

RED FURY

ALIAS RED RAG

12-26
Jan



HELP GREENHAM

Can you give help at some time with any of the following?

- Drying blankets/ or providing blankets.
 - Providing firewood or plastic sheeting.
 - Providing overnight accomodation for wet (ie pleasant but damp people).
 - Writing to women in prison.
 - Or even attending a court hearing-(therés one on 20th Jan at Newbury).
 - Going to Greenham for a 'nightwatch' (4 hrs). (-contact Val on 483416 to borrow a tent).
 - Providing transport for 'nightwatch' or offering services as a driver.
 - Daytime visiting of Greenham (contact Jane on 861582 if you need transport).
 - Helping to prepare or transport food.
 - Looking after kids on Fri.am after nightwatch. Any help at all is invaluable.
- For information you can call Julie or Charlie on 868488.

But we are looking forward to seeing lots of
WOMEN AT THE FORTNIGHTLY SUPPORT MEETINGS

THE RAG

- READING'S ONLY NEWSPAPER IS PRODUCED FORTNIGHTLY BY A VARIABLE COLLECTIVE.IT IS FREE AND HAS BEEN SINCE IT BEGAN IN 1979,
- IT CAN BE PICKED UP AT ANY OF THE OUTLETS (LISTED SOMEWHERE) OR EVEN DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR IF YOU LEAVE ANOTE IN BOX 79, ACORN NOT-JUST-A-BOOKSHOP, 17 CHATHAM ST., READING. (OR: RING THE DISTRIBUTION NO. ON THE COVER)
- IT IS FUNDED BY READER'S DONATIONS, BENIFITS AND THE ODD PAID AD FOR WHICH WE CHARGE £7-00 per qrt. page. To donate:
- a) fill in a standing order form (pick up one from Acorn)
- b) write out a cheque to Red RAG and post it to Box 79, Acorn.
- c) put some money in one of the collecting tins at:
ACORN, 17 CHATHAM ST.
ELEPHANT OFF LICENCE, DERBY ST.
HARVEST WHOLEFOODS, HARRIS ARCADE, Friar St.
POP RECORDS, 172 KINGS RD.
EUROFOODS, CROWN COLONNADE, CEMETRY JUNCTION.

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

ARTICLES FOR THE RAG

Written clearly or better still, typed (12cm wide and single spaced) Articles should be signed in some way. Without a contact no. or address the editorial can't discuss changes etc. Copy deadline is the Thursday before publication. (6p.m!)

NB: RED RAG is an
open forum for
discussion.

NEXT ISSUE: Copy date 23rd Jan.

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- * Events: Paul 4831081 . * Going out: Mark 8683488 * Distribution: Pogle: 599995.

FREE

here is the news

do journalists and editors decide what "news" is, to report, and what space to devote to a story, does this influence what people are told by the media, in its current role as the major means of passing on the information we use to live our lives??

"News Values" are an unwritten set of guidelines to the news machine. Attention (YOUR attention), is concentrated mainly on extraordinary events. For example:-

- those affecting "elite" persons/nations
- those which are dramatic
- those which have negative consequences
- those which are part of a story already considered newsworthy
- those which show basic human emotions and characteristics, (eg pets and 100th birthday stories)...

For example, the Daily Mirror of 2/1/86 had a cover story headlined "Di's hairdresser in Raid Terror-"we know who you are...we'll chop your fingers off". 2 "youths" held him at knifepoint and asked for money, and also fancied his rings, attached to his fingers. They ruminated on removing the jewelry surgically.

This made news cos it was a bit dramatic and a bit negative, but mainly because it related to the life of a real media star.

The fact that it was an "exclusive" (so much for the free circulation of information), added to the prominence it got.

Same with the local papers. The Chronicle's "Review of the Headline News Over the Past Year" (3/1/86) was headed: "Schools closing, schools opening, a new leisure centre, a new library, road works, strikes, vandalism, and job losses were among the mixed bag of news for 1985".

All things which THEY are doing (and the proles are told about them via the media. We the proles.) Not all that "mixed" a bag, in fact-all issues chosen with the criteria printed above in mind.

A limited range, presented in such a way as to "make sense" to the readership, or the assumed one, by setting items in a framework of existing basic values.

The media assumes that everyone in society has basic common interests and concerns, and that we want this to continue.

If we want to change decision-making, we are to do it via the political system, which is supposedly open equally to all not via the media.

Ditto we all have a say and a stake in the national economy because we're all consumers.

So the mass media rests on an assumption of status quo. This affects the way something challenging that situation is reported.

It may not be reported at all. If it is, the usual style is one of tiredly relating the latest vile doings of the "loony left". (NB-the National Front's paper has a regular column called "Looney Lefties")...

A major way of siding with the status quo is asking MPs, the police, or employers to comment on stories relating to politics, "law and order", and jobs & industry respectively.

What they say, and are reported as saying, sets the tone for the whole issue-hence the values of the status quo are repeated in the media-which makes so much noise about being unbiased. MPs etc sit high in the hierarchy of reported opinion as well as the State.

Example-newspaper coverage of the item in the last Rag setting out sabotage techniques, including molotov making

This was taken from, and credited to, the New Statesman, who reproduced it from a CIA manual for use against the government of Nicaragua.

The Evening Post had "Fury Over DIY Bomb Guide" (31/12/85, front page). A member of the Rag collective was contacted and quoted-but not what he said about the CIA origin of the cartoons.

Prime ranting position went to the police (ie, it's a "law and order" issue), who found it utterly deplorable. Basic portrayal-violent, dangerous, "loony lefties". Prominence due to a lack of owt else to print.

The Chronicle...well we've already seen what they call "headline news"...so we get "Storm Over DIY Bomb Guide", Red Rag "contraversial"...a stir which they, the press, have created.

The Chronic got the pearls of wisdom of MP Tony Durant, the political representative of the status quo which the media support.

The Chronic also failed to mention the CIA connection. Instead reassuring the citizenship that these people will be dealt with to ensure a safe society, by saying the police are trying to find a charge to prosecute on.

Everything's great! The boat's stopped rocking! Carry on consuming!

Billy Bragg once sang: "so when you wake up to the fact that your paper is tory/just remember-there's 2 sides to every story".

But it's not like that. The values are the same for the left and the right of the mass media-they all run stories about the same events.

The Mirror (2/1/86) had "DIY Bomb Mag seized", referring to an "undercover anarchist group", the seizure of copies (drama! safety!!), and a possible prosecution...all in 62 words.

The "impartial media looking after everyone's interests" myth is a cover for mind control.

Only a framework for communication like Red Rag can be any different from this. Do you think the Post or the Mirror would print what you thought?

No individual reader of the Rag can claim to wholeheartedly support everything that's written in this paper. But there's the freedom to debate, inform and disagree. So when was the last time you wrote for the Rag?

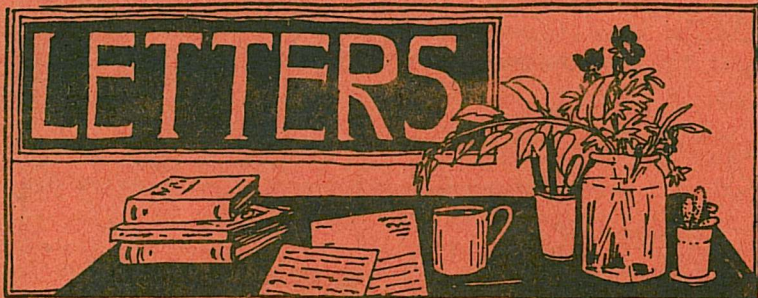
Mark R.

