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## SUMMIT OUTTA NUFFIN

**"It is dangerous to assume that the goals of the private sector are somehow synonymous with those of the United Nations, because most emphatically they are not. Business and industry are driven by the profit motive... The work of the United Nations, on the other hand, is driven by a set of ethical principles."** - Carol Bellamy, Executive Director UNICEF.

Oil companies, chemical corporations and mining multinationals will be heading to Johannesburg, South Africa in the next few months - because they want to help save the planet with a new brand of greenwash.

The biggest United Nations Conference for a decade will take place from August 26<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> when over 60,000 delegates are expected to attend the World Summit on Sustainable Development - or Rio + 10 because it is 10 years since the first UN Earth Summit in Rio, Brazil. Ten years on and the planet is in more of a mess than ever.

Issues on the agenda include poverty eradication, unsustainable patterns of consumption, sustainable management of resources and how to make globalisation work for everyone, but it's the profit-hungry corporations who are muscling-in to make sure that instead of agreeing real solutions it will be 'carry on profiteering' for big business.

Major lobby groups like the International Chamber of Commerce, the World Business Council for Sustainable Development and their latest offspring, Business Action for Sustainable Development (BASD) will be flying the corporate flag. BASD's main task is to make sure that business interests are secured at the summit, so they've been busy finding examples of good business practice to use as proof of good 'corporate citizenship'. Just because there are some examples of companies doing some good, for the sake of PR doesn't mean they promote these values all the time. Still, who cares about all that - these good examples are being aggressively marketed to show these companies as 'good guys' and used to demand that there is no need for any legally binding agreements at the summit, because the environment is safe in their hands. It's all about partnerships, but as Erik Wesselius from Corporate Europe Observatory comments "The most vocal supporters of the partnership approach are generally corporations from some of the most environmental and socially dodgy industries - namely oil, gas, chemicals and mining." For them the so-called partnership approach is an ideal marketing opportunity for what is known in the business as greenwashing.

Green-wash is the term used for corpora-

tions who spend millions on adverts telling the world how green they are, while behind the scenes they do everything they can to oppose or avoid any social or environmental law that might harm their profits.

Former Shell boss Sir Mark Moody Stuart is now head of BASD and knows a thing or two about greenwashing. After being taken to the cleaners over the proposal to dump the Brent Spar oil rig in the sea and its oil exploration of Ogoni land in Nigeria, Shell have been busy re-branding themselves as a responsible company. Their 'People, Planet, and Profits' report has been heralded as 'ground-breaking', with this new type of 'environmental and social reporting' all part of the greenwash process. As one of the business lobby groups admits, the reports give "increased credibility" while not requiring companies to fundamentally change anything.

### Green Wash and Go

So in the lead up to Johannesburg we get BASD pushing partnerships like the Energy and Biodiversity Initiative, the Global Mining Initiative, and the Responsible Care program. But as Corporate Europe Observatory point out "These projects are largely an attempt to improve the corporate members' tarnished images. They are also a reaction to pressure by campaign and community groups or as a move to pre-empt binding regulation." For example, the Responsible Care program, long criticised as greenwash by campaign groups and academics, was established by the chemical industry after the Bhopal disaster where a Union Carbide plant leaked poisonous gas killing 4,000 people instantly and injuring tens of thousands more (see SchNEWS 238). The move effectively killed off efforts to tougher regulations.

We get sustainable mining reports funded by er... mining companies, among them notorious companies such as Rio Tinto and Freeport McMoran.

We get the European Union pushing the World Trade Organisation's so called 'Doha Development Agenda' (SchNEWS 332) agreed back in November last year, with claims that it will benefit the world's poorest countries and so contribute to 'sustainable development'. Forget the fact that corporate globalisation has increased poverty and environmental degradation around the world.

We get the UN, working with some of the world's most notorious human rights and environment abusers.

We get warnings from BASD that anyone who dares calls for tougher regulations on corporations must be part of the lunatic fringe.

And we get thousands of delegates being

### CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

**For looking happy!**

In Iran, on the anniversary death of Ruhallah Khomeini, the main man who turned the country into an Islamic state, police and military arrested anyone who "looked happy" or seemed to have "enjoyed" the date.

wined and dined and put up in posh Sheraton hotels, nextdoor to the black shanty towns of Alexandra and Soweto.

In fact we're sick of it. - As Corporate Europe Observatory tell us "The world's leaders need to start listening to the demands by civil society groups and ordinary people, that business can not be allowed to continue as usual. Unless a dramatic U-turn in policy and approach is made soon, Johannesburg risks becoming little more than a propaganda circus." Or as Jens from ASEED puts it "The World Summit promises to be a shambles but will no doubt be promoted as a success...the immense amount of money and time could have been spent on something a lot more useful."

