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Because woman's work is never done and is underpaid or unpaid or boring or repetitious and we're the first to get the sack and what we look like is more important than what we do and if we get raped it's our fault and if we get bashed we must have provoked it and if we raise our voices we're nagging bitches and if we enjoy sex we're nymphos and if we don't we're frigid and if we love women it's because we can't get a "real" man and if we ask our doctor too many questions we're neurotic and/or pushy and if we expect community care for children we're selfish and if we stand up for our rights we're aggressive and "unfeminine" and if we don't we're typical weak females, and if we want to get married we're out to trap a man and if we don't we're unnatural and because we still can't get an adequate safe contraceptive but men can walk on the moon and if we can't cope or don't want a pregnancy we're made to feel guilty about abortion and ... for lots and lots of other reasons we are part of the women's liberation movement.

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GLASTONBURY CND FESTIVAL SUMMER SOLSTICE



Green
Collective

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The Green Field has established itself over the past two years as being a distinctive part of the festival; a space where there is, we hope, a very definite sense of purpose. The organising group are part of the Green Collective, a network of Green activists who were responsible for the Glastonbury Green Gatherings from 1980 to 1983, and for other events and projects designed to facilitate the growth of the Green movement.

In 1986 we find ourselves in a more acute political situation than this country has known since the end of the last war. The American bombing of Libya and the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, as well as the continuing arms race, have awakened many more people to the fact that there is something desperately wrong with the way the world is going.

At the same time we have seen an erosion of our civil liberties which can no longer be described as 'steady', but alarming. New acts of parliament are giving powers to the police and to the courts which are taking away some of our most basic traditional rights and freedoms. First the coal miners and now the travellers, who have openly and actively opposed the establishment, have been treated nothing short of brutally. If things continue the way they are going, we fear for the future of the whole Peace Movement ... and indeed for the planet.

But in these circumstances we find more and more people turning to the Greens for new answers, answers which make sense in terms of both social justice and ecology. Our message here is that we need to develop a whole new lifestyle - and this, essentially, is what the Green Field is about.

The Gardens

We have created a balanced and co-ordinated field, which is intended to mirror the essential harmony and co-operation which is vital for the very survival of planet Earth. As you enter the Green Field across the pedestrian bridge, you pass through a garden created by Kate Stanley, who also built (with Chris Walford and friends) the garden by Ford Gate.

"Sunflowers are for tempering and spiritualising the male ego - awakening the maternal instinct and drawing the individual closer to a sense of androgyny within the self. It also aligns the superconscious mind's spiritual values with the heart chakra; thus the heart chakra is cleansed" (Dr Bach).

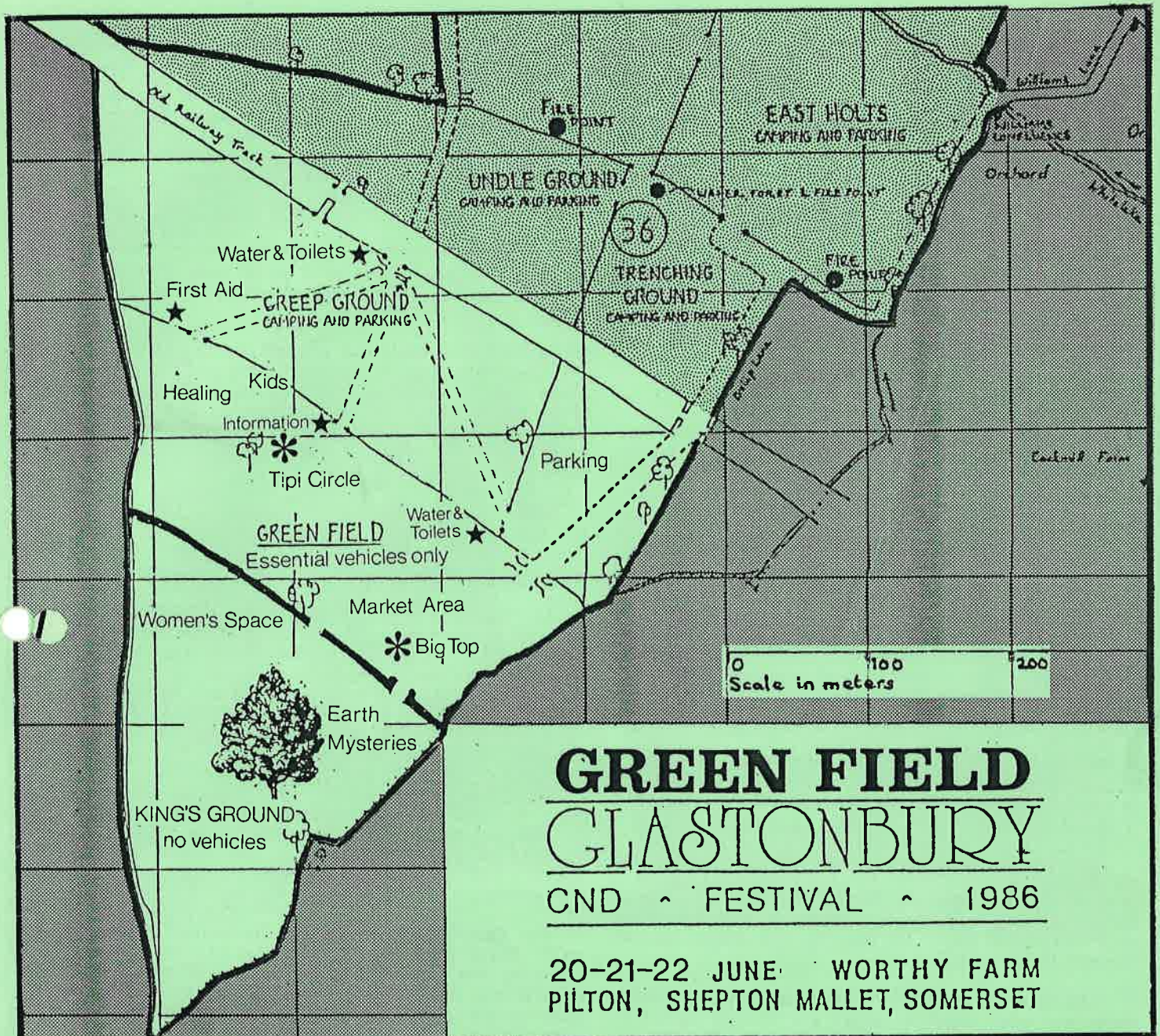
Sunflower essence also alleviates the radiation miasm caused by exposure to fusion involving hydrogen. Pansies are also said to alleviate the effects of radiation.

Passing the sunflowers (the symbol of the Greens) and pansies, you enter the Green Field where a wealth of green action awaits you. We hope you come in a spirit of peace and participation, and will get the 'feel' of the Green approach as you wander the stalls, join the dance, munch the tofu, and join in the workshops.

The Tipi Circle

You will be drawn perhaps to our tipi circle and centre totem (carved by many hands at previous Green Gatherings); many tipis are 'open' for discussions, whilst others are family homes - please be sensitive to people's needs for privacy.

Have you long wanted to play the congas? These and many other percussion instruments are available for playing with guidance and teaching from the various groups present. You will hear the chanting of



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PILTON, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET

Prana and can join the Circle Dance with Rosie James and Rainbow Rituals.

Spontaneous theatre, music and dance will be popping up, not on the main stages but in and amongst you all. Please respect but enjoy the tipi circle, a vital open space in a crowded festival.

Live Entertainments

This year we have brought the Albion Big Top into the centre of things, to provide our main covered space where we put on the cream of the Green musicians, theatre groups, ceilidhs and political discussions.

We are delighted this year to welcome Petra Kelly of Die Grunen (from West Germany), who will be with us during Saturday afternoon only. Members of the British Green Party will also be offering workshops, discussions, and a stall for information.

A great number of musicians will be playing and giving workshops all over our site. Dib Jak, The Pig and Whistle Band, Trance Formation, The Curly Ceilidhe Band, Street Accord, Den Ray's Flying Sombreros and Pendragon will all be there, as well as Rag Morris (a mixed men's and women's group of Morris dancers from Bristol), and Dave Rogers and friends.

Also, don't miss the impromptu antics of the Riff Raff Poets, the superb theatre skills of Living Daylights Theatre and the Green Monster Troupe.

Healing and First Aid

Of vital importance is the presence of our own team of six homeopathic practitioners who are ready to tend to wounds, injuries and sickness. If you need caring for, do come to the Green Field for relief and skilled attention. The marquee is clearly marked and easily found, and will act as an ambulance point for any people at this end of the site requiring the service.

As well as these tasks, the group hope to find time to offer workshops on homeopathic practice (check at the Information Station).

Healers, including not only homeopaths but also herbalists, aromatherapists, reflexologists and others, will be found practising and discussing their work in the Healing Area (to the right of the tipi circle as you enter the Green Field).

Crafts and Craft Demonstrations

This year we have put a lot of effort into bringing craftspeople to the Green Field, who are willing to show and demonstrate their skills. Of prime imp-

ortance - in terms of both rural and city economy - is the use of clay, willow, wax, recycled metals, wood etc - for creating the things we need with the skills of our own hands.

About 20 craft stalls will be found, including Peter the Potter who demonstrates the ancient art of raku pottery firing at a brick-built kiln set up especially for the Green Field. Come and try your own hand.

Many other craftspeople are on site to show, demonstrate and share their skills. Come up and talk to them - they will be pleased to show you how they set about their tasks.

Kids

The many children who attend the Green Gatherings are finding that our Kids' Area is a truly playful space where they can make things from scrap materials dress up and get into drama improvisations, play music, hear stories, climb, swing and dance.

The Green Roadshow provides a very important focus in the Green Field, especially in providing creative opportunities for children. Out of their work has come a project to establish a Skool Bus for travellers' children; and the Roadshow will be travelling the country for the rest of the summer, spreading the Green message.

Earth Mysteries, Women's Space

Above and beyond the Green Field is the lovely King's Meadow, which reaches its highest point way up on the hill almost directly across the festival site from the Worthy Farm buildings.

In this special field spreads an ancient Oak, and close by a group of local folks - Avalonia's finest - will be leading a series of Earth Mysteries events, workshops and happenings, including Tom Graves who will lead workshops on Dowsing and other related natural techniques.

Also here is the Green Field Women's Space, where women may meet, work together and discuss issues of particular relevance to them as women. As with all the other areas, this space will be created by the participants.

Camping only without vehicles in this field.

Workshops and Political Campaigns

Back in the Green Field, workshops and discussion groups will be happening constantly over the weekend; some led by people we have specially invited, and others by many of you who may wish to offer impromptu workshops - check at the Information Station.

