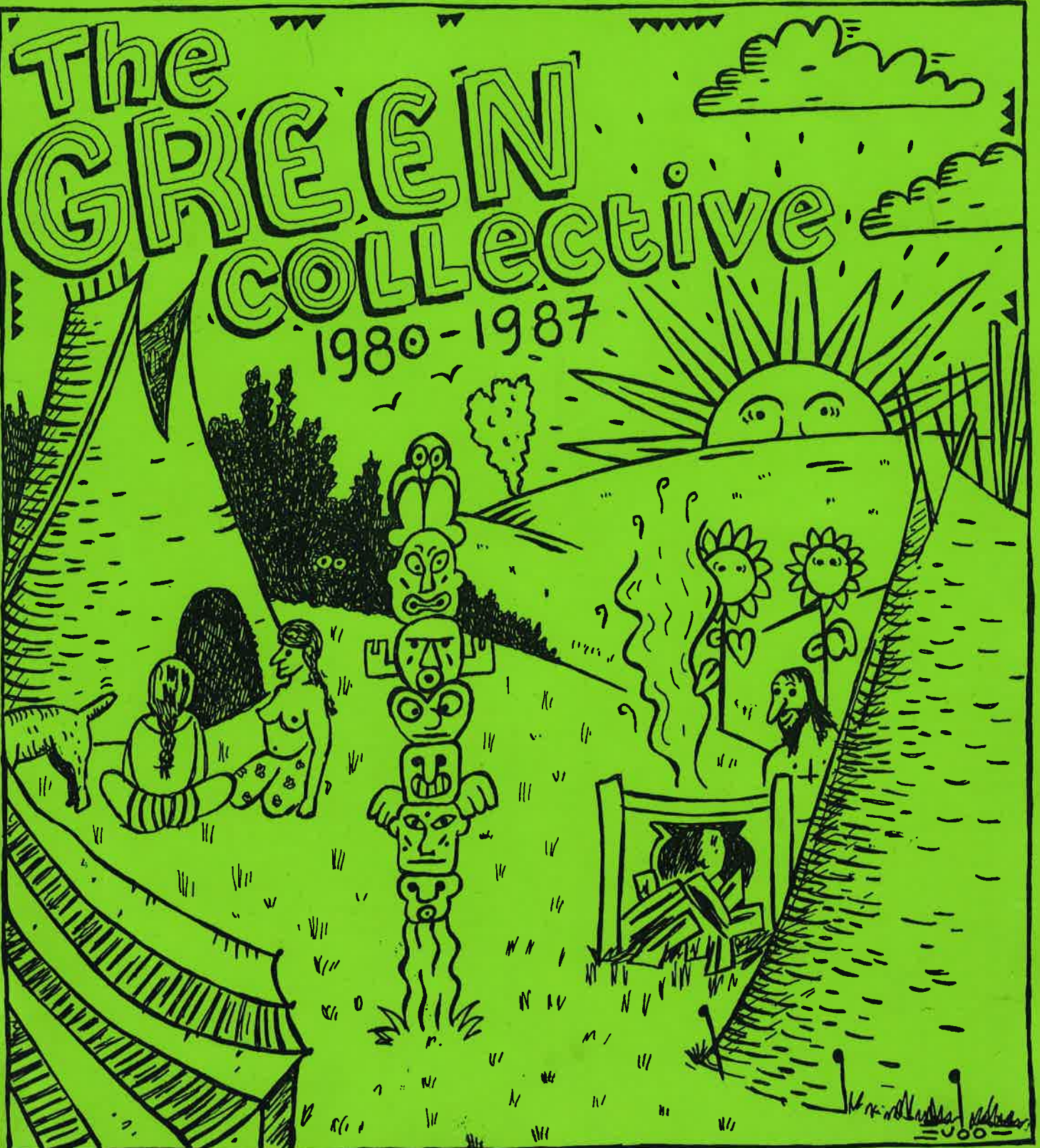


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PO Box 23,  
Glastonbury,  
Somerset.

It's taken a long time getting this Mailing together; and there won't, I'm afraid, be any more. The Collective meeting at the end of November did what I thought was a very good job of clearing up outstanding business such that there's no more need for regular meetings or mailings, but without formally winding up the Collective or closing down bank accounts. In any case, as was said at the time, we are a free association rather than a legally constituted body, so that really we continue as we are unless we decide to disassociate ourselves from each other altogether.

Nevertheless, the burden of maintaining the infrastructure - even a minimal one - has been lifted, releasing our energy for other things. Those of us around Glastonbury have local commitments, at least for the time being. It is the hope of many of us that the same is true around the country, and that over the next few years a whole pattern of local Green Gatherings will emerge.

The Green Collective has served its function; and I believe a very useful one. I have always seen our role, as a small group, as being facilitators for the Green Movement as a whole. I think we did well; but once there was no practical project to focus on, the energy started to dissipate.

It's ironic that during our last meeting, all weekend, the last few Green Collective leaflets were lying around, expressing our commitment to "understanding and working on our own personal insecurities" and "the bonds that exist between us, both as individuals and as groups"; and yet right to the end there was a desire to "get on with the business" rather than give enough time to our personal insecurities and individual bonds.

In its hey day, the Green Collective did behave like a family, on all levels, and that was why it worked. It's been sad to see this breaking down, though the process seems inevitable and it's time to move on with our new families and new projects. In any case, the Collective's 'Draft Constitution' which I produced 4 years ago (as the "work of a poet") suggests that the Collective exists not just in meetings, but is there with "Collective members at any other time, gathering for the purpose of planning or taking part in projects, or for the simple purpose of meeting to share each other's company".

The Green Collective is dead. Long live the Green Collective. I seem to have a stack of these 'Constitutions' still left, so I'd just as well send them out along with the Mailing. Do whatever you see fit with them.

I shall get into publishing something new before too long. Since I conveniently have your address, I shall most likely let you know about it when it happens and hope for your interest. Until such a time, whenever that may be, I wish you every blessing from whichever gods and spirits there are whose company you enjoy,

Lots of love,

# Has your subscription run out ?

## If not, what would you like to do with it ?

If you have outstanding copies of the Mailing still to come, we can offer you a choice of publications to transfer to.

