

Earth First!

Action Update

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A monthly round-up of ecological and other direct action from around Britain

"The song of the dodo, if it had one, is forever unknowable because no human from whom we have testimony ever took the trouble to sit in the Mauritian forest and listen"
David Quammen

BAA offices occupied

Four protesters from London Rising Tide occupied the main boardroom of the British Airport Authority on August 9th. The protest was against



the planned expansion of BAA airports, including the controversial £2.5 billion fifth terminal at Heathrow. To provide for predicted air traffic growth the equivalent of four new Heathrows will need to be built by 2020. Aviation is the world's fastest growing source of CO₂ emissions, while the oil industry that supplies the untaxed kerosene is guilty of untold human rights abuses from Alaska to Indonesia.

Despite a spot of bother getting into the lifts the four were barricaded in the seventh floor boardroom by 8.45am, refusing to leave until BAA cancelled plans for Terminal 5. From the boardroom attempts were made to speak to CEO, Mike Hodgkinson, but he was unavailable. Outside the main door a banner was hung and leaflets distributed. Police were quickly on the scene and at 1.30pm BAA security

barged into the room, breaking a table. With their offer to negotiate rejected the four were promptly dragged outside then released.

Source: London

RTS rts@gn.apc.org

And in Manchester...

To coincide with the farce attempting to pass as action to save the world from human-created climate change in Bonn, Manchester Earth First!ers took the tram to Heaton Park for a picnic! They leafleted passengers about climate change and the 90% for 90% campaign on the way, getting off at each stop and leafleting the next tram. The 90% for 90% campaign aims to see a 90% reduction in public transport fares to get the 90% reduction in CO₂ emissions essential to avert climate chaos. Source Loombreaker

See www.risingtide.org.uk for more climate action reports including a tripod blockade of Esso's depot in Leatherhead on July 24th, action in Oxford and a Critical Mass in Edinburgh.

The philosophy behind Earth First! is the use of non-hierarchical organisation and direct action to confront, stop and eventually reverse the forces responsible for the destruction of the Earth and its inhabitants.

It is not a cohesive group or campaign rather a convenient banner for those interested in these ideas.

Actions in Bonn

Activists from the Rising Tide Network and other groups held an RTS on July 22nd. Demanding that Rising Tide's 12-point manifesto be read in the COP 6.5 conference halls, over 100 activists from the 500 strong parade locked arms for a four-hour blockade of a main street in Bonn. Activists called on environmental NGOs to return to a position of environmental integrity, walk out of the climate talks and join the people on the streets. Despite negotiations with the UN to allow people to leave peacefully the police forcibly removed and detained 123 people to stop the blockade and allow traffic to resume 'business as usual'.

The message was taken to the final session in unique style with a banner drop and a reading of the 12 principles (www.risingtide.nl) inside. During the week a camp took place along with other actions including a crane sit. This was the largest direct action at the climate talks since COP1 Berlin 1995.

Rising Tide Gathering 13/14th October '01

BRIDGE 5 MILL environment centre, Manchester

A chance for those interested in taking action on Climate Change to meet, learn and plan strategically for the coming year and beyond ...

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The EF! AU is produced to aid the sharing of news, information and ideas amongst those interested in taking action. It is edited by a different collective each year to avoid the centralisation of power and information. We welcome submissions and articles (max 150 words) so if you've set up a group, taken action or want to publicise a campaign or project please let us know. No matter how big or small it seems, we'd like to share your news and inspiration. Feature articles and ideas are also appreciated.

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News in brief...