Among the planned workshops are: Green/Red politics; Rural Economy, Shamanism, Music, New Age Technology, Homeopathic Medicine, Massage, Healing, Tipi and Bender building, Chanting, Drumming, etc etc.



"The Green Field ... remains the best of recent innovations at Glastonbury, providing a relaxed, uncommercial, litter-free haven away from the hubbub of the main site, bringing together a wide variety of radical and alternative groups".

'Venue' magazine

Animal Rights: There will be an area of displays and information, with contributions from leading Animal Rights activists.

Green CND: with their own marquee and tea bar, offering workshops and discussions along with their displays and information stall - all putting forward Green CND's particular perspective ... the relationship between the global human condition and the aggressive stock-piling and bomb-waving stances of the nuclear powers.

Green CND is a Specialist Section of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Alternative/Appropriate Technology

In the light of the Chernobyl disaster and the on-going debate about our own nuclear waste-dumping etc, it is worth remembering that each and every day as much energy is given to us by sun and wind as we generate from burning coal and oil in a whole year. Some of us have been calling for a sane and sustainable energy policy for 25 years and more.

Each year that passes, each drop of acid rain, each "controlled, permitted release" of radio-active gas or liquid into our environment, is another step towards an absurd insanity. We say "remember Mother Earth"; let the sun and the wind and the sea give us our energy.

The Centre for Alternative Technology and "Windmill" Steve Wade together with Ian Flindell, will be powering the Big Top without the use of noisy diesel generators, and will also have a display to show and demonstrate many renewable, appropriate and sane alternatives to the nuclear insanity.

Hot showers should also be available throughout the weekend, if not a full-scale water palace.

Third World Area

There will be a Third World Area hosted by the Legume Theatre Company, whose show "The Food Game" will both entertain and inform (it has been very well reviewed in the press, and will be performed every day in the Big Top).

They will be joined by other groups working on practical projects to do with making links with the Third World and establishing non-exploitative development programmes.

These will include a Tools for Eritrea collection point.

There will be an Information Station just inside the pedestrian access to the Green Field, where you will be able to get up-to-the-minute information on what's going on and where; co-ordination of workshop spaces will be done from here, and a daily Green news-sheet will be printed on site.

Also many other attractions - Education Otherwise tent - Video marquee - sweat lodges - fresh fruit and veg available - CND balloon - etc etc. You are encouraged to bring along your own contributions too.

GREEN COLLECTIVE MEETING

The Green Collective met at the Glastonbury Experience, Glastonbury, on April: 26/27. The atmosphere was far more informal and relaxed than at the Green Network Gathering over Easter (see following pages for reports on the Network Gathering), and confirmed that the Collective is alive and well. There were several new faces at the meeting too - good to see you !

A mountain of business was discussed, most of which is covered in the next (green) pages. The weekend finished with the first evening of the Green Looney Folk Club at Beckett's pub - this is likely to become a regular feature of "green" weekends in Glastonbury - and Kim McGavin's birthday party, which went on into the early hours. Kim sends a special thankyou to everyone who came, and for his birthday gifts.

GREEN FIELD

All are welcome, but tighter security on the main gates will require more organised ticket/vehicle pass procedures for site crew, performers, workshop facilitators etc. Kim needs to know in advance exactly how many vehicles, how many people, and what each person is going to be doing. Please contact him at Hillview, Yeolands Lane, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, Devon (0271 830332)

The big news is that Petra Kelly of Die Grunen will be visiting the Green Field (she'll also be speaking from the main stage) (and guess what - the Green Party have only taken an interest in us).

King's Meadow, the field up the hill beyond last year's Green Field, will be a quiet area, and part of it will be available for a women's space and for Earth Mysteries. Around the main site, we are setting up flower beds and gardens; and if the logistics aren't beyond us we'll have a marquee in the central market area too.

Special message - bring musical instruments ! (and anything else you'd like to contribute) ... see you there.

GREEN ROADSHOW

No firm information available at time of going to press though there are several bookings and a committed group of people. Best advice we can offer if you want to get involved is come to the Green Field and meet everyone.

The special mailing proposed at the Green Network Gathering, which was to be a collection of reports from the workshops, did not come together because only one report was received for inclusion. This was from the group who went up to Greenlands Farm to help with rubbish collection.

The "Greenlands Workshop" left people feeling very disheartened, firstly because so few people were prepared to get up off their arses and go out to do something practical, and secondly because they were met by such a mess - left by people who were said to have called themselves 'green'.

The report said the farm had been turned into a "refuge tip" (though the same could be said of any festival site, and even green gathering sites), and asks "what hope is there for the green movement if people such as these are involved in it ?" They were also told that the owner of the farm was left with a £5000 fine to pay, which is wildly inaccurate.

In fact very few of the travellers who were at Greenlands made any claim to be 'green'; but this is scarcely any excuse. At the same time, people who are not travellers should perhaps have a better understanding of the realities of living in a confined space and being forever moved on by eviction proceedings.

One of the ideas which came out of the Green Network weekend was for a forum on "Greens and Travellers". Many thanks to Ray Vail for sending in the 'Greenlands Workshop' report; particularly as it highlights just this gap in understanding which is what needs to be bridged.

GREEN COLLECTIVE LAND FUND

The fund has now passed £400; and the Collective meeting came up with a huge list of things to spend it on/raise more substantial funds for.

After the June festivals are over it will be time to arrange a meeting for people who may want to get involved in working on building up the Fund and establishing a project for it (details of meeting should be in next Mailing). Towards the end of the summer we'll probably send a mail-out to everyone who's contributed, perhaps with a short list of concrete proposals to choose from/prioritise.

The main things to come out of the Collective Meeting were (1) The original purpose of the Fund was to buy a Green Gathering site, which is still very much needed, (2) We're still having problems finding venues for Collective meetings, and have no 'Collective home', (3) There's a million and one other things we'd like to do with the Land Fund, and (4) We're not likely to raise much money till we have a firm proposal as to what we're going to spend it on.

More news later; in the mean time, any cash contributions or written ideas to: Chris Walford, 44 Upper Cheltenham Place, Bristol BS6 5HR.

GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK

Festival Welfare Services have sent an encouraging letter and some detailed notes regarding a new edition; they can also help with photo's, so we have the makings of a plush up-dated version of the Advice Pack.

This was discussed at the Collective meeting, where it was decided that it's too late to get it together for this year's events - it would be too late even if we rushed it - but it should be done properly this Autumn/Winter.

All original contributors will be circulated soon, asking for their comments & up-dates on the material they produced 3 years ago. Anyone else who'd like to contribute, please contact Bruce (57a Chilkwell Street, Glastonbury; 0458 32452).

CONCERNING TRAVELLERS ...

It's a good idea to include a section on 'travellers' in the next edition of the Advice Pack, and the proposed piece, written by Bruce Garrard, begins well: 'Many organisers have experienced problems concerning 'the convoy' and similar groups, and these problems have to be faced up to and dealt with'.

On reading the rest of the article I realised that many of the problems I've experienced with regard to travellers were not mentioned at all. What do you do when travellers turn up three/four weeks early ? What happens when some of them refuse to leave at the end ? Is it fair to let travellers pay as little as they like when you're trying to operate a fixed ticket price for everyone, including the unemployed ? What about the open sale of hard drugs, petty thieving, car wrecks, etc etc ? These problems aren't exclusively associated with travellers, but they are part of the lifestyle adopted by many of them and have to be considered in the context of any article purporting to face up to the problems that organisers will experience when dealing with large groups of travellers.

These are not "imagined problems based on prejudice or paranoia". They are very real, and the main reason why so many festival/gathering organisers have dropped out. Pat phrases like "These people are a manifestation of the chaos which exists everywhere", "They are our brothers and sisters", or "The convoy can smell the smallest drop of bullshit at more than 500 yards" are not likely to be of much help to a Green Gathering organiser seriously worried about the impact of a large number of travellers at her/his event !

This may sound a bit cynical, but I do feel, from the bottom of my heart, that genuine fears should be shared and understood. A refusal to come to terms with the very real problems that do exist can only lead to the disappearance of yet more Festivals and gatherings.
David Taylor.



This is an edited version of a paper produced for the Green Network Gathering in March. Its proposals were accepted in principle by those attending the 'Green Network Mailings' workshop; further comments and ideas are welcome.

AND
THE

Green Network

Having been involved with producing the Green Collective Mailing for 2 years, I would like to share some thoughts as to how it could develop in the context of the Green Network; and how this at the same time could help with the development of the Network itself (I think the word is symbiosis).

Firstly, one or two observations: The Network can clearly only function if it has a communication system which functions. Loose communications systems like telephone trees and 'honeycombe' postal networks tend to break down very easily, as soon as one or two people drop out (or even go on holiday); whilst systems which are efficiently organised for the dissemination of information from the centre tend to be hierarchies rather than networks.

If the Network grows to connect as many people and groups as it needs to, then it should require a regular newsletter with a substantial circulation. This could be produced by having either (a) a very complicated method of rotating editorship, or (b) someone being paid to do what could very easily become a full time job.

I don't believe that either is appropriate. I feel that there needs to be a third way; one which can function on the efforts of a committed central group alone, but which encourages decentralisation and participation by as many people as possible. Also, to function properly, a communication system of any sort needs to be financially stable. The best method to assure this, to my knowledge, is a subscription system, paid for by the users.

Within the Green Collective, approximately 50-60% of subscription money goes towards printing, posting and miscellaneous expenses producing the Mailing. The number of subscribers is well over 200; so this represents an established and reasonably stable financial base. But it is not large enough to be, in itself, a country-wide network; and if it was, the job of printing and distributing it would be unmanageable in the present circumstances.

The editorial group of the Mailing is developing new ideas, to make it potentially more useful to the Network - as well as more informative, and a better advertisement for the Green Movement generally. Networking is by no means its only function, but one which it can perform naturally.

Any publication is best edited and produced by a limited group of people, but there is no reason for subscriptions all to be collected and copies all to

be distributed at one central place; and there is no reason why news and information of local interest should not be distributed locally, along with news and information distributed nationally.

The alternative I would like to suggest would be like this:

Someone willing to take on the co-ordination job in a particular area (perhaps one person in each city, or county, as appropriate), could collect subscriptions locally, and pay a (variable) group subscription. The suggested rate for this would be set at £5 plus another £5 for every two extra copies sent out. Someone living in an area with 7 subscribers would then collect £35 and pay £20; someone with 23 subscribers would collect £115 and pay £60; and so on. The number of subscriptions could be topped up at any time.

With increased circulation and reduced postage bills the Mailing would still have a secure financial base. There would still be enough cash flow to send a proportion to the Green Collective Land Fund and a proportion to the Collective's general account.