The Travellers' Skool Bus Project produces a newsletter for the Friends of the Skool Bus - which you can become for an annual subscription of £5. Extracts from the most recent newsletter are included at the end of this Mailing.

Green Options is a new magazine for the wider Green Movement, published from Glastonbury. An annual subscription costs £5.50.

Both these projects have, loosely speaking, grown out of the Green Collective. If you let us know which you're most interested in, we will pass on the remainder of your subscription to whichever you like. The number of copies you still have to come is printed on the address label which guided this Mailing through the postage to you.

If you'd like to keep in touch with both, then send us a cheque for the relevant amount and we'll sort it out. If we don't hear from you at all, then presently you will receive a copy of the next issue of 'Green Options'.

## Green Options

A new, countrywide newsletter covering green politics and the wider movement. GREEN OPTIONS will be:

- \* reporting on the greening of politics, the parties and society at large.
- \* bringing together writers, thinkers, activists and others to explore new ways forward for the movement as a whole, especially fresh, co-operative structures centred in strength in diversity, local networking and community politics.
- \* informative: addresses, events etc., building issue by issue into a comprehensive network-reference file.
- \* independent and based in Glastonbury.

For a year's sub. (8 issues) please send £5.50 (65p for a sample copy) to Green Options (Q), Lockyer's Farm, Compton Dundon, Somerton, Somerset.  
Groups & institutions - £9.

A good collective is - extatic, pneumatic, erratic,  
has bats in its attic,  
is - electric, eccentric, eclectic,  
never misses a trick,  
is - dynamic, anti-cyclic, anti-panic,  
perseveres, through thin and thick,  
is - organic, pranic, magic,  
fits every Tom, Harry and Dick,  
(also Sue, Diana and Vic),

A good collective sometimes flies,  
Stays with it when grounded,

A good collective dots its eyes  
And knows when it's surrounded,

A good collective sees and hears and smells and knows it,  
A good collective has a nose and when it runs it blows it,

A good collective laughs and cries,  
A good collective never dies.

**A GOOD COLLECTIVE NEVER DIES.**

Long live the Green Collective.

Poppy Green.

**SAMHAIN GREEN COLLECTIVE MEETING: TURNER'S FIELD, COMPTON DUNDON (near GLASTONBURY), NOVEMBER 7/8 1987.**

The meeting was originally scheduled to take place at Lockyer's Farm, but on-going building work made this impractical. Our thanks to Ann Morgan for providing a space nearby at short notice.

The meeting had been called primarily to discuss what to do about the Collective (see Mailing 20, editorial) with so little energy available for maintaining the organisation. It was very appropriate that we met at Samhain, the Celtic new year, the festival of death and re-birth.

We had received several letters from people asking us "not to let the Collective die", and there were also a few at the meeting who felt that it should not end. It was clear too that because the Collective has never been formally constituted, it cannot really be formally closed down.

Nevertheless there was no solid practical reason for continuing the Collective, nor the energy to keep the organisation going for its own sake. There was no firm commitment towards or serious possibility of a major 1988 Green Gathering. The Pilton CND festival is not taking place this year; and anyway there was a feeling that we should not continue with the Green Field, at least not in the same way, or in the same context, within what has become an over-commercialised mega-festival. There was no practical focus in this way: whilst problems with organising meetings and putting out Mailings for their own sake, have by now made the whole thing untenable.

The meeting therefore took the Collective's various activities one by one, each time deciding "what shall we do about this then?" There was some discussion around an '88 Gathering, which everyone wanted to see happen, but which didn't give rise to any solid plans. There was also a representative from the "Oak Dragon rebels" (since named 'Rainbow Vision Camps), who would be keen to draw in anyone wanting to work on such events on a smaller scale than the old Green Gatherings. There was also a desire to encourage local Green Gatherings across the country.

When it came to meeting our responsibilities to subscribers, it was decided the best we could do would be to share out the outstanding subscription money between Green Options and the Skool Bus Project - so please let us know which you're most interested in. The Land Fund will continue independently, though at the moment there is no means of raising more funds.

All this took a lot of time and careful discussion, particularly as so many people have made such an emotional investment in the Collective over the years. It was all sorted out with a minimum of acrimony and a maximum of good will. There was talk of a "Green Collective Old Fogeys' Party", to be held later on perhaps at Lockyer's Farm.

There was a strong feeling that the end of the Green Collective would release energy for other projects; and that everyone had plenty to get on

with anyway. There was no decision made to close down the bank account or finish the Collective off completely; it can be easily resurrected should the need for it arise again.

### THE GREEN COLLECTIVE LAND FUND

The Land Fund group was constituted as an independent group of (initially) 5 people, entrusted with looking after the money and ultimately buying land, for the primary purpose of using as a Green Gathering site.

An initial meeting in December brought the group together but was inconclusive; it was agreed by all but one that it was important to learn to work together as a group before embarking on much in the way of plans and schemes: "It's better to take six years doing it right than six weeks doing it wrong" was one comment receiving general approval.

The Fund now contains about £700, which is still deposited with the Ecology Building Society. Since the meeting in December, closer contact has been made with the Peoples Land Group (Waterside), a group with very similar ideals and aspirations, who have just drawn up a Trust Deed and established themselves as a Trust (though not a charitable Trust).

Anyone interested in working with the Green Collective Land Fund group, and in helping with raising funds, finding suitable land to buy, envisioning its future and seeing the project through, please get in touch c/o PO Box 23, Glastonbury.

### GREEN GATHERINGS

People wishing to continue working on Green Gatherings and similar events may like to know about the Rainbow Vision Camps, a "breakaway" group formed out of last year's Oak Dragon Camps. They plan to hold a Green Politics Camp this summer, as well as other interesting events, and can be contacted at: Ferngrove Farm, Woolstone, Near Yeovil, Somerset.

The GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK has never been properly re-edited; but the original version plus various alterations and amendments is available in photocopied form. Cost £5, from Unique Publications, PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset.

### GREEN COLLECTIVE ARCHIVES

David Taylor is planning to collect together archives from the Green Collective and find space to store them at his home at Lockyer's Farm, near Glastonbury. In co-operation with Green Options and Unique Publications, this could be built up into a substantial library of green and alternative publications and documents.

