



WAKE UP! IT'S YER UP THE GREASY MAYPOLE

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MAYWATCH

“Mayday has been a celebration of life, renewal and pleasure since ancient times. More recently it was declared International Workers’ Day to commemorate the execution of four anarchists in Chicago for their part in the struggle for an eight-hour working day. Both these aspects of Mayday were intertwined - a festival against work, want and denial, and a vision of freedom and plenty throughout the world.”

From ‘Our May Day’ website

What does May Day mean to you? Well, if you’re a Pagan maybe you were out on the lash drinking flagons of mead and dancing naked around a fire to welcome Beltane – the coming of Spring and the rebirth of life. If you’re part of the corporate media then it’s always a time to relax, dust off some of those old clichés and talk about the end of civilisation, as we know it. If you’re a copper then it’s a time to get physical and talk about a hardcore of violent protestors bent on changing the status quo. If you’re an anti-capitalist then there are a number of choices. It could be the opportunity you were looking for to try out that outrageous new outfit – chances are the media will love it and want to chat you up (but try to think of something good to say beforehand). Or you could dress in black and look all moody at that McDonalds window. If you’re a trade unionist, then what better way of using one of your days off work than to march around with a placard and listen to some riveting speeches from some Old Labour politicians.

Wherever you’re coming from there’s no doubt that over the past few years May Day has been put firmly back onto the political map with millions across the world taking to the streets. The biggest demos were in France with an estimated one million protesting against the fascist Le Pen. In Australia thousands turned out in Melbourne beginning the day by blockading the entrance of the company that runs the country’s immigration detention centres. In Indonesia thousands took to the streets calling for the day to be made a national holiday, higher minimum wages and a halt to subsidy cuts on fuel and electricity demanded by the International Monetary Fund. In Athens four separate demonstrations marched to the United States and Israeli embassies to protest Israeli attacks against Palestinians. In Seoul more than 10,000 people called on the government to swiftly introduce a five-day work week and to withdraw its plans to privatise state-run industries.

Hardcore

Across the UK the demonstrations were smaller, but on the whole thought to be more successful than the last few years especially in London where six thousand cops patrolled the streets with four helicopters buzzin’ over head. The idea in Mayfair was for people to adopt a theme and be ‘fluid and spontaneous...without a fixed starting point or finish.’ This meant crowds kept moving and the police couldn’t use their trusty old Section 60 so easily (that’s when they pen a crowd in for hours because they ‘fear violence might happen’) So it was a ‘Travelling Circus’ with a thousand sparkle-faced anarchists wheeling round a huge red and yellow shiny plastic BigTop flanked by pixies, lusty crusty wenches, clowns and screaming queens. Then there was Carniball – old fashioned footie – kicking off down Oxford Street with inflatable beach balls, and two five foot wide red footballs that got the crowds through police lines and provided a new sense of team-crowd spirit, as they bounced off the heads of the plod quite gloriously amid cries of ‘GOAL!!’. Or what about a critical mass of bike rides heading for the American Embassy; or a carnival of colour as part of the sex workers parade in Soho (which later got Section 60’d and turned violent as the police hemmed everyone in to take down peoples particulars [pardon]).

Some complained about walking around aimlessly, but on such a *do-it-yourself* day this just shows the importance of people organising beforehand and forming affinity groups. This needn’t be rocket science, just a bunch of mates getting together to plan actions, anything from bringing along props to targeting specific companies. A dozen anarchists from Worthing took the initiative by protesting in Berkeley Square, Mayfair, outside the HQ of the Carlyle Group, an American finance firm closely linked to the US government and the arms trade. Other smartly dressed English gentlemen and women showed those ghastly American coffee chains a thing or two about etiquette, setting up stalls outside their stores and dishing out some good old fashioned tea & cucumber sandwiches to the protesting masses.

Last year the press reckoned it was one nil to the cops after they penned everyone in Oxford Street for eight hours. Not this year. As one anarchist ‘ringleader’ told Schnews “Any suggestion of the cops winning the game are shallow - the cops were on the hop constantly. People broke away spontane-

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

For playing music...

A minibus driver from the Kurdish region of Amed in Turkey was nicked for the outrageous crime of playing traditional Kurdish folk music on his daily journey to Cinar. The case against him was that he had ‘aided and abetted’ the PKK (Kurdistan Workers Party) – by playing the music of his choice. What happened was that an overzealous off duty cop who got a lift on the bus objected to these revolutionary tunes and promptly called for reinforcements. Sulhattin Onen, the bus driver was then arrested and held for two days. Sulhattin was finally was tried and received a 10 month sentence and over 26 million Turkish Lira fine.

ously into groups and reclaimed the streets of central London at the action’s height. Hopefully next year we can learn to generate more autonomous actions, bring along more musical instruments, rinky-dink sound systems, balls etc and build on this, because it’s definitely a better way to structure mass actions.” Or as one reveller told SchNEWS “This year I think we won on away goals.”

