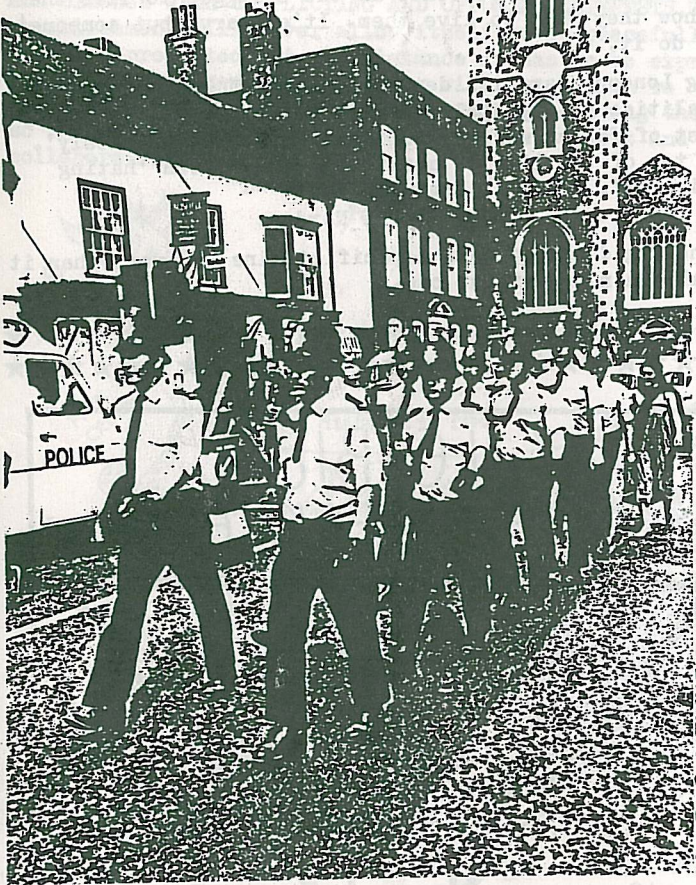


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BLUE CLOUDS OVER HENLEY POLICE BLOCK BRIDGE

So, welcome to the afternoon's aftermath. I have no superior right to say what's 'right' & 'wrong', but please - no delusion, no illusion. Let us simply cast our minds back to the halcyon days when.....
to a hot sunny day: travel up to Henley courtesy of Alder Valley Yobsearch ticket, the traffic jams, rip off carparking, hidden constables and boatfulls thereof; the bridge, with police vans on both sides and the compound a stones throw away, behind the Leander Club. The consequences of a successful propaganda campaign - the truth being gradually brought out? Even this much made me angry, before the events of later in the afternoon, endlessly moved on and prodded and sworn at, around the bridge, in the market place, on street corners. "For people tired of being pushed around" said the posters... yet all Saturday at Henley Regatta was one huge push around, and all we were doing was standing, breathing, singing a bit (Eat the Rich Feed the poor) and not being at all violent. And all they did was move van after van of police, squads of ploids frogmarching up the High Street; using force and power to overwhelm groups of people who weren't looking for gratuitous violent clashes with the police. In nothing flat they cordoned us off - end of dialogue, Andrew (see last Rag front page); we didn't have much opportunity to 'persuade, explain the Utopian vision', actually. Shame, really; it was such a nice day for it....

MARK.

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HOORAY HENLEY

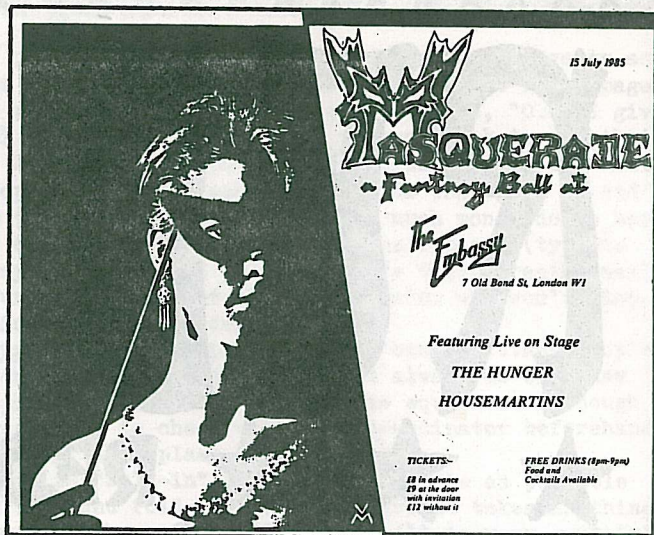
I really wish that making a social revolution was as easy as merely pointing out society's injustices to the rich and asking them to give up their privileges.....(I wonder why nobody has ever successfully used this method before?) If pictures of starving Ethiopians won't do it, I don't think there's much hope for this method. If you are in any doubt the contempt the ruling class feels for the less well off, take a look at this publicity for a masqued ball at Bond Street's Embassy Club on July 15th, which was found outside the Stewards Enclosure at Henley Regatta on July 6th. It had obviously fallen out of some rich young plaything's pocket/handbag. The blurb says that on the door:

UB40's pay double.
OAP's get a free kick in the head.
Any female found removing clothing and so rendering her top half naked will be let in free.

