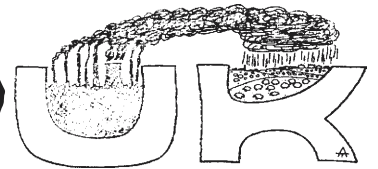




WAKE UP! WAKE UP! ITS YER CLIMATIC

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WEATHERCOCK-UP

"The oil companies have already found enough oil to cause dangerous climate change. Yet they continue to look for more. The effects on the climate could be catastrophic." Greenpeace

When we hear the words 'climate change' there's a tendency for all of us to find a large hole and stick our heads in it, or to rave on about how we could do with a bit more sunshine anyway, so what's the big deal. Which is understandable really when faced with the world's biggest threat.

Big business' answer, on the other hand, is to either put a few solar panels on the odd petrol station or set up dodgy front organisations (let's call them the Global Climate Coalition) that pay scientists to tell us climate change is a load of old cobblers and we should carry on regardless.

Which is what big business has been doing this week at the World Petroleum Congress in Calgary, Canada. This is a gathering for the oil industry to get together and discuss new business ventures and share ideas. In other words, to decide what country they can mess up next.

Still, no meeting of big business goes without a hitch these days, and unfortunately, those enjoying the conference found that their little party was somewhat disrupted by a few uninvited guests. A solar and wind energy system was installed in front of the conference with a large banner proclaiming "Sunshine's Free. What's Oil costing us?" A major speech by oil giants BP Amoco was disrupted and some 25,000 people took part in a rally that wound its way through the city. Around Calgary the consensus appeared to be that enough was enough, as one resident commented, "It's time for Big Oil to get out of its business of global warming, human rights violations and environmental degradation."

So what's the big deal?

Severe storms, floods, droughts, dust storms, crumbling coastlines, salt water intrusion, failing crops, dying forests, the flooding of low-lying islands, and the spread of diseases such as malaria and dengue fever are a few of the things we can look forward to if the consumption of fossil fuels is not phased out. But is this just the deranged rantings of men and women with beards who eat too many lentils?

Well, at the recent World Economic Forum meeting in Davos, Switzerland, the world's top chief executives and heads of

government were asked to vote on what issue they considered the biggest threat to business over the next century. The result? Global climate change.

No, the real problem is how to try and stop it happening. As Mark Lynas of Corporate Watch points out: "The only realistic way to confront both climate change and the inequalities which create it is for ordinary people to organise globally and create a new approach. If this seems initially like a mammoth task, consider the successes already achieved by the movements against genetic engineering and the World Trade Organisation. Such a movement should focus on the collective, not the individual - rather than asking for personal lifestyle sacrifices ('give up your car' or 'switch off the heating') it should focus on the positive change a collective decision can make."

So, we better get organising, cos as a letter from The Met Office put it "Ignoring climate change will surely be the most costly of all possible choices, for us and our children."

A few facts to spoil the festie season

* Forget the suntan. Recent scientific studies suggest that the Atlantic Gulf Stream could decline or shut down altogether as a result of disruption to the system from melting Arctic ice. This would plunge the UK and Ireland into a near ice-age, with a climate equivalent to that of Labrador in Canada or even Siberia. Brrr.

* The first climate change casualty? The golden toad is now thought to be extinct after its home in the Costa Rica cloud forests became dry and warm.

* The early break up of the sea ice in the Arctic is giving polar bears such a short hunting season that they are starving to death.

* Exxon Mobil is a leading supporter of the Global Climate Coalition, which aims to convince us that global warming doesn't exist. Which isn't surprising really when you find out that the company is the seventh largest carbon producer in the world.

* The impact of climate change will create millions of new refugees, as whole regions become uninhabitable through food and water shortages, and as towns and cities fall victim to rising seas, increased flooding and violent storms.

CRAP ARREST OF THE WEEK

* **For trying to speak.** Two people who went to speak at a teach-in on the human rights and environmental impacts of the oil industry we're arrested, detained, and denied entry by Canadian immigration officials at Calgary International Airport. The officials told the two that they were detained because of their involvement in activities critical of the World Petroleum Congress.

WORLD BANKERS

"The Bank is working with developing countries to pilot a more inclusive and more integrated approach to its development mission." World Bank statement.