Anarchists

Wednesday is Women's Day + Other Activities at Reading Centre for the Unemployed 4-6, East St, Reading. Tel: 596639. All WOMEN WELCOME! STARTING JANUARY 22ND

DISCUSSION, VIDEOS, FREE COURSES, CRECHE, DANCE, FABRIC AND YARN CRAFTS, SELF-DEFENCE, FUN!

LETTERS



December 29th 1985

Reading Wholefoods,
7, London Road,
Reading, RG1 5BJ

Dear 'Red Rag Collective',

"Bash the rich", "Kick the pigs" etc, was bad enough. The Guide to young Anarchists irresponsible in the extreme, and potentially dangerous in unsophisticated hands, but the 'Meletem Cocktail' in your latest issue is the last straw, and has resulted in your publication reaching an all time low in bad taste.

How you can claim to accept all articles which are not sexist or racist and then publish such criminally irresponsible, no, evil information on damage to property and (probably) person, is beyond our comprehension. It was infact, a customer who brought the article to our attention as we do not always have time to read the 'Rag' thoroughly.

Please withdraw our name from your contacts list now, as we do not wish to be even marginally involved as an outlet for such a publication.

Yours,

Hilary, Ceia, Rosemary, Aba



Abiezer Coppes Solstice Celebration

Abiezers winter bash

Why did Abiezer have so many friends who weren't willing to help him? And why did he have enemies?

Abiezers solstice could have been what it was advertised to be "a week of spontaneity and creativity". Instead his solstice was a week of apathy and distorted anarchy. Why did people keep smashing the maze up? Why did the majority rely on a small minority to provide entertainment? The answers are hard to find, everyone who went there was guilty and everyone innocent.

Nevertheless the weekend did have its high points, the vocal workshop (I heard) was very good, the maze entertaining and Saturday was brilliant-thank you Ozric Tentacles, Webcore and Here & Now.

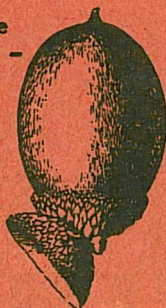
May we all learn from the past and look forward to the future when Abiezer or perhaps Doris return.

Uncle F



Issue 7 of Readings Gay is out now in Acorn-Readings Gay Collectives newsletter, with lots and lots of things packed onto 2 sides of A4. Oh, and a questionnaire about what gay people in Reading want and need. Allfree! P.S don't forget the 6th party at the Horse and Barge on Sat. 18th Jan - Details from Acorn Bookshop.

Anyone wishing to stop the shooting of Pigeons in Reading, - please sign the petition on this at Acorn Bookshop- You can also write a letter of protest to the Head of the Environment Department, Civic offices, Reading.



New Tricks for Education

OPEN DAY

take a new direction in '86
discover your opportunities in
Reading if you're not in paid work.
Stalls from organisations in Reading
working for unemployed people?

Thurs 16th Jan
10am - 4pm

MARKET PLACE	DRILL
BANK ST	KINGS RD.
LONDON ST.	QUEEN'S RD.
	SOUTH ST.

R.C.U. East Street.

ADVICE
FOOD
put your ideas into action
meet new friends, learn, reflect

CRECHE
COURSES
VIDEOS
INFORMATION
EXHIBITIONS

Reading Centre for the Unemployed
4-6 East Street, Tel 396639

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS FOR THOSE NOT IN PAID WORK IN 1986

Not in paid work? Make a fresh start in 1986 by trying something new or improve your own skills or hobbies.

Whether you're

- bringing up a family
- working part-time
- in between jobs
- waiting to start a training course
- or just have time to spare

Come along to Reading Centre for the Unemployed where you can relax and enjoy yourself in a friendly atmosphere.

Find out which activities appeal to you at the Centre's OPEN DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 16th, 1986 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

HOW YOU COULD BENEFIT FROM COMING TO THE OPEN DAY

- *** Its all FREE!!!
- *** Meet others who are not in paid work - swap ideas and experiences
- *** Chat to people who are there to work for and with you
- *** Find out about the opportunities available to you in the centre and throughout Reading
- *** There's entertainment with music, dance and much more!
- *** See what you would like to do with the centre and how you can make use of the building and facilities
- *** Creche facilities will be available for you to leave children while you look around the exhibits and displays



News from a collective

Just to let all interested parties know that Acorn has upgraded it's photocopier, the new one has more scope for reductions and enlargements due to the variable magnification facility, also it gives better distribution of toner resulting in consistently darker higher quality copies. Come and find out for yourself on the cheapest unsubsidised photocopier in town.

Still a few diaries and calendars left for the late starters. Watch out for the Almost Mega Sale, Bargains that you never bargained on before.

love from the collective

SUPPORT A COLLECTIVE IN '86

THE Big EVENTS



MON:13-

self

- R.C.U. - Prepare for Employment. This course starts today, and includes learning about cash flow, tax marketing & selling. - 12.30 - 2.30.

- Anti-apartheid Benefit, Paradise Club 8 - late. Details 'phone Richard - 61783 or Dave. 664976.

- Mayday '86 - meeting at R.C.U. - 8pm.

- Rape Crisis Collective meeting. ? venue, try phoning Janet - 581890 or Penny - 662646.

TUES:14-

- Storytime for the Under 5's. Meet every Tuesday at Palmer park library - 2.30

- R.C.U. - Key English, for improvement of basic reading & writing. 10-12.

- B.A.N.C. open meeting - Friends meeting House, 8pm. Malcolm Harper from U.N. Association - "Can the U.N. Keep the Peace?"



WEDS:15-

- R.C.U. ♀♀ day - Run by and for ♀ of all ages. ah, having now written this i've noticed the courses start NEXT week! (Sorry...)

MOLESWORTH BLOCKADE

☺ FEB 6TH ☺

NOTICE

If you want to take part in the blockade or help in another way on the day, come along to the local co-ordination meeting on WED. JANUARY 15th at 8pm.

Tel: READING 483416 for details.

- Anyone interested in helping form an affinity group to do non violent direct action on Feb. 6 contact above no. or 667085.



THURS:16-

- R.C.U. - Creative writing workshop. Share thoughts and feelings through writing. 1-3.00.

Wildlife garden project. Help create a garden for wildlife. 1-3.00

FRI:17-

- R.C.U. - Reading Single Parents group meet - 1pm.
- Veggie dining, 8pm at R.C.U. Tickets in advance from Acorn bookshop £2.50 waged £2 - unwaged.

SAT:18-

- Reading Anti-apartheid Campaign - Picket Waitrose in Woodley - 10 - Noon.

SUN:19-

- Red Rag collective meeting, 39, Coventry Rd., at 6pm. All interested in Rag "day to day life" very welcome.

- Reading Campaign Against benefit Cuts, meeting at R.C.U. - 6.30 pm. also...

- R.C.A.B.C. door to door leafleting - meet at Central Pool car park (? time.)

- Berkshire Conservation Volunteers: Out at Owlsmoor bog to work on retention of wet bog for Berks. & Oxon. N.T.

MON:20-

- R.C.U. - Prepare for self employment. 12.30 - 2.30 Starting today... Sign language - learn & develop your communication skills with other people. 1-3.

