

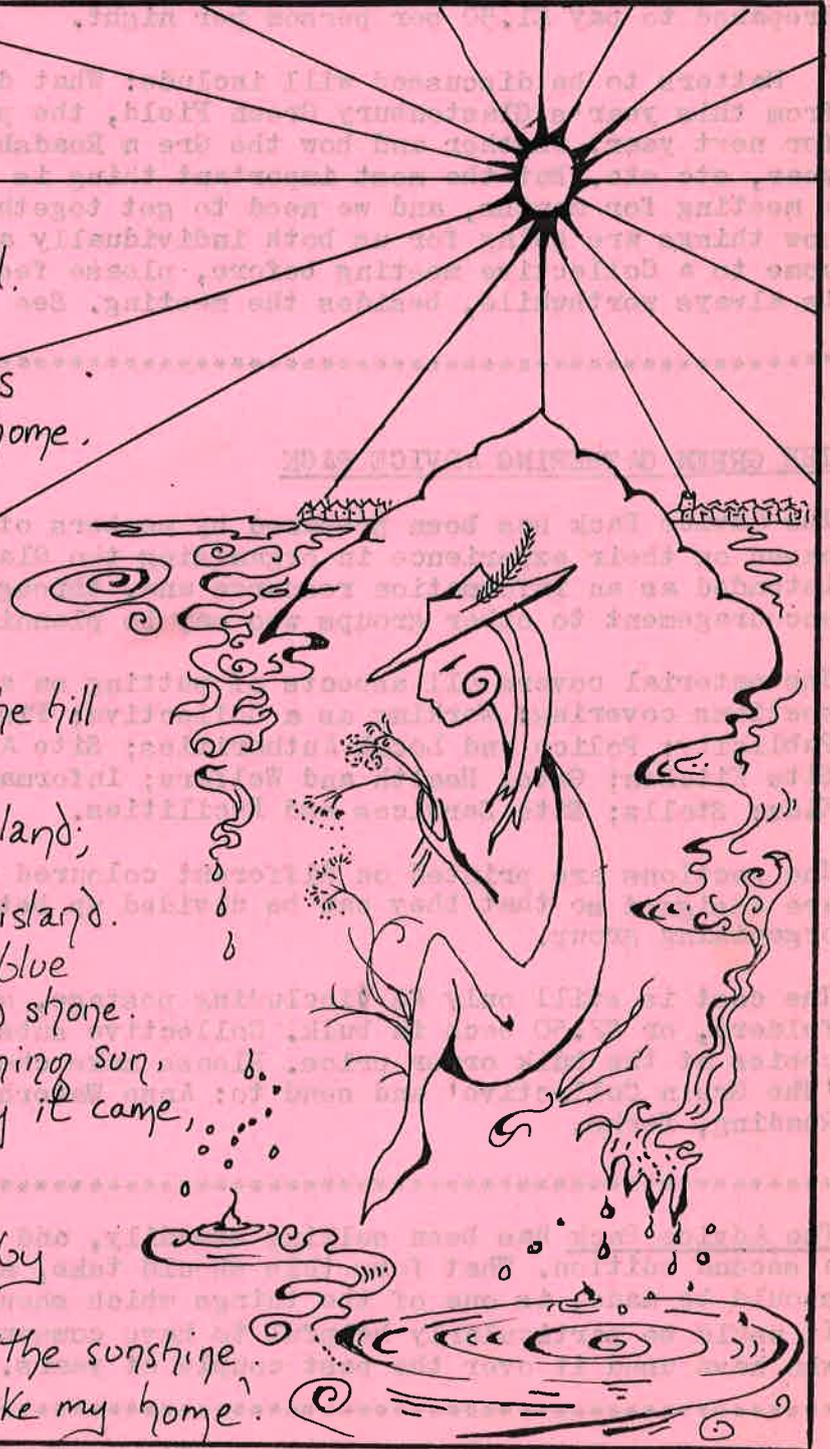
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Alone
a man arrived
up on a hill
nearby a spring.
That man was Wander.
He was like the wind,
wafting where he wished to at his will.
From high up on that hill
he watched the weary people always
walking wasted roadways to their home.
He had no home.
In a nest of flowers he sat,
the whole world sweetly smelling
of the day he'd made his vows
to wander always.
He looked upon the spring beside the hill
Waters hurried out and
read themselves over the tired land;
so all became a sea,
and he upon the hill was on an island.
The sea spread out all clear and blue
and cool ... it turned to glass and shone.
Wander looked and saw the shining sun,
Down from the outstretched sky it came,
warming the misty world.
The glass was melting freely,
glad to be sipped and savoured by
the waiting earth beneath.
Wander leaned and whispered to the sunshine.
'Here' he said 'is where I'll make my home.'



