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## CASH PLEA

Well, once again the Rag is somewhat tiny because it's skint. We have £1.99 in the bank at the moment, a large bill for printing, and this issue cost over £40 to put together. So if you can spare a few pennies, the Rag would be pleased to meet them. ONE PENNY A WEEK from everyone who reads Reading's Only Newspaper would be enough to cover all the Rag's production costs. When was the last time you gave a penny for the Rag???

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## FEMINIST BOOK FORTNIGHT

During the fortnight 7-21 June there will be events all over the country, centred around books by and about women.

In Reading, Acorn Bookshop are celebrating women's writing by hosting two events, both held at the Centre for the Unemployed 4-6 esat Street, at 7.30pm.

The first performance, on Sunday 8th June, features SUNITI NAMJOSHI, writer of the wonderful "Conversations of a Cow", who will be talking alongside GILLIAN HANSCOMBE who is probably best known for her novel "Between Friends".

This is followed on Saturday 14th June by ANNA LIVIA, who reads from "Incidents Involving Warmth", a collection of lesbian/feminist short stories. Anna's other work includes "Accommodation Offered" and the tremendously funny "Relatively Norma".

Miss these events at your peril!!  
Tickets (50p unwaged/£1 waged) soon to be available from Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham Street Reading.....

## ONCE UPON A GAY PLAGUE

Once upon a time there lived in Reading a man called Peter. Peter was an intravenous drug user and had been for many years. Sharing his works with other people was not uncommon, especially with Julie, with whom he shared a flat. Peter also had sex with men. He didn't regard himself as gay because although he'd been fucked by men on a couple of occasions, he preferred women, especially Julie. He had sex with Julie quite often. In fact, come to think of it Peter hadn't had a man in four years, not since that Yank in London back in 1982. No, Peter was straight, being queer was just a phase, although he did get the odd twinge now and again. Julie also had a friend. His name was Ken and Ken was married. Julie fucked with Ken (sometimes) and Ken screwed his wife.

None of this is particularly astounding and none of these people could be regarded as particularly promiscuous. True, none of them had one partner, but none of them played around very much. In relation to the timescale of the story they had all known each other for about three to four years and have had various partners as one nigtters from time to time (even Ken's wife). Not a particularly unusual story so far. Pretty boring even.

However, back in 1982, Peter's American trick gave him more than just an aching spincter muscle one morning. He gave him a virus which, at that

time, had not even been discovered. We call it HTLV3 - the French call it LAV. It doesn't matter. What's important is that it is the virus which causes AIDS and Peter's got it now. Peter's passed it to Julie (and probably anyone else he's shared a needle with) and Julie's passed it to Ken, who's passed it to his wife. Ken's wife is pregnant. Some others may also have received the virus.

Now the point of this story is this - none of it is true, but it could be. The real pisser is that, with the exception of Peter and Julie, none of the others would have thought for a moment that they could possibly be at risk from the 'gay plague'. In fact, if you change the story and say that Peter kicked the habit in 1983 and so did Julie, not one of them would think that they had anything to fear. Especially Ken's wife.

Every story has a moral, and this one is no different. If the media of this country had stopped puking up horror stories about the 'gay plague' several years ago when AIDS first became 'news' then none of this need have happened. If they, and the government, had concentrated on good solid health education at the very outset instead of wondering which male film star was dicking which other male film star, these people may have behaved differently. Of course, that's not certain - all of them smoke at least 20 Benson and Hedges a day, but at least they're only killing themselves.

We've known for several years that some forms of gay sex carry a high risk of transmitting the AIDS virus. That news may have been too late for Peter, who knows? We've also known that IV drug users who share needles are also at risk, because of blood to blood contact. We've also known for many years that the virus can be transmitted by men to women and vice versa through sexual intercourse. Yet no one told our friends. For all they know, it's a problem restricted to the queers who share the house down the road. Well it's not and it's about time someone told Peter, Julie, Ken and Ken's wife.



## ONCE UPON A GAY PLAGUE

All of this sound far fetched? Well try telling that to the 30% + of IV drug users in Edinburgh who now have the virus.

It is currently estimated that one in ten of those infected by the virus will develop AIDS and die. In addition a further proportion will develop related conditions caused by the virus, but not classified as full blown AIDS. However, these associated conditions can be just as painful and uncomfortable as anything you have experienced before in the way of a sexually transmitted disease. Just imagine having a thrush infection from your mouth down to your stomach and you'll see what I mean.

Anyway, if it's only a one in ten chance, our friends may be OK. The sad thing is that out of all of them, Ken's wife has the highest chance of developing full blown AIDS because through her pregnancy her immune system will become depressed anyway. If she survives, there is a very high possibility that the child will have the virus too and may also die.

It's a pity no one told them.