May the first last

This years events in London weren’t just focused on May Day but ten days of activities under the banner of May Day Festival of Alternatives. “We want to show our goals of creating a society based on solidarity, autonomy and co-operation – in practice. We want to show that there is a future beyond capitalism, wage-labour and the state; that we can create our own alternatives and that our land, time, resources, entertainment, and ultimately, our lives, can be reclaimed from a system that has disempowered us from realising our individual and collective potential for centuries.”

* Just over 50 were nicked, mainly for minor charges. However if previous May Day court cases are anything to go by, then sentences for even minor offences could be harsh. If you saw any arrests contact the Legal, Defence and Monitoring Group ldmgmail@yahoo.co.uk

* Find out what happened around the world www.indymedia.org

* For the incomplete history of Mayday www.midnightnotes.org/mayday

* For in-depth history of the Haymarket martyrs http://dwardmac.pitzer.edu/Anarchist_Archives/haymarket/Haymarket.html

* Get clued up on section 60 www.urban75.org/mayday02/s60

IT'S YER SCHNEWS SUMMER PARTY AND PROTEST GUIDE

MAY

5 Bass-heavy punky reggae bash with Restarts, Nomadix Roots, One Style + DJ Dave (Zion Train) 8pm-2am, Arsenal Tavern, 175 Blackstock Road, London N4. **5 Manchester Radical Bookfair** 1pm-5pm Merci, Bridge 5 Mill, 22A Beswick Street, Manchester. www.radicalbookfair.org.uk for latest updates! **6 Film: Incitement to riot** - packed with footage from all the best riots of the past, and a hard hitting soundtrack at 6pm; followed by **Film: New Kids on the Black Block**. London Action Resource Centre, 62 Fieldgate Street, London. **6 Radical Bookfair**, 11am-5pm, Exchange Community Centre, Sebbon Street, Islington, N1. **8 CITY meeting** CWU Building Edinburgh 7.30pm Edinburgh direct action groups get together www.EdinburghCITY.org.uk **8 Benefit gig for Kurdish Human Rights Group**. Wild Angels - live music plus comedy from Mark Thomas, Mark Steel, and others. The 100 Club, Oxford Street, London. 7.30pm **8 A Police Service for Northern Ireland?** Meeting on the 5th Anniversary of Robert Hamill's death. Committee Room 10, The House of Commons, 7:30pm. www.hamillcampaign.freeseve.co.uk **9 'War against Hedonism' Party** in aid of Stop the War and CND DJs from London's best free parties playing house, funk and drum n bass. 8pm-1am The Black Horse, 168 Mile End Road, London, free Indian buffet. £3/£2 waragainstthedonism@hotmail.com **9 Rock for Cuba at Night and Day**, 7:30pm, Oldham St., Manchester. £3. **10 No Sweat Comedy Cabaret** fundraiser for no sweat 'Indonesian workers' solidarity campaign. Starring Rob Newman and Atilla the Stockbroker, 7pm-late, The Bread and Roses 68A Clapham Manor Street, London. Tickets £15/£10/£5 07904 431 959 **10 Black Panther speaking tour and benefit gig** with Ashram plus DJ's, The Cumberland Arms, Byker Buildings, Byker 7pm £3/2. **10-12 Wind Generators and Solar Electrical Systems** - learn to run household appliances with wind and solar power. Redfield Community, Buckinghamshire. £150/100 all meals and accommodation included. Contact LILI, Redfield Community, Buckingham Road, Winslow, Bucks, MK18 3L. 01296 714184 www.greendragonenergy.co.uk