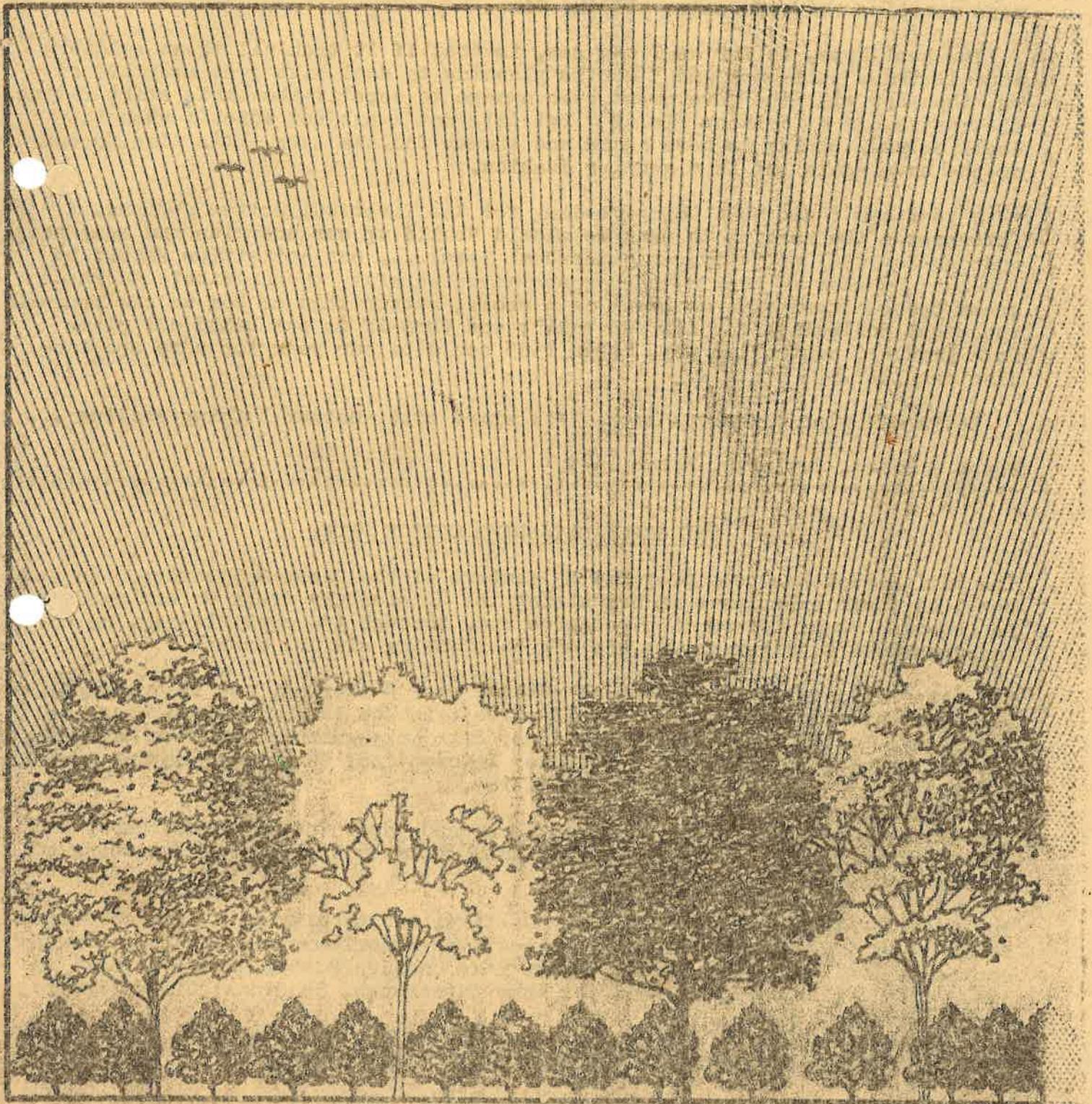


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Sorry the Mailing's late again, but I'm beginning to catch up. The next issue should be out in early May, then the next at the end of June/beginning of July, by which time we'll be up to date.

For the present time, address for all correspondence, subscriptions etc is: c/c 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.

I'VE BEEN LIVING for a month in a quiet field outside Glastonbury, my spiritual home, the heart; a welcome and (for me) a necessary contrast to Molesworth as it's been since the military invasion of February 5th. Since I've been away the Rainbow Villagers have been forced to move on again twice, three times, and Phoebe Stonechild - Sid & Jules' daughter - has been born. The latest issue of the 'Molesworth Bulletin' has arrived - the newsletter which was first printed and published at the Rainbow Village - to provide an urgent warning that the military mind and the forces of the state are becoming more reactive and oppressive all the time.

The best hope, as far as I can see, is that if it took all those soldiers and all those policemen and 3 months planning to deal with just over 100 of us, then how will the government ever manage to cope if thousands start living the way we did at Rainbow Fields? But it's not a subject which I wish to dwell on now. Spring is here again and summer follows soon. It's time to be on the move again but in a gentler fashion.

A year ago I did an I Ching reading for the first Collective Mailing. I interpreted the reading to mean we should "build up our energies and resources, and develop the Collective on a personal level ... our activities should be focussed on what we can do to make ourselves useful, to contribute to the green/peace/alternative movement as a whole, rather than on how we can promote the Green Collective for its own sake"; and that if we can build our plans in a gradual, controlled way, "then 1985 could be our year for more spectacular results".

Let's all wish ourselves luck. I'll start with another I Ching reading ...

Bruce Garrard, Butleigh, March 1985.