Jim Hoggart  
Reading Area AIDS Support Group

## BENEFIT REPORT

### MAY 10TH BENEFIT GIG-REQUIEM REPORT:

Many belated thanks for all who helped/played/turned up at the Robert Calvert/Krankschaft, Military Surplus, Escapists gig. The night was a success in terms of raising funds for a holiday for profoundly mentally and physically handicapped adults, (who had a good weeks holiday in Devon 11-16 May), fun and some great sounds too. Cheers to the Conspiracy for some ace co-operation. Keep 'em coming!

Paul.

## GOING OUT

» «FETCH MORE WOOD, FETCH MORE SAND - BIGGEST PERSON IN THE LAND»:  
YES INDEED, BUT WE GO AGAIN WITH ALTERNATIVES TO MARTIN (SOMETIMES) IN READING.

### MONDAY 2 JUNE:

• PARADISE - ROBYN HUTCHCOCK <REMOVED>  
ECCENTRIC, OK SOFT BOYS + NAMUZA  
<TALKING HEADS STYLE> JAZZ WOOD -  
BIMES <ANYONE REMEMBER THE BIZ?>  
9.30-11.30. BENEFIT FOR ANARCHIST  
RADIO STATION PROJECT WITH READING  
CONNECTIONS. £2 FROM ANARCHIST MUSIC  
MARKET + LISTEN / £3 ON DOOR. A  
CONSPIRACY EVENING!!

• KENNET ARMS, PELST - JOLLY GOOD DRESS  
FOLK + DRAUGHT GUINNESS: THE MUSIC IS  
FREE AT LEAST. 9-11, GET IN EARLY!!

• RCU - REAL TIME VIDEO WORKSHOP, FREE TO  
UNWAGED, 11-12.30. LEARN TO USE  
VIDEO EQUIPMENT BY HAVING A GO.

• RCU - REAL TIME VIDEO SCREENINGS OF  
INDEPENDENT TAPES, 7.30-9.30 +  
FACE THIS WEEK: FREE 6 <MOLESWORTH  
DEMOS> / THE SHADOW PROJECT / HRO -  
SHIMA DAY WITH TOWERSHINE IN READING,  
REMEMBER?? / NIGHTSHIFT <ABOUT  
LONDON GAY SWITCHEARS> / DEFEND  
MOLESWORTH.

• «THERE'S A MOON IN THE SKY / CALLED THE  
MOON» ... WELL YES THERE IS ...

• QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE IN NEW  
ZEALAND!

• BULL, METTLED - FOLK: NOEL MURPHY'S, FREE.

• THATCHERS, WOODEN - FREE FUNK + SOUL  
8-11 WITH THE CASUALT + USAF REDNECKS.

• ROCK NIGHT AT SILKS, THATCHUM, MAANMAN

• ZONG ZONG ZONG ZONG ZONG ZONG ZONG...

• SHIP - «SILVERADO» <PG> 7.45, £2.50. ALL  
THOSE BITS FROM WESTERNS YOU'VE GROWN  
TO WATCH OVER THE YEARS - A GIGGLE.

• RME TEL A LITTLE WALK 'ON THE 18TH FLOOR!  
TEL A LITTLE TRIP TO THE 18TH FLOOR!  
WE NEVER HAD NO BED  
WE HAVE FESLEEP ON THE FLOOR...»

### TUESDAY 3 JUNE

• HAPPY BIRTHDAY AUNTIE.

• MAJESTIC - CINEA READING, CHILD A CHANCE  
BENEFIT: SOMETIMES SARTRE <POSTCARD  
POP> NO ONE?? FIRE BRIGADE???

• THE GATHERING <UZ / ETHIO GUITAR ROCK>  
£2.50, 9-11. £3 ON DOOR.

• HEX - ROOFING, CLADDING + INSULATIONS  
INDUSTRY REGIONAL SHOW.

• WHAMMY!

• TUDOR ARMS GAY DISCO - MAINLY MEN.

• STUDIO BISTRO, LONDONRO - AS I WENT  
OUT A - WASAILING / FOLK, 9, FREE.

• TURKS HEAD - PETE JAMES ORIGINAL JUBILEE  
JAZZ BAND, 9.15, FREE.

• SHIP - «SILVERADO» <PG> AGAIN.

• SHIP - JOHN SURMAN + KARIN KROC - JAZZ.  
HOOOT HOOOT: BARTONE SAX NOCAUST  
£2/£2.50 - late

### WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE

• RFT - «THE WOMAN NEXT DOOR» <15.78 PM  
TRUFFAUT FILM - RELATIONSHIPS  
BETWEEN NEIGHBOURS.

• «ON PLANET X??...

• STUDIO BISTRO - FUNK / SOUL 8-late, 7p  
OR 50 P UNWAGED.

• «WAMMA - BE THE RULER OF THE GALAXY?»

• HEX - READING FESTIVAL CHORUS 7.30.

• MAJESTIC - GEORGE MELLY <STAGNU APPROVED  
JAZZ> / JOHN CHILTONS FEETWARMERS  
8pm £5. HONK HONK.

• TOMB + STUMPS, EVERLEY <A-PUG, NOT AGAIN?>  
FOLK - COSMO THEKA, 8.15, FREE.