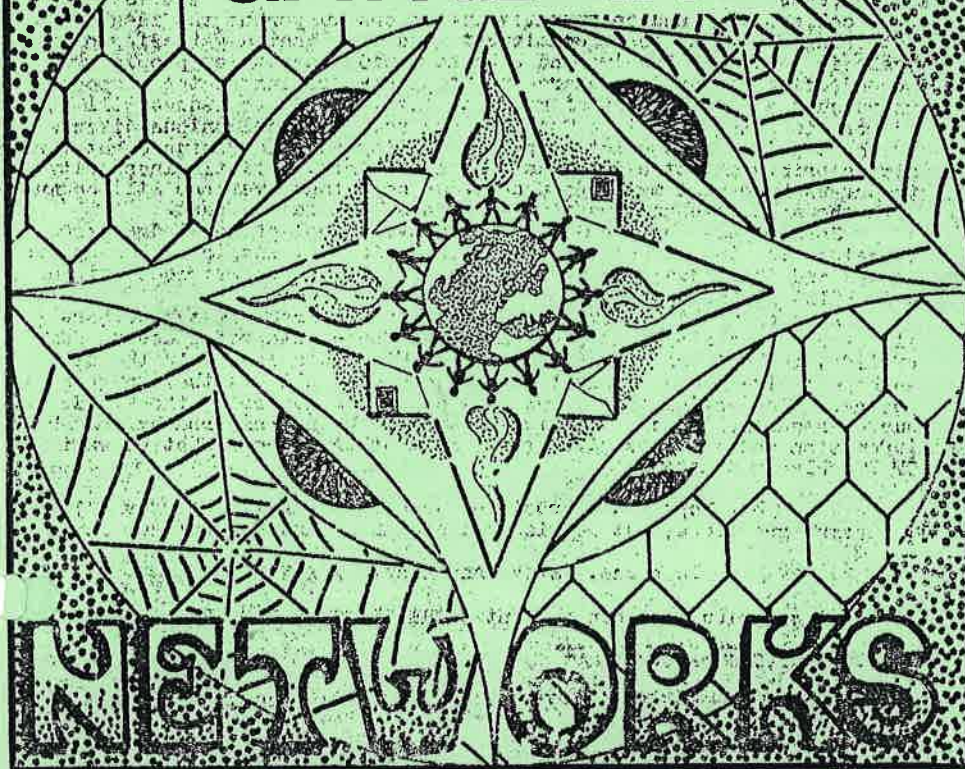
At the same time, there would be a margin which could provide seed money for establishing and running local Green Networks within the overall pattern. Local co-ordinators would have the responsibility of receiving a parcel full of Mailings and distributing them individually; and also the opportunity to run off a sheet of locally relevant information which could be sent out with it. Present subscribers, when their subscriptions come due, could be given the choice of resubscribing individually or through their local co-ordinator.

Local co-ordinators could also help by feeding back news and information, where it would be useful to ~~to~~ include it in the Mailing which goes out across the country; and/or they could add to their local mailing list other local networks and groups, with whom they share a geographical region or common interest - so facilitating lateral communication.

If anyone would like to be a local co-ordinator and get this scheme going, then please get in touch so we can take it from there. A local network could be based on an existing green group, and/or we can let you have addresses of subscribers who already live in your area. If you have particular local circumstances which would require a slightly different approach, we can be incredibly flexible ...

Bruce Garrard.

GREEN NETWORK GATHERING



The Green Network Gathering took place at the Assembly Rooms, Glastonbury, over the weekend of March 28/29. The response to it was generally positive, though many people had differing perspectives on it. Here are two different reports from the weekend.

THE GATHERING wasn't perfect. A lot of people came wanting to talk about what they were doing and draw in support. As one person said, "There was a lot of nervous energy and not enough listening".

I'd like to have seen meditation scheduled for the beginning of the gathering rather than the middle, perhaps a more physical form to encourage conscious action. However, there was a lot of time set aside for music and dancing, huge circle meditation/praying, and attunements. I went to the gathering wound-up, and left feeling a lot more centred and relaxed.

The gathering was designed around workshops and reports-back but many of the workshops didn't work very well, because of the large numbers of people making them too big, and questions were overlooked. Resentment surfaced in the plenary session, towards the strongly limited direction a lot of the facilitators gave the their workshops; the technique of reporting back got in the way of sharing feelings, which only finally surfaced in the plenary.

Some people also disliked the pre-determined schedule of workshops, which left a lot of us feeling we hadn't talked about what we had come to discuss.

Maybe if the next Green Network Gathering were to rely on facilitators turning up, rather than by invitation - allowing a group decision as to whether or not the matter should be pursued and giving smaller group discussion more priority - this would leave people more satisfied.

Two proposals were put forward to help the Green Network to grow. One was to enable the Mailing to evolve into the Green Network by distributing it and collecting subscriptions via regional contacts (see opposite page). The other is to start a new magazine called 'Green Options', which would be more overtly political than the Mailing, to focus attention on networking as a political tool.

I feel as if one of these is about trying to see where we are going, thinking explicitly about networking as politics, and reaching out to new people. Whereas the other is about linking up what we are so far, and having fun. Becoming and Being. I want both approaches, but I can't see any way to have them both in the same network.

The gathering was a chaos of divergent energies pushing against each other. But when we were discussing where the second Green Network Gathering might

TO OFFER some light relief from the heady and often large workshops, entertainment was arranged for the evenings. Greens were greeted on Friday evening by a vegetarian and vegan supper expertly prepared by the Assembly Rooms caterers, followed by assorted cabaret acts and a reggae disco all washed down by candlelight with red or white wine.

After supper on Saturday, it was video time. We watched "The Global Brain", narrated by Peter Russell, an interesting study of the future progress of humankind. The 1983 Green Gathering video was shown, made by Paul Trevor and recording events at the 6-day event at the Lamberts Hill Farm site (available for sale - £7.50 + p&p - or hire - £2.50 + £5 deposit + p&p from myself at Crystal Studios, 43 Poole Road, Westbourne, Bournemouth, Dorset BH4 9DN). Lastly we watched a video called "Trashed" which recorded events surrounding Stonehenge 1985. The videos could have gone and on various tapes kept being offered, but upstairs the Grand Ceilidh hosted by the Velvet Bottom Band was twirling into action. A great time was had by all!

Roger Eede

take place, I picked up a feeling that a lot of us felt a serious commitment to future gatherings; the Green Network is a living entity. Unfocused energies, but lots of potential for a first Gathering.

Mark Kinzley.



WHILE WE may have been exploring grass-roots and non-hierarchical (catch phrase) structures, and avoiding much of the inhuman-ness of big party gatherings, the old entrenched attitudes still emerged, and there was little space for dealing with emotions that came up.

My discomfort began after the group circle had met (facilitated by one man, which was odd, but I let it go), when we broke into workshops which were essentially male focalised and led.

One workshop, led by women who had a lot to offer, was very pleasant - but the energy dissipated, as not only did many of the men resist the experiential content, but the women underused their power: a result, I believe, of men disempowering women by consistently (and mostly subconsciously) undervaluing them and their abilities.

It struck me that we automatically allowed men to assume a role they have always played, as experts and

self-assured leaders, but not women. And so we perpetuated the old power pyramid.

Peter Taylor had been invited to give a workshop on Politics and Spirituality. He did it very well. Total control. Peter got away with being not only an "expert" (which he is) but a leader and facilitator as well. The workshop/group did not form and then empower him, he took the power, using his own magic rituals. Fine, you may say, if you have agreed/paid for that - but at a Green Network Gathering...?

Many listened, however, including myself, to his story of homeopathy, and plutonium within our bodies. My anger at our treatment of the planet welled up in me as he described the bomb tests, the spillages and dumping of radioactive waste.

Then, in conclusion, his message loughed on a vital issue, to the effect of "we cannot fight with anger, we must be calm, at peace with ourselves." And in that moment I saw a link between male power and the suppression of

feeling. Fine, if he had said: "Own and discharge your anger. Use it to empower yourself..." But what I saw was the old, male, rational disapproval of emotion, calculated to make that side of ourselves - and of women in particular - feel in some way inept or powerless for feeling what I or they do.

The secret of living in duality is balance, not transcendence. My anger will fuel my being to act. Maybe what we need is a mass expression of our feelings - crying on the streets if need be, weeping for our planet. Not anger suppressed and finally erupting in violence and war and their necessary complement, male guru figures and saints. Soldiers and followers of transcendental religions are drilled in exactly the same suppression of feeling.

Now Peter did what he did because that is what men have always done. When I suggested a move towards positive empowerment of women (after men had talked and talked and not a single feeling shared in the final circle), I was told by a woman that

I could not empower or be disempowered by anyone (!); and afterwards I was converged upon by several men anxious to tell me how wrong I was: "stuck in duality," "creating the separation," I was told, "be a man!"

What to do? It is true I cannot give power to women; they take their own power; but do the old attitudes need to be positively discriminated against after all? For a while? Because there is an imbalance, and we did little to restore it.

So, while the men organised and talked, and swapped extremely useful lists of information, women made the tofu, were in charge of the cafe, the creche, and led the dancing. And my grassroots experience of pain, anger and frustration at what essentially male-power forms are doing to the planet was suppressed by the Green, political party, line... Peace, man?

Grrrr....

Nick Mann

(from 'Greenline' magazine)

The Travellers' Skool

THE TRAVELLER'S SKOOL article recently printed or mentioned in many relevant publications produced lots of interesting and encouraging replies. From talks with people involved in Gipsy education it seems we should be able to get funding for a bus, wages, equipment and running expenses out of the DES 'no area pool', a fund into which each Local Education Authority pays money at the start of each year that can then be drawn on by LEAs for the expense of educating children 'not normally resident' in their area. The idea currently is to set up a South West LEAs group (including Avon Somerset Devon Cornwall and possibly Wiltshire and Dorset to make Wessex region) to apply for funds from the pool and administer the mobile service without help. This could all take a long time to justify and achieve but the signs are very positive at present.

We have set up a bank account with Lloyds of Glastonbury called 'Skool Bus' a/c no. 0222778.

It will also take a lot of commitment and DO IT energy from several people (more than I can commit myself to at present) in order to establish and run a Skool Bus for this year...

Donations and feedback on resources to:-
Richie Cotterill, Waterleat, Ashburton, Newton Abbot
Devon TQ13 7HU.

There was a Gipsy Education Conference in mid-April at Chester college which Richie attended to establish the basis for a regional grouping and start activating the bureaucratic process of the councils involved in dealing with this need, which was "encouraging".

There was a meeting in Glastonbury on 26th April where a few of the interested people involved turned up to discuss future plans, and there will be a meeting in London (247a Upper St Islington) on May 22nd at 6pm. for anyone involved or interested.

