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TIRASH WAITROSE

A campaign of non-violent direct action began on Friday 8th November with the aim of encouraging supermarkets in the Reading area to boycott South African produce in their stores. To highlight the wide selection of South

African produce on the shelves by filling supermarket trolleys with a range of South African produce before leaving the store empty-handed.

The first trolleys were filled by about twenty people on Friday in the three branches of Waitrose and other central Reading stores. In the lead-up to the busy Christmas period it is hoped the campaign will gather momentum with more people joining in. Reading stores stock a wide range of South African fruit (fresh, dried and canned) as well as canned meat and fish.

Those filling the trolleys believe that the appeal of black South Africans to people throughout the world for a boycott of the products of Apartheid is the most simple and effective way in which we can contribute to the cause of freedom in South Africa.

The system of apartheid has been universally condemned. The United Nations has declared it a 'crime against humanity'. It means that black South Africans have no rights in the land of their birth; they experience the degradation of racial discrimination every day of their lives. And yet every possible means of bringing about change has been blocked by the South African authori-

sherry off wine, eat South African tinned fish or meat or wear South African clothes, you will be benefitting

directly from this evil system. In the words of a former Prime Minister of South Africa, 'Every time a South African product is bought it is another brick in the wall of our existence.'

The black people of South Africa have repeatedly called for this boycott. There are three main reasons why we appeal to British people to support this call:

- * The black people who produce these goods live in conditions of semi-slavery and are paid starvation wages.

- * The boycott of South African goods contributes towards total isolation of South Africa, by means of which the apartheid regime will be denied the economic and military support it needs.

- * 'Every effort to isolate South Africa adds strength to our struggle,' in the words of Nelson Mandela, the most famous of African leaders in South Africa, still serving life imprisonment.

stickers available from: Box 101, Agorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham Street, Reading.

FREE
READINGS
ZANIEST
Fortnight!

If you buy Cape fruit or Outspan oranges, dried or tinned fruit from South Africa, drink South African

TOMMORROW'S CHILDREN

A Warning To Parents

I was born with the dawn - in nakedness and innocence - knowing nothing but the need for love, for nature had endowed me thus, knowing love to be her finest achievement.

But I was betrayed by you my parents, for your legacy to me was corruption itself. Into my garden of delights you crept - demons of "Experience" - dragging me screaming into your nightmare.

I grew older, the slow crawl to adulthood littered with the excrement of your perverse idols.

I did not invent the nuclear holocaust that daily hangs over me; I did not know the abuse of my fellows until you taught me the way; I knew nothing of wealth or poverty until you thrust coins into my hand and employment through my daylight hours.

The world into which I have been born is not of my making. It is my inheritance from you who bore me. And in this I have been sorely cheated, for I have found little of the love, the beauty, the happiness, the fruitfulness, that should have been mine to receive and to give.

I look at the world that you have bequeathed to me and see only desolation, death, poverty, suffering, and sorrow. It is these that are the fruits of your ghastly labour, these that are the temples you have created for me. I am left with nothing but the rotting remains of a once divine image.

And you my parents - old and withered - you seek only to administer tyrannical beatings, flagellating me with your hypocracies until I bleed from every pore. When I tell you that your employment, your talk of fine careers and the gently meandering road to retirement, is a corrupt illusion, is slavery, that I was born free and will never consent to be a slave to your desks, to your machines, to the endless boredom that you have so carefully planned for me; when I tell you that ambition, victory, the defeating of opponents, debases the dignity of human companionship, and that I will do nothing but love all humanity in common; when I tell you that wealth, possessions, investments, are someone else's poverty - an entire world's despair, and that I will not accumulate material things, but give all that I have that others might be free, that others may know those virtues of warmth, happiness and love - I am laughed at, outcast, beaten, imprisoned, executed, all this by you my parents who claim to love me above all things.

BUT I SAY TO YOU BEWARE, FOR YOUR CHILDREN WILL ONE DAY BE FREE OF YOU. FOR WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUTH OF YOUR FOLLIES, WE HAVE SMELT THE RANCID ODOUR OF YOUR DECAYING FALSEHOODS. A DAY IS COMING WHEN WE WILL PUT DOWN OUR TOOLS THAT CHAIN US LIKE BEASTS TO THE ENGINES OF YOUR EMPIRES; WE WILL SMASH YOUR INFERNAL MACHINES, AND CAST YOU INTO THE WILDERNESS WHERE YOU CAN LEARN AGAIN THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN UNIVERSAL LOVE, OR ELSE PERISH IN YOUR OWN EXCREMENT - THE REALISATION OF THE HORROR OF WHAT YOU HAVE BECOME.

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR. YOU HAVE BORNE US WITH NO SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, IN YOUR SELF CENTRED DESIRES FOR SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE, FOR DISTRACTION, FOR ENTERTAINMENT - WITH LESS CONSIDERATION THAN YOU WOULD GIVE TO THE BRINGING OF A PET DOG OR CAT INTO YOUR HOME - YOU HAVE CREATED US. CAN THERE REALLY HAVE BEEN LOVE IN YOUR WITHERED HEARTS WHEN WE WERE CONCEIVED? HAD YOU BUT CAST ONE SINGLE GLANCE AT THE WORLD ABOUT YOU, YOU WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SO ARROGANT IN YOUR DESIRES.

The time to make amends is but brief, yet far from repenting you seek only to punish us further, to endeavour to impose upon us those morals which you yourself have so freely thrown away. Those great temples of indulgence, of sexual exploitation, of abuse, were not of my making. Like all innocents we were but the sacrificial victims on the high altars of your false idols. It is from you alone, from your dark world of violence and suffering, that we have learnt the abuse of each other. Your gods are but the wing-ed messengers of death and despair.