www.lowimpact.org **11 Plan Colombia and its impact on human rights and the environment**. Two women speakers from the Colombia Solidarity Campaign talk about US military intervention in Latin America. News From Nowhere Club, The Epicentre, West St, (Leton Station) Free 020 8555 5248 **11 Sources of Radicalism** - the history of popular protest and radical social, political and cultural movements, Manchester. £7/£3, including lunch. Early booking advised. anne.morrow@man.ac.uk www.leftdirect.co.uk/sources.htm **11 Was your granny a Suffragette?** The Women's Library, Old Castle St., London. 020 8858 5545 **11 Fanclub, the anticonsumerist group**, at the Dundee Centre for Contemporary Art. www.fanclubbers.org **12 How can we save the countryside?** talk and discussion on the proposals of the Curry Report on the Future of Farming. £15 including lunch, tea and coffee. 9.30am-6.00pm at Braziers Park, Ipsden, Nr Wallingford, Oxon. 01702 556600 agkipps@hotmail.com **12 Poole Skate Fest**, Baiter Park, trick competitions in Skateboarding, Inline and BMX with new music talent from Hip Hop to Punk 11am-8pm www.temptfate.co.uk **12 Speak Out Against Racism: Don't let the extreme right set the agenda**. Rally in Trafalgar Square, followed by march and human chain around Parliament. 1pm Trafalgar Square AA_R@compuserve.com **14 Invest in caring not killing!** Arab & Jewish women speak out against the holocaust in Palestine. Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London. 7pm £3/£1 020 7482 2496 <http://womenstrike8m.server101.com> **15 Prison activist and former Black Panther Robert King Wilkerson**, one of the prisoners known as "the Angola 3" will be speaking in Easton Community Centre, Bristol 8pm. www.marsbard.com/kebele **15 Benefit for Faslane Peace Camp/ Ploughshares** 8.30pm, Nice N Sleazy, Sauchiehall St, Glasgow. 0131 664 3231 **15 What's wrong with the war** - 'Not in my Name' and 'Greetings from Missile Street' Part of Tyneside Radical Film Festival at The Side Cinema, Newcastle Quayside 5.30 pm and 8pm 0191 2724635 radical.filmfest@tesco.net **15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day Ceremony**, Tavistock Square, London. 020 7424 9444. Temple of Peace, Cardiff, 12.30-2.30 pm 01446 774452 **16 'Zero de Conduite'** a film by Jean Vigo. Followed by discussion. Organised by Nought for Conduct Film Club 7.30pm Marchmont Community Centre Marchmont Street, London. £2/£1 07946 214590 **17 Anarchy's big problem**. Talk and discussion, London Anarchist Forum, 8pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London. £2 donation appreciated LAF@anarchic.co.uk **17-19 Knockengoroch festival** in the remote Galloway glen of the Water of Deugh, Scotland. Featuring Zion Train, Croft Number 5, Burach, Nusa, Trudge Euphoria and the Wallace Clan with DJ's from Eden, Tonque n Groove and Flying Rhino plus many more folk, roots and world musicians Also open stage, session tents, stalls, story-telling, sculpture park, a multitude of workshops and demonstrations of country crafts, fine food, real ale. Tickets £28.50 £25. Young children free. Free camping. 01644 460662 www.knockengoroch.org.uk **17-19 Wheaton Aston Festival**, near Telford, Shropshire. "We're a small, warm and friendly Festival and have great music - an eclectic line-up of music, song and