THE GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK

The Advice Pack has been prepared by members of the Green Collective, and is based on their experience in organising the Glastonbury Green Gatherings. It is intended as an information resource and, through its availability, as an encouragement to other groups who may be planning similar events.

The material covers all aspects of putting on a Gathering, and is arranged in sections covering: Working as a Collective; Finance and Budgeting; Press and Publicity; Police and Local Authorities; Site Arrangements and Site Management; Site Kitchen; Gate; Health and Welfare; Information; Workshops; Entertainments; Kidz; Stalls; Site Services and Facilities.

The sections are printed on different coloured paper for easy reference, and are designed so that they can be divided up between the different members of an organising group.

The cost is still only £4 (including postage, and packing in a neat cardboard folder), or @ £2.50 each in bulk. Collective subscribers can purchase single copies at the bulk order price. Please make cheques/Postal Orders payable to 'The Green Collective' and send to: Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks.

"The information is worth its weight in gold" - Greenline.

I CHING

What should the Green Collective's priorities be for the coming year ?

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56: LU, 'The Wanderer'.

44: KOU, 'Coming to meet'.

"Strange lands and separation are the wanderer's lot" ... but perseverance brings good fortune.

A wanderer and stranger ... should not give himself airs. He must be cautious and reserved. If he is obliging towards others, he wins success. A wanderer has no fixed abode; his home is on the road ... " which seems pretty clear, whether we be with the Green Roadshow or traveling on our own account. The Image is of 'Fire on the Mountain':

"When grass on the mountain takes fire, there is bright light. However, the fire does not linger in one place, but travels on to new fuel ... " which puts me in mind of Rainbow Fields. But the changing lines suggest an end to all this wandering:

"The wanderer comes to an inn. He has his property with him"; and then "He shoots a pheasant. It drops with the first arrow ... " which isn't a very vegetarian image, but that's because it comes from ancient China where "Traveling statesmen were in the habit of introducing themselves to local princes with the gift of a pheasant". The commentary goes on: "Circumstances often cause a man to seek a home in foreign parts. If he knows how to meet the situation and how to introduce himself in the right way, he may find a circle of friends and a sphere of activity even in a strange country".

Since the summer before last the Collective has had no 'home'; no Gathering site nor regular meeting place. Over the winter some of us were at Rainbow Fields, Molesworth; but there the 'local prince' certainly didn't want us to stay around. On a personal level I find that myself and many of my friends are leaving our homes, moving on, with no fixed place to go. The way I read the I Ching, if we keep going, if we do our best with what we find on the way, then we may land up in places we never expected to be; but "in the end this brings both praise and office".

But as usual with the I Ching, there's a reminder not to take it all for granted. The second reading offers a warning, linked with the fifth month of the Chinese year (June-July) when "the principle of darkness, after having been eliminated, furtively and unexpectedly obtrudes again from within and below"; a seductive situation, the premature and incomplete appearance of what only seems to be what we're seeking.

But if we keep our heads together, then on another level things will be working well. "When heaven and earth come to meet each other, all creatures prosper ... But the coming together must be free of dishonest ulterior motives otherwise harm will result".

"Heaven is far from the things of the earth, but it sets them in motion by means of the wind ... " Let's go with the wind for now, and see where we all arrive.

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MESSAGES, NEWS, INFORMATION

Meetings: Many thanks to the Rainbow Housing Co-Op for the use of their space in Milton Keynes for the Collective meeting on February 23/24; and to Tac for the use of hers for a Green Field/Green Roadshow meeting, March 23/24. The next opportunity for getting together will be at Harewarren over the first weekend in May (see separate page for details). The general state of progress on this year's Green Collective projects is ...

The Green Roadshow looks much more together than it did this time last year. Lots of stuff from Richie elsewhere in the Mailing.

Glastonbury Green Field: The advance publicity for this year's CND festival calls the Green Field 'one of the greatest successes of last year's festival'. The budget has been doubled as compared to last year, on top of which exhibitions from Greenpeace and the National Centre for Alternative Technology have been booked independently. Last year we weren't even mentioned on the leaflets, so we must have achieved something!

Not yet clear whether we shall be in Norman's Close again, or in a new field. Plan is to keep vehicles off completely this year, so we may be next to the space reserved for living vans. Full details in next month's mailing.

If you'd like to get involved contact one of:

Co-ordinator and workshops convenor: ^Kilm McGavin, Hillview, Yeolands Lane, Swymbridge, Barmstaple, Devon (0271 830332).

Alternative Tech and Water Palace: Bobby Bazalgette, Yeotown Farm, Snapper, Barmstaple, Devon (0271 44773).

Creche, Roadshow, Entertainments: Richie Cotterill, Waterleat, Ashburton, Newton Abbott, South Devon.

Stalls: Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks (0734 478297).

Site management, site crew: Pete & Suzie, 59 Whitwell Way, Cotom, Cambs.

Women's Space: Sigrid Shayer, 3 ^Holmesdale Road, Windmill Hill, Bristol 3 (0272 661221). Note new address; the one in the last Mailing was wrong.

There will be reduced fees for stall holders in the Green Field, and free tickets and possible other fringe benefits for people working and contributing to the field - but the crew has to be arranged in advance, so get in touch now if you're interested. If you're thinking of just turning up for the 3-day event itself, note that this year it will be advance ticket-holders only - tickets available from CND, 11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ, £16.