We decided that in order to get a vehicle THIS year - sooner or later - we will need to raise some money ourselves. I'm trying to raise money at a Skool Bus Benefit gig in Broadstairs Pavillion on Saturday 9th May. If several other people could collect funds as well, we could get a bus on the road SOON and

get this thing started in however meagre a way. Alongside trying to cater for individual children's needs as we find them on different sites, the Bus could also be used for ongoing research into what these needs are, and what resources we need for them. This could in turn make it easier to apply for Grants from various official and charitable bodies for this and other travelling skool projects.

Richie has prepared a letter asking for funding from potentially interested bodies, and I shall be preparing a pamphlet/poster/advert, asking for money, ideas and feedback, to go to as many Green publications, colleges, universities polytechnics and possibly interested groups as I can, to spread the word that there is a need, and that the government is at present responding to it adequately. To quote from the DES discussion paper, "The education of Travellers' children" (1983) :-

"It is estimated that there are between 12000 and 15000 traveller children of school age in England, and that only a minority attend school, many of them sporadically." Despite this obvious need the first paragraph of the booklet ends "nothing which is said should be taken as implying any commitment by the government to the provision of additional resources."

Bearing this in mind I am asking anyone who is concerned about travelling kids' education in any way to consider if they are prepared to collect money at festivals this year for the Skool Bus project.

I shall be giving a short talk and try to get a discussion group together at an International Anarchist camp/meeting sometime between 15th-19th May atot Urijheidsbezinning' Aekingaweg 1a, Appelscha Netherlands) on this subject, so any feedback before then would be greatly appreciated.

If you'd like some stickers for collecting tins, along with a leaflet of information I've collected so far, or if you'd like to tell me anything of interest on the subject PLEASE WRITE TO ME (including stamps)

CLAIRE WHITMORE,
c/o Critical Mass, 95 King St, Ramsgate, Kent.

women's issues

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE A WOMAN?

What it is like to be a woman
Is what it is like to be me.
i.e.

The sacred procreator of the human race
The divine vessel of humanity.

What it is really like

Is to be a person like any other person
To feel, touch, be with, alienate.
To experience every experience

But facing in a particular direction
So some things that men see head on
I see sideways, glancing over my shoulder.

What it is like to be this person

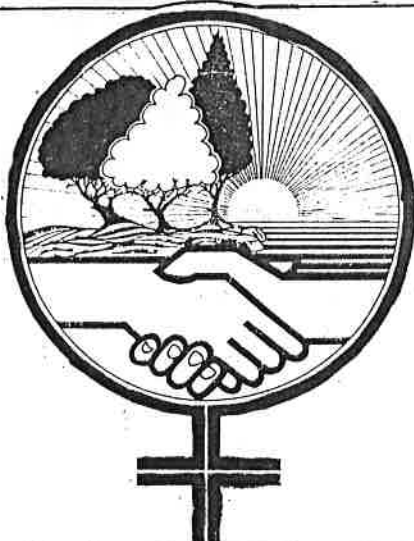
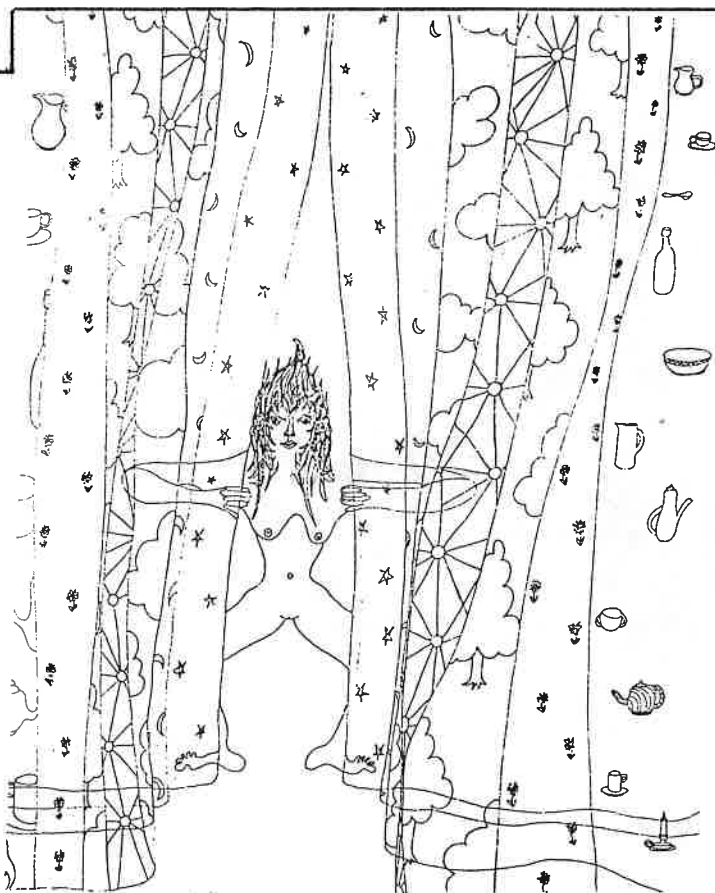
Is to be conscious that in many ways I am not equal
And have to learn to resent that I am not equal
Even though to be equal is not what I really want
Because what I really want

Is to be a person

Not a female eunuch, or a sex symbol (I should be so lucky!)
Or a surrogate male, or a buddy, or a hausfrau,
Or a poet, or an artist, or a middle-aged lady,
even though I am some of all of these things

but they are all to do with the facet you see
And not to do with what goes on in me

What you see in my crystal ball
Is what you want to see.



POEM & ARTWORK
by BRENDA ROGERS
from her book
'DIVING & FLYING'
VILLERS, £4.00

DETAILED ARTICLE
ABOUT APPROPRIATE
TECHNOLOGY AND
LOGOS/CARTOONS
FROM 'ECOFORUM
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THE DISADVANTAGES CAUSED TO WOMEN BY APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGIES IN THIRD WORLD AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

Governments and non-governmental organisations concerned about hardship to peoples of third world and developing countries spend and provide projects using technology appropriate to needs. Whereas the initial project is beneficial, not enough insight is given to the long term social and environmental changes that will occur. For example, walking miles to the only well gave women the opportunity to communicate socially and constructively whilst doing so. With well projects bringing water closer to living sites, the women do not have this opportunity to break from a day filled with constant labour. While there is no doubt that easier access to water is not only more convenient for some, and can indeed be life saving, what is lost is a valuable resource for communication; be it social or domestic or informative, an essential factor for morale and therefore mental health is lost...and what is the logic of having a well, where water is drawn by means of a foot pump which takes more physical exertion than some women are able to provide? Maintenance of the new technologies is not always simple or even possible without having to find money for it to be done.

Fuel saving cook stove projects are very popular with donors and governments; but lack of tools to cut the wood the right length for the stoves, and lack of suitable new-designed (flat-bottomed) pots to go on them have caused them to be reluctantly accepted and many have fallen into disuse. In regions where dung was used as a cooking fuel, the introduction of biogas technology reduced the available supply of fuel to poorer women who do not have their own cattle and live in households which cannot afford the expensive new technologies. With stove projects, the aspect of the communal fire is lost- another opportunity to relax and communicate while still working. With new technologies being for individual family units rather than communities as a whole, women have to face the hardship in their lives with less support. The technologies are not designed with enough knowledge or wholistic insight into women's needs, but just to provide adequately a gadget to fulfil the immediate needs of those who benefit from the women's functions.

The social changes that are a bi-product of those new technologies are born from the attitudes and values of those people who design them; the same attitude that, in 'first world' countries are driving women to supporting a wage earner, their stoves, their kitchen sinks, and the isolation of valium and depression.



BANNER AT YELLOW GATE. THE PHOTO WAS TAKEN THE DAY AFTER LIBYA WAS BOMBED BY F-11s.

GREENHAM COMMON PEACE CAMP, NEWBURY BERKSHIRE.

During April, (and April showers) I spent some time at Greenham Common Peace Camp, Blue Gate. The space was just as important to me personally as it was to be supporting the protest against cruise. There is an atmosphere of trust and acceptance all women who arrive; to be welcomed with this energy is invaluable in that it provides space and opportunity to be YOU with no pressures from the other women, strangers they may be.

I kept a diary of the diversely wonderful and horrible events that passed and have written the following article from them. Special thanks to Pixie, Bruce, Sam, Sarah, and Lopy for their practical support and encouragement.

THE BAILIFFS come at least once a day. This means that when I woke up I couldn't sleep, or lay in any longer for fear that they would tear away the plastic sheeting from above my head, and put it into their dust-cart, "THE MUNCHER". From that moment until the eviction, and after that until early evening, we would be living with as little as possible and constantly looking over our shoulders.

Blue gate camp is on a small, sometimes grassy piece of ground. April showers turned it into two-thirds muddy swamp that covered everyone's feet. Whoever gets up first lights a fire, using as little dry wood as possible because the bailiffs may come and put the fire out at any moment. Breakfast happens sooner rather than later and is usually rather filling, because if the bailiffs come repeatedly, women may not get a chance to eat or have a hot drink for hours. Not much fun in the cold and wet. We sit around on bits of wood and plastic bags and just talk and wait and smoke. The concrete blocks that the council placed along the grass verge are too far away to sit on, & too heavy to move. (How about a sculptress turning them into 'Goddess' statues?) Sometimes we drink tea and sind. Sit sit sit. Walk around a bit. Sit. This awful space is a wonderful chance for us to communicate. We share our different experiences. We share our insight into those experiences similar to all of us. The trust and intimacy between us, most of us strangers to each other, is comforting and inspiring. And hopeful. We listen to radio reports of F-11's bombing Libya, talk of World War 3. Our camp banner says "DO YOU FEEL YOUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE?" I think of my children and my lover and my friends at home. Sit sit sit. The wood is very damp and the smoke stings our eyes as the wind changes frequently.

We all jump as the muncher whirres up to the camp. Women leap out of sleeping bags, from the fireside, grab mugs, relatively dry wood pots and boxes of food, the radio. The camp cats run up the nearest tree. Missy's dog Lassie, barking constantly has to be put into the van and stroked and patted constantly by one of the women. The bailiffs, about six of them, jump out of the muncher like reject action men; one grabs a blanket, another some mugs, a mitten that Gabs drops. The fire is kicked into the mud and they look for any cut firewood. All collected, the women also cram themselves on top of mud spattered belonging in the vehicles and drive around until the bailiffs have gone. One day there were too many women for us to fit into the vehicles. We had to go into the woods and hide and shelter. I tried to get a photo of the muncher as it drove away but my hands were shaking too much to hold the camera. Women told me stories of bailiffshitting, assaulting, injuring the women. Women have pressed charges but no case has ever come to court.