BUT WE ARE A HUNGRY PEOPLE, AN ANGRY PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE RID OF THESE FALSE MASTERS WHO HAVE IMBIBED US WITH THE HATRED OF EACH OTHER. WHEN THE DAWN RISES TOMMORROW IT WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF YOUR DOMINION. FOR TOMMORROW'S CHILDREN WILL BE WISER, MORE BEAUTIFUL, AND FAR STRONGER THAN YOUR TYRANNY. TOMMORROW'S CHILDREN WILL TAKE THE ASHES OF INFINITE LOVE, OF INFINITE FREEDOM, IN THEIR ARMS AND RAISE THEM LIKE A PHEONIX FROM THE FUNERAL PYRE THAT WE WILL ONE DAY MAKE OF THIS SAD, PATHETIC, DYING WORLD YOU HAVE LEFT FOR US AS YOUR FINAL, SELF INDULGENT TESTAMENT.

18 October 1985

JOE

Beat and
The Devil★
Funktion at
The Junktion

funk+reggae
dance night ★



red★rag
benefit

tuesday
12th Nov.

Paradise Club
112 London St,
Reading.....

1st band 9pm

—8pm-2am—Elumwaged—
—EZwaged—

Widening the gap

Calling Women Everywhere to a
Weekend of Bridge Building
and Idea Sharing.

DECEMBER 14 - 15 1985

What started out as a single thread of resistance to Cruise has developed into a multi-coloured web as connections have been made with other women's actions around racism, sexism, classism, imperialism and poverty.

GREENHAM IS CALLING ALL WOMEN EVERYWHERE TO JOIN TOGETHER TO EXPAND THE WEB OF WOMEN'S ACTION.

One woman or group can do just so much, but to-
gether..... Do you often wonder if you are a
lone voice in the wilderness?

Women's action is usually ignored in the media,
so why not bring news or a workshop from your
area to share with others. Each gate could take
on one area of interest, for instance: Food
mountains at one gate, Nuclear Free Pacific at
another.

Saturday 14th 2pm: In silence we will join hands
and turn our backs on the base looking outwards
to the people of the world. By turning away from
the negative we can look out into the positive
future. This will be followed by workshops at the
various gates.

Sunday 15th: Further workshops.

Looking to the future; if every woman who comes
to this action would make a commitment to come
to Greenham for two days midweek even once during
the coming year, it would make an enormous dif-
ference to the numbers of women here, and give
strength and support.

Many thanks.

Greenham Com. on Women's Peace Camp.

GREENHAM NEWSLETTER - The Autumn edition of
the Green and Common Newsletter is now
available at Acorn Bookshop, written and
compiled by the women at Greenham -
38 pages - 30p - Please show your support.

New Free Courses at Reading Centre for the Unemployed.

Bicycle Maintenance :- MONS 10am - 12pm

Fitness Course :- TUES 10am - 12pm

Judo - at Central Club :- WED 9.45am - 11.45am

for further details phone 596639
+ ask for Pam or Alan.

RCU 4-6 EAST ST.

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Box office

NOW WE ARE ONE

Years, not people: having fluctuated in number
from time to time, we are now back to where we
started in numbers and identities. But we are
now - officially - one year old, and hopefully
a little wiser, as a full-time community arts
project for Reading and Berkshire.

The germ of it all goes back further, to mid-
summer 1984, and we actually did a few one-off
things as Box Office during our 'prehistoric'
period, but we count our years from October 29
1984, when Martin Salter on his first day at
work offered us a corner of the Centre for the
Unemployed, storage space somewhere between
heaven and earth and a semi-crippled ping pong
table to work on. The table has moved around
from time to time but we are still at RCU: at
least that's where we are when we aren't out
in the community where people are, helping
them to do their thing on their own patch,
which is what we're about.

What's made it so rewarding, and keeps us
going when things look grim and we feel like
packing it in and looking for jobs as encyclo-
pedia salesmen or something is the warmhearted
acceptance we've had from the community and
communities in Reading: wherever we've gone
and whoever we've worked with, we've been made
to feel like part of what they are about, not
simply visiting strangers, outsiders who come
in, perform or spout and go away again. That's
how we want it, because that's what Community
Arts is supposed to be about - community.

And that's why we're throwing a party at
RCU on November 23: to celebrate with all
our friends. Two parties, in fact. From
3 to 5.30 in the afternoon it's a party for
kids of all ages, with music and refreshments
and lots of silly and/or sordidgy things to
do (no best party clothes, please). And in
the evening from 8ish to lateish it's Box
Offices Grand First Birthday Supplementary
Benefit Rent Party with live music from
Jive Alive, Captain Sping and doubtless
assorted others. Usualish setup - bring a
bottle, and any contributions of food more
than welcome so it doesn't run out just when
you're getting peckish yourself. The only
sad note is that we can't give it all away:
we Haven't any more money than we did this
time last year and we have to pay the band,
so it's 50p on the door for the kids party
and £2 (£1 unwaged) for the evening bash -
advance tickets from Harvest, Rag Doll and

Acorn. Do come and help us celebrate!

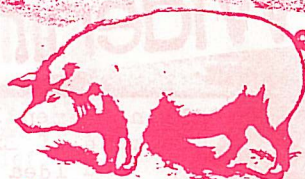
Love, Dave and Jo

CASSETTE SERVICE

This issue of Red Rag will be available on cassette for
people with sight problems. Contact Guy on 669562.
Interest in this from readers has been growing and it
would be great to keep it going. Anyone who can spare
their voice for half-an-hour a fortnight to help record
the tape would be welcomed with open arms, also anyone
with recording facilities, enthusiasm, bright ideas and
enough staying power to act as regular co-ordinator.
If you can offer any of the above please ring Guy 669562

GIG REVIEW

red rag



I LOVE STUDENTS / So wrote Captain Sensible (6 Nov, S.U. Whightknights) after a real bobby dazler of a set. The Captain & crew were beset by the audio dildrums character istic of that hall. It more often responds to the sounds of Nike feet, work out grunts & the like. Which explains the need for a ship shape & all correct Bosun to over see the task of mixing. The Captain & crew cast off with Wot the spinnaker of the voyage. This was well received by all hands on deck. "Hard to believe" preceeded the tac to "Yanks" whose with guns being addressed most particularly. According to the Captains log (a copy was rescued from the mixing bridge) "Brenda" was forecast but in the event "Croydon" took precedence a song even the most obturate persons could fail to recognise as a truly A1 & 100 percent at Lloyds song.

