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**JUMBLE SALE:** Katesgrove Labour Party is holding one on Sat Aug 17th at 2pm at St Saviour's Hall, Berkeley Avenue (near where it crosses the Kennet).

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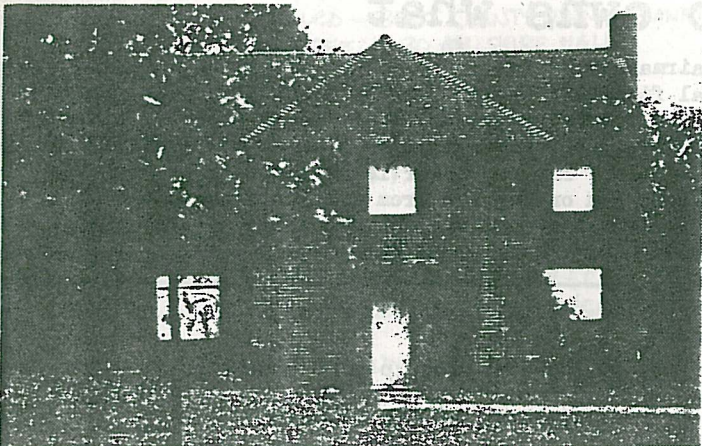
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## Left to rot — Greenham scapegoats



"They haven't deliberately been left vacant," a MoD spokesman tells the Chronic about eleven empty properties they own in Whitley. Shelter finds the situation unacceptable, as presumably do the thousands of people in inadequate housing in Reading. The MoD wouldn't divulge the exact whereabouts of the houses. So we despatched a Red Rag Roving Reporter...

Lo and behold, in a sweet relaxed little estate nestling by the woods beneath Shire Hall, men in military uniforms drive home to their wives and families in cars with Armed Forces registration numbers. A fair proportion of the houses have boarded-up windows, surprise, surprise! The following addresses are empty, some for several years:

- 2 and 6 Babbington Road
- 2,4 and 6 Pendred Road
- 3,4 and 9 Pattinson Road
- 1 and 4 Salmond Road

Some houses on the estate have been let to Health Authority employees, so these may not all be MoD-controlled; but any publicly-owned house left empty to go derelict while people are homeless is an offensive illustration of the State's hypocrisy.

R.R.R.R.

The two women scapegoated by the Ministry of Defence police for the major demonstration at Greenham Common on October 29, 1983 now face a third version of their original charge of £25 criminal damage. The newest version of the charge, dated August 21, 1984, is of causing £60.76 damage to the perimeter fence at USAF Greenham Common. This figure bears no relation to the original charge of £25 damage, or to the dramatically increased charge of £5,397.65 damage, received without warning in March 1984.

Jill and Gloria, the last two women to be processed at Newbury Magistrates Court on charges arising from the demonstration, were victims of MOD police opportunism. They immediately elected to be tried by jury in Reading Crown Court on the hugely increased charge. A trial date is still expected for Reading Crown Court despite the reduction of the charge to a level normally dealt with in Magistrates Court.

The latest charge shows that the MOD police are continuing their

manipulation of the prosecution of Greenham women, but have had to back down in the face of a concerted defence campaign and questions from MPs Harriet Harman, Bob Waverling and Guy Barnett. The campaign has collected over 5000 signatures worldwide calling for the charge to be dropped.

The MOD police, under the control of Michael Heseltine, are extending the selective and tactical pattern of their treatment of activists. The law is playing an ever-increasing role in the confrontation between peace campaigners and authorities. The use of bail conditions and stiffer charges (including conspiracy) are operating to intimidate and halt activists. We will not let this happen.

**Donations for legal and campaign costs urgently needed.** Cheques made payable to: OCTOBER 29 SCAPEGOATS, Acct. No. 11080664, Trustee Savings Bank, 137 High Holborn, London WC1.