• SONG FOR A FUTURE GENERATION - IS THERE  
ONE IN READING?

• SHIP - «SILVERADO» AGAIN

• SHIP - SLIGHT HITCH, BY TRESTLE THEATRE  
CO. WEDDING MIMIC. 7.30. £4.50 / ONK.

• «DON'T YOU WAIT / DON'T YOU LINGER -  
BUTTERBEAN DON'T SLIP THROUGH MY FINGER»

• RCU - WOMEN'S VIDEO WORKSHOP - LEARN TO  
USE EQUIPMENT / MAKE TAPES WITH  
OTHER WOMEN. 10am-1pm. FREE. CREHE

### THURSDAY 5 JUNE

• RFT - «MICHIMA - A LIFE IN 4 CHAPTERS» <187  
8pm, UBUO DISCOUNT; PAUL SCHRAEDER'S FILM  
OF JAPANESE NOVELIST'S LIFE + DEATH.

• QUICHE LORRAINE...

• ROSE, KING ST, MAIDENHEAD - STEVE TURNER  
<FOLK 7.30 PM FREE.

• CRAPPY COUNTRY: CROSS KEYS + SRIETSMAN.

• MAJESTIC - EDWIN STARR - «HAS ANYBODY SEEN  
A JOG DYED BRIGHT GREEN / ABOUT 2  
INCHES TALL?» / SOUL DISCO STAR, WITH  
MOTOWN DISCO 7.30-9pm.

• SHIP - VIDEO WORKSHOP - GRAPHICS 7.45 FREE

• SHIP - UNDERCOVER CLUB - LIVE BANDS, 8-12.

• SHIP - SLIGHT HITCH? AS 4th <THEATRE?

• UNIV STUDENTS UNION - JAZZ. DIRE.

• «SOME PEOPLE ARE FAT, SOME PEOPLE ARE  
LEAFY / BUT SHOW ME THE PERSON WHO DREN'T  
LIKE BUTTERBEANS?»

### FRIDAY 6 JUNE:

• GET SOME SLEEP!

• TUDOR ARMS - GAY DISCO, 8, MAINLY MEN.

• OJEDN, CHEAPSIDE - UBUO DISCOUNT FILMS  
IN AFTERNOON

• OPEN DAY / EXHIBITION - READING BLIND  
ASSOCIATION, WALFORD HALL, CAREN  
ST.

• PARADISE - SURF!! JANT DEAN!! WOODIES!!  
SURFIN LUNGS / PALAMINDS / THE  
SURFDELICS 9.30-11.30. £3.50 / £2.75

• ADVANCE POP RECORDS, VENUE, MUSIC  
MARKET? WIPEDOUT! <HAVE I GOT THE  
IDEA?? PRIZE FOR BEST DRESSED  
SURFER!! SURFING COMPETITION!!

• ANCHES - DAVE MARQUEE BAND <CLAPTON  
STYLE BLUES>

• HEX - BARBARA DICKSON 8pm £7.50 / £6.50

• SHIP - RECITAL - CLARINET + PIANO: 8pm,  
£3.50. DEBUSY, LISZT, IRELAND, WITS -  
SLAWSKI, SCRIBBIN.

• «YOU'RE LIVING IN YOUR OWN PRIVATE  
WAND / UNDERGROUND LIKE WIND POTATO -  
DON'T GO ON THE PATIO?»

• SHIP - «DEPENDENCE OF THE REPTIL» <157  
7.45, £2.50. «GRIPPING POLITICAL  
THRILLER» LIKE THE HOUSE OF  
LORNS ON T.V. ONLY DIFFERENT.

• CAPESTOWN - VAGABOND <ROCK> 9pm £1



# GOING OUT

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## SATURDAY 7 JUNE:

- READING HOSPITAL FETE - NOT TO CELEBRATE NYC CUTS, I'M SURE, BUT THE HOSP. DEMO AT TRIFFALGAR SQUARE - ANTI-POLICE STATE + ANTI APARTHEID TOO. DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN BE ARRESTED + HELD FOR 4 DAYS FOR GIVING A NAME, ADDRESS WHICH A POLICE PERSON DECIDES NOT TO BELIEVE. THEN ON TO WHIPPING IN THE EVENING.

«EVERYBODY GOES TO PARTIES! THEY DANCE THIS MESS AROUND - THEY DO ALL 16 DANCES. THEN DO THE SHOO - BALCO 77. DO YOU?»

- RCU - READING'S GAY COLLECTIVE DISCO, FOR GAY MEN + LESBIANS, 9pm-2am; INFO FROM BOX 150 ACORN BOOKS

«ZONGI ZONGI ZONGI ZONGI ZONGI ZONGI»

- RCU, 4-6 EAST ST: «GET OUT OF THAT STATE!» REPRESENTATION IN TV/MEDIA WORKSHOP, A REAL TIME VIDEO DAY. WORKSHOPS + SCREENINGS. HOW THESE MEDIA PUT OVER RACIST/SEXIST/ANTI-DISABLED IDEAS. £1.50/DAY/UNWAGED RATE. ALSO TOMORROW.