All seafarers suffer small squalls from time to time & just as we prepared to sail into "Women say Go" with the Captains avowed support & words of good cheer to the Greenham Women, a mutinous murmur arose from those below decks. With characteristic aplomb our gallant Captain sailed on. To judge from the applause at the end of the song the mutineers had walked the plank. "Snakes & Ladders" was played as was the story of Martha the Mouth. "The power of Love" we were told "is ours". Captain said "Anybody heard of Cyd Barr ett ?" to then launch into "It would be so nice" (Not credited as a Cyd song but...) "Come on down" & "Smash it up" are as far apart from "Nappy Talk" as the North & South poles are (Nappy, direct from log & not necessarily Captains view of song but a popular number no matter the spelling) Combine this truly diverse taste with Dolly Mixtures vitality gusto & plain good singing, add Robin Hitchcock & Tony Mansfield in good measure, shake, & the result is a Captain concert. To celebrate "crossing t'lgline" the good captain performed the "Hippy Hippy Shake" to all hands delight.

S.S. Sensible prepared to dock, crew went below decks & all other departed. With the exception of the odd line of spindrift from the mixing bridge (weevil picking & growl) a wonderful scurvy free evening was had by all. Next time S.S. Sensible is in harbour, do go aboard. You will be heartened by the virtuosity at Sensibles table.

Red Rag has been produced for nearly 6 years by an ever-changing group of people - the Red Rag Collective - and anyone can join in. The possibilities for helping produce your very own newspaper are endless, no offer of help is ever refused.

The Collective

Is everyone who helps on the Rag but in practice it's the people who go to Collective meetings held once every 6 weeks or so on a Sunday afternoon on an alternate w/e to the Rag. It should be announced in the Events Guide. The minutes of these meetings are available, if you are interested you should ask for them to be delivered with the Rag.

Articles for the Rag

12cm wide single spaced if typed (the prod. team reduce) Please state if you don't mind editorial scissor work or if you want the article to remain untouched. Articles should be signed in some way. Without a contact phone no. or address then the editorial group can't discuss changes etc. Beware! Copy deadline is usually the Thurs. before publication. P.S. There is a collective policy of no poetry.

Red Rag ideologically sound Christmas cards, wrapping paper, and other products, for the consumer with one eye on dialectical materialism, and the other on the clock in the pub.

Mark - heading 860408

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NEWTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

meets every 2nd weds of the month at the community house

Are you looking for premises in Newtown? The community house offers you space and time for new and exciting community minded groups.

117. Lumberland Road.

contact: Kate 68158 Hazel 662720

THE ACCRINGTON PALS

November 7th - 16th
at 7.45pm

Tickets £2.40 (concessions £2.00)

Box Office:

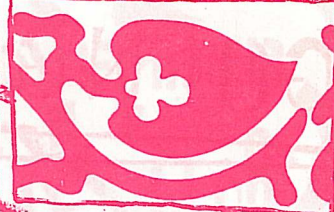
Reading 477594

Progress Theatre

by Peter Whelan



GOING OUT GUIDE



Nowhere near as good as it could/should be, Going Out nonetheless at least outlines the options for spending this week's grub. Some of the goodies on offer to the discerning socialite include:

MONDAY 11 NOVEMBER:

- Brixton Fringe - Sun Ra & his Arkestra pay an infrequent visit from Saturn. Legendary jazz innovator and very well dressed.
- Sills, bath rd, thatchem - rock night. no details so phone 932 65502
- The Albion, Oxford rd - Pete James jazz band, 8pm, free & free form
- Univ. students union - jazz, 8ish & free, often trad/dixie. no union card needed
- Kennet arms - folk night, 8ish: recommended though I haven't been myself.
- Thatchers, fairwater drive, Woodley - soul, funk & jazz till 11pm, free. venue resembles set for Billy Hofmeister advert crossed with Larkrise to Bleedin' candleford.
- the bull at Nettlebed - folk club at 8 but no details to hand at the mo.
- South hill park, bradenell - "the killing fields" (15) 7.45 £2.50. WTS'P guilt trip in Cambodia... Oh, did we really sell 'em out?

TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER:

- Paradise Club, 112 London St - red rag benefit: an evening of funk, soul & reggae with Funkton at the Junction and Beat & the Devil & sound system. 8pm-2am, & 1st band will be on at 9. So get in there early! £2/£1 unwaged.
- B.J. Moon, Kings Rd - live music in the nosh palace, 8pm, free
- Out of town club, bath rd padworth - live band, no details. tel: 713282
- Tudor arms, greyfriars road - alleged 'gay' disco in reputed 'gay' pub. clientele mainly male & often women haters. Recent intensification of feeling following some people being banned for confusing scumbag landlords' beer mats (degrading picture of a woman), & others boycotting the place in solidarity.
- hexagon - kids corner club, 12.30-1.30: free kids entertainment.
- univ. palmer building - piano duet, 1.10 pm, free.
- S.h.p. - "the killing fields" (15) 7.45 again
- S.h.p. - cellar bar jazz: goff dunn/ronnie johnson group, 8pm, £2.50 - a highlight of the recent Capital Radio Festival.

WEDNESDAY 13 NOVEMBER:

- reading film theatre - palmer building, univ. campus: 8pm "spirit of the beehive" (15). Set in Spain in 1940, the story of a six year old who finds a wounded fugitive & nurses him & fantasy.
- paradise club - soul train: lion roots international playing soul music. 8-2, £1.
- S.h.p. - "the killing fields." again.
- hex - the flying pickets. No, not the Orgreave crew. Pity.
- bensons, henley - the gathering & the following.

THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER

- T.f.t. - "1984" (15), at 7.45 UB40 cheapo night. Second screening at 10 pm.
- univ. union - jazz, 9ish, free.
- Stag & hounds, pinkneys green, maidenhead - folk club, 8pm, free. singers note!
- horrendous country music at the Cross Keys & the Sportsman
- live band at Bours Head, spiritual home of "argy-bargy" & our brave boys, (and their girlfriends).
- S.h.p. - live band in Cellar Bar, 8pm - 12, £1.50/50p UB40
- S.h.p. cinema - "The grey fox" (PG) 7.45: gentleman robber of the wild west emerges from prison after 30 years to find things have changed a bit.
- hex - bourne mouth symphony orchestra 7.30.

FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER:

- 6th international video festival at south hill park - 7.45 kick off. Over the weekend there will be at least 30 screenings of selected tapes, + a facility to look at any others submitted. lots of interesting video types about as well as the usual art centre tossers. £1 to get in tonight, £7.50 a day Sat/Sun but a weekend ticket is £12.50. ub 40's get in 1/2 price. See q' all there!! Music video tonight.
- S.h.p. cellar bar - alternative comedy: "the old man boys" & "lee corns" (it says 'ere). Also "zap club Brighton video discs." (hum Red Raps will be better...) 10-2, £3, food available.

- 6th marquee, london - local pop celeb's friction groove are playing. Coach leaves BR reading at 7.40 pm & it's only £4, all in.

- orchard school, slough - popular & classical asian music from awara. 7.30pm.

- hex - 4th brass band festival, 9 am, with Ginnethorpe Cellery band on at 7.30 pm. Aaaaah, it takes me back to my tough northern roots...

- stonehenge 86 benefit at the old fire station, 2-11 Tunnel avenue, london SE 10. Bus 177/180 or BR from chang cross to Westcombe park. Omega Tribe + support are playing. All for a good cause!

- S.h.p. folk in ye cellarre barre: 8pm, £1.80. this week it's, well, I dunno. They don't tell you. try Br. 484123.

- st nicholas church, hurs - woodley concert band, £2, 8pm. tickets/details: Rdg 783041.

- paradise Club - Sunshine glee Club - see ad elsewhere all day music and fun £3 in advance from access.

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER:

- SHP video festival - as yesterday.
- read folk - caversham bridge hotel, 8.15, free.
- the butter, chatham st - clem adelman's modern jazz, 8ish, free
- paradise - lion roots sound playing their new music, 8-10, £1. reading reggae sound system
- root of the matter, in mo's place, london st - live music from about 12-3 whilst you eat. music's free, food not so.
- hex - reading male voice choir. 7.30pm.
- S.h.p. - stone carving workshop. well pricey.

MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER:

- same as last week dept includes univ. union, thatchers, sills, the albion un, & bull at nettlebed.
- Kennet arms - folk night, 8ish & free
- S.h.p. cinema - "my first wife" (15) 7.45, £2.50 - DJ/composer's wife leaves him; supposedly filmed very sensitively etc.
- slough library - forum & discussion on ethnic arts in education. 7.30pm, free.

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER:

- university - marc almond, 8-1 am, £4 from listen / music market. If you have a ticket you don't need a union card to get in.
- B.J. Moon, Kings Rd - live music, 8pm, free
- out of town club, padworth - live band.
- tudor arms - another "gay" disco - see last tuesday
- paradise - the vessel club: royal monkeys & quots. usually about £2 (+concessions) for 3 live bands & 2am bar.
- S.h.p. jazz - 16nie best quartet + katie & stewart on sax 8pm, £2.70. "Britain's most celebrated nicks & sax team."
- ship cinema - "my first wife" (15) 7.45 as last night.
- hex - free kids entertainment 12.30 - 1.30.

GOING OUT.....CONTINUED

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER:

- r.f.t - "a love in germany" (15) - 8pm. german shopkeeper falls in love with polish POW in 1941: such a non-ryan relationship upsets the normality of 'nazi' life. Directed by Andrej Wajda.
- paradise - soul train, £1, 8-late - soul music / electro / hip-hop etc.
- s.h.p. cinema as yesterday.

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER:

- unw. union - jazz, 9ish, free.
- stag & hounds, pinkneys green, mordenhead: folk with Dave Webster, 8pm, free
- dire country 'musée' at Cross Keys & Sportsman
- boars head - live band + video jukebox + pro folkland / madrina's bar display.
- r.f.t - "my first wife" 8pm. Yeah, the one who has been on at s.h.p.!!
- s.l.p. - undercover club, 8-12 £1.50 / 50p. live bands.
- hex - 11.10pm, 'the bartholdy trio', free. They cost £3 at s.h.p. tomorrow...
- unw london rd great hall - unw. chamber orchestra, £3 tickets. details - music dept - 860 293.

FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER:

- Women's party at the Women's Centre, abbey st, 8pm onwards. please bring food & drink to share.
- fulcrum centre, slough - anan folk & popular dance, plus a steel band, dance troupe, one act play by the caribbean united club & traditional food. All free. details from Claude Brooks, Slough 20717. 7.30pm start & this, the finale to the afro-caribbean & ana-arts festival
- st crispin's centre, london rd Walsingham - magic mushroom band (cosmic / spacey), £2, last entry 10pm.
- indian arms - more of the same - see 12th november entry.
- macrobiotics meeting & meal - 100 Northumberland Ave, 7pm. Please phone Wendy in advance on 860813.
- s.h.p. friday live - the boppers - 3 jazz sets ranging from Ornette Coleman to Louis Jordan. 8pm 10 - 2am, £3, food on sale.
- folk club at the Lamb, Eversley 8pm free.
- s.l.p. rental - the bartholdy trio, 7.30, £3. Kaddy, Beethoven & Ravel.
- shp cinema "a passage to india" (PG) 7.45 £2.50. SENIC view of the colonial past.
- paradise club

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER:

- Box Office's 1st birthday at Reading Centre for the Unwaged.
- ① 3-5pm Super Birthday party for kids (all ages but over 70s must be accompanied by parent or guardian, it says 'free'). clowns, electronic orchestra, refreshments, lots of silly & squidgey things (so no party clothes). 50p
- ② 8-late the supplementary benefit rent party: Jive Alive (Cajun / blues / Tex Mex mix) & Capt Smig (folk & traditional music, but changing all the time too!). Bring drink & food to share. £1. tiny Acorn for tickets (not confirmed when I got the info)
- fulcrum, slough - Don's Collins, the world's most acclaimed medium. 7.30. Slough 38669.
- s.h.p. rental - the bartholdy trio, £3. NOT last night. sorry!!
- s.h.p. folk - 8pm cellar bar, £1.80: phone to find out who.
- s.h.p. cinema - a passage to india 7.45 £10.30pm
- st crispin's centre, Walsingham - choral concert - Beethoven. £4.50. 7.30 start. details 785520.
- gay & lesb can celebration, horse & large, duke st. 8pm. details from Acorn.