**JILL AND GLORIA ARE ON TRIAL ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST: COME ALONG AND DEMONSTRATE PEACEFULLY AND IN PROTEST. GATHER AT THE COURT, TILEHURST RD., AT NOON.**

**(TO CONFIRM THE DATE, PHONE 507065 THE EVENING BEFORE).**

## lies about squatting

A relentless campaign of terrorism is waged by the media and the police in the name of 'law and order': every other front page headline seems designed to keep people cowering behind locked doors in fear of crime. Hence a recent piece in the Evening Post (July 24th) dealing with squatting. In particular a guide to the art for young unemployed people forced out of their last resort 'bed and breakfast' accommodation by recent new regulations. A story about homelessness in Reading? Well, no. The headline ran, "Police warn: Beware of squatters". The whole piece quoted the police to the effect that "They can do little if you leave your door unlocked... when you go away on holiday, and come back to find your house full of squatters."

This is gratuitous scaremongering. A young Post reporter may be forgiven his ignorance in guessing that squatting is a sort of glorified burglary - but surely the police should know better. Squatters are people looking for a home from which they will not immediately be evicted - and that means an empty house. Reading, despite its desperate housing shortage, is full of houses standing empty. This is a disgrace. And this, Tim Bowler (writer of the article concerned), the "police spokesman", and readers of the Evening Post might like to note, is the reality behind squatting.

James

## Letter

Dear Radical Reginald,

Please, please play the agony uncle and help me with my problem. (Well, one of them anyway.) I'm at my wit's end. Perhaps if you can't advise me, you could print this and some reader will be able to.

I have flies. Little black hairy things with wings. Every time I come home to my room I find a few more have moved in. They mostly zip around beneath the light while one or two hang onto the shade and watch. I like Nature, and Wilderness, really, but they still offend my residual sense of law and order; I'm worried a little by the possibility of disease, and what friends might say if I invite them in for a cup of tea, and a little black beastie or twelve buzzes them.

I hate poisons and aerosols and things like that. The thought of finding stiffened fly corpses on the carpet makes me feel a little squeamish. Sometimes I go so far as to wave a rolled up newspaper around, or even try to swat or grab them with my hands: only once I opened my hand to find a poor little confused fly in it, and I got such a turn that I haven't done it again since.

While I sit in my easy chair, they stay by the light and leave me alone, but in a week or two there will be more of them, and perhaps they will have got bolder if I'm not firm with them now. Please, oh please is there any solution,

(I remain anonymous for fear my landlord gets wind of this...)

Genghis the dishwasher.

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AT ACORN BOOKSHOP  
SLOPPY JOE'S DISCO (GAY NIGHTS)  
READING WHOLEFOODS

## Who owns what

The Chairman of Trafalgar House (an amorphous international financial consortium) has recently sold, through one of his own property companies, the Deanery at Sonning for a figure just over a million pounds. The asking price was £2 million. The purchaser is believed to be from the middle-east and on the run from islamic fundamentalist revolutionaries for failure to pay taxes...

### OUTLETS.

You can pick up your next Rag  
from any of the following;

ACORN BOOKSHOP. Under Chatham St. car park.  
CENTRAL CLUB. London St.  
CENTRE for the UNEMPLOYED. East St.  
CONTINENTAL STORES. Cemetery Junction.  
ELEPHANT GROCERIES & OFF-LICENCE. Derby St.  
EUROFOODS. Crown Colonnade, Cemetery Junction.  
FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE. George St.  
FINE FOOD STORES. 168 Oxford Rd.  
HARRISONS NEWSAGENT. Caversham Rd.  
HARVEST WHOLEFOODS. Harris Arcade, Friar St.  
JELLY'S STORES. Whitley St.  
KAN'S KITCHEN. London Rd.  
KEN'S SHOP. S.U Whiteknights.  
LING'S CHINESE FISH BAR. Wokingham Rd.  
LISTEN RECORDS. Butts Centre.  
MO'S PLACE. London St.  
MUSIC MARKET. Union St.  
NUMBER SIXTY. Christchurch Green.  
POP RECORDS. 172 Kings Rd.  
RAG DOLL. London St.  
READING WHOLEFOODS. London Rd.  
SANCO NEWSAGENTS. Caversham Rd.  
SUGAR BOWL. Wokingham Rd.  
SUTHERLANDS. Erleigh Rd.  
TECH COLLEGE. Kings Rd.  
U.B CYCLES. London St.

