

RED RAG COLLECTIVE MEETING

at 19, George St., Reading with Dave, John, James, Guy,  
Paul, Bridge, Clive and Sue

Next Meeting: 21st. October, 4pm. at 92a, London Road, Reading (James's)

Co-ordinators: 15 Sept. - Paul  
27 Oct. - Clive

29 Sept. - Dave

13 Oct. - Jackie

Money: We are not poor! (well, not as poor as usual).

Benefit: 27 Sept. at the Paradise Club, London St. Bands, disco, lights. £1 or £2 working  
late bar. 200 tickets being printed - Clive doing posters.

Red Rag Tape: Clive and Tim to do compilation tape. Lots of interest, some material already.  
Hopefully out for Christmas.

Calendar: aim to do about 200 this year. Sue and Clive to fix it. It will be better and  
bigger than last year.

Reading Between the Lines 2: coming together slowly. Need people to look through stuff  
that's already done - before it's typed - to check it's OK/complete.  
Ethnic; community groups and residents assoc's still poor. Also introductory  
bit about town and different areas. Help would be appreciated. Typists needed  
Ready for printing by Tues 25th. Collate a few for Bulmershe Freshers on  
Fri 28th. Main collating on Sun 30th. along with the Rag. There will be some  
paid advertising to raise money (£15 1/2-page, £7.50 1/4-page). There will be  
a max. of 4 pages for ads. Print run will be 1000 to start with, and the  
cost will probably be around £200. James intends to open a separate bank  
account so money is separate from Rag. RBL2 can be financed by loans init-  
ially, and will be paid back with income from sales. Half the money will be  
raised by the ads. Rag prepared to lend RBL2 up to £75. Rag to have an ad.

Distribution: Guy now doing it. 669562 is his number for front page - message from Guy -  
"I have recently taken over responsibility for distribution. I have moved some add-  
resses around to make the groups more compact, so you may find you have two or  
three more or fewer on your round. If now or at any time your group is too big or  
covers too wide an area, please tell me (ring 669562) or leave a message at Acorn.  
Also please contact me if you can't do your round on any particular issue."

Posties: Lesley P retired - thanks Lesley for all your work - Paul has taken over & has  
written to posties asking for post money and saying we may have to discontinue.  
4 replies brought in £39.50. Some changing to quarterly. Still free to prisons,  
other similar publications and those in need.

Role of Co-ordinators: to make sure Rag gets done - which is as much typing, paste-up etc.  
as they want. About getting people to do things and preparing space, materials,  
transport etc.

SOS List: to include list of who has pritt etc. Could be divided into who can distribute,  
who can do typing, who has a car etc. Sue volunteered to do it in Oct.

Going Out Guide: thought of as complete unit. If wanted in a particular style, or to a cer-  
tain length, co-ordinator should let compiler know and not change it all after.  
This applies to all pasted up pages submitted. Graphics to be considered as copy  
Changes not to be made to graphics either unless originator contacted.

Newsteams: Dave clarified what he meant by original article - not a high powered team - but  
to suggest people send info. to be written up by someone else if originator  
doesn't want to write it themselves. Few numbers on front page are for this anyway.  
Should we have a debate in the Rag to stimulate more articles, research etc.  
Encourage people to use pseudonyms if they don't want to use real names, and  
explain again how production happens. Use your Rag.

Outlets: huge areas of Reading where Rag isn't available. Nowhere North of Thames etc. More  
outlets should make more responses.

5th. Rag Anniversary: end of October. Party proposed. Fairview? £2.75 an hour. James plan-  
ning to write a history of Rag for people in other towns and interesting for  
those who weren't around 5 years ago. Two colour cover agreed on for anniv. issue.

Events person: we're still looking for someone for 29th. Sept issue and after.