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

- Reading, 8.15 free at Caversham Bridge Hotel.
- Paradise - lion rots international sound system, 8-late, £1.
- root of the matter - free lunchtime music whilst you munch your veggie delights. 8/10 london st.
- the bottle - Clem Adelman fighting the good fight - modern jazz style. 8ish & free.



KEY:

- paradise - paradise club 112 london st reading. 576847.
- hex - hexagon theatre, queen's walk: tel 591591
- s.h.p. - south hill public arts centre, bracknell: tel 8.484123

Matters Theatrical ...

- South hill park (Bracknell) : 21-23 Nov. 7.30 : Janet Smith & Dances : new ballet : music by Gershwin.
- South hill park B.494123. : 12-16 Nov 7.30 : "Annie Get Your Gun" : based on Buffalo Bill's wild west show & sharpshooter Anne Oakley. Lots of shazazz songs
- hexagon 591591. : 18-23 Nov. 8pm + some mat : "Spivs" (New Vic Theatre). alleged comedy.
- Women's Centre, abbey st. : Every Sat, 10-12 : performance group - all of welcome
- progress theatre, the mount. 471594 : tel 16th Nov, 7.45 : "The accretion pals." working class women left behind when a battle begins to the trenches in the first world war.
- bulmerhe college, woodlands ave, woodley. : 13th Nov. 7.30 : "seduced" (sam shepard) the millstream theatre as.
- 10th Nov 7.30 : spatchy in your g'd & be ludding : & usually a performance every wednesday: phone 663387.
- park church hall, Walsingham rd 663809 : 15/16 Nov 7.30 : "The house on the cliff" : "a comedy / mystery play?" is Christmas?
- sheffield players, next to Shire Hall. 8813315 : 22/23, 29/30. 7.45. : "Olwe!" Lionel Bart's musical
- progress theatre : 30 Nov, 7.45 : "Calvary's Guide to Survival" - Fulford Theatre Group. A BANC do.
- Keep it coming! information is wonderful stuff, if you can get hold of it: especially you gig promoters - use the Reg! Phone me on 866485 (or leave a message maybe).

comradely greetings,
Mark
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ANTI APARTHEID. CAMPAIGN. BENEFIT GIG (19/11/'85)

AT THE PARADISE CLUB.

WITH: FUNKTION AT THE JUNCTION
JAZZ ASSASSINS
+ JOHN LIEPINS VOICE ATTACK

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REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.

Remember, remember the 5th of November? Was Guy Fawkes an anarchist? What went wrong with the launch of a mega rocket? Why did Maggie's head fall off of her effigy when the flames started licking the armpits? How come the 'Coal' looks worse now that the council have tidied up? Why was it so damn cold and windy? How was it, that sixty odd poverty stricken bods managed to stage a non-stop two hour firework display? Why did the kids stay up so late? What was wrong with the people who walked by on the towpath and missed it all? If you ask around enough someones could give you the answers. You won't find them here! Lets do it again next month.

WORKERS POWER EXPLAINS WHY THE LEFT LEFT HAS TO TAKE UP THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM...

The recent riots in Toxteth, Brixton, Tottenham and Handsworth are a public demonstration by black groups of their anger at the racism in all areas of British society.

This racism is rife, even in Labour Movement organisations. Trades Unionists threaten to strike if unions take up the cause of black workers (Imperial Typewriters) or if black workers are employed ahead of whites. The very fact that there is no organisation for the unemployed means that they cannot take part in Labour Movement organisation. And the high black youth unemployment in inner city areas further exacerbates the problem. That's not to say that black youth trust the white, racist Labour Party or trade unions; but if racism in these organisations was challenged and black members had the right to organise independently, they might be drawn into a serious struggle to fight all forms of racism.

But for racism to be seriously challenged in the Labour Movement, the left in Britain must be serious about fighting racism inside the labour institutions.

The Left must show to the black community that it's serious and willing to fight alongside the demonstrators in Handsworth etc and to rid Britain of its anti-immigration laws, its racist police force and its right wing racist trade union and labour representatives.

Roy Hattersley and Neil Kinnock attack the demonstrations in Handsworth as 'massive overreaction to any kind of conflict with authority or with the police.' This must be challenged and we must declare total support for the black youth of Birmingham, Brixton etc. Kinnock and co. have never given black youth the chance to express their rebellion through political campaigns rallies, demos or strikes. Yet they condemn any form of direct action against the racist state forces.

Workers Power believes that serious militants must defend the Handsworth Defence Campaign and other local defence groups. We have argued for and continue to argue for Labour Party, Trade union, University and college NUS meetings to invite speakers from the Newham 7 and Handsworth Defence Campaigns to build awareness and support for the fight against racist attacks. So far Bulmershe Students Socialist Society is inviting a speaker from Handsworth, on our initiative, and we hope others will follow. (Details hopefully for next Red Rag). We will work with anyone who is serious about fighting racism. Simply because Reading hasn't had its own mass unrest doesn't mean to say we can sit back and do nothing. We must organise now to defend the black communities in all areas and smash racism wherever it exists.