dance, some familiar, some less so, but all of the very best. The Festival occurs within the village and as well as concerts, there'll be sessions, workshops, street activities and dancing, a French ball, craft fair, food available and a campsite near the village centre." Weekend ticket £27. (camping £3 per person) www.wheatonastonfestival.supanet.com **18 National rally and demonstration for Palestine** Noon Hyde Park for march to Trafalgar Square. www.palestinecampaign.org Coaches from Brighton 01273 329925 **18 HAG Cabaret benefit for the Cowley Club** 8pm, Ray Tindle Centre, Brighton £5 in advance from Peace Centre/£6 on the nite. **18 Stop ESSO Day II** The aim is to boycott every Esso garage in the UK. 0870 0109510 www.stopesso.com **18 Magpie 10th anniversary festival**, Saunders Park, Brighton. FREE **19 McLibel Anniversary of the 1997 High Court Victory!!** Leaflets from Veggies: 0845 4589595 **20 Join Christian CND in visiting Embassies of the nuclear weapons states** to ask how they are progressing in their "undertaking...to...accomplish...nuclear disarmament." 020 7700 4200 **22 An introduction to the Trade Justice Movement**, led by Elened Jones of Christian Aid. 7 30pm Trinity Church Hall, Woodland Place, Penarth. 02920 711943, philip@kingstonp.fsnet.co.uk **22-24 Temporary Autonomous Art 5** "Explosion of art and culture from the underground. Gallery space and cafe throughout with all contributions welcome. Thursday night is open access film night and Friday night host live music and performance." mid-day to midnight. Free. 07050 614804 <http://randomartists.org> **24 10th Anniversary of the legendary Castlemorton Free Festival** "Diverse meeting of all soundsystems and all walks of life - sometime around then but expect date to change, don't expect a venue until the last moment, if at all." www.guilfin.net/database/showevent.php3?ev_id=evINET1140 **25 Maidstone Green Fair**, Mote Park, Maidstone, Kent FREE. Two or three music stages and various incidental entertainments. Blues, folk, jazz rock and world, with markets, arts and crafts, kids activities, street theatre and workshops. Midday until about 9pm. **25 Campaigning For Peace**. A series of events looking at women's roles as campaigners, including Vera Brittain's pacifism, Greenham Common protests and women's role in Afghanistan. 12 noon The Women's Library, Old Castle St., London. 020 8858 5545 sam@chamerlainmcauley.co.uk **25 Samba Festival** hosted by Brightons Carnival Collective. All the UK's samba bands coming together in one place...arghhhh **25 Sixth Global Boycott Procter & Gamble Day**. Last year activists in over 25 countries took 130 separate actions to highlight Procter & Gamble's cruel and unnecessary animal testing policies, conveying the message "If you buy Procter & Gamble products, you are actively supporting and sustaining animal testing." www.uncaged.co.uk 0114-2722220 **25 James Connolly/Bobby Sands commemoration**. March and rally starting at Seven Sisters Tube at 1pm and marching to Haringey Irish Centre, Pretoria Road, London. Wolfe Tone Society 020-8442 8778 www.wolfeone.org.uk **25/26 Permaculture Introductory Weekend**, Bowlers Community Nursery, 81 Crouch Hill, London. Full cost £80, but negotiable. 0845 4584697 naturewise1@hotmail.com **26 Save Titnore Woods**. Protest against threat to destroy ancient woodland. 2pm Titnore Lane entrance to Northbrook College, Durrington, Worthing (Goring-by-Sea railway station). Bring banners, music and food. www.worthinga27.freeseve.co.uk **28 Annual Levellers Day**, Warwick Hall Garden, Burford, Oxon. "Space, Peace or War" speakers include Bruce Kent (CND), Lindis Percy (peace campaigner and base invader) £8. **29 Questioning Development** - 'Work in Progress' and 'Ancient Futures: Learning from Ladakh' Part of the Tyneside Radical Film Festival at The Side Cinema, Newcastle Quayside (near Crown Posada Pub, Dean St.) 5.30 pm and 8pm 0191 2724635 radical.filmfest@tesco.net The Bell Centre, Blaenllechau, Wales 11am-11pm ffaldau2000@hotmail.com **31-2 June Feeling Of Life Festival** - 'somewhere' "A Celebration of 14 years of the scene representing music from the past and the present in a happy - safe environment inc systems from all over the U.K. . A Party With True Free Party Spirit. www.dubb-it-up.com **31-2 June Off The Tracks Festival**, Donnington Park, Isley Walton. The Levellers, Nagus, Prego, Andy Boles, Diego Brown and the Good Fairy Jerry Carnhill ~ Spokane. "The organisers of this intimate gathering are old festival heads steering clear of the money-motivated corporate trend. They aim to create an honest, friendly event for up to 1,500 people." Weekend tickets with camping £25 advance 01332 384518 www.offthetracks.co.uk

