

# RACIST ATTACK POLICE HIDE

Last Sunday night (23rd Oct) the Marquis of Granby on Cemetery Junction seemed a good bet for a quiet drink after a Sunday's laze. The three of us were therefore a bit surprised when something like a pub brawl seemed to be developing just outside the lounge bar. The surprise turned into shock when we left the pub and walked past Crown Colonnade, to find the Mace shop smashed up, vegetables all over the pavement and a bunch of policemen outside the cinema nearby.

Two men standing outside the shop told us that a coach party of Welsh rugby supporters (Cardiff Rugby team) had stopped off for a drink at the Marquis and attacked first the nearby Doner Kebab stall and then the Mace shop. Friends who'd walked past when the attack started, and Mr Dhillon, owner of the Mace shop, informed us that the Cardiff supporters had taken over the public bar of the Marquis, played macho games like standing on tables and taking their trousers down ("moonning"), and intimidated the regulars so that some of them had to leave.

The landlord of the pub called the police. The supporters then got into a fight with local boys. I don't know how the police dealt with that when they arrived. After this fight, the rugby fans went past the Mace shop to the kebab stall and started some trouble there.

At this point Mr Dhillon called the police. (The police who'd been called by the landlord seemed to have vanished.) The supporters now made for the Mace shop and started turning the vegetable stalls over, and throwing crates at each other. Some men from the shop tried to defend it. The rugby fans shouted 'Paki bastards' at them and threw billiard balls (from the pub) and bricks through the shop windows.

Mr Dhillon tried phoning the police again. After a while, 30 - 40 police with dogs arrived. They surrounded the rugby fans, and tried to encourage them to get on their coach. One fan managed to break through the police line and hit one of the men from the shop, cutting his lip, which needed stitches. Apparently the police just stood by and watched.

Mr Dhillon is cynical about the police's response to the attack on the shop. "I called them before the fight started, and again when it was all over. There were some police at the Marquis of Granby before the

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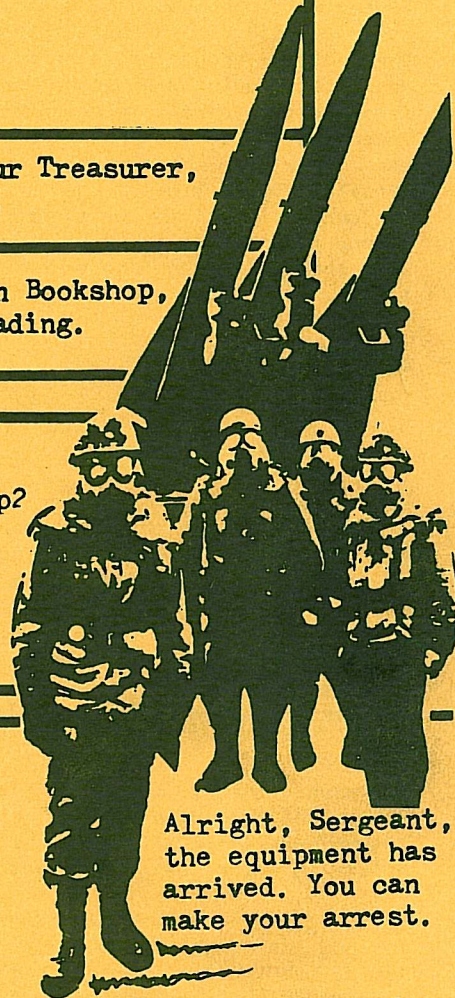
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fight started but they didn't do anything."

Despite £1,000 worth of damage done and injuries to the shop's personnel, the police have not actually charged anybody. The three supporters they did arrest have been 'released on bail without charge', which means they will probably have to come to Reading police station at some date soon to find out if they will be charged or not. Meanwhile, the police are supposedly making "further inquiries". None of the eye-witnesses I talked to were consulted by the police at the time of the attack. The supporters may get off scot-free.... a thought which provokes cynicism in those arrested and charged for vocally disagreeing with Neil Kinnock at Saturday's CND demo in London.

Mr Dhillon would like to correct a report in the Evening Post which said



Alright, Sergeant, the equipment has arrived. You can make your arrest.

"Half a dozen Pakistanis rushed out and started on one of the Welsh blokes." (It is in fact a quote from the pub landlord.) He thinks the report makes it look as though his shop personnel were starting a fight, when it was the rugby supporters who made an unprovoked attack on his shop.

"Not one of them has been charged - is that fair?"

Mr Dhillon would also like to point out that he is Indian.

Laura Norder



# Should Irving have been allowed to speak?

On Tuesday October 18 between 100 and 150 people demonstrated against David Irving who was speaking to the History Club at Reading University. Described by the Evening Post as 'a controversial right-wing historian', Irving is a member of the extreme right-wing Focus Policy Group and has links with fascist organisations. Searchlight, the anti-fascist magazine which brought Irving's political affiliations to light, was described by him on Tuesday as a 'bunch of criminals and thugs'.