Bailiffs gone, we wait, sitting in or hanging out of vans, for them to come back. After an hour, they do. They kick the newly lighted little fire into the mud, and we drive off again, to warn women at other camps that they are coming back. We're turn. The rain has soaked most of the wood, so we eventually light a small and smoky fire. They did not come back that day. The evenings, like the visitors, vary. One night, as about eight of us sat around the fire, a man dropped us off two bags of logs, and drove away again; two elderly women from a support group turned up with much needed dry socks and gloves for us all, and an hour later, two carfulls of women arrived with more logs, beer, wine, delicious food and lots of energy. They stayed up on a nightwatch all night and we sat up until the early hours of the morning, singing. Every evening, as passing traffic rushed home from work, a young, smart, blonde man would stick his head out of his nice clean car and shout "Fuck off home you dykes! You really piss me off!" and screech into the distance. The soldiers at the gate were rarely any trouble. One soldier with long hair tied back, turned out to be a woman. One evening, a man in a car dropped a carrier bag from the window of his car. "A present for you," he said and drove away. "It's probably shit again," said Joanne, collecting it. It was full of bags of sweets. We checked to see if any of the bags had been opened and they had. We checked the sweets inside, carefully inspecting them as we took them out of the wrappers, and sniffed them.



MISSY'S BUS, CONCRETE BLOCKS, GREENHAM MUD.

They were alright; but never before have I had to inspect my food to see if it had been intentionally poisoned...

The women at blue gate need more support. There were, last I heard, only three camps in existence at yellow, blue, and orange gates.

Direct actions are going on all the time as are evictions, abuse, and hardship.

The night after F-11's bombed Libya, some Greenham women went to upper Heyford USAF Base, entered it, and spent half an hour painting slogans and curses on the runway before being noticed, imprisoned in cells for a few hours as statements were taken. The women who were charged with criminal damage were told they would be summonsed at a later date, but this is not likely as the publicity would embarrass the military....



HOW TO SUPPORT THE GREENHAM COMMON PEACE CAMPS IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO STAY THERE.

WOMEN: Your energy, inspiration and support- bring vehicles if you have them, for quick escapes from bailiffs.

MONEY.-Some women at the peace camp are too young or old to claim dole, or have to rely on a husband's wage which is not always reliable. Also, foreign women with no income at all. A small amount of money is given to those women every week for personal use. Money is also needed for vehicle maintenance, fines, for parking tickets (the base is surrounded by double yellow lines) and to pay fines for women who cannot/do not want to go to prison. So many personal belongings are lost in daily evictions too.

FOOD Vegan food at blue gate. Vegetarian at other gates.

WOOD Bailiffs also take firewood. If anyone brings wood, it is better brought in the early evening. No bailiff's call after 5 p.m. or stashed wood, deeper into the woods that surround the base with the knowledge of the women.

VEHICLES Are there any women mechanics out there?!

LEISURE MUSIC. New guitar strings (there is no music shop in Newbury!) Different tapes to play. More food. Good company. Smoking materials. Bring your spirit and your souls...healing hands and good jokes... bring your selves....

N.B. As I left, I read in the Newbury local paper that all women who are on the electoral register with their addresses as "Peace Camp, Greenham Common" are to be subject to individual injunction orders to keep them away from the base.

- LUCY -

Blue Gate
Greenham Common
Women's Peace Camp
Newbury
Berkshire

Dear Lucy,

You might have heard by now that four of us went to the Beltane meeting about Stonehenge in the forest near Salisbury. Well, it was brilliant and we came back full of energy and inspiration, having decided that one thing we needed to do was to get women together from different scenes - Greenham, travellers' sites, cities etc - to talk about why we want to go to Stonehenge, both as a temple and as a focus for the festival, and how we want to go there.

We want to resolve some of the differences and misunderstandings between women who are into 'women only' actions and those who are not. We hope that in this way a greater unity between women will form and 'female' energy and magic will be widespread and powerful enough to counteract any feelings of aggression from either police or festival-goers.

We also want to talk about having a women's ritual in the Stones on the full moon night before the Solstice. Could you please spread the word to women who might be interested - we're trying to do this on very short notice and purely by word of mouth.

To get to Watership Down you turn off the A339 Newbury to Basingstoke road at the sign for Ecchinswell (actually between yellow and green gates). Past the village, the road takes you onto the down, and the meeting place is the car park. We will be providing cooking pots and communal benders, if women could bring sleeping bags, something to eat out of, and some food to share. We will be gathering from 12 o'clock on 17th May, but women could come any time, and we hope to be together until the evening of the 18th.

With Peace & Love,

Hannah XXX

WOMEN FOR LIFE ON EARTH

W.F.L.O.E. is a network promoting the links between feminism, peace, and ecology through means of non-violent direct action, public education, and information exchange. Their leaflet says: "We hope to regain a way of living that is in harmony with the planet which supports us before it is too late we have the potential to create life within us. With our experience over hundreds of generations of serving as nurturers and caretakers, we are now seeking to apply our experience and our passionate concern for life towards the care and survival of our earth and the life forms she supports"

It was a W.F.L.O.E. March from Cardiff to Greenham Common U.S.A.F. Base in 1981 which resulted in the Women's Peace Camp at Greenham Common and has inspired the setting up of many more peace camps in Britain, Europe and the U.S.

The network puts women in touch with each other locally, nationally, and internationally by means of a quarterly magazine, sharing ideas, news, and creative expression relating to the Earth and other issues that affect us.

For a leaflet, general enquiries, or an eco-feminist resource pack (£1) write to
VERONICA BENNETT
2 Bramsall Gardens
London NW5 1JH
(01-272-3499)

SEEDS is a pamphlet developed to meet requests from all over the world for information about innovative and practical project ideas developed by and for low income women. The pamphlets are designed to share information and spark new projects, based on the positive experiences of women who are working to help themselves and other women to improve their economic status. I do not have the address for this network but am making enquiries; would anyone interested please write to PO Box 23 so that I can pass on the information.

UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL
RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF
WOMEN (I.N.S.T.R.A.W.)

The Institute seeks to promote sensitivity and responsiveness in those concerned with the development of women, particularly to enhance the productivity and contribution of self-reliance with full participation of the entire population - not only in the interests of women but of society as a whole.

INSTRAW: Avenida Cesar Nicolas Penson 102-A,
PO Box 21747, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S TRIBUNE CENTRE (I.W.T.C.)

Responds to requests for information and technical assistance from women around the world involved in developmental projects. Develops communication methods and educational resource materials in collaboration with regional women's resource centres.

IWTC: 777 United Nations Plaza, New York 10017, USA.

WORLD WOMEN IN DEFENCE of the ENVIRONMENT (W.I.L.E.)

Dedicated to giving visibility to the grassroots effects of policies which destroy the capacity of natural biological systems to sustain and enhance lives. Dedicated to providing information to empower women to be able to participate in preventing ecologically destructive policies; to give voice to the voiceless. WIDE seeks the interest of woman and man, as private individuals or as representatives of business and industry, academic community, private voluntary organisations, the media, and international agencies.

WIDE: 5508 39th Street, N.W. Washington D.C., 20015, USA.

WOMEN'S INFO REFERRAL AND ENQUIRY SERVICES (WIRES)

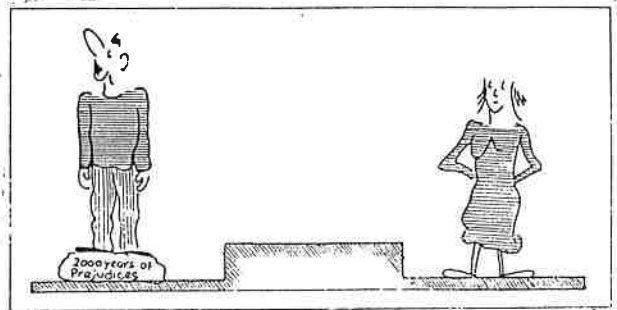
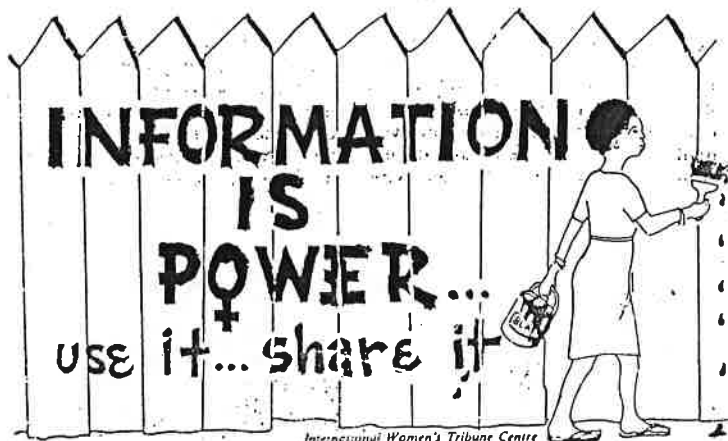
Provides a regular newsletter, to network women's groups and pass on information.

WIRES: c/o 30 Blenheim Terrace, LEEDS 2.

SPARE RIB: The most popular magazine for the Women's Movement. 27 Clarkwell Close, London ECL.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL CAMPAIGN: Promotes extension of screening facilities and information. 9 King St, London WC2.

*DEPO-PROVERA: 3rd World women not told this contraceptive is "on trial" Jill Rakusen, Spare Rib 8942



BOOKS...BOOKS...BOOKS...BOOKS...BOOKS...BOOKS...BOOKS...

"The Womens Room" by Marilyn French, (Sphere, £3.95)
"This book will change your life" it is claimed on the front cover. Seemingly aware of my relationship with the women's movement at the time, myself and several friends disregarded this statement and got on with reading what had been recommended as a sensitive and stimulating account of one woman's life.... but Myra, and her friends in the story, showed us images of ourselves as we had not seen, or dared ourselves to see...and once seen, never forgotten. This book has been the cause, and good reason for helping several women I know to make aware changes in their lives... read it if you dare...!

"Womansize" by Kim Chernin (The Women's Press, £4.95)
Quietly and thoroughly undermines the popular and widely endured tyranny of thinness over women's bodies and minds.

"Fat is a Feminist Issue" by Susie Orbach (Hamlyn Paperbacks, £1.25)
This is an anti-diet book. This practical self-help manual explains how women can liberate themselves from feelings of guilt and shame about food and fatness. The attitudes it brings to light regarding women's appearances, are a spurring incentive to be heard- and seen- as individuals.

"The NEW Women's Health Handbook" Edited by Nancy M'Keith (Virago, (price may have changed since I was given my copy)
There is so little easily available, detailed and clear information about women's health, and self help for the multitudes of conditions unique to women. This book not only provides support through information but is written clearly with an attitude that helps women to empower themselves with taking responsibility for dealing with situations, or the professionals and organisations that provide outside help should it be needed. Lots of diagrams, photographs, and useful addresses.