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JUNE

1 London-Stonehenge Walk leaves Battersea Park Peace Pagoda. **1 Scottish CND Peace Carnival "Love the Planet"**, George Square, Glasgow. **1 Jambouree against the Jubilee** Bristol Centre (Fountains/St Augustines Parade) "Instead of celebrating a tired old bitch with shit dress sense... We want to have a party. We'll see what they do to try and stop us..." black_cat_collective@yahoo.co.uk **1 Anti Jubilee/Anti Royal street party** in streets around Kennington Oval. MA'M are meeting at Brixton Ritzy cinema with a Guillotine to take to the party peacefully at Midday. www.fuckthejubilee.com 07931 301901. **1-2 Homelands** The Bowl, Matterley Estate, Winchester, Hampshire. £50 to line the pockets of corporate cock-suckers Mean Fiddler for you to be herded like sheep, overcharged for water and spied on by the cops. One not to miss. 020 8963 0940 www.homelands.co.uk Why Meanfiddler are tossers : www.urban75.com/Rave/raverant.html **2-4 Up the republic! Stuff the Monarchy!** Weekend of music, debate, videos, talks, practical sessions and direct action at Clwb y Bont, Pontypridd, Wales. 02920 830029 stuffthemonarchy@yahoo.co.uk **3 Kingston Green Fair**, Canbury Gardens, Kingston upon Thames 11am-8pm. £4 www.gfutures.demon.co.uk/events.htm **3 Deconstruction**, Finsbury Park, London. Punk rock, extreme sports and music. £17.50 from www.ticketmaster.com **3-16 Isle of Wight Festival**. Back after 32 years, a mix of rock, blues, jazz, samba, folk and world music. Starts with a rock concert (with The Charlatans, Ash and more) for 25,000 at Seaclose Park, Newport. Tickets only in advance. Blues, Folk and World Music weekend 8/9 June, Jazz and Samba 15/16 June. Over 100 events in 75 different venues www.isleofwightfestival.com **4 Execute the Queen Street Party**, 10.30am at Tower Hill for judgement and execution. 07931301901/07946687192 on the day for details of where we are later on, including evening entertainment. www.fuckthejubilee.com **6 Why International Law embarrasses the UN**. Erskine Childers lecture by Dennis Halliday (who resigned as Iraqi weapons inspector because UN Sanctions are killing so many people.) At Friends' House, Euston Road, London. 020 8399 2547 **7-11 Earth Spirit Festival Spring Awakening Camp**, near Tunbridge Wells, Kent. music, dance, kids stuff, crafts, healing, camping, eco forum, workshops. £75 01273 685553 **7 Commonpoverty as opposed to commonwealth**. Manchester radical political arts festival to coincide with the Commonwealth Games. Half legitimate, half more spontaneous. june7@corporatedirtbag.com **7 So Lost In Music**, Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire. Dance fest. 1pm-6am £43.25 www.lavishpromotions.co.uk **7-15 Faslane Peace Camp celebrates 20 years** outside the Trident nuclear submarine base near Glasgow. Contact Faslane Peace Camp, A814, Shandon, near Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, G84 8NT. Tel 01436 820901 www.faslanepacecamp.com **8 Strawberry Fair**, Midsummer Common, Cambridge. Free. SchNEWS favourite one day free festie. 01223 560160 www.strawberry-fair.org.uk **8-16 Stop the Arms Trade Week** www.caat.org.uk **12 Direct from Palestine 'Frontiers of Dreams and Fears.'** Part of Tyneside Radical Film Festival at The Side Cinema, Newcastle Quayside 5.30pm/8pm. 0191 2724635 radical.filmfest@tesco.net **13 March and Rally for Palestine**. 1pm Speakers Corner, Hyde Park, then march to Trafalgar Square. www.islamevents.com **13-18 Trident Ploughshares Disarmament camp** at Aldermaston Atomic Weapons Establishment, near Reading, Berkshire 01324 880744 www.gn.apc.org/tp2000 **15 Albion Community Arts Trust benefit night**, Norwich Arts Centre to help fund the Earlham Park Festival www.albionarts.org **15 Heavyfest II** with Sloth, Evil Kneivel and The Sex Maniacs. 2pm-late. The 1 in 12 club, Bradford £7/£6 01274 7344160 **15-16 Leamington Peace Festival** free www.peacefestival.org.uk **15 SK8+** Springfield Park, Hackney, hip-hop, skate-metal and graffiti art. Free. www.stokenewingtonfestival.co.uk **16-22 Stoned 2002** "Environmental arts and healing festival." Help create a massive stone labyrinth around the ancient Ryedown standing stone in time for the solstice sunrise. Only £145! www.stoned2002.co.uk **17 Refugee week: 'Underground Orchestra'** Part of the Tyneside Radical Film Festival, The Side Cinema, Newcastle Quayside 5.30pm/8pm 0191 2724635 radical.filmfest@tesco.net **17-23 Refugee Week**. www.refugeecouncil.org.uk Local campaigns and direct action through out the week. **20-21 Dartford Festival**, Central Park. FREE Diverse festival including music from Headmix, Nucleus Roots, Rory McLoud, Top Cats, Tarantism as well as dog shows and the Dartford half marathon! 01322 343961 www.dartfordfestival.co.uk **21 Summer Solstice: sunrise 4.53am** **22 Gatecrasher**, Turweston Aerodrome, Brackley, Northamptonshire. 15 hours for £50 Tel: 0870 1210121 www.gatecrasher.co.uk **28-30 Glastonbury Festival SOLD OUT** www.glastonbury-festival.co.uk (see SchNEWS 340) News from Guilfin "Mean Fiddler, who organise Reading in such a methodical and efficient manner ARE involved ... the local council insisted on them being in charge of site infrastructure. Reports suggest they get 20% of the net profit now, rising to 40%. They are not in charge of the actual festy. Yet. The Traveler's Field is apparently a big no-no ... they were more complaints about that than anything else last time. If a big party goes off outside the fence this time, the council are threatening to imprison Eavis." Open letter from Michael Eavis on why people shouldn't jump the fence. www.glastonburyfestivals.co.uk/michaelsletter.html Stuff about the Mean Fiddler security www.guilfin.net/reports/?id=rwINET941 This will make you puke - VIP's helicoptering into the festival. www.flyglastonbury.com Latest is that Guilfins Ambient Lounge, Squall and the Greenpeace stage have been refused tickets. Rumours of free festies gathering pace...we will keep you posted.