Having written a book about Hitler's alleged diaries, he has set himself up as an authority, claiming that Hitler knew nothing about the extermination of Jews and other minorities during the Second World War. About 40 demonstrators were able to enter the meeting and Irving faced hostile criticism of his ideas, jeers and slow hand-claps. He was obviously unnerved and contradicted himself several times. When challenged he refused to condemn anti-semitism or the repatriation of Blacks. Throughout the meeting considerable noise was made outside the building and more people were able to gain access. Some got into the meeting while others were held back or ejected by 'stewards' and the police.

Irving described the incident as 'a scandal for Reading'. The scandal is that the History Club should have invited him to speak in the first place. The outrage of many people to fascists speaking in Reading was apparent in their response.

I've heard opinions following the picket that the actions at the meeting are the wrong way of opposing fascists and we are infringing some principle of free speech. But as far as I am concerned Irving and people like him should have no platform in Reading. This is an emotional response: I heard him talking, intellectualising the deaths of 6 million Jews, making money and gaining notoriety by saying Hitler wasn't such a baddy after all. His next theory could be that 6 million didn't die, that it was a lie fabricated by Americans and Russians.

I'm afraid that if there is no overt objection, just polite academic questions on points of historical accuracy Irving and fascists like him will gain an air of respectability to which they should not be entitled.

Irving claimed he was not addressing a political meeting but his ideas are political enough and they stink. Irving said to the Evening Post that it wasn't the worst demonstration he has faced, but I hope it was enough that he'll never want to return to Reading.

Clive

Should David Irving have been allowed to speak? Various people could have stopped him: the History Club members who invited him, the Students' union which has a policy of 'no platform for racists and fascists', and the demonstrators who tried to disrupt his lecture.

I suppose the demonstrators wanted to damage Irving's reputation as much as possible. If he really wants academic respectability as he claims then the demonstra-

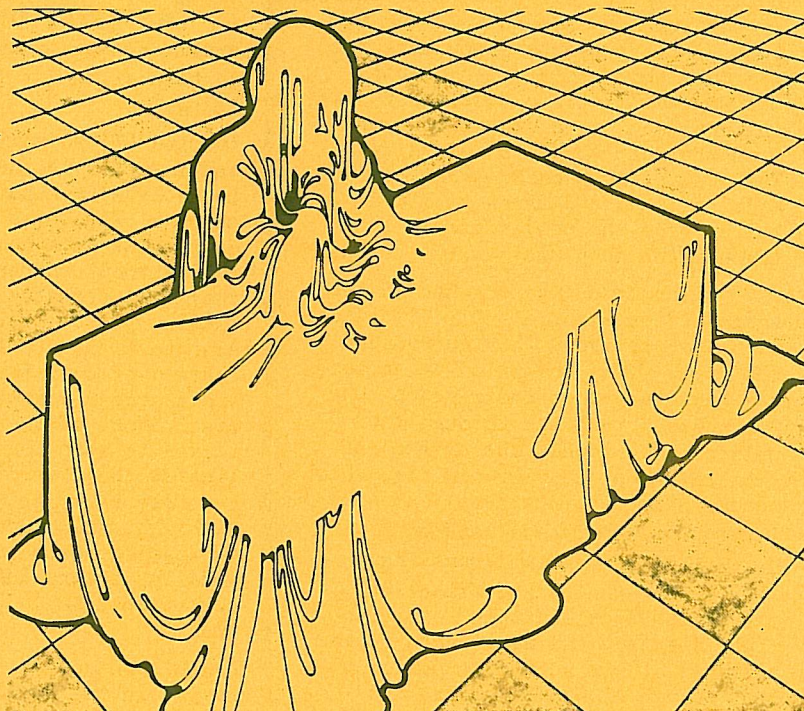
tion successfully showed that he is not like most academic historians who would have been listened to in silence even if their audience disagreed with them. But if he is merely looking for fame - he is after all probably as well known as A.J.P. Taylor - then the demonstration just added to the publicity he has already received too much of.

Don't assume too much from his claim that this was 'a scandal for Reading': that remark seems designed to make good copy for a local newspaper. Make up your own mind, but I do not think he was altogether dissatisfied with the events of that evening, even if he only felt himself a martyr to truth.

