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Many thanks to all those who put their muscles and/or brains into this issue

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Red Rag has been produced for nearly 6 years by an everchanging 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.

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Reading Nicaragua Solidarity Group





Dear Red Rag,

I would like to appeal to all your readers to come along to the Reading Nicaragua Solidarity Group stall on May Day (May 3rd) and join the Group. It doesn't cost much (£1 unwaged, £2 waged), and it is essential to build up as much support as possible in Europe for the Sandinistas before Loony Tune Reagan goes for his

More and more people believe that Reagan plans to invade Nicaragua in 1987 (assuming that the Contras continue to suffer military defeats). Already the US Deafense Department has estimated that they would need an invasion force of between 100,000 and 125, 000, and that they would have to expect between 3000 and 8000 US troop deaths. That won't bother Ronbo. Already Fidel Castro is advising the Sandinistas to plan for a withd drawal to the jungles and the mountains while the Americans destroy Managua.

Even the obvious echoes of Vietnam don't seem to deter the US. It is said that every American President is either a knave or a fool (with Nixon as the arch-knave and Ford as the Arch-fool). The problem with Reagan is that he seems to be both. He is very very dangerous.

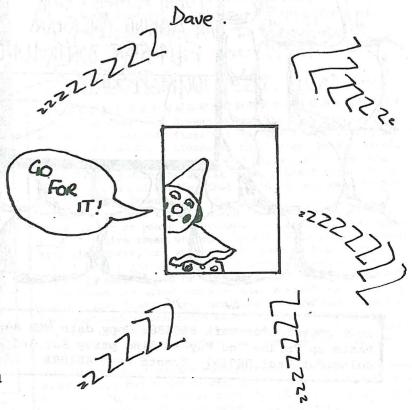
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This is not the time for the sort of theoretical posturing we've seen in some of the "far left" press-criticising the Sandinistas for not nationalising the coffee plantations etc. Whatever mistakes are made

coffee plantations etc. Whatever mistakes have been made in the course of the revolution, the first and only consideration at the moment has to be the defence of that revolution against the maniacs in Washington. European pressure will be vital.

Come along to May Day afternoon at RCU and start to do your bit!

Comradely greetings,





READING MAY DAY FESTIVAL SAT 3 MAY 1986

1200 Assemble for May Day March at Old Shire Hall. Bring your Banners.

1215 MARCH ROUND READING

1300 Arrive RCU to be welcomed by Workers'
Music Association Choir.

1315 MAY DAY RALLY outside RCU
Speakers: Joan Maynard MP
African National Congress (SA)
Spanish Civil War
Printworker (probably)

1400 MAY DAY FESTIVAL in RCU - 1700

Stalls from every organisation
(including yours ?)
Food and drink for sale
Entertainment by WMA Choir, Asian
dancers and Break dancers
Videos: Cartoons for the children
TU films, including a new one
from Wapping.

** To book stalls phone Jane Carter tel 861305

** CRECHE available all afternoon

Collapse, or get second wind for Part Two - is this the other Reading Marathon?

1945 MAY DAY SUPPER AND SOCIAL in RCU

(Bring your own wine)

1945 Cuban Music and slide show

2015 The first ever Reading Cuban Vegan nosh (I think) - cooked by Reading Vegans

2115 GUEST SPEAKER: Colin Groves, Britain-Cuba Resources Centre

2145 SOCIALIST CONJUROR: IAV SAVILLE He'll make capitalism disappear!

2230 Local music makers followed by

All times subject to slippage !

EVENING TICKETS :

With Supper £4 waged, £2 50 Unwaged Social only £2 waged, £1 00 Unwaged from : Acorn, May Day Committee or at the Festival

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MAY DAY is workers' day, probably the most widely celebrated Festival in the world. It is the day when all members of the working class, employed and unemployed, women and men, black and white, whatever political or non-political organisation, can join together in unity.

We can join together and declare that we are the producers of the wealth of the world and we are working in a variety of ways to ensure that one day it will be ours.

In Reading we have developed our own special way of celebrating May Day. Under the sponsorship of Reading Trades Council a wide variety of organisations come together with a common aim. Vegans, Communists, Christians and Ethnic minority groups (as well as straight trade unionists!) jostle each other for positions in the Festival which is the centre-piece of the day

The full programme is set out on this page. Join in: it's our day.

Let us make it a day to remember

Ted

SIGN LANGUAGE COURSE MONDAYS at Reading Centre for the Unemployed 1-3 p.m.



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SIPPORT OF STREET

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BELOW ARE LISTED SOME ACTIVITIES WHICH DO NOT INVOLVE LOUD MECHANICAL BEHAVIOUR

Mon 21st - Ecology party 252 Tilehurst Rd 8pm - University Gay and Lesbran society. Upstairs in students union. 8.30pm - sign language · 1-3 · RCU (for 10 weeks) - Voice workshop (f only) womens centre 8pm
- Fireside club. 7pm - mainly for elderly people
to meet and what over cottee, cakes and games. Newtown community
Tue 22nd. - storytime for under 5's . 2.30. Palmer park library - Art and Design workshops. RCU 1- 4 (for 10 weeks) - Key English. RCU. 10-12.