PO Box 23
Glastonbury
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Hello,

This month's Mailing really was going to be on time; but then the Festival Forum was upon us, and then the Mailing really couldn't go out without a Collective Meeting being arranged and advertised. Anyway, now all that's happened and here we are: please note the new address for all correspondence to do with the mailing, which is now being published from the Free State of Avalonia.

The Green Collective Meeting will be held at the Glastonbury Assembly Rooms (High Street, Glastonbury) on Saturday & Sunday October 12th/13th. The meeting will begin 11 am Saturday, in the rooms downstairs. Arrive Friday evening if necessary, but make sure you have somewhere to go to first: contact David Taylor 8 King Street, Glastonbury (0458 31970) for help with finding accommodation - but arrange your own through friends if possible. There may be space for camping at Greenlands Farm; but check first (through Charley Barley, PO Box 23) and be prepared to pay £1.50 per person per night.

Matters to be discussed will include: What do do with any outstanding funds from this year's Glastonbury Green Field, the proposed European Green Gathering for next year; whether and how the Green Roadshow can be got together for next year, etc etc. But the most important thing is that the Collective has not had a meeting for months, and we need to get together both socially and to talk over how things are going for us both individually and Collectively. If you've not come to a Collective meeting before, please feel welcome - a visit to Glastonbury is always worthwhile, besides the meeting. See you there !

Bruce

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 Advice Pack has been selling steadily, and it is time to think about printing a second edition. What form this should take, and what additions and alterations should be made, is one of the things which should be discussed at the meeting. It would be particularly helpful to have comments and suggestions from people who have used it over the past couple of years.

Cover picture by Willow; poem by Bruce. The cover design for the last Mailing was drawn by Simon Jackson.

GLASTONBURY: GREENLANDS FARM

Greenlands Farm, lying in the shadow of Glastonbury Tor, has since the late 70's been a refuge/watering hole for a vast number of travelers and pilgrims, several of whom have settled in the Glastonbury area and become integral parts of the community.

In many ways it is an idyllic location, living on the land close to such a mystical place. Many people have felt a sense of homecoming, an empathy with Glastonbury, and this writer is no exception. However moves are now afoot to threaten this particular half-way house to Avalon.

Controversy has been raging since the last week of July about the number of people who have moved here lately - probably because some people were involved in so-called political acts, namely the Molesworth peace camp, and the Stonehenge pilgrimage.

The two local weeklies have had a field day, with banner headlines for six consecutive weeks - front page, of course. Both Mendip District Council and Glastonbury Town Council are heavily involved, and both have had urgent meetings recently to attempt to resolve the "problem". Also local MP David Heathcoat-Amory has been called in and has visited the farm.

The situation has been made more complex by the fact that the owner, Alison, ^{has} already sold the farm buildings and is under contract to sell the stock and the land within 5 years to a London co-operative called the Paddington Farm Trust. Since they are GLC-funded, there is some local suspicion as to their motives - that is, anything approved by Red Ken must be a bit fishy.

It seems that the Town Council ARE sympathetic to the travelers and are trying to help us find an alternative site, but at the same time they are attempting to find ways and means of preventing a Paddington Farm takeover becoming complete.

So meanwhile the travelers are caught up in the whole political maelstrom, and how it will end is anybody's guess. In the meantime however we are making the most of this space - there have been some lovely communications made here, and with a positive outlook we feel that great things could develop from this sanctuary. So please feel free to come and visit - we need interaction. The blessings of the Earth Mother to you; love, peace and harmony from the Rainbow Village.

Ali

RAINBOW VILLAGE ... A POTTED HISTORY

Who, where, and what are we? "ANGER OVER HIPPIES AT TOR" is the drift of local headlines; no surprise when for aeons now we've attracted the invective of newspapers, anger/disgrace/alarm being words used to incite such feelings, and "hippy" - like "peace convoy" - being used to strike dread into people's hearts.

I must say, though, that I am disappointed - because if you can't have hippies at Glastonbury where on earth can you have them? For me, arriving at Greenlands was like a homecoming, the healing vibe, the cosmic vibes, the kindness of Alison (who one day will be acclaimed a people's saint), and last but not least a relatively 'safe' place after all the months of running, running.