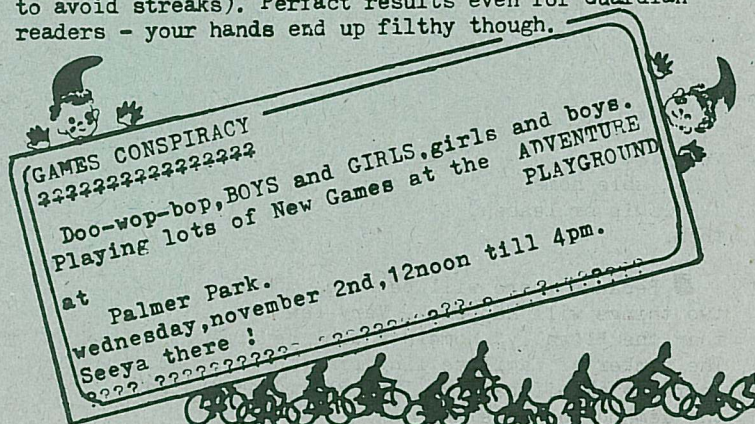
Some people did not simply want to damage Irving's reputation; they felt they were doing the right thing. But in trying to stop him speaking they were exercising a form of censorship.

Why not treat him like the serious historian he claims to be and point out how wrong he is? Then he can cheerfully be left to mutter his rubbish in some historians' cranks corner. By shouting him down the demonstrators tried to deny others the opportunity of hearing his exaggerations, distortions and self-contradictions.

Freedom of speech is something most of the left wishes to promote, not to destroy. But David Irving's freedom of speech was of a peculiar and privileged kind. The History Club had already given him some respectability by inviting him in the first place. I'm sure they don't consider it their duty, as supporters of free speech, to invite every crackpot and lunatic who thinks the First World War was a case of mass hallucination.











To: Red Rag

# HOUSING - Why the Conservatives are wrong.

The amount local Councils can spend on Housing capital projects is controlled by central government under a system known as the Housing Investment Programme (fondly known as H.I.P.) Councils make a "submission" or "bid" and the government then informs them of their "allocation".

This table shows Reading's H.I.P. performance:

Year	Actual Expenditure £'000	No. of Completed Units	No. of Council Properties Improved	No. of Renovation Grants
1977/8	7059	290	103	212
1978/4	6746	290	119	216
1979/80	7469	170	114	216
1980/81	4751	175	32	261
1981/2	4476	163	38	224
1982/3	7549	0	152	326
(estimate) 1983/4	6829	106 (to be sold)	111	620
(Conservative's "Bid") (1984/5	7375	0	190	790
(1985/6	6614	0	196	790

Two things stand out. By 1980 the first Thatcher Government had forced a drastic cut back in housing investment. In real terms activity is still well below the 1978 level. Secondly, what the Government started by general cutbacks, Conservative Councillors are now finishing by the imposition of deliberate policy measures.

From 1974 for nine years no single political party had control of Reading Borough Council. There was an attempt to pursue a mixed housing programme of new building and improvements. In May this year the Conservatives gained control and began implementing a major change in policy. There are three elements to their new approach.

Firstly. No more Council houses are to be built. Houses to be completed this year will be sold at market value by lottery. Council tenants will get priority. All remaining land is to be sold. Housing Associations will get first choice on some land. Tenants in the "Bison" blocks of Scott Close and Tay Road have priority for re-housing. The land occupied by the flats is to be sold to private developers. Conservative Councillors argue that people want to own their property and that the private sector can develop quicker than the Council. People who cannot afford a mortgage will be re-housed through "relets" when people die or move.

The outcry from Opposition Councillors has been so strong because:-

■ There will be no new property to rent. Many on the Housing Register may want to rent. No precise information on applicants' income levels exists but it is believed that many more simply cannot afford a mortgage, either the deposit, repayments or both. People in this situation are being condemned to unsuitable accommodation for years.

■ The Council had been building (and planning) homes for elderly and disabled people. When tenants moved into these homes it released larger houses for families on the Housing Register. The lottery gives no guarantee that people most in need will be allocated the houses under construction. Elderly and disabled people who cannot afford a mortgage will have little chance of getting a suitable home. Even Housing Association Schemes will be mainly for shared ownership or leasehold. They should supplement Council schemes, not replace them.

■ Because there will be no new Council houses to replace the "Bison" flats two things will happen. Very few first time and transfer applicants, other than the "legally" homeless will be offered accommodation for many months. The number of families lingering in guest-house accommodation for months will increase significantly. The estimated 450 relets per year will not cope with the demand for housing.

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■ The financial deficit to the Council on completion could be enormous-even over £3 Housing Committee.

Secondly. The Conservatives are to concent and private sector. Of Reading's 49,000 dw old and just over 10,000 are in Council owne sub-standard of which 1,800 are unfit for hu are thought to be in need of major renovatio Council's ownership.

So, improving 190 Council houses a year will problem. It will take at least ten years to before even starting on houses in other part some of them be in by then? True, some ext proposed for the private sector. But these Council houses not a replacement.

Thirdly. The Conservatives are keeping ove reserves in the bank. The purpose - to inc rates. In fact the Council could spend muc without putting up the rates.