### SUNFLOWERS TRADING

Sunflowers Trading has been passed on to Anne Waterhouse, a long-time green activist who already travels to summer fairs with the 'Sunflowers Cafe' and bookstall. Sunflowers Trading has never turned over a great deal - its main value has been in making campaigning material available to groups and individuals who need it. Anne will be able to keep stocks up to date and available; she can be contacted c/o Harewarren Cottage, Bishopstone Hill, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts.



GREEN COLLECTIVE TRADING

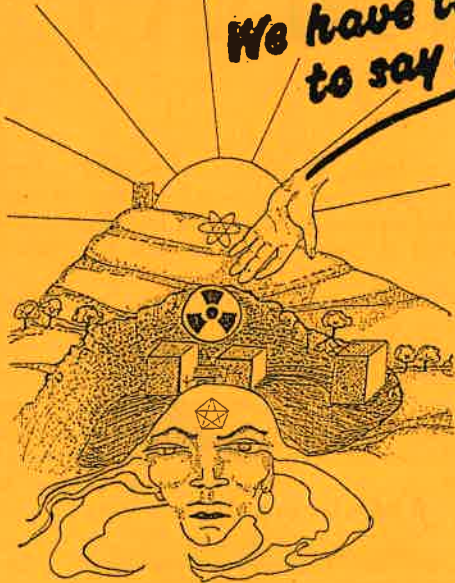
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### STOCK LIST AND ORDER FORM

	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Quantity Required</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
<u>Post Cards</u>			
Green Collective banner .....	.....	.....	.....
10 or more, each .....	.....	.....	.....
Dove flying over Tor (detail from banner) .....	0.20	.....	.....
10 or more, each .....	0.12	.....	.....
<u>T-shirts</u>			
'The Greens are Gathering' and sunflower motif, printed yellow on green cotton .....	S.....	.....	.....
size S,M,L, .....	4.50	M.....	.....
In bulk for re-sale .....	4.00	L.....	.....
<u>Booklets</u>			
'The Green Collective - the best from the Mailing - 1984' .....	1.00	.....	.....
Ditto - 1985 .....	1.00	.....	.....
2 booklets or more, each .....	0.75	.....	.....
<u>Envelope re-sealers</u>			
'The Greens are Gathering', green gold & black. Per 100 .....	2.50	.....	.....
5 packs or more, per 100 .....	2.00	.....	.....
<u>Badges</u>			
1 1/2" 'The Greens are Gathering' .....	0.25	.....	.....
10 or more, each .....	0.20	.....	.....
Green star reflector badges; metallic, 1" .....	0.50	.....	.....
5 or more, each .....	0.40	.....	.....
<u>Peel-off Sunflower stickers, 4 1/2":</u>			
'The Greens are Gathering' .....	0.30	.....	.....
'Liberate the Earth' .....	0.30	.....	.....
'Animal Liberation' .....	0.30	.....	.....
'Women's Liberation' .....	0.30	.....	.....
'Green QND' .....	0.30	.....	.....
10 stickers or more, each .....	0.20	.....	.....
<u>Peel-off stickers, 1 1/2" 'The Greens are Gathering':</u>			
per sheet of 20 .....	0.50	.....	.....
10 sheets or more, per sheet .....	0.40	.....	.....
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'The Greens are Gathering': per 100 ....	1.00	.....	.....
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Send to: 'Sunflowers', c/o Anne Waterhouse, Harewarren Cottage, Bishopstone Hill, Wilton, Salisbury, Wilts.			

# Consumers Against Nuclear Energy

*We have the power to say NO*



One practical way of opposing nuclear power is to withhold payment from your electricity bill for the proportion generated by nuclear power stations (this proportion varies from 11% to 17% depending on whose estimate you use). SWEB may like to cut off your electricity supply for doing this, but they have to go through a whole series of procedures first - by which time your next electricity bill should be just about due. In any case, if you can establish a 'bona fide dispute' with them, they can't cut you off at all.

Details of all this, plus a comprehensive briefing pack, are available from 'Consumers Against Nuclear Energy', PO Box 697, London NW1 8YQ. They would appreciate a donation of at least £1 (though copies of the Briefing Pack can be obtained from Unique Publications for £2). In the mean time, here's a copy of a letter sent by some intrepid anti-nukers in Glastonbury:

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is a cheque for £59.30, which represents 89% of my recent electricity bill for £66.62. The remaining 11% (£7.32) is the proportion of my electricity supply estimated to be generated by nuclear power, which I am afraid I am unable to pay in full.

You will, of course, be aware of your statutory obligations to supply my electricity as safely and cheaply as possible. Since nuclear-generated power is neither safe nor cheap, and since its proliferation has now reached a point where it threatens incalculable disaster, it has become necessary for me as a consumer to withhold payment of this portion of my electricity bill. Before doing so, I have given the matter great thought and consideration.

I quite understand that you have no direct control over generating policy; indeed, that nuclear power and all its attendant problems and dangers have been foisted upon all of us - both consumers such as myself, and those who work in the electricity industry. As a consumer, it is for me to face up to my own part of the responsibility for the present intolerable situation, which means I am bound to refuse to pay for that which I thoroughly deplore and wish to disassociate myself from completely. For yourself, I hope that you will be using what influence you may have - perhaps through the position of your Board's Chairman on the Electricity Council - to have the Central Electricity Generating Board's policy of nuclear generation

stopped. I would be grateful for any indication that you are doing this; particularly now, with the recently announced plans to build a third nuclear power station in our immediate area, at Hinkley Point.

In the mean time, I feel it would be best for me to withhold the whole of the portion of my bill relating to nuclear power. I should make it clear that I am quite able to pay this amount, and quite willing to pay such a proportion of it as would represent payment for electricity generated by a more sensible means. The money has been deposited with the Campaign Against Nuclear Energy Trust (about which I can give you full details if you wish), and will be forwarded to you as soon as the nuclear generation of electricity has been stopped in the South West region; or, failing that, as soon as we can come to an amicable agreement as to what the price for this amount of electricity should be. Any claim by you for payment beyond such a price is an unwarranted surcharge, over and above the cost of provision, as safely and cheaply as possible, of electricity.