"Sex and Destiny - the politics of human fertility" by Germaine Greer,

I have not yet read this book from cover to cover; I bought it after being astounded and impressed at the truth in Germaine Greer's words after hearing her talk about the book on various radio and television interviews. The strength of her words throughout the book, regarding the subjects and experiences she writes about are beautiful in their power. Examining attitudes to sex, sexuality, sexism, fertility, contraception, and many other controversial subjects in Western cultures, and of cultures throughout the world, a clear picture of those attitudes for revealing comparisons is learned. In her 'warning' at the front of the book, Germaine Greer admits that it was written with the intention of 'goading' people to think. Probably the most relevantly revolutionary book concerning women's issues that I have ever come across.

Lucy

NETWORKING

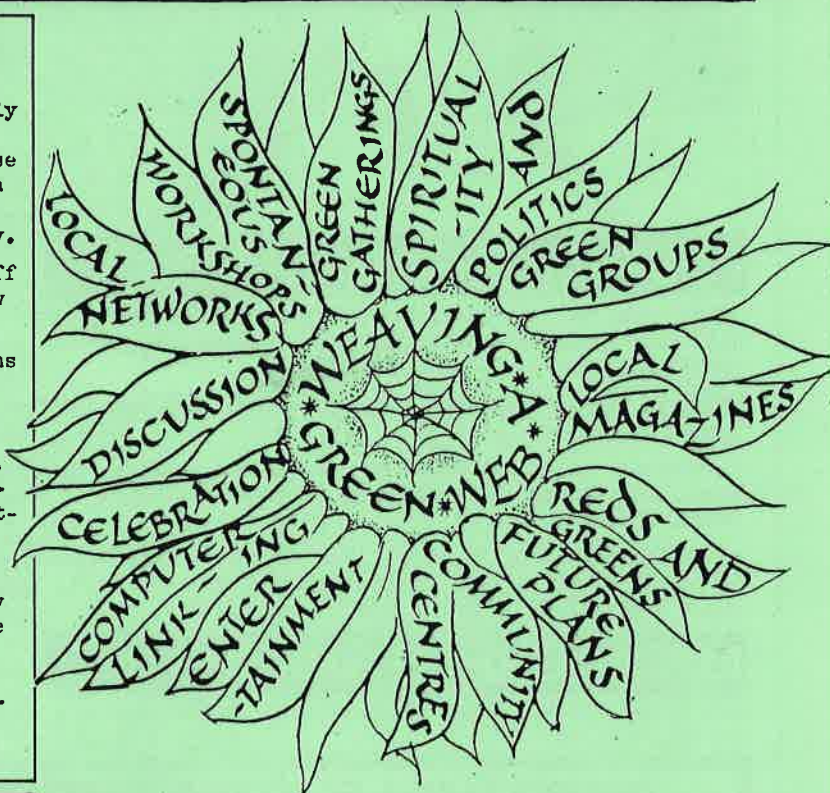
This section is divided into classifications. Under each classification heading are 3 types of entries:

1. Green Collective subscribers who have specifically identified themselves as being involved with a particular organisation or area of activity. These addresses are printed in every issue, as an extra part of the service to subscribers, and will be gradually built up into a comprehensive directory.

If your entry is wrong, or if you've been left off and you'd like to be included, please let us know details as soon as possible.

2. Information about events, organisations, campaigns etc which has been sent to us and which will be of likely interest to readers of the Mailing. These entries will be printed once, rather than repeated; but when they arrive from a subscriber, or with a subscription, the address and brief details will be repeated and included in the directory.

3. References to back numbers of the Mailing, or other Collective publications, where particularly relevant information is available. (If you'd like back numbers of the Mailing, a donation of 50p would cover the cost including postage, or else the cost of photocopying the pages you are especially interested in if the issue you want is out of print).



ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY

SOLAR WHEEL (wind generators, solar panels etc) - Bobby Bazalgette, Yeotown Farm, Snapper, Barnstaple, Devon EX31 7JY (0598 3437)

ANIMAL RIGHTS

DON JENKINGS, Gorphwyffa, High Street, Penmachno, Gwynedd (Animal Rights Bus - available for festivals and gatherings etc).

ANTI-SEXISM

JOIN HANDS - 45 Percy Street, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS1 4DD.

CHILDREN/EDUCATION

KIDS' SCHOOL BUS PROJECT (to provide educational facilities for travellers' children) - Richie Cotterill, Waterleat, Ashburton, Newton Abbott, S. Devon TQ13 7HM.

EDUCATION OTHERWISE - Vicki & Dave Willow, 37 Merton Place, Littlebury, Safron Walden, Essex CB11 4TH.

THE GREEN ROADSHOW - c/o Simon Jacobson, 46 Bournemouth Road, Blandford St Mary, Blandford, Dorset.

See Also: Mailing No 13 (March/April '86).

COMMUNITIES/LAND USE

GREENTOWN GROUP - David Olivier, The Limes, 158 Bradwell Rd, Bradville, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK13 7AX.

MOLESWORTH/ALCONBURY LAND TRUST (purchase of land for constructive opposition to nuclear weapons) - c/o Pete Whiting, 59 Whitwell Way, Coton, Cambs CB3 7PW; (0954) 211501.

GREEN COLLECTIVE LAND FUND - c/o Chris Walford, 44 Upper Cheltenham Place, Montpelier, Bristol 6; (0272) 551740.

GLANEIRW HOUSING CO-OP - Blaenporth, Nr Cardigan, Dyfed

LAURIESTON HALL - Evi, Laurieston Hall, Laurieston, Castle Douglas, Galloway, Scotland.

CONTINUUM TRUST - Poppy Green, Stone Hall Mill, Welsh Hook, Wolfs Castle, Haverfordwest, Dyfed.

PEOPLES' LAND GROUP (WATERSIDE) (purchase of land alongside navigable waterways for the use of boat people etc) - c/o Chris, 7 Railway Cottages, Hardy Rd, Norwich, Norfolk.

COMPUTERS/DATABASE

'GREENBASE' (Green Collective computer services) - Richard Gidfield, 16a White Cottage Courtyard, Magdalen St, Glastonbury, Somerset.

HARRIET JONES - c/o Crystal Studios, 43 Poole Rd, Westbourne, Bournemouth; (0747) 2552.

DANCE/RITUAL

SACRED DANCE - Rosie James, Hallalen Cottage, Harberton, Totnes, S.Devon TQ9 7SS.

CONTINUUM THEATRE - Lorye Keats & Adrian Hopper, c/o The Dove Centre, Butleigh, Glastonbury, Somerset; (0458) 50682.

ENTERTAINMENTS

BOHNEO P.A.HIRE operates a small Public Address hire business; supply and operate systems up to 2 KW, suitable for small/medium outdoor concerts or festivals, and also a loud hailer and 30 watt battery-supply PA, suitable for fete-size gatherings. Contact: Geoff Beaumont T.A., 88-90 Dartford Rd, Dartford DA1 3ER; (0322) 22590.

LIVING DAYLIGHTS THEATRE: All manner of puppets and wondrous shows. "At your party, fair or fete, Living Daylights will delight. Be you child or young in heart? We'll entertain you - Ring us up!" Tel: Nebo 302.

ENVIRONMENT

GREEN DESERTS - John Mathissen, Greenacre Beyton, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP30 9AB; 70491.

SERA (Socialist Environment and Resources Association) - Mark Douglas, 103 Osbaldeston Rd, Stamford Hill, London N16 6NP; 01 806 2763 (6-10 pm).

TREES - See Also: Mailing No 12 (Jan/Feb '86).



HUMBERSIDE GREEN ALLIANCE (sharing information, experience, resources and contacts among a wide range of different groups with broadly Green interests in their area. Organise Beverley Rainbow Festival. Subs - groups £2, individuals £1) - Betty Whitwell, 3 Thorngarth Lane, Barrow-on-Humber, S.Humberside DN19 7AW; (0469) 30721.

MID-THAMES FOE - 108 Lent Rise Rd, Burnham, Bucks SL1 7BH; (0628) 665024.

NORWICH PEACEFUL GREEN CO-OP - c/o St Julian's Hall, Music House Lane, King St, Norwich, Norfolk.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GREEN GROUP - Gill Handyside, 126 Huntingdon Rd, Cambridge.

AYR GREENS - Susan Shearer, 42 Caerlaverock Rd, Prestwick Ayrshire.

GREEN CND (Scotland) - Peter O'Neill, 5 Upper Kessock St, Inverness, Scotland.

ANDOVER ECO - Steve Harrington-Elsmore, 11 The Grove, Fenton Grafton, Andover, Hants.

CLEVELAND GREEN ACTION - c/o 81 Thornfield Rd, Linthorpe, Middlesborough, Cleveland TS5 5BZ.

FESTIVALS/GATHERINGS

GLASTONBURY CND FESTIVAL, GREEN FIELD - Kim McGavin, Hillview, Yeolands Lane, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, Devon; (0271) 830332.

FESTIVAL WELFARE SERVICES - Penny Mellor, 347a Upper St, London N1 OPD; 01 226 2759.

GLASTONBURY EARTH MYSTERIES CAMPS - Palden Jenkins, The Elms, West Pennard, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8EG; (0458) 32601.

GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK - available from Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. (£4 a copy; £2.50 to Collective subscribers).

LOCAL GREEN GROUPS

STROUD GREEN FORUM - John Summerville, 95 Bisley Rd, Stroud, Glos GL5 1HQ.

FILMS/VIDEOS

ONE WORLD FILMS (Green/alternative/fun videos, showing festivals etc) - Penny & Pete Simmons, 22 Bradenham Rd Shipdham, Thetford, Norfolk IP25 7PJ.