- Cake making and rcing. 10.30-12.30 (for 5 weeks)

the Indian community centre. Norris Road. Reading at the main commonly certification of the control o Wed 23rd. - National Trust outing: Blenheim palace and Rycote chapel. £6.50. 9.30-5.30 contact Mr. P. Foulds: 545859 centre . 8 pm. 883760 Young Socialists . Fairview Community - Fabric and Yarn craft. RCU. 10-3 - corpentry. Wilson Road -1.30-3.30 (10 weeks) house for childminders to get together community - Hindi Language class: Newtown community centre. 7pm Thur 24th - Reading urban wildlife group. Illustrated talk on wildlife in Reading including the fox survey 7.30 Abbey room. Central library - "whitley street against fowler." Public meeting of Reading campaign against Benefit cuts. All welcome. 7.30pm Methodist church hall whitley street.

- Pre and post-natal Yoga & Relaxation class. Abbey comm whitley street.

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Central library. £2.50. 1-2.30. treche available. phone \$84191

- SWP Wellington Arms. Whitley street &pm - 596721.

- Communication skills 1-3 RCU (for 5 weeks)

- Black and white photography RCU (for 10 weeks) 1-3

- Savoury snacks 2-4 (for 5 weeks) Indian community centre

at Norris Rd. Reading

- Indian dance class for all ages-6-7pm Newtown community - Pangbourne peace group meeting: I short st. Pangbourne 8pm - colour photography 1-3 RCU (for 10 weeks). centre-117 Cumberland Rd. Creche provided. Newtown community Sat 26 - Womens Project Conference - open to men and women, interested in 155ves surrounding women and work, locally and globally. Contact Ann of world Education Berkshire for details - Burnham 67401-Haymill centre, Burnham Lane, Slough, Berks - Parents for peace event. Abbey room. Central Lubrary 2.30-4. Penny Auty speaking. Children welcome. In Newtown area - 117 (umberland 18 - 6.30 Bible study meeting - 117 cumberland Rd-Newtown community house

Sun 27th - womens Project Conference as sat 26 - Hindu Temple 2-4 - Newtown community house -anyone wanting to learn about the Indian way of life, festivals and celebrations would be made very welcome.

National Trust outing to Lanhydrock, Cornwall. £7.70

Contact Mrs. M. Gould 51188

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Meet outside Palmer park adventure playground 3.30 pm Free.

Red rag collective meeting 500 29 Country Pl meet outstoe Red rag collective meeting 5pm 39 (oventry Rd.
- 6.30 RCU Reading campaign against benefit outs. Special meeting to plan summer and autumn campaigns. Mon 28tm. - University Gay and Lesbian Society. Upstairs in union. 8:30

- sign language. RCU. 1-3

- silk screen printing RU. 2-4 (10 weeks)

- Voice workshop (\$\P\$ only) Womens centre 8 pin

- one world group meeting. Bulmershe College - woodley. 7:15pm

showing of C4 film Revolution in a Rize Bowl.

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- key English RCU 10-12

- womens Donce group 10.15-11.45 (entral club

- cake making and iting 10.30-12.30 Indian community

- Fundus playgroup - Newtown community house-117 comberland Rd

at 10-11.30 am - Asser Womens Group 1-3 Newtown community house - Greenham support group (29 only) Womens Centre. Abbey St. 8pm Wed 30th - Labour Party Young Socialists. Fairview Community Centre. 8pm
- Fabriz and Yarn craft. RCU. 10-3
- Carpentry. Wilson Rd. 1.30-3.30 - Hindi Language class. Newtown -community centre 7pm. Thur 1st - Pre and post natal Yoga and Relaxation . Abbey room. Central - SWP wellington Arms. Whitley Street. 8pm
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- Black and white photography 1-3 RCU
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- Reading Urban wildlife group. Wildlife walk at sandford Mill woodley. Meet at car parts on Mohawk way 7pm
- Indian dance class for all ages. 6-7pm. Newtown community house Library £2.50 1-2.30. Fri 2 - Glour photography 1-3 RCU
- Needlework and craft group 10-12 Newtown community house Sat 3 - Mayday event (see elsewhere)

- slough green group May gathering 10 am - 10 pm.

Langley country park, slough. prize E2. all we come. contact Sarahlsteve.

slough 23226. -10-12 Saturday club for all children in New town area-117 workstalls -6.30 Bible study meeting -117 cumberland Rd

meeting places: RCU - Reading Centre for the unemp loyed. East, street, Reading Newtown community house - 117 Comberland Rd. Reading

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« PUT 'EM OUT IN A SIEVE AND WHEN THE NIGHT COMES YOU DON'T HAVE T'GO OUT AND GET'EM THEY'LL GLOW WITH YOU, THEY'LL GO WITH YOU THEY'LL SHOW WITH YOU. ANT NO LOSING WS: CO'S WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK.



MONDAY 21 APRIL:

· BULL, NETTLEBED - FOLK WITH SUPPRITAR BORNARD WRIGHT, 8pm FREE.

· CAP & GOWN, KING PD - COPPERFIELD: COUNTRY ROCK.

" SIKS, THATCHAM - BOCK NIGHT.

· KENNET ARMS, ELGAR RD PEULST-MY PERSONAL PIUCOF THE EVENING-LRISH FOLK IN THE BAR, 915h IF NOTEDR-LIER. FREE. GUINNESS & A PINT. WITH MUSIC LIKE THIS WHO NEEDS PROMUTERS?