I shall be contacting technical experts concerned with energy production and its economic and environmental impact, hoping to obtain a clear picture of the comparative overall cost of electricity generated by nuclear, fossil fuel, and renewable means. I do not have any statistics to hand at present; but it is well known that the privatisation of the electricity industry could go ahead much more easily, but for private industry's reluctance to take on the economic responsibility for nuclear generating plant. This speaks for itself.

Nevertheless, it will be necessary to agree upon a precise amount, in cash terms, which should be deducted from my electricity bill. This may involve a considerable amount of research and mathematics, and I would ask for your co-operation in this. I presume that the C.E.G.B. have produced their own costings for nuclear generation, though they would undoubtedly not include adequate provision for such things as dismantling irradiated power stations after only 30 years of useful life, or the storage for extremely long periods of huge quantities of nuclear waste. However, I would be grateful if you could let me have a break-down of the "official" cost of nuclear power.

No doubt there will in the end be a need to compromise on this matter, and perhaps we could do this within the terms of paragraph 37(7) of the Electricity Act, 1947, which does of course give you the discretionary power to "enter into an agreement with any consumer" where "the tariffs in force are not appropriate owing to special circumstances".

It is not my purpose to take up space here with presenting my full reasons for being sure that the circumstances in which we find ourselves are "special". You will be well aware of the arguments both against and for the use of nuclear technology generally. I would simply like to put it to you that the level of public debate, and the fact that people like myself are forced out of conscience to take what would normally be the drastic remedy of withholding part payment for the electricity bill, are circumstances special enough.

I appeal for your understanding in this matter, and look forward to the day when nuclear power is no longer used to generate our electricity. In the mean time, I trust that we can come to an arrangement which will allow for my conscience as well as paying you reasonably for doing the best you can (in the circumstances) to supply me with electricity safely, efficiently and cheaply.

# "IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY"

DAVID TAYLOR

It's a long time since I first stood up at an Ecology Party conference in April 1980 to call the first meeting that was to launch the Green Collective. I had proposed that the Party abandon its Spring Policy Conference in favour of a Summer Camp that would allow participation from people outside the Party and generally establish an atmosphere where we could exchange more than policy papers. The vote, unfortunately, was lost; but despite this a group met immediately after that session, to begin planning the first 'Ecology Party Summer Gathering'.

It had always seemed strange to me that the hippy/alternative festival people were not more closely linked with the ecologists. I felt as if the two groups belonged together. In a sense I was trying to unite my two personal worlds - of Ecology Party meetings and actions on the one hand, and of a cultural 'hippy revolution' on the other. The creative and sometimes antagonistic tension between these forces have characterised the Gatherings ever since.

Still, the Glastonbury Green Gatherings certainly stirred things up; on one occasion provoking a hostile editorial in the Guardian, on another stimulating a Sun photographer into rushing down from London in search of 900 naked hippies marching on Shepton Mallet police station!

From the start, our political objective was to develop the concept of a 'Green Movement', as opposed to the more limited idea of a 'Political Party'. We wanted change on all fronts, and above all in the way in which we actually lived; a revolution that truly did begin in our own lives. In that objective I can't help feeling that we've opened the bottle on a genie that will never go back inside. Ecological politics has become green politics, and there are now many more thousand greens outside the 'Green Party' than inside it.

It's impossible to even begin to count the changes in people, the coming together of new groups and businesses, that began through the Green Gatherings. In that way I think our achievement has been a subtle one, unnoticed except by those who were directly involved. We have had a catalytic role in helping start 'green gatherings' of many kinds and in many places, both here and abroad.

For me personally, I can honestly say that the Green Collective revolutionised my life. I am a different person because of it, and I'm sure many others will echo these thoughts. How many Green Collective mem-

bers moved into tipis, buses or communal houses? How many changed their diets, felt inspired to take radical direct action, or experienced a spiritual re-birth? No wonder the government is trying to stamp out festivals!

I will always remember the Molesworth Green Gathering as the most successful piece of direct action I've participated in. When we set up a legal Gathering on private land near Glastonbury, the press and the police hounded us constantly. At Molesworth, where we squatted the U.S. government's next cruise missile base, the police gave us no trouble at all and the local TV couldn't have been more sympathetic. The Green Gathering became a Green Village, which in turn became the Rainbow Village and stayed there for six months; finally provoking (deliberately and carefully) the most ridiculous over-reaction anyone could have imagined: three thousand soldiers and police, the biggest Royal Engineers' operation since the crossing of the Rhine, and Michael Heseltine himself parading around in a combat jacket ...

At that point the Green Collective had reached quite a high point in its development: the Green Roadshow was visiting fairs and festivals throughout the country spreading the message, the Green Field was establishing its reputation as the best place to be at the CND festival, and Sunflowers had developed a big turnover of stickers and other publicity items. Ideas and plans were getting big; but ironically this was also the turning point for the Collective. The Molesworth event was the last national Green Gathering. Without the Gathering the cohesiveness of the group gradually dissipated, until it was finally wound up at the Samhain meeting last year.

The time may not be right at the moment for a national Green Gathering, but I feel certain it will return. At the moment the Land Fund is still our best hope. The Gathering will never be secure unless we actually buy our own site. The Green Gathering might be temporarily lost in the mists of Avalon, but if enough of us will it, the mists will clear. Back in 1982, at the first actual 'Green' gathering, a new collective soul was born. Wild man Jonathon was everywhere, hugging and kissing, celebrating the BIRTH. That baby is a young child now, in need of all the nourishment we can give it. Celebrate your birthday!



## CHRONOLOGY

April 1980	Initial meeting at the Ecology Party Spring Policy Conference.
July/August 1980	First 'Ecology Party Summer Gathering', Worthy Farm, Pilton, near Glastonbury.
July/August 1981	Second 'Ecology Party Summer Gathering', Worthy Farm.
July/August 1982	First Glastonbury 'Green Gathering', Worthy Farm.
July/August 1983	Second Glastonbury Green Gathering, Lambert's Hill Farm, Shepton Mallet.
November 1983	Green Collective meeting establishes project groups including Green Roadshow, Collective Land Fund, Green Field.
March 1984	First Green Collective Mailing.
June 1984	Green Roadshow on the road. First 'Green Field' at the CND Festival, Pilton.
August/September 1984	Molesworth Green Gathering, USAF Molesworth, Cambridgeshire.
February 1985	Eviction from Molesworth.
June 1985	Second, enlarged Green Field, CND Festival, Pilton.
June 1986	'Convoy' eviction from Stoney Cross; Green Field provides sanctuary.
June 1987	Fourth Green Field, CND Festival, Pilton.