## 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

# GOING OUT gets going

**SUNDAY 4 AUGUST:** - DUBIOUS ANNIVERSARY No. 1 - QUEEN MUM'S 85th BIRTHDAY.

BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - CLEM ADELMAN (JAZZ) 8PM FREE.  
READIFOLK - CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL 8-10 PM FREE.  
ANGIES, MILTON RD. WOKINGHAM - ICQ (JAZZ/FUNK) 8PM.  
SOUND SYSTEM IN PALMER PARK THIS AFTERNOON??  
SOUTH HILL PARK, BRACKNELL: SWING BAND, LUNCHTIME, FREE.  
SOUTH HILL PARK - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (IS) 7.45 £2.50  
FORBURY GARDENS - BAND CONCERT, 3-4.30 PM.  
MODEL RAILWAY RIDES IN PROSPECT PARK, 2-5: tel. 883063.

**MONDAY 5 AUGUST:**

SILKS, BATH ROAD, THATCHAM - LARRY MILLER + VAGABOND £2.  
THATCHERS, FAIRWATER DRIVE, WOODLEY - JAZZ/FUNK/SOUL, 8PM, FREE.  
ALBION, OXFORD RD - PETE JAMES JAZZ BAND, 8PM FREE.  
BULL AT NETTLEBED - FOLK CLUB, 8PM, FREE.  
S.H.P. - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (IS) 7.45 £2.50.  
KENNET MORRIS - THE CHERRY TREE, STUKE ROW 8PM.  
THE LAMB, SATWELL AT 9PM

**TUESDAY 6 AUGUST:** - HIROSHIMA DAY

OUT OF TOWN CLUB, PADWORTH - LIVE BANDS?  
POETS ANONYMOUS, CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8.30 FREE.  
THEATRE OF THE ABSURD - BERKS COUNTY COUNCIL PLANNING  
SUB-COMMITTEE, 10.30 AM, SHIRE HALL.  
S.H.P. - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (IS) 7.45 £2.50.  
NEW WORKER, QUEENS WALK - FRICTION GROOVE, 8PM, FREE.

**WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST:**

JIVE DIVE CLUB - THE NEW WORKER, QUEENS WALK.  
EUROPEAN FOLK DANCING - FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE,  
CHURCH ST., (OFF S' TON ST.) 7.45 £1.  
PANDEMONIUM - CLOSED TIL AUTUMN (SMIFF/SHIFF).

S.H.P. - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (IS) 7.45 £2.50.  
READING TOWN HALL - ORGAN RECITAL, 1.10 PM, FREE.

**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST:**

BOARS HEAD, FRIAR ST - LIVE BAND  
CROSS KEYS (nr BUTTS) - LIVE MUSIC FREE 8PM.  
MARKET INN, BRACKNELL - 8PM FREE. JAKE VERDEN.  
SPORTSMAN, SHINFIELD - COUNTRY MUSIC, 8PM FREE.  
UNIV - OPEN UNIVERSITY DISCO, 1. AM BAR, £1: NEED A UNION  
CARD OR ASK SOMEONE TO SIGN YOU IN.  
SHP UNDERCOVER CLUB - £1.50, 8PM.  
STAG + HOUNDS, PINKNEYS GREEN, M'HEAD - FOLK  
CLUB - GRAHAM + EILEEN PRATT, 8ish, FREE.  
PARADISE CLUB - TIPPERTONE SOUND SYSTEM + GUESTS, 8-2.  
SHP - FREE VIDEO SCREENING: "TERRITORIES": 7.45.  
WHAT 'POPULAR BLACK CULTURE' MEANS TO  
BLACK PEOPLE, MADE BY A BLACK VIDEO COLLECTIVE.

**FRIDAY 9 AUGUST:** - NAGASAKI DAY.

THE LAMB, EVERSLEY - FOLK - SINGERS NIGHT, 8ish FREE.  
LORD RAGLAN, WOKINGHAM - DIXIE JAZZ, 8.30, FREE.  
SHP FRIDAY LIVE - SURFIN' LUNGS + SUPPORT, 10-2, £3.  
PARADISE CLUB - OLD SOMETHIN'G'S COOKIN' & BUT NOTHING  
FINALISED AS YET...  
SHP - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 £2.50.