\*For more of the above see [www.corporateeurope.org/observer11/rio](http://www.corporateeurope.org/observer11/rio)

\* Recommended reading: Codes in Context by Corner House 01258 473795 <http://cornerhouse.icaap.org>

\* A SEED have called for a Global Day of Action on August 31<sup>st</sup> against big business muscling in on sustainable development. [www.aseed.net](http://www.aseed.net). To find about more about their campaign against the privatisation of the UN email [uncorp@aseed.antenna.nl](mailto:uncorp@aseed.antenna.nl)

\* The Greenwash Academy are looking for nominations. [www.earthsummit.biz](http://www.earthsummit.biz)

\* The South African government has warned groups not to protest and spoil the Earth Summit, but demonstrations will happen whether they like it or not. Keep an eye on <http://southafrica.indymedia.org>

\* The recently published Global Environment Outlook predicts the destruction of 70% of the natural world, mass extinction of species and the collapse of human society in many countries in the next 30 years unless radical action is taken. Written by over a thousand scientists and compiled for the UN, partly as a wake up call to world leaders in the run up to the Johannesburg summit, the report also paints 'four environmental scenarios'. One includes the current pattern of free trade and short term profit at the expense of the environment, which they say will lead to disaster. [www.un-ep.org](http://www.un-ep.org). Copies available from Earthscan 0207 278 0433 [www.earthscan.co.uk](http://www.earthscan.co.uk)

**FESTIVAL GUIDE INSIDE**

# IT'S yer SCHNEWS PARTY AND PROTEST GUIDE

**The film NOT THIS TIME - THE STORY OF THE SIMON JONES MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN** chronicles the death of Simon Jones on his first day as a casual worker - and the fightback, involving direct action against government agencies and departments, that forced a prosecution of those responsible for Simon's death.

The 20 date film tour has its first British date at the **Glastonbury Festival** Left field stage on Saturday night on the same bill as Billy Bragg and Mark Thomas. Dates in July: **London (3)** National Probation Service, 71-73 Great Peter Street (nearest tube St James Park) 1.30 pm **Banbury (3)** St John's Catholic Club, under St John's Church, South Bar 7.30pm, **Battersea (8)** Lara Community Centre, St Paul's Church, 92c St John's Hill (nearest rail Clapham Junction) 7.30pm, **East London (9)** London action resource centre, 62 Fieldgate Street (nearest tube Aldgate East) 8pm, **Bristol (10)** Easton Community Centre, Kuburn Street, Easton 7.30pm **London (16)** RMT Union, Somerstown Coffee House, 60 Chalton Street (nearest tube Mornington Crescent) 5pm, **Sheffield (17)** The Red Dear, Titt Street 7pm, **South London (18)** Union Tavern, Camberwell new Road (nearest tube Oval, nearest rail Vauxhall) 7pm, **Reading (19)** Global cafe-bar, RISC, London Street 7pm, **Brighton (21)** Sussex Arts Club, Ship Street 7.30pm, **Stokesly (22)** Stokesley Community Centre, Station Road 7pm, **Worthing (23)** Upstairs at The Downview (opposite West Worthing railway station) 7.45pm, **Leicester (23)** City Rooms, Hotel Street 6.30pm, **Manchester (24)** Hare & Hounds, Shude Hill 8.30pm, **Leeds (25)** Roger Stevens lecture theatre 15, Leeds University 7pm, **Hull (26)** Kingston Social Club, Beverley Road 7.30pm, **Leicester (11 Aug)** Phoenix Theatre, Upper Brown Street 5pm.

The 25 minutes film is available for five pounds including postage from the Simon Jones Memorial Campaign, PO Box 2,600, Brighton BN2 0EF. More information: [www.simonjones.org.uk](http://www.simonjones.org.uk) 01273-685913.