Steve Powell
Reading Workers Power



Many of Doris' friends will return to one stage next Saturday (16th November) at the Paradise Club, London Street, to raise a few more funds for next years 21st Birthday Party

The all day event will start with a lively fun set from those utopian dreamers 'THE ESCAPISTS' followed by Andovers Reggae band outfit 'CHARAS'. Mellowing out around 3ish with Wimbledons own answer to the wombles 'THE OZRIC TENTIALS' reaching out and tidying up places within you, that you didn't know existed. Waking up about 5 with Basingstoke's only redeeming feature 'EARTHLORE'. Having got you back on your feet there is a chance to indulge in a 'guitar triggered truck' (see issue ten of Mighty Utterance) with 'THE GATHERING'.. by this time you should be ready to let 'THE MAGIC MUSHROOM BAND' show you around their brand of 'soul space rock', and to mop-up anyone thats left. Cornwall's 'WEBCORE' will try to explain in a musical sort of way, why they are called webcore! Also webcore will feature a set by 'ANOTHER GREEN WORLD' - just close your eyes and its not planet earth

To add to the days pleasures there will be a number of unscheduled happenings, along with munchies supplied by the Wild Tyme food collective, an all day bar with happy hour prices between 7 & 8pm and of course the ever popular 'if we can get away with it' Raffle.

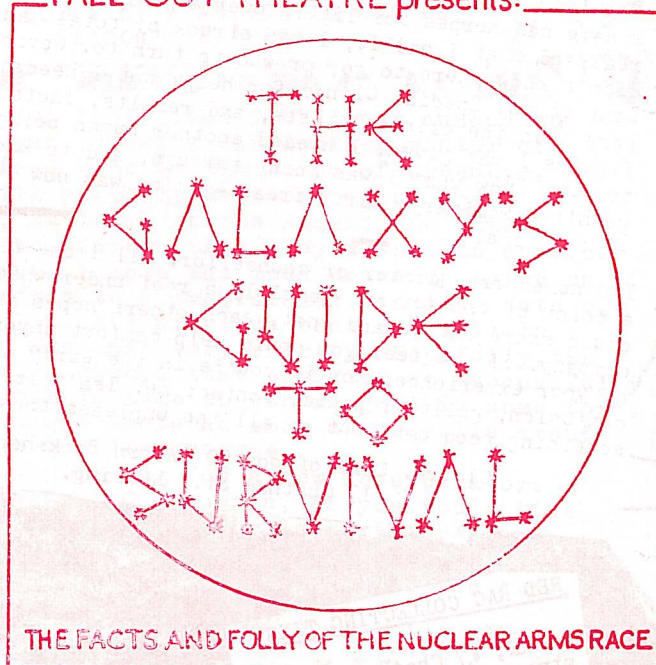
Tickets available in advance from Acorn Bookshop, price £3.00. On the door £4.00 or £3.50 with UB40/NUS/PENSION BOOK

Be there early or miss it!

~ PAID ADS ~

INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY

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Reading

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LETTERS

BOX 8
ACORN BOOKSHOP
17, CHATHAM ST.
READING

Dear Red Rag,

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that the National Front have now established a branch in Reading. Its inaugural meeting was held at the New Inn, Oxford Rd (supposedly unknown to the publican) in September. This has, not surprisingly, co-incided with increasing reports of racist graffiti and attacks in the area.

Chomley Rd and Body Rd have been identified as having NF activists living in them with subsequent harassment of local Asian families. NF stickers have been appearing around town - some with razor blades behind them (SO BEWARE!).

There have been reports of NF gatherings around the station and in the Hexagon on Saturday lunchtime. In the light of this, we think it is important to keep tabs on what is going on. We would like to collect information on 1. local attacks 2. where the NF live and 3. the names of any pubs they meet in, with the aim of organising to stop NF activists in the area.

Should you have any information or wish to get involved in setting up a local anti-racist/anti-fascist group then contact us via Acorn Bookshop. They must be smashed before they have a chance to grow.

Brada and Phil.

Dear Ragge,

Re thoughts on Paradise. Yep, the Paradise isn't up to the standard of the Majestic or University but:-

1. The Paradise doesn't charge you for benefit gigs - the management seem O.K. about just taking bar profits (Yeah - £1.10 for a Special Brew is a lot, but that's the entertainment industry). Lots of venues don't do this.
2. Yep, the club is basic, but when the lights are down and the band's on, does it really matter? Who needs palatial surroundings?
3. Much more relevant is the question of why the Paradise is the 'only' venue for benefit gigs. Not that the club is anything but a commercial venture itself. Does the capitalist music business not make enough profit to warrant more over-priced watering holes in the town?

The man whose head expended

Dear Red Rag,

A small (not really so small) cavil against the otherwise wonderful heading 'Between the lines'. The illustration chosen for the 'third world' section is in line with the, unfortunately, prevalent (and often media inspired) notions of the third world, as undifferentiated, starving and helpless.

Many of the causes of food problems (and many others) of the so-called third world, are the west's policies; far more money is made by us in Latin America, Africa and Asia, than we send in aid, and we consume vast amounts of their food (and much of their other resources).

The term Third World, is, in itself demeaning and such illustrations are even more so, to the point of racism, particularly when the previous edition had an excellent intro on how the West lived off the South's backs.

Tim Hill

Dear Rag

As you can see (elsewhere in this issue) Veggie Dining is happening again. There are enough people to do the first one, but if anyone wants to get involved on future occasions, then put your name on the rota in Acorn Bookshop, or leave a note in 49J at Acorn, or phone Jonathan on heading 599969.

Dear Red Rag.

With respect to Don Pedro and his critique of the Reading Highway Strategy, the forecasts which show 3600 vehicles per peak hour flowing along the proposed four lane option for the 400 metres of Caversham Road between Vastern Road and Richfield Avenue, as part of the cross Town Route; are deceptive, conservative and based on arbitrary data, which is criminal given the seriousness of the issue.