Technically this simply involves replacing t a transfer from the revenue reserves which e

Conservative Housing policy is undoubtedly b who have bought their home at a discount and buying. But thousands more families are be homeless elderly and disabled who cannot affi standard accommodation who are having to wai

## Labour Party Press Release:

### "DEVELOPERS DEMANDING YE

Ten different groups of property develo Central Reading District Plan to ask ei development or for the allocation of of Reading District Labour Party warned in

The Plan, prepared by the Borough Council next ten years 2,040,000 sq.ft. of offic already available in the town centre, a to the Plan are successful then the inc have already calculated that the supply is far greater than the supply of unempl work in it.

Objections to the Plan now available at such as Prudential Assurance, Commercial more office space on the Reading Station line and Reading Gaol and on the land w firms. The Rockfort group is objecting the requirement that in redeveloping the fice some office space and replace the i Coach Service Ltd. want to redevelop the offices with minor provision of new hous site be primarily residential. Chiltern site in Vastern Road identified as suite it does not meet the Plan's criteria. C addresses in Greyfriars Road, Kings Road a-dozen objectors have told the Inspecto Inquiry, which begins on November 29th.

Labour Party Chair Pete Ruhemann comment increases its value, regardless of wheth regardless of whether they're ever occup in the town we have this relentless pres eventually build yet more offices. And e



ratepayers of selling properties  
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ate on improvements in the public  
llings one third are over 75 years  
ship. 3,000 are believed to be  
an habitation. A further 5,500  
two thirds of these in the

only scratch the surface of the  
improve the houses in Whitley  
of the town. What state will  
a renovation grants are to be  
should be in addition to building

£10 million in capital and revenue  
ease the rate fund and reduce the  
of the capital reserves on Housing

the interest that would be lost by  
ist.

benefitting the 900 Council tenants  
the 500 who are in the process of  
being penalised, particularly the  
and a mortgage and those in sub-  
years for improvements.

*Mike Orton*

MIKE ORTON

#### "MORE OFFICES" LABOUR WARNS

ers will be appearing at the Public Inquiry on the  
her for yet more sites to be designated for office  
ice floorspace on other sites to be increased, the  
statement at the week-end.

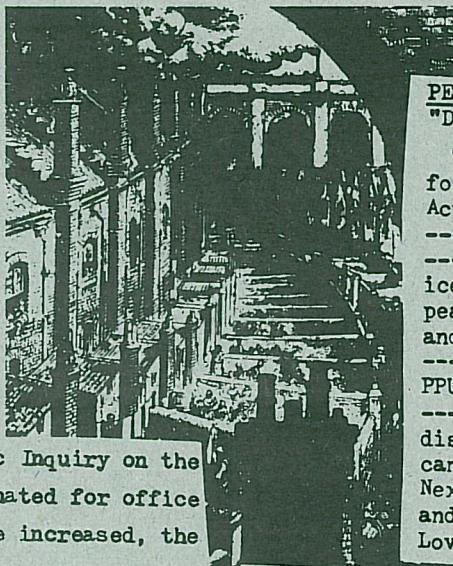
's Planning Department, forecasts that over the  
floorspace will be added to the 4,000,000 sq.ft.  
increase of 50%, but if the developers' objections  
ase would be even greater. And Council officers  
f office floorspace vacant or under construction  
yed office staff in the Reading area available to

he Civic Offices include some from national names  
Union and British Rail - who as well as wanting  
site also want to see offices between the railway  
t of the Metal Box building - as well as from local  
o the Plan's proposals for three sites, including  
Caversham Road/Tudor Road junction it should sacri-  
itannia Inn and the Britannia Tap. Horsman Mini  
r site between the almshouses and the IDR as  
ng and object to the Plan's proposals that the  
otor Holdings Ltd. want the Great Western Motors  
le for office development, although officers say  
her sites covered by developers' objections include  
Victoria Street and Yield Hall Place. About half-  
they will be represented by Counsel at the Public

"Designating a site for office development greatly  
the offices are ever built and, if they are built  
ed. That's why despite the acres of empty offices  
ure from developers to be allowed to plan for and  
ery empty office block is a loss to the town : a

loss because houses or shops have been demolished, a loss because the Council has to  
build roads and provide services assuming that the offices are going to be occupied  
and the Government is reducing the amount developers will have to pay towards the cost,  
and a loss in terms of rate income when the Government carries out its pledge to stop  
Councils rating empty property.

"Reading cannot afford to become a soft touch for developers trying to increase the  
book value of their assets," he added. "We are afraid that even if these developers  
don't succeed in their objections to the Plan at this stage, they and their friends  
will be back with more planning applications for more offices on more sites, and will  
use the annual review proposed in the Plan to get those sites approved. The Labour  
Party will therefore be asking the Inspector to recommend the Council to introduce a  
rigid rationing system to control the amount of office development allowed in each  
of the ten years of the Plan. We believe this is the only way to prevent the town  
centre becoming a desert of empty office blocks festooned with 'For Rent' signs."



#### PEACE PLEDGE UNION

"Don't just hope for peace - work for it."