I was new to the traveling life a year ago when Chris, myself and Ali (our 4-year-old son) moved (from a house in Somerset! So in another way a homecoming) to Rainbow Fields Village at Molesworth. We started off in a caravan, but finding it too small we bought a bus to live in. The bus, with its Rayburn, was warm and cosy and we felt very settled, very much at home. For all of us living there (in assorted abodes of buses, benders, tipis, trucks), Rainbow Fields became a very special place; the autumn and winter months were spent in creating a whole new village, a colourful and peaceable community set against the grim backdrop of a

nuclear base. It was also a preparation ... a time for sowing the seeds of love that were to sustain us in the gruelling months to come. Looking back, our time at Molesworth was like a tea party compared with what has happened since.

On February 6th (was it only this year ?), Michael Heseltine and 3,000 other uniformed beings came to evict us and put up The Fence. Our motley band of 150 souls (including children, cats, dogs and goats) were ejected out of the base and onto the road, in the cold and ice and winter snow. Chris and I had never driven our bus before but, thanks to some members of 'the convoy' who joined us at Molesworth, the wisdom and experience of these well-sussed travelers helped to pull us through..

Since then we've had eviction after eviction after eviction, constant arrests, daily surveillance by police in cars and helicopters, at some sites been systematically buzzed by fighter jets, and at others been in a state of siege. (Even now, with a 24-hour police watch, I ask myself - is this Greenlands or is it Greenham ?) But ... you can't kill the spirit. There has never been any intention of disbanding and the spirit of Rainbow Fields lives on (and on and on and on).

At first, after eviction from Molesworth, we called ourselves Rainbow Fields On The Road; but soon we became part of a greater convoy, joining and being joined by other groups of travelers we met on the way. This culminated in our exuberant (but peaceful) excursion to Stonehenge. To many, the police attack on us seemed over the top - it certainly WAS over the top and very painful, seeing my brother and sisters being beaten up and having my own bus, our home, trashed and vandalised inside as well as out - but to a lot of us it seemed just the logical sequel to the months of harrassment and warmongering against us.

Since Stonehenge we've had many more evictions - harder to cope with when people are sick, injured, homeless or with damaged vehicles. The pressure of life on the road in 1985 has taken its toll, but nonetheless the traveling movement is ever-growing. It is all too easy for the 'establishment' (does this include you ??) to slap a Dirty Hippies label on a movement that is socially and politically threatening. Not that 'the convoy' is 'political'; but in a sense, just by choosing to live outside the system and squat the land, these groups of people represent the front line of the New Age versus Old Age confrontation.

There is a bubbling melting pot of anarchists, freaks, peace activists, healers, spiritual seekers, traveling up and down the land. And probably, when 'Convoy at Glastonbury' appeared, there were headlines simultaneously appearing saying 'Convoy at Cheltenham'/'Convoy in Devon'/'Horror Over Convoy in Wales'.

I confess that I too have suffered Convoy paranoia syndrome in my time - when a group of 20 trucks and buses pulled onto Molesworth at 4 o'clock one January morning, even then my instant response was shock, panic, the convoy have arrived ! But thank God those particular people arrived when they did, thank God for their warm smiles that cold and frosty morning, and thank God my own resistances started melting. For it is our own prejudices, our own fears that stop us seeing people as individuals; if the idea of groups seems threatening, it is not till we stop seeing people as only this or that group or this or that nation that there will be peace in the world.

We kept saying, all the time we were at Molesworth, that cruise missiles are not THE issue but merely a symptom of world oppression. And world oppression, I'm afraid, begins at home. We can't separate what happened to us at Stonehenge from what happened to the miners or from what is happening to the people of South Africa.

It has all been a powerful education for me. But above all, living in an open community I have learned more in my personal life about peace and acceptance during my time on the road than in all my years of going to peace groups and so-called consciousness raising meetings. (I'm still learning !!) And 1985, in the Hopi prophecies, is the year of human to human communication. Remember ?

For me the traveling life is like a kaleidoscope of ever-changing patterns, different places, different challenges, clinging onto old beliefs and having them shaken up again and again. Different people come and go but, in spite of all the trashings/bashings and painful separations, an old familiar group of us - the original core (well, most of it) of Rainbow Fields at Molesworth - has re-emerged intact at Greenlands. Haphazardly thrown together but, as always, it feels no accident. And although we now know we're merely a fraction of a far, far greater convoy, that convoy is merely part of a greater, global chain of change.