· THATCHERS VOODLEY-JAZZ/FANK/SOUL IN PERLID THATCHED TAVERNE. HIGID.

· ALRION HOTEL, OXTORD PD - HECTIC JAZZ: PETEJAMES BAND 8 pm.

. SHO " MIGHIMA - A LIPE IN 4-PARTS" (15) 7-45pm &2-50 : PAUL S CHRADER < METIN STREETS, CAT PEOPLE > DOEC SAMAURI MACHO URITER MISHIMA'S LIFE: HE COMMIT HAPI-KIRI.

« GOET TO SHOW YOW WHAT A MOON CAN DO MOOVLIGHT ON VERWUNT...>

· MM DATMER BODG-RECENTED ON AWIN UT DONAEDED MACHINES AT 7-30, EOp. DOES IT INCLUDE READING CENTRE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED & GIMME THAT OLD TIME RELIGION / IT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME WITHOUT YOUR NEW AFFLICTION PONT NEED YOUR NEW RESTRICTION. MODIFICHT ON VERMONT ... >

· HEX- WEESTLING. MARTIN SALTER TOP OF T'BILL.

· FAST' N'BULBONS ...

DTUESDM 22 APRIL:

· PARADISE -BENEFIT FOR TORPEDOTOWN PERFOR FESTIVAL (ALSO KNOWN AS BRANDERS FARM) - 3 BUT OF TOWN BANDS: THE FLYING PATROY GROUP CROWN TERRAIN BAND>+TYLE RIVERS ST. BAND < TAZZY7+ A NEW DEPTH < POPPY!! >9lam, Ed. ANOTHER WACKY CONSPIRACY EVENIN!

· JERICHO TAVERN, OXTORD - IMPROVICERS CO-OP-WELL, IMPROVIED MISSIC!

. SHP - SWING JAZZ, 8pm (50p.

· SHEP = "MISHIMA" AS LAST NIGHT.

·TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD -GAY DISCO, FREE, 8pm MAINLY MEN.

· KETTH JAMES PICKS HIS LONGSOME GET FARS HOLAS AT THE B.J. MOON, KINGS PD, Epm, FREE.

· FOLK D STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD . 8 pm FREE.

· HEX-TOOD FIGHT !! - WINE & DINE AROUND THE WORLD -7:30 pm & BIG EVED BEFINS FROM VEN UST : BRITISH CURS SOUTHERN (FINAL DEMANDSPECIALISTS) + UNRIGHT-ON RETAILERS. WARKS+SPARKS. ELSO. VEGGIE DINING OR SOME CHIPS U BETTER VALUE.

· BULMBRSHE COURLE FILM — TAPS — 7.30 Kb?

. WHONESDAM 23 APRIV:

· SHP - MORE YUKIO MISHIMA.

· CAP SCOWN, KINGS RD - KILLINGTIME. VERY APTFOR A WEDNESDAY IN REPADING.

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· HEX-ENDON MEATE DREAM OF AN OCTOFISH > ... IN JEST, IN JUST... 1-10 pm JONITHAN RASS (VIOLION) TREES - THE DOLAN CETRA-LAS SINGING IRICH PATRIAR CH

· ST MARY'S CONTRE, CHAIN ST - "ILLINGS IN CHILDHOOD "- A STEWER TANKOTS pm, TREE. @ ID INT WHAT TO KILL MY CHINA PIGIA MAIN'S GOT TO LIVE IA MAIN'S GUT TO TO EAT . I AS HAVE WOMEN CHILDREN' + PICE, MR BEEF. HEART. AND OTHERS... TO NUMBRONS ...

THURDAM 24 APPIL:

· SH8 - ZEBRAS: A" MOD" B AND 8-11 £150 /75P

· Touk at the ROSE, MANDENMENTS, EICH & FREE.

· ANGUS, WOKIN GHAM: LEADING EDGE: ROXYMUSIC CLONES ??? X RAM GINGHAM DRESS NIGHT: DIRE COUNTRY MUSIC AT

THE SPORTMANT-CROSS KEWS. AND WAVEMA BUT THE BOARS HEAD HAVE A LIBYAN WAR DISPLAY BY NOW?

· SHU-VIDEO SCREENING , 7.45pm, FREE: TAPES BY SKAP BLUMBERG, INCL. ELEPHANT PAGING IN THAILAMOU

· HER - INCANTATION. DIDDLEY DIDDLEY FROM THE AMORS. 8pm.

PRIDM 25 APRIL:

· PARADISE - SOME LIKE IT HUT < AS WAS >.

· VEGGLE DINING AT THE UNEMPLOYABLE CONTRE, 4-6 EAST ST. 8 pm. BRING BOORE. A IMPRE E2 < t2.50 FOR WAGED SLAVES > CIETS YOUR 3 COURSE VEGAN MEAL WITH FREE CANDLELIGHT. THIS KNOT APPETALRANT: YOU CAN TAKE YOWRTURN TO COOK TOO ...

· FOLK AT THE LAMBIEVERSLEY: Phone BRYAN 933 33193. · CAP & GOWN, KINGS RD - BEAT BACKBAND: LARGE STUL R'n'B BAND: WORTH STEING: TOOT TOOT Spm, El.

· LIVE MUSIC < 2.7 AT ANGHES WOKING HAM.