The P.P.U. had a meeting last Wednesday evening. The  
following topics were stormed by the 11 people there:  
Action with a big A(!)

--- Designing a new war toys leaflet.

--- Showing the Joseph Schwarz film (about a German off-  
icer in the last war who joined a condemned group of  
peasants in a firing squad and was shot by his own men)  
and other peace films.

--- An hour of peace music on 210 with a rep. from the  
PPU.

--- The Peace/CND southern Region planned action was  
discussed. Anyone wishing to know further details  
can write to PPU at Box 10, Acorn or phone 479042.

Next meeting is on the 10th November. New or old members  
and the curious always welcome.

Love + Autumn Vibes, PHP.

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#### STOP PRESS

CRUISE MISSILE  
DEBATE AT PARLIA-  
MENT MONDAY 31st.  
SPONTANEOUS DEMO  
6pm TRAFALGAR SQ.  
8pm WESTMINSTER.  
NOTHING ORGANISED  
SO BRING IDEAS  
FOR WHAT'S GOING  
TO HAPPEN.

SMALL ADS ... SMALL ADS ... SMALL ADS ... SMALL ADS  
(These are free. Larger ads are £10 per half page.)

@@@ Scrap Bedford 330 for sale. Dice George, Bus Island,  
The Mill.

@@@ For sale: Ibanez Blaser Custom Guitar. 2 years old.  
Just spent a couple of months re-shaping, re-balancing.  
Good action, better than new. Cost £179 new. Excep £120  
ovno. Phone Rob, Chris or Biggles on Reading 61808.  
(Sorry those two ads were left out last time. We kinda  
lost them...)

@@@ I urgently need somewhere to live. A large room  
in a quiet, beautiful house with a garden etc would be  
desireable, but the only essential is that it should be  
hassle-free. Please phone 666681 and leave a message for  
Ana,

Home needed for woman and daughter in  
Reading. Very Urgent! Contact c/o Acorn  
Bookshop, 17 Chatham St (tel: 584425)



# GOING OUT

KEY: Hex- The Hexagon, Queens Walk.

Target- Outside Tesco's at the Butts.

Tudor Arms- Greyfriars Rd.

Central Club- bottom of London St.

Caribbean Club- 112 Lonsom St.

Univesity- Students Union Whiteknights unless otherwise stated.

Reading Film Theatre- Palmer Building Whiteknights Campus.

Progress Theatre- The Mount Christchurch Rd.

South Hill Park- arts centre on edge of Bracknell.

Bulmershe College- Woodlands Rd Earley.

MON 31 Hex: Wrestling 7.30 £2-2.50.

University Palmer Building 109 The

Secret Policeman's Ball 7pm £1.20.

Uni Palmer Bldg ~~109~~ Brimstone &

Treacle 7.30 £1.

South Hill Park: Dry Wood & Hot Pepper £ 7.30£2 + conc (cajun film).

TUE 1 Hex: Gordon Giltrap 7.30 £2.50-3.50.

NOV Michael Thompson+ Catherine Dubois 12.45 free (recital).

Uni: The Enid 8-1 £2.50.

Tudor Arms: Gay Disco 8ish free.

Central Club: Peaches Disco 8-2 £1.

Uni Palmer Bldg: Rollerball 7.30 £1.

The Mill Sonning: Last of the Red Hot Lovers 2 +8pm £10.50-12.50 matinee £7.50 to Dec 3rd.

SHP: 7.30 Airplane II £2+ conc.

8pm Frog Island Jazz Band £2.40.

Playhouse Beaumont St Oxford: Clay

7.45 £4.25, sat 4/8pm £2.45/4.90. Nov

1st= preview night £1.50.2 +3rd 2

seats for the price of 1 to 12th.

Apollo Oxford: The Krankies 7.30

£1.10-3.30.

Central Studio Cliddesden Rd Basing-

stoke: Vanity Fair 7.30 £2 + conc.

WED 2 Hex: The Supremes 7.30 £4.50/5.50 few left.

Reading Film Theatre: Heat & Dust 8pm £1.60 +conc (Merchant- Ivory).

ABC Friar St: The Kids Are Allright +

Big Banana Feet 1.50+5.10+8.35pm £7.

Town Hall Blagrove St: Organ Recital

1.10 pm free.

THU 3 Target: Larry Miller Band 8pm £1.

RFT: as above.

Angies Wokingham: Ground Zero 9-late £1.50/2.

Apollo Oxford: Shaking Stevens 7.30 £4-6.

Central Studio B&toke: F.1.S.T. 7.30

£1+conc (S Stallone as Union Boss).

FRI 4 Hex: Gang Show 7pm sat mat 2pm £2.50 + conc to 5th (few left).

Tudor Arms: Gay Disco 8ish free.

RFT: Zemlya + Time In The Sun 8pm £1.60 + conc (Classic Russian films).