Sheila

SO, WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING AT GREENLANDS FARM ?

After a local press campaign of particular nastiness (drugs/disease/hepatitis/shock/probe/nonsense), it is encouraging and wonderful to report that the local Town Council (and Somerset County Council ?) are prepared to support a properly facilitated transit camp for travelers. If we get this together, then it is quite possible to envisage 23 to 30 sites being set up all over the country, using our local camp as a prototype.

This will solve the 'problem' of travelers to the benefit of all concerned, not least the ratepayers who have to pay for the excessive policing of wherever we happen to gather. Travelers' camps will save local authorities money as more people leave homes (to waiting list applicants) to join the simpler life of sociable ability.

Up in the orchard all is muddy fun. We are a bit overcrowded, but there is other space we can use. Alison Collyer is showing the community what Christian charity is all about. And we are grateful to her for the sanctuary, peace and quiet she has offered us in this most difficult and frightening summer for travelers.

The trials and tribulations Alison has gone through she has borne with saintly forbearance and uncanny understanding. These include a body search by police, the worry of being taken to court (for running an 'illegal campsite') and fined or imprisoned, the rather horrible machinations of local district councillors not unadjacent to Glastonbury Post Office, Sheepdip Council reducing rent monies for providing accommodation for the homeless and the needy, on top of living in the middle of a building site run by ~~xxxxx~~ an organisation that has actively pursued a policy of uncooperation. She would greatly appreciate, particularly from local Christian communities, our prayers and etheric support for her elaborate and multiplex negotiations with Paddington Farm Trust for the extended sale of Greenlands Farm.

Alison, as is her way, has immediately offered 5 acres to set up the 'legal camp'. Any other suggestions would be welcomed. We feel that this is the right time for the true bridging of the artificial gaps between God's children, between US and THEM, that is - you and me.

So many of the participants in this little local drama are fine healthy beings, capable of acting out their roles with compassion and friendliness as well as efficiency. We have been relating to police, priests, councillors, press, and many visitors, and excellent communications and good vibes have always come down. We feel that the Angel of Glastonbury is encouraging us to reach outside of our life style and contact others who might enjoy our company and be able to use our not inconsiderable skills.

Despite amazing rumours to the contrary, we are not having a festival here, tempting though it is to go for it ! What is happening is that the Children of the Rainbow are gathering in the Free State of Avalonia. We can expect an influx of experienced and joyful survivors from the daze when hippies were Hopis and no-one had heard of herpes or AIDS, and amazing leeb cost eight quid an ounce, as well as devoted Swami Barmi adepts, and all ages of all colours of the rainbow.

This is only a temporary physical phenomenon, but will inspire a much-needed pow-wow of organiser/facilitator types about where to go this winter, what about next year's festivals, gatherings, camps and picnics, solstice '86, setting up legal camps and gatherings funded by public monies directed away from astronomically expensive Amerikan Nuclear Weaponry. There's a lot to talk about. All around this most christian spot we will celebrate the Autumn equinox with the joyful spontaneity that we were denied at our annual Sun Festival. Then perhaps we can enjoy an Indian Summer (or perhaps we can't - 'Onest Editor), and prepare for the fun(de)mental changes at the year's end.

Charley Barley.

The three articles above were all taken from the 'Glastonbury Communicator'.

Since these articles were written the situation has developed a stage or two further:

The Children of the Rainbow Gathering and Festival Forum took place at Greenlands Farm; a low-key, sunny affair with very few festival organisers, convoys, or (for that matter) Green Collective people, but at which barriers were broken down somewhat and everyone had a good time. Those who are into meetings went to meetings, and those who aren't didn't; and some useful energy was generated by both. The event was preceded by panic over whether a huge influx of people could be coped with at Greenlands, last-minute efforts to find an alternative site, etc etc. But in the end there was no real problem.

Then there was the High Court case in The Strand on Thursday September 12th, when Mendip District Council were granted an injunction to stop Alison Collyer running an illegal 'caravan site' on her land - to take effect after 30 days. However, the judgement referred only to mobile homes (trucks, buses, caravans) and not to camping (tents, tipis, benders); and in any case the Judge made it clear that responsibility for finding everyone somewhere else to go lay with Somerset County Council.

So essentially the situation has not changed at all; Mendip District Council have made fools of themselves; it will be very difficult for the police to push the Rainbow Village over the county boundary once again, and there is a real possibility of a legal site for travellers being established in the Glastonbury area. All this is very encouraging - at last our right to exist looks like being recognised by the authorities.

