aside for works which detract from its value as a recreation ground or prejudice the enjoyment of the people' is gonna be park excavated for minerals? The quarrying will destroy a wildflower meadow containing rare flowers as well as nesting skylarks, foraging bats and badgers and Pioneer plan to spend £1 million on 'translocation' - scooping up the topsoil and moving it somewhere more convenient.

So people decided to set up a camp in nearby woods. However, the protestors point out the campaign "is not about hippies in the woods getting sentimental over a bunch of flowers. It is about local people fighting for their open space, it is about the continued unnecessary extraction of non renewable resources, our undemocratic planning system....It is about changing the world - but also about a beautiful, living, colourful, open space in a spectacular position and defending it because we love it and it is ours."

Why not visit - even stay - on the way back from Glastonbury?

For directions ring site mobiles and 0467 430 211 07970 423 834 <http://www.gn.apc.org/cycling/ashtoncourt/>

BANGOR

An urgent "Awrooga - eviction imminent" has been put out by protesters who have set up camp at the Brewery Fields in Bangor, North Wales to stop the trashing of common land.

People have been campaigning for five years to stop "a local haven for both wildlife and people... bordered by ancient woodland" from being built on, and the recent eviction of one of the camps have been dubbed as "torture-tactics" by protesters, eight of whom were hospitalised. One woman Jenny told of how "they pressured me behind the ears hurting me badly. My bearing slackened out as if voices were from a distance, though they were shouting in my ear to unlock...they knelt on my calf muscles forcefully... then my back thigh muscles, shooting unbearable pain up my leg, still pushing my pressure points. Then they twisted my left arm behind my back, bending my wrist. They put on a quick-cuff. Bending, tightening and twisting. I had to give in. The pain was excruciating. I unlocked screaming with pain."

A Chief Inspector has said they are happy with their use of "reasonable force" - and are prepared to do it again. But Brewery Fields campaigners reckon they will only get away with such tactics again if the campaign remains "small and neglected". One camp resident told SchNEWS "Obviously these tactics have implications for protests round the country - if other police forces think they can save a couple of grant by torturing us out rather than using cutting gear - ben they will The more people here the harder for them, the more publicity-the less likely they are to act like dick-heads!"

Contact: Save Brewery Fields Campaign office, c/o Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor Gwnnedd 01248 335821 Site mobile, 0836 563 980 e-mail sup04a@bangor.ac.uk



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Campsfield 9 Trial Collapses

The nine asylum seekers put on trial for alleged rioting and violent disorder at the Campsfield Detention Centre, have all had their charges dropped. The Court found the testimony given by the guards of the private security firm Group 4, was unreliable, with the companies own CCTV tapes contradicting the guards versions of events - with one guard with his hands around the neck of one of the detainees and an accusation that a detainee smashed up a telephone being shown to be false when a guard is shown on video smashing the phone! The collapse of the trial is yet another in a long line of embarrassments to Group 4 and the Home Office, and highlights the outrageous way asylum seekers are treated on their arrival to the UK.

Labour Immigration Minister Mike O'Brien claimed that £175,000 worth of damage had been done to the detention centre "in acts of madness." It is, presumably, an act of sanity to welcome people fleeing repressive dictatorships by treating them as criminals and incarcerating them in places like Campsfield. Amnesty International found that 82% of asylum seekers were detained immediately upon arrival to the UK. The decision to detain is taken by civil servants, in the absence of lawyers, people are not charged or brought before a magistrate, and there is no limit on how long they can be held. As for Campsfield, even the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Ramsbottom, who visited the detention centre following the uprising, condemned the place as, "a shambles", in a report.

Out of the nine had been imprisoned for ten months awaiting trial, two have now been granted refugee status, one is currently in a psychiatric hospital, while another has been granted temporary admission. Sadly five of them have been moved to Rochester Prison in Kent and are now, after racist abuse, imprisonment, false accusations and the threat of ten year prison sentences, very likely to be deported.

Send letters of support to: Stanley Nwaidike TC1057 E-wing, Sambou Marong TC1005 D-wing, John Quaquah TC1056 E-wing, Enahoro Esemuze TC1063 E-wing, Harrison Tubman TC1064, all at HMP Rochester, Kent ME1 3QS

*** On Monday 70 asylum seekers detained in Campsfield and more in Tinsley House (near Gatwick) went on hunger strike. They are asking the Immigration Minister to respond to their letter and request to see him, for all detainees under 18 to be released, and those with surety to be given bail.

*** Next Demo at Campsfield (in Kidlington, north of Oxford) is on Saturday 25th July, 12 noon.

*** Contact **Close Down Campsfield Campaign**, 111 Magdalen Rd., Oxford, OX 4 1RQ 01865 558145 email campsfield@ncad.c.demon.co.uk Read Campsfield: How Britain Imprisons Refugees. £1 + SAE from the above address.

Fur Shop Campaign Goes National

The campaign to close down the delightful Philip Hockley fur shop in London continues... and is aiming for National support. Previous peaceful demonstrations have led to a number of arrests for obstruction - which have been thrown out of court. However following the court ruling the Police decided a change in tactics was needed to deal with Anti fur campaigners... On Sat 9 May demonstrators decided to have a pint or two in the pub around the corner from the fur shop and individually nip out with leaflets for passers-by. With video camera and mobile phone arrests were recorded

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and the next demonstrator called up to distribute leaflets. Eight arrests later the shop closed for the day. Everyone was arrested "to prevent a breach of the peace" and released after the shop was closed without being charged! Two days later and two more activists were arrested handing out leaflets, charged with obstruction (despite one of them already being acquitted of the same charge just days before for doing exactly the same thing!) The police tried to impose bail conditions of not going near the fur shop but the activists refused to except this and were held overnight to appear in court the next morning.