Central Club: Youth Disco 11-17yrs

8-11pm 50p.

Target: Octel 77 Disco 8ish free.

Caribbean Club: Disco 8-late £1.50. still decorating so not much happening at the moment.

Angies Milton Rd: Double Trouble 9ish £1.50/2.

SAT 5 Hex: Warm Snorkel 12.15 free.

Kings Meadow: Firework Display 7.30

£2 (free if you stand by the river).

UNI: PiL £3.50 7.30-12 (buy tickets in advance it's much easier)

Bulmershe: Kabbala disco+ bonfire +bar-b-q. 8-late £2.50.

Target: Iceman 8ish free.

Caribbean: Sound System 8-late £2.50.

Angies: Tom Spencer Band 9ish £1.50/2.

SUN 6 Treats Kings Rd: Jive Dive 8-late £1.50.

Caversham Bridge Hotel: Readifolk 8pm free

Merry Maidens Shinfield Rd: Jazz 8.30 "

Target: Paul Jason Roadshow 8ish free.

Silks Thatcham: The Enid 8pm £2.£3 on door

Angies: Ellery Broop 9ish £1.50/2.

MON 7 Hex: Trial By Jury + HMS Pinafore 7.15

£2-3 to 12th some seats left.

Bulmershe: The Girl £.30 £1.25 + conc

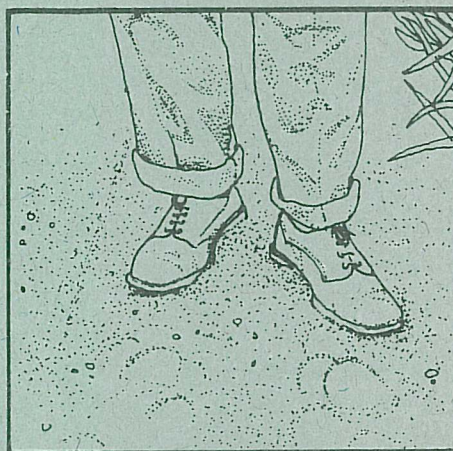
Apollo Oxford: Swan Lake £3.30-7.70

7.30pm to 19th.

TUE 8 Hex: Wind InThe Willows. 8th 2pm,

9-11th 10.30+ 2pm, 12th 10.30am. £2

+ conc.to 12th.



Uni Palmer GIO: Schubert Recital

1.10pm 20p.

Tudor Arms: Gay Disco 8ish free.

Central: Peaches Disco 8-late £1.

Target: Ollesloper 8ish free;

B'mershe: as above.

WED 9 RFT: My Favourite Year 8pm £1.60 +

conc(P O'Toole as ageing star).

Uni: The Fall 8pm-2 £3 (a great band get tickets in advance. Warning- it's the 'Bonfire Hop').

Southlands School Northumberland Ave:

Variety Cavalcade 7.15 £1.75 also on

11,12,16,18,19th.

B'mershe: Adrian Mitchell Poetry Read-

ing 'For Beauty Douglas' 7.30 £1.50

limited no of tickets.

Thu 10 Target: The Vibrators 8ish £1.50.

RFT: Another Way 8pm £1.60 + conc

(dodgy Hungarian film on lesbians)

Progress Theatre: Waiting For Godot

7.45 £1.80 + conc to 19th (a laugh a minute from Beckett).

B'mershe: The Card Index 7.30 £1.25 +

conc also on 11th.

Angies: Toucan Trolls 9ish £1.50/2.

Apollo Oxford: Giselle 7.30 £3.30-7.70

to 12th.

Central Studio: Moving 7.30 £2+conc

(solo mime)

FRI 11 Tudor Arms: Gay Disco 8ish free.

Target: Octel £7 8ish free.

Caribbean: Ali Boo Sounds 8-late £1.50

Central: Youth Disco 11-17yrs 8-11pm

50p.



## GOING OUT LTD.

Angies: Rave To The Grave 9ish £1.50/2  
Central Studio: The Haunted Throghn  
 Lounge And Recessed Dining Nook at  
 Farndale Castle 7.30 £2+conc.  
 SAT 12Hex: Eclipse 12.15 free.  
Uni: Strawberry Switchblade 8-12 £2.  
Uni Great Hall London Rd Site: R.U.  
 Chamber Orch 7.30 £2+ conc.  
South Reading Community Centre, North-  
umberland Ave: GT Moore & the Outsiders  
 (CND Benefit) 8pm £1-2.  
Target: Truffle-Bish free.  
Caribbean: Hartley Sound System 8-late  
 £1.50.  
Angies: The Beat Back Band 9pm £1.50/2  
 SUN 13Hex: Val Doonican 5-8pm £2.50-5  
Merry Maidens: Jazz 8.30 free.  
Treats: Jive Dive 8-late £1.50  
C'sham Bridge Hotel: Readifolk 8pm free  
Target: Chester Roadshow 8ish free.  
Angies: Still Life 9pm £1.50/2.  
Apollo Oxford: Eurythmics 7.30 £3.50/4