Milton Keynes Green Gathering: The Milton Keynes Greentown Group seem to be approaching the climax of their negotiations with the Milton Keynes Development Corporation, after six years of bureaucratic hassle. The land in question is currently under cultivation; by harvest (possible time for a Gathering) the Greentowners will either have possession or be locked in conflict with MKDC. The Greentowners are basically in favour of holding a limited-duration Gathering on their site, but feel it could be politically unsound for them to organise it; carry on Collective! Alternative sites (Buddhist Peace Pagoda, unused building land from MKDC) are also being looked into.

The next meeting to discuss the Gathering will be held at the Rainbow Housing Co-Op, Spencer Street, New Bradwell, Milton Keynes on April 13/14. This will probably reach you too late for that information to be any use; but in the meantime details from David Taylor, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs (0480 63054). Clearer picture of what's going down in the next Mailing.

Green Collective Land Fund: this currently still contains less than £200; but we've been contacted by at least two other groups with land funds of their own who may be interested in linking up if a suitable project looms on the misty horizon. These are the Llandeilo Green Group and, more spectacularly, Cartwheel, who wheeled themselves all around the country two or three years ago collecting donations specially to set up an alternative community. So potentially the fund could be worth nearly £2000 by now, and still growing.

(Land Fund ...) Several people from the Cartwheel Project are now involved with the Collective, and they see our aims as so similar that we'd do best to link up together. This will be discussed at the Milton Keynes Gathering at the meeting on April 13/14. In the mean time they're writing to everyone on their mailing list suggesting that they subscribe to the Collective. We should have an article explaining exactly what Cartwheel is about, in time for the next mailing.

David now has a specimen Trust Deed drafted for the Land Fund, which needs looking into in detail. Anyone with the right kind of brain should contact David at Bridge House.

SO MANY THINGS GOING ON ! One thing that struck me very strongly at the last Collective meeting was how many different projects and organisations, between us, we're into. There's still a great long list of stuff ...

Sunflowers: Ann Gunn (8 Wordsworth Road, Braintree, Essex) is still holding the stock, but extra energy is required for selling all the goodies. We could arrange for anyone who's often involved in stalls etc to hold local stocks. Green Collective Postcards are now available from Sunflowers @ 20p each or 12p in bulk. Can anyone find local shops to stock the cards ? There's still a possibility of a tie-up with Ecotrade as long as we have a say in the presentation of the catalogues etc; but the Ecology Party don't seem to be making a lot of progress in getting this one together.

Greenbase Computer is complete at Bridge House and ready to use; available for mailing lists etc. Charges: cost of sticky labels plus £5 to help build Greenbase funds. Mitra from the London Resource Group is eager to link our machine into his networking activity. Richard Oldfield is gradually building up a green data base, so it should soon be able to print out information at the touch of a button instead of the current situation where everything has to be typed up, crossed out, amended, and photocopied in a state of disrepair. Contact Richard at Bridge House.

Green Congress ... The idea's still alive, waiting for someone with the right venue and the necessary energy to get it together ... this winter ?

Collective pamphlet ... Richard reports that his draft is now 95% complete, but ... the computer has swallowed the text. If not retrievable he will have a new draft ready for the next meeting.

A London Gathering/Event: Following the offer of a site last year (by the GLC to the Roadshow) Richie and Poppy are making enquiries re a City Gathering later in the year. GLC have no large parks available, but could offer a small one; though this would involve filling in a lot of forms, taking out insurances etc etc. Possible link-up with Green Deserts, who are also looking for a site in Das Kapital.

International Green Gathering at Molesworth ? Serious problems with the landowner; but CND are now considering an event of their own in the late summer. We'll be keeping in touch with them and 'Wheat to the Starving' to see if we can make any input. The idea of a large-scale International Green Gathering is another one which is still alive and looking for a home. Looking back over past Mailings, I see that this time last year we were talking about a Green Earth Gathering, which now seems to be happening at Milton Keynes.

Festival Welfare Services: I've just had a letter from Richie saying "I've written to FWS Penny who asked whether the Green Collective would like to be one of its member organisations and if I would like to be a named Trustee ... I said yes we would though I know that it is not strictly good policy to take decisions individually for the Collective ... So, if you could make a note of that somewhere in the Mailing under FWS". Note duly made.

Also a message to say "FWS will not be getting a grant from the Jubilee Trust for Stonehenge this year, so I don't know what we will be able to do for the kids there. We are making enquiries about someone to run a lost kids' tent,

but I've been told that the Green Roadshow are organising a children's area at Stonehenge. Is this right? - 'cos if so, perhaps we can contribute in some way."

In fact the Roadshow is already committed to the Glastonbury Green Field over midsummer; but Richie's getting in touch to say we may well be interested next year.

On the subject of Stonehenge in general, FWS report that "Nothing further has been heard from the National Trust regarding their earlier intentions to stop the festival. In the local paper there's a report that the District Council are setting aside £5000 to clear rubbish after the festival, so it looks at this stage as if the event will go ahead ..." NB: See late news at the bottom of Festival List.

Also happening on Salisbury Plain this summer is a women's march from Avebury to Stonehenge (April 30th to May 3rd) involving 'Reclaim the Plain' actions and trespass on military lands, leading to intensive activities by the 'Cruise watch' network right through the month of May. CND will be supporting a similar scheme through July, which will involve local CND groups being on 'red alert' ready to come and join the melee if any cruise convoys are sighted. With Stonehenge festival in between, it looks like it's going to be an interesting summer on the Plain this year.

For more details of the women's march, contact: Di MacDonald, 30 Westwood Rd, Southampton (0703 554434).

Maybe at Harewarren we could discuss a possible Green input to all this, like the Roadshow and friends coming up from Glastonbury and linking in with the Boscombe Down Peace Festival, which should be happening late June or July.