The Glastonbury area is buzzing with activity; the Living Dance and Astrology camps went down well at Lambert's Hill Farm (the 1983 Green Gathering site); a local Live Aid concert has raised nearly £2000 for Ethiopia; plans for a European Green Gathering next summer are being made in the town (though the Gathering itself will probably take place in East Anglia); the Assembly Rooms is becoming well established as a cafe and community centre - and a recent Arthurian exhibition there did a good PR job for local alternative types; whilst the 'Glastonbury Communicator' (and now the 'Times of Avalonia') is appearing regularly on the newsstands. One pub has dusted off its old 'No Hippies' sign, but some local politicians are beginning to realise that together we add up to a sizeable and useful constituency. The local press continue to put us on the front page every week.

Anybody interested in what is happening as regards a legal 'pull-in' is welcome to get in touch with Charley Barley at PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset. This particular theatre involves setting up other sites nationwide, and we are interested in providing relevant info and ideas to anyone who wants to go for it in their area.

Bruce.

A EUROPEAN GREEN GATHERING

After two and a half years of searching it now looks as if we may have found the perfect site for an international (or more realistically, European) green gathering. Tim Pye has been in touch to suggest a site in east Suffolk, near Lowestoft and Harwich. On first inspection the site appeared perfect; private, beautiful and well-equipped.

Stephanie, Leland, Richard Oldfield and myself have formed a group to begin the process of setting up this event. At the moment we are still negotiating with the landowner; we hope this will be concluded within the next two weeks. If our terms are agreed we shall then proceed with setting up a company to limit our liability and raise the loans which will be necessary to put the event on.

We have thought carefully about the kind of gathering we want to organise. A few clear aims have emerged:

1. To provide a gathering point for greens of all different shades, to provide a space where friendships can be made and renewed. As in previous gatherings we hope the contacts made at this gathering will stimulate the development of all kinds of other projects - local gatherings, magazines, green groups, new campaigning techniques, alternative technologies etc etc.
2. In addition we are planning to reach out overseas and bring greens together from many different countries as part of building the bridges that will help us develop a global consciousness. We thought an International Green Gathering might be too ambitious at the moment and we are therefore going to limit our immediate appeal to Europe - East and West. This certainly doesn't exclude people from other parts of the world - in fact the European dimension will make it more attractive.
3. We also want to reach out beyond our usual 'hippy ghetto' and involve people from many other sections of society. Many thousands of people are now coming into contact with green ideas; we want to create a secure space where they can relax and strengthen their knowledge and experience of the green movement.
4. Where possible we'd like to develop working models of alternative and ecological technology.
5. We feel that this gathering will need to balance our previous emphasis on small workshops with space for larger get-togethers. We envisage a 'political forum' providing the opportunity for speakers and debates, with the emphasis being very much on current issues - African famine, American intervention in Nicaragua, the struggle against cruise deployment, dying trees in Europe, etc.
6. To create another space to help in the whole process of cultural renewal, developing participatory forms of entertainment, breaking down the cultural barriers and inhibitions that keep us apart from each other.
7. To establish a gathering which is a political event in itself, as Party conferences are.
8. To learn from previous events in improving the quality of the basic services we provide - health care, toilets etc.
9. If possible, without sacrificing any of the other aims, to generate a financial surplus which can be used to fund future gatherings (both paying and free), pamphlets, the computer, the roadshow, etc.
10. To develop effective methods for handling thieving, loud amplified music, gate-crashing, hostile political groups, violent behaviour etc. We plan to do this on a non-violent basis, thus enabling us to learn how to apply nonviolent training in our own lives, dealing with some of the difficult situations which might arise.

11. We see all these concerns as being part of an emerging spiritual basis for the green movement, a spiritual regeneration based in experience and guided by the vision which we all share.

The next stage is to wait for confirmation from the landowner. In the mean time, if anyone would like to offer their help/skills etc, could they please contact me:

David Taylor, 8 King Street, Glastonbury, Somerset (0458 31970).

COLLECTIVE PERSPECTIVE - Male domination of the Green Collective ?

It seems to me and others in the Collective that things are seriously out of balance, in that most of our explicit activities are now motivated by a few men (that most of the articles in the Mailing are by men reflects this). My concern is that we are rushing ahead with a Collective that is actually very small (in terms of those actually doing things for the Green Collective, if you'll excuse the expression).