## EVENTS

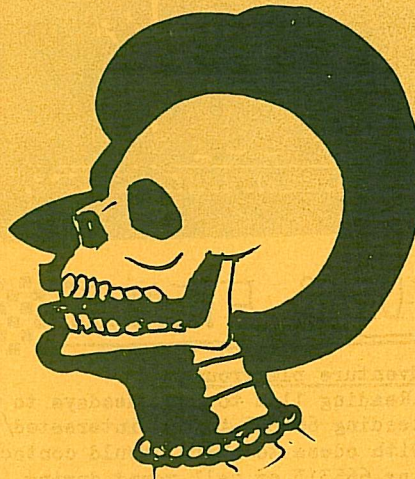
Mon 31 South Reading anti-nuclear group.  
 south reading Community centre,  
 Northumberland avenue 8pm Letter writing  
 meeting.  
Wholefoods Cookery Course, St Michaels  
 Primary School, East Hampstead, Bracknell  
 £3.80 for four sessions (also 7th, 14th, 21st  
 November). Tel: Pangbourne 2371  
The Food Business- "How farming is becoming  
 Industrialised" What are the effects of the  
 CAP and whats happening to the food you eat?  
 7.30pm Reading centre for the unemployed  
 £1 (free to unwaged)  
 Tue 1 Reading and district Vegan group. Discussion:  
 "How far do vegans see their commitment to  
 other areas of the environment?"  
 38 Long Barn lane. Tel 581 805  
ROAR (animal rights) Monthly meeting 8pm  
 The Crown, Crown St.  
Veggie Dining Co-op Mk 2 meeting  
 374532 for details .  
 Wed 2 'Women as workers' 16 week course continues  
 with 'New Technology' (Ivy Cameron)  
 10.30-12.30 Reading centre for the  
 unemployed. £6 for the course, 75p per session  
 Free for unwaged.  
Red Rag SOCIAL/DISCO The Crown, Crown St  
 8pm till late. 50p - 75p on the door or fill  
 in a standing order form. "Good Clean Fun!!"  
 Sat 5 "Does unemployment make you sick?" A one day  
 conference on the relationship between  
 unemployment and ill-health. Various Speakers  
 between 10am and 5pm .Creche available  
 50p Free to unwaged. Reading centre for the  
 unemployed, East St. For more details contact  
 Chris Miller: 596639

Ecology Party Jumble sale 2.15pm St Andrews  
 Church (next to Royal Berks Hospital) Contact  
 Maria 663195 for offers of help and any jumble.  
Woodley Peace Group "Not an arms sale"  
 Woodley Shopping centre. Full details of where to  
 take your jumble from sue- 690813 or  
 Anne- 868260

Amnesty bonfire party 7pm; 45 Brooklyn Drive,  
 Emmer Green, Tickets: £3.50/50p Children.  
 Includes Mulled wine and supper. Tell Jean  
 472598.

FOE paper collection- meet at George at Chippy  
 11.15 am

Mon 7 Ecology Party regular meeting 25 De Boivour Rd  
 8pm Discussing:- Centre of Reading Plan- facts  
 needed to back up objection. Ring Maria  
 663195 for details.



WEA capitalism course- Unemployed Centre  
 7.30 pm "Merchants of Deterrence"  
 £1 free to unwaged.

Womens Peace Group Meeting at womens centre,  
 Old Shire Hall. Ring 471742 for details.

Wholefoods Cookery Course. See 31st for Details

Tue 8 University Public Lecture 'Probing mans past by  
 pollen anaylisis' Dr D.M. Kieth Lucas (Lecturer  
 in botany) 8pm G10 Palmer Building, Whiteknights

BANC public meeting Robert Aldridge on FIRST  
 STRIKE Friends meeting house, Church st, 8pm  
 Ex designer of Lockheed Ballistic missiles-  
 talks about the realisation that Americas  
 stratigic doctrine is not really concerned with  
 detemance any more.

Wed 9 New Games Conspiracy Session. Palmer Park  
 Adventure playground 12.00

Thu 10 PPU meeting 8pm 15 Stanly Grove, Reading  
 Tel 588459 All interested- Welcome.

W.I. Mini-market St Marys Church House  
 St Marys Butts 9am to 1pm Every Thursday  
 Stalls of Crafts, Veg, flowers, plants, cakes  
 Cheap and Good.

RED RAG Copy deadline. Editorial meeting  
 8pm Acon Bookshop in which we decide about what  
 to put in the next issue and whos going to do  
 all the work!

Fri 11 Berkshire Humanists Regular meeting 8-10pm  
 Friends meeting house. Phone 21307 for details.

Sat 12 WEA Saturday School "What does community  
 policing mean?" Reading centre for the  
 unemployed.