## JULY

**Unit 10 July Peace camp** Cape Wrath, Dumess, North West Scotland where warships from the US, UK, France, Sweden and Denmark will be taking part in live firing at the Cape Wrath ranges. The US Navy have been stopped from using the ranges in Puerto Rico after protests following the killing of several locals and the discovery that they were using depleted uranium "by accident". 0141-4231222 [www.banthebomb.org](http://www.banthebomb.org) **4 The annual 'Independence From America' demonstration**, Main Entrance of NSA Menwith Hill, near Harrogate, North Yorkshire 12-4pm. 01943-466405 [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk) **5-7 Winchester Hat Fair FREE** "The Hat Fair is Britain's longest running festival of street theatre, with oddball characters, breathtaking performance, unbelievable stunts, specialist circus, crazy clowning and new world music." 01962-849841 [www.hatfair.co.uk](http://www.hatfair.co.uk) **5-7 Big Chill Enchanted Garden**, Larmer Tree Gardens, Wiltshire. Sold Out 020-7503-7504 [www.bigchill.net](http://www.bigchill.net) **5-7 Bracknell Festival - Out There**, Southhill Park. Seems to have shaken off its folk festie with Lamb, David Byrne and Stereo MC's among the acts. 01344-484123: [www.outtherefestival.co.uk](http://www.outtherefestival.co.uk) **6 London Mardi Gras**, Hackney Marshes, London. £17. [www.londonmardigras.com](http://www.londonmardigras.com) **6 Thurrock Music Festival**, Orsett Showground, nr Orsett, Essex. A back-to-roots event for unsigned bands and DJs. 40+ live bands, two dance stages. Tickets £5 in advance (more on door). [www.tmfonline.co.uk](http://www.tmfonline.co.uk) **6-7 Diaspora free festival**, Regent's Park, London. noon-9pm 020-7456-0404 [www.culturalco-operation.org](http://www.culturalco-operation.org) **6-7 Ocean FM Balloon and Flower Festival**, Southampton Common. Free. [www.southampton.gov.uk](http://www.southampton.gov.uk) **7 Ambient Green Picnic**, Shalford Park, Guildford, Surrey. [www.ambientpicnic.co.uk](http://www.ambientpicnic.co.uk) **7 Peace Messenger Fair**, Hove Lawns. 01273 671213 [peacemessengeruk@yahoo.com](mailto:peacemessengeruk@yahoo.com) **7 Carnival against GM crops** Assemble 12.30pm outside the Black Boy Pub, Wexley, Essex. March and parade past GM crop farm to village fete against GM crops with Kids bouncy castle, music, car boot sale, tea and cakes, open forum on GM, organic produce, morris dancing, beer and much much more! 07931-638938 [www.nogm.cjb.net](http://www.nogm.cjb.net) **7 Israel-Palestine day long event** bringing together individuals from the region and from diaspora community (include music and poetry) Institute of Contemporary Arts The Mall, London 10am-7pm **7-8 Protest at the Manchester Military Tattoo at the M.E.N. Arena**. The event glorifies war, and in its literature, shows glossy photos of our troops in Afghanistan. Meet Friday 7th 6.30pm at the Post Office by Victoria Station. Contact 0161-273-8283 for details of possible pickets on the Saturday shows. **8-14 National Vegetarian Week** 0161-925-2000 [www.vegsoc.org](http://www.vegsoc.org)

**10-14 Earth First! Summer Gathering, West Country**. An opportunity for anyone interested in non-hierarchical environmental direct action to get together and spend Five days in the countryside learning new skills and discussing campaigns. With a range of practical workshops and theoretical discussions on everything from 'how to do an office occupation', facilitate meetings and run a newsletter to self defence, land collectives and community organising. Discussions on past, present and future UK campaigns, the implications of the global economy and building international resistance. [www.eco-action.org/gathering](http://www.eco-action.org/gathering)

**11 Nought for Conduct film night**. Matewan - true story of a West Virginia mining town that formed an unlikely union between striking hill-billy miners and black and Italian scabs in the 1920s. 7.30pm, Marchmont St Community Centre, Marchmont St, London. £2/£1. 07946-214590