HEX - BARBARA DICKON AS LAST NIGHT.

- SHIP FOLK - SARAH MORGAN 8pm £1.80.

SHIP «DEFENCE OF THE REALM» AS 6M BUT WITH 10.30 SHOWING TOO.

- SHIP BRACKNELL CHORAL SOCIETY MINCE UP MOZART + THAPETT AT 7.30 £2.50? NO CONCESSIONS TO WHAT???

HEX - FREE MINDY MUSIC - CARMEN LYNN.

- BULMERSHE SCHOOL HALL, CHEQUERS WY. INDIAN MUSIC EVENING - DANCE, TABLA, SONGS + GAZALS BY «VAGRANT» + LOCAL ARTISTS. DETAILS 667262. TICKETS £2/£1 UNDER 5's, FROM 2 NORTH RD.

WATLINGTON HOUSE, WATLINGTON ST - FOLK DANCE 'N' BAR - 8-10.30pm £3.50 TICKETS FROM RD. 4 ISSUES.

- CAP + GOWN - HOME + ABROAD. A BAND. 9. £1.

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## SUNDAY 8 JUNE:

- RED RAG COLLECTIVE - 4.30, 216 LIVERPOOL RD. EVERYONE WELCOME!!

KENNET ARMS, PELL ST - CEILIE/OLD TIME 9.

- RCU - REPRESENTATION IN VIDEO WORKSHOPS AS YESTERDAY.

ANAVES - OUTDOOR GIG, ACORN - 3pm.

- BUTLER, CHATHAM ST - JAZZ JUMP + LIVE MUSIC 9.50 FREE.

RCU - FEMINIST BOOK FORTNIGHT EVENT - SUNNIT NAMIYOSHI «CONVERSATIONS OF A COW» + WILLIAM HANDESSYLE. 7.30-£1/50p UNWAGED FROM ACORN.

- GEORGE, BROAD ST - FOLK AT 8pm?

SHIP «DEFENCE OF THE REALM» 7.45 AS ABOVE.

- «PARTY GONE OUT OF BOUNDS»!!

DINTON PASTURES <DAVIS ST, HURST> DISPLAYS, NATURE TRAIL, WALKS. 10-5 FREE.

- W. READING, METHODIST CHURCH, OXFORD RD - SONGS OF PRAISE. TV? 3pm. FREE.

«TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD! TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME» SAYS LEE FERRY.

- WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK, RISELEY: WOOL SHEARING, SPINNING, WEAVING + KNITTING £1.50/£1.50 KIDS. 11am-3.30pm.

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## MONDAY 9 JUNE

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARK «I WAS ASKED TO INCLUDE THIS»

PARADISE - CHOCOLATE TEAPOT (SPACI REIGAEZ) + MILITARY SURPLUS «DITTO, WITH POETRY DONATIONS ONLY GIG PUT ON BY THE CONSPIRACY».

- BULL, NETTLED - FOLK: LOVE SITES, 8ish

KENNET ARMS, PELL ST - IRISH FOLK AT 9pm.

- RCU VIDEO SCREENINGS: 2 TAPES ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES: NAPPY HEBBIE PEOPLE + WHO KILLED COLIN ROACH, 7.30-9.30pm. FREE. CHECK IT!

RCU - VIDEO WORKSHOP 11-12.30 FREE. LEARN TO MAKE TAPES BY DOING IT!!

- USUAL AT SILKS, THATCHERS.

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## TUESDAY 10 JUNE:

- 2 RING AMERICAN CIRCUS AT HILLS MEADOW. A.L.F. TARGET OF THE WEEK?

GAM DISTO, TUDOR ARMS: MAINLY 087.8. FREE

- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD - FOLK, 8. FREE

TURKS HEAD, LONDON RD - JAZZ <PETE JAMES>.

- SHIP - THE ARK FESTIVAL OF THE COLOURED PLANETS 10-3: MENTALLY HANDICAPPED DRAMA/PERFORMANCE STUDENTS. INVITED AUDIENCE. DETAILS 483211 <BRACKNELL>

SHIP - «DEFENCE OF THE REALM» AGAIN.

- ART EXHIBITION - KEE, OXFORD RD, 10-4: FREE

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT AT THE HEX <12.30>

- HEX - «BOUNCERS» JOHN ROSSER - EDINBURGH FRINGE AWARD WINNER. 8pm.

MAJESTIC - LIVE ALIVE REUNION GIG, £2.50. BLUES/JAZZ/ETHNIC MUSIC.

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## WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE:

- RCU - WOMEN'S VIDEO WORKSHOP 10-1 FREE.

TODD STUMBS, EVERSLY: FOLK: 11

- RPT «LOST IN AMERICA» <157 8pm> SATIRE ON DRIPPING INTO OUT OF THE US SPECTACLE.