TUES:21-

- R.C.U. - Tasty Cooking on a low budget. (This course run at the Cookery room, Kensington Rd., Tel. 55575.) Course inc., setting a weekly budget, preparing + cooking food with the minimum of equipment. 1-3.
- Key English - 10-12.

WEDS:22-

- R.C.U. - ♀♀ day: Womens Self Expression - Take part in singing & dance, mime, acting etc. in a non-threatening, non-competitive atmosphere. 10-12.30
- Video screenings: Using the relatively new way to communicate and create ideas. A new topic each week - this week is "Womens image in the media." 1.30-3.

East St. Art & Design workshop. Basic drawing skills through to working with different medias in many forms of art. Here's your chance to try out your creativity! 1-3pm.

- Storytime for under-fives - 2.30 at Palmer park library.

- Anti-apartheid film show - Paradise club - 8pm.



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Other questions asked were - Is the Rag an anarchist paper? My reply was that it began as such, but I did not think that it now was, in that some of the contributors would not say they were anarchists, any more than that they were 'Reds' or Communists - therefore, the Rag is not confined to 'Anarchists'. Also asked - What number of copies were printed? Answer - 1800 copies - but read by many more, as the Rag is passed around. How frequent is the Rag published? - Fortnightly. What was my surname? XO?! There were other bits of dialogue that I have not recalled, but as far as I can remember it was nothing major. My main comments were that the Rag is a collectively run community paper, with collective meetings, which are held every 6 weeks (next meeting on January 19th - see Events) and Minutes are available, if required, from Box 79 at Acorn Bookshop. Each issue is produced by a collection of individuals who do not necessarily support the views and news they print.

However, like anyone else, we all have the right to reply, and if we disagree with a view-point, we have the choice of whether to write in, and make our point of view known - or not.

I feel that these opinions may sometimes be slanted, as the Media generally tends to distort the facts, in order to make a story, and to sensationalize stories in order to sell 'news'. Here lies the beauty of the Red Rag - it has no desire to promote any political party, or to make money, or to deceive. It is FREE! Free of political and profit-making motives."



Red Rag

PRESENTS

LIFE CAN

&

SOMETIMES
SARTRE

A MAGAZINE circulating in Berkshire contains a strip cartoon on how to make petrol bombs.

New Speed Station are circulating in...

The... of Red Rag, an anarchist pub...

LIVE AT THE

Paradise Club
London St

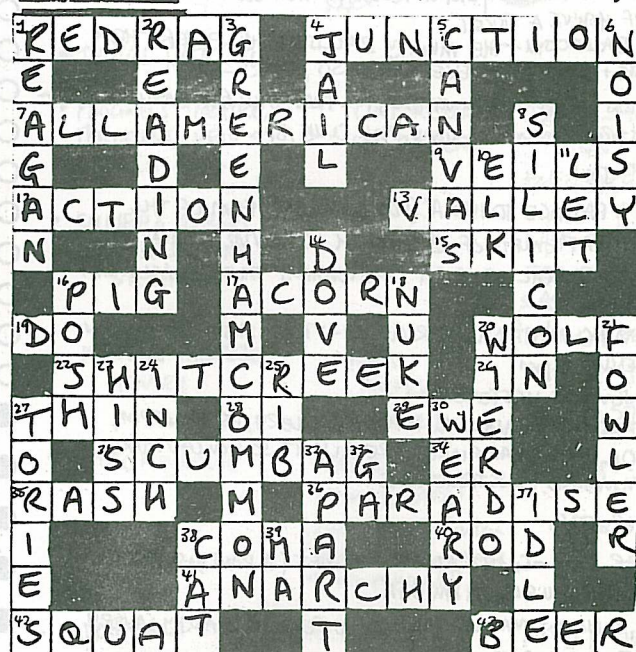
28th Jan

9-130

£1.50

(TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM : ACORN)

CROSSWORD: (Last weeks answers)

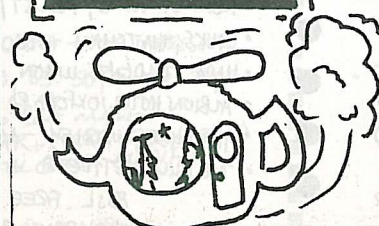


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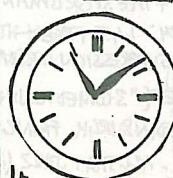
Se3: RECYCLE YOUR ROLL-UPS!

A HANDY GUIDE TO REJUVENATING THAT HORRIBLE STALE TOBACCO IN THE BOTTOM OF THE PACKET

BOIL KETTLE



PLACE PACKET
OVER SPOUT FOR
JUST A FEW SECONDS



NEXT WEEK:
RECYCLE
YOUR
TEABAGS
WITH
ABIEZER



GOING OUT



► MON. 13th JAN. (START OF QUIET WEEK AT THE PARADISE...)

- UNIV FACULTY OF LETTERS - INSPECTOR AUCROFT OF THAMES VALLEY PD-LICE: "DRUGS - A CANCER IN THE COMMUNITY". 8pm, FREE.
- KENNET ARMS (PELL ST/ELGAR RD) - GOOD IRISH FOLK, 8ish, FREE.
- ALBION HOTEL, OXFORD RD - PETE JAMES ORIGINAL JAZZ BAND, 8pm, FREE. HECTIC.
- SILKS, THATCHAM - ROCK NIGHT - 932 655912
- BULL, NETTLEBED - FOLK WITH LIFE & TIMES BAND, 8pm, FREE.
- SHP - "DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN" (15) 7.45 £2.50.
"Shy retiring housewife" SEES PAPER ADS FROM SOMEONE DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN. THE TRAIL LEADS TO MADONNA. YOU'VE BEEN WARNED.
- THATCHERS (PAUL WATKINS IRVINE WOODLEY) - JAZZ/FUNK & SOUL TIL 11PM. THATCHED CASUAL PARADISE.
- UNIV STUDENTS UNION - JAZZ, 9 ish, FREE.
- FULHAM GREYHOUND - THE MIGHTY BALLISTICS HI-POWER (Readupares)

► TUES. 14th JAN:

- TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAY DISCO, 8pm, free. MAINLY MEN.
- UNIV PALMER BUILDING - MUSIC FOR VOICES GUITAR, 1.10 PM. 25p ADMISSION.
- HEX - MAGICIAN FOR UNDER 5'S, FREE, 12.30 - 1.30 PM.
- SHP - "DESPERATELY SEEKING SUSAN" (15) 7.45 PM £2.50.
- NO ROCKOUT OF TOWN CLUB PROWORTH TIL FEBRUARY
- UNIV - JAM WARRIORS (reggae band), t support. lambar. TICKETS FROM MUSIC MARKET/LISTEN RECORDS. NO NEED FOR UNION CARD IF YOU'VE A TICKET.
- MAJESTIC BALLROOM - THE MIGHTY BALLISTICS HI-POWER + THEM HORRORS + THE LOST WEEKEND. £2.50, 8pm - 1 AM
- WATLINGTON HOUSE, WATLINGTON ST - TRAD. STEP FOLK DANCE CLUB, 8pm
- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - UNIV. FOLK CLUB, 8pm

► WED. 15th JAN:

- RFT - "A PASSAGE TO INDIA" (PG) 7.30: EPIC FILM OF THE TRAGIC ATTEMPTS OF 2 BRITISH 'COLONIAL' WOMEN TO FIND THE "REAL INDIA." A CAUTIONARY TALE FOR ALL RIGHT ON PEOPLE??
- EAST READING ANTI - NUCLEAR GROUP - VIDEO SHOW, 21 EASTERN AVENUE, 8pm.
- SHP CINGUA AS YESTERDAY.
- SHP WORKSHOP IN MAKING PAPER JEWELLERY, 15 - 2.45 PM, 80p. PAPER EARRINGS ARE V. LIGHT SO YOU CAN MAKE IMMENSE CONSTRUCTIONS...