JULY

5-7 Winchester Hat Fair Britain's longest running festival of street theatre. 01962 849841 www.hatfair.co.uk **5-7 Big Chill Enchanted Garden**, Larmer Tree Gardens, Wiltshire. Tickets £99/£25 kids. 020 7503 7504 www.bigchill.net **6 London Mardi Gras**, Hackney Marshes, London. £17. www.londonmardigras.com **6 Thurrock Music Festival**, Orsett Showground, nr Orsett, Essex. back-to-roots event for unsigned bands and DJs. £5 in advance. Profits to charity. www.tmfonline.co.uk **7 Ambient Green Picnic**, Shalford Park, Guildford, Surrey. www.ambientpicnic.co.uk **12-14 Willow Festival** FREE 120 bands on six stages over three days - just avoid the Queens Jubilee bullshit. Volunteers needed. Limited camping 01733 346529 www.willowfestival.co.uk **13-14 T in the Park**, Balado, by Kinross, Scotland Tickets £37.50 per day, or £74 for the weekend with camping. www.tinthepark.com **18-21 Larmer Tree Festival**, Larmer Tree Gardens, Wiltshire. Family folk festival in 11 acres of garden. Weekend adult tickets with camping £68. www.larmertree.demon.co.uk **19-21 Guildford Festival**, Stoke Park, Guildford, Surrey. including Fun Loving Criminals and Rolf Harris. Children's area, craft stalls, and Guilfin Ambient Lounge. £30 per day or £90 for the weekend, including camping. 01483 536270 www.guildford-live.co.uk **19-28 Noborder-Actioncamp in Strasbourg**. 'A ten-day laboratory of creative resistance and civil disobedience to demand freedom of movement.' www.noborder.org **20-21 Truck Festival**, Hill Farm, nr Abingdon, Steventon, Oxon. Ticket includes camping on Saturday night. 07979 646 815 "There is no cut throat capitalism here, no huge entry fees, and huge advertising boards. It's a nice day out in the country side with a few beviies and a plethora of bands." www.truckrecords.com **20-21 Ashton Court Festival, Bristol** - finest free event in the West Country www.ashtoncourtfestival.com **24-28 The Big Green Gathering**. Venue to be announced. 01932 229911 www.big-green-gathering.com **26-28 WOMAD** Rivermead, Reading, Berkshire. World music festival. Ticket bookings 0118 939 0930 www.womad.org **27 Godskitchen**, Long Marston Airfield, nr Stoke-Upon-Trent, Dance Festival 4pm-7am Tickets £45 plus booking fee. www.godskitchen.com

AUGUST

2- 4 Essential Music Festival, Hackney Marshes, London www.essentialfestival.com **2-4 The Big Weekend**, Cardiff. FREE www.cardiff.gov.uk **3-4 Nottingham Riverside Festival** www.nottinghamevents.org **4-11 The Brakspear Bitter Ealing Jazz Festival**, Walpole Park, Ealing. www.ealing.gov.uk **8-11 Welsh Green Gathering**, Margham Country Park, near Port Talbot. 01267 267500 www.big-green-gathering.com/wgg/WGG2.html **8-11 Cropredy Festival** nr Banbury, Oxfordshire. Fun with Fairport Convention. £55 for the weekend but bikers and backpackers go free. www.fairportconvention.co.uk **9-12 Shambala Festival**, mystery countryside location, revealed with ticket purchase "The south-west's best-kept secret, entertainment from live bands and DJs, cinema, workshops, children's activities." £30 www.shambalafestival.org **10 Gay Pride festival, Preston Park, Brighton**. Parade begins at 11am. Celebrating the Queens 50 years on the throne with a gold and glitzy theme in Preston Park www.prideinbrightonandhove.com **10-11 Eden Festival**, Arrowse Park, Wirral FREE Indie / Rock festival with an environmental theme. www.wga.merseyside.org **16-18 The Big Chill festival**, Eastnor Caastle, Herefordshire "Cinema, cafe culture, poetry recitals and performance art blend with the cool vibe music." www.bigchill.net **23 Canterbury Festival**, Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill Near Faversham Kent So far confirmed The Stranglers, The Damned, Rick Wakeman, Pretty Things. £80 (children under 14 free), including camping. canterburysoundfestival@hotmail.com www.canterburyfestival.com **24 Creamfields**, Old Liverpool Airfield 2pm-6am £46 plus booking fee. www.cream.co.uk **24-25 Deepdale Jazz Festival** Tel: 01485 210404 www.deepdalejazzfestival.co.uk **24-26 Notting Hill Carnival**. Second largest carnival in the world after Rio - and it's all FREE. www.rbkc.gov.uk/NottingHill **26 Colchester Free Festival**, massive free community arts festival held in Castle Park, Colchester 10.30am-7pm www.colchesterfreefestival.co.uk, 01206 531185 / 07950716365, **29-31 Eastern Green Gathering** near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk www.easterngreengathering.com **30-1 Sept Off The Tracks Festival** at Donnington Park, Isley Walton near Castle Donnington Folk, roots, dance and fusion 01332 384518 www.offthetracks.co.uk

FREE PARTY QUICKIE GUIDE

Despite the best attempts of the authorities free parties still happen up and down the country every week. Here's a few quick do's and don'ts

- Be prepared to be self-sufficient, facilities could be minimal
- Park sensibly, keep site roads clear
- Be friendly to local residents, rambblers etc.
- Don't be anti-social - bury your shit and don't drop litter
- Don't take drugs. They're illegal don't you know.
- Fires - use dead not green wood (which won't burn anyway)
- Make a donation - if someone passes round a bucket don't be sick in it, but hand over some cash. It costs money to put on free parties.