Those who have come to the last meetings (mostly Roadshow family and friends) new to the Collective, do not see clear roles for themselves in it, found its ways of working rather amorphous and its direction somewhat taken for granted. I see that we men have been 'steamrolling' the Collective, dominating ?, steering and taking the support of the whole Collective for granted.

What is the whole Collective ? Actively speaking it is five men, an assortment of old guard (occasionally), and a silent majority of folk who may now be involved in the individual projects within the Collective (eg Roadshow, Green Field and Land Trust) but don't necessarily feel themselves as representing the whole Collective.

Certainly we all feel part of the Green Movement as a whole, and especially (I feel) with the grass-roots action with ourselves, the doing together, the growing and being through sharing in activities and in our lives as a whole. The focus of the Glastonbury Green Gathering Collective, as I met it, was in working together to create a gathering in which the various threads, elements of the Alternative and potentially Green movement, could come together to experience their unity ... to learn from each other ... to change ... for those in the Collective the important changes in our lives, ourselves, are made when we do things together.

The European Green Gathering, for instance, is not something which the whole Collective has been working at. Richard and David may have been looking for sites and facilitating on behalf of the Collective, but I think that they feel a lack of support in this. It is time to review the situation in the light of the many points which have been cry stallised by the correspondence around the policy for 'dealing with the convoy'. Some of these points have been very sore ...

Richie.

(NB: there has been reams of correspondence going to and from David & Richard, concerned with how to 'deal with the Convoy' at next year's Green Gathering. I have no intention of printing it all in the mailing, and anyway the discussion came to a head at the Festival Forum, where something of a consensus was reached in terms of cooling people's feelings if not developing actual policies.

The principal argument has been over whether we should employ a heavy gate policy, or be open and welcoming to all; or to put it another way, whether the problems associated with 'the Convoy' are based in paranoia on behalf of the press and festival/gathering organisers, or in the violent and even psychotic behaviour of some people masquerading under the title of 'Peace Convoy'. The question still needs further discussion for us all to reach a fuller understanding. - Bruce).

FESTIVAL AID APPEAL

The demise of Festival Aid has left a large gap in the provision of welfare at festivals - especially smaller free festivals where there may be no organisers and/or funds available to finance a welfare team.

Festival Aid was set up around 1979, when various people with different skills who had been working with Release at festivals, decided that there was a gap that could be filled at these small free events. It started off on a very small scale with borrowed equipment and very little money (our own dole cheques in fact !). We started travelling to small festivals to supply a first aid service and some legal information. After a very short time however our skills increased to cover every conceivable problem that may occur at a festival - first aid, legal advice, lost kids, drug counselling (bad trips occur very frequently !), liaising with environmental health officers, and last but not least talking to the police.

The problem encountered by Festival Aid was a lack of trustworthy responsible people who were willing to work long hours in sometimes very hostile conditions for little or no return ! Also the fact that running a team on the scale of Festival Aid was extremely expensive and money for these purposes is very hard to come by ! At the commercial events that F.A. attended, quite often the only way expenses were got was by the threat of "We're not leaving (we can't leave) until we've got some diesel money" - a very often-heard remark these days !

One of the aims of F.A. was to educate travellers and festival-goers to look after themselves - most of the work we did could well have been avoided if the people concerned had just shown common sense - most first aid situations could have been dealt with by anyone - specialist knowledge was not required.

Festival Aid eventually came to the point of collapse because of exhaustion. There were no people who came forward as volunteers when we needed them, and our equipment and our truck just became too expensive for us to cope with. For anyone else who wishes to do welfare at festivals of any sort, these are the main things to be considered.

It is not possible to 'charge a fee' to those people who need help, so new ways of fund-raising have to be found - Festival Aid members spent a lot of valuable time walking round with buckets trying to get people to donate money - a very time-consuming and not very forthcoming passtime. Also there needs to be enough people to do the work which is taken on - Festival Aid left festivals many many times on the point of exhaustion, simply because there were too few people doing too much work.

However, festival welfare is a very worthwhile activity - in spite of the way things were, most of the members of Festival Aid were very sorry to see the end of it.

It's now a year since Festival Aid stopped working, and there is now a very distinct gap which has been left. This gap has to be filled if festivals are to continue - One of the reasons that local communities dislike festivals in their areas is because of the possible cost to the ratepayers. Festival Aid managed to keep a lot of the problems on the site itself and dealt with them there. If there is no welfare on a festival site, these problems filter out to the local community - which they should not do. Festivals should be as self-sufficient as they can be, so we hope as members of Festival Aid that maybe you and your friends will step into our place and fulfil a need that exists.