- ★ CitY - Change it Yourself. - A new Tuesday meeting for networking in London rts@gn.apc.org
- ★ 'Pirates for Animal Liberation' have sunk a yacht belonging to a Bank of New York executive responsible for providing financial aid to Huntingdon Life Sciences
- ★ Four teenagers from Omaha have been charged with fourth-class felony after a number of golf courses were vandalised. They claim they are part of the ELF
- ★ BNP 'nazi scum' leader Nick Griffin's phone no's are home: 01938 820198/01938 820560 Mobile: 07813 328955
- ★ Nottingham has a new vegan resource centre and social club opening this autumn following renovations. 0845 458 9595 for details and opening date/times.
- ★ Asylum seekers held in HMP Liverpool went on Hunger strike on July 26th. As of May 31st there were 1,787 in detention in the UK under Immigration Act powers
- ★ Four women trade unionists were assassinated in Columbia in July. There have now been 78 assassinations, 35 disappearances and kidnappings and 14 attempted assassinations in Columbia this year. Colombia Solidarity Campaign: colombia_sc@hotmail.com
- ★ The director of the British Aggregates Association has set up an anti-environmentalist group www.scientific-alliance.com
- ★ DEAL WITH IT a new bi-monthly (ish) journal by anti-sexist, anarchist men PO Box 5841, Eugene, OR97405. www.fruitiondesign.com/dealwithit
- ★ At least five plots of GM crops have been destroyed in France since late June when the government was forced to release info on their locations
- ★ Lyminge Forest is now officially secure against Rank's, or Bourne leisure's plans to develop it into a holiday village. Planning permission expired this April and no renewal application has been submitted
- ★ 800 people in the Philippines have trashed an experimental BT-Corn crop owned by Monsanto
- ★ Seven McDonald's in Montreal were simultaneously vandalised, possibly in connection with a local labour dispute
- ★ A total hunting ban continues due to Foot and Mouth, but the situation will be reviewed soon
- ★ Hamish (hamishalcorn@hotmail.com) wants up-to-date info about the British govt regarding, arms trading, GE stuff, human rights, nuke stuff etc to write propaganda for the CHOGM protests in Australia (6-9 Oct)
- ★ A Manchester man has been charged with Criminal Damage after spraying 'free the G8 pr' on the Italian Embassy in Manchester

Prison labour solidarity

During the EF! Gathering an impromptu action was organised against Hepworth, an international company that exploits prison labour. Long term anarchist prisoner Mark Barnsley is in Wakefield Prison where prisoners are required to make prison uniforms, their own prison bars or give 25 hrs a week to Hepworth in tedious packing work. The maximum pay in this prison is £8 per week. He is in solitary as punishment for refusing to work. In solidarity with Mark and as outside resistance to slavery inside we paid Hepworth HQ a visit. The security gates were locked shut, a meeting was disrupted, leaflets distributed and banners waved outside. Whilst waiting in the building we wrote the manager a letter explaining the visit was to launch our campaign and that not pulling out of the prison labour industry could prove damaging. Police were unable to boltcropper the locks and a sympathetic seeming fire brigade refused to help. Feel free to contact Hepworth Building Products at: Eddlington Lane Eddlington Doncaster DN12 1BY Tel: 01709 856300 Tel: 01226 76356

Mark has been moved again, see Page 3

Peat mining stopped

During August two actions to stop peat mining happened at Hatfield Moor near Doncaster, one of the only Peat Moors left in England. One Sunday 15 activists visited the works and lots of pixieing occurred, including magically disappearing machinery keys and a breaking down train. On August 25th a mass trespass of around 70 people took place. Surprisingly there was a low police presence, which made for an interesting day on the moor. Drainage ditches were blocked, big bits of machinery were disabled and one peat train derailed itself whilst being chased and another mysteriously derailed.

So far no arrests have occurred on any peat actions and an activist presence does seem to stop work. The peat-cutting season finishes at the end of September so if people could spend a day wandering about the moor it would seriously limit the amount of peat they can extract.

For more info contact Leeds EF! 0113 262 9365 leedsef@ukf.net

Hutton Magna GM

A recent article in the Northern Echo reported that persons unknown had damaged a GM trial crop in Hutton Magna, near Darlington. It is the second time this farmer has been targeted. The crop was a farm-scale trial of GM oil seed

rape owned by Aventis, the huge french agrochemical company. The article reported that the action was taken to prevent cross-contamination of the surrounding fields by GM pollen.