Ha Ha Ha. Very amusing.

Revolutions are usually fought and either won or lost. The failure of most revolutions, it seems to me, is that they seem to go ahead and establish the privilege under a new name. Andrew, (front page last issue) wants to win our oppressors over with love. This is his 'revolution'. This, I think, is part of but not the whole story. Love, peace, hugs, living our revolution here and now is what we do everyday - by struggling together in the face of social taboos, conformism, property laws, etc., not only do we affect people around us, but we also establish alternatives to the present system.

Facts, however have to be faced. If the state feels threatened by non-conformist lifestyles, (which have the potential to undermine everything it stands for) it will act, as was only too clearly demonstrated to the Peace Convoy when it tried to reach Stonehenge. Like Andrew, The Peace Convoy has its own 'alternative' values. The difference between



the Peace Convoy and Andrew is that they were prepared to stand up for their beliefs. With a lifestyle of travelling which includes an important annual spiritual pilgrimage to Stonehenge, the Convoy, if it wanted to follow its habitual pattern of - simply - living, had no choice but to try to carry on at the risk of a violent confrontation with the Police. There's only so much we can take. The Peace Convoy, the Greenham women, Rainbow Warrior, Sea Shepherd, Class War are all willing to risk violent confrontations with the State in the struggle to live their lives how they want to live them. It's scary, but someone's got to do it.

A young London anarchist described some of his/her faults and qualities in a pamphlet I read recently. At the top of the list of faults was written 'hating indiscriminately'. At the top of the list of qualities was written 'hating specifically'. I'd go along with that.
Laura Norder.

N.B. The Rag does not take a pacifist line any more than it takes a non-pacifist one.

NEW TOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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LETTERS



After the outburst of pacifism in some of last Rags letters I must speak up for self defence and resistance.

Is the woman who resists a sex attacker by kicking him in the balls as evil as the attacker because she is using the same methods? Of course not! Domination and resistance are opposites.

Personal self defence is a fundamental freedom and human right which is inherent in my right to live. Often the use of minimal force prevents people from being killed, but for the abstract principal of non-violence pacifists are prepared to sacrifice real lives rather than admit physical intervention is sometimes necessary and justified. Changing attitude is a long slow process but there is domination, exploitation and suffering going on now and we must take action now to stop it. No form of action is perfectly non violent and not to take action is to turn a blind eye to violence around us. Violence and confrontation are inevitable in struggle but abandoning struggle means supporting state violence, you cannot escape this equation.

Contrary to what Andrew thinks there is no common humanity. There is a class divided humanity made up of different classes with CONFLICTING AND OPPOSING INTERESTS. The establishment will never allow itself to be peacefully voted or protested out of existence it has to be expropriated by force. Only then with equality will persuasion be possible. We can't appease the rich without hurting the poor so in practice many pacifists end up selling out and collaborating.

Love and riots,
Paul Pettard.



FREE CRECHE (and Autumn too) FREE ACTIVITIES

Wednesday is Women's Day
9.30-4.30

at Reading Centre for the Unemployed, 4-6, East St., Reading. Telephone: 596639

ALL WOMEN WELCOME

PAID AD

"Wednesday is Women's Day" has been so popular that it is continuing over the summer. Some of the courses are taking a break till September when there will be another full programme of events. In the meantime try your hand at banner making in FABRIC-CRAFTS, have fun with the PERFORMANCE group, or come along to the discussion group - every Wednesday all summer. Free creche for the under-5's, tea + food from the snack bar. For more details ring Karen (Reading 596639) or come along and see what's happening. Bring your friends!

(Courses funded by Voluntary Projects Programme/Reading Adult College)

Lots of people went to the Party on Friday at the Women's Centre, thank you all for coming. We're going to meet Council Borough Officers very soon to discuss the need for new premises. Hopefully there'll be more info in the next issue of the Rag.



The suggestion to boycott the Tudor was far from popular. The Reading Area Gay Group referred to the letter in the Rag proposing the boycott as a 'distinctly libellous statement' and denied any involvement by R.A.G.G. or Helpline. A second letter to Red Rag (by V.G.) suggested that 'antagonisms over the beer mats might be directed towards their producers'.

It appears thus far that the effects of a boycott, if any, are marginal. Wednesday June 26th saw for the first time the publication of a free newsletter called 'Readings Gay'. This condoned the Tudor boycott, justifying its viewpoint not only in terms of the beer mat incident but by suggesting that the presence of a 'central focus for gay life' such as the Tudor had clouded the need for such a newsletter and for an alternative to the pub.

The leaflet suggests a number of alternatives: So far it has aimed to find a pub (which is just another focal point) which is not 'benignly heterosexual' (does that mean it should be malignly heterosexual?) and where 'we have our own control over who we drink with'.