Anyone who wishes to volunteer for festival welfare work should contact: Festival Welfare Services, 247A Upper Street, London. FWS run a project for volunteers, and always need more.

Mo.

LETTER OF COMPLAINT: Edited highlights from the most outraged letter ever written in response to this dubious publication.

Dear Editor (Whoever and wherever you may be),

I am very unhappy about the way you saw fit to cut up my Cartwheel article ... I would never have treated an article in the way you did, and certainly not without consulting the writer ... You've succeeded in missing out the essential material, and so mutilating my piece as to render it useless ... in effect you've wasted two pages of mailing. I'd rather it had never appeared - I'm ashamed to have my name associated with it.

... It has severely shaken my confidence in the Green Collective's intentions ... however, all will be forgiven if you can see fit to print the enclosed ... :

CARSON FHAILLINNICH ROTH (CARTWHEEL) ?

Chan eil freagairt fhurasda air a' cheist seo, ach 's docha gun dainig cuid de'n trioblaid o'n do dh'fheuch sinn deanamh da sheorsa ghnòthaich aig an aon am. Air an darna lamh, bha sinn 'nar comann naiseanta a' togail airgid airson alachain ('alternative') mhoir a steidheachadh (an dochas gum biodh e ach a' cheud), ach air an lamh eile b'e séorsa comhlainn-dainh dhluth a bh'annainn, ag iarraidh aite-chomhnaidh comhla. Tha coltas gun rachadh an da iomall seo an cumail-a-staigh nam biodh comh-chomann na b'fharsainge ann, ach bha sinn air ruigheachd am beachd gun do chroch ar buaidh-ne air gach duine dhinn a bhith a' cordadh ri cheile, ag aontachadh 'sa' comhoibreachadh, gun maire a thoirt air a' sgioba -- Chan e sin doigh ro-chlaon. Cha robh gum sam bith taobh-a-staigh beairt Rotha airson daoine an eiginn fhein a shasachadh air an socair fhein. Dh'fhas gamhlas is teannachadh gu leor, agus cha robh againn a' cheardalachd, na cleachdaidhean-leighis, a bhith 'gan fuadachadh. Bha sinn ceangailte ri aontachd-stiùireadh, ach shaoil sinn gun ruigteadh aontachd nan leanamaid air a' ghnòthach gu fada. Mar sin, bhiod na cùinneamhan againne neo-chriochnach, mi-shasail, sgiosmhor, neo-chinnteach gu cumanta, agus lionmhor ann an cuspairean ceilte. Nuair a bha a' bhun-dheoin aontachaidh air chall, cha robh doigh sam bith againn airson a h-ath-shealbhachaidh. An aghaidh air sin, feumaidh mi radh gun robh amannan lan neirt is comh-chordaidh againn cuideachd; a bhuntainn do'n fhine 's a chomh-shealbhachadh na h-aislinge -- agus bithidh luchd-Rotha 'nan luchd-Rotha gu sìorraidh, a dh'aindeoin na h-uile !

Tha mi 'nam bheachd-sa nach robh riagh an doigh an robh romhainne, oidhirp dhireach a thoirt air faighinn ar clachain mhoir troimh tharraing-thabhartas, air a sealltainn a bhith cèarr -- Cha dug sinn fìor-dheuchainn dhi. Ma bhitheas deoin ann, 's docha gun dean sinn oidhirp eile.

Keith

MODERN SPERM PRODUCTIONS

Dear Secretary,

I write to inform you of an excellent band which will be pleased to play for the benefit of the Green Collective.

In case you have not heard the group perform, I will tell you that THE HEAD HUNTERS play highly original, furious dance music packed with power. The line-up comprises lead and base (sic) guitars, drums, didgeridoo and vocals. One member, Richard Austin, played his didgeridoo at Glastonbury this year to good effect, and the band have been enthusiastically received at all gigs this year. The band's normal charge is around £250 per event, but for the Green Collective I am pleased to say that expenses only would be requested.

I enclose £5 subscription in order that MSP may be kept in touch with local, and international, Greenery and Wild Life. I look forward to receiving a copy of your next publication.

Yours Truly, ANGELA HEMBURY; Modern Sperm Productions? Crealy Lodge, Devon EX5 1DR. Tel 0395 32696.

WHERE TO, ROADSHOW ?