GM security increased

Following a wave of actions at GM farm scale trials, reports are coming in of increased security measures at damaged crop sites. In Wivenhoe and Arlesford, Essex, where there are two trials of GM maize, video cameras and a motion sensor have been placed near the crops. There have been regular police checks and a police helicopter used during the night. 75% of the Arlesford trial and 10% of the Wivenhoe trial have been damaged by protestors. There have been no arrests. At Jealotts Hill, Berkshire where Novartis are conducting GM potato trials people have reported high security. Despite this 75% of one trial has been destroyed.

Munlochy GM vigil

Following the Highlands' biggest ever anti-GM rally in Inverness on Aug 18th, local people in Munlochy began a vigil to stop planting of GM winter oilseed rape. The 100-acre site is about 4 miles as the crow (or bee) flies from an organic farm, and slopes down to the Bay of Munlochy, Rossshire. About 25 people started the vigil, 8 actually on the field. The GM crop is resistant to glufosinate ammonium, a herbicide that is banned from commercial agricultural use during the winter months in the UK because of its toxicity. To date 11 have been arrested, 5 of whom have not been charged. 6 others were originally charged with breach of the peace but now face charges of aggravated trespass.

A vigil camp is now on site and needs support. They are also keen to receive letters of support: GM Protest Camp, Rosskill Farm, Near Munlochy, Rossshire, IV8 8PA. 07719 584417.

GeneNo gatecrashers!

The Centre for Life had it's 1st Birthday party gatecrashed by GeneNo!, that naughty bunch of wholly unmodified organisms, in August. Celebrating real life rather than the techno-scientific nonsense of the Centre they drummed, sang songs and stole the free drinks. One of them got the Centre's chief executive to admit on live radio that their patron, James Watson, had been making in his words "some quite outrageous comments recently" (little things about master races and designer babies). The group has now written to the Centre's Trustees asking them to disown their Patron or to sack their Chief Executive. Source GEN

Genoa update

Last issue we reported on the Genoa G7/8 summit. The story was compiled as news came in and some details have now been clarified. Thank-you to everyone at the EF! Gathering who shared experiences.

Firstly we got some dates wrong (doh!). The Asylum seekers' solidarity march took place on Thurs. July 19th. According to participants the march stayed calm and had a good atmosphere despite the presence of loads of armed cops. Local Genoese seemed supportive of the protests. It was Fri. 20th when it all kicked off. That day's plan involved 8/9 separate groups approaching 'zona rossa' by different routes. This included women's, pacifist, carnival, dockers, civil disobedience (mainly leftists) and black block routes. Some people felt that, given this plan, confrontation with the authorities was inevitable. The majority of participants were from leftist groups and the anarchists' organisation was lacking. Whilst some other groups have been critical of the Black Block, there was a feeling they and the militant trade union Cobas, were the only 'groups' who had considered a heavy violent police response likely and thought about how this might be dealt with. Some noted the Leftist groups seemed have used traditional Left organisation (rally, march etc.) for direct action and this had left them unprepared for the police response. Police used a lot of tear gas and armoured vehicles to break barriers and disperse crowds. Eyewitnesses suggested around 250 000 were on Saturday's Labour march and the atmosphere was tense due to the murder on Friday of Carlo Giuliani.

Other points made to us were that the injury toll on protesters was probably greater than we reported and that the detention experience we listed on Sat. 21st occurred after the GSF and IMC raids on Sunday.