There's a bullfinch sitting on the chopping block outside my tent. He seems to have something very important to chirp about but unfortunately I don't have a good understanding of bullfinch-language.

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Creative Opportunities for Children using Arts activities like painting in our marquee, making masks, costumes and face painting, involving them in music, shows and co-operative games.

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Vegetarian and Vegan Wholefoods from our Cafe.

What's The Point ?

The Green Roadshow was formed as part of the activities of the Green Collective who have put on the past Green Gatherings. Our aim is to spread an awareness of the pressing issues facing the planet at this time, to provide a forum to work through the necessary changes in our lives, towards their solution. It's time to take on the responsibility for all aspects of our lives, realise our interdependence with Nature, with our neighbours and with the emerging Global Community. The future is ours to choose!

Our children are reflections of our hope for the future. To them we offer the simple joys of non-competitive activities which allow them to find their own expression. If we can listen and observe children as equals, offer them space and encouragement, their creations can express their view of the world very simply and teach us a great deal about ourselves. It's so simple, yet so rare!

The Roadshow is available for Fairs and Gatherings from April until October, either as a part of a large Festival or as the core of a smaller event. We can offer advice to new organisers and have an 'Advise Pack' based on our experiences of Past Green Gatherings. We try to adapt our activities to changing situation and to work with others on site.

The minimum charge for a weekend is £100 plus fuel costs at \$1.00 per mile. We require about 150 sq meters to camp in and a night at each end of the event to set up and dismantle in. Any profits we may inadvertently make will be put towards further Green Collective projects. (see their leaflet).

For more information about bookings, write to...
Richie Cotterill, Waterleat, Ashburton, N. Abbott, Devon.

Tel. messages, Ash. (0364) 53026



REPORT FROM THE GREEN ROADSHOW MEETING OF MARCH 24th at FONTMELL MAGNA

OR ... HOW TO GROW A FAMILY IN UNDER TWO YEARS - STATE OF THE ART

After the Green Field meeting on Saturday, Sunday's Roadshow meeting had already got a sense of solid direction seeing the possibility of once more getting a lot of our equipment and resources together through the experiences we receive from working there, which we can then take away with us on the road. There were however a lot of people in the meeting who had not met before and so we began with a "go round" in which each person tried to say what they had, what they wanted to do, why they wanted to do it and if there was anything they needed to know. It was very useful but quite difficult because no-one wanted to miss any of it but there were 12 kids with us 17 adults which could get pretty distracting. I use my notes from that as the basis for this report, it'll tell you who's who and what they do, it'll be patchy and maybe long-winded but if you'll bear with me I think you'll find it ultimately informative as to the state of the Roadshow. It's the way we had to find out so here goes for you:

NOTABLY ABSENT:

Joe, Eddie and Steve, who had arrived on Saturday from Derby and decided overnight that the Roadshow was not the thing for them to do a cafe as part of, yet! Pete and Penny Simmons, who are in touch and getting their mobile cinema together.

Jenkin's and his Animal Rights bus; will he always be too busy? Martin phoned up on Sunday apologising for getting arrested leaving from the Rainbow Village to come down here. He wants to use his bus to transport people and equipment at the same time as researching land which had been offered to Cartwheel as potential community sites, and which may now be of real use to the Travelers, Peace Movement and Greens alike.

Terry also phoned up having been arrested too. He's found another bus and wants to do the cafe again with a couple of friends and our help, even after last year's experiences of so many changes and disasters. (There are still other groups interested in doing our maybe cafe including Happytimes Lin and some of the old Munchies & Slurpies crew).

CHRIS and Woo, who will be working together again this year with Annie on their Theatre and Puppet Shows, but not as integral Roadshow stuff. Last year was very confusing for the larger group that they were with, not knowing whether to be part of the Roadshow or not. They want to get on on their own but will as ever be into joining in wherever there is the space at the same events (we can be a focus for a lot of people's energies towards kids).

Penny, Benji and Jess after a short winter in Tibet are back in Devon and expecting another baby in June which makes it very difficult for them to be able to commit themselves to anything more, though they'll certainly be around and into it where they can. Last year they were the early core and focus of the Roadshow and I'm very sad that they can't be with us more completely doing their Kids' Arts and Whacky Theatre.

Celia, Mary and Cince were with the Roadshow in the later part of the season last year doing art and theatre stuff, now they're in Portugal with Tibet still. The lines between the Anarchists' Syndicalism, The Roadshow, me as a Bureaucrat the new Green Deserts organising group and the traveling community are weaving delicate patterns in my mind.

Naomi and Stan of Brer Rabbit fame, who rarely get out of Wales, worked with us there at Crick and Cardiff having met up at Glastonbury. Maybe we can tempt them out to work their own particular brand of lunacy on the kids at this year's Green Field.

Fran, Dave and Luke have a brand new baby boy, Jacob, born on March 18th in their caravan at Waterleat. All is well and we can expect to see them at the Green Field with some workshops for the kids. Last year they traveled over the early part of the tour with bakery workshops and Dave was the only member of Planetwaves apart from myself who stuck with the Roadshow even for a while.

Eirwen and Jaki, who have independently both made offers of help on the traveling Skool idea. We'll have some 12 or so kids of our own to learn with, so though there may not be a traveling Skool Bus as I had hoped (this year) they may still be interested in working in with us where they can.

(Well, end of page one and we've managed to get through the people who weren't actually at the meeting).