Sun 13 Open Day at Coley Park Nursery. Free.  
 Wensley Rd Reading 2-4 pm

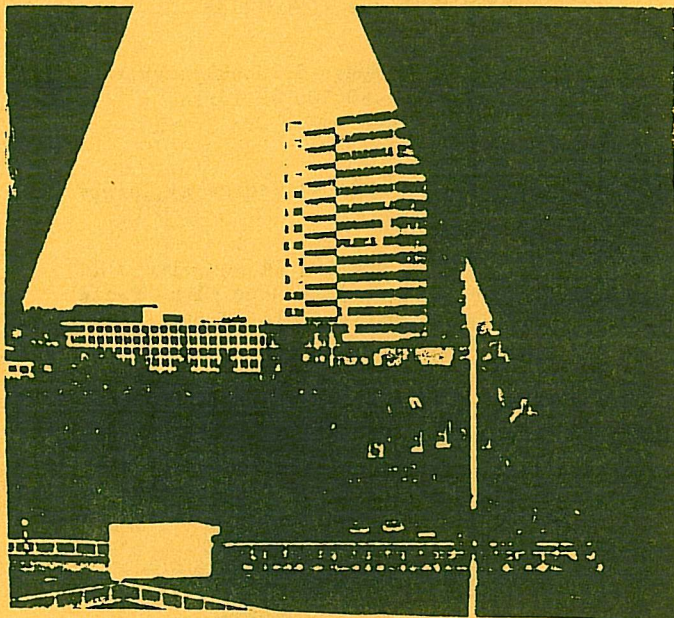
Remembrance Sunday Action to be arranged, contact  
 PPU as above.

Mon 14 WEA Capitalism Today course "Public  
 expenditure and privitisation"



## EVENTS CTD

Tue 15 Reading Health Watch campaign, meeting 6pm  
Reading centre for the unemployed. This is the  
day the Health Authority decides what jobs to  
try and cut. Come and help the fight back.



## REGULAR EVENTS

### East Reading Adventure playground

At Palmer Park, Reading 11am to 6pm Tuesdays to  
Saturdays. Tel Reading 665313. Anyone interested/  
talented/free with ideas to share should contact sandy  
or Bob on Reading 665313 or call round during  
opening hours for a chat. Help and suggestions  
always welcome.

Housing and welfare rights session on Thurs evenings  
at community house, 117 Cumberland Rd. Share your  
problems and knowledge.

### Womens Centre opening times

Tues 10.30- 2.00  
wed 10.30- 2.00  
Sat 12.00- 4.00

Also free pregnancy testing Tues 7- 9pm  
Bring urine sample from first pee of the day.  
Shared Childcare group Thurs 10.30- lunchtime.

Womens self defence: learn the basics. Fridays  
1- 3pm from now till 9th Dec. Free for unwaged  
(creche available) Reading Centre for unemployed.

Reading Gay Switchboard ring 597269 between 8 and  
10 tues evenings (& ditto for friday)

New Gay Youth Group Sundays. Phone 585858 for details.

ANARCHISTS (I just noticed I left em out of events-  
sorry) Meet monday evenings. Contact box 19 Acorn  
Bookshop.



East Reading Rights Group stall outside the church at  
Cemetery Junction Every Sat 11am to 1pm

SWAG (charity paper collection) Skips at Superkey,  
Palmer Park, Northumberland avenue, St Martins Precinct,  
Recreation Ground Great Kno;eys St 8.30am- 12.30pm  
every first saturday of month.

Central Club bottom of London St. Fridays 10.30- 4pm  
Creche. 3pm 'Uprising' a new black womens support  
group. Come and tell us what youd like to do, what youd  
like to see and what youre interested in.

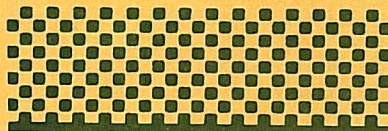
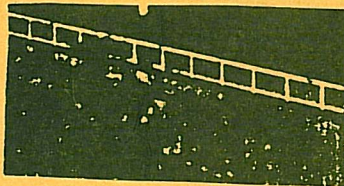
POE Paper Collection Door to door in Great Knolleys  
Street. first Sat of month. Meet 11am george St chippy.

City Farm Work continues on the site, meetings are still  
held on wednesdays 7.30pm in the staff room of  
Ashmead School.

After School Club Newtown Community House. Mon & thurs  
4- 5.30 Age 5+ See noticeboard and local schools  
for details of activities etc. Thurs: inflatables at  
St Johns School; Mondays: swimming.

Young Vegetarians meeting last thurs of every month  
(except december) The Sun, Castle St 8pm. Details  
Rdg 866259

Berks Humanists 2nd Friday of the month 8-10pm  
Friends meeting house, Tel 21307 or Wokingham 780944



### READING BETWEEN THE LINES

This guide to alternative Reading  
really will appear with the next  
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