Genoa solidarity actions Bristol

On Aug 18th the Italian consulate in Bristol was targeted in solidarity with all who participated in the resistance in Genoa. Under cover of darkness the consulate was broken into, windows smashed, files destroyed, equipment damaged and important documents 'vanished'. The office walls were adorned with messages to the Italian government demanding the release of all remaining prisoners arrested during the summit. On Aug 20th Bristol police station was covered in graffiti. Messages read "Genoa 2001- Police violence knows no borders- Assassins All cops are killers" in

recognition of the fact the police are a tool of all states across the globe and the events in Genoa were simply a manifestation of the universal function of police. Source: anonymous e-mail

London

On July 22nd 200 people gathered outside the Italian embassy in London to show solidarity and respect for the dead. From 6pm the crowd stood in silence with occasional chants of 'assassins' and 'death to the state' as the police tried to pen them into a small area. After an hour the crowd moved as one, round to the other side of the embassy, confusing the following vans. At 7.15pm the police section 60ed the whole group (which allows for search only), took photographs and details from people. Four arrests were reported. Source: ALLSORTS

Manchester

The OKasional Cafe on Charles St. became an infoshop for the weekend of Genoa. On hearing of Carlo Giuliani death, a leaflet was hurried together, and 100s handed out in the city centre to the music of a samba band. The Italian Consulate was visited on Monday morning. Protesters entered the consulate where a struggle ensued between protesters and staff. Walls were graffitied "Global Resistance to Police Violence", and a fire extinguisher was sprayed into their computers. Eventually a fire alarm was set off and the building vacated. Outside, passers-by were leafleted and seemed very supportive. Exactly a week after Carlo's shooting a vigil was held at the consulate. Source: Loombreaker.

There have been other shows of solidarity across the world.

Maize delivered to DEFRA

During the early hours of July 23rd five GM crop decontaminators removed Aventis GM maize plants from the farm scale trial at Preston Wynne, Herefordshire. About 50% of the crop was destroyed. 50 large bags of maize were then delivered to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) marked FAO Michael Meacher. A letter requesting a meeting was included, together with open statements from the five claiming responsibility. Unfortunately Michael was not available, though the five were thanked and the police were not informed.

Aventis stated to the Press Association "the wrong crop was targeted". Tests carried out on plants suggest otherwise. The crop was attacked again on July 28th. To date no one has been arrested, though the police have said interviews will be required and the CPS has been informed.

Diary Dates...

September

13th 6pm Hackney Town Hall noisy protest against service cuts and sell offs
hackney4sale@yahoo.co.uk

15th RTS Leuven, Belgium to coincide with meeting of european transport ministers
reclaimthetop@hotmail.com

20th Rising Tide tour event in Manchester, contact Manc EF! 0161 2266 814

20th World Car Free Day
www.carbusters.ecn.cz

22nd Rising Tide tour event in Inverness, contact c/o info@risingtide.org.uk for now

22nd European Union Car Free Day.
www.eta.co.uk

29th Cannabis March & Rally in London. Meet 12 noon Speakers Corner, Hyde Park. Departs at 2pm for Rally at Trafalgar Square

October

2-14th Washington DC, annual IMF/World Bank meeting, contact www.imf.org/external/am/index.htm official site, www.whirls-bank.org unofficial.

4-7th Centres for Change Network annual gathering and conference at MERCI Manchester. Contact 01792 480200 or www.c4c.oxfree.com

5-7th Treeresponsibility gathering in Hebden Bridge Contact 01422 843222, 10 Broughton Street, Hebden Bridge, HX7 8JY.

6th HLS National demo, meet 12noon, fairland valley park, nr A1 Junction 7 SHAC 0845 458 0630

13/14th Rising tide, climate change gathering Manchester Contact 01865 241097 www.risingtide.org.uk

16th International anti-Macdonalds day
20th Anarchist book-fair Camden Centre, Euston Rd, London, WC1, 10am-7pm, <http://freespace.virgin.net/anarchist.bookfair>

22nd Faslane Nuclear Missile Submarine Base Blockade. 0141 423 1222 for transport from your area. '

23rd Land for People' Working Conference The SPACE, Stroud, Gloucestershire Tel (01453) 757040 Mhclarge@aol.com