(Roadshow meeting Volume Two): PRESENT

Simon, Val and their children will travel, in their beautiful Skyboat Bedford Truck. He is a working artist and she is into massage. They want to be in a community situation with their kids and to work on the kids' things at the festivals with us. There was a neat connection to a free trailer which we may be able to pick up from London. It's a 12' x 6' heavy thing that folds out into a 12' x 12' stage. It needs some work and Simon is getting ideas together for building a convertible play structure onto it (insurance angles are being investigated). He may also apply to ICI for a paint grant to paint all the vehicles ("Paint your Wagon!")

Sandy has a truck, a beautiful voice (singing with a band called Solstice) and is expecting a baby very soon. It was her first encounter with the Roadshow so she wanted to listen; she is keen to get music together and come down with Simon and Val and ...

Danny, Guler and their children. They are into building a real family alternative and working in with the Roadshow where it is needed. He is especially into children's games and stories and music with others, she with getting theatre and children's workshops together with all of us. They will travel in their Ford Motor Caravan and will tow a caravan which they offer to ...

Poppy and her son Julian, who want to travel and work in with the supportive group with work on active peaceful conflict resolution. She wants to put across the non-authoritarian/Green idea through drama improvisation, puppets for children to link the ideas developing out of Interhelp, Peace Child towards children's own expression of their feelings and ideas on the future. Many many ideas for exciting projects involving symbolic themes.

Mark and his children want to work in on the kids' projects. He has a lot of engineering and building experience and will help Steve and Bobby with the AT on the Green Field and Simon with the design and construction of the climbing structure. He has a Bedford Duple Coach and the children's mother Francesca a homeopath and close friend may or may not come too.

Steve was at many of the same events towards the end of last year with his green Leyland converted ambulance (FG), windmill generator, matching awning, displays info and literature which he is going to extend with funding from the Green Field. The display will be weather-proof and portable/adaptable, covering the connections between power, ecology, the nuclear chain and the application of the appropriate technology which he also demonstrates and markets. He wants to do more village green events and cover traction engine rallies and farm fairs

Anne has done info and book stall events for years, and as part of the Roadshow last year. This year it will be from a transit van, and she often works with ...

Denis, a Riff Raff poet, performing as he gives out his free leaflets and reaches out to new people - at Molesworth a lot recently with his own anarchic poetic lunacy.

Bec, Nonny and Tom will be working with Simon (who is due back from Spain soon) on the wholefood and snacks stall. Bec hopes to get a bigger vehicle than the Morris van she has at present in order to be able to transport ...

Loppy, Sam and Sarah after the school term is over at the end of July. She is a bit unsure of what she has to offer but her experience in peace work/walks and her screen printing, with the love we have for them, are more than enough to start with. Between xxx them are three tame rats.

Mijke and Toby are feeling much stronger and still committed after the learning from the lessons of last year's disasters, when she took on the cafe when the Peters dropped out just before Glastonbury. She hopes to exchange her Tramny for a BR crew cab vehicle to transport her tipi which she wants to use for small displays and a quiet workshop space. It is important for her to spend time with Toby and grow together with the kids on the road.

Dave Jones, new to the group, is a very experienced play worker and finds the idea of traveling the festivals with this inspiring and flexible group very attractive. He has a bicycle, and is into working in the creche and children's activities with songs, games, theatre, and lots of fun.

Bruce, who does this mailing and has lots of experience in journalism and site management is into getting a Morris pick-up together and taking a structure around to do information on sites as a mobile print shop. He may even be able to carry me (not if I have to do all your typing mate my fingers are dropping off) as well as joining in doing things even perhaps the kids' bakery workshops.

(Roadshow meeting episode three)

And me, Richie; I've been organising this thing for two years now, trying to keep a sense of its shape and get a tour together for it. I've been writing, talking and thinking about it all, getting the family together on the road, battling with the realities of the thing - the festivals, travelers, Convoy, New Age Gypsies, Tibet, and trying to patch in an understanding of the Roadshow's relationship to all that ... as well as my own ...

I'm aware that there is a family feel emerging which is very different to the family of experienced earthed travelers who made up last year's core; it is more like idealism and search and I find myself treading the middle ground between the Green Roadshow and the Travelers. I'm aware that my family and kin are not going to be with the Roadshow though they may be at many of the events that we do and are free to work in with us (we can act as a focus for the energies of many people at festivals who want to work with kids). After this season though I shall be committing myself to my real family who are mostly in Devon (especially my son and his Mum and her new husband and beautiful baby). We are starting a pilot scheme for a potential free learning centre for de-schooled kids in the area, in a barn on a beautiful farm in the middle of it all. It's what I personally want to do to work with those kids, even full time, with my real family; maybe we can get it all on the road next year. Certainly I want to work with the kids at Stonehenge and hopefully with independent transport we can go wherever we choose. I've been working towards this for about 6 years. I may be into festival organisation, and what I see as an emerging festival resource group. I may personally travel less with the Roadshow this year, but these are just feelings I'm voicing ... on the road ...
TO A PEACEFUL FUTURE ... AT HOME ... ROOTS.

THE EMERGING TOUR

At Harewarren in May we will assemble as a more or less complete Roadshow group with most of the gear and have a trial run, finish the climbing structure, fix the marquee up, see what we've got and find out what we need. Then we will be ready to move as a group onto the site early at Long Marston, Fairs Against Famine, a new Green Deserts fairs organising group; they're asking the travelers, fair people and performers to work together for no more than expenses. Then if it is a success the lion's share of the profits will go to the work of Green Deserts in North Africa towards the permanent relief of starvation. We will nearly all go there (I think that means Long Marston, not North Africa - Ed) as some 26 adults and 15 kids in 13 vehicles. As the first event of the year it will be a place where the travelers all say hello and it's very magical and many important links are made here. We could well go there early and be responsible for focussing the children's area there. We may take a one day run to Strawberry Fair (Cambridge); certainly Marijke and Denis will be coming via there.