A notion of this sort surely is fraught with problems since 'we' is used in the sense of a collective 'we' and the gay community is simply not homogenous enough to unite in such a massive agreement of opinion. For example: would bisexuals be allowed in? What about straight friends of gays? Are new customers questioned regarding their sexuality? Should the welcome elite boast pink triangles on their lapels? 'Us and Them' surely is just another simplistic dichotomy and like all dichotomies produces a boundary for warfare.

Such then is the attitude of those wishing to boycott the Tudor. That their position is not unified however is exemplified by the passage reading, "...skinhead or a 'dirty Greenham woman' - people have been banned for all these reasons", which is obviously not commensurate with the 'having our own control over who we drink with' viewpoint which should ban someone simply for having coitus with the opposite sex.

- It thus appears that a group has emerged who :-
- 1) Lack an alternative to the Tudor.
 - 2) cannot provide adequate justification for their position,
 - 3) Represent a minority of the gay community.
 - 4) Are unclear as to what would constitute a good alternative

One invisible heterosexist...

WHERE IT'S AT:

HEXAGON - QUEENS WALK : PHONE 591591. HEX CLOSED ALL AUGUST.
SHP - SOUTH HILL PARK ARTS CENTRE BRACKNELL: 0344 484123
PARADISE CLUB, 112 LONDON ST. READING: 576847.
CENTRAL CLUB, 36 - 42 LONDON ST.
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB, 24-26 MOUNT PLEASANT (OFF SILVER ST.)
- 751242.

GOING OUT

NO MESSING AROUND THIS TIME - STRAIGHT INTO THE OUTGROWING
GOING OUT GUIDE, PAUSING ONLY FOR MY FAVOURITE QUOTES
OF THE PAST FEW WEEKS:

"O LOVE! O DEATH! O ECSTASY!
O RHUBARB BURNING BY THE SEA!"
(MERVIN PEAKE).

[THANKS TO SUE FOR THAT ONE].

AND :- "DIRECTIONLESS, SO PLAIN TO SEE
A LOADED GUN WON'T SET YOU FREE -
SO YOU SAY."

MONDAY 22 JULY :-

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL PLAYSCHMES START TODAY AND RUN
UNTIL 23 AUGUST. 55911 ext 2069 FOR INFO.
THE ALBION, OXFORD RD - JAZZ, 8PM, FREE.
THATCHERS, FAIRWATER DRIVE, WOODLEY - JAZZ/FUNK/SOUL, 8PM - 11, FREE.
BULL, HIGH ST., NETTLEBED - FOLK CLUB, 8PM, FREE. NO!! IT'S CLOSED!!!
SILKS, BATH RD, THATCHAM - ANGELWITCH + TRAITORS GATE, £2.
SOUTH HILL PARK - "AMADEUS" (PG) 7.45 £2.50.

TUESDAY 23 JULY :-

PARADISE CLUB - LOL COXHILL, DAVE HOLLAND QUARTET + THE AFRICAN DISCO
+ PANDEMONIUM DANCE UNIT, 9-LATE, £1.75 / £2.50.
OUT OF TOWN CLUB, BATH RD, PADWORTH - PASS.
CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL - POETS ANONYMOUS, 8.30 PM, FREE.
SHP - "AMADEUS" (PG) 7.45 PM, £2.50.
PALMER PARK - RUGBY ATHLETIC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, 6.30, FREE.

WEDNESDAY 24 JULY :-

JIVE DIVE CLUB AT THE NEW WORKER, QUEENS WALK (nr. HEXAGON).
EUROPEAN FOLK DANCING, - FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, CHURCH ST. (OFF
S' TON ST.) 7.45 PM £1.
S.H.P. - "AMADEUS" (PG) 7.45 PM £2.50
PARADISE CLUB - LIVE AID CHARITY GIG - FORGIVEN COLOURS / GEISHA'S??
COMPLAINTS / FRICTION / ABOVE / LOST WEEKEND / SCANNERS
£2 / £1.50 UB40.

THURSDAY 25 JULY :-

PARADISE CLUB - TROPHY DUB CLASH: UNITY HIPPOWER VS LION ROOTS.
9-2 AM, £3.
BOAR'S HEAD, FRIAR ST - FUNKTION AT THE JUNCTION, FREE
SHP CELLAR BAR - UNDERCOVER CLUB 8PM, £1.50.
STAG + HOUNDS, PINKNEY'S GREEN, M'HEAD - MARRA, 8-15 PM, FREE.
MARKET INN, BRACKNELL - LIVE BAND
CROSS KEYS, nr BUTTS - LIVE MUSIC, FREE
SPORTSMAN, SHINFIELD - COUNTRY + WESTERN, 8PM, FREE.
HEXAGON - CLIFF RICHARD GOSPEL SHOW 8PM
SHP - "THE JUNGLE BOOK" (U) 2PM + 7.45 £2.50.

FRIDAY 26 JULY :-

THE LAMB, EVERSLEY - FOLK, 8PM, FREE. JIVE ALIVE.
LORD RAGLAN, WOKINGHAM - DIXIE / NEW ORLEANS JAZZ, 8.30 FREE.
PARADISE CLUB - EMPTI FISH + THE TENNESSEE 3.
TOWN HALL, BLAGRAVE ST - APOLLO F.C. PRESENTATION DANCE,
STUDIO MAGIC + TRACK ONE SOUND, APOLLO SPA BREAKERS
HEX - CLIFF BABY AS LAST NIGHT.
SHP - "THE JUNGLE BOOK" 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.