501 EXCUSES FOR HAVING A BATH,  
IRONING MORE CREASES INTO THIS WEEK'S  
OXFAM HAUL. AND BEING A PUBLICALLY  
VIBRANT CHARISMA---

**SATURDAY 10 AUGUST:**

PARADISE CLUB - JAMAICAN INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY  
DANCE: CONGA DANCERS + KING DICK SOUND.  
WATLINGTON HOUSE (WATLINGTON ST.) - FOLK DANCE, 7.30.  
SHP - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 £2.50. ALSO 10.30.  
BURGHFIELD COMMON - HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 2PM; WILLMICK SCHOOL.  
KNOWL HILL STEAM RALLY (J9 OFF M4). 11 AM - 12 MIDNIGHT £3+50P  
NATURAL HISTORY WALK: WHITE SHUTE, LAMBURN: OXFORD 775476

**SUNDAY 11 AUGUST:**

NEW GAMES - 2PM, PALMER PARK.  
BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - JAZZ: CLEM ADELMAN, 8PM, FREE.  
READIFOLK - CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8PM FREE.  
PALMER PARK - APOLLO YOUTH CLUB SPORTS DAY - FROM 11 AM.  
FOOTBALL, NETBALL, CRICKET, ATHLETICS, KARATE  
DISPLAY, BREAKDANCING + DISCO. ALL FREE.  
NABISCO FUN RUN, PROSPECT PARK.  
SHP - TERRACE BAR - PUNCH + JUDY: FREE INSTITUTIONALISED  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: LUNCHTIME.  
SHP - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 £2.50.  
PARADISE CLUB - SPORTS + SWIMWEAR DANCE - DIAMONDS  
SOUND SYSTEM + GUEST SOUND. £2. LION ROOTS?  
KNOWL HILL STEAM RALLY, [SEE YESTERDAY] 11-7.  
FORBURY GARDENS - KATES GROVE STEEL BAND, 3-4.30 FREE.  
CRICKET - BERKS V. SHROPSHIRE. READING SCHOOL, ERLEIGH RD  
11-7 FREE - ALSO TOMORROW.

**MONDAY 12 AUGUST:** BANG BANG BLOODY BANG -  
NOT SO GLORIOUS FOR SOME---

SILKS, BATH RD, THATCHAM - LIVE BANDS (SEE LISTEN RECORDS)  
THATCHERS, WOODLEY - JAZZ/FUNK/SOUL, 8PM, FREE.  
ALBION, OXFORD RD - PETE JAMES ORIGINAL JUBILEE JAZZ BAND. 8PM  
SHP - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 PM £2.50.  
BULL, HIGH ST., NETTLEBED - FOLK CLUB, 8PM FREE.  
KENNET MORRIS - FOX + HOUNDS, SUNNYSIDE, THELE, 8PM.

**TUESDAY 13 AUGUST:**

POETS ANONYMOUS; CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8.30 FREE.  
OUT OF TOWN CLUB, PADWORTH - SIDEWAYS LAUGHING.  
PARADISE CLUB - NOTHING WHEN I PHONED  
READING ORGAN SOC. - CRICKET CLUB, CHURCH RD, EARLEY.  
£1.25, 8PM START.  
S.H.P. - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 £2.50.  
CRICKET - BERKS V. CHESHIRE. KIDMORE GND CRICKET CLUB,  
11-7 FREE. ALSO TOMORROW.

**WEDNESDAY 14 AUGUST:**

JIVE DIVE AT THE NEW WORKER, QUEENS WALK.  
EURO - FOLK DANCING - AS AUGUST 7th.  
PANDEMONIUM - CLOSED TIL AUTUMN. BOO HOO.  
SHP - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.45 £2.50

**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST:** - DUBIOUS ANNIVERSARY no?  
PRINCESS ANNE 35 TODAY.

CROSS KEYS (nr BUTTS) - LIVE MUSIC.  
BOARS HEAD, FRIAR ST - LIVE MUSIC  
MARKET INN, BRACKNELL - ZIG ZAG, 8PM FREE  
SPORTSMAN, SHINFIELD - FREE COUNTRY MUSIC, 8PM.