· LODDON HALL, TWYTOPD - 8pm - FARCE: THE COMMUNITY COPPER? NO! "PULL THE OTHER ONE" IT'S CAMED. £150.

· PURLEY MEMORIAL HALL—"YEOMAN OF THE GUARD"— < GILBERT & SULLIVANT 8 pn to 50 tel PANGEOURNE 5404.

·TUDOR ARMS-GAM DISCO, EIGH, FREE: MAINLY MEN.

· AFTERNOON DISCOUNT FOR UB 40 HOLDERS AT THE ODEDN CINEMA, CHEAPSIDE.

- SHIP RECTIAL: BRUCE DUO (ZWOMEN , PLAND 6 CELLO): 8pm EZ-SO. BEETHOVEN,

· SHP - MAD MAR 3 - BENOWD THE THUMDERDOME"(IS) 7-45-42-50

· ANGUE "LIVE" MUSIC: H1789412.

· 4 AUS, BRINTON - UNITY HI-POWER, ALL MOHT. OUT CLASSET ALL THE ABOVE !

DSATURDIM 26 APRIL:

WELL... MANDYM BENEFIT AT REPOING CENTIFE FOR YE UNEMPLOYED 4-6 EASTST: BOAT STHE DEML(FUNK)+ LI AFFAIRE DISURETE + ONE LOVE DISCO. £1.50 | £2 IF YOU'RE WAYED : TICKETS FROM ACORN BOOKS: HOP.

· PARADISE - MISS ST VINCENT KUKT. HURRICHNE FORCE STEEL BAND + WY WMB & SONL + REGULAR SONNO STERED -

PHONIC: E3-50 advana (E4 DOOR. · CAP+ GOWN, LINKS PD-WAVES OF APATHY. A BAND. E1.

· ANGUES I VO KINGHAM - NO ESCAPE ... PROPHETIC.

< CHANG ETAPE TO LUNVIN > ... DEDIGHTED TO DEADSTOCK.

SHE- COME ALL YE FOLK NIGHT EL.80, COM

- MAD MAX 3 7-45/1030 pm : £2.50

- JAZZ (?) PETE AWON BAND+ GWESTS INCLUDING THE NAUSBITTING TOMMY BURTON ZWED TO BE PERBLE MILL AT ONE'S RESIDENT HUNKYTONK PLANIST?



very tamous.

HER - CATCH I EM YOUNG: MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION, FROM 4-6.

· LODDON HALL, TWFORD & PURLUTY HAM - AS 251

SWIDAY 27 APRIL.

· MIGHTY TONOR SAW CONTINUALLY, SEEN? _ .. UNFORTUN-ATTELY NO DECENT REGULATE IN TOWN THIS WEEK-EMD. THE SPECTACLE SERVES UP

· GEORGE BRANDST - FOUX-SINGERS NIGHT 8pm

BUTTER, CHATHAMST-MODERN JAZZ OROLD RELOODS, 8pm, FREE. "THE PLACE TO BE."

MODEL ENGINEERS AT HER 10-5 pm.

· SHI - MAD MAX 3, (15) 7.45 pm +2 50.

· SLICK SEPENADERS; STUDIO BUTRO, LONDON PD.

· WHEY MURSTRY CHEMSKURD) OPEN 230 -6, PLEE.

· Cooperative games for all ages! 3.30. at palmer park.

· REDRAG COLLECTIVE MEET/Sp.m. 39 COVENTRY ROAD.

> MONDAY 25 APRIL:

PARADISE -THERE'S MEANT TO BE A CONSPIRACY GIG ...

RIPPIM - BONG + RIPPY - BONG - SKENG ...

· SAME AS LAST MONDAY: SILKS | THATCHERS | ALBIUN

· KENNET ARMS IRUN TOUC STULL RECOMMENDED.

· BULL, NETTLEBED - FOLK COMERY SUPA: SHEP WOOLEY, SIMM

· CAP + GOWN - JAZZ/ROCK WAR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE, BIPL.

. HER - MON MALCH & MARDROBE: MEN KNOWN CHRISTIAN MUELORY PORTRAMED AS KIDS FANTASY. 7 pm.

· SMP - MAD MAR 3, 7.45 pm.

THESDAY 29 APPIL:

· HER- LION WITCH WARD - ROBE 1030 am /2pm.

· DIGTAL WE DIGITAL | CRUYAL WE CRUYAR! GAM DISCO AT SLOPPY JOE'S LOPPUSITE BR READING 7 9-2 am, El SO WITH HELPLINE CARD.

· STUDIO BISTRU, LONDON RD - FOLK, John.

· BULMBRIYE (OUTHE: "DOND MON DON'T WARR PLAND"- VERY GOOD FASTICHE OF GUMSHIPE DEFECTIVE FLIMS WIM STOVE MARTIN, WING LOTS OF OUD TOOTAGE (BULLARY, CAGNEY ROBBETSON JUSTUE et).

KIMER WE BUBBLE MEK WE/BUBBLE DOWN TO BUS INTESS MEKWE SETTLE MEKWE/STITLE DOWN TO WANY &

· ONE YEAR AGO THE DHSS DECIDED TO FULKUP LOHOS OF UNEMPLOYED PLOTHE LIVING IN LODGINGS BY CUTTING THEIR MONEY RATHER THAN BY GETTING AT LANDLORD TURNOLADIT WHO MAKE THE ROPL PRUFIT .-

· SHP JAZZ SPECIAL - CAYBINE < LATIN FUNCY 8 pm t3,

. SHI MARE MAD MAKES at 7.45 pm.