► THURS. 16th JAN:

- SHP CELLAR BAR - GIANT ALGATE MAGNET (A BAND) + SUPPORT. £1.50/75p UB40, 11 PM BAR.
- THE ROSE, KING ST, MAIDENHEAD - DAVE PENNIE & ANDY LAVERY - FOLK CLUB, 8pm, FREE.
- RFT AS LAST NIGHT EXCEPT UB40'S GET IN CHEAPER
- UNIV STUDENTS UNION - JAZZ, 9pm, FREE
- BOARS HEAD, FRIAR ST - LIVE BAND. READING'S OLDEST PUB AND ONE OF MY LEAST FAVOURITE - VIDEO JUKEBOX + CASUALS + FAULKLANDS BAR DISPLAY. MISERABLE SOD, AREN'T I??
- DIRE COUNTRY & WESTERN - CROSS KEYS + THE SPORTSMAN.
- SHP VIDEO SCREENING - "AN INDIAN STORY" 7.45 FREE - DOCUMENTARY OF HUMAN RIGHTS SUPPRESSION IN INDIA
- SHP CABARET - "COVER GIRLS" BY THE MILLIES ("3 COMEDIENNES") 8pm, £3/£2 UB40. STARS OF THE EDINBURGH FRINGE.
- VICTORIA ARMS, BATHAMSTEND RD WOKINGHAM - ALL THAT JAZZ (JAZZ BAND) 8pm FREE

► FRI. 17th JAN:

- READING CENTRE FOR UNEMPLOYED, EAST ST - VEGGIE DINING: 3 COURSE VEGAN MEAL FOR £2.50/£2 UB40, (TICKETS IN ADVANCE FROM ACORN). PERSONALLY RECOMMENDED. MUCH BETTER THAN...
- SHP CABARET - THE DANCE BAND. DANCERS WHO ALSO PLAY SYNTHESISERS etc. 8pm. £3.50/£4.50/£2.50.
- SHP "THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO" (PG) 7.45, £2.50 - MIA FARRON & WOODY ALLEN.
- CAP & GOWN, KINGS ROAD - FAIR EXCHANGE (ROCK) - 8.30ish?
- TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAY DISCO, 8pm FREE. MAINLY MEN
- ODEON CINEMA, CHEAPSIDE - DISCOUNT AFTERNOON FOR UB40'S??
- FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE, GEORGE ST - FOLK BLUES & JAZZ NIGHT - £1.50 in advance (576598) or on door.
- MUSIC DEPT, UNW - BRAHMS EVENING - 7.30, £3 FROM HICKIE'S.
- THE LAMB, EVERSLEY - JIVE ALIVE - BLUES / TEX MEX / DANCE MUSIC. 8ish, FREE.
- SHP FRIDAY LIVE - GT MOORE & THE UNKNOWNNS (reggae). £3, 10-2. FOOD AVAILABLE.
- ~~MAJESTIC~~ PARADISE - CHIEFS OF RELIEF (OR PISTOLS & BON JOVI WOW) + MAX (KEVIN MOONEY, ex ADAM & ANTS) 8-2.
- CENTRAL CLUB - RAIDERS HI-POWER SOUND, PLAYING FOR UNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

► SAT. 18th JAN:

- HORSE & BARGE, DUKE ST - GAY & LESBIAN CELEBRATION, TIL LATE. 80p RAFFLE TICKETS.
- SHP FOLK - SPREDTHICK, £1.80, 8pm.
- SHP ALL DAY - BRACKNELL ROCK DAY: 10 LOCAL BANDS/ARTISTS FOR CHARITY. DETAILS TEL BRACKNELL 484123.
- DRAKE CENTRE, PANCLISLANE COLLEGE "INSTANT SUNSHINE" £4.50, 7.30. OXBRIDGE HUMOUR VIA RADIOS 2 & 4.
- SHP "THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO" AGAIN. ALSO AT 10.30 PM

► SUN. 19th JAN

- READING - CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL, 8.15, FREE.
- THE BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - JAZZ with CLEM ADELMAN, 8ish, free. MODERN JAZZ & FULLERS BEER.
- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - some 20's/30's style smooth serenaders.
- BRIDGE HOUSE, PALEY ST - FOLK SINGAROUND AT LUNCH TIME.
- RED RAG COLLECTIVE MEETING, 6pm, 39 COVENTRY ROAD. DO COME ALONG. YOU ARE ALL POTENTIAL COLLECTIVE MEMBERS.
- SHP - "PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO", 7.45 pm, £2.50.
- UNIV MUSIC DEPT, ^{UPPER} REDLANDS RD - THE SYLVAN PLAYERS PRESENT SOME EARLY 19th CENTURY ROMANTIC MUSIC. 3pm. £2/£3 tel: 860905 / on door.
- HEX - JASPER CARROT, 8pm, VERY EXPENSIVE. NICE TO SEE THE HEX ARE UP TO THE USUAL STANDARD.
- VICTORIA ARMS, WOKINGHAM (w CINEMA) - JAZZ & FIVE LEAF CLOVER
- UNIV LOUNGE BAR - BEAT & THE DEVIL, FREE.

► MON. 20th JAN.

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY IN THE USA.
- KENNET ARMS, PELL ST/ELGAR RD - IRISH FOLK, 8ish onwards. GOOD.
- SILKS, THATCHAM - rock night
- UNW STUDENTS UNION - JAZZ, 9pm FREE. WORTH IT?
- ALBION HOTEL/OXFORD RD - HECTIC JAZZ, 8ish onwards, free
- THATCHERS, WOODLEY - AS LAST WEEK.
- THE BULL, NETTLEBED - FOLK WITH WEL, IT'S A SCOTTISH EVENING, 8ish, FREE.
- SHP - "THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO" (PG) 7.45.

► TUES. 21st JAN:

- TUDOR ARMS - GAY DISCO. 8ish, FREE. MAINLY MEN.
- UNIV PALMER BUILDING - concert, including Violin solo, and Mendelssohn's Piano Trio. 1.10 PM, 25p.
- SHIP JAZZ - "BRILLIANT CORNERS" QUARTET 8pm, £2.70 PIANO / GUITAR / DRUMS / DOUBLE BASS.
- HEX - NO FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR KIDS AT LUNCHTIME.
- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - UNIV FOLK CLUB 8pm FREE.
- WATLING TON HOUSE, WATLING TON ST - FOLK DANCE, 8pm.
- PARADISE CLUB - ANTI APARTHID MEETING, 8pm.

► WEDS 22nd JAN:

- RPT - "THE LIFE & DEATH OF COLONEL BUMP" (U) 7.30. PRO - ESTABLISHMENT FIGURE SHOWN FOR WHAT HE IS - LIFE STORY OF BRITISH ARMY OFFICER FROM BOER WAR TO 1945.
- SHIP "TRY IT" - WORKSHOP IN "THE SOUNDS OF THE SYNTHESIZER" 1.15-2.45, 80p.
- SHIP - "THE PURPLE ROSE OF CAIRO" (F2). 7.45.