# GOING OUT goes on.

STAG + HOUNDS, PINKNEYS GREEN, MIHEAD - FOLK CLUB - BEVERLY ARSCOTT, 8-15, FREE.  
 SHP - UNDERCOVER CLUB, 8PM - LIVE BANDS, £1.50.  
 PARADISE CLUB - SOUL + REGGAE, NO DETAILS YET.

UNIV - STUDENTS UNION - OPEN UNIV DISCO: 1 AM BAR, £1.  
 SHP - "101 DALMATIANS" (U) 2PM, 7.45, £2.50 (AAH!!)

## FRIDAY 16 AUGUST:-

READING SHOW, HILLS MEADOW.  
 THE LAMB, EVERSLY - FOLK W/ WOODBINE, 8-15, FREE.  
 MACROBIOIC MEAL MEETING, 100 NORTHUMBERLAND AVENUE, - PLEASE PHONE WENDY (860813) IN ADVANCE.  
 LORD RAGLAN, DENMARK ST. WOKINGHAM - DIXIE JAZZ, 8-30ish  
 SHP - FRIDAY LIVE - ELEVATOR MUSIC (JAZZ/ROCK) 10-2 £3.  
 PARADISE CLUB - DAVID RODIGIAN (CAPITAL RADIO REGGAE ROADSHOW) £5. (TIL 2 AM)  
 SHP - "101 DALMATIANS" (U) 7.45PM/2PM £2.50.

## SATURDAY 17 AUGUST:-

READING SHOW - HILLS MEADOW.  
 PARADISE CLUB - CHAMPAGNE PARTY, WITH SOUND SYSTEM  
 CLUB PARTY - RED RAG PASTE UP. (SEE COVER FOR DETAILS)  
 BARN DANCE - WATLINGTON HOUSE, WATLINGTON ST. 7.30.  
 SHP - "101 DALMATIANS" (U) 2/7.45 PM, £2.50.

## SUNDAY 18 AUGUST:-

COLLECTIVE HANGOVER CURE (SNAKEBITE | CHAMPAGNE | GLUE)  
 FOLD | LABEL THE RAG AT ACORN.  
 BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - JAZZ, 8PM. CLEM ADELMAN.  
 READING SHOW, HILLS MEADOW.  
 SOUND SYSTEM IN PALMER PARK THIS AFTERNOON?  
 READIFOLK - CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8PM FREE.  
 SHP - TERRACE BAR - LUNCHTIME - IAN SMITH JAZZ QUINTET.  
 SHP - "101 DALMATIANS" (U) 2PM | 7.45, £2.50.  
 FORBURY GARDENS - SALVATION ARMY BAND CONCERT. 3-4.30  
 UNIV. PLANT SCIENCE LABORATORIES' BOTANIC GARDENS - 2-6, 50P ADMISSION.  
 BAGNOR THEATRE (nr. NEWBURY) KENNY BALL + JAZZMEN. 8PM  
 BOX OFFICE NEWBURY 46044.

## KEY:-

S.H.P - SOUTH HILL PARK ARTS CENTRE, BRACKNELL: 0344 484123.  
 PARADISE CLUB, 112 LONDON ST READING: 576847.

## PLEASE:

CUILTY! YES, VERY... BUT IN SPITE OF THAT, KEEP THE GOING OUT GOING + GLOWING BY LEAVING DETAILS OF ANY SOCIALS, GIGS ETC AT ACORN, OR PHONE ME ON 782178 BEFORE 10:30 PM.

HUGS + KISSES, MARK

## (NON) THEATRE GUIDE:-

HEXAGON, PROGRESS + SHINFIELD PLAYERS CLOSED.  
 SHP NOT DOING ANY DRAMA AT THE MOMENT.  
 TRY THE CIVIC OFFICES.

## DIGESTIBLE FESTIVAL GUIDE

(INCORPORATING LONG DISTANCE FREEBIES.)