HEX - «BOUNCERS» <FRINGE THEATRE> AS 10th.

- SHIP - ARK FESTIVAL + FILM AS YESTERDAY.

«HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED HOW TO GET TRIANGLES FROM A COW? YOU NEED BUTTERMILK + CHEESE + AND AN EQUILATERAL CHAIRSAW».

- CAP + GOWN - LIVE MUSIC, BUT WHO??

CENTRAL LIBRARY - «THE HISTORY OF READING TRANSPORT» 7.30 FREE. VROOM VROOM.

- OINK!!

SIGHTS BEING TRIP TO OXFORD LEAVES AT 1pm. £1.50 FROM 100 WYVERLEY ROAD.

- STUDIO BISTRO, LONDON RD: ... FUNK/BOUL 8-12 <12.30>

STRIPPERS AT THE MAJESTIC... «STAG NIGHT».

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## THURSDAY 12 JUNE:

- RED RAG EDITORIAL: WHERE? DUNNO AS THE NEXT RAG HASN'T EVEN GOT A CO-ORDINATOR YET. WHY NOT?? IT'S UP TO YOU!!

RPT «THE BOSTONIANS» <PG7 8pm> WE40 DISCOUNT: LOVE + DUTY IN 1870'S BOSTON. ADAPTATION OF HENRY JAMES BOOK.

- ROSE, KING ST, MILDENHED - FOLK SINGERS NIGHT.

HEX - CHARIVARI: «FLUTE, HARP, VIOLIN/VIOLA» 7.10

- HEX «BOUNCERS» AS 10th.

USUAL AT CROSS KEYS, UNIV. SPORTS HALL EVERYWHERE

- SHIP - THE SWING <PG7 7.45, £2.50> GOOD GERMAN FILM ABOUT CHILDHOOD IN MUNICH.

SHIP - UNDERCOVER CLUB: LIVE LOCAL BANDS 8-12.

- WILLYAM!!

MAJESTIC - CARL SPERG PROMOTION NIGHT, £2.50. DOES IT INCLUDE CHEAP BEER? BUT IN ANY CASE, THE FREE BUBBLY FOR HENS + BIRTHDAYS PUTS ME OFF.

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## FRIDAY 13 JUNE:

- FRIDAY THE THIRTEEN TH.

PARADISE - THE CANNIBALS «GARAGE TRASH FROM LONDON - HAVE PLAYED AT THE CLAYDON» + SUPPORT. 10-2. £2.50

- CAP + GOWN - IN THE MACHINE AGAIN. 9. £1.

TUDOR ARMS - GAY DISTO, FREE, 8. 11/12/13

- DISCOUNT FOR WE40S AT THE ODEON <8pm>

MAJESTIC - KID JENSEN 9pm £4.

- HEX «BOUNCERS» AGAIN.

SHIP - ARK FESTIVAL AGAIN AS 10th

- SHIP «KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN» <157 7.45, £2.50> MOLINA «GAY BUCKET + VALENTIN «SPIRITUAL REVOLUTIONARY» IN A SOUTH AMERICAN PRISON CELL. FACT + FICTION/IMAGINATION BLUR... LOOKS GOOD.

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## SATURDAY 14 JUNE:

- RED RAG PASTE UP - IF THERE'S AN ISSUE...

RCU - SOUTHERN UNWAGED NETWORK DAY OF WORKSHOPS ON ART + ITS RELEVANCE TO UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE: 5.9.66.39.

- READING ACTIVITIES CENTRE, BULMERSHE RD - REAL TIME VIDEO WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: MAKING A CHEAP POP PROMO. 11-16 YEAR OLDS MAINLY.

THE QUEENS OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY - FANCY A GARDEN PARTY AS A TRIAL RUN FOR THE ROYAL WEDDING?

- RED RAG PRINTING - EVER WONDERED WHO DOES IT??

MOBILE FESTIVAL/CONVOY DUE TO REACH THE STONEHENGE EXCLUSION ZONE. WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT??

- CAP + GOWN - KILLING TIME «A BAND + A WAY OF LIFE IN READING» + DISCO £1

«BUTTERBEANS»

- HEX: «BOUNCERS» 8pm + 5pm SHOW TOO

WELLINGTON COUNTRY PARK, RISELEY - ANIMALS DAY - ANIMAL CARE.

- HECKFIELD 444

SAFETY SESSIONS FOR 1986 CYCLISTS - CONTACT RIG CYCLE CAMPAIGN: TEL 64667

- READING AMATEUR REGATTA, THAMESIDE PROMENADE, BASH THE NOUVEAU RICHE.

«COME HERE YOU LITTLE BUTTERBEAN YOU»

- SHIP - ARK FESTIVAL

SHIP «KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN» <157 7.45/10.30>

- SHIP FOLK - STANLEY ACRINGTON, 8pm, £1.80.

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## SUNDAY 15 JUNE:

- RED RAG FELDING, ACORN 11am. GET ALONG!!