Tell that to the nomadic Baka and Bakola people who face losing their homes and land if the World Bank agrees to a \$225 million loan so a pipeline can ferry oil from

Southern Chad through the rainforests of Cameroon to the sea. On its way it will weave a trail of ecological destruction and social displacement, helping to precipitate climate change and prop up the Chad security forces who have so far killed over 200 people who have dared to object to the scheme. The African Forest Action Network reckon the World Bank should pull out of funding the pipeline on the grounds that it would be in clear violation of two of their stated objectives, those of poverty alleviation and sustainable development.

* Check out the **Ecologist** magazine's cheery-as-you-like special edition all about climate change. Send 4 quid, cheques to "The Ecologist" PO Box 326, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8FA.

* For more about the protests against the **World Petroleum Congress** check out www.nisto.com/activism/project/petrol.html

* To find out about **up-and-coming** UK-based grassroots climate change campaigns, email meltingpoint@cupboard.org

* **Resist The UN Climate Summit** at The Hague 13-24 Nov. Contact Rising Tide, c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Ave., Leeds, LS7 3HB 0113 262 9365 www.squat.net/climate

* For positive solutions contact **Centre for Alternative Technology**, Machynlleth, Powys, SY20 9AZ Tel 01654 702400 www.cat.org.uk

IT'S YER SCHNEWS SUMMER GUIDE TO PARTY AND PROTEST

JUNE 16-21 **Stonehenge Free Festival** 20 miles from the Stones Tel 07931 131233 on the 16th for directions. 16-18 **Solstice Eco-fest**. 01522 829067. 16-24 **National Anti-Angling Week**. Campaign for the Abolition of Angling 0870 458 4176. www.anti-angling.com/ 17 - 18 **Leamington Peace Festival FREE** 120 stalls & catering by the Anarchist Teapot. Sorry no camping. Tel 01926 493214 www.digitalasylum.co.uk/lpf Sat 17 **Demo outside Huntingdon Death Sciences** vivisection laboratory 0121 632 6460 www.welcome.to/shac 17 **Edinburgh Reclaim the Streets** Assemble at Bristo Square, Edinburgh 4pm. 17 **Day of Women's initiatives**. To coincide with the World Marches. More info marchfem@ras.eu.org 17 **'The Global Marketplace: In Whose Interest?'** Conference on the effects of globalisation on democracy. Includes prominent speakers and discussion with the audience. Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R. 2pm to 5pm, £5 admission. 020 8444 4322 www.amisuk.btinternet.co.uk 17 **Cheeky Theatrical Monkeys** up for some guerilla eco-theatre meet 7pm outside the Roundhouse, Chalk Farm Rd, London for a party, workshops, costume making etc and then on to perform at Stonehenge, Glastonbury and beyond. More info: Nick 07946 048602 17-18 **Ideas for Freedom**. Two day conference covering Seattle, GM foods and much more. Caxton House, 129 St John's Way, London N19. Tickets in advance £20/£10/£6. More info 020 7207 3997 office@workersliberty.org 18 **The Scurge of Blagg Island**, 3pm The Gloucester, Brighton, £3. Starring Tragic Roundabout and Thespionage in a multi-media extravaganza. 18 **Save Our World Festival** Brockwell Park, London 12 noon - 9pm £3 donation 07958 637467 <http://surf.to/sow> 18 **Undercurrents film showcase** with June 18th, Big Rattle In Seattle, A16 Washington and Mayday @ Friends Meeting House, 43 St.Giles, Oxford 01865 203622 21 **Celebrate the Summer Solstice at Stonehenge**. Free entry into the stones for the first time in 15 years...(see SchNEWS 261 for full story) ww.geocities.com/soho/9000/stonecam.htm 20 -23 **Eurosatory Arms Fair Exhibition**, Le Bourget, Paris. Demonstions planned at Europes biggest arms fair. Details from Campaign Against Arms Trade 020 7281 0297 enquiries@caat.demon.co.uk 20-21 **Summit of the European Union**, Oporto, Portugal. Demonstrations planned at Santa Maria de Feira, near Oporto. www.ras.eu.org/marches/ 22-25 **World's largest cyclethon - to celebrate the opening of 5,000 miles of the National Cycle Network**. For details of events around the country, call Sustrans 0117 9290888 www.sustrans.org.uk 22-25 **Social Summit of NGOs**. To run parallel to the United Nations social summit. Geneva, Switzerland. atc@attac.org 23-25 **Glastonbury Festival**. Tickets a mere £87 from Ticketline 01159-129129. 24 **Demo to defend asylum seekers**, London 24 **Scottish March for Equality and Diversity**, in Edinburgh supporting the repeal of Section 28, Move off from East Market St. at 1pm Details 58a Broughton St., Edinburgh or email east_section28@hotmail.com 24- 25 **From Countryside to Table** The whole food story. Find out more about local producers, Bentley Wildfowl and Wetlands Museum, Nr Lewes, East Sussex 01825 840573, www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk/env/events/foodfair.htm 24 **World Development movement Conference** 'Regulating Globalisation and uncovering the real debt crisis A fairer deal for the world's poor' London School of Economics, Bookings required 0207 738 3311 www.wdm.org.uk 26-28 **Mobilisation against Conference of New World Economy**. Participants include the OECD, the WTO and numerous multinationals. Paris. obsmond@globenet.org 30-July 2 **Big Blether Scottish Activists Gathering**, Talamh community, Lanarkshire. 0131 5576242 or bigblether@j12.org 28 **June-16 July, Sacred Voices Millennium Music Village**, London's longest running free music festival. A festival of divinely inspired vocal music from around the world. At venues all over London, free admission to many events, 020-74560404. 30-2 **July Bracknell Music Festival, South Hill Park Arts Centre** Tel 013444 484123