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WELCOME ALL



# THE GREEN ROADSHOW

AT THE GREEN COLLECTIVE MEETING last November, I suggested putting 'Mailing' on behalf of the Collective; and in suggesting it I volunteered to produce it. It was an idea which I had in my mind for some while.

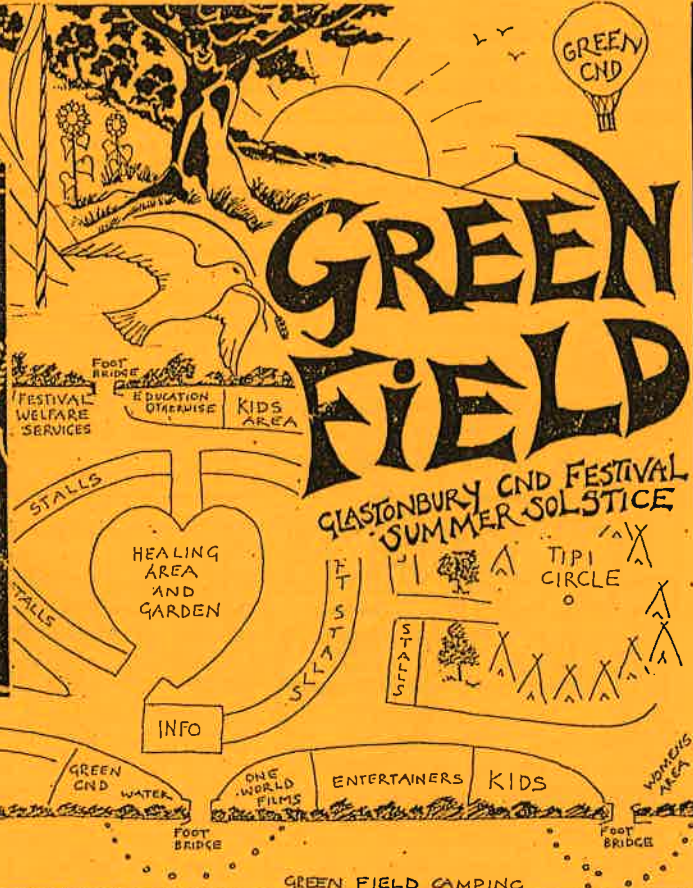
Sunflowers



**THE GREENS ARE GATHERING**

26-31 JULY 1983

LAMBERTS HILL FARM, PILTON  
SHERTON MALLEY, SOMERSET



Tuesday February 5th: Full Moon

Hundreds of police have just surrounded Rainbow Fields and have told us all to leave within the hour. Those who don't will be left till the morning when a coach will be here for women and children and the rest of us removed with minimum force. The army are waiting on the other side of the base; we saw the lights of a huge convoy moving around the road. We saw it from the fireside after the sweet lodge.

I don't know if I'll manage to get this printed but I'll try to find a duplicator tomorrow. Some bits of the mailing (like the bits about the Collective's own activities!) haven't been typed yet.

I feel sad and hurt and powerless. There's hundreds of them, and roadblocks outside, and the phones dead. Goodbye Rainbow Fields (I think) ... long live the Rainbow Tribe.

# GREEN GATHERING

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UNIQUE PUBLICATIONS, publishers of 'Stonehenge '85' and 'Stonehenge '86', are still looking for material to include in a publication which will record and celebrate the pilgrimage to Stonehenge in 1987.

If anyone has stories, writings, pictures, poems, experiences, legal documents, or any other material which may be of use, it would be great to hear from you. Original material can be photocopied and returned straight away if required.

We can't afford to pay you, though we'll happily send you a few copies on publication.

Please contact Bruce or Pixie, c/o PO Box 23, Glastonbury, Somerset. (Also write to this address for full details of 'Unique publications' so far).



#### A REAL KAVOOM

Still living in someone else's chemical nine to five daydream? Someone else's social behaviour pattern? Struggling to function in a mutated society built on perverted ideals? WELL HERE IS A TRUTH:

Nature functions as an inter-related and interdependent group of organisms co-existing as a whole. One world. And we are part of that.

Human being is the point in nature that looks out into ethereal space, the realm of possibilities. This is where our creativity and expression stem from. We have the power to manifest our dreams; through time, effort, and above all, will. It is in this way that we shape our future, our destiny. But we can either dream a fertile evolution, or cut our own throats by dreaming in dis-ease with the whole. It matters not which; we are dispensable. Our responsibility is, therefore, to ourselves; to dream well and not be bound by any conditioned perception of reality or how to act within it.

DO NOT FIGHT THE CONDITIONING, for to fight it is to still be attached to and reacting with it. Rather, let go of it - in submission to ourselves. To be free to dream as nature intends - to become true human - Human Veritas. We must forget all we have been told we are. We do not need belief systems to exist in truth. Give up all conclusions you have not arrived at by yourselves. Give up this writing. Give up all cultures

and alternate cultures and their teachings. Submit now. Be free to create the new untarnished. Can we really be free without this state of being? Life is calling. Are you receiving?

YOU KNOW YOU KNOW, RE - LEAVE CONTROL,  
DON'T PLAN IT - LEAVE IT UP TO THE PLANET.

A REAL KAVOOM, tapes etc, Treglyn, Gover Valley, St Austell, Cornwall PL25 5RD.

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THE SEVENTH ASSEMBLY OF THE FOURTH WORLD will be held from July 31st - August 4th 1988 at Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina, U.S.A., under the general theme of HUMAN SCALE ACTION TO MEET THE GLOBAL CRISIS.

There will be specialist Forums on Spirituality, Economics, Politics, Communication, Land & Money, Ethnic Peoples, Ecology & Bioregionalism. We have an urgent need for soundly reasoned papers on these subjects which are relevant to the general theme, and these should be sent to: THE PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATOR, JUBAL STUCKI, 3030 Sleepy Hollow Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22042, U.S.A.