► THURS. 23rd JAN:

- SHIP - RED SKY (HEAVY MUSIC) + SUPPORT, £1.50 / 7.5p, 8-11.
- ROSE, KING ST MAIDENHEAD - FOLK WITH PETE CUE, 8ish, FREE.
- RED RAG EDITORIAL - phone no. on cover for details.
- BARS HEAD, FRIAR ST / CROSS KEYS / SPORTSMAN, SHINFIELD - LIVE MUSIC, AS LAST WEEK.
- RPT - "THE FAVOURITES OF THE MOON" (15) 8pm (UB40 DISCOUNT) IMPOSSIBLE TO SUMMARIZE BUT SOUNDS GOOD FUN, COMPLICATED ENTERTAINMENT.
- UNIV STUDENTS UNION - JAZZ, 8ish, FREE.
- HEX - JOHNNIE MACGREGOR, piano, 1.10 PM FREE.
- SHIP VIDEO SCREENING "WORKERS NOT SHIRKERS", 7.45 FREE. MEMBER OF PIMLICO ARTS & MEDIA SCHEME TAKES & PRESENTS TAPES MADE WITH UNEMPLOYED & ASIAN PEOPLE + OTHERS.
- VICTORIA ARMS, EASTHAMSTEAD RD, WOKINGHAM - NEWBURY ALL STARS JAZZ BAND, 8pm, FREE.

► FRI. 24th JAN:

- CAP & GOWN, KINGS ROAD - BEAT BACK BAND: 10 piece Soul / r'n'b. FREE. 8.30 ish?
- SHIP FRI DAY LIVE - MONKEY CLUB: ALTERNATIVE / COMEDY BAND. 10 - 2 AM, £3, FOOD AVAILABLE.
- LAMB, EVERLEY - FOLK WITH STEVE TURNER. 11 FREE. 8ish.
- UB40 DISCOUNT AT THE ODEON CINEMA IN AFTERNOON??
- KENTON THEATRE, HENLEY - J SCHUBERT CONCERT. tel H. 575698
- TUDOR ARMS, GREYFRIARS RD - GAY DISCO, MAINLY MEN
- SHIP "HEAT & DUST" (15) 7.45 & 10.30, £2.50. A MERCHANT & IVORY PRODUCTION - WESTERNERS OF 2 CENTURIES / GENERATIONS OVERWHELMED BY THE "ROMANCE OF THE EAST".
- SHIP RECITAL - TRIO DA CACCIA incl. MOURET, DUKAS, BEETHOVEN, F. STRAUSS. 8pm, £3.
- PARADISE - BEATES THE DEVIL (DANCE MASTERS OF SOULS & FUNK.) + SUPPORT (used to be SOME LIKE IT HOT)
- CENTRAL CLUB 36-42 LONDON ST - THE BEST OF READINGS / SOUND SYSTEMS - RAIDERS, SIRGRAPHIC, STUDIO MAGIC,

► SAT. 25th JAN:

- RED RAG PASTEUR - phone coordinator for details.
- SHIP FOLK - JOHN MARTIN WYNDHAM ROAD - 8pm, £1.80
- FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE, CHURCH ST - "LINDA MAN - AN ANCIENT BOY FROM A CHESHIRE BOG." I KNOW THE FEELING... 2.45 PM, FREE.
- ST ANDREW'S CHURCH CAVERSHAM - READING BACH CHORUS DOA GIG. details 478097.
- DRAKE CENTRE, PAINA BOURNE COLLEGE - OPERA - "THE IMPRESARIO" (MOZART) + "RITA" (DONIZETTI) 7.30, £3. 50 from the College
- SHIP - "HEAT & DUST", 2 screenings as last night.
- PARADISE - WINSTON REEDY, REGGAE STAR + STREET LEVEL (soul)
- READING CENTRE, EAST ST - REGGAE & SOUL BLUES ALL NIGHT. LOW PRICE.
- CENTRAL CLUB, LONDON ST - REGGAE SOUND SYSTEMS.

► SUN. 26th JAN:

- RED RAG FOLDING, LABELLING & DISTRIBUTION. MANY HANDS MAKE THE DEVIL'S WORK EASIER.
- READ FOLK, CAVERSHAM BRIDGE HOTEL - BURNS NIGHT, 8.15 FREE.
- THE BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - CLEM ADELMAN'S MOD. JAZZ STYLINGS
- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - 20/30'S STYLE SERVICEDGES - SPATS, BRYLCREEM AND ALL.
- BRIDGE HOUSE, PALEY ST - LUNCHTIME FOLK SING AROUND.
- SHIP - "HEAT & DUST" 7.45pm £2.50.
- HEX - "AN EVENING OF PURE NOSTALGIA" - THE SEARCHERS. "MEMORIES FLOED BACK." 8pm.
- VICTORIA ARMS, WOKINGHAM - GRAHAM HEWITT'S JAZZ BAND, 8, FREE

► COMING YOUR WAY

- TUE 28th - PARADISE - RED RAG BENEFIT WITH LIPELAN + SOMETIMES SARTRE. 9-1.30, £1.50 ON DOOR ALL PROCEEDS TO RED RAG, WHICH IS FAIRLY POOR.
- TUE 28th - BE-BOP JAZZ AT SHIP WITH THE CLARK-KANE QUINTET, 8pm, £2.50
- WED 29th - SLOPPY JOE'S, STATION HILL: GAY DISCO, £1.50, 9-2 AM.
- LATE JAN → LATE FEB - SOUTH HILL PARKS ASIAN ARTS SEASONS: drama, painting, music, dance etc.
- FRI. 31st - MAXI PRIEST, (REGGAE SUPERSTAR), CENTRAL - EAST ST - ALL NIGHT SOULS REGGAE PARTY.

► KEY:

- HEX - HEXAGON QUEENS WALK; S91591
- PARADISE - 112 LONDON STREET; 576847.
- SILKS, THATCHAM 932 65592.
- RPT - READING FILM THEATRE, PALMER BUILDING, UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
- SHIP - SOUTH HILL PARK ARTS CENTRE, BRACKNELL: B. 484123

► PLEA:

GIVE ME INFORMATION!!

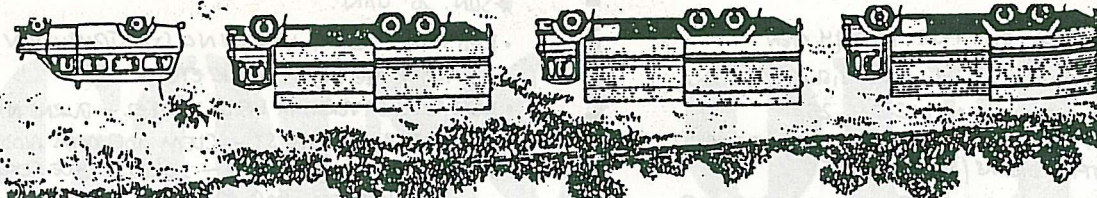
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► THINGS THEATRICAL:

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| • PROGRESS THEATRE, THE MOUNT, CHURCH ROAD | CINDERELLA (HJ BYRON) | JAN 9 - 18 th . 7.45. tel 477594 |
| • SHINFIELD PLAYERS, WHITLEY WOOD LANE, SHINFIELD | ALADDIN. | 17/18, 24/25 JAN. FRI-7.45 SAT-2.30+6.30. tel: 883315. |
| • KENTON THEATRE, HENLEY. | HANS ANDERSEN. (MUSICAL). | 14 - 18 th JAN. tel. H. 575698. |
| • OXFORD PLAYHOUSE | TRAVESTIES (TOM STOPPARD) Lena, Joyce & Tristan. Ezra do the important of being earnest! | 14 th - 18 th JAN. tel. 0x 247133 |
| • LONDON HALL TWYFORD. | DICK WHITTINGTON (pantomime!) | 17 th & 18 th JAN 8pm / 2.30 pm tel Twyford 348600. |
| • HEXAGON. | DRACULA. "dressed up in something suitable for fun in the fun." | 20 th - 25 th JAN. 8pm nightly 5pm Saturday. tel S91591 |
| • SOUTH HILL PARK. | LONDON BOUND. (not so much theatre as a British Airways publicity stunt. Sounds fun though.) | 23 rd - 25 th JAN 7.30 pm. |



POLARISWATCH SNOWBALL LETTER

About once a month a nuclear warhead convoy leaves the Royal Ordnance factory at Burghfield, near Reading, bound for the Royal Navy Armament depot at Coulport, Dunbartonshire. The purpose of the convoy is to take reconditioned warheads up to Coulport for use on POLARIS subs. The convoy then brings unstable, and more dangerous, warheads back down to Burghfield for recycling. Obviously if the convoy crashes there is a great risk of radioactive spillage. An accident did in fact take place recently in the town of Helensburgh, when one of the warhead trucks rammed into the truck in front. The streets were immediately cleared and local bystanders locked in shops. Needless to say the incident had a dramatic effect on the local population.

Interest is growing in tracking the convoy. CRUISEWATCH and Northern groups have proved that such convoys can be tracked, as have the American NUKEWATCH that tracks the convoy in the States.

At present we do not know enough about the Polaris convoy movements. Sometimes they appear to follow a rather convoluted route. Sometimes they go to unexpected destinations. Clearly we need to know more about the route. Therefore, it has been suggested that 'phone trees should be set up with the object of tracking the convoy later in the year, possibly November. People will be alerted when the convoy enters their area and told of its possible route. Hopefully they will be able to mount road side vigils, as NUKEWATCH do, or in some cases could follow in cars for part of the journey. Local press campaigns can be organised around this - further details available later.

POLARISWATCH can be as effective as CRUISEWATCH and NUKEWATCH - if enough people are interested. The more people who become involved the less each individual will have to take on.

If you are able to take part in POLARISWATCH or would like an information pack please fill in the form below and return it to Janet Convery, CND, 22 -24 Underwood St. London N1. If you want to discuss anything further 'phone Janet on 01 250 4010 or Polly Woolley on Oxford (0865) 512268.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS LETTER AND SEND COPIES TO ANYONE YOU THINK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN POLARISWATCH.

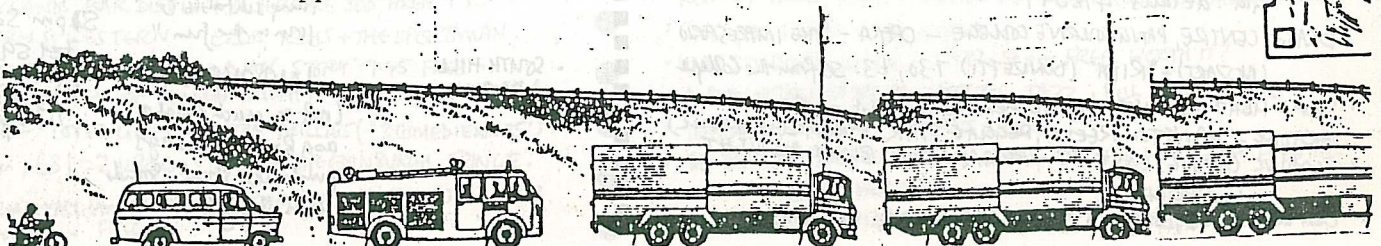
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- * I would like to be on a POLARISWATCH telephone tree.
 - * I would like a POLARISWATCH information pack.

NAME ADDRESS

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*Daytime 'phone number *Eve. 'phone no.

* delete where applicable.



CLEAN-UP OR CENSOR ?

IT IS OVER 2 YEARS SINCE READING'S 'CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN' ERRECTED 3 PUBLIC NOTICEBOARDS IN A JOKE OF AN ATTEMPT TO STOP FLYPOSTING. I SAY "JOKE" BECAUSE A POPULATION OF SOME 200,000 CANNOT SERIOUSLY BE EXPECTED CONFINED IT'S VOICE TO 3BITS OF HOARDING...

THERE HAS BEEN AT LEAST A YEARS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COUNCIL ASKING WHYs AND WHENs. THIS RESULTED IN DELAY, FURTHER DELAY AND EXCUSES.

HOWEVER, THE LATEST BULLETIN IS THAT THERE ARE NOW 3 MORE NOTICEBOARDS PLANNED/ERRECTED.

YEAH-HEY, ON THE ONE ONE HAND, BUT YA BOO SUCKS FOR BRINGING THE TOTAL NOTICEBOARDS FOR THE ENTIRE POPULACE OF READING TO A MEASLEY 6 !

WITH A THREATENED TOUGHER ACTION ON FLYPOSTING IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS NUMBER EXTENDED CONSIDERABLY.

WE NEED A CHEAP AND EASY WAY TO COMMUNICATE OUR ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, BENIFITS AND SUCHLIKE

ONE WAY OF GETTING MORE RESPONSE IS TO WRITE TO:

MR. TOMLIN,

A CLEANER READING CAMPAIGN,

CIVIC OFFICES,

READING.

OF COURSE THERE ARE OTHER WAYS...BUT DON'T GET CAUGHT WITH PASTE ON YOUR HANDS!

OKO, PASTE POT PETE.

THE CURRENT NOTICEBOARDS ARE:

1 CHATHAM ST., NR. ACORN BOOKSHOP

2 FRIARS WALK, NR. THE HEXAGON

3 MINSTER ST., NR. THE NEW POP RECORDS SHOP

4 OUTSIDE ARTHUR HILLS SWIMMING POOL, KINGS RD.

5 STATION APPROACH, OPPOSITE THE STATION

6 CORNER OF CORWEN RD., SCHOOL RD.

(THESE ARE EXISTING OR PLANNED SITES) COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARDS?

DATE LINE TAXIS



...Oh, but as a taxi -driver from 'First Choice Taxis' told

me...girls are asking for it if they decide not to 'walk the streets' and take a cab instead. In effect, 'they' don't help you in your situation - they believe that you're 'helping their situation' by giving them a call. My taxi driver would not stop the car outside the house until, it seemed, he thought he'd made me quite frightened enough to accept his 6th offer of taking me out for a drink... Well, after my complaint (by telephone) the very next driver I met from the firm told me that (a) the complaint had not even been mentioned to the 'boss' or the driver in question... and (b) that lots of taxi drivers took customers out for drinks... "girls ask for it" A usefull phone number for the bin-588888

(ALSO 582582!!)

AUNTIE ANA R CHIST'S CORNER

Hello boys and girls this is Auntie Ana and I'm going to tell you how you can have a lovely time with all the fun things Santa has brought you.

I hope you got all you wanted from Santa - cars, dolls, painting sets, aerosol cans, DM's, Uzi's, stun grenades etc, and I bet you can't wait to play with them.