More helpful tips www.schnews.org.uk/diyguide/howtohaveafreeparty.htm
To get in touch with free party systems around the country see www.guilfin.net/extra/freeparties.php3

Group 4 Profit

It's still unclear what happened to the asylum seekers still missing after the Yarl's Wood Detention Centre fire in February (SchNEWS 348). After the fire, detainees were described as 'being at large', but a former detention officer recently contacted a Bedfordshire paper to say that she believes a group of 10 detainees who were in the prayer room were killed in the fire.

Campaigners calling for an independent enquiry into the incident have so far been ignored. In what appears to be a massive cover up, witnesses to the event are being deported and 10 of the detainees have now been charged with "violent disorder". An Early Day Motion calling for an independent enquiry and the halt of deportations, has so far only been signed by 48 MP's. You can fax your MP free through www.ncadc.org.uk and ask them to sign EDM1048.

Meanwhile Group 4 who run Yarl's Wood and Campfield Detention Centre in Oxfordshire, are making big bucks out of making asylum seekers lives a misery. They've recently bought up Wakenhut the company that runs all of Australia's detention centres and other centres around the world with a total of 40,000 units. With the planned expansion of asylum detention in the UK under Labour's new immigration law Group 4 must be glad they've got involved in the 'immigration industry'.

Up the Rector

An Essex Vicar who was under investigation by the police for an article about the September 11th attacks has had his case dropped. Rev. Nigel Cooper in his monthly letter to parishioners expressed his opinion that the 3000 people that died in the Twin Towers weren't entirely innocent. Both towers were full of people working for the banks that fund the IMF, who in turn cause 30,000 deaths a day in the southern hemisphere. He also thought Bush was a greater threat to peace than terrorism, and that the US response was more to do with fighting for an empire than for civilisation. One reader took offence to the article and contacted the thought police who obviously couldn't find anything wrong with the comments, and have discontinued their investigations.

Crooks

This month the International Criminal Court was finally ratified by enough countries to be established (SchNEWS 326). It's aim is to "investigate and bring to justice individuals who commit war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide." Shame it can't try crimes committed before 1 July 2002, the date it officially comes into force otherwise you'd have a few ex-US presidents and advisors running for cover. As it is George W is doing all he can to make sure he won't be appearing in the Hague, by refusing to ratify the treaty. China, Israel and Iraq are also refusing to sign up, no prizes for guessing why! www.iccnw.org www.hrw.org

Charlatans

In Rio de Janeiro in 1992 World leaders met to discuss what they were going to do about our polluted planet. The decade since Rio has seen rampant destruction of our environment. This September 10 years later - leaders are meeting again in Johannesburg, South Africa, to pat each other on the back and vow to carry on as normal. Campaigners going to Johannesburg are demanding that an international court for crimes against the earth be set up, and are asking people for their nominations. Post yours at www.resistencisfertility.org.earthcrimes

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SchNEWS in brief

Cops in Montreal, Canada are carrying out mass arrests on people who are having the cheek to get out and demonstrate. In March 371 people were held for five hours before being arrested on a demo in support of International day against police brutality. And last Friday hundreds of people demonstrating against G8 labour ministers (the G8 is made up of the eight most industrialised nations of the world) being in town were surrounded and 170 arrested, the majority charged with "unlawful assembly." <http://montreal.indymedia.org> ** The controversial **Itoiz dam in Spain** has been declared illegal by the Spanish Supreme Court. The Court upheld its opinion that filling the dam is illegal, due to the fact that it would destroy three nature reserves. Previous rulings have however so far failed to stop the building of the dam. ** Last weekend activists managed to storm the stage at the **Annual get together of Bayer** in Germany to let the company know that their new venture into Genetically Modified (GM) crops isn't going to go unopposed. All the activists were removed by security, but not before they were given the chance to vote on a number of shareholder issues, as they all had share certificates. Bayer, at the end of last year bought up biotech baddies Aventis Crop Science, this acquisition will make them the leading company pushing for the commercialisation of GM crops in Europe. www.Bayerhazard.com ** **Wales now has it's own bi-lingual Indymedia** site at www.indycymru.org.uk ** **OneWorld** have set up a video website showing documentaries about global issues www.oneworld.net. Contributions welcome contact tv@oneworld.net ** **A-spire, the Leeds squatted social centre** is facing eviction next Wednesday. Events are running till then, including : Talks and Videos on International Resistance on Monday (6th) from 5pm, followed by a benefit gig, and an anti fascist speaker on Tuesday (7th) 07796 343 085 www.a-spire.org.uk ** **The Locomotive Works squat** (ex-Harvest Forestry shop, 1 New England Street) in Brighton, set up to oppose the Sainsbury's development is facing eviction on Tuesday (7th), see it before it's gone and lend a hand.