The Assembly fee is only \$140, for which all meals, comfortable lodging and Assembly facilities are provided in a very delightful ambience. Bookings should be sent to: THE ASSEMBLY CONVENOR, JIM BERRY, 8420 Camelia Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27612, U.S.A.

Some scholarships will be available. We would be grateful if you could bring these details to the attention of your readers ...

John Papworth, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8.



## Play for Life

An organization for promoting cooperation between parents, teachers and the toy trade and industry to create life affirming playthings for children.

GROWING UP TO LOVE NATURE by Elizabeth Stutz, published by 'Play for Life', 60p plus 30p p&p.

The author believes that a close bond with nature during childhood is a fortifying influence for life. In this pamphlet she explores ways in which children can encounter wildlife today, despite the despoliation of the Earth by modern civilisation. The natural world is discovered in unexpected places, and children are able to experience something of the process of creation with a little help from adults.

Elizabeth Stutz is a founder member of Play for Life, a grandmother, nature lover and one-time teacher. The pamphlet is available from: 31B Ipswich Road, Norwich NR2 2LN.

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#### ONE WORLD FILMS DISASTER APPEAL

We are a non-profit organisation concerned with development and environmental education, providing an audio-visual resource from the Development and Environment Centre in Norwich. During the summer we run a mobile project, taking a free video show and cafe to a variety of outside events, from which we support ourselves and the volunteers who help us. From the Centre we hire out

In August, after several very successful events, we were booked to appear at a Tree Fair to be held at Geldeston in Norfolk, where we were to provide our



usual free show in return for which our expenses were to be paid. We arrived several days early to give plenty of time to set up, and were directed by the organisers to the position they wanted us, where we very soon got stuck. We were left there overnight, and by morning torrential rain had created a small lake round our project vehicle, a Bedford pantechnicon removal truck converted into a mobile home and video control centre. Still the organisers failed to get us towed off, and the rain continued for two more days until the water had risen to 8 feet deep and was 3 feet inside the truck. At this point we decided to abandon our summer home and all our equipment, and were rescued by canoe along with our kitten who by now had acquired the status of ship's cat.

The following five days were spent with friends and a hired inflatable, salvaging equipment and ferrying back to dry land across what was by now a mile-wide inland sea. We were able to rescue the video equipment and tapes with only minimal damage, and much of our other equipment. The marquee got damp and is now weakened from mould, the generator was submerged and does not work, and other things were totally ruined. We could not afford the premium for fully comprehensive insurance cover and are therefore having to claim from the organisers' insurance, which is likely to take a considerable time. In the mean time we have to continue, and we are asking for donations large and small to help us in this moment of real need.

Equipment needed includes a video recorder, TV, generator, video tapes, and a small vehicle for travelling to the office and general running around, as well as a replacement for our project vehicle in time to get it ready for next summer. We also have overheads for the office to meet, such as rent, rates, heating and telephone.

Please send your donation to One World Films Disaster Appeal, 38-40 Exchange Street, Norwich, Norfolk. We will personally acknowledge every donation.



**CLOAK 'N' DAGGER** is an experienced group of actors and musicians (currently five men and two women) presenting topical satirical material based mainly on peace and anti-nuclear struggles.

The group got its start four years ago with a musical play, "The Cruise Missile Farce", at the Malvern Fringe Festival. Bruce Kent called it the funniest anti-nuclear play he had ever seen.

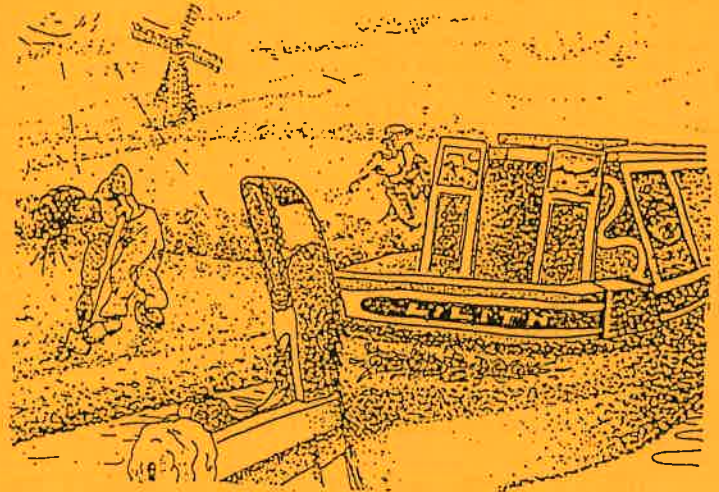
Since then CLOAK 'N' DAGGER have performed twice at both the CND National Conference and the Glastonbury Festival, received an invitation to the Edinburgh Festival, toured extensively in the West Midlands, and were the hit of the Malvern Fringe Festival on their fourth appearance their in May 1987.

For further information or booking enquiries, contact Sarah - Tel: 06845 3427.

#### CITY CANALS - A SPORTING CHANCE

British Waterways Board have organised a seminar to highlight the potential of canals, their towing paths and associated buildings for sport and recreation. Canoeing, boating, walking, cycling and adventure activities will be discussed. Development of existing buildings is another important issue. Presentations will be given by people in the forefront of their field, using the canals as a resource on your doorstep. The seminar will be held on 26th January at the Botanical Gardens, Birmingham. Cost £15. For more details contact: Eliza Dalleigh, Recreation Project Officer, Birmingham 021 454 7091.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME ON A CANAL BOAT BUSKING TO RAISE MONEY FOR GREEN DESERTS THIS SUMMER (EASTER TO OCTOBER) CONTACT CESS OR CHRIS, C/O ASHTON CANAL CARRIERS, HANOVER ST NORTH, AUDENSHAW, MANCHESTER M34.



#### PEOPLES LAND GROUP (WATERSIDE)

The Peoples Land Group is a new initiative in the liberation of the land. It has been formed by people who are concerned about the unfair and destructive effects of land ownership. A democratic stewardship Trust has been devised, as a means of taking land out of the market to be cared for perpetually.