The campaign continues and needs more people to keep the pressure up, this isn't just about animal rights but the basic right to free assembly and peaceful protest! So get demonstrating at Philip Hockley fur shop, 20 Conduit St, London W1. For more information phone London Animal Aid on 0171 2783068.

*** The first campaigner to be found guilty under the Protection from Harassment Act was jailed for one week when she refused to pay court costs of £100. Liz Crocker, an animal rights supporter and Green Party activist, was found guilty of harassing the owners of Cornyhaugh Mink Farm in Ponteland, Northumberland, in February, during a campaign to try to close down the farm. The campaign was launched in September of last year following an undercover investigation in 1997 which revealed the shocking conditions in which mink are kept at the farm. For more information, contact: Cornyhaugh Fur Campaign: 0191 2616151 *** For a comprehensive listing of animal rights groups get yourself a copy of the **Animal Contacts Directory** published by Veggies Catering Campaign, 180 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham NG1 3HW - Tel. 0115 958 5666 or email veggies@innotts.co.uk. Price £4.50!

Kosova

A Kosovan living in Brighton is arranging to send warm clothing to the victims of the fighting. It must be hardcore material as the winter (which starts in September), reaches sub-zero. Stuff like old puffa jackets, heavy knit jumpers, thermals, fishing socks and hiking boots are ideal. The collection point for the time being is: Orest c/o The New Kensington Pub, Kensington Gdns, Brighton, E. Sussex 01273 681 907 You've the chance to stop women and children dying. Take it!

Football Shorts

*** While Tony Blair was warming up the EU summit in Cardiff with his usual hot air, 20 activists occupied the Welsh Labour Party offices down the road to protest against low pay and the New (bum) Deal. After dropping banners, rummaging through the files, answering a few phone calls, and using the fax, the police eventually turned up... to find everyone sat in the board room, feet up watching the England v Tunisia game on TV!

*** Any World Cup fanatics who haven't got themselves a TV license - better watch out. So far over eight thousand people have been caught watching the box without a licence, a large majority during England and Scotland games. Still if all this mixture of footie and tv is driving your round the bend, maybe you should read *Get a Life!* by David Burke and Jean Lotus (published by Bloomsbury) which is all about getting rid of the small hypnotic box in our front rooms.

*** Twenty local activists wearing Anti-Nike T-shirts, members of the Edmonton (Canada) based; Citizens Concerned About Nike (CCAN), held a successful protest at the annual "Hoop It Up" basketball competition at a shopping Mall. The t-shirts bore the slogan; "Don't Be Naïve" and on the back compared the salary of Michael Jordan and wages earned by Nike workers in Indonesia and Pakistan. Nike charge local people to take part in this "competition" which is no

more than an opportunity to sell 'em Nike's latest gear. Activists described it as "...a commercial orgy for the corporate sponsors and the NBA". Nike have been the subject of protests for a few years now, running sweatshops in third world countries where they can get a pair of trainers made for a few pence which are then sold in the west for £60 plus. Nice profit margin. Visit the Boycott Nike web page: www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/5232; email: boycottnike@hotmail.com

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*** Native American activist Leonard Peltier was jailed in 1976 for the deaths of two FBI agents. He was involved in the movement to protect the Black Hills area of South Dakota against uranium mining, when a fire-fight occurred between the FBI and activists on the Pine Ridge Reservation. 2 FBI and 1 Lakota were killed. The death of the Lakota was never investigated. There is no direct evidence that Peltier is guilty; in fact extensive trawling of FBI files have only revealed that the case against him is based on perjury, coercion of witnesses, fabrication of the murder weapon and the withholding of evidence. Leonard still remains in prison, guilty of only protecting the land and its people, but despite spending over twenty years inside, the authorities still see him as such a threat, they deny him parole.

He currently needs some serious medical attention and supporters are asking people to write to the prison to ask that Leonard gets access to outside medical treatment.

Write to Warden Page True, Leavenworth Prison, Leavenworth, Kansas, KS66048; and contact: Leonard Peltier Defence Committee, PO Box 583, Lawrence, Kansas 66044 or drop him a line, prison number 89637-132, PO Box 1000, Leavenworth, Kansas, 66048. La Lucha continua!

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In the last issue (#171, front page, column three) we repeated some text from an article by George Monbiot. In our usual late night rush, we forgot to say who wrote it. Now you know. (Sorry George!)

...and finally...

We've been sent a copy of a DSS internal memo which we found hilarious. On a Wednesday afternoon Police were called to a benefits office to remove a drunk. As officers were removing him, another police car arrived and seeing the first car stopped to see if any help was needed. On entering the building, they saw someone they wanted in the office and arrested him. Another police car driving passed, seeing the 2 cars outside, stopped and, on entering, saw someone they too wanted to arrest. Yet another passing police car, seeing the first three, entered the benefits office. As they did so two customers hurled abuse at them, the police followed them inside and cautioned them. Due to the fact that four police cars were parked outside, a passing riot van stopped to give assistance, thinking a full-scale riot was going on. On entering, one of its officers also saw someone he wanted to arrest; his mate decides to have a go and is also arrested. There are now 4 cars, 1 van, 5 customers and 9 policemen all doing their own thing in our office. By now other guilty customers are getting the wind up and are leaving left, right and centre. A customer in room 4, having a go at the supervisor, dashes out and falls over a woman PC. Shock on his face, he asks if the Law are here for him, not waiting, he makes a rapid exit. So the total outcome of the action - 4 cars, 1 riot van, 9 police, 5 arrests 8 legging it, 1 problem customer gone and 13 blank tickets.

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