[noughtforconduct@hotmail.com](mailto:noughtforconduct@hotmail.com) **12-14 Anarchist Youth Network first national conference/gathering**. Meet midday outside Holborn Tube Station. Free accommodation for those coming from outside of London. 07814-629780 [www.anarchistyouth.net](http://www.anarchistyouth.net) **12-14 Positive News Readers Weekend**, Herefordshire. 0845-458 4758 **12-14 Willow Festival FREE** The "region's largest rock and pop extravaganza set within the beautiful surroundings of the Embankment of the River Nene in Peterborough and is the culmination of the Peterborough Festival." 120 bands on six stages over three days - just avoid the Queens Jubilee bullshit. Volunteers needed. Limited camping 01733-346529 [www.willowfestival.co.uk](http://www.willowfestival.co.uk) **12-19 5th No one is Illegal-Camp** in Jena/Thuringia/Germany, on the 19th July a convoy will start from Jena to Strasbourg. [www.nadir.org/nadir/kampagnen/camp02/aufruf1e.htm](http://www.nadir.org/nadir/kampagnen/camp02/aufruf1e.htm) **13 Food for Life Festival**, Camden Centre, Judd St., London. 11am-7pm. 01273-777688 [www.factoryfarming.org.uk](http://www.factoryfarming.org.uk) **13 Hornsey History Bike Ride** 2pm Great Northern Railway Tavern, Hornsey High St, London **13- 14 Compost Toilet Design & Building Workshop**, Dial House North Essex (home of CRASS). [grahamburnett@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:grahamburnett@blueyonder.co.uk) 01702-303259 **13-14 Diaspora free festival**, Greenwich Park, London. noon-9pm. 020-7456-0404 [www.culturalco-operation.org](http://www.culturalco-operation.org) **13-14 T in the Park**, Balado, by Kinross. £37.50 per day, or £74 for the weekend with camping. [www.tinthePark.com](http://www.tinthePark.com) **13-14 Leicester Belgrave Mela**, Abbey Park. Asian arts and culture. Free [www.leicester-mela.co.uk](http://www.leicester-mela.co.uk) **14 Finest 2002**, Finsbury Park Community Festival 1-7 pm. World stage, youth entertainment; a photography contest; sports contest; a space for acoustic music and poetry; a children's village; market stalls; and a grand finale of a carnival procession. **16 INJUSTICE** - feature length documentary about struggles for justice by the families of people who have died in police custody in the UK - will have a special public screening at which the Attorney General, Lord Goldsmith QC, will be present to take part in a Q&A session after the film. 6.30pm at Prince Charles Cinema, 7 Leicester Place, London. 020-7494-3654 [www.injusticefilm.co.uk](http://www.injusticefilm.co.uk) **16-4 August Crisis** - an exhibition offering critical perspectives on the political upheavals of globalisation and the struggle against war, violence and injustice. Vaults at The Foundry 84-86 Great Eastern Street, Shoreditch, London. 020-7515-6291 **16-18 Tools for Change**. The 4th Groundswell self help forum. Bringing together homeless people, activists and housing professionals. At The Poderosa, Sheffield. 020-7737-5500 [www.groundswell.org.uk](http://www.groundswell.org.uk) **17-21 Buddhafield Gathering**, Devon. Advance booking only 020-8671-7144 [www.buddhafield.com \*\*18-21 Larmer Tree Festival\*\*, Larmer Tree Gardens, Wiltshire. Family folk festival in 11 acres of garden, surrounded by eastern temples, peacocks and Nepalese pagodas. Weekend adult tickets with camping £68. \[www.larmertree.demon.co.uk\]\(http://www.larmertree.demon.co.uk\) \*\*19-20 Wickerman Festival\*\*. Main stage, campsite, dance and cult music tents, children's area, trade stalls, alternative area, bars, a talent stage and food stalls. And Yes, they will burn a wickerman on both Friday and Saturday night. \[www.thewickermanfestival.co.uk\]\(http://www.thewickermanfestival.co.uk\) \*\*19-21 Guildford Festival\*\*, Stoke Park, Guildford. A main stage, comedy and dance tents, Aladdin's Cave - full of classic musical gems, comprehensive children's area and over 100 craft stalls. The Guilfin Ambient Lounge offers a 24-hour mellow performance zone, a daily open stage slot encourages participation from budding young and unknown musicians. £30 per day or £90 for the weekend, including camping. 01483 536270 \[www.guildford-live.co.uk\]\(http://www.guildford-live.co.uk\) \*\*19-21 Video Activist Training Weekend\*\*, Oxford. A few places left for a video activism residential course in Oxford - and its free. 01865-203661 \[hamish\\\_campbell@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:hamish\_campbell@hotmail.com\) \*\*19-21 Festival at the Edge\*\*, Stoke Barns, Much Wenlock, Shropshire. Storytelling festival. Weekend ticket including camping £35. \[www.festivalattheedge.org\]\(http://www.festivalattheedge.org\) \*\*20 Respect Festival\*\*, Victoria Park, Tower Hamlets, London. Free anti-racist festie. 020-7983-4000 \[www.london.gov.uk/respect\]\(http://www.london.gov.uk/respect\) \*\*20 Rally against GM crops in Cheshire\*\*. 0161 232 0860 \*\*20-27 Blitz Festival\*\* "A radical political arts festival will be held in Manchester UK, timed to coincide with the opening celebrations of the Commonwealth Games. The 20<sup>th</sup> will be a big opening party with Undercurrents, BeyondTV and others showing films and bands playing right through the day. The end celebrations on the 27<sup>th</sup> will be more spontaneous and bizarre. \[www.nato.uk.net\]\(http://www.nato.uk.net\) No Sweat - the anti sweatshop campaign - will also be doing actions before, during and after the games. 0161-861-7160 \[manchester@nosweat.org\]\(mailto:manchester@nosweat.org\) \*\*20-21 Truck Festival\*\*, Hill Farm, Near Abingdon, Steventon, Oxfordshire. 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 beves and a plethora of bands." \[www.truckrecords.com\]\(http://www.truckrecords.com\) \*\*20-21 Ashton Court Festival\*\*, Bristol - finest free event in the West Country \[www.ashtoncourtfestival.com\]\(http://www.ashtoncourtfestival.com\) \*\*20-21 Organic & Real Food Festival\*\*, Powderham Castle, Kenton, nr. Exeter. 01934-813407 \[www.naturalhealthshows.co.uk\]\(http://www.naturalhealthshows.co.uk\) \*\*20-21 Home Herbal Training\*\*. Skills and Inspirations for a greener future. 01503 250135 \[ediblewolfpeaches@btinternet.com\]\(mailto:ediblewolfpeaches@btinternet.com\) \*\*21 A year to the day that protester Carlo Giuliani was shot dead by Italian riot police\*\*. Jonathan Neale will talk about his new book describing the dramatic events at the Genoa G8 summit. The Foundry 84-86 Great Eastern Street, Shoreditch, London, 7pm 020 7515 6291 \*\*24 No to GM Crop Commercialisation\*\*. 12 noon Victoria Tower Gardens, next to Houses of Parliament Bring your own picnic 2pm DEFRA, Smiths Square, Westminster. 01273-628441 or 020-7272-1586. \*\*24-28 The Big Green Gathering\*\* 01932 229911 \[www.big-green-gathering.com\]\(http://www.big-green-gathering.com\) \*\*25 5-a-Side No Sweat Challenge Fundraiser\*\* at Fulham's](http://www.buddhafield.com)