- 3-10 AUGUST: VEGAN CAMP, HOME PAREN CARAVAN SITE, MARLANGAS, ANGLESEY 091 252 7599.
- 5-9 AUGUST: WHITWORTH TRAVELLERS FAIR 0706 853266.
- 6 AUGUST - HIROSHIMA DAY FESTIVAL, JUBILEE GARDENS, NOON-6PM, FREE.
- 8 AUGUST: PULLENS FREE FESTIVAL, ELEPHANT + CASTLE -
- 6-11 AUGUST: LIVERPOOL PEACE FESTIVAL: (NEW PEACE SHOP, 12 COMMUTATION ROW, L1).
- 9-10 AUGUST: FAIRPORT REUNION, BANBURY.
- 9-11 AUGUST: BRAMBLES FARM PEACE FESTIVAL, WATERLOOVILLE, \* WANTS - (W. 252887). OVER 20 BANDS INCL ROY HARPER + POISON GIRLS. CAMPING FROM 6TH AUG.
- 10 AUGUST: SOUTH LONDON CARNIVAL, BATTERSEA
- 11 AUGUST: PARK. STARTS AT 10 AM.
- 11 AUGUST - CILC CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL, NOON-7PM - SOUTH BANK. CHECK FIRST ON 01-633 1707.

[Thanks to Windsor Free Press, Green Collector + Sarah].  
 \*HIGH COURT INTERFERENCE SO RING FIRST TO CHECK THE SITE.

## N.B:

ON TUESDAYS + FRIDAYS THERE ARE DISCO'S AT THE TUDOR ARMS, NEAR THE STATION. DUE TO RECENT DEBATE AS TO WHETHER THE TUDOR IS SEXIST +/OR "NOT A GAY PUB", I HESITATE TO CALL THESE EVENTS 'GAY DISCOS', BUT NOTE THAT A NUMBER OF GAY PEOPLE DO GO TO THE TUDOR, FOR DISCOS + AT OTHER TIMES. MARK

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## "Bastards! Bastards! Bastards!"

I read the 'Henley Regatta' letter in the July 7th Rag, and I disagree with the analysis of 'rational' and 'utopian' power-relations. The pursuit and exercise of 'POWER' has not only been responsible for every horror in 'his-story' but also for the Spectacle. The song remains the same - the dominant power-elites are incapable of dialogue, they are pathological. Power doesn't corrupt in itself (the utopian vision is also a form of collective power corrupt in itself (the utopian vision, or the common good is also a form of collective power), but 'rational'/dominant power attracts corruption. This engenders a perception of the world and phenomena, appearances, and situations in terms of predators and prey, victims and assassins, helicopters with heat-seeking equipment, 1984½ leviathan bureaucracies, labyrinthine 'shells within shells' media-image realities and the necessity of a cybernetic military-industrial state complex... and a universal state of sleep sustained by 'speed-ups at work' and the production/consumption and excitation cycle. Such a society (and its relationships) is essentially insane.

Agreed, the highest level of principled action is a n envisioned morality which rejects such a contagious

and violent society, relying on 'crack-downs', surveillance, fear, moral terror and paranoia. But when up against this ultimate 'chewer of corpses' you have to see what there is to be done and have the will to do it directly, quickly, precisely, awake looking at it. By this I mean a movement of riots, strikes, sabotage, occupations interventions, situations and mass assemblies. As for Utopia, we already have that - or I should say, the illusion of it, dystopia - because that's what the unholy trinity of state, commodity and the media (the Spectacle) wants: stop. Inertia. Stasis. No change in the dominant power relationships. The whole ruling show want(s) us to remain static in the latter half of the twentieth century and I for one want the future now... It is also clear that THEY will resist any such changes and that such struggles could escalate to totally insane levels of force and counter-force. But we are not monsters in facing such a decision; we remain moral people with a collective, social, conscience even though it might be necessary to utilise primordial instincts to achieve certain aims (and I mean killing)... Such actions might seem ruthless but it is only clarity when struggling against the silent epoch of the Spectacle.