GREEN GATHERING '83 VIDEO - available from Roger Eede, 39 Nelson Rd, Branksome, Poole, Dorset; (0747) 2552. (£10)

FESTIVALS & GATHERINGS 1986

- May 3: May Green Gathering, Slough; Langley Country Park, Slough. 10 am - 10 pm (no camping).
Directions/info: Slough Green Group, Tel 23226.
- May 3: Leeds Green Fayre. Info: Gord Haycock, Flat D5.15, Henry Price Building, Clarendon Rd, Leeds 2.
- May 3: Oxford Free Festival (Magic Mushroom Band).
- May 4: "Folk Aid" benefit, King George's Park, Wandsworth, London. (Hank Wangford, Dubliners, Blowsabella etc). Ray Lee, 181 Pembury Ave, Worcester Park, Surrey. Tickets £10.
- May 5: Helston Music Festival. Details: Tel Mawgan (Helston) 841.
- May 3-5: Brinklow Free Festival, Brinklow Tumulus, Nr Coventry. (Leave M1 at junction 17 onto A45, take little exit to Wolston; or leave M6 at junction 2, take B4029 to Brinklow).
- May 24 (?): Live County Line (Children in Need benefit festival). Speedway Complex arena, Essex.
Info/offers of help: Tel (0702) 331220.
- May 25: 6th Annual Smokey Bears Picnic; Sharpshoe Clappers, Nr Barton-le-Cley, Beds. Free. 2pm.
- May 30 - June 7: Twmbalm Free Festival, off M4, Cwmbran, Newport. Info: Mike, (06333) 64448.
- June 1: STONEHENGE actions begin.
- June 7 (?): Strawberry Fayre, Cambridge.
- June 8: Sheep & Wool Fair, Suffolk. (0359) 40724.
- June 14-16: Festival of International Understanding and Peace, Leamington Spa, Warwicks. (No commercial stalls; no camping on site - local campsites available). Info: (0926) 27773.
- June 16: Reclaim Big Mountain (Native American people; Arizona, USA). Info: 01 274 6655.
- June 20-22: Glastonbury CND Festival, Worthy Farm, Pilton, Somerset. Advance ticket only, £17 from CND, 22-24 Underwood St, London N1 7JD. (Pay 'Glastonbury Festivals Ltd). Info: 01 251 0027
- June 21-22: South East London Green Fayre, The Albany, Deptford SE8, and Fordham Park, New Cross.
Info: Green Fair, 65 Lewisham Park, SE13 (or tel Graham Bell, 01 318 6628).
- June 29: Beverley Rainbow Festival, The Hurn (part of the race course), Beverley, Humberside. Special prominence to kids' events. Details: Betty Whitwell, 3 Thorngarth Lane, Barrow-on-Humber, S.Humberside DN19 7AW; (0469) 30721.
- June 29: Brixton Youth Festival, Angell Park, London.
- July 5-6: CADAH appeal festival, Town Park, Harlow, Essex (free). Info: (0279) 445412.
- July 12: Joss Bay Peace Day, Kent. (0843) 588176.
- July 17-20: Green Youth Gathering, Groundwell Farm, Swindon. Info: GYG, 2 Sheringham Court, Liden, Swindon
- July 19-20: Norwich Rainbow Fayre, Earlham Park, Norfolk. Info: The Greenhouse, 48 Bethel St, Norwich
- July 25-27: Elephant Fayre, Cornwall. (0503) 30816.
- July 31: Caribbean Music Village, Holland Park, London.
- Aug 1-3: Cambridge Folk Festival.
- Aug 3: Green Deserts Fair, Ashton Court, Bristol.
- Aug 8-10: 'Torpedo Town Festival', Brambles Farm, Waterlooville. Info: Portsmouth 737819.
- ?? Avebury Women's Festival.
- ?? 'Mines not Missiles', Kent. Canterbury 459676.
- Aug 15-17 ? : WOMAD, Devon. (0272) 290242.
- ?? Dartmoor Conservation Fair. (03643) 216.
- Aug 22-25: Towersey Village Festival, Nr Thame, Oxford.
- Aug 23-25: Notting Hill Carnival, London.
- ?? Moat Farm Fair, Rougham.
- Aug 30: Happy Valley High Day ? (See Late News on page 2).
- Sept 19-21 (provisional): Green Network Gathering, Norwich.
- Oct 4: Second Annual Magic Mushroom Picnic, The Sandpit, Aspley Heath, Nr Woburn Sands, Beds.

MUSIC

MODERN SPERM PRODUCTIONS - Angela Hembury, Crealy Lodge, Devon EX5 1DR; (0395) 32696.

INTERCHANGE MUSIC & DESIGN (multi-media productions, including music & dance workshops with Pendragon Folk Band) - Kim & Glenny, Hillview, Yeolands Lane, Swimbridge, Barnstaple, Devon; (0271) 830332.

NETWORKING

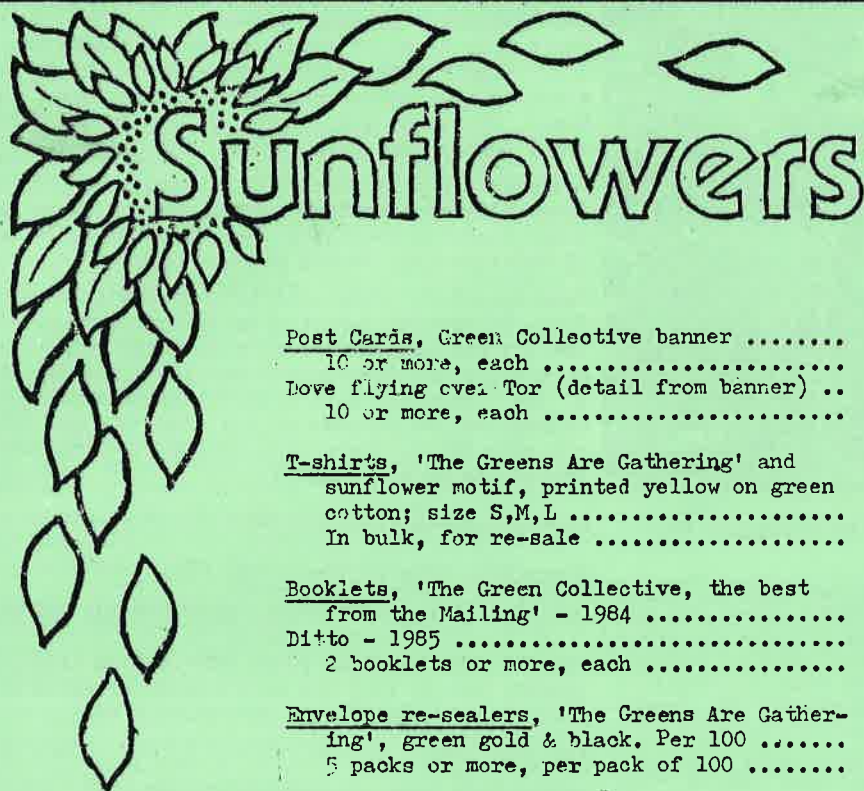
GREEN COLLECTIVE/NETWORK - c/o David Taylor, 2 Park Cottages, Benedict St, Glastonbury, Somerset; (0458)

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TRANET (International Green Network) - PO Box 567, Rangeley, ME 04970, USA.

Summer School on NORDIC VISIONS, ALTERNATIVE FUTURE, Helsingor, Denmark, July 20 - August 2 1986.

Sponsored by the International People's College and the Nordic Alternative Campaign, a coalition of 100 grass roots organisations and as many individual scientists and engineers. Details: The International People's College, Montebello Alle 1, DK-3000 Helsingor, Denmark.



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PUBLICATIONS

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE THE GREEN COLLECTIVE MAILING ON A REGULAR BASIS WITH OTHER GREEN/ALTERNATIVE PUBLICATIONS. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT US C/O PO BOX 23, GLASTONBURY.

GREEN ANARCHIST magazine - Alan Albon, Watford Station House, 68a Cassiobury Park Ave, Watford, Herts WD1 7LE.

GREENLINE magazine - Jon Carpenter, 33 Newton Rd, Oxford; (0865) 726229.

SUNFLOWERS (Green Collective Trading; pamphlets, badges, stickers etc) - Ann Gunn, 8 Wordsworth Rd, Braintree, Essex CM7 5SX; (0376) 21184.



GREEN CND newsletter - Annie Davey, 53 Bartlemas Rd, Oxford; (0865) 249450.

BULLETIN OF ANARCHIST RESEARCH (collates info on anarchist and green publications etc from all over the world) - Tom Cahill, Dept of Politics, University of Lancaster, Lancs LA1 4YF.

TRACES magazine - Ian Henshall, 87 Kirkstall Rd, London SW2 4HE; 01 671 7920.

STONE newsletter (festivals info) - Mike Deal, 45 Westwood Hill, London SE26 6NS.

EAST-WEST PEACE PEOPLE newsletter - Peter Cadogan, Studio House, 1 Hampstead Hill Gdns, London NW3; 01 794 5590.

'GREENHOUSE'/GREEN DIRECTORY MAILING - Peter Bernays, Clynnog Rd, Penygroes, Caernarfon, Gwynedd.

UNIQUE PUBLICATIONS (Rainbow Village, Green Collective booklets; contemporary history) - Bruce Garrard, PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset; (0458) 32452.

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4-colour badges
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STONEHENGE

THE STONEHENGE CAMPAIGN enters a new phase this month. There will be pickets outside the National Trust (42 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1 - phone 01 222 9251) every Friday; and outside English Heritage (Fortress House, 23 Savile Row, London W1 - phone 01 734 6010) every Monday (Tuesdays in Bank Holiday weeks).

Selected MPs will receive a 'Stonehenge Briefing', and there will be a parliamentary lobby on Thurs May 29. Lobby leaflets available from Stonehenge '86 campaign, 99 Torriano Ave, London NW3.

From June 1-8 there will be a picket at Lord Montagu's Motor Museum (at Beaulieu in the New Forest). Between the 1st and 14th a number of carnival processions will make their way from London and other places, to the edge of the 'exclusion zone'. What happens on the solstice depends on the success of the picketing and lobbying; if all else fails, there will be a nonviolent mass march to the Stones on the 21st.

(- 'Greenline')

STONEHENGE FREE FESTIVAL 1986

FOR 4000 YEARS THE PEOPLES' SACRED PLACE FOR CELEBRATION - A PLACE OF PEACE & UNITY.

FOR THE LAST 12 YEARS YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE GATHERED AT THE STONES; BUT IN 1985 THE AUTHORITIES ATTACKED ALL FESTIVAL GOERS AND SURROUNDED THE STONES WITH FEAR & BARBED WIRE.

ARE THEY AFRAID OF OUR FREEDOM ? THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND..

1986: IT IS TIME FOR MORE PEOPLE TO COME. THERE WILL BE NO VIOLENCE THIS YEAR. THEY WILL NOT RELEASE OUR LAND, YET THEY WILL NOT ATTACK US ... WE ARE MANY, WE HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO ...

JUNE 1st DO SOMETHING ! PEOPLE WILL START MOVING TO THE STONES. ACTIONS ON SALISBURY PLAIN. CARNIVAL LEAVES LONDON.

JUNE 14th GATHER ! PEOPLE FOCUS ENERGY. CARNIVAL ARRIVES (one suggested gathering point is Old Sarum airfield, near Amesbury).

JUNE 20th-22nd THE LONGEST DAY, SOLSTICE !

STONEHENGE '86 CAMPAIGN/information: POLYTANTRIC, c/o 99 Torriano Avenue, London NW5.

STONEHENGE EXHIBITION - the Travelling Exhibition and Video Show has been seen by more than 500 people and a number of journalists. More dates planned; ideas welcome Phone Alex on 01 223 7430.

TRANSPORT

GREEN RIKERS GROUP - Cathy Ashley, 16f Williams Ave, Prince Rock, Plymouth, Devon; (0752) 672633.