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### AUGUST

**1-4 Cambridge Folk Festival**. Weekend tickets £62, plus camping at £27 or £18. [www.cam-folkfest.co.uk](http://www.cam-folkfest.co.uk) **2 No Sweat benefit** to raise funds for Dita Sari and the Indonesian union federation that organises clothing workers Manchester Met Students Union. 0161-861-7160 manchester@nosweat.org **2-4 Essential Music Festival**, Hackney Marshes, London [www.essentialfestival.com](http://www.essentialfestival.com) **2-4 The Big Weekend**, Cardiff. FREE [www.cardiff.gov.uk](http://www.cardiff.gov.uk) **2-5 Healingfield Gathering** "our vision now is to bring the Healing Field to a beautiful secluded Somerset location" [www.healingfield.btinternet.co.uk](http://www.healingfield.btinternet.co.uk) **2-9 Devon Sidmouth Festival** [www.sidmouthfestival.com \*\*3 March and rally in support of sweatshop workers around the world\*\*, demanding the Commonwealth Games organisers in Manchester make a stand against exploitation. 11.30am All Saints' Park, Oxford Road. 0161-861-7160 manchester@nosweat.org \*\*3 Stanmer Organics Open Day\*\*, Stanmer Park, Brighton 11am-4.00pm 01273-620486 info@stanmerorganics.org.uk \*\*3-4 Nottingham Riverside Festival\*\* \[www.nottinghamevents.org\]\(http://www.nottinghamevents.org\) \*\*3-17 Vegan Camp\*\*, Park Foot caravan and camping park, Howtown Rd., Pooley Bridge, Penrith, Cumbria. \[www.vegancamp.org\]\(http://www.vegancamp.org\) \*\*3-11 Crossover Summer Camp\*\*. Camp to bring people together from a variety of backgrounds to find intersections and make new alliances. Event will take place near Cottbus, Germany. \[www.summertimecamp.squat.net\]\(http://www.summertimecamp.squat.net\) \*\*4-11 Ealing Jazz Festival\*\*, Walpole Park, Ealing. \[www.ealing.gov.uk\]\(http://www.ealing.gov.uk\) \*\*4-19 Trident Ploughshares Disarmament camp\*\* at Peaton Glen Wood, near Couplport, Scotland. Fifteen days of direct disarmament action and campaign workshops at the Faslane and Couplport nuclear weapon bases. 0845-4588366 \[www.tridentploughshares.org\]\(http://www.tridentploughshares.org\) \*\*8-11 Welsh Green Gathering\*\*, Margham Country Park, near Port Talbot. \[www.big-green-gathering.com/wgg\]\(http://www.big-green-gathering.com/wgg\) CANCELLED cos the Welsh Police don't like wind turbines and recycling, see SchNEWS 354. \*\*8-11 Cropredy Festival\*\* nr Banbury, Oxfordshire. Fun with Fairport Convention. £55 for the weekend but bikers and backpackers go free. \[www.fairportconvention.co.uk\]\(http://www.fairportconvention.co.uk\) \*\*9 International Day of Indigenous People\*\* \[www.ifad.org/media/events/indigenous\]\(http://www.ifad.org/media/events/indigenous\) \*\*9-12 Shambala Festival\*\*, mystery countryside location, revealed with ticket purchase £30 \[www.shambalafestival.org\]\(http://www.shambalafestival.org\) \*\*9-16 Broadstairs Folk Week\*\*, Kent \[www.broadstairsfolkweek.com\]\(http://www.broadstairsfolkweek.com\) \*\*10 Gay Pride festival\*\*, Preston Park, Brighton. Parade begins at 11am. \[www.prideinbrightonandhove.com\]\(http://www.prideinbrightonandhove.com\) \*\*10-11 Eden Festival\*\*, Arrowse Park, Wirral FREE "Indie / Rock festival with an environmental theme, a northern Glastonbury, held on behalf of Wirral Green Alliance and Friends of the Earth. An estimated 60,000 plus crowd is expected." \[www.wga.merseyside.org\]\(http://www.wga.merseyside.org\) \*\*10-24 Ecotopia 2002\*\* two-week environmental festival, Glentennassig, Co. Kerry, Ireland. 00 353 86 3097622 \[www.ecotopia2002.org\]\(http://www.ecotopia2002.org\) Also an "Eco-topia" biketour, crossing England and Wales. 07870-467231 \[www.thebiketour.net\]\(http://www.thebiketour.net\) \*\*15-30 Earth Activist Training\*\* Ragmans Lane Farm, Gloucestershire, with Starhawk & Penny Livingstone-Stark. A permaculture design course for visionary activists. £400 waged £200 low income £100 unwaged c/o 3 Yew Tree Cottages Pitt Court North Nibley Glos G11 6EB earthactuk@yahoo.com \*\*16-18 Big Chill festival\*\*, Eastnor Castle, Herefordshire "Cinema, cafe culture, poetry recitals and performance art blend with the cool vibe music."](http://www.sidmouthfestival.com)