SATURDAY 27 JULY :-

WATLINGTON HOUSE, WATLINGTON ST - BARN DANCE, 7.30.
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB CULTURAL WEEK - CHILDREN'S DAY STARTING
1PM: md. STEEL BAND, BREAKDANCING.
PARADISE CLUB - SWAT (LONDON) + KING DICK DISCO, £3; £3.50 ON DOOR.
SHP - "THE JUNGLE BOOK" 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.
HEX - GRANDADAM CLIFF, 6-15 PM + 9PM.
HEXAGON BAR, - 1-2PM HAPPY HOUR.

SUNDAY 28 JULY :-

NEW GAMES, HILLS MEADOW, 2PM.
SOUND SYSTEM, PALMER PARK, IN THE AFTERNOON?
S.H.P. TERRACE BAR - LUNCHTIME - PUUSE: "HUMOUROUS + BIZARRE CABARET."
BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - CLEM ABELMAN DUO (JAZZ) 8PM FREE.
REDFOLK, CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8PM, FREE
CENTRAL CLUB - AFRICAN DAWN, 8PM.
SHP - "JUNGLE BOOK" (U) 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.

MONDAY 29 JULY :-

BULL, HIGH ST., NETTLEBED - FOLK, 8PM, FREE: ROGER WATSON.
SILKS, BATH RD, THATCHAM - WILKO JOHNSON, £4 (LISTEN RECORDS)
THATCHERS, FAIRWATER DRIVE, WOODLEY - JAZZ/SOUL/FUNK, 8-11, FREE.
THE ALBION, OXFORD RD - PETE JAMES ORIGINAL JUBILEE JAZZ BAND.
RADIO 2 ROAD SHOW, AT READING STATION. (SO READING'S A ROAD 10
TWO TOWN, IS IT??...)

APOLLO YOUTH CLUB - TALK ON BLACK CHILDREN IN THE UNDERDEVELOPED
WORLD, 8PM. (PART OF A.N.C. CULTURAL WEEK).
SHP - "JUNGLE BOOK" (U) 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.

TUESDAY 30 JULY :-

OUT OF TOWN CLUB, BATH RD, PADWORTH - LIVE BAND?
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB - FILM: "BLACK BRITANNIA", 8PM.
CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL - POETS ANONYMOUS, 8.30, FREE.
SHP - "THE JUNGLE BOOK" (U) 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.
PARADISE CLUB - NOTHING BOOKED WHEN * SEE ADVERT
READING ADULT COLLEGE - WILSON RD: INFORMAL WORKSHOP /
DISCUSSION: "CREATIVE EMPIRE BUILDING IN READING."
7.30 PM. £5 ON DOOR. REFRESHMENTS.

WEDNESDAY 31 JULY :-

EUROPEAN FOLK DANCE - AS 24th
JIVE DIVE AT THE NEW WORKER, QUEENS WALK.
PANDEMONIUM - NOT THIS WEEK BY THE LOOK
OF THINGS.
GAM DISCO - SLOPPY JOELS, STATION HILL, 9-2 AM. £1.50
WITH MEMBERSHIP CARD.
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB - "BLACK CHILDREN IN THE INDUSTRIALISED
WORLD" 8PM FREE.
S.H.P. - "THE JUNGLE BOOK" (U) 2PM + 7.45, £2.50.
GARDEN OPEN - THE OLD RECTORY, BURGHFIELD. HAM - 4PM
NO DOGS, BUT TEAS + PLANTS FOR SALE.
BULL + CHEQUERS, WOODLEY } - ELLINGTON MORRIS MEN (9?) 7-45.
LANDS END, SANDFORD } - " " " " (8.45).

THURSDAY 1st AUGUST

PARADISE CLUB - YOUNG LION + GUEST READING SOUND. 9-2.
BOAR'S HEAD, FRIAR ST - LIVE BAND, 8PM, FREE.
SPORTSMAN, SHINFIELD - COUNTRY + WESTERN, 8PM, FREE.
MARKET INN, BRACKNELL - LIVE BAND
CROSS KEYS, nr BUTTS - LIVE MUSIC, 8PM, FREE.
STAG + HOUNDS, PINKNEY'S GREEN, M'HEAD - FOLK, 8.15, FREE SINGERS.
SHP CELLAR BAR - UNDERCOVER CLUB, 8PM, £1.50
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB - "THE EDUCATION OF BLACK CHILDREN" 8PM
SHP - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (15) 7.45 £2.50.

GOING OUT

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST:-

HIGH WYCOMBE TOWN HALL - SOUL SHOW.
PARADISE CLUB - BIG SHOWCASE: REGGAE + MORE REGGAE.

SHP CE LAR BAR - FRIDAY LIVE RIDES AGAIN: THE MILLER FAMILY,
(SALSA/MI-LIFE), 10-2AM, £3. FOOD AVAILABLE.