· TUDBL HAM'S GAM DISCO 8 pm FREE; MAINLY MEN.

· BT MOONS as LAST WEEK.

WEDNESDAM 30 APRIL:

. SIGNON < REMINDER 7

ETALS IS HOW YOU STING | AND THIS IS HOW YOU SHOCK >

RED RAG ED TTORIAL , Spm, PHONE 868488 FOR WHERE. EVERYONE WHO BERD'S THE RAG IS WELLOME TO COME. IF YOU THINK THE COLECTIVES A CLIQUE, IT'S ONLY COU YOU WANT IT TO BE. IDONT.

· SHY MAD MAX 3 AGAN N, 7.45 pm, £250 SHP-THE MARRIAGE OF FILLARO LMOZART + SOLLAL COMMENT.> 7.30 pm PREVIEW NIGHT.

«SWEET REGGAE MUSIC/ALL RUMO PEOPLE PLAY! C'MUN MOW ... >>> BUT NOT IN READING ...

· SETTLE! LELLHTON PARK SCHOOL-ORGANGED BY CRUSE < tel 588123 > .7.30, t1.50.

· HEX - LIONS, WITCHES + WARDROBES - FLASH IT! 10.30 an /2pm

THURSDAY I MAY :

. REPLYMBER HAYMARKET, CHILCAGO, 1905?

· DEMO'S IN LONDON AT ELEPHANT STEASTLE (NOM, DHS) +WAPPING (81sh).

SHP- CARONSEL (ROCK) &-11pm, £1.50 /75 pw340

FULK - ROSE, KING ST, MAIDENMEAD, 8 pm FREE.

WHAT ATSPORTSMAN I CROSS KEYS | BOARS HEAD. AVOID · SHP-MARRIAGE OF FIGHRO < OPERA > 7:30 E4-6.

· SHI MUSIC VIDEO SURFERNINGS-7.45pm - E2.50/6(?)
get u: PAULYONNY, Q-TUPS etc.

ARTHRITIS SOWD ... Y'I'CHOW ... IF YOU FE MUX DOWN MICROPHONE YOU FE MIX DOWN MICROPHINE, STEN?

· PROGRESS THEATRE, THE MOUNT, CHRISTCHURCH RD-WILLY RUSSELLS" ONE FOR THE ROPO, 7.45. BUX OFFICE TEC: 477594

▶ FRIDAM 2 MAM

HAVE A WOOD INTERVIEW WILLIAM < CHARMING MAM?

RED RAG PASTEUP PHONE 868 488 FOR DETAILS.

CAPEGOWN-CITY UMITS (A.BAND) 8pm E1.

LAMB, EVERSLEY - FOUK, 8pm: tel BRYAIN 933 33193. PARADIE - AGAINITHE CONSPIRACY HAVE GOTTHE

DATE , BUT WHAT MU THEY PUTON ... WATEN OUT FOR POSTERS!

TUDOR ARMS- WAY DISCO & pm FREE, MANNY MEN.

ODEDN CLUEMA - WBYO DISCOUNT THE AFTERNOON. < COCAINE IS A THING WHEN SWIFFED BY ANYBODY POT OUT YOUR BRAIN, S CALE UP YOUR ARTERY-SAY-AFTER A SN OF IT, MAKE YOU FEEL DIZZY LATER ON IN LIFE YOU'RE GOMMA LOSEYUNR MEMORY-CO CAME AIN'T NO SCENTE-NO BOTHER CHECK IT: LOCATIVE HINT NO SCONE - NO BUTHER SNIFF IT -OH COCAINE MAN IT REPLY GONNA GETYON -HIS AMYPE, A CON, NO BOTHER SNIFF IT ... 7).

RED RAL PRINTING - WHO DOES IT ?? DO YOM EVER WONDER?

· PROUREST THEATRE - AS ISL

DE SATURDAY 3 MAY · MAY DAY 86 AT UNEMPLOYMENT CENTRE: AFTEROON INCLUDE LIVE EED RAG FOLDING + DISTRIBUTION; ALSO WAPPING LIES VIDED + "LOARNING ON THE LINE" (A MINDELS STRIKE TAPE IRECOMMEND), PUT ONBY THE REAL TIME WHET-IVE. ALSO AN EVOLVING OF GOOD, MUSICH IDED LOLLY ATTHE PULL-SEE ELFORMERE. COME ON DOWN!

PED PAG FORDING - ALL HELP WEL COME: TO VOMINTER

PHONE SIMON ON WARVAAVE 2708. - CAP+GOWN-BURNING TEARS, EM t. A ROCK BAND ...

SAVE WASTEHLATIN 9:30-12:30: VARLIONS DUMPING POINTS FOR WASTE PAPER WM ICH IS THEN SOMD TO GIVE MONEY TO LOCAL GROWPS ES WELL WOMAN ASSOC, MONTOWN COMMUNITY KSSOC ...