«PICK 'EM, HULL 'EM, PUT ON THE STEAM! THAT'S HOW WE FIX BUTTERBEANS!!»

- READING AMATEUR REGATTA, THAMESIDE PROMENADE 9-late. IS IT WORTH IT??

GEORGE, BROAD ST - FOLK, 8ish, FREE.

- KENNET ARMS, PELL ST - CEILIE/OLD TIME 9.

«WERE IN THE BASEMENT» LEARNING TO PRINT... 10, 20, 30 MILLION, READY TO BE SPENT?

- READING ACTIVITIES CENTRE, BULMERSHE RD - REAL TIME VIDEO DAY FOR YOUNG GIRLS 10-4, FREE.

SHIP «KISS OF THE SPIDERWOMAN» 7.45 AMIN.

- SHIP READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, 7.30.

RCU - FEMINIST BOOK FORTNIGHT EVENT - ANNA LIVIA «INCIDENTS INVOLVING WHAMMTH» <FEMINIST/LESBIAN STORIES> Sop Unwaged £1: ACORN. STARTS 7.30pm

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## COMING SOON

- FRIDAY 20th - WOMEN'S CENTRE PARTY, OLD SHIRE HALL BASEMENT, ABBOT ST. BRING FOOD + DRINK. 8-late.

SAT 21st - MARLOW AMATEUR REGATTA 9am-7.30 £2.50.

- MON 16th - RCU: VIDEO SCREENINGS AT 7.30: WOMEN'S VIDEOS: TAKING LIBERTIES <GILLICK + FOWELL>, CARM CURENFROM HOME, MY BODY'S MY OWN <SELF DEFENCE> FREE.

VARIOUS SOLSTICE ENTERTAINMENTS + BUN FIGHTS...

- KEM/ADDRESSES etc

MAJESTIC, CAVERSHAM RD - SMART DRESS ie YOU NEED A COLLAR, YOU MEN OUT THERE, DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE FOR WOMEN. SORRY!

- PARADISE - PARADISE CLUB, 112 LONDON ST TEL: 576547.

HEX - HEXAGON, QUEENS WALK TEL: 591591

- CAP + GOWN - KINGS RD, OPPOSITE TECH.

ANGLES - MILTON RD, WOKI NAGHAM TEL 794296

- RCU - READING CENTRE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED + DISFREE, 4-6 EAST ST. TEL 5916639.



## INTO VIDEO

As INTO VIDEO moves into June the video workshops are still open; Reading centre for the Unemployed, Mons 11-12.30, Weds (womens w/shop) 10-1.

On Sat 7 & Sun 8 also at RCU there will be a day of workshops and screenings to investigate how we are represented in video & on T.V. What forms sexism and racism take and misrepresentation will be just some of the areas investigated.

For younger people theres a chance to make a pop promo on sat 14 june at Reading activities centre, Bulmershe rd. On Sun 15 also at RAC theres a Girls workshop; both run from 10-4.

### INDEPENDENT VIDEO SCREENINGS

Screenings of videos from around the country are held on Mons starting at 7.30pm; Reading centre for the Unemployed.

2 june.....PERSONAL FREEDOM

DEFEND MOLESWORTH; FEB 6; two tapes made by Jerky video in Nottingham about the opposition to Nuclear weapons at USAF molesworth. (FEB 6) has only just been completed. THE SHADOW PROJECT anti nuke protest & arrest in Broad st. NIGHTSHIFT video about gay switch-board.

9 june.....BLACK EXPERIENCE

WHO KILLED COLIN ROACH ; the aftermath and reactions following the death of Colin Roach.

NAPPY HEADED PEOPLE

16 june.....WOMEN

TAKING LIBERTIES

CARRY GREENHAM HOME

MY BODIES MY OWN

## LETTER

Dear Red Rag,

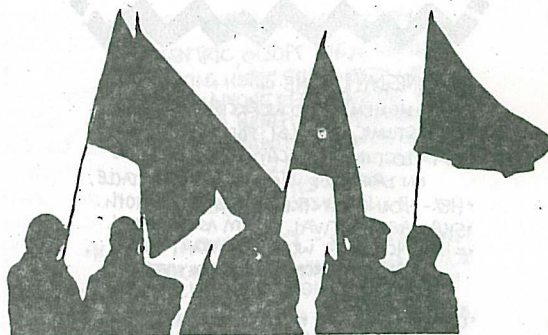
There's a game going on with the public noticeboards at the moment, and it affects some of the current posters and notices. See what happens when we put up a current poster for a gig, maybe a benefit like the one on 9th June... Someone else (who has lots of money??), such as the Majestic or the Council come along and either rip off these current benefit posters or cover them up with their own posters. Next step we rip up their posters...

Good game innit? Majestic and Council Cleaner Reading Campaign please note-if you can read ...

(pissed off) Paste Pot Pete.