JULY 1 **'Taking Control 2000'** - meeting in Lanarkshire -is a mixture of co-operatives and community groups getting together to provide free training and information about social enterprise across the country, like setting up a housing co-op, DIY media, permaculture and home education.. Followed by Elsmere Port 15 July, Yeovil 12 Aug, Nottingham19 Aug, Llandeilo 31 Aug, Brighton 9 and Cambridge 27 Sept. Workspace may be limited so it is important to book in advance. Contact UpStart 0870 7332538 www.gn.apc.org/ss/upstart/tc or Radical Routes 0121 551 1132 1 **The Conference of Socialist Economists Fiesta - celebrating global struggles**. Chiapas photo gallery, stalls from Mexico Support Group, Colombia Peace Association. Guest artist Leon Rosselson. Cock Tavern, 23 Phoenix Rd (Euston tube) 6pm £5/3 conc. inc. food. Tel 020 85522578 email sal2680n@uel.ac.uk 1 **London Mardi Gras**. Parade assemble 11am Hyde Park, followed by festival in Finsbury Park, Club Tents incl Trade, FIST & Wild Fruit, Arts Festival, Gay Games and soo much more. TICKETS £15 0115 912 9118. www.londonmadigras.com 1 **Greenwich Anti-Racist Festival**; more/latest info at <http://www.mi5.uk.com/venues/yuTSE486.html> 1 **Unity Festival**, Chorlton Park, Manchester 1-2 **Lost Weekend Festival**; info <http://www.lostweekend.co.uk> 1-2 **Winchester Hat Fayre** - for all you summer fete massive cat@hatfair.co.uk 1-2 **International Conference, Global Capital and Global Struggles:Strategies, Alliances and Alternatives**. topics include grassroots movements, genetics, New labour, Third World debt. University of London Union, Malet Street, London, WC1. £5 unwaged. www.gn.apc.org/cse 3 **Demonstate against Queen and Duke of Edinburgh public walk about in Inverness High Street**. Organised by Scottish Separatist Group www.angelfire.com/sc2/ssgscotland/index.html 4 **Independence (from America) day** outside Menwith Hill Spy-base. A mass demonstration is planned to protest about the involvement of this spy-base in the Star Wars early warning system to protect the good ol' USA from missile attack, interested? info, Tel 01943 466405 www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab/ 5-9 **Larmer Tree Festival nr. Salisbury** Tel: 01722 415223 www.larmertree.demon.co.uk 7-8 **Beggars Fair** Romsey, Hampshire music, dance and street entertainment Free Tel 01703 227256 www.beggarsfair.org.uk 8 **Leeds Love Parade** through the streets of the City Centre www.loveparade.de/ 8 **Insurrection 2000: Organisation and Disorganisation** 12pm A one day convergence to share experiences of radical organisation. Rainbow Centre, 182 Mansfield Rd, Nottingham Tel 0115 9585 666 email: nasa13@veggies.org.uk 8 **On fourth anniversary of International Court of Justice ruling that nuclear weapons tend to be illegal**, there will be demonstrations outside Faslane Trident submarine base. Faslane Peace Camp 01436 820901 8 **Demo outside Fylingdales military base**. Another US base to be used as part of the Star Wars early warning system See **Independence Day** above, Info www.gn.apc.org/cndyorks/caab/ Tel 01943 466405 8 **Transport Activists Round Table** for the Eastern Region meeting at the Friends Meeting House Stevenage 1.30pm-5pm. Including a local speaker on greenfield housing issues. 01603 504563. 8 **Durham Miners Gala** Marches and brass bands start through Durham followed by speakers and probably a few beats from 9am. 8-15 **Mad Pride World Week**. Worldwide celebration of survivors of the mental health service. Mad Pride uses direct action to highlight injustices in gov't policy - more harsh legislation to restrict their rights is planned. As they say, "No government - no mental health problems." London festival on 15th, Clissold Park, N16. Bands include P.A.I.N. 0958 907357. 9-10 **Meeting of G7 Foreign Affairs Ministers**. Miyazaki, Japan. 11- 12 **World Music Festival, Budapest, Hungary** www.mandel.hu 11-16 **Buddhafield**, Meditation, Buddhism, music, environmental debates. £30 + £5 per vehicle. Tel 020 8671 7144 13-19 **No one is illegal anti-border camp** is being established in Ustrzyki Gorne, south east Poland. "There will be discussions, provocations against border patrols, beer and good fun." Contact Maciej Roszak, FA Poznan, Skr 5, 60966 Poznan 31, Poland email roszak@artemida.amu.edu.pl 14 **Bastille Day**. In July 1789 the people of Paris stormed the Bastille. The prison was a powerful symbol of repression which was torn down in the revolution that followed. Year 2000, the prison service continues to be a repressive regime which is being privatised with multinational corporations taking over the building and running of prisons for profit. Prison populations are increasing as asylum seekers are thrown into detention centres without trial, harsher prison sentences are doled out and police powers are increased i.e. the new terrorism bill. July 14th is a weekend of protests "inside" and out as groups resist the commodification of the prison industry. Groups interested in giving talks or running workshops are welcome. Bring camping gear, inspiration and people. Meet Golders Green station, 9am. CAGE, PO Box 68 Oxford, OX3 1RH. 079931 401962 www.veggies.org.uk/cage Sat 15 **Carnival Against GM Crops** at New Craig Farm, Daviot 2pm. The genetic oilseed rape is the only authorised large scale planting in Scotland. Tel 01224 451140 email grampianearthfirst@hotmail.com 15 **Protest Naked at Scotland Yard** 2pm. You are Human, you are beautiful, you should not be punished because of how the human body looks. Do you have the balls? www.geocities.com/thehumanmind 15 **'Out on the Streets'**