Well here are a few ideas to really make Christmas go with a bang. But first of all what do you do with all the wrapping paper, here's a really good idea. You and your friends collect all the paper you can and fold in neatly in a big pile then invite an MP and the newspapers round and burn the bastards. Ha Ha wasn't that fun. Here's a good joke to play on your reactionary Bigoted and Fascist uncle. When he's not looking tip his bottle of gin down the loo and very carefully replace it with double strength bleach, that will really make his eyes light up when he has his evening tippie He He.

Here's an even better idea which will really delight your Mommy and Daddy, when they are not looking take all the credit cards out of your Daddy's wallet, isn't it funny how they are all the same size, then get some of your Daddy's Special Sticky glue that's really super and go down to your local Capitalist, Fascist, Arms-dealing, Repressive High St. Bank and find the funny machine which makes noises when you Press the Pretty Buttons. Now if you put some of that Special Sticky Glue that's Super on one of the credit cards (preferably the Gold American Express one) and put it in the little slot on the funny machine it will by magic disappear and it will never be seen again, isn't that fun. Wait until you see the delight on the faces of the other people who want to play with the funny machine.

Here's a really good trick to play on that nice ex-army, backbone of the community, salt of the earth, protector of society, Interfering old Bastard who owns a Rolls and a scurvy factory employing YOPS. With your 'LITTLE CAR MECHANIC' socket set crawl underneath his roller and take out the drain plug on the gear box, and drain the oil into old Fairy Liquid bottles (be careful not to get any oil on his nice clean drive). He will be ever so happy when he has to have a nice ride home in one of those Big Shining Breakdown Trucks with those pretty flashing lights.

You get lots and lots of visitors over Xmas and your Mommy and Daddy will be very excited when sooner or later some very polite men in blue suits and shiny buttons come in through the window. These men are very funny the way they jump up and down and do a funny dance with their truncheons and will probably ask Mommy and Daddy to go with them to their house...

RED RAG POSTAL SERVICE

? Why not have Red Rag posted to a friend living outside the Reading distribution area: Wokingham, Pangbourne, Henley or ex-Reading folks who have moved further afield.

- All you need to do is send the name and address of the person requiring the Rag - and name of the donor if it's a pressie - plus an ammount to cover postage. A pound will give someone the delights of Reading's only for 2 or 3 months. When the subscription runs out, I'll send them a reminder so they can renew it if they wish. - Also if you know of any other community newspaper around, please let us know and we'll be glad to

do an exchange - new ideas always useful and welcome. At present we receive the Leeds Other Paper, Exeter's Flying Post and Sheffield's alternative paper. These are available in the Rag box at Acorn.

- So next time you write to your granny up north or a friend who has moved further south, ask them if they can sound out local community publications. No postage required for exchanges! Subscriptions, other publications, cheques, views, etc should be sent to Red Rag (Posties), Box 79, 17 Chatham Street, Reading, Berkshire.





FLACKJACKET DAY - February 6th, 1986

MOLESWORTH,

C.N.D. and friends are commemorating the eviction of the Rainbow Village, last February, with a mass blockade of all entrances to the base. The action will begin at 6.00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6th. This should certainly be a date for our Red Rag calendars. Spread the word, form affinity groups and prepare. Those people interested in forming a local group for this non-violent, direct action - please attend the meeting on the 15th January, 1986, (see events) or 'phone Reading 483416, or 667085, for further details.

There are now three peace camps at Molesworth, including a Christian C.N.D. camp outside the old Rainbow Village site, an anarchist camp in the peace garden and the People's Peace Camp on the other side of the base in Warren Lane. Incursions into the base happen on an almost daily basis and the police have to bring in reinforcements every weekend. Any support would be appreciated and new people would be extremely welcome.

INTERNATIONAL LAW.....

decrees the indiscriminate mass extermination of people to be a crime

AT MOLESWORTH (Cambs).....

the U.S. plan to site 64 Cruise Missiles - equal to 1,000 Hiroshimas

BRITISH LAW.....

requires anyone knowing of a threatened crime to act to prevent it

NUCLEAR INDUSTRY SUBMITS

With the sea dumping suspended recently CEBE and those with lots of money invested in nuclear power are now trying to find some space on land. Not only "our" nuke waste but also from other countries who realise how lethal it is.

FOE has been leaked a list of proposed shallow nuclear waste disposal sites. In addition to Elstow (proposed 1983) are areas in Humberside Oxon and Bucks. Local people have set up action groups and local Conservative MPs in all the areas oppose the proposals.

In response to growing opposition the Nuclear Industry has launched an expensive public relations exercise. They began with a media teach in, in November, and now plan extensive media coverage, combined with glossy brochures to sell their ideas. The DOE it appears would like to dump waste anyway, if its legal and economically sound. They see long term storage as an attractive and are lobbying TUC support to help negate embarrassing discussions in the future.

FOE are recalling to TUC the practical experience of shallow dumping at Drigg. There have been leaks and regular fires.

CEGB and NIREX (soft sell) tactics seem to be producing more opposition, and the industry is considering buying off communities with compensation. Hopefully this approach will fail too, as it just serves to highlight the high risks such communities would be exposed to.

OTMOOR VICTORY

After 5 years of campaigning by Friends of the Earth the Department of transport has finally relented on its position regarding the M40 extension: That is to say it will no longer cut through Otmoor, or the important Butter-fly haven, Bernwood forest.

Though the extension will still go ahead F.O.E. (and all?) Are delighted that two of the most crucial sites on the route seem to be safe for the present. An encouraging success too, from all those people from around the world who rushed to buy plots at Alices Meadow.

CPSA COUNCIL of CIVIL SERVICE UNIONS SCPS
Reading Area Local Co-ordinating Committee
CSU FDA/AIT IPCS IRSF POA

Berks S. Bucks S. Oxon

GCHQ: SECOND ANNIVERSARY

CCSU/TUC MARCH and RALLY

CHELTENHAM Saturday 25 January 1986

Assemble: 12.00 Pittville Pump Room

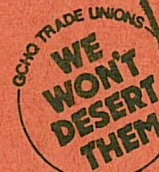
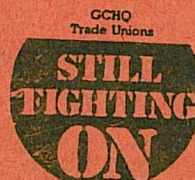
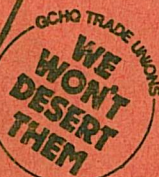
March: 1.00

Rally: 2.00 Montpellier Gardens

FREE COACH: Reading Railway Station: 10.00
Newbury Bus Station: approx 10.30

Leave Cheltenham: 4.30pm.

Advance Bookings: Chris Borgars, 27 Carlton Rd
Caversham Heights, Reading,
RG4 7NT. (home: 477073)



Police OPPRESSION

As January 1st 1986 heralds the start of new, extended police powers to kidnap you and lock you away for long periods, one might spare a thought for the recently formed Campaign Against Police Repression.

In response to the totally out of order proposals for limiting picketing, demo's, etc, they are demonstrating in London on 25th January to reclaim the streets as ours, to use as we like, day or night. The planned route of the march is from London Fields in Hackney, then past Dalston Lane and Stoke Newington police stations.

These proposals affect everybody who ever attended a meeting, took part in an action, went to a demo or did any picketing... anyone, indeed, who in asserting their rights to live their life, comes up against blue coated state hooligans.

CAPR is totally independent and receives no funding from any political groups at all.