Inside SchNEWS

Satpal Ram was sentenced to life imprisonment after defending himself against a violent racist attack, he has been moved 72 times in the 13 years he has been inside and SchNEWS reckons this is some sort of Guinness Book of Records. Satpal is now back in open prison. He'd like to thank all those who faxed and wrote over the last period. Though he is back in open conditions, he is grounded for a month for risk assessment. write direct to him: Satpal Ram, HMP Blantyre House, Horden, Goudhurst, Kent, TN17 2NH. Or email the campaign SatpalRam@satpalram.connectfree.co.uk

* Long-term US anarchist prisoner **Harold H. Thompson** is challenging a decision that will decide whether inmates across the States are able to receive mail containing so called 'political content'. Currently up to 25,000 prisoners receive anarchist, environmental or animal rights literature. SchNEWS itself has had newsletters returned because apparently the content was 'unsuitable.' One supporter told SchNEWS "This is a seriously heavyweight legal contest with far-reaching implications for every prisoner held in US jails nationwide, particularly those prepared to stand and fight the system from behind cell bars." Harold desperately needs more money to fight the case. Donations can be sent to (payable to Friends of Harold H.Thomson) PO Box 375, Knaphill, Woking, Surrey, GU21 2XL

Positive SchNEWS

Poolsbrook in Derbyshire is set to become the first village in Europe to set up a power station fuelled by methane piped from their rubbish tip to heat homes and generate electricity. The villagers set up a limited company and are raising the £2million they need for the project. The prices will be set by the villagers themselves at a meeting and the profit the company makes will be put back into community activities. It will cut the heating bills in half and drastically reduce CO2 emissions. Brian Cave-from Poolsbrook heating development said "We have a high ratio of unemployed, single parent families and pensioners so affordable heat is vital to them."

Can-Can't

The Can Masdeu squatted social centre in Barcelona, which played a major part in March's massive protests against the EU summit, was surrounded by police on Tuesday. As SchNEWS went to press the centre was being blockaded by 14 vans and police are refusing protesters inside access to food, water and blankets. They have so far failed to evict the squatters because a judge has said doing so would endanger the lives of 10 people who are hanging from ropes in various parts of the building. Attempts have been made to get food and blankets to them, including one by a group of 15 women who tried to break the police line and a mass action involving 200 people that was violently dealt with by the police. Just to be nice they also prevented the people who were injured in the actions from getting any medical attention. People are arriving continually to Can Masdeu to show support. 120 people stopped the traffic in both directions on the Rhonda de Dalt (a major ring-road) for an hour in solidarity. Police are threatening to move the ropes that the people inside are suspended from if there are more attempts to get them food <http://barcelona.indymedia.org>

...and finally...

Steven Boffey has just landed himself one of the most environmentally destructive jobs in the West Midlands. Employed by Midland Expressway, the corporate crooks behind the new Birmingham Northern Relief Road (BNRR) (Britains first toll road); his job is to encourage 100,000 drivers a day to use their brand new spanking road. The catch is that they have to pay a toll for the privilege. The road will be built with private investment, and Boffey's job will be to ensure that his new bosses line their pockets whilst the local people continue to suffer from shit air quality. SchNEWS tried to contact Mr Boffey to discuss the benefits of his road over say the spaghetti junction, but he was unavailable, undoubtedly having a laugh at our expense. Cos' with £400million of tax payers money being spent on widening the M42 near the toll road, to cope with increased traffic, rather than on public transport, the locals aren't going to have any alternative other than to jump in their cars. The BNRR 'M6 Toll experience' is due to open in 2004. Contact Mr Boffey to discuss his job on 0845 6013611. More info on opposition to the road at www.ds.dial.pipex.com/beep/bnrr

*AMEC the nasty construction company who are involved in the BNRR also are playing their part in the Yusefeli Dam project in Turkey. They are having their AGM next Wednesday (8th) and would love to see you. Protests are planned. Meet 10am Speaker's Corner at the Marble Arch End of Hyde Park. Contact 0207566 1681 kathb@foe.co.uk www.ilisu.org.uk

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