Land Groups will grow by a process of cell division and will not be able to grow into faceless bureaucracies. Membership has to be open to all so that they cannot become exclusive clubs. Members, who are all equal trustees (no Lords or Dukes as figureheads) pay a small percentage of their income towards the purchase of land. The group accepts that there is an inconsistency in purchasing land from people who can't own it anyway, but there seems no practical alternative at the moment.

The first Peoples Land Group is a waterside group, intending to acquire land beside navigable waterways for organic growing, boat moorings and repairs, wild land, and many other non-destructive uses. This group is not exclusively for boaters, but people; there are members in many parts of the country with different interests. The P.L.G. Waterside intends to be a seed group, dividing to form new, daughter groups, spreading throughout the country.

Anyone interested in the Land Group and its original approach to the problem of nurturing the Earth's surface should contact: Peoples Land Group (Waterside), Ty Gwydr/The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd, Cymru.

This

DECLARATION OF TRUST is made the day of One thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven by MARTIN WILKS of Flat 4, 11 Walmer Villas, Bradford in the County of West Yorkshire, CLAIRE CRUMPTON of 274 Preston New Road, Southport, Merseyside, NIGEL WHALE of 40 Hardey Street, Ramsgate in the County of Kent, LOUISE GABB of 4 Frederick Road, Stapleford in the County of Nottingham, ELAINE WALKER of 5 Dorset Grove in the City of Bristol, SIDNEY RAWLE of 17 Chateworth Road, London, NW3, CELIA KIBBLEWHITE of Slough Cottages, Turnstone, Vowchurch in the County of Hereford and Worcester, JONOTHAN CLARK of 3 Belgrave Road, Barnes, London, SW13, NAOMI KAREN BAGEL of 25 Spillman Street, Carmarthen in the County of Dyfed, ALEXANDER POTTER of 25 Spillman Street, Carmarthen aforesaid, VICKY MOLLER of Madongle Isaf, Newport in the County of Fembrele and RACHEL CHARLOTTE of 5B Linom Road, London, SW4 7FB (hereinafter called "the Trustees" which expression shall include the Trustees or Trustee for the time being hereof)

WHEREAS:-

- (1) It has been resolved to constitute a Trust for the charitable objects hereinafter declared
- (2) The Trustees have raised the sum of £270 and intend to raise other funds and accept gifts for the said objects

NOW THIS DEED WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED as follows:-



DECEMBER '87

WINTER SOLSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT  
**Test Certificate**  
 KK 0837148

The motor vehicle of which the Registration Mark is JUR 994 C having been examined under section 43 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, it is hereby certified that at the date of the examination thereof the statutory requirements prescribed by Regulations made under the said section 43 were complied with in relation to the vehicle

Vehicle Type GVTS 21 Make EDFORD  
 Date of issue 06/06/87 Date of expiry 06/06/88  
 Registration Number N11 Registration Number of previous holder 37990  
 If a grant is made under section 43(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, the maximum weight of the vehicle is 4,000 kg

Signature of Test Inspector *M. B. ...*

THE SECRETARY,  
 24, CLIVE ST.,  
 HEREFORD, HR1 2SB.

N.G.E.C. SUPPORT

THE GYPSY / HIPPI DILEMA!

We were invited to speak at this meeting of the National Gypsy Education Council on 17-10-'87 about the Travellers' School and in particular the Skool Bus project. It was very useful to discuss the issues with the few N.G.E.C. members who made it through the storms to that meeting. Fears were voiced that New Age Travellers were 'mimicking' the Traditional Traveller ways but messing up the scene through their ignorance. Several questions about the different aspirations of the Gypsy and Hippy groups were clarified.

Gypsy culture is having to adapt rapidly to the changes since 30 years ago when they could live well outside of the mainstream/settled culture with adequate seasonal work and stopping places and no real need for literacy or formal education. They now see the need for their children to learn to exist within an increasingly beurocratic and high-tech. society within which they are being gradually assimilated as they lead a more settled life on permanent/legal sites. What the gypsy 'representatives' and individuals we have met have almost unanimously stated they desired for their children was access to the same education and rights as the Gorgios.

It must be clear that the Skool Bus is aimed at the New Traveller families as distinct from the Gypsies though there may be some traditional Travellers who make use of our facilities in the future. Some New Travellers are on the road to get away from stifling beurocracy others are consciously seeking a new way of living closer to the Earth, to the Tribe, and toward a sustainable/ecologically sound existance. Many will always maintain their mobility, others will ultimately settle into communities where and when they feel useful accepted and at home. There is a need/aspiration in the New Travellers NOW for a different kind of education to that currently offered by the State. The Skool Bus and the New Travellers' School Charity are beggining to fill this gap in provision by helping those "New Age" Travellers who wish to take responsibility for their childrens' education have the necessary information and support needed to do so, both in and out of state schools.

The N.G.E.C. voted to support us in this venture. Our thanks to them. Festival Welfare Services have also given their support to our aims. We will also be approaching NCCL, MRG, ACERT, SCF, ERU etc for support.

The confusion over the differing needs of these Traveller groups is agrovated by the laws' deffinition of a Gypsy and extends to worry Councils and the Dept. Environment over site provision. I am in the process of writing a discussion paper to try and clarify the situation and defuse the defensive and destructive attitudes of both sides. "When is a Gypsy not a Gypsy?"

The Skool Bus is now all legal (honest) , it only lacks shelving , surfaces , floor covering and seating to make it truly ready for developing as it is used . The bus needs lots of tools , grease , oil , green/blue/yellow paint and a small calor gas bottle and regulator.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Is the aim of Charity to, "Support and encourage Traveller families in obtaining the kind of education they feel is best for them?" and to furnish them with the information about what is available and what their Rights are . The Skool Bus as a project initiated by New Traveller families and supporters may be defined as having a GREEN or wholistic educational philosophy ..... following the rainbow vision .....previously we have suggested that it was part of a movement in Multi-Cultural education but the path to a truly Multi-cultural society is through anti-racist/sexist/oppression ; it is liberation , education for diversity .

These aims need to be clarified as distinct or combined philosophies , having regard for the limits to which our charitable status will allow , in terms of what is political etc. I am working on a draft statement which could be available at the next meeting . Anyone not coming who would like to see and amend this draft should send me a note and an S.A.E.