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- **Scrap Section 28 Now.** National march and rally in Manchester, meet @ All Saints, Oxford Rd, Manchester 12.30pm More details PO Box 100, Manchester M22 4GZ 0161 234 3999 www.NoTo28.org **15-16 Ashton Court Free Festival**, Bristol Excellent FREE festie, Tel: 0117 904 2275 info www.mi5.uk.com **15-16 Hardcore Punk Festival** £5/4 per day Contact lin12 Club, 21-23 Albion St, Bradford, BD1 2LY, UK. Tel: 01274 734160 www.legend.org.uk **19, Street Party** 12 pm, Peace Walk, Victoria Park Wild music and dancing, nature blessings, street art and theatre, as well as all the usual favourites. Multicultural and community-based - a carnival of creativity! **15-16 Essential Festival.** Dance day on the Saturday, Roots on the Sunday. £30 per day. Tel 09068 230190 www.essentialfestival.com **21-23 Severn Revels Music Festival**, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire £35/30 Tel 01452 760584 www.deanarts.org.uk **21-30 Fifth Anarchist Summer camp** near Berlin between a wood, meadow and lake. The camp is "self organised", requiring your input and ideas. Cost is 90-140 DM, details (030) 42017286. <http://travel.to/acamp> **21-23 Womad Festival, Reading** 0118 939 0930 or <http://realworld.on.net/> **21-23 Storeytelling Festival**, Stokes Barn, Much Wenlock, Shropshire Tel 01952 504882 www.virtual-shropshire.co.uk/edge £31 for the weekend. **22-23 Fusion Festival** Two stage music festie at Madeley Court Centres Outdoor Areana, Court St., Madeley, Telford £10 weekend ticket/£6 per day Tel 01952 582539 **22-29 3rd Intergalactic Animal Liberation Gathering.** Berlin, Germany. A chance to exchange info, skills and experience and to unite activists from around the world. Interested in running a workshop or discussions? Or just interested, volunteers required. Info: www.anti-angling.com/gathering e-mail: alg2000@gmx.net **23 Roots Reggae at Three Mills Island**, Stratford, London E3 Only £26.50 for the day Tel 020 7326 4888 **26-30 Big Green Millennium Gathering** on the Wiltshire Downs near Warminster powered by the wind, the sun and the people. Five daily themes exploring key aspects of the green future. Also Children's area, and funfair, crafts, veggie food, and non-stop entertainment. Tickets in advance from BGG, PO Box 155, Hampton, TW12 2FJ, 020-89416674. www.big-green-gathering.com **27-30 Cambridge Folk Festival** Tel 01223 457245 www.cam-folkfest.co.uk **28-30 Guildford Live** music festival including the 24hr Guilfin Ambient Lounge, and a performance by Culture Club! 01483 454159 www.guildford-live.co.uk **29 Brighton Gay Pride**, Starts Madeira Drive, finishes Preston Park FREE **29, Leicester Mardi Gras** Meet 1 pm, Wellington Street Originally cancelled because of threats from a tiny group of fascists, Leicester's Mardi Gras is now happening. **29 Demo outside Huntingdon Death Science vivisection laboratory** 0121 632 6460 **29-30 From Kosova to Seattle:** What is the role for nonviolent action? Organised by War Resisters' International in Oxford 020 72728404 **From the end of July to mid-August - Radical Summer in Leicester!** 3 weeks of activities and events with everything from guerrilla gardening to critical mass, direct action to stories of community resistance, art attacks to anarchist tea parties. Contact LEAF, Box Z, 13 Biddulph St, Leic, LE2 1BH Tel 0116 210 9652 Sat.