GOING OUT ... for a bit

VAVAVAVAVAVAV

COMING SOON:

· WIS + LOTS OF NDED WORSHOPS GS CREENINGS FROM THE REALTIME COLLECTIVE—SEE EISTENHERE

LIEU KNOWS WHAT ENERY MAY WHE BRING?

2015/86: PARADUT -TRYSTERO SYSTEM (TIM HILL-SAX) MIKE (OOPER-GUTTARE+ DAT THOMAS -PIANO)+ THE 4 CORNERS SARGRUMP+ PERFORMANCE GRUMPS + VIDEO SCREENINGS + VIDEO SCRATCHING -A REAL TIME . VIDEO COLLECTIVE BONEFIT, PUT ON WITH THE HELP

OF THE CONSPIRACY.
27/5 1/6 - THE CONSPIRACY STRIKES ALMIN WITH A BENVERT AT THE PARADISE CLUBTOR SHART COMMUNITY ARTS MAGAZINE; BOATHTHE DENLY HOTTEMPA (EXHOUSTEEL) ±150!

10/5/66: READINGS CAM CONFECTIVE PARM AT THE WARMPLOYMENT CONTRE, 4-6 BAST ST.

11/2/89: MA-PURENTED CONTISE -NDED: MZEC+ DOTT BRITIES llam -4pm, t150 /75p WB40.

· LOCAL ELECTIONS ...

KCY.

. PARADISE: PARADISE CLUB, 112 LONDON ST tel

SHIP SOUTH HILL PARK, BRACKNELL THE B. 484123. · HEX —HEXAGON THEATRE, QUEDNS WALK FUL S91591.

· VIDED IN READING MAY JUNE: 121 475909. - ANGIB, WOKINGHAM tol 78

N.B. Veggie dining Is on fri 25th at centre for the unemployed. east street. 8pm. Bringa drink?

STOP PRESS: ROBERT CALVERT (EX-HAWKWIND) 2 th Paradise 10/5/86. Plus support! DIST FOR MORTHMO, PHASE SAND INTO TO PAUL ON 869157: IN GOOD TIME, SO HE CAN TYPE

Lots of love, Mark oux

Stonehenge/world Cup venue?

I'm sure that all readers of the "Rag" are well aware of how governments try to maintain popular support for their often repressive policies by trying to engender nationalistic fervour amongst people. Can it really be true therefore that CND intend to show coverage of the World Cup on one of the giant screens at the Glastonbury Festival ONLY IF ENGLAND'S FOOTBALL TEAM IS STILL IN THE WORLD CUP AT THE QUARTER FINAL STAGE?



It's Acid Rain Week !

At last ! On 19th March William Waldegrave (environment minister) conceded to the Norwegian Government that much of the damage to Norwegian lakes was caused by UK emissions.

The CEGB, however, is continuing to distribute and offer on free loan its scandalous video on Acid Rain. This film has come close to causing a diplomatic rift between Britain and Norway & Sweden. In Dec. 1985 the DOE was forced to issue a statement regretting that the video had been produced and that it contained " a selective account of the scientific arguments".

There will be various activities around the world in International Acid Rain Week(April 21-26). In some countries, the tourist boycott of the UK will be the theme for Monday. (This is due to our refusal to join with other nations and reduce emissions by 30% by 1990) FoE in London will be taking MP's and journalists to the New Forest to look at tree die back. In FoEs tree die-back survey last year, 11 sites in Berkshire were looked at. 86% of yew and beech trees showed some die-back.

In response to the publication of this survey . first of its kind, William Waldegrave announced that the Forestry Commission and the Institute for Terrestrial Ecology would carry out a major tree survey this year.

If you have seen the CEGB video on acid rain and would like a written critique of it by FoE, please contact: Reading Friends of the Earth, 27 Instow Rd.

WILDLIFE GARDEN AT THE CENTRE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

(EAST STREET)

Now that spring is just about here, the Wildlife Garden in East Street is really taking off. A group of us meet at least once a week (Thursdays at 1 O'clock) at the Centre and go out to the garden to clear and plant and plan. Everything that we notice is listed in our 'log' - bird and insect life, plants appearing or coming into flower, stages of growth - as well as what we get up to. We're not trying to make it neat and tidy but to encourage a wider range of plants and habitats to support more wildlife. For instance, we should get a lot of butterflies there this summer.

The site isn't large, squeezed as it is between Printspot, East Street and the back of William Smith's bookshop, but there's plenty to do there. So if you're unemployed and interested in plants and wildlife do come along on Thursdays at lo clock. If you can't come then, ring the Centre (596639) or hiz

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If for no other good reason than some of us are unhappy with the way 'he' is used at present, the English Langu is used at present, the English Language needs overhauling.

The problem can be sidestepped if you know it's there.

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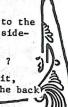
or even "Each and every one of us is equal".

Of course rephrasing like that still leaves us open to the charge of Gross Generalization, but that too can be sidestepped. Don't be vague, be specific.

How about "You, me and the others are equally alive" ?

It's OUR language, Not "The queens english", so use it, wisely, use it <u>creatively</u> and don't stab anyone in the back with it; we've got problems enough already.

THIS CLOYING CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE MUST CEASE. Got a Message? say it, write it, DO IT.



S.U.N. SHINF

The Southern Unwaged Network met for the first time at RCU on Friday 4th April, with about 60 people from all over the region coming together for the day.