CHARITY NEWS

We now have our Trust Deeds , bound up in GREEN tape I am attempting to get all the Trustees signatures on it before Xmas but whenever the NCVO receive them from us (duely signed ) it will still take at least 7 weeks before we are given our registration No. In future we may need to have seperate Charity/business meetings from the Skool Bus/practical planning meetings , though in practice they may remain the same . We will need an office / base /workshop and people taking ( and being given) responsibilities . We will need a Lawyer ... any ideas ...

NEW TRAVELLERS

○ MEETING 22-24 January 1988 at Twr Gwyn , Penwch , Nr. Tregaron , W.Wales . Tel.Llangeitho 238

Meeting and accomodation in a newly converted dance/workshop space , local park-ups , co-operative catering,kids and costs .

Arrive in area from 20th,meetings :  
SAT. 2.00-4.00 confer on proposals,news.  
SUN.11.00-1.00 DESTINATION , DELEGATION .  
To be followed by .....

○ BENEFIT At THE LAST VISIBLE DOG 27thJAN Tel.097423 318

Also in PENWCH . If the coincidences keep on flowing this gig promises to be a magic event Cosmic conections to far-out Reggae and Rock.

ANOTHER BENEFIT At Ilford Town Hall 12thDEC. The History of Gardening , in London,Saturday

Please let us know if you can put on a benefit and need any help , info , exhibitions etc.

.....LEGAL.....LEGAL.....LEGAL.....LEGAL.....  
Living vehicles ,

All ex-commercial/HGVehicles which are now private/light goods are now eligible for road-side inspection by the MOT to check that MOT standards are maintained . This new law takes the place of a rumoured change in MOT procedure to make such vehicle inspection to Plating standard and drivers to HGV.

★ Merry SOLSTICE from Richie,Celia & Oliver,

**Travelers Skool Bus Benefit**

SKOOL BUS

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD UNITE  
★ STAND TOGETHER IN PEACE ★  
SAVE THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

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7:00 TRAVELLER VIDEOS..TT. £2.00

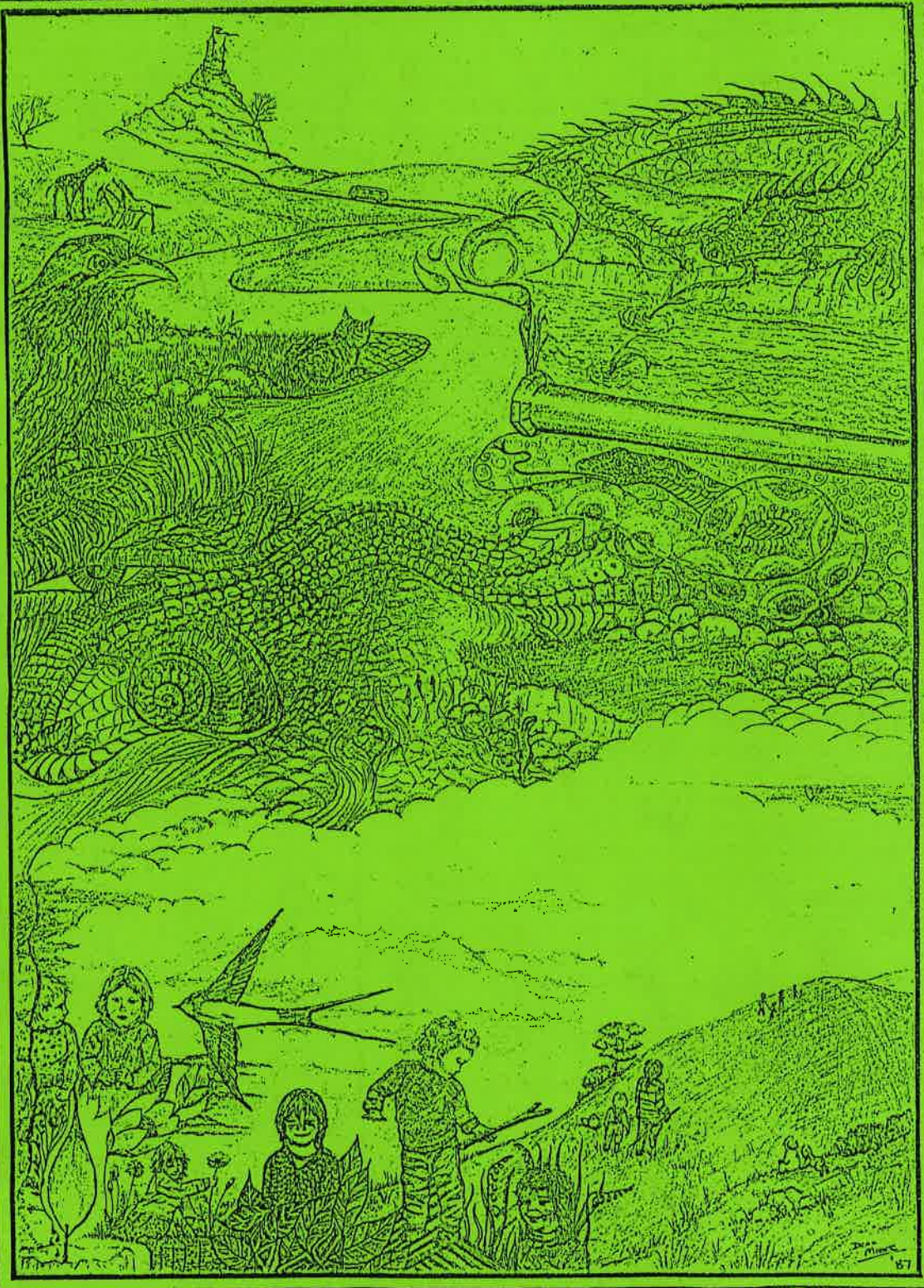
10:00 SOUL TRADERS @ FESTIVAL @ DOORS OPEN 7:00pm

TILL LATE 12:00 ISRAEL MOVEMENTS

\*PHONE LLANGEITHO 238 FOR DETAILS + DIRECTIONS.

We do not inherit the earth from our fathers  
the earth also children the we give

Friends of the Skool Bus



New Travelers - School

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