[www.bigchill.net](http://www.bigchill.net) **17-18 Swaines Green Festival**. A green event powered by solar energy, with music, sundials, workshops and poetry. The aim of the festival is to help save the meadows and woodland which lies adjacent to the festival fields. The festival will take place in Epping. Further details from Paul Flack, 56 St Johns Rd, Epping Essex CM16 5DP **20-26 Tribe of Doris**, Blackdown Hill, Somerset. "We use the arts of music, dance, song and ceremony to bring people together, to raise awareness and to encourage respect and understanding of different cultures and musical origins." Everything from Animal Spirit Dance to Ghanaian Zylophone, Brazilian Samba, tablas and Innutit Throat Singing! 0845-4580190 [www.tribeofdoris.co.uk](http://www.tribeofdoris.co.uk) **21-24 Boom Festival**, Portugal. If you like psychedelic trance... [www.boomfestival2000.com](http://www.boomfestival2000.com) **22-26 Sustain Up North! - Northern Green Gathering**, West Yorkshire. [www.ngg.org.uk](http://www.ngg.org.uk) **22-26 Samothraki Dance Festival**, Greece. Featuring 35 Live Acts and 60 Djs on 3 Stages. [www.samothrakidancefestival.com](http://www.samothrakidancefestival.com) **23 Canterbury Festival**, Mount Ephraim Gardens, Hernhill, Kent The Strangers, The Damned, Rick Wakeman, Pretty Things, 21st Century Schizoid Band £80 (children under 14 free), including camping, no day tickets available [www.canterburyfestival.com](http://www.canterburyfestival.com) **24 Creamfields**, Old Liverpool Airfield 2pm-6am £46 plus booking fee. [www.cream.co.uk](http://www.cream.co.uk) **24-25 Deepdale Jazz Festival** 01485-210404 [www.deepdalejazzfestival.co.uk](http://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](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/NottingHill) **25-26 The Big Green Road Show**. Displays of sustainable woodland craft, renewable energy sources and elements of sustainable living. South of England Rare Breeds Centre, Ashford, Kent. 01233 861493, ext.224. visit@rarebreeds.org.uk **26 Colchester Free Festival**, massive free community arts festival held in Castle Park, Colchester 10.30am-7pm 01206 531185 [www.colchesterfreefestival.co.uk](http://www.colchesterfreefestival.co.uk) **29-31 Eastern Green Gathering** near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk 01284 728253 [www.easterngreengathering.com](http://www.easterngreengathering.com) **30-1 Sept Off The Tracks Festival**, Donnington Park, Folk, roots, dance and fusion 01332-384518 [www.offthetracks.co.uk](http://www.offthetracks.co.uk) **31 Global Day of Action against a corporate influence on our lives** [www.aseed.net/un-corporated](http://www.aseed.net/un-corporated) **31 Edinburgh Mela**, Pilrig Park, Edinburgh. Free. [www.edinburgh-mela.co.uk](http://www.edinburgh-mela.co.uk) **31-4 Sept 2nd European Conference of the Peoples' Global Action** network in Leiden, the Netherlands. [www.pgaconference.org](http://www.pgaconference.org)

### SEPTEMBER

**2 Countryside Alliance** will be marching in London - counter demonstrations planned **6-9 Centre for Alternative Technology Conference**. "A climate for change: effective strategies for building a more sustainable and secure world - and one that is based on principles of universal human values and mutual support - could not be more urgent." 01654 705950 [www.cat.org.uk](http://www.cat.org.uk) **11 Second International Day Against Video Surveillance**. More details at [www.notbored.org](http://www.notbored.org) **20 Car Free Day** [www.carbusters.ecn.cz](http://www.carbusters.ecn.cz) **20-21 Diaries of Despair protests** mark the second anniversary of the still-injuncted Diaries of Despair report into Imutran's pig-to-primate organ transplant experiments at Huntingdon Life Sciences. [www.xenodiaries.org](http://www.xenodiaries.org) 0114 2722220 **21 Peace One Day**. Idea for one-day truce in all armed conflicts on UN's International Day of Peace, plus celebratory events. 020-7456-9181 info@peaceoneday.org **21 London Peace Trail**. Includes Mystery Walk for children - get your peace passport stamped at eight sites, learning about our peace heritage. 020-7609-2777 wallis@mail.com **23 Autumn Equinox** - for the next six months days will be shorter than nights, don't get too depressed. **28 International Rabbit Day** 020-8888-0001 info@bunny.org.uk **28 Demo against Bush and Blair's proposed war against Iraq**, ending in Trafalgar Square (for a change) Organised by Stop the War Coalition. **29 National Vegan Festival**, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London 020-8670-9585

### 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 dos and don'ts:

- Be prepared to be self sufficient, facilities could be minimal
- Park sensibly, keep site roads clear
- Don't be a dirty scumbag - bury your shit and don't drop litter
- Fires - use dead wood, not green (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](http://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](http://www.guilfin.net/extra/freeparties.php3)

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## Daily Refugee

Another EU Summit - this time in the Spanish city of Seville. There were massive protests against a 'Europe of Capital', and a Spanish general strike against welfare cuts.