3600 vehicles reflects a decision to restrain vehicular growth in the 1990's to 20%, even though 50% is the expected growth if such restraints prove ineffectual; and if there is 50% growth there will be 5000 (approx.) vehicles using the 400 metre stretch per peak hour. There will be bottle-neck congestion because the Berkshire County Council do not have a credible integrated transport strategy with which to bring about such growth limits. This will lead to emergency debates in the Environmental Committee of the B.C.C. on re-opening the Cardiff Road link issue - which involves demolitions on Cardiff Road or behind it through the back-gardens (more exactly) and York Road.

If you live on Caversham Road, the only option you have left, apart from evacuation, is to spray the cars with a metal-eating enzyme, as they crawl past back to suburban etceteraville.

Situationist etc. - Box 2001

herpes

I am shouting into total darkness, by writing this letter. I don't know if there is a need for this sort of group, and if there is a need, I don't know if people will have the courage to come forward and admit to it. I maybe stepping on someone else's toes - if I am, tell me and I'll shut up (but if there is such a group, you should publicise yourself better).

I have had Herpes for little over a year. When I realised that I had it, I was struck by total panic: I didn't know where to go, or who to turn to. Obviously, I went to the Special Clinic for help, but I needed something more than the clinical tests, and results, facts and figures I was given. I needed another human being to talk to, who knew what I was going through, and to know I wasn't a solitary, dirty freak - which was how I felt at the time.

I'm no expert, doctor or counsellor. All I can offer is a point of contact and possibly a roof under which we could share coffee and chat, each others hopes and company. If you feel you could help comfort anyone else by your experiences, or if you're in the early days of confusion, guilt or panic, contact me. Isn't it time something good came out of all the unpleasantness?

Claire. Care of Box 50 -Acorn Bookshop
17 Chatham St., heading.

RED RAG COLLECTING TINS

ACORN, 17 Chatham Street
ELEPHANT OFF-LICENCE, Derby Street
HARVEST WHOLEFOODS, Harris Arcade, Friar St.
RAG DOLL, London Street
POP RECORDS, 172 Kings Road
EUROFOODS, Crown Colonnade, Cemetery Junction

henge '86

Stonehenge is waiting for you. The Stonehenge 86 Campaign kicked off on schedule at the inaugural meeting on 14 Oct. Member Groups are so far: Polytantric (Treasury), Green CND, The New Instant, Streatham Action Group, Red Ice, Camden Road Crazies, Convoy, The Warped Ones, Green Road Show, SNOW, Pyramid Stage, Kingston Anarchists.

On that same day the government called a morning meeting with festival groups, offering limited access to the Stones at midsummer on a ticket basis. The festival groups said that Stonehenge 86 festival is essential to any further talks and asked for a legal site. The meeting with the government was adjourned till 11 Nov (11 am) - same day as the next meeting of the Campaign.

The Campaign meeting rejected the offer of tickets or structure of the Ritual or a limit to numbers attending and demanded that charges and injunctions be dropped, that the 86 Stonehenge Festival should go ahead in June, that in the case of any agreement being reached it would have to be on paper and signed by lawyers for the Festival, and that negotiations are finally resolved on 11 Nov. The purpose of the Campaign is to establish Stonehenge 86 Free Festival. The Proposal to blockade NATO bases on Salisbury Plain in June 86 was adjourned to the meeting on the 11 Nov. It is important that Campaign reps and festival groups attend both meetings on the 11 Nov: 11 am at English Heritage 23 Saville Row London W.1 7pm Campaign mtg at 99 Torriano Ave London N.W.5. The next Campaign meeting after that is on the 9 Dec, same address.

Donations: If you are making a donation use as separate cheque/PO and cross it "Stonehenge 86 Campaign" (Account No: 0204314) Lloyds, Kings Cross, London). Makes it easier for the Treasury. Get fit - go for it.

Cooks for next time needed. Phone 599969

CID TRAIL CHRONIC MOLE

(an Underground report)

Is Unwise Joe an RBWL Agent? Thames Valley CID have set their super-sleuths to work over the past fortnight since the Chronic's star reporter gave a 50% boost to the sales of Reading's most subversive Guide.

The flatfeet are plodding in Smut's direction. Why was Reading's greatest newsagent mentioned TWICE in Unwise's front-page non-story (have some sympathy for a news editor short of news)

Those who are old enough to remember the Shrewsbury Pickets' trial will recall that you do not even have to meet together in the same place to be "conspirators".

Could Joe (Uncle Joe), Smuts and the anonymous RBWL subversives be "conspiring" to promote the truth about Reading?

Part 2 Official Secrets Act applies. Arrest the lot.

(I've now decodified it! Unwise Joe is a Russian spy - a RooEWL agent ??)

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greenham

GREENHAM FOOD VAN: A NOTICE TO ALL LAST SEASON'S HELPERS

Merle Mindel (Tel Ascot 22877) has announced that the van is ready for another winter of regular food runs to the women of Greenham. These will probably be starting up again in November, although at the moment the women have yet to confirm that they wish this service to continue. A rota has been drawn up based on last year's with a provisional starting date of November 1st. All previous contacts will be receiving new info very shortly. Hopefully the four Reading groups that operated so successfully will be able to come together again in some form. Please inform Merle as soon as possible about any change in circumstance.

Reading is looking for a new co-ordinator. Any volunteers? Once again, if you would like to help contact Merle, or last winter's co-ordinator, Val (Reading 483416) who I'm sure will be able to pass on a few hints and tips.

Well prepared

THE AUSTRALIAN Army has bought 541,000 condoms to protect its guns, including those on tanks. A defence spokesman said they were "understood to be an effective means of waterproofing."

GUARDIAN OCT 18th

(Something about stopping your weapon going rusty)

EVENTS

Monday 11th november

- Women's centre, abbey st - vocal workshop, 8pm. *come along & explore your voice - the group wants to expand.*
- anarchists meet in The Dove, (off Rupert St), 8pm.
- reading cycle campaign, The Sun, 8pm. tel 598506.
- reading centre for the unemployed, east st (RCU hereafter)
 - bike maintenance 10-12, linoprinting 10-12, sign language 2-4. 596639 Tami/Alan.
- US A veterans day.
- justice for black people - demo/march from Brodwell Park in Bratton (1130) to Hyde Park. End racist violence.