Box 2001

## Beyond the Tudor

Who would have thought that six women walking out of a pub because the landlord was rude to them could trigger so much feeling and reaction. Gay men, heterosexuals and assorted misogynists have crawled out of closets all over the place to have a go. They must feel very threatened to react with such defensive aggression. Why? Six women followed and supported by more than a handful of gay people boycotted a pub. A letter was written to Red Rag to let people know what was happening. Then the anonymous backlash started with increasing sarcasm and nastiness. What is the point of it? Do these men who presumably drink at the Tudor want us to come back and drink with them? If not, why

aren't they pleased to have the place to themselves? What the Tudor seems to be becoming is an essentially male watering hole with an ethos that is anti-feminist. I chose not to drink there, other people are clearly free to make their own choices.

Meanwhile, alternatives are flourishing I am happy to report. There is gay life in Reading beyond the Tudor.

Love

Mikki

## Reading Between the Lines 1985-6

The 1985-6 version of Reading Between the Lines, Red Rag's inimitable guide to Reading, will appear in mid-September. For this to happen we must have all material in by mid-August. That's soon! Have a look at the current edition, if you haven't already, and let us know how the next one could be better. Give us corrections, additions, deletions. Don't assume that anything you

know must also be known to everyone else! The new guide will be bigger than the old one, giving more scope for comments, opinions and introductions. Some sections do not as yet have anyone working on them as yet. Offers of help very welcome! Pictures are wanted: good quality black and white prints. Please contact James on 595605, or write c/o Box 200, Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham St.

## Pandemonium in Paradise: a review

The Pandemonium Music Club, normally held in the backroom at the Crown, moved to the Paradise to present its final concert for this season. The Johnny Rondo Combo featuring Lol Coxhill and Dave Holland, plus the Four Corners Saxophone Unit and African Disco was the musical fare, with an option on vegetarian food (very nice too!). Four Corners, a "euphonius-jazz based saxophone quintet" was a quartet that night and started their set by wandering amongst the audience while playing. By accident or design they seemed to gather round a group in the middle of the hall who seemed intent on talking louder than they were playing, before coming to play in front of the stage without amplification. Loudest is not always best! Euphonious improvisation was followed by two compositions: Mood-Indigo by Duke Ellington and Portrait of Linda by Sonney Sharrock. They finished the set by walking again. This time into the toilets!!

The Johnny Rondo Combo normally features Dave Holland on piano. The Paradise unfortunately does not have a piano, and Dave was using an electronic keyboard which just doesn't

have the attack that an acoustic instrument can provide. They ended up sounding a bit like Weather Report, who are not my favourite band. However this is a new band and I believe only the third gig. Catch them later with a piano.

The reluctance shown by the audience to dance didn't help. What's the matter people?... Suffering from reggae overkill maybe. Even the African disco didn't seem to help, and anyone who can't or won't dance to that music has something seriously wrong with them.

The Pandemonium Club will be back in the autumn. Also plans are afoot to try and bring some live African bands to Reading. In a recent conversation the Pandemonium was accused of being sexist in its programming etc. Pandemonium was originally set up as an outlet for improvised music. The organisers are at present unaware of the existence of any women locally who want to play, and they have not been in a financial position to bring anyone in from outside Reading.

Mike Cooper

# EVENTS DIARY

Mon. 5th

R.C.U. trip Dinton Pastures ideal for kids, bring packed lunch leave RCU at 10.30 Womens centre monthly meeting @ womens centre 8.00p.m. Lesbian and Gay self defence course 75p UB40/1.50 waged, details Box 33 Acorn

Tues 6th

Remember Hiroshima Life Peace walk at Oxford details David John Rdg. 692579. peace vigil and festival at Burghfield 10am to 7pm Hiroshima and Nagasaki vigil outside MOD building in Whitehall NVDA details Dan Martin 01 928 9742 Youth CND International peace camp Clapham Common details Charlotte Wagner or Andrew Chapman 01 263 0977

Woodley Peace Group meeting: 36 Hazel Drive, 8pm. Contact: Debbie Sowerby, 690924.

Thur 8th

Life Peace walk @ Wallingford SHP cinema Video screening territories free.