From there all the projects like theatre and music can only grow as we're together more. We can move into the Green Field around June 10th and begin the work of setting up the AT displays, creche and children's workshops. We're almost certainly booked for a minimum of £125 at the Leamington Festival, for a small kids' set-up in the marquee - maybe travel in one or two vehicles to do it.

Beverley Rainbow CND thing can't afford us but they are getting it together to have a creche, kids' ents, wholefoods etc anyway; so the idea that events don't need us, that they should really get these things together from their local community ... decentralised ... encouraging!

The festival list (next page) is marked with a * by the events which we are or are likely to go to. I will write a breakdown of the events for the next mailing as there is a lot of enlightening information behind many of these dates.

For now ... Bring all your spare wooden bricks, toys, wood, marquee side poles, carpets, rope, costumes, paint and brushes to Harewarren and we'll put them to good use in the Green Roadshow.

Thanks to Bec for putting up with all of us in her house again, and to Pete and Susie for cooking us Sunday lunch.

Hi Ho we Come and we Go,

Love to all,

Richie XXX

FESTIVALS AND GREEN GATHERINGS: PRELIMINARY LIST FOR 1985

- April 8: CND rally at Molesworth (01 263 0977)
May 6: Serendipity Productions Fair in Norfolk (5 Red Lion St, Aylsham, Norfolk NR11 6ER)
17-19: Earth Spirit Festival, Winter Gardens, Malvern (0684 299317)
*25: Strawberry Fair, Cambridge (0223 312079).
*25-27: Fairs Against Famine, Long Marston Aerodrome (6 miles South of Stratford on Avon) (0359 70798).
25-26: Elephant Folk & Blues (0503 30816).
26: Smokey Bears Picnic, Sharpshoe Clappers, Nr Barton-le-Cley, Beds.
27: Winchester CND street festival.
June 2: Beverley Rainbow CND festival, Hull. The Hurm, Nr Beverley racecourse. (0469 30721)
*15-16: Leamington Festival of International Peace and Understanding (0926 27773).
Midsummer: Stonehenge Free Festival.
*21-23: Glastonbury CND festival. Green Field contact: Kim (0271 830332)
22-23: S.E. London Green Fair, Fordham Park, New Cross (01 318 6628).
22-23: Serendipity Productions Fair at Pampisford Hall (as May 6).
22: Deep Purple at Knebworth Park.
*29: Oxford Festival for Peace (0865 727953)
30: Jammim '85, Battersea Park, London. GLC (01 734 0220-).
July 5-7: Hood Fayre, River Dart Country Park, Ashburton, Devon (0803 866001)
*7: International GLC festival, Battersea Park.
13: Tewkesbury Medieval Fayre.
19-21: WOMAD, Mersea Island, Essex (0272 290242)
26-28: Cambridge Folk Festival.
o 26-28: Elephant Fayre (as May 25-36)
August 3: Monmouth Rock Fair (0600 5549).
9-10: Fairport Reunion, Banbury, Oxon.
o *9-11: Brambles Farm Peace Festival, Waterlooville, Hants (Waterlooville 252887)
~~23-25~~: Monsters of Rock, Castle Donington, Leics.
23-26: Greenbelt Christian Festival, Castle Ashby, Northants (01 486 8794)
23-25: Towersey Folk Festival, OS map 165, ref 735053.
24-26: Serendipity Productions Fair, Dorset (as May 6).
Sept 8: Serendipity Productions Fair, Rippon, Yorks.

Unconfirmed are:

- * A Lichfield Green event around the Roadshow in early July.
- * A Green Fair in Sheffield either 14 or 21 (July ?)
- * A de-schooled kids' festival in Wales in September (Prof Panic)
- * A peace festival at Boscombe Down in early July.
- * A children's festival in Thamet, August 11.
- * Green Gatherings in Milton Keynes, Crickhowell, East Devon, Sheffield, Bradford, Stroud, maybe even in London.
- Peace festivals in *Dolgellau, Coventry, Liverpool, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leeds, Dorset and Huddersfield.

*denotes confirmed or possible Green Roadshow gigs.

Late news: Liverpool Peace Festival confirmed for August 6-11. Details Phil S Lee, 051 709 2548.

STONEHENGE: Latest news is that the police are going to attempt to stop the festival after all.

*Free Festival Campsite Probably from 1st August.
Cantlin Stone. 4 miles S of Montgomery, 7 miles west of Bishops castle
(near Sarn
(in a forest to the south)
Cllr*

Should the 'Green Collective' become the 'Green Network'?

One regular feature of Collective meetings over the last couple of years has been an item we usually refer to as 'Collective Perspective'. This is a time when we drop discussing any particular project and share our thoughts and feelings on the direction the Collective is taking. I hope we can use this article as a discussion paper for our next 'Collective Perspective' discussion -perhaps at Harewarren.

I love the word 'Collective'. We've been using it since the beginning and I've always felt that it described our informal, close and anarchic way of working rather well. The problem is that it implies that we are one group. The last two years have seen us grow from one group to roughly five, one for each of the principle project areas. In addition we now have some two hundred subscribers to the mailing and dozens of local green groups and collectives, all part of the wider informal network that is already growing.

Could each of the different project groups become more like collectives in their own right. The term 'network' describes more accurately what we are becoming, and will also help facilitate contact between local green groups. They can all feel together as part of a 'network'. Can they all feel part of a 'Collective'?