The conference, funded by the National Institute for Adult Continuing Education, consisted largely of four workshops. These were subjects all related to the central theme of how unwaged people can work effectively together to make demands successfully.

The schedule was a fairly hectic one and at best people could only attend two of the four workshops--which were:-CAMPAIGNING(Sue Bradley of Labour Movement Services) i.e. organising effectively. Topics covered included press & publicity and raising money.

MAGAZINES(Carol from Spare Rib and Nigel from City Limits) The possibility of a high Quality Regional magazine produced by unemployed people.

NETWORKING(Keith Spurgin of the Cornwall and Devon Unemployed network)

TRAINING(Richard Cottle , Newbury Center)
The training needs of unwaged people.

A lot of information was passed on but a lot of people felt this was mainly a one way process(from 'expert' to 'unemployed'), at a forced pace. Yes the 'speakers/facilitators' had a lot of knowledge to pass on, which undoubtedly would be of value to a campaigning group of unwaged people.

HOWEVER the strong feeling was that the people from the various areas didn't know each other at all and hadn't had the chance during the day to build up contact and confidnce Information channelling took priority over sharing experiences, it was said.

These feelings came out especially in the plenary session at the end of the day.

HOWEVER it was pointed out by the people who had set up the conference, - some unwaged, some working at Unemployment Centers that although the day may have been(partly)organ-ised by waged people "for the Unemployed" the group came together and unemployed people are in a position to decide what happens from here on.

THE BEST thing to come from the day was the energy and ang er of unemployed people, which means that the Network will continue, with local meetings for people to get to know each other and discuss issues, before a larger convention in Reading in mid June. JOE STALIN

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ripped off on the new YTS. He'll begin by trying out several different skills before he chooses the one he'll train for through to the end of the second year.

By then his employers will have made even bigger profits than usual, and will still have no intention of giving him, a proper. job because they can get another sucker on YTS a lot cheaper. Our competitors in the Far East have been ripping off their young people like this for years...so it must be alright. It's made their rich even richer and it's helped them take trade away from us. But from now on they're going to have to watch out.

Spikey will be spending the next two years helping Britain's rich stay as rich as everywhere else's rich. Along with about 30,000 other ambitious school leavers who will have to learn to their ambitions and forget knuckle down to two years pure exploitation, probably followed by a lifetime on the dole.

WORKING FOR A PITTANCE. THE NEW 2 YEAR YTS. NOW 16 AND 17 YEAR OLD SCHOOL LEAVERS CAN BE RIPPED OFF EVEN MORE.

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MAY DAY DEMI

Rather than choosing the first convenient laturday in May to celebrate the Mayday festival. undens are organising demonstrations for Thursday 1st - when the Haymarket martyrs died.

South East Region T.U.C are in the middle of a supaign against the Fowler review of the Social Security, which if it becomes law will drastically reduce the resources of people claiming all sorts of benefits- anything from disabled peoples' benefits to single payements.

London Unions, helped by SERTUC are having monthly demos outside Alexander Flemings House (nr Elephant & Castle), the DESS HQ; there will be one there on Mayday 11am - 12am followed by a rally at 1pm at Clerkewell Green.

It's worth noting that apart from everything else, the proposed changes make a racist DESS system even more racist. Ideas such as having to satisfy a 'presence test' (ie length of stay in this country) before you get benefit, or the DESS officials asking to see your passport as a matter of course, or only being allowed into the country if you promise not to 'have access to public funds' for a year are totally unacceptable.

SERTUC stars as co promoter later in the evening when it assists the joint Mayday committee with a do at Wapping. Anyone who wants to find out what's really going on in these parts at the moment is very selcome along: meet at the Tower Hill tube at 8pm (nr the x1 stop from Reading too !)

So if you fancy an ideologically sound day out... never mind you could go to the DMSS &/or the Wapping demos anyway.

Is it perhaps needless to point out that if the Public Order Bill were law now, the police would have banned this type of legitimate protest straight off ? Maybe it has to be pointed out again and again !!

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Yeah Wally Rave

Its the same old story if U were there then U know wot i am going to rave about thats right all the stodgy old fa farts who didn't/couldn't/wouldn't make any sort of eff effort to go out and enjoy ones self and help make money for a local Or international group so far the con conspiracy has raised money for the Rag the ANC, DAM, AAM keep up on those trendy initials As far as the music is concerned The 3 Johns nice people everyone seemed t to enjoy the evering ABly supported by local lads Lifecan and the Gathering next night Stonehenge 86 campaign made some pennies courtesy orf the Master of

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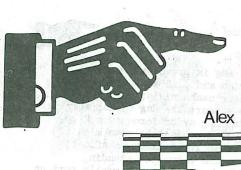
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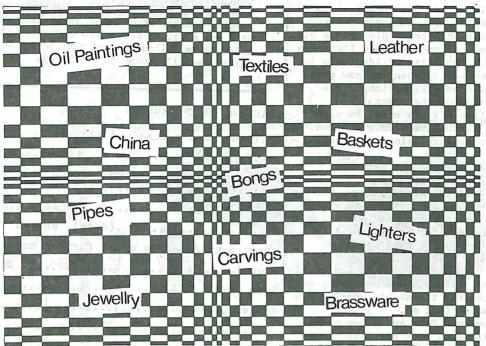