Fri 9th

Life Peace walk @ Reading details David John Rdg. 692579. Hiroshima and Nagasaki vigil at MOD Whitehall details Dan Martin 01 928 9742. Brambles Farm Peace Festival Brambles Farm torpedo town Waterlooville Hants. Roy Harper Poison Girls and many more details torpedo town 252887.

East Reading group of Berks Anti-Nuclear Campaign social evening: 21 Eastern Avenue. Cruisewatch and Greenham Support members esp invited, other kindred spirits most welcome. Bring a bomb. Sorry, bottle. 9pm.

Sat 10th

Life Peace walk Reading Brambles Farm Peace Festival Tree Club Cannizaro Park Wimbledon details Catherine Olver 874347.

Conservation: woodland management at Windlesham. Details Peter Edge Wok 781041 (eves). Also tomorrow.

Sun 11th

Life Peace walk Newbury. Brambles Farm festive Remembrance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki St. Lawrence's church Market place Reading 3.15 pm followed by procession at 4.00 to the river at Caversham bridge where flowers will be placed in the river.

Mon 12th

Life Peace walk at Greenham

Tues 13th

RCU trip Oxford pool or day by the sea, please tell them your preference bring packed lunch.

Demonstration outside Reading Crown Court, Tilehurst Road. Noon. For trial of two women charged with criminal damage at Greenham, 29.10.83. Contact Elizabeth (507065) the night before.

Thur 15th

copy day for Red Rag

Sat 17th

paste up for the Rag phone co-ordinator for details.

Sun 18th

collating party the more the merrier co-ordinator for details. Cycle touring club ride to Silchester details John Hutton Henley 574693.

Conservation: pond maintenance for Earley Council in Lower Earley. Details: see 10th.

## LESBIAN AND GAY CELEBRATION

.... on Saturday August 24th. More information from Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham St.

## WOMEN'S REVIEW

Formal sessions of the Women's Self-expression Project have come to an end (they were great!) but women are beginning to work towards a Women's Review to be held at Hallowe'en. Meetings will now be weekly on Saturday mornings 10.30 - 12.30 at the Women's Centre (basement of Old Shire Hall, Abbey St). (We could also do with volunteers to run a creche!)

The Performance group at Reading Centre for the Unemployed will also continue to meet over the summer on Wednesdays from 1-3. All women welcome.

On Monday evenings at 8pm there are voice workshops at the Women's Centre.

Women interested in writing are also still invited to join the Reading Women's Writing Group which meets on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 at the Women's Centre.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Review should join any of these groups or contact Penny (662646). We would particularly welcome women who play any kind of musical instrument - even if they think they are not very good! Also women who write, dance, act, sing, or perform in any way!

## BERKSHIRE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

... is a voluntary group carrying out practical conservation work on sites in and around Berkshire. The tasks are varied and include scrub clearance to conserve both heathland and chalk grassland, pond clearance, fencing, tree planting, path construction and woodland management work. See Aug 10 and 18 for examples. Further details from membership secretary Peter Edge: Bracknell 420242 x 2343 (day) or Wok. 781041 (eves).

## READING ORGANISATION FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

... meets on the first Tuesday of the month (e.g. August 6th) at St Mary's Centre, Chain St. (NOT any more in the Crown pub). Details: Dave 54098 or Geoff 476529.

## INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

... aims to provide a warm and friendly atmosphere for all members of the community. It's at 2, Norris Road (off Grange Avenue behind the Wokingham Rd shops), and open Mon - Fri 11 - 5.30. Activities include:

Senior Citizens Day Centre, Mon and Wed, 11-3 (with veg. lunch on Weds, for which help is wanted)

Ladies Circle Mon 5-8.30 and Tues 10 - 1.30.

After-school Club (for 5-14 yr-olds) Mon-Fri, 3-6, with Bhangra classes on Mons, table tennis on Tues, Indian language classes on Weds.

Mother and toddler group Thurs 10 - 1.30

Youth Club Tues Thurs and Sat from 6 to 8.30 (8 on Sat)

Also welfare rights advice. Girls' group starting up. Etc!

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