THE LAMB, EVERSEY - FOLK, 8-11H, FREE: SINGERS NIGHT.

CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON ST - ZURIYA THEATRE CO, 8PM.

LORD RAGLAN, DENMARK ST, WOKINGHAM - DIKIE JAZZ, 8-10, FREE.

MACROBIOTICS MEETING + MEAL - 100 NORTHUMBERLAND AVE -
7PM. PLEASE PHONE WENDY (860813) IN ADVANCE.

SHP - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (15) 7.45 PM £2.50.

PARCE AT THE CIVIC OFFICES, 2.30PM FREE. "PLANNING" COMMITTEE.

CENTRE FOR UNWAGED 4-6 EAST ST - GREENHAM OR BENEFIT THE
THURSDAY 8.30 DISCO, VEGGIE (VEGAN FOOD) (11-TIME) 8-LATE £1.50/£1.80

SATURDAY 3RD AUGUST:-

CENTRAL CLUB - APOLLO DANCE + CULTURAL SHOW, 8PM

WATLINGTON HOUSE, WATLINGTON ST - BARN DANCE, 7.30.

PARADISE CLUB - OFFICIAL READING MC CONTEST (TASTING SECTION).

SHP - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (15) 7.45 + 10.30 PM, £2.50.

CREATIVE ART (?) - PASTEL + RED RAG. BRING A FRIEND + SOME
COW GUIN. DETAILS 595605

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST:-

ANCIES, WOKINGHAM - ICR - JAZZ FUNK

THE BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - JAZZ: CLEM ABELMAN DUO, FREE, 8PM

READIFOLK, CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8-11H, FREE.

SHP - "THE KILLING FIELDS" (15) 7.45 £2.50.

SHP TERRACE BAR, LUNCHTIME - PARK SWING BAND; FREE.

COLLECTIVE HANGOVER CURE AT ACORN - FOLD + LABEL THE RAG.

SOUND SYSTEM IN PAUMER PARK THIS AFTERNOON??

WALKING/BIKING TOUR OF READING - DISTRIBUTING THE RAG.

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A SUITABLE BILLET - DUX IN ACORN OR (2) PHONING ME ON
782178, BEFORE 10.30 PM AND VERY POLITELY LEAVING A
MESSAGE. 'COS I'M FLEEING THE THROBBING STREETS OF
READING FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS.

BE GOOD WHILST I'M AWAY, LOVE,

MARK

RESTIVE READERS FAR FLUNG FESTIVAL GUIDE.

26-28 JULY: CAMBRIDGE FOLK FESTIVAL, CHERRY HINTON HALL
INFO: 0223 358977.

26-28 JULY: ELEPHANT FAIR, ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL. £16.
INFO: 0503 30816.

ALL AUGUST: CANTLIN STONE FREE FESTIVAL, CLUN FOREST, 4 MILES
SOUTH OF MONTGOMERY.

1-4 AUGUST: MELGAN FAIR, GILFACH PARISH (WEST WALES).

2-4 AUGUST: ASHTON COURT COMMUNITY FESTIVAL, NI BRISTOL
INFO 0272 428491. NO CAMPING.

3 AUGUST: MONMOUTH ROCK FAYRE - INFO 0600 5518.

3-10 AUGUST: VEGAN CAMP - HOME FARM CARAVAN SITE, MARANGLAS
ANGLESEY, INFO 091 252 7599.

5-9 AUGUST: WHITWORTH TRAVELLERS FAIR 0706 853226.

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HERACON: 22-24 JULY: "TROPICAL HEATWAVE" - CAMBRIDGE
FOOTLIGHTS 1985 REVUE.
8PM, £2.50/£3.50.

THE MILL, SONNING: TIL 17 AUGUST: "NOEL + GERTIE" - ENTERTAINMENT BY
SHERIDAN MORLEY, USING NOEL COWARD'S
MUSIC + WORDS.
TEL. 698000.

CENTRAL CLUB: FRI. 2 AUGUST: ZURIYA THEATRE GROUP - PART OF
APOLLO YOUTH CLUB CULTURAL WEEK.
8PM. TEL 751242.

SOUTH HILL PARK: 25 JULY - "ALICE" - A COMMUNITY PRODUCTION IN THE
HOUSE + GROUNDS OF SHP, OF CARROLL'S
3 AUGUST OFT-CITED SATIRE... SPECIALLY FORKIDS.
8PM EXCEPT 28, 29, 30 JULY
MATINEES 3PM 27, 28/7, 3/8, @ 3PM
CHILDREN £2, ADULTS £3.50.

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Rockin' — Blues
party.

£1 sounds by RHR BLUES inc tues 30 JULY

SOUL
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50's

come and party.

Paradise
club,

london st.