For more details... Box CAPR, 83 Blackstock Rd, London N4 or... Pete, tel: 01 341 5340



Twenty odd people contribute money to Red Rag by standing order. Are you an odd person? If so there's a form below. Please fill it in --- it gives us some much-needed regular income. Many of us are on the dole and still pay £1 a month, so you can probably afford it.

STANDING ORDER-MANDATE

To (your bank's name and address).....

Please pay to the account of RED RAG, Co-operative Bank, Reading (08-90-16), a/c no. 50148637, the sum of.....

.....(words), £.....(figures) on.....

.....(date), and on the same date every month/

3 months until further notice.

Signed..... Date.....

Your name.....

Address.....

Your a/c number.....

Please send this form to RED RAG, c/o Box 79, Acorn

Bookshop, 17 Chatham Street, Reading. NOT to your bank.

events cont

Fabric & Yarn crafts. learn & broaden your skills in spinning and wool dyeing, weaving, quilting, batik etc. 10-3

B.A.N.C. business meeting. Friends Meeting House - 8pm.

Reading University C.N.D. Talk by Phil Bolsover. Palmer building, 7pm. (C.N.D. activist and civil defence expert.)

A.U.E.W. meeting with R.C.A.B.C. as a mini public meeting. 121, Oxford Rd, 7.30 pm.

THURS: 23- ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

Red Rag editorial - look through articles sent in and help decide what goes in next issue! 'Phone coordinator for venue etc.. Tel. no. should be on cover of this issue. O.K.?

Central Club: ♀♀ dance group. No previous experience necessary. Just go along and have fun! 10.15 - 11.45

R.C.U. - Creative writing workshop. 1-3 Wildlife garden project. 1-3

FRI: 24- ○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○○

R.C.U. - Jobsearch: Aims to instill new confidence, using job-search skills, interviews & applications etc.. 1-4

Reading single parents group. 1pm.

SAT: 25- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

2nd Anniversary of G.C.H.Q. Cheltenham. March and rally have been organised by C.C.S.U. and T.U. council. A FREE coach is leaving Reading station at 10.00 and at Newbury at 10.30. leave Cheltenham at 4.30 pm. For further details and bookings in advance 'phone Chris Borgars 477073.

Red Rag paste up. lots of fun and glue and bits of paper and scissors and anarchy and... 'phone co-ordinator.

SUN: 26- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Red Rag collating and folding next issue. Acorn bookshop - 10.30 - 11ish All help very welcome!

MON: 27- ★ ★ ★ ★

R.C.U. - Prepare for self employment. 12.30 - 2.30

Sign language - 1-3



Public meeting - "Fighting Apartheid." with speakers from ANC etc.. Paradise Club. 8pm. International Solidarity will bring the Key to Freedom and the end of apartheid.

REGULAR EVENTS.



- Free publicity of your group or organisations' meetings if they happen on a regular basis. (or otherwise.)
- Write and tell Rag readers about it-
- Why not let people know some details about what you're doing?

□ B.A.N.C. 2nd Tuesday of the month. 8pm, usually at Friends Meeting House.

□ R.O.A.R. 1st Tuesday of month. 7.30, St. Marys Centre, off Chain St..

□ Ecology Party book & record sale. 1st & last Saturday of month, 4 Culver Road, (11-4)

□ Gay Social - upstairs in the Students union. Mondays 8pm.

○ Greenham Support - (♀♀) only. ♀♀ Centre, Abbey St. Tuesdays, 8pm.

○ Shelter - meet 1st Tuesday of month at R.C.U. 8pm.

○ Ecology Party meet 1st Monday of month at 8, College Rd., 8pm and on 3rd Monday of month at 252, Tilehurst rd., 8pm.

○ Labour Party young - Wednesdays at Fairview community centre, 8pm. Phone 883760 - details.

○ S.W.P. Thursdays, Wellington Arms, Whitley St., 8pm. phone 596724.

○ Reading cycle campaign. meet 2nd Sunday of month. 8pm. The Sun, Castle St.. phone 64667 or 389178

- Starting in mid January are FREE COURSES for ♀ at Co-operative Hall and the AUEW. hall, Oxford rd., Courses being run are: Painting & decorating, (mon + thurs.) Carpentry for beginners (Fri + Sat.) and "Women Start here." on Fri mornings. ♀ interested in these can contact either Maureen or Sue, Tel. 55575 Ext. 29. Free childcare by prior arrangement.

- Please keep events coming in. There is now a diary in Box 79, Acorn bookshop for people to write events straight into instead of on slips of paper. So if you're in Acorn and you know of an event, just simply write it in the diary. love n' hugs to one and all, Paul



To those of you who have a little, regular spare time and enjoy the pleasure of a dog's company, or perhaps do not have a dog of your own - call in at the Binfield Dog Rescue, at Billingbear, Wokingham, or telephone them on Bracknell 421490 and see how you can help - you will be welcome!

'RED FURY'

HEAVING POST GIVES UNDRSERVED PUBLICITY TO

ARTWORK IN RED BAG?

garbage?
EVERY day ther is WORLD wide VIOLENCE-trivialised DAILY on T.V.
reinforced in kids comics and in the sale of war toys.and suchlike
REAL LIFE issues like this seem lost in the desire to set local
communities against one another (irrelevant battles)
So,being the international year of peace(WHERE'S THE BANNER
HEADLINE??)1986 is a good atime as any to try and be a little more
POSITIVE and CONSTRUCTIVE-Let's ALL do it now...



INTERNATIONAL
SOLIDARITY

WILL BRING THE
TO FREEDOM

AND AN END TO
APARTHEID

ANTI-APARTHEID CAMPAIGN

The Reading Anti-Apartheid campaign meets every Monday at 8 p.m., at the Paradise Club. Its activities involve regular pickets of local supermarkets and branches of Barclay's Bank on Saturday mornings. There will be a film show with an A.N.C. film at the Paradise Club at 8p.m on Tuesday, 21st January and on Monday 27th January at 8 p.m. there will be a Public Meeting 'Fighting Apartheid' with speakers from British and S.African trade unions, and from the Journal of African Marxists. All support is welcome. You can contact us via our Box in Acera, or come along to our regular weekly meetings.

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★ SMALL ADS ★

WANTED: 2nd hand drum kit, 4 drums, cymbals, Hi-hat.

Contact: Sylvie, 665332

INTERESTED in helping hold a 3 day rock festival in June-August 86. Big names and local bands/talent.



Contact Steve 583666 ext.393
(after 1
1730)

FOR SALE: Citroen 2cv, bright green, 'P' reg. C.N.D. stickers
already fitted, new stripey roof.

'Needs some attention for M.O.T. 8 Months. tax.

Any sensible offers considered to include donation to rag.
Contact Mike 867789.

FOR SALE/SWOP:SOFA AND 2 CHAIRS,TAPE RECORDER,GAS COOKER,
BABYWALKER,BABY SWING,NEW SHOES-black,size 9,PLUS ASSORTED
TAPES RECORDS,ODDS AND BITS.For further info,visit please r
ring 667085.

GARY: Happy Birthday

GARY and REBECCA: Happy Birth-day! oxo, Friends every-where.

FRIDGE: Old but working. £5-00 donation to Red RAG. Rdg. 662569
PREGNANT WOMAN-Desperately seeks accomadation.

Ring Greta 590601

ONE PERSON Required to share house at:15,Armour Rd.,
Tilehurst.£12.50 p.w. plus bills.Not a pit! Veggie or
discrete carnivore,fairly tidy.Call around 6.30-9p.m.
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