Tony Blair's plan to use "financial and economic clout" against countries that did not cooperate on migrants was rejected but plans for a Fortress Europe march ahead. Because its OK for governments to go on about the free movement of goods - but not the free movement of people. OK to sell arms to countries, helping to fuel conflicts, displace people and create refugees, but not ok for those refugees to try and come over here. OK for industrialised nations to pump greenhouses gases into the atmosphere, but not OK for environmental refugees whose land has been devastated by climate change to try and find somewhere else to live.

Seven of the top ten countries of asylum seekers arriving in the European Union over the past decade have been from war-torn regions, according to the data from the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. And in any case if you look at the numbers of asylum seekers coming to Europe, you'll see that this is nothing if you compare them with developing countries that receive hundreds of thousands, or in the cases of Iran and Pakistan, millions of refugees. If people had a bright, rosy future in their homelands, would they need to seek asylum elsewhere?

\* A Palestinian held without charge for six months in Belmarsh high security prison under all the UK's new Terrorism Act is too seriously mentally ill to remain there a judge has ruled. Mr Rideh came to Britain in 1995 as an asylum seeker and was being treated for severe post-traumatic stress disorder following torture at the hands of Israeli's when he was a teenager living in Gaza. His detention in Belmarsh caused flashbacks: The rattling of keys and the sight of guard uniforms brought back memories of torture. His illness was not taken seriously by prison staff and he had been described as a "maligner".

\* Who said this? "'The way stateless Jews from Germany are pouring in from every port of this country is becoming an outrage.' In these words, Mr Herbert Metcalf, the Old Street magistrate, yesterday referred to the number of aliens entering the country through the 'back door' - a problem to which the Daily Mail has repeatedly pointed." Why it was the Daily Mail in 1938. Now go and read the bile from them now about refugees and see how much has changed.

\* There will be a No Borders action camp in Strasbourg 19-28 July [www.noborder.org](http://www.noborder.org)

## BOOKED

Two independent bookshops, Housmans and Bookmarks, in London are currently in the middle of fighting a libel case, which if they lose will ruin 'em. The case is one of a number filed against them by someone criticised in a 1993 edition of the anti-facist magazine, Searchlight. At the time both bookshops stocked Searchlight and under a warped British law it is possible for the person who thinks they've been libelled to sue a shop, distributor or library handling the alleged libellous publication, as well as or instead of suing the author, editor and publisher. Both bookshops feel it is important for them to make a stand on behalf of other independent bookshops, which are few and far between these days. But this will mean massive legal bills. A legal fund has been set up and contributions are desperately needed. Send money to the "Bookshop Libel Fund" c/o Housmans Bookshop, 5 Caledonian Road, London N1 9DX. Phone 020-7278 4474 [blf@housmans.idps.co.uk](mailto:blf@housmans.idps.co.uk)

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## SchNEWS in brief

Can't afford a ticket or unimpressed with Glastonbury going to the Mean Fiddler Dogs? Check out a multi-rig gathering for the right to party... Call 07092310245, 07813620336 or 07811906642 after 11pm on Saturday night Expected to be on a piece of land not far from the Pilton Farm site. And the Druids of Chaos present a Midsummer Nights Moot, phone 07870 489123 [www.systemprojectmayhem.cjb.net](http://www.systemprojectmayhem.cjb.net). However, after the 10,000 strong free festival on Steart beach during Jubilee weekend the Chief Superintendent of Somerset got so much shit that he's apparently on a personal mission to nick rigs. [www.network23.org](http://www.network23.org). Has Glastonbury sold out? See [www.corporatewatch.org/news/glastonbury.htm](http://www.corporatewatch.org/news/glastonbury.htm). Why the Mean Fiddler are such tossers [www.urban75.com/Rave/raverant](http://www.urban75.com/Rave/raverant) \*\* **The London Social Centres Network** have set up two new email lists. To subscribe to the discussion group send an email to [londonscn-forum-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:londonscn-forum-subscribe@lists.riseup.net). For the events listings and newsletter group e-mail: [londonscn-events-subscribe@lists.riseup.net](mailto:londonscn-events-subscribe@lists.riseup.net) \*\* To Coincide with the EU Summit in Seville over 1000 people Occupied a **Dutch Motorway** in Utrecht for seven hours. The protest was in response to the Dutch governments plans to expand the motorway network [www.groenfront.nl/english](http://www.groenfront.nl/english) \*\* **Ned Ludd's News** the independent radical newsletter in Nottingham has been resurrected and is available from the Sumac Centre (245 Gladstone Street) info: [nottingham\\_freedom@hotmail.com](mailto:nottingham_freedom@hotmail.com). \*\* **Globalisation and the Media** is a new video from undercurrents exploring the role of the media in the corporate led take over of the planets natural resources. It's £10 - details from [www.cultureshop.org](http://www.cultureshop.org)