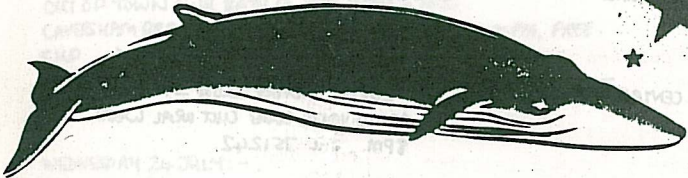
"An Alternative Morality"
A further piece on Henley can
be found in the Red Rag Box.
From the Situationists Box 2001

To Mark (who wrote a letter about the Tudor Boycott)
We were unable to discuss your letter with you as you
gave no contact no. or address, but in answer to your
question - there is no Red Rag 'line'. Everything in
the paper is a contribution made by an individual.
You are welcome to take it up with mark who compiles
the Going Out Guide. Liz, co-ordinator.

PESTICIDES



Shoppers to Woolworths and Boots in Broad Street were given leaflets last Saturday describing the risks involved when using garden chemicals. Woolworths and Boots are selling a large range of products containing chemicals which have been identified by FoE and Pesticide Action Network as giving "cause for concern". Many have been banned or have restricted use in other countries because of the risks to health, yet in the UK they are widely available. For example: Vapona flykillers contain Dichlorvos classified by the World Health Organisation as highly hazardous. Weedol & Pathclear contain Paraquat which is lethal to mammals if ingested with no known antidote. Banned in W.Germany. Secto insect killers contain Lindane/HCH, a persistent insecticide banned or severely restricted in other countries as cancer agents. There are many, many more. Some products state - "cleared under the Pesticides Safety Precaution Scheme", - don't be fooled! these usually contain the offending chemicals. FoE wants to see full disclosure of manufacturers' health, safety and test data, greater controls over potentially dangerous pesticides used in the home, labels on pesticides should have hazard warnings and state all active ingredients, the most hazardous should be banned. For more information contact: Reading FoE, 27 Instow Road, Earley.



We were disappointed to find only about 100 people gathered to demonstrate in Bournemouth at the start of the International Whaling Commission meeting on Mon. 15th July. The march to the venue was quite presentable however, with lots of banners, Sea Shepherd and Portsmouth FoE cyclists, Animal Rights and Greenpeace buses. Tourists took photos of us along the way and on arrival at the venue we were soon being snapped by Japanese attending the conference! Japanese TV covered us even if our media didn't - lots of us were asked what we thought about Japanese whaling. The IWC was established in 1946 to oversee the conservation & sensible utilisation of the world's whale resources. It is composed of the main whaling nations (USSR, Japan, Iceland, Norway, S.Korea, Brazil, Spain, Peru, Phillipines.), and other nations interested in the whales. It meets annually to set catch quotas for the various nations, supposedly based on "maximum sustainable yield" calculations, but the populations and catch quotas have been dropping for many years. In 1982 it was agreed that 1985 would be the last commercial whaling season, but the Japanese (who buy most of the whales killed by other nations) want to continue. Iceland & Korea have declared their intention to take hundreds of whales for "scientific research". Iceland plans to take 10 Blues and 10 Humpbacks - both species are seriously endangered. Korea has been charged with using the banned "cold" harpoon. The meeting continues all week - the fate of the whales will have been decided by the time you read this. Anne Booth (Reading FoE)

SAVE THE WHALES

BOROCOURT ROCKS

Borocourt residents have been treated to late night parties recently. Instead of the usual Saturday disco and back to the ward by 8, they have been entertained by local bands (not the brass type.) til 10.30 or so!

The band i saw were 'Joker'. A young 5 piece outfit who played a lively set of their own material - with the exception of '12th Nights East of Eden. The 100 or so residents and a few staff, ranging from 16-60, leapt, rocked and bounded with seemingly limitless energy. The old ballroom in the 'mansion' had never had such a shaking! The band, invited by the 'new wave' recreation group, gave their all and played their own style of heavy metal and rock music.

Perhaps more to the point they achieved a good rapport, with what some would call an unusual audience. The residents of this hospital are mentally handicapped and that may sound patronising but to the uninitiated it can be a daunting prospect.

A post punk progressive rock band may not be every ones cup of chlorpromazine but most of this audience loved it. An encore was requested and duly given. Appropriately called 'Message for the people' The message as i saw it was let's have more late nights and live music. After all we have the choice...

A fine night and most, as i said, of the people i spoke with loved it - However, on a humorous note, one of the older residents, named Lenny was asked what he thought of the band. and replied "Eh?!" I repeated the question loudly and he replied - very loudly "THEY'RE TOO NOISY!"

oxo, Paul



Interested musicians, offers of help could contact the Recreation Dept. at the hospital. Tel: 92680541 Psst Funktion at the Junction and Joker, who have both played at Borocourt, are both active and available. Phone 763254/867723 for further info. Hmmm, the idea of a one day music/theatre festival sounds like an interesting proposition...

ACORN'S BITZ



For those of you who havn't read the letter on the wall in Acorn, last week we had 2 books seized by Her Majesty's Custom and Excise officers. Doing their job they took acopy of the Naked Lunch by Burroughs and a copy of The Boy Who Picked the Bullets Up by Charles Nelson so their policy of harrasment continues, the co-op has decided not to fight a case 'cos of the high cost but, insted to call for any donations and support for Gay's the Word the london bookshop that is currently fighting what looks like being a lengthy court case. Don't forget you can buy The Naked Lunch in Smiths amongst others. The books have been declared indecent OR obscene and will be destroyed or maybe kept by a servant of H.M.G.