AUGUST **1-15 Ploughshares 2000 Peace Camp** outside the Trident submarine base in Coulport, Scotland. Tel 01603 611953 **1-16 Ecotopia**, in the beautiful island of Maisaari in the west coast of Finland, near Turku. Ecotopia is an annual and international gathering for European activists involved in social and environmental issues (as well as summer gathering for the European Youth For[est] Action. "Ecotopia is trying to be an eco-utopia in practice: non-pollutive, egalitarian and just." This years main theme will be globalisation with workshops in the day, followed in the evening with bands, theatre and open stage. Contact EKOTOPIA, Liisankatu 17 D 00170 Helsinki, Suomi-Finland Tel: +358-(0)9-2609074 e-mail: ekotopia@kulma.net <http://kulma.net/ecotopia> If you'd like info on the biketour going to the gathering, check out <http://come.to@biketour2000> **4-6 (possibly longer). Free festival in Romania** Bands and DJs from 25 countries, in a beautiful location. Proceeds to a foundation that attempts to improve the lives of orphans **4-6 Bracknell Festival.** Tel 01344 427272. **4-6 Big Chill Enchanted Garden, Larmer Tree Gardens, Wiltshire** Tel 0207 503 9700 www.bigchill.co.uk

6 Positive Vibrations - Afro-Caribbean celebration, bands, stalls etc. Blackbird Leys Park, Oxford 12 noon - 7pm FREE **7 Vigil and Action for Iraq.** Mass act of civil disobedience to highlight the ongoing crisis in Iraq due to UN sanctions. Meet 12 noon Trafalgar Square, London. Voices in the Wilderness, 16b Cherwell St., Oxford, OX4 1BG Tel 01865 243232 www.nonviolence.org/vitw/voices-uk **10-12 Cropredy;** Tel: 01869 338853 **10-29 'Into the Cauldron' - Rainbow Circle Creativity Camp.** Music, dance, theatre, spirituality etc. £100 waged/£60 unwaged 01452 813505. **9-15 Northern Green Gathering**, wide range of workshops, info and entertainments, £35 Tel: 0113-2249885 **11-12 Reclaim our Education** at University of East London. Organised by Campaign for Free Education, PO Box 22615, London. N4 1WT. Tel 07958 556 756 http://members.xoom.com/nus_cfe **11-17 North American Anarchist Conference**, Los Angeles The August Collective, PO Box 6188, Fullerton, CA 92834 www.geocities.com/naacweb **12 Hackney Volcano** Everything from Brazilian to Turkish music to soundsystems, 'reflecting the diversity of cultures in London' FREE 020 85339492 www.continentaldrifts.uk.com/ **12 Thurrock Music Festival.** 60 bands and DJs on six stages, Phew! Described as a major underground, huge friendly party in its 4th year www.thurrockmusicfestival.com **12 The Glorious Twelfth.** Start of the grouse shoot sabbing season. Hunt Sabs Association 01273 622827 **13 Smokey Bears Picnic** 2pm Southsea Common, Portsmouth **18-20 The Land Is Ours summer gathering**, somewhere in Yorkshire. To confirm venue ring 01865 722016 nearer the time www.oneworld.org/tlio **18-20 Pontardawe International Music Festival** "an eclectic mix of international song and dance" Various ticket prices Tel 01792 830200 www.pontardawefestival.org.uk **19 Cambridge in August** Day of revolt against global destruction 0777 6497005/0777 6497006 **19 Street Party, Leicester.