Tuesday 12th november

- red rag benefit gig at the paradise club, 112 London St - funk & dance night with Beat & The Devil and Funktion at the Junction. £2/£1 for excellent entertainment. 11 band 9pm.
- west berks co-op development assoc. - open meeting, RCU, 8pm
- Sutton Centre, crescent rd - course in bedsit cookery (!!!), 1pm
- Bets anti - nuclear campaign meeting, St Giles Hall, 8pm - why nuclear defence is inappropriate for Europe.
- Women's centre, meetings at 6.30 pm about The Future. Karen 596639 also women's dance group, 10.30 - 12 noon.

Wednesday 13th november

- Women's day at RCU: performance group 1-3, confidence building 10-12, your rights as women 1-2.30. all free, cliche available. Karen/Tami 596639.
- reading national trust - trip to Aldershot Garrison, for sightseeing & tea. £4.75. phone Farnborough 545859.

Thursday 14th november

- Wokingham women's group, la millon rd, Wokingham: Women's health meeting, 8.15. phone 791355.
- basic VHS video workshops, 1.30 - 4.30, free. Arthur Legge community arts centre, Wolsley rd (opposite Clifton Arms). play the star Trek game and meet media stars!!
- socialist workers - Wellington arms, Whitley st, 8pm. 596724.
- CU - wildlife garden, 1-3, also creative writing. 596639.

Friday 15th november

- 1st national independent video festival starts at South Hill Park, Bracknell. details Bracknell 484123
- re return of veggie dining! Yeah!! (see ad. for details) RCU at photography course, 2-4, Arthur Legge arts centre, Wolsley rd.

Saturday 16th november

- anstian socialists - 'the christian & involvement in the peace movement' 8pm, St Giles Church Hall, Southampton St.
- oodley hill house, earley - an introduction to transactional analysis, all day for a mere £5.85. seriously!
- women's centre, abbey st: 10-12 performance group, 12-2 Centre is open. All women welcome. Karen 596639/Tami 581890.
- outwill park - video festival continues. Well worth going to.
- bbey baptist church, abbey square - christmas bazaar, 10am.

Sunday 17th november

- video festival - last day.
- west berks rambles go to Crowsome. details Bracknell 5429048.

Monday 18th november

- anarchists meet in the Dove 8pm.
- vocal workshop, women's centre, abbey st - 8pm. *come along!!*
- RCU courses as last monday.
- why isn't your bloody event in here, eh?

Tuesday 19th november

- women's centre planning meeting 6.30
- more bedsit cookery at Sutton Centre, Crescent Rd, 1-3

Wednesday 20th november

- Women's day at R.C.U. activities as last week - details in Karen/Tami 596639.
- ashmead school - illustrated talk on restoring the Kennet & Avon Canal. £1.60/60p. 7.30 - 9.30pm

Thursday 21st november

- red rag editorial - phone 868488 for where: 7.30ish. all very welcome!
- socialist workers, wellington arms, whitley st, 6pm. 596724
- Video workshop at Arthur Legge community arts centre, Wolsley rd, Caversham. 1.30 - 4.30, free.
- wildlife garden group at RCU, 1-3pm.

Friday 22nd november

- Women's centre, abbey st - bring food & drink for a PARTY, starting at 8pm. All women welcome.
- Kendrick school, London rd - Dennis Tanner MP + Labour's great hopes for Reading. 7.30 pm

Saturday 23rd november

- cow gum and scalpel blade party, a.k.a pasting up Redde Ragge: 7 Christchurch Gardens from 11.00 onwards, 868488 for details. Bring cassettes & drink.
- gay & lesbian celebration at the horse & barge, duke st, from 8pm. 80p raffle ticket. Details from Acorn 584425.
- Women's centre, abbey st - performance group 10-12, 12-2 the Centre is open. All women welcome.
- christmas bazaar, village hall in Hurst. 2.15pm
- shire hall, shunfield park - wargame '85, 10-6 pm. "games", modelling, trade stands etc. £1.25. Also tomorrow.

Sunday 24th november

- red rag collating | folding | distribution. We need you! Even more than usual! phone 595605 to volunteer.
- west berks rambles take on Kennet floodplain - phone 414873 for more details.
- campaign against benefit cuts meet at RCU, 6.30pm

Monday 25th november

- 1st general meeting of the Well Women association, 10 Gun St, at 8pm. All women welcome.

NOTE: WELCOME TO PAUL
THE NEW EVENTS PERSON
TEL. NO. ON COVER.

FREE: SMALL ADS.

"Radical Chic" Red Rag Postcards from Acorn Bookshop - try one and see the difference.

WANTED - 2 people to snare house. Phone Stewart on heading 483183, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Kings Lynn 628253 Sat, Sun, Mon.

FOR SALE/SWOP? Sofa (3-seater), 2 arm-chairs, in excellent condition £45.00 - will split. Phone heading 667085.

WANTED AD:
Desperately needed: Cheap van. Must be running and roadworthy with MOT. Otherwise condition unimportant. If you can help, contact Greenham Womyns Peace Camp (Yellow Gate) or phone Kate Storey on Henley 577258.

WANTED - Carpets, in reasonable condition, no larger than 10ft. by 14ft. Second-hand sofa and 2 arm-chairs. Contact Mike Osbourne care of University, Welfare Office, R.U.S.U., Whiteknights, Reading.

WANTED - Cheap old sofa, phone Chris on Twyford 345836.

Acorn needs your old plastic carrier bags and any size paper bags that you can spare. Please participate in this wonderful re-cycling venture and help save a tree and oil well.

A reminder to any local 'anarchists' (of any sort) that there is still time to rush your contribution to 'Reading Anarchist Anal Review 1985' to Box 19, Acorn Bookshop. And will all those who have promised, please deliver.

C. Hanger