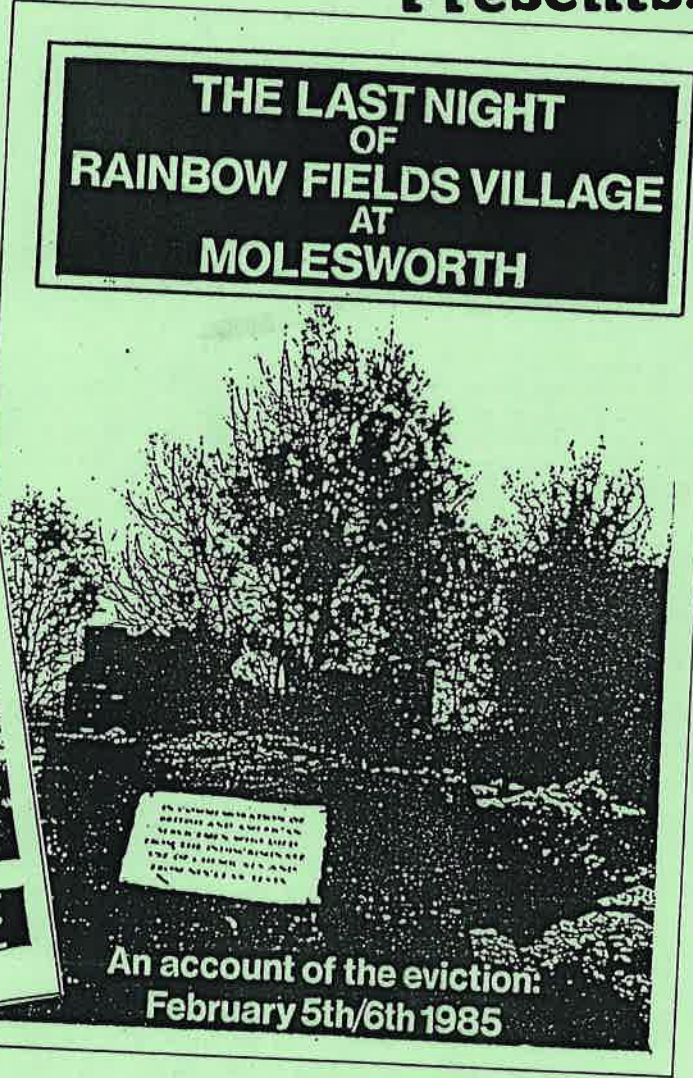
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SIMON JACOBSON, 46 Bournemouth Rd, Blandford St Mary, Blandford, Dorset; (0258) 56923.



UNIQUE PUBLICATIONS Presents:



STONEHENGE '85 - souvenir issue: A collection of material to commemorate 'The Battle of the Bean Field', June 1st 1985. Edited by Sheila Craig.

What really happened during last summer's 'police riot' ? On the road before ? And in the police cells afterwards ? Here we have the personal accounts of people who were here; their thoughts and feelings, poems and pictures.

Material which has been written and collected together over the past year; now published in a volume which tells a powerful and important human story, as well as being a valuable historical document.

THE LAST NIGHT OF RAINBOW FIELDS VILLAGE AT MOLESWORTH: An account of the eviction, February 5th/6th 1985, by Bruce Garrard. Freshly revised edition, with additional material by Brig Oubridge.

"A vivid personal account of the eviction, written shortly after it had taken place. A passionate story ... Whatever one's reasons for joining CND, this story is essential reading". - CND ('Campaign !')

"An emotional, personal account of the eviction of 'twelve hippies and a dog' (as Spitting Image put it) ... by all the NATO forces the increasingly ludicrous Heseltine could muster". - 'Venue'.

Also still available -

RAINBOW VILLAGE ON THE ROAD: Poems and writings from Rainbow Fields in exile, February-March 1985.

THE GREEN COLLECTIVE - The best from the Mailing 1984, 1985: Highlights from two eventful years for the Green Collective. (Two volumes - special offer to Collective subscribers: both for £1.50. 20% of all proceeds go to the Green Collective Land Fund).

All @ £1 each (including postage), from UNIQUE PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset.

'WAR IS NOT HUMAN NATURE...'

On June 8th 1985 I cut the fence at Sculthorpe as part of the 'Snowball' campaign. I did this because I believe that Sculthorpe and all other military bases, activities and paraphernalia are an obscenity, a blasphemy against humanity, and an act of the most unbelievably appalling criminal damage against the world.

I could talk of millions starving,
I could talk of the resources wasted,
I could talk of the dying lakes,
the dwindling forests,
the destruction of species.
The genocide of gentle peoples of this world,
The threat of mass annihilation.

War is not human nature. It is a relatively recent cultural phenomenon. For over 99% of the three million years or so that we have lived on this planet, humanity has lived on this planet, humanity has lived peacefully and co-operatively together. We are caring sharing animals.

Evidence from archaeology and anthropology supports this view. The Tasaday, a tribe from the Phillipines, have no understanding of, or words for, 'weapon', 'enemy', or 'war'; not even 'argument'. Many tribes have a most profound ecological, indeed spiritual, awareness of the land on which they live. 130 years ago the native American Chief Seathl spoke to white men wanting to buy his tribe's land:

"How can you buy or sell the sky, the warmth of the land ? The idea is strange to us. If we do not own the freshness of the air and the sparkle of the water, how can you buy them ? We are part of the earth and it is part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters; the deer, the horse, the great eagle, the river, these are our brothers.

"Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth. If men spit upon the ground, they spit upon themselves. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. This we know. All things are connected like the blood which unites one family. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life; he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web he does to himself".

And the white man has the audacity to call these people savages.

The archaeological record strongly indicates that organised warfare started perhaps 15,000 years ago, linked with an increasingly possessive attitude towards land and property, and an exploitative attitude towards the planet. This behaviour has reached its culmination in 20th century 'developed' societies.

Archaeology is a study of the changing behaviour of humanity. It is a study of culture, the tool that humanity uses to live in this world. Culture is technology, economy, social systems and belief systems. All these can change. But now we are becoming overwhelmed by our own myths, and culture in horrifically distorted form threatens to destroy the world.

We must recognise our awful predicament and recognise our responsibility. This is not just a crisis for individuals or nations. It is a crisis for the evolutionary processes of this planet. Four billion years of evolution have resulted in the formation of matter, the creation of life and consciousness, and in humanity the power of self-awareness. All life is connected. We are the planet become aware of itself, a profound mystery. And we would destroy it all - for what ?

I need not discuss the details of the crisis. We all know. The threat of nuclear war, acts of inhumanity; ecological disasters, starvation and misery, mental breakdown. We pretend not to know, it seems easier and safer, a thousand excuses. But beneath our denials we know.

Will we not face the situation ? In the words of Lord Mountbatten: "The world now stands on the brink of the final abyss ... How can we stand by and do nothing to prevent the destruction of our world ?" Will we not face the fear, for there is nothing to fear but fear itself.

Paradoxically, the Bomb, the threat of mass annihilation, has a gift for us. If we do face the despair, if we face these perils consciously and openly together, then we begin to connect again with our true humanity. We can feel the strength of our caring and our courage, we can see each other as we are, beyond the myths and the roles - the miracle of being alive. We can reach out and touch. Together we can heal our world.

Graham

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"Broader than reform, deeper than revolution, this benign conspiracy for a new human agenda has triggered the most rapid cultural realignment in history. The great shuddering, irrevocable shift overtaking us is not a new political, religious or philosophical system. It is a new mind. It is the ascendance of a startling world view that gathers into its framework breakthrough science and insights from earliest recorded thought ...

"One by one we can re-choose to awaken. To leave the prison of our conditioning, to love, to turn homeward. To conspire with and for each other.

"Awakening brings its own assignments, unique to each of us, chosen by each of us. Whatever you may think about yourself, and however long you may have thought it, you are not just you. You are a seed, a silent promise. You are the conspiracy."

How you can help reduce the risk of a nuclear accident.

Please read this declaration carefully, sign it, and send it to your Member of Parliament at the House of Commons, Westminster, London SW1. **Please do this today.**

(The name of your MP is available from the House of Commons Information Room, telephone 01-219 4272, or from your local library.)

There are 17 nuclear power stations currently operating in the UK. None has complete secondary containment which might prevent release of radioactivity to the environment in the event of a major accident. Each has an assessed risk value of one major accident per 10,000 years of reactor life. Ten of the UK nuclear power stations have reactors now operating beyond their original 20-year design life and consequently outside their original design risk parameters:

Station	Date of commissioning	Station	Date of commissioning
Calder Hall	1956	Hinkley Point 'A'	1965
Chapelcross	1958	Hunterston 'A'	1964
Berkeley	1962	Oldbury on Severn	1967
Bradwell	1962	Sizewell 'A'	1966
Dungeness 'A'	1965	Trawsfynydd	1965

These reactors should be closed down as soon as practicably possible. During the next two years all other UK reactors should be re-examined for their safety in light of the Chernobyl disaster:

Station	Date of commissioning	Station	Date of commissioning
Hinkley Point 'B'	1976	Heysham II	Late 1980s
Hunterston 'B'	1976	Torness	Late 1980s
Dungeness 'B'	1984	Winfrith	1968
Hartlepool	1984	Dounreay	1975
Heysham I	Late 1980s		

Safety criteria, methods of assessing safety and findings of this study should constitute a major public enquiry (where, unlike

the Sizewell inquiry, independent critiques would be financed by Government grant aid).

All impending and future plans for nuclear reactors within the UK should be reassessed in light of the Chernobyl disaster. No new stations should be commissioned and none under construction should be completed. Research budgets should be diverted from expansion programmes to safety and waste containment.

The effect of these proposals would be to dramatically reduce the risk of a nuclear accident within the UK. Similar proposals have been put forward by Greenpeace for every nuclear country where Greenpeace campaigns and also for the Soviet Union.

In each of these countries (including USA, USSR, France, Canada and West Germany), Greenpeace is mounting major public educational and/or political lobbying campaigns to ensure that the nuclear industry, worldwide, is obliged to respond to the reality of the Chernobyl nuclear incident which has literally destroyed the credibility of all previous safety and impact assessments.

I have read and endorse the proposals set forth by Greenpeace in this declaration. I urge you, as my Member of Parliament, to give these proposals your deepest consideration and to make every effort to secure their immediate implementation.

Signed _____

Name _____

Address _____

For further information on this and the many other Greenpeace campaigns on environmental issues contact: Dave Thomas on Andover 59066.

Forthcoming local fund raising events:

Saturday 31st May (Morning) — Greenpeace Stall at the Retract Fair — Andover Guildhall

Sunday 13th July — Whale Walk — See local press for details.

Saturday 26th July (All day) — Charity Stall — Outside Tesco's

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