** Jugglers, clowns, street art, theatre, music, stories of community resistance. Met 12 noon Peace Walk, Victoria Park **19-20 V2000** at Hylands Park, Chelmsford and Weston Park, Staffordshire. A weekend ticket entitles you to free travel on Virgin trains. So best take a map for the driver and don't expect to get there before it finishes and of course...subject to availability... Tel 0115 912 9115 www.gigsandtours.com **26-28 Leeds Festival;** Tel: 0181 961 5490; www.readingfestival.com **26-30 Earth Spirit Summer Celebration;** Tel: 01273 813853; E-Mail: globalspirit@lineone.net **25-27 Carling Weekend.** What used to be called the Reading Festival is now named after piss-poor larger and just as entertaining. 0181 961 5490 www.readingfestival.com/ **Gospport Festival, Hampshire.** Music and lots of other events. 01483 454159 **Manchester Gay Festival** Parade, vigil and local events, individually priced. **25-28 Exodus 'Free the Spirit' Festival, Luton** Tel 01582 508936 Usually the best festival of the summer E-Mail: exoduscollective@csi.com www.exodus.sos.freeuk.com **26-28 Notting Hill Carnival** FREE, Tel 0208 964 0544 www.ifor.demon.co.uk/eurobeat.html

SEPTEMBER 26th is the next big international day of action against global capitalism. It's the day the International Monetary Fund and World Bank are meeting in Prague, Czech Republic. Mass protests and a festival of political arts and culture are planned. To get connection send a blank e-mail to september26collective-subscribe@egroups.com. For a fortnightly bulletin, contact michael_bakunin@hotmail.com or 07941 355508. www.prague2000.org or www.s26.org www.amp2000.cz - the website of the local organisers, lots of local info. www.whirledbank.org. A pissstake site, what's wrong with the Bank.

Want more dates! Guilfin's Something For the Weekend is a free weekly info-burst, keeping you up to date with the latest festival, party, gigs dates, and all the upcoming campaigns.

www.guilfin.org To find out what's happening in the North West check out the **Networking Newsletter Project** 6 Mount St., Manchester, M2 5NS <http://dialspace.dial.pipex.com/town/terrace/gdn22/NNP> **United Systems party line:** 0208 959 7525 info on parties and teknivals And of course, get a copy of this years **Festival Eye** BCM 2002 London WC13XX Tel 0870 737 1011 www.festivaleyeye.com www.squall.co.uk Radical, investigative, and accurate online magazine about social justice, environmental and culture. If SchNEWS is the tabloid of the indy-media world then our old chums at SQUALL are a Broadsheet! Cor Blimley! **Corporate Watch** 16b Cherwell St, Oxford, OX4 1BG Tel 01865 791391 www.corporatewatch.org **A info Alternative news service** www.tao.ca/ainfos/ www.primalseeds.org - tell's you where

you're nearest genetics test site is. **Advisory Service For Squatters** 2 St Pauls' Road, London, N1 2QN. Tel 020 7 359 8814 Legal and practical advice for squatters and homeless people. They also need lots more help what with their new revised book coming out very sooon.

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Protest Camps

Nine Ladies Set up to defend Stanton Moore hillside in the Peak District National Park from destruction by the reopening of two quarries. 0797 4049369 www.pages.zoom.co.uk/~nineladies
Faslane Peace Camp celebrated eighteen years this year, outside the Royal Navy's base in Scotland that is home to the countries trident submarines 01436 820901 **Glen of the Downs** Ireland's first road protest site against the extension of the European superhighway has largely disbanded due to the jailing and intimidation of protesters. There is still a camp but those going will need to provide for themselves. 0035 314973773 www.emc23.tp/glen. **Vallee d'Aspe** (Aspe Valley), France part of a twelve year campaign to stop the E7 motorway being built through the Pyrenees. The camp is at Bedous near Pau. 00330672634905 www.asperches.org **Housing** The various protest camps against housing developments in Essex have now been evicted, but the campaign still continues with ongoing actions. 020 74503599 <www.angelfire.com/mt/GBH>. **URGENT** is an organisation that links together community campaign groups working towards a genuinely sustainable housing policy, they can be contacted 01865 794800 www.urgent.co.uk **Roads** The campaign against the **Birmingham North Relief Road** are now holding weekly protests every Thursday outside the offices of the company heading the project. Also picnics every Saturday on the route of the proposed road. Contact ATOM 07818 687742 **Brickhurst Farm**, Near Tunbridge Wells recently won a court case that will allow them to stay on the previously squatted farm, it will now be farmed using permaculture principles. Donations desperately needed to financially secure the land. Brickhurst Trust 181, London, SE22 0HB 020 74503599, info@teo.saltire.org **Plas Dulus Project** A huge house with 64 rooms has been occupied in Llanddulas, North Wales to stop its demolition for commercial development. The house has land with acres of natural woodland, and the occupiers hope to return the house to its former glory and develop it as a communal living project and community centre. Visits from like minded people are welcomed www.north-wales.net/plasdulus Tel: 07957 917130

TAKEN FOR SAPs

"In Nigeria, it is cheaper to bury the environmentalists and democrats than the oil pipelines." Ledum Mitee, Nigerian campaigner

A five-day general strike that paralysed large parts of Nigeria has ended after trade union leaders reached an agreement with the government. The general strike sparked off after the government doubled the price of oil, diesel and kerosene, the main cooking fuel. This caused large increases in public transport fares with increased food prices expected to follow. All across the country banks, hospitals, transport including all domestic and international flights and all branches of government were at a standstill, while students and workers barricaded major access roads across the country.

The fuel price increases are seen in part as being inspired by the International Monetary Fund (See SchNEWS 248 & 256) and central to the Fund's Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP). One observer commented "In a country where, after several doses of Monetary Fund medicine, the average income is somewhere between one quarter and one tenth of what it was in 1980, SAP is practically a swear word." The 50% increase has now been scaled back to 10%

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SchNEWS in brief

If the message don't fit: The British author of the **World Bank's** forthcoming report on poverty has resigned in protest at attempts by senior members of staff to water down his message. Professor Kanbur is believed to have wanted to emphasise that economic growth alone will not be enough to reduce poverty and that it will also require...god forbid, the redistribution of wealth.** **If the message don't fit II** : A devastating report about the destruction of tropical forests by multinational companies has been suppressed for the last three years. The report blames companies prepared to bribe and bully their way to lucrative logging concessions. It also blames the **International Monetary Fund** and the World Bank for inducing countries to sell their forests for a quick cash return to pay off debts to western countries. The European Commission which paid researchers to write the report, was fearful of the repercussions if they named names and asked for a second version with the names taken out - but even this version was watered down.** **It's official** - lobbying MP's is pointless. Who says? Er...a Labour MP. Austin Mitchell the MP for Grimsby said companies that spend thousands of pounds each year lobbying MP's are wasting their time and money because backbencher MP's have so little influence "We have very little power now beyond the ability to make noise"

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Does your local community have an open space that for the last 20 years has been used for recreational activity? If so, you may be able to register it as a village green which may protect it from development. Under the Commons Registration Act 1965, any area that has been used continuously for informal recreation over the last 20 years can be registered as common land, as long as you can prove that the land is used predominately by local people, and that they have been doing this without permission, without being stopped, or seeing notices that stop them, and without being secretive about it. The Castleton Residents' Association, Greater Manchester has recently had success in registering Cowm Top at Castleton as a green. The application was submitted after planning permission was granted for the site to be used as industrial land. The land is now common land and will be protected from development. You need to register village greens with the local regulatory authority (council or unitary authority) who may hold an independent hearing to consider your proposal. The Open Spaces Society have published a book 'Getting Greens Registered' £6.50, and can provide help in making applications contact them at 25a Bell Street, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, RG9 2BA 01491 573535 www.oss.org.uk

*For the past three years the Leys Farm and Allotments action group in Blackpool have been fighting a proposal by Barratt Homes to build homes on a 17 acre site in the north of the town. The group have put in an application for the land to be declared as a Town Green. Despite this the developers are still moving ahead and bulldozers have destroying most of the wooded areas. Last Friday campaigners who had been occupying the site received an eviction order, campaigners are however planning to set up a new camp in the area. They are in desperate need of more bodies to help them maintain their occupation until a decision is made on the Town Green Application. Call 01253 351765/ 01253 313777.

Stop Press...

The National Front plan to march in Margate on Saturday (17th). Let's help stop them!

Inside SchNEWS

Want to support prisoners but don't know where to start? How about a letter?

Those inside really appreciate contact from the outside world. Don't know what to say? Talk about yourself, what you've been up to, but remember...

* all letters are opened and read by the prison. So don't write anything that could get the prisoner or anybody else in trouble or could cause problems for future actions.

* Make sure that you put your address on the back of the envelope - most prisons will not allow mail to be received that does not have the sender's name and address with it (sending letters recorded delivery *should* make sure your letter gets to the prisoner)

* If you can't think of anything to write, a card of postcard will be appreciated just as much.

All the prisoners below have been locked up for their part in last year's Carnival Against Capitalism (see SchNEWS 217/8)

*Jeff Booker, DN7071, HMP Elmley, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4OZ

*Stuart Tokam, DN7072, HMP Standford Hill, Church Road, Eastchurch, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4AA

*Kuldip Bajwa, DN7230, HMP Highpoint, Stradishall, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 9YG

*Thomas Wall, FF4431, HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1EQ

*Roberto Francesconi, FR4039, HMP The Verne, Portland, Dorset, DT5 1EQ

*Angel Makoly, FB4689, HMYOI, Onley, Rugby, CV23 8AP

*Owain Shepherd, FB6019, HMYOI, Easton Portland, Dorset, DT5 1DL

Did you witness any arrests at the Mayday event in London? Then contact Legal Defence Monitoring Group c/o BM Haven, London WC1N 3XX Tel 020 8245 2930

...and finally...

The Countryside Alliance are threatening a "summer of discontent" if their fave sport - you know the one where you charge around the countryside on horseback with a pack of dogs looking for foxes to rip apart - gets banned.

Meanwhile Foresight, a pro-shooting campaign has rightly pointed out that shooting it's not half as dangerous as some activities people get up to. Figures produced by the Home Accident Surveillance System for '98 show that there were only a mere 1,699 accidents due to shooting sports. Compare that to 1,543 accidents involving tissues (no we don't know how you can have an accident with a tissue either) and the issue of shooting pales into insignificance. As David Bredin, director of Foresight so rightly points out "Perhaps their (the governments) efforts would be better directed at tightening up the safety record of users of goal posts, gym mats or even wearers of high heeled shoes!" High heeled shoes caused 11,210 accidents, while accidents with trainers peaked at 99,193! Goalposts we're to blame for 6,093 accidents, while cotton wool buds we're the cause of 7,265 casualties and ...we could go on. The only slight problem with Foresights claims, is that while quite a lot of people might stick the odd stiletto in their ear, put on a pair of trainers or play a game of footie, the majority of the country doesn't use a shotgun all that often. Or maybe we're just bloody townies who don't understand the ways of the countryside. Oh arr.

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SchNEWS warns all meteorologists to stop playing with their weathercocks or you might have an accident with a tissue. Honest!