## DISCO 7 JUNE READING'S GAY

a disco for gay men and lesbians is held at the Centre for the Unemployed, every second Saturday of the month... EXCEPT for June, when it will be on the FIRST SATURDAY, (7 June, from about 9pm-2am). Reading's Gay Collective, Box 150, Acorn Bookshop, 17 Chatham St.



## ICE CREAM FOR C.R.O.W.

### PRACTICAL CONSERVATION WITH C.R.O.W.

A new midweek group has been formed to carry out practical conservation tasks on alternate Wednesdays, in & around the Reading area.

The name "CROW" stands simply for "Conserve Reading On Wednesdays". We have tools, transport and lots of important sites to work on and protect. The tasks will vary according to the time of year, and will include footpath work, pond work, tree and wild flower planting, fencing coppicing and so on.

The group has been in existence for 10 weeks now, having successfully completed 5 tasks. An average of 8 volunteers have turned up on each occasion, but we still need more. Anyone, between the ages of 16 and 70, is welcome and you don't need bulging muscles or past experience at this kind of work.

To cater for those of you who can only come for half a day, we shall be picking up volunteers from outside Reading Station at both 10am and 1.30 pm (dropping them off again at about 1.15 and 5.15pm)

We'd like you, of course to stay all day if you can!

For more details contact:

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## THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL CONTROL

The TUC has connived at a national disaster-the transformation of the Manpower Services Commission (MSC), once a far sighted planning team meant to align the labour market to the real needs of the people and the nation, into a pliant pusillanimous tool of Thatcherism.

Its covert aims are to smash apprenticeship; to push down wages; to substitute ill-paid trainees for permanent employees; to keep women, black and Asian people out of powerful or well paid jobs; to chain education to the demands of company chiefs; and to teach us to accept de-skilling and the dole queues as part of the landscape.

Lord Young, the MSC boss, announced his dedication to caring Control in the budget. He has given the Job Centres the power to seek out and approach the "long term unemployed" with a "don't call us, we'll call you" and an offer of one of 8 ways to find work. And only one of the 8 represents a ticket to employment, the others foster careful channelling labelling and penning.

One option is the Restart programme - a "revolutionary Approach" (quote Lord Young, who adds;) "I hope it will mean that more jobs at the lower end of the wages scale will be filled by long term unemployed people".

Basically it represents the acceptance of shit in exchange for work.

For those who get less than £80 a week, a £20 a week "JOBSTART" allowance is available, for 6 months. And if you're 18 or 19 and working for less than £55 a week, you're only entitled to £15/week Jobstart for the six months ... in effect, part of a disguised 3 year YTS scheme.

Needless to say, we can herald the expansion of Community Programme & Enterprise Allowance schemes as well, to give weighty assurance that poverty is relieved through acceptance and certainly not prevented.

None of this comes through the MSC's seductive publicity of course. After all it was the TUC who helped create the Manpower Services Commission in the first place, (as an entirely different animal), before being led step by step down the path of collaboration. Substitute the protection of workers for their control.

xJ...



# EVENTS • • RED RAGLET 5

▶ EVENTS IS A BIT THIN - IS THIS COS THERE'S NOTHING HAPPENING?

▶ PAUL, CURRENT EVENTS COMPILER, HAS JUST STARTED A NEW JOB WITH LONG HOURS + LOTS OF STUDYING, SO HE'D LIKE SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER YOUR BIG CHANCE!! PHONE HIM ON 481 081 OR LEAVE A MESSAGE IN BOX 79, ATORN BOOKS, 17 CHATHAM ST.

▶ THE RAG BOX (BOX 79) HAS A BIG BLACK DIARY IN IT FOR ALL YOU ACTIVISTS + SUBVERSIVE TYPES TO PUT YOUR EVENTS IN. DO IT!!

## ▶ MONDAY 2 JUNE

- RCU: VIDEO WORKSHOP 11-12.30  
SILKSCREENING 2pm (BACK PERMITTING)
- RCU: VIDEO SCREENINGS: WOMEN'S TAPES  
7.30-9.30 FREEKCEE GOING OUT
- WOMEN'S CENTRE: VOICE WORKSHOP 8pm.

## ▶ TUESDAY 3 JUNE:

- WOMEN'S CENTRE: COLLECTIVE/NEWCASTLEST PROMISE MEETING at 7pm  
FREE PREGNANCY TESTING 7-8.30pm  
CREATIVE WRITING 8pm (698467)
- STORYTIME FOR UNDER 5s PALMER PARK LIBRARY 2.30, FREE.
- RCU: ART + DESIGN WORKSHOPS 1pm.  
KEY ENGLISH 10-12 noon.

## ▶ WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE:

- RCU: FABRIC CRAFTS 10-3pm.
- RCU: WOMEN'S VIDEO WORKSHOPS, HANDS ON EXPERIENCE OF MAKING VIDEOS 10-1pm.
- WHAT ELSE

## ▶ THURSDAY 5 JUNE:

- WOMEN'S CENTRE - SPIRITUALITY, 8pm.
- PRE + POST NATAL YOGA 1-2.30 AT ARBURY ROOM (2nd FLOOR CENTRAL LIBRARY)  
£2.50 class: reductions.
- RCU - CREATIVE WRITING 1pm: NEW GROUP.