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READING URBAN WILDLIFE GROUP HAVING A WILDER TIME

Have you ever thought that Reading could behefit from a bit more wildness, as you sit stagnating in front of the TV. What you're really longing to do is burst forth and run wild, no I don't mean down to the disco, but out into the wilder-ness. What, in Reading? Not much chance of that you'll encounter more sprouting office blocks than sprouting trees. Wi'd areas and open spaces are rapidly being gobbled up in Reading as more developments take place and more houses are packed into increasingly small spaces. Fair enough we all need somewhere to live, but as our habits increasingly encroach on the countryside, where is the wildlife supposed to go? Unfortunately, choices are minimal; staying in the countryside and suffering whatever developments take place; dying out - pretty drastic; or it makes the most of a bad lot and moves into the pockets of habitable land in towns and cities. A pitiful dilemma, some of the more adaptable wildlife has already made the move. Many of you may have come face to face with a town fox as you wend your merry way back from pubs, those hotspots of human wildlife. Other noticeable examples include the increasing numbers of birds in our parks and gardens, or the more subtle colonisation of waste ground by plants quick to exploit any nook or cranny. The gradual colonisation of our urban landscapes by refugee wildlife prompted the establishment of many urban wildlife groups throughout the country. Recognition is being given to groups and communities which are giving conservation a real boost by establishing wildlife parks and gardens in theurbam environment. Establishment of such areas not only provides refuges for wildlife, they also demonstrate the role that environmental improvements can play in urban regeneration.

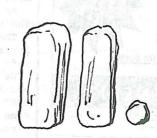
A Reading Urban Wildlife Group is now firmly established in Reading, its aim is to encourage widespread support for creative

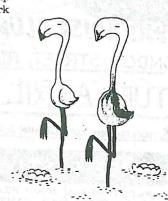
conservation through a community based approach.

Already after the launch of the Reading fox survey, the group has received reports of over 150 sightings in the town (keep them coming in!) Reading Borough Council are making encouraging noises in support of the greening of Reading. We hope to establish Urban nature reserves;; one site has already been acquired, known as Devil's dip, the old clay pit at the junction of Circuit Lane and Bath Road. If you would like to obtain more information about the work of the group, or would like to become involved, there will be a public meeting on Thursday 24 April - information in the events guide.

Charlotte Deason-Barrow tel 868488 Reading Urban Wildlife Group Dinton Pastures Country Park

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Mass publicity of events at Greenham has died considerably over the last year. With the dwindling of coverage, numbers of women at Greenham have dwindled.

I for one have done nothing for some time. This weekend conscience pricked, I realised that a visit was long overdue. Having recieved the Greenham Chain Letter in January, descibing the conditions and problems, Ididn't expect it to be a picnic. However i wasn't prepared for the grim reality.

I visited only two gates, Blue and Green. Blue was a dis mal sight, less than a handful of women are now living mm where there was once a thriving community of long term inhabitants. The benders and communal kitchen are now gome. The women that are still there seem disillusioned. The bailiffs come daily and move them of the sight Bailiffs come daily and move them off the site. At night there is always the threat of further vigilante attacks. With the obvious lack of support disillusionment is not exactly surprising.

I left Blue and headed towards Green, the gate I'd camped at in the past.

I felt I'd walked onto the 1984 set after curfew. The base was silent, there was no sign of a soldier anywhere. The silence was more frightening than the previous high security, with large police and military presence. I felt as though I was being watched and yet I knew not where from or by whom.

The horror was intensified when I finally stumbled across a soldier. There he was, armed, calmly standing eyeing me through the fence. Although tempted to ask him what made he him do it, I knew my nerve would fail me.

A man was walking his dog between Blue and Green gates, in the woods. He seemed oblivious to what was sited only yards away. I wondered whether he ever thought about the destructive force that is sited so obviously within a few miles of his home.

Green gate was less depressing than Blue; only in the sense that spirits seemed slightly higher. Green seems to have more short term inhabitants than any other gate, so m this probably accounts for the women being more cheerful. nobody stays long enough to get overly down.



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MONEY

You've got it, we need it.

Seriously, though, the Rag is presently far too dependent on benefit gigs and paid ads, and we seem to go from cash crisis to cash crisis.

Really the best way to support the Rag financially is to simply fill in a standing order form— even £1 per month or per 3 months would constitute some kind of regular income, which would really keep us afloat.

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Those that remain at Greenham have the same determination as when the camp was first set up. There is a strong spirit between the women, a closeness that cannot be explained. (If you've lived in an all woman house you'll know what I mean) Along with the spirit comes a great strength. It's this strength and bonding that would be destroyed by bringing men into Greenham.

I can't pretend that I intend to throw in my job and spend months or years at Greenham, I cannot be that dedicated. I admire those who can. However I do intend to spend more time there, and support the women as best I can.

As I left I asked what wanted bringing next time 1 came. The reply wasn't food or clothing but '..more women..'

The women are tired and some need a break and to get away for a while; however they won't leave. Greenham cannot be left unattended. The camps cannot be struck for good.

We are now grown women, the mothers of society. We cannot leave it to other mothers to fight our battles for us. SOME OF US

Some of us cannot or are not prepared to move to Greenham permanently; But maybe we can spend a few days there in mm order to ease the pressure from the long term inhabitants and allow some of them the break they deserve.