The proposal, at the moment, is this:-

1) We agree, at Harewarren, to start moving towards a 'network' identity and drop the word 'collective'. Given our existing stocks of letter headings and leaflets this will be a gradual process. In the intervening period we can no doubt think of ourselves as the 'Green Collective Network'.

2) We approach local green groups/collectives and see if they would like to join. I don't see any need for a financial qualification at the moment, just an indication of support so that we can build up a directory of interested groups.

3) We continue encouraging autonomy within existing Collective projects. Changing to a 'network' would help maintain that momentum. The increasing numbers of people coming in contact with the projects through the network can only help.

4) At some stage, perhaps in the autumn, we formally launch the Green Network at a large gathering/meeting. It might be fitting for us to do this in Glastonbury.

Additional factors:-

*GreenBase will clearly have an important role in facilitating the exchange of information around the Collective/Network; linking in, where we feel it necessary, with other networks.

*Green Line has already expressed an interest in joining such a network and allowing us a regular one or two pages to exchange up to date information on projects and local group activities.

*When the 'Green Gathering Collective' first became the 'Green Collective' we agreed to hold regular mini-gatherings/large meetings for all our friends and everyone involved in the different projects. The idea was to deal with most of the business separately in the specific project groups and leave these mini-gatherings for healing and celebration as well as sharing ideas and plans. The Harewarren gathering/meeting is the first of these. With the emergence of a 'Network' I hope these gatherings will gradually come to replace the old-style Collective meetings.

*If Green Line is going to be passing network information on every month what should happen to the Collective mailing? My feeling is that Green Line will never be able to adequately report on the projects and groups, there simply wouldn't be space. The Collective mailing also has its own feeling; to lose it would be tragic. What about bringing out the mailing four times a year, between the mini-gatherings, and developing it as the Network mailing with, hopefully, an ever-growing circulation?

* It's very important that we project the 'Network' as being independent of any political parties. I'd therefore like to suggest that to start with we only involve independent green groups and projects. After the 'launch' we might feel like welcoming in any group that subscribes to a basic set of green principles whatever their party-political affiliation. This could also include community associations, pressure groups and local trade union branches.

A Network such as this, with the Roadshow, the Advice Pack, Sunflowers, Gatherings and Green Line, would undoubtedly help facilitate the growth of local green groups.

I'm aware that I'm not talking of anything particularly new. I feel more as if I'm pointing to a process which is already underway. I hope it helps to look closely and consciously at what we are doing, to constantly review our own working processes with an eye to searching out new directions and breaking new ground (do you realise what a horrible landist (!) phrase that is?). Anyway, no doubt we'll all discuss this at Harewarren. If anybody who isn't coming wants to throw in a few thoughts please write to me.

David Taylor, 4 Bridge House, St. Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. 0480-63054

SNIPPETS FROM DAVID.....SNIPPETS FROM DAVID.....SNIPPETS FROM DAVID

*And after tipis, it's YURTS!! -sturdy, well designed and organically beautiful -a circular latticework dwelling with slanted roof beams whirling to the skylight and outward to the stars, adaptable to any climate, portable or permanent, spacious and easier to build than geodesic domes! Don't they sound lovely? To find out more get 'Build a Yurt -Low Cost Mongolian Round House' by Len Charney. Cost 3.95 dollars from Macmillan Publishing Co Inc, 866 Third Ave, New York NY 10022 or Collier Books (same address)

*The Greens Are Gathering in Denmark, fancy a summer island holiday? De Grønne are arranging an International Green Island Camp between 18-26th July in the southern Danish Archipelago. As they put it, 'the idea of the camp is to develop our awareness of alternative ways of life through experience. The emphasis will be on playing, eating, acting, and working together. Enjoying natural and social life rather than dry theoretical discussions. Consequently children and young people are an integral part of the camp -we need to learn from them, they are our hope and future. For more info write to the Camp Committee, Johan Constantin Brun, GL Kalkbraenderivej 64, 5TV. 2100 København Ø Tel: 45.I.421132 / 45.I.428870. More more addresses contact me.

*An Animal Rights Centre is being planned for London, to provide 'facilities for communication and co-ordination of events, and will be a focal point for the Animal Rights Movement as a whole.' Details from Don Jenkins, Gorphwysfa, High St, Penmachno, nr. Betws-y-Coed, Gwynedd tel. Penmachno 315

*Don't forget the Student Green Network with groups all around the country c/o Robin Wiles, 13 King St, Cross Heath, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs.

*Did you know that the Pope is personally responsible to the Christian Trinity -the Father, Son and Holy Ghost- for the chaste behaviour of Roman Catholic Nuns!!!

WHY AM I HERE ? by Rainbow Jo

What is Molesworth to me ? Why am I still here, still returning after nearly three years ? Surely I have done my bit by now - what is the hold this place has on me ?

Molesworth changed my life. I came to live at the peace camp in the early days, quite by accident. I had been involved in a Student CND group, had visited Greenham, and decided to visit Molesworth for a few days 'holiday' after my exams. I was at a crossroads in my life, unsure what to do next, and what I found at the peace camp then awoke my exhausted and battered spirit. It was a new vision, a new way to live, a new reason to live. We all felt it then, this inspiration; peace not protest, creation not fear.

We lost it of course. Collectively, individually, the vision faded into personal disagreements, disappointments; the dream faded as dreams do. But I was set on a course of peace camps, traveling, festivals, alternative living - at Molesworth several strands of my life all came together, a rainbow rope to balance on safely. Afterwards, I never had the same certainty that what I was doing was right and true; my ideals were crushed by reality, other people, cold mud and bread-line illegal living.