## ▶ FRIDAY 6 JUNE

- SHOULD HAVE BEEN A VEGGIE DINING, BUT NO ONE CAME FORWARD TO DO IT!
- RCU - ARE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHY MODEL MAKING + FASHION ON THIS AFTERNOON?

## ▶ SATURDAY 7 JUNE

- GAY + LESBIAN DISCO/PARTY, BY READING'S GAY COLLECTIVE: RCU, 9-2.
- RCU - "REPRESENTATION IN VIDEO TV" WORKSHOP + SCREENINGS, ALL DAY £1.50 SEE GOING OUT.
- BANC STALL AT MARKET 11.15-1.15.

- TRAFALGAR SQUARE - 1pm ANTI PUBLIC ORDER BILL DEMO (CAMPAIGN AGAINST POLICE REPRESSION), ALSO ANTI SOUTH AFRICA HOUSE THEN TO WAPPING IN THE EVENING.
- LIVERPOOL - NF FREE JOE PEARCE MARCH.  
ANTI NASTY NAZIS GOING FROM LONDON.

## ▶ SUNDAY 8 JUNE:

- FEMINIST BOOK FORTNIGHT EVENT: SUNITI NATWOSHI + GILLIAN HANSCOMBE  
7.30 £1.50 FROM ATORN. SEE GOING OUT.
- RED RAG COLLECTIVE 4.30pm 218 LIVERPOOL RD  
NEW GAMES IN PALMER PARK ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND 2ish.
- BERKS CONSERVATION VOLUNTEER DO FENCING WORK FOR A PRIVATE LANDOWNER (11)  
PETE: BRACKNELL 420 242 x 2305.
- REPRESENTATION IN VIDEO WORKSHOP DAY 2 AT RCU: SEE GOING OUT.

## ▶ MONDAY 9 JUNE:

- RCU AS LAST WEEK: VIDEO SCREENINGS AT 7.30: BLACK EXPERIENCE: SEE GOING OUT.
- WOMEN'S CENTRE: AS LAST WEEK

## ▶ TUESDAY 10 JUNE

- STORYTIME FOR U-5s AS LAST WEEK
- WOMEN'S CENTRE: COLLECTIVE/PREGNANCY TESTING/WRITING AS LAST WEEK PLUS GREENHAM SUPPORT GROUP 8pm.
- RCU: ART/DESIGN 1pm, KEY ENGLISH 10am
- FRIENDS MEETING: HOUSE, CHURCH ST - BREAD NOT BOMBS LEAFLET/BANNER MAKING 8pm ALL WELCOME.

## ▶ WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE

- WOMEN'S VIDEO AT RCU AS LAST WEEK: ALSO FABRIC CRAFTS 10-3pm.
- PEACE PLEDGE UNION MEET AT 44 COSBROOK RD 8pm. ALL ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS WELCOME!!

## ▶ THURSDAY 12 JUNE:

- RED RAG EDITORIAL: ALL COPY TO BOX 79 ATORN BY 6pm...
- WOMEN'S CENTRE - SPIRITUALITY, 8pm
- RCU - CREATIVE WRITING 1pm SEE 5th.
- PRE + POST NATAL YOGA - AS 5th.

## ▶ FRIDAY 13 JUNE

- WOMEN'S POETRY EVENING + BUFFET SUPPER AT RCU, 8pm
- RCU - SAME AS LAST WEEK CLOSED A.M?

# THE COSMIC CONSPIRACY PRESENTS

On The 9th of June

Military Surplus



9-12

A Donations only GIG!!

The Paradise Club

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## EVENTS STANDING ORDER

### SATURDAY 14 JUNE

- SOUTHERN UNWAGED NETWORK DAY AT RCU: ARTS, POLITICS + UNEMPLOY-ED PEOPLE.
- RED RAG PASTE UP.
- START OF SOLSTICE CELEBRATIONS <sup>STONE</sup> <sup>HOUSE</sup>
- READING ACTIVITIES CENTRE, BULMER SHE RD - 11-1641 OLS MAKING POPAROMO VIDEO - SEE GOING OUT.

### STANDING ORDER MANDATE

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Address.....

Your a/c number.....

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### SUNDAY 16 JUNE

- RED RAG FOLDING/DISTRIBUTION @ ACORN 11AM
- RCU. ACTIVITIES CENTRE: GIRLS VIDEO DAY <SEE GOING OUT FOR DETAILS>
- PEN INST BOOK FOR NIGHT EVENT - RCU 7-30: ANNA LIVA <SEE GOING OUT>
- PANGBOURNE MEADOW - WATERSIDE FETE 1pm. PEACE GROUP STALL + OTHERS BENEFIT SO ISE FOR STALL HOLDERS + LOCAL CHARITIES. PANG. 4683.