We have undergone a reshuffle in the shop so unless you've been paying attention you may not find what you want straight away several reasons one being that people seem to delight in removing books from the shop without paying for them. We have aquired a new printing press which will enable us to cope with shall we say more advanced printing although mark and maggie are still learning we should be able to turn out a higher quality print than was available before.

Lastly for this contained rible Ian will be leaving soon and a new face will appear in late August The Acorn is growing love & co-operation the Acorn people.

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



SMALL ADS

Part time canvassers wanted. £1.50 per hour & bonus (normally £3 or £4 per hour CASH) Phone 509145 or 64062

ROOM WANTED in Reading from middle of August. Please ring Karen at R.C.U. (596639) if you know of anywhere.

WANTED: Good homes for 3 kittens, 5-6 weeks old, grey haired with blue eyes. Contact Mike: 867789 or Paul: 861582.

FOR SALE: Tandem (nearly new) T.V. video recorder and colour telly. Please ring: Karen on Rdg. 667085.

ROY McLEOD: C90 cassette full of his best songs. £4 from John Sharpe, 51 Carnarvon Rd, Reading 661306. Reading's only outlet!

FOR SALE: 1 pair chairs: £10-00, small fridge: £5-00, bike: £15-00 3-piece suite: ? Phone: Carol/Martin on Rdg. 662753

26 yr. old man living in Bracknell has found the error in his ways and wants to find a home in Reading. Any offers? Please ring Bracknell 53847 and ask for Ric.

URGENTLY NEEDED BASSIST Gigs, equipment and talent, in fact everything except a mean & dirty bassist. Desire for infamy an advantage. Phone 669361 or 64062

MANSION WANTED in Reading from beginning of August. On a hill/ near the river/ in centre of town. Large enclosed garden, plenty of parking space. Failing that, a room in ashared house down the Junction? Cliff, 81 Pell Street

ROOM TO LET (& share in allotment if keen) House in S. Reading phone R. 876320 after 28th July. Room free from then. £20 month & share of bills.

FREE: 2 single mattresses (donation to Rag?) Phone: 481081

EVENTS

- Sun. 21 'Stop the air fair' protest, Alconbury air base showing off their military missile. Oxford F.O.E. invite you to 'Alice's picnic' on Otmoor details ring Wheatley 2679. Conservation removing ragwort @ Acton Upthorne nr. Streatly details ring Pete Edge Bracknell 420242 x2343 (day) Wkham. 781041 (eve). Reading campaign against benefit cuts 6.30p.m. R.C.U. Plant science laboratories botanic gardens open Pepper lane entrance of Uni. No dogs. Reading Campaign Against Benefit Cuts. Meeting tonight at 6.30., Reading Centre for the Unemployed, East Street.
- Mon. 22nd. Summer holiday playschemes start ring Rdg. 55911 x 2069 for details. R.C.U. trip Stanford Dingley 4 1/2 miles leave 10.30 bring packed lunch Anarchist Free Festival: phone 599995 for venue. (meeting!)
- Tue 23rd. Rdg. athletic club championships Palmer Park 6.30 free
- Wed. 24th. Womens day R.C.U. Self help for Womens health video 'Sexuality' and discussion, 11.30. Tilehurst photo club 'Jessop Phto award' details Mr. Leary Goring 873990 or 873699. "Live Aid" gig Paradise see Going out for details
- Thu 25th Pangbourne peace group 1 Short St. 8.00p.m.
- Fri 26th. 'The Non Proliferation Treaty' public meeting Friends meeting house 8.00. p.m. Dave Lowry of European Proliferation information centre and Jennifer Hammond of 3rd. World First. Berks family history soc. presents 'the Elephant game', trace your genes with a game Park United Reformed church Wokingham rd. 7.00/7.30. details Rdg. 415169.
- Sat. 27th. C.F.C. the Highway Man Exlade St. details Geoff Clark Rdg. 415169. C.W. childrens day 1.00 p.m. Cultral week 1985 starts @ apollo, entry free unless otherwise stated. Videos arts & crafts workshops ring Rdg. 875277/751247
- Sun. 28th. 10th. International non violent march for Demilitari sation starts Denmark. workshops direct actdon. Conservation rabbit fencing @ Ashton Rowant details as Sun. 27th. Sun. 28th. Peace by Peace bus U.K. tour Hills Meadow all day. C.W. 'African Dawn' central club doors open 7.30. C.T.C. 60 miles Richard Dumelow. New Games: 2pm, HILLS MEADOW, READING
- Mon. 29th. C.W. 'Black children in the underdeveloped world' 8.00 p.m.
- Tue. 30th. R.C.U. walk Vale of the White Horse details to come. G.W. film 'Black Britania' 8.00p.m. discussion on pre school education, 8.00p.m. R.A.C. informal workshop/discussion 'creative empire building in Reading' 7.30. £5.00 on door. refreshments.
- Wed. 31st. C.W. 'Black children in the industrialised world, 8.00p.m. Womens day @ R.C.U. Ellington Morris men @ the Bull and Chequers Woodley 7,30 and at the Lands End Sandford 8.45p.m. Tilehurst photo club practical evening of studio photography details Mr. Leary. Goring 873990/873699.
- Thu 1st. C.W. 'the education of black children in britain 8.00pm. discussion on pre school education. Copy deadline for Talkback 3 send to Real Time video collective box 625 Acorn. Copy deadline for Red Rag also redrag editorial phone co ordinator.
- Fri. 2nd. C.W. Zuriya theatre company Central club 8.00p.m. **BENEFIT FOR GREENHAM WOMEN CONVICTED FOR BREAK-IN TO ALDERMASTON AT READING CENTRE FOR JOBFREE, EAST ST, READING. LIVE MUSIC, DISCO, VEGAN & VEGETARIAN FOOD AVAILABLE BY HIGH TIME WHOLEFOODS, BRING DRINK. 8-LATE, £1.50 | £1.00 VW.**