The Green Roadshow attended its seventh and last festival of the season in Liverpool in early August. There was plenty of time for us there to share our feelings and to discuss ideas about the Roadshow. It is time for me to move on from my central facilitation role, through which we have created a workable travelling group and a good reputation. From now on the Roadshow Family must make plans for the future and take on some of the many roles I have played in realising what is a Collective vision.

Within the Roadshow there has grown a real sense of family; an extended, open family, a Living Alternative Lifestyle display, sharing the responsibility of the basic activities of the Roadshow ... communal meals and the children's activities ... they are basic because they are the functions for which we have communal equipment ('Roadshow tat'), consisting of a tattered and historic marquee, a caravan, and a bunch of useful arts and crafts materials.

We would like to extend this communal stash of shared resources to include: displays, leaflets, magazines, goods, information, cooking gear, costumes, instruments, props, and maybe one day a van. This would increase the range of activities which the core group could choose to do, and strengthen the foundation of the outfit. The Family will need to meet regularly over the winter (if not live together) if it is to achieve this, to make things, as well as plans, for the coming season.

There are a number of independent units of specialist areas which attended events which are suitable to their thing either independently or as part of the Roadshow. We would like to extend this pool of displays, stalls and workshops by inviting more green groups to take part and to keep in touch (like Interhelp and Education Otherwise). The Green Movement is of many shades and only a few have been represented by us. What about theatre and music ?

The work of encouraging and getting this lot together overlaps a great deal with the work of the whole Collective; but there is a great deal of the work which I have been doing on my own for the past two years and which I need to pass on. This includes the advertising, publicity, communications, visionary and financial matters, and the job of co-ordinating the group's bookings ... Anarcho Beurocrat (smelling pisstake ?) ... this requires someone who knows everything, and would be most effectively done by a static office person rather than a traveller.

I am not dropping everything immediately, the umbilical chord is still attached ... In Pieces

Richie.

EVENTS

- All September - STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER Free Festival, Ra Tor, near old airfield, Camelford, Bodmin Moor, Cornwall.
- September 21/22 - CULTURAL FESTIVAL, Southfield Parks, Loughborough. Phone Glen Massey, 0530 31536. £2.50 per day. No camping.
- October 20 - MAGIC MUSHROOM SAFARI. Meet in Warren Wood near the A6 at Clophill, Beds from 2 pm. Info: Flat 3, 51 Waterloo Road, Bedford.
- October 7th - RAINBOW WARRIOR BENEFIT, 5 pm till late. Organised by Norwich Peace Action. At the Barn, University of East Anglia.
- October 30 - November 6 - AVEBURY WOMEN'S GATHERING to celebrate Hallowe'en. Gather at Silbury Hill, on the A4 near Avebury.
- Hallowe'en - FREE FESTIVAL and CONVOY BENEFIT at Horsekill Common, Surrey; the site near Woking that inspired H.G.Wells' novel 'War of the Worlds'
- December 21 - WINTER SOLSTICE at STONEHENGE, and parties all over.

THE GREEN GATHERING VIDEO, made at the 1983 Lambert's Hill Green Gathering, is available from Roger Eede, Flat 1, 39 Nelson Road, Branksome, Poole, Dorset BH12 1ES. Cost is £10.

TIPI FOR SALE, £200 ONO. Poppy Green, 42 St Mark's Road, London W10.

THE MOLESWORTH/ALCONBURY LAND FUND has already raised over £15,000 towards buying a piece of land due to be compulsorily purchased for building the A1/ML link in Cambridgeshire. This road would be conveniently placed to make cruise dispersal from Molesworth easier. The Land Fund's scheme is to sell it off in £1 lots to make compulsory purchase very difficult, and at the same time to provide a base for constructive resistance to the bases at Molesworth and Alconbury. Send your £1 (or more), or write for more information, to: M.A.L.T., c/o Molesworth Peace Camp, Warren Lane, Fay Way, Clopton, Northants NN14 3DZ.

THE LAST NIGHT OF RAINBOW FIELDS AT MOLESWORTH is a booklet describing the eviction from Molesworth of the Rainbow Fields Village last February. It is being sold to raise funds for publishing the whole story of Rainbow Fields at Molesworth in book form. The cost is £1 (inc postage) from: Bruce Garrard, PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset.

TRACES MAGAZINE is available from Ian Henshall, 87 Kirkstall Rd, London SW2 4HE.

GREENBASE computer services can now be contacted c/o 8 King Street, Glastonbury, Somerset.

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