## YEW FOOLS

Campaigners against the Stourbridge, Wolverhampton and Southern Dudley Bypasses are mourning the death of a 2,000+ year old yew tree which was on the proposed route. The tree was on top of Wychbury Hill, site of an Iron-Age Hill Fort, on the site are another 28 yew trees up to 2,000 years old. The bypasses run virtually exclusively through the region's green belt and link with the Birmingham Northern Relief Road and the M5/M42 to form a massive Super-Highway around Black Country and Birmingham. Once again the authorities are building a road that is environmentally damaging and won't solve traffic problems. The Anti-Bypass Campaign meet every Thursday at 8pm in The Crispin, Church Street, Stourbridge. Or Phone 0789 0973458. [www.tarabeat.worldonline.co.uk](http://www.tarabeat.worldonline.co.uk) [www.antibypasscampaign.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk](http://www.antibypasscampaign.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk)

\* Get a copy of all the lovely new proposed road schemes by emailing [andreww@transport2000.org.uk](mailto:andreww@transport2000.org.uk)

## ANIMAL FACTORY

After a year of undercover filming across the country, a coalition of animal rights groups are marching to demand an end to factory farms. The march coincides with the release of the shocking film which shows the horrific conditions endured by billions of animals all over the world. As well as the usual offenders the film rips the lid off the RSPCA's "Freedom Farms" and the bogus quality assurance stamps that supermarket suppliers slap onto every corpse that comes their way.

Viva!'s national march and rally against factory farming will be held on Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>, noon at Kennington Park, London WC1. Info: 01273 777688 [www.viva.org.uk](http://www.viva.org.uk)

\* Badger killing is expected to start soon on Exmoor National Park and North Wiltshire. Find out how you can help stop it: 07779 442395 [www.badger-killers.co.uk](http://www.badger-killers.co.uk)

## E\$SOLES

Oil giant Esso, the world's richest corporation and premier league polluters, are suing Greenpeace about the French StopE\$So campaigners using their logo. The StopE\$So campaign is a world-wide alliance united against Esso's dirty fuels, tricks, money and lies. Esso has a history of throwing money around to buy researchers to deny the existence of global warming. They also bought themselves a president by donating more cash to the Republicans than anyone else.

The company says the replacement of the middle two letters of Esso with dollar signs makes it resemble the Gothic-scripted symbol of the SS and this is confusing to the public.

Stephen Tindale, Greenpeace UK director, explains: 'We simply replaced two letters in Esso's logo with the internationally recognised symbol for the US dollar. We find it ironic that the richest corporation in the world can't recognise the dollar sign and confuses it with a Nazi symbol.'

Esso (or ExxonMobil in America) pressured Bush into backing out of the Kyoto agreement on global warming and were caught out this April when secret memos to the White House were leaked. One asked Bush Jr to get rid of top UN climate scientist Dr Watson and replace him with someone "less biased". Under Watson the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change had concluded that "most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities" and predicted that average global temperatures will rise between 3°C and 10°C by the end of the century.

Bush did just as his oily friends told him and led the charge to get Watson out. He has now been thrown out of his job and is not even allowed a position on the panel. Bush's top climate negotiator now refuses to take stock of climate change until 2012.

## Inside SchNEWS

Malachie Nichols has been sentenced to nine months imprisonment for trying to stop a fascist paper sale in Leeds. Please send letters of support to: Malachie Nichols, JN4126, HMP Wealstun, Weatherby, W Yorkshire, LS23 7AJ.

## ...and finally...

SchNEWS has found a web site concerning genetically modified (GM) crops but this one won't tell you where the frankenstein 'food' is being grown - quite the opposite. This site was set up by a PR company who go by the name of the Centre for Food and Agricultural Research (CFAR), a shadowy organisation who are funded by, amongst others, our old muckers Monsanto, the bio tech multinational. With their liberal usage of terms like "terrorism" "violence" and "acts of terror" the real purpose of this site is to associate anti-GM activists with something like Al-Qaida. In one ridiculous statement CFAR likens people who pull up dodgy crops to rapists. While talking about newsletters like Genetix Update and how they write about actions on GM food, CFAR says it's like them saying "I do not approve of rape but I'm going to give you some tips on how to find your victim and pin her to the ground. Then you can tell me about it and I'll tell the world". How sick is that? Surely pulling up GM crops is better than being on the pull. Anyway SchNEWS always thought that multinational corporations like Monsanto were the real earth rapists and just what are they pulling? The tossers. Check it out. [www.cffar.org/vandalwatch](http://www.cffar.org/vandalwatch)

## Psychodelic Disclaimer

SchNEWS warns all greenies not to get browned off and feel blue when the future looks black and nothing's going white. If you're seeing red about the grey monotone around you, don't be yellow - be purple with rage. It's crystal-clear. Honest.