R.C.U. Reading Centre for the Unemployed
R.A.C. Reading Adult College
C.T.C. Cycle touring club
C.W. Cultural Week, Apollo, Silver Street

EVENTS cont'd

Rag Production

Rag production dates are to be found in the Events section and relevant phone numbers are on the front page of the previous issue. Firstly someone says, "O.K. I give in. I'll co-ordinate." It is this person's job to see that the Rag comes out somehow. The Thursday editorial meeting is open, and those assembled decide what goes in and how big the paper will be. (i.e. how much money do we have?) The copy is then dispatched to the Typists (typists always needed), and everyone holds their breath until Saturday, except for the co-ordinator who won't stop panicking until Sunday. Saturday is paste-up day. Anyone can do it. New people are most welcome - the Rag could always do with new inspiration. Somebody usually has equipment although it's a good idea to check with the co-ordinator beforehand. Printing takes place Saturday night. Sunday is "fold-in" day. As many people as possible converge and fold, label the paper. It takes anything from 1 - 4 hours and ANY help at all is very gratefully received. This is as good a place as any to meet some Rag regulars if you are interested in working on any aspect of the paper.

- Sat 3rd. C.W. Cultral show and Dance Central Club 8.00 red rag-paste up.
- Sun 4th. RedRag collating party. C.T.C. 50 miles Jon Gent Henley 577207.
- Mon 5th. R.C.U. outing to Dinton Pastures. ideal for little ones leave R.C.U. 10.30. bring lunch. Womens centre monthly meeting 8.00p.m. @ the centre. Lesbian and Gay self defence course 10 weeks 75p. U.B.40 £1.50 waged details box 33 Acorn or ring Rdg. 597269 tuesday and friday between 8.00 and 10.00 p.m. Sat August 24th. Lesbian and Gay celebration details Acorn and Sloppy Joes.

£\$€ MONEY



Bridget the treasurer will be leaving Reading soon, she has done a lot on the Rag over the years - while everyone else suspected we were in the red, Bridg had to open the bank statements. Many thanks to you. And well done James who has offered to take the job and combine it with advertising. Our apologies go to any disgruntled advertisers in the past, hopefully nothing will go astray again..... Usual rates £12 ½ page, £7 ¼ page. The simplest way to support the Rag financially is to make a standing order, available from James (595605). It is sometimes printed in the Rag or there are collecting tins dotted around Reading. Lists also appear in the money section. You can also support one of the fund raising ventures or there again YOU could organise a fund raising venture. No offer refused.



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

The "Box at Acorn"

Red Rag lives in a vegetable tray at Acorn Bookshop. Articles, letters and small ads. (FREE) can be deposited here or sent by post.

Events and Going Out

Mark (92 680051) is our new Events person - thanks to all those who filled the gap - and hello Mark. The other Mark (782178) (before 10.30 pm please) is our resident Going Out person. These listings are absolutely FREE so keep them informed.

Distribution

Pogle (also on 92 680051 - is this a takeover bid?) has just inherited this job from Guy. Thanks Guy. Hello Pogle. Phone him with additions, changes, deletions to the delivery list. If you are a distributor going on holiday/away/unavailable let him know or if you fancy a fortnightly stroll in your neighbourhood and would be willing to deliver the Rag to as many or few addresses as you can manage then he's dying to hear from you. Car drivers who want to see it all happen on a Sunday early afternoon are always needed to collect bundles of Rags from the 'fold-in' to take to distributors all over Reading. It's a great excuse to avoid Sunday lawn-mowing, car washing, other peoples relatives. Regular volunteers would be nice, but doing it just once would be a great help.

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Rag -

The Collective

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

Articles for the Rag

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

News and Information

If you don't want to write but have something you would like to see in the Rag, then you can phone Clive or James 595605. They have the same copy deadline as everyone else so give them plenty of warning.

-but were afraid to ask.

Well, now you know. Or at least the bits I've remembered to tell you. If there are any further mysteries I've omitted to unravel, drop the Rag a line and we'll see what we can do.

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