And then, quite by accident again, I returned to Molesworth for the Green Gathering in August last year and my truck would go no further. It seemed like a good place to stay for the winter - water on tap, friends around me, this growing community which came to be the Rainbow Fields Village. This was something different, this was the best place I had ever lived. I found myself dragged back into the peace movement (had I ever left ?), I conceived a child, I started to believe again.

I was away when they evicted us. It wasn't real to me until I'd gone through the police roadblocks, right up to the barbed wire and the arc lights and the soldiers at their braziers, walked along Peace Lane and seen it all - and then I felt it. Even going there now, a month later, even thinking of it makes me want to cry. To the authorities and the military, Molesworth airfield is a place on a map. To those of us who have been touched by its spirit, it is a place in the heart which will not go away. We will not go away.

Rainbow Village is still together and getting stronger. To some friends here, the Village and what it stands for is more important than Molesworth the place. To other friends, returning to Molesworth is paramount, with or without the Village. I don't know what to do myself, but I do know that the thousands of people who will go there now, arrive to protest at the construction of a cruise missile base - but many of them will go home (or remain) with something new. Rainbow Village at its best is part of the vision, an unfolding many seeds taking root and growing. And the spirit of Molesworth continues despite the physical reality - we can see the fences and the soldiers, but at the same time we can see the earth and the sky, the light in all life and the rainbow bridge. I hope you see it too, and I hope you feel it.

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An APPEAL ON BEHALF OF YOUR EDITOR:

Since the eviction of Rainbow Fields I've been away in Glastonbury, writing a book about the Village and what happened there. I've had very positive responses from people who've seen the manuscript, and I'm approaching commercial publishers with it - ~~but~~ I'd rather publish it myself so that I have control over the design, ~~xxx~~ photographs etc. However, the printer would want £3000, at least half of it before I'd had a chance to sell the book, and I'm broke. So, if you know anyone with lots of money, or a publisher who'd be into letting me work with him on such a book, please let me know - Bruce Garrard, c/o 6 Albert Buildings, Glastonbury, Somerset

I've just been reading the recentest Collective Mailing (No 6) and feel inspired to send you some feedback and appreciation for your remarkable feats of journalism in the field! 9 sheets of multi-coloured paper have shaken me out of what may have been a wintry, parochial semi-daze on this warm Springly March day with daffodils and primroses burstin' forth, and warm sun reminding the nostalgic heart of festivals and dancing outside and gathering with old friends ...

I was much moved by the report of the Rainbow Fields eviction - and congratulations for getting print out in spite of all that and being on the road. I must admit to being a fair weather greenie (tho' the last day at Snapper last May gave me a taste of how meetings operate under canvas).

Laughed a lot reading the Villagers' night out in Corby ... yes, how we present ourselves is certainly a revolution, and if those we are hoping to cooperate with will respond openly to the powerful message/here'm'nowness of chanting and drumming and juggling with fire (not to mention circle dancing since that's my trade) ... well, we can lead individuals to experience transformation through joy, through music and touching with hand and song. Ah, if only we could get them chanting and dancing at Westminster! (Did you ever see that copy of 'Transformation News' about 1981, whose cover was a drawing of Thatcher, Reagan, Mrs Gandhi, Arab leaders etc, sitting on the floor in a circle, eyes closed?)

Question: Do you leave enough time for silence and body-stretching in your green meetings? I'm sure Kim knows about all these things, but a word of inspiration (pun) for moments when conflict, uncertainty, or challenges like money come up in a group: stop talking and suggest everyone takes a few deep breaths and visualise the ideal solution, however improbable that may seem. 1985 is the Year of the Miracle.

I feel strongly that Green people deserve a share of th nation's wealth (th universe's wealth) as much as any other colour, and I've been wondering how one could encourage a little more "prosperity thinking" and I'm sure you have too. I am still learning for myself (and my deeply-ingrained poverty consciousness) how thoughts of abundance can foster abundance, especially when one really believes in what one is doing. It's OK to ask rich people for donations too. I believe there are many with well-lined pockets who haven't the guts or the time to do what you're doing and who are looking for a worthy cause to support.

I guess that the somewhat home-spun-laid-back image of the Greens must put off the straighter set, especially when you cheerfully include news of circulating chillums in the newsletter - whose whole tone comes across as pretty stomed!

I really liked Dean's idea of a convention at the holiday camp ... pity that has not happened.

However, I shall certainly make my annual pilgrimage to the Green Gathering at Glastonbury this Solstice (though my ears and nerves would have preferred not to have done it alongside the rock festival). And I'd be delighted to do some circle dancing, and hope this year to have a whole fieldful of folks on their feet holding hands around the totem pole ... ah! visions of unity!

So keep up the good work ... wishing you love, joy and prosperity,

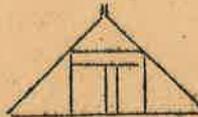
Rosie James, Harberton, South Devon.

THIRD WORLD WAR

Could you include the following in the next Green Collective Mailing. It was written for the Young Liberals but is wider:

I was lucky - born in Portsmouth - could live along ordinary passive life in a cold damp room watching puppets on telly - no - SUSS that every day in the THIRD WORLD WAR thousands of hungry innocent foreigners die - an undeclared war - north against south - rich against poor - nationalism racism ignorance greed - there may always be rich and poor - Jesus but children need not starve - we have the technology to feed everybody forthwith - the chant of enlightened punks is not 'smash the state' but 'FUCK-THE-SYSTEM' - express disgust at this bloody murdering global community by lifestyle - people need food and clothes and shelter and education and freedom and responsibility and music and drugs - dont shut up - dont drop litter - dont waste food- for nonviolent revolution - dice george 22iii85.

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