30th -1st Nov Copex exhibition of 'counter insurgency' equipment at Sandown racecourse CAAT 020 72810297

November

1st Fox Hunting season begins (or maybe it doesn't: see News in Brief). Hunt Sab Association 01273 622827

5th-9th The 4th WTO ministerial meeting in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

10th Actions against shell on the anniversary of the judicial murder of 9 Ogoni activists in Nigeria 020 86789605 mosopgb@aol.com

24th Buy Nothing anti-consumerism campaign. Enough 0161 2266668

Post- Genoa support

Trauma support An international website has been set up to help support those suffering trauma post the Genoa protests. www.walterzeichner.com/aftercare/html. Another good resource on trauma, with links to other sites and book recommendations, is <http://healingtrauma.protest.net>. If you can help or want further information contact Mtmmanvt@sover.net.

Bust Funds IMC UK has set up a fund to help with the legal work for Genoa prisoners. Cheques or Postal Orders can be sent to: IMC UK, P.O. Box 587, London, SW2 4HA please write LEGAL FUND to distinguish between donations to IMC UK and the legal fund. HSG has set up a fund for 6 UK residents who were deported from Italy. They incurred many expenses including air fares, phone bills, retrieving luggage and money stolen by the police. They also wish to establish a fund to bring the police and whoever authorised their actions to justice. Donations C/O Haringey Solidarity Group, PO Box 2474, London N8, Cheques payable to Haringey Solidarity Group or contact MelanieC@theseed.ne

The Genetic Engineering Network has moved to the Archway Resource Centre, 1a Waterlow Road, Archway, London, N19 5NJ Tel: 0207 272 1586. gen@gn.apc.org is the new office email for enquiries, information and requests. genetics@gn.apc.org is now reactivated as a news list. www.geneticsaction.org.uk remains the user friendly website for UK crop trial info and other resources.

Gatecrash Labours party!

On Sept 30th, New Labour's annual conference starts in Brighton. Surrounded by a security cordon and hundreds of cops, the government will make decisions behind closed doors. Those who oppose their agenda of creeping privatisation, genetic engineering and the outlawing of protest are not invited to join their party. Although Blair called anti-capitalist protesters an 'anarchist travelling circus', this conference is the real media circus, an empty display neatly choreographed by the leadership to look good on TV. For our part, we're fed up with this farce. We have no illusions about lobbying the Labour Party - we can leave that job to the Lefties... Come and take direct action to ensure that Labour's conference does not go to plan. Sept 30th 1pm, The Level, Brighton. gatecrashing2001@yahoo.com 01273 298192 www.newlabour.org

Summer Gathering 2002

Dear everyone, hope your summer gathering was as lovely as ours and yippee, it's time to think about the next one! If you are interested in being involved in the 2002 collective (last years crew had about 8 core people from the start, almost all from different areas) email summergathering@yahoo.co.uk with your expression of interest and a suggested first meeting time/place. The gathering itself could be anywhere at all, though there's been some expression of interest in the Southwest. You need no previous experience, just enthusiasm! And we will give you lots of useful notes & support, love from the 2001 collective.

Winter Moot meeting

The next EF! Winter Moot will be in Manchester over a weekend at the end of Jan/beginning of Feb 2002. The Moot is a

forum for discussion and planning for the year ahead and acts as a useful bridging point between EF! Summer gatherings. At the Summer Gathering people interested in organising the moot held a meeting. The main issues were what areas should be discussed and, as importantly, how will we discuss them? Gender issues, GM, climate change and disabled direct action have all been mooted for the Moot. There will be a Moot meeting at the Anarchist Book fair, October 20th in London (see diary). Meet at the main entrance at 1pm. We'd like to involve as many people from as many regions as possible. If you can't make the book fair meeting, send your views to Manchester EF! 0161 226 6814 or mancef@nematode.freemove.co.uk

Prisoner support

A fund has been set up for Garfield Gabbard FT9062, HMP Camp Hill, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5PB. He's serving 18 months after the Nov 30th 1999 Euston demo. Particularly he needs money to help with visits. Cheques and POs to Ms Kate Muggleton (Garfield's fiancé), Garfield Gabbard Support Fund, c/o BM Box 2407, London, WC1N 3XX. A group has also been set up for Paul Robinson, who's appealing a sentence he received after the EU Gothenburg summit. Paul's at Goteborg Remand Centre (Haktet), Goteborg Polis HQ (Polis Huset). Box 429 40126, Goteborg, Sweden. He's had a particularly hard time and is inside a long way from home so do send letters. Paul Robinson Support Group c/o Tom Silverlock, UCL Unison, Gower Street, London WC1 6BT. Tel: 020 7679 5188 / 020 7679 7095

Prisoners

If you know of anyone who you think we ought to be supporting get in touch with the AU or ELP (listed opposite), let us know as much as possible (what they're in for, how long, when they're due for release, details of any support campaign etc.). The AU prioritises listing new eco-prisoners ELP carry a more detailed list.

UK

Karl Hodgkinson GF6287 HMP WANDSWORTH PO Box 757 Heathfield Road London SW18 5HS Sentenced to 15 months at the end of July for affray a Mayday monopoly, a particularly hard sentence. Karl is expected to be inside until at least December and would appreciate support. Lee Himlin EX7748, HMP Perry Road, Sherwood, Nottingham, N65 3AG. Lee has now been sentenced to 15 months for sabotage to quarry equipment at 9 Ladies and will be inside for at least another couple of months. Dave Blenkinsop EM7899 H.M.P Lewes, E. Sussex, BN7 1EA, England. Now serving 3years for an assault on HLS Managing director. Ulla Roder, HMP Cornton Vale, Cornton Rd, STIRLING, FK9 5NY TP2000 remand prisoner recently denied bail.

address changes

Mark Barnsley WA2897 HMP Leeds2 Gloucester

Terrace Armley Leeds

LS12 2TJ. Sean Cregan FR8832, HMP Ford, Arundale, West Sussex, BN18 0XB Mayday 2000 prisoner. **USA** address changes Jeffrey 'Free' Luers #1379767, TRCI, 82911 Beach Access Rd, Umatilla, OR 97882 USA. Currently in solitary. Free is serving a exceptionally harsh 22 yrs for ecotage. Robert Middaugh #6859467, Centrel Regional Detention Center, 111705 Alameda Lynwood, CA 902622,

USA On remand for Mayday 2001 in the States, has recently had other charges brought against him

Quebec

Vaughn Barnett, Centre de détention de Québec, 500, rue de la Faune, C.P.7130, Charlesbourg, Québec, G1G 5E4 Canada (On Remand). Stéphane Paquet, 15.2.80, Centre de détention de Québec, 500, rue de la Faune, C.P. 7130, Charlesbourg, Québec, G1G 5E4 Canada (9 months).

Earth Liberation Prisoners support network

c/o BM Box 2407 London, WC1N 3XX Online newsletter earthlibprisoner@mail.com www.spiritoffreedom.org.uk Urgent ELP Bulletin sends out names of new prisoners as soon as ELP gets them animalearthliberation@bigfoot.com

Writing to prisoners

Remember to include the prisoners number and a return address (prisons won't accept the letter without one, not all accept PO Box address) for more tips on writing contact ELP or Anarchist Black Cross c/o 6 Tilbury Place Brighton BN2 2GY

"Any political movement that does not support it's political internees is a sham movement"

Ojore Lutalo, political prisoner

Human genetics and Eugenics

"Soon it will be a sin for parents to have a child that carries the heavy burden of genetic disease. We are entering a world where we will have to consider the quality of our children."
Robert Edwards, IVF pioneer

Whilst activists have been preoccupied over the last few years with genetic engineering of food, drug companies and scientists have been quietly progressing with a (functionally) far larger project: a 'genetic revolution in medicine'.

So far, despite the hype, the human genetics revolution has brought few benefits. Although hundreds of genes that cause rare genetic disorders have been found there is little by way of treatments. Nonetheless, governments and drugs companies continue to pump billions into research, convinced that it will produce better drugs with less side effects, prevention of common diseases by knowing our genetic susceptibilities and direct gene therapies for faulty genes. Drugs companies are insisting on patents on human genes, thereby giving them massive control over the future of medicine.

There are many problems with the promises being made. Firstly, the main causes of disease are environmental and social standards, yet little effort or money is put into dealing with such causes, because there is no money to be made. Secondly, the complexity of genetics may frustrate predictions. Gene therapy is turning out to be

immensely technically difficult.

If the benefits are doubtful, the downsides of human genetics are already with us, or can be seen from history. What human genetics shares with agricultural genetics is the way it is embedded in the capitalist drive to control nature. In the case of human genetics the aim is to control human nature and thereby society. In the first part of the 20th century this became a popular social movement, under the banner of eugenics, which claimed to 'improve the human (or national or racial) stock' by preventing people with 'defective' genes from having children, and encouraging those with 'superior' genes to have more children. The ultimate expression of eugenics was the Nazi Holocaust.

After World War II eugenics became very unfashionable. However, far from disappearing, it went underground. In 1999 activists disrupted the annual meeting of Britain's Eugenics Society, which had invited 3 racists to speak. What also continued was society's hatred of disabled people, and in the 1970s technologies such as ultrasound screening in pregnancy were developed to reduce the birth of disabled children. Although prenatal screening does allow women choice, they are pressured by doctors and society to eliminate disabled children. The development of technology to genetically screen embryos threatens a future of

consumer eugenics, where people pick their 'best' embryo, according to their criteria, which may include appearance, IQ or other abilities. We are already seeing companies discriminating

At last! I've isolated the 'Selfish Gene' and it's mine, all mine!



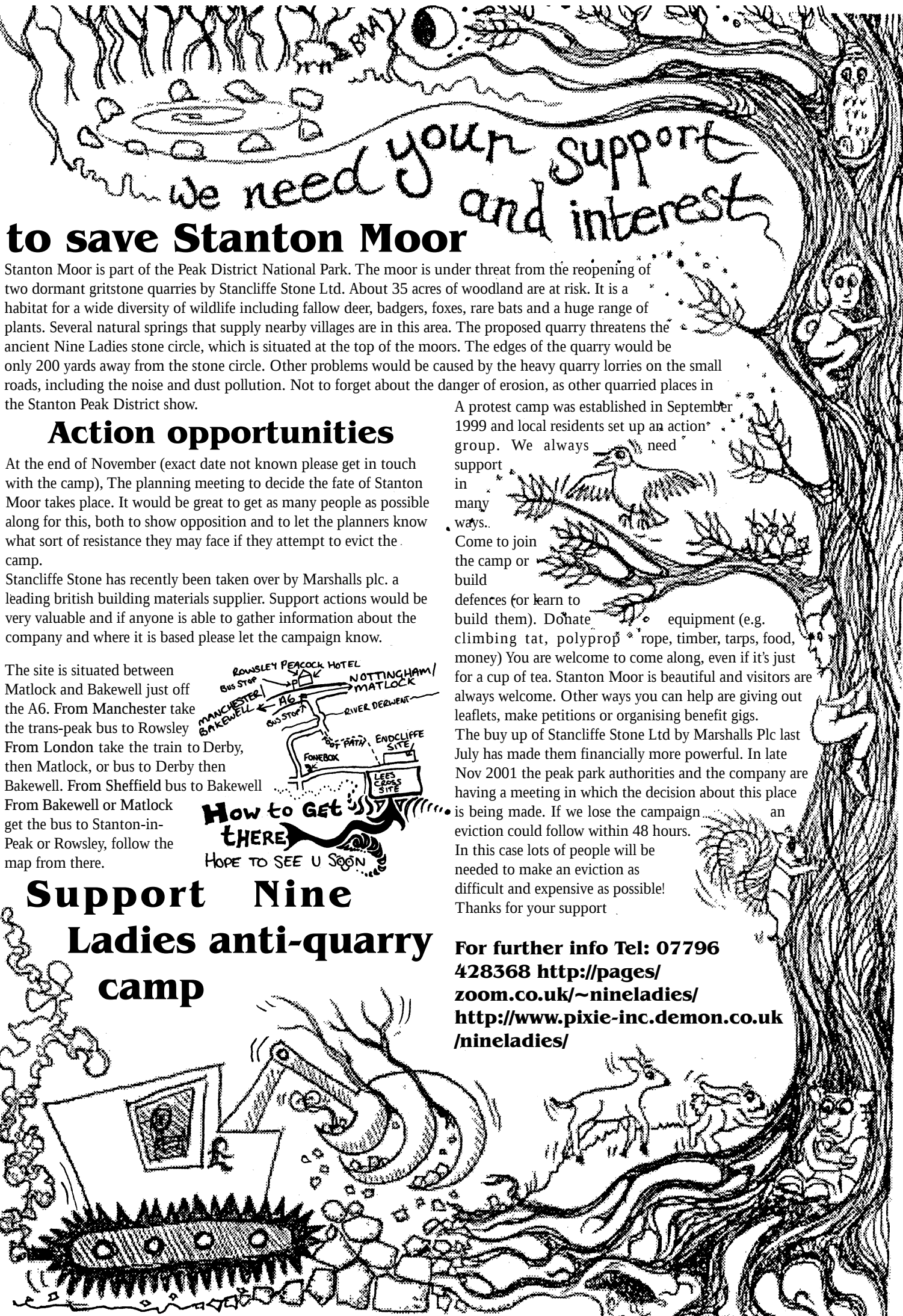
against people with genetic diseases.

Meanwhile an Italian fertility doctor, Severino Antinori is currently threatening to produce cloned babies in the next year and the UK Parliament has already passed legislation allowing creation of cloned embryos for medical research. The ultimate threat is the genetic engineering of human beings, initially to eliminate genetic diseases and then for 'enhanced' appearance, athletic ability etc.

Human Genetics Alert is a pressure group campaigning on the issues in this article. For a copy of briefing papers, or to be put on our e-mail news list contact:

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We need your support and interest to save Stanton Moor

Stanton Moor is part of the Peak District National Park. The moor is under threat from the reopening of two dormant gritstone quarries by Stancliffe Stone Ltd. About 35 acres of woodland are at risk. It is a habitat for a wide diversity of wildlife including fallow deer, badgers, foxes, rare bats and a huge range of plants. Several natural springs that supply nearby villages are in this area. The proposed quarry threatens the ancient Nine Ladies stone circle, which is situated at the top of the moors. The edges of the quarry would be only 200 yards away from the stone circle. Other problems would be caused by the heavy quarry lorries on the small roads, including the noise and dust pollution. Not to forget about the danger of erosion, as other quarried places in the Stanton Peak District show.

Action opportunities

At the end of November (exact date not known please get in touch with the camp), The planning meeting to decide the fate of Stanton Moor takes place. It would be great to get as many people as possible along for this, both to show opposition and to let the planners know what sort of resistance they may face if they attempt to evict the camp.

Stancliffe Stone has recently been taken over by Marshalls plc. a leading british building materials supplier. Support actions would be very valuable and if anyone is able to gather information about the company and where it is based please let the campaign know.

The site is situated between Matlock and Bakewell just off the A6. From Manchester take the trans-peak bus to Rowsley From London take the train to Derby, then Matlock, or bus to Derby then Bakewell. From Sheffield bus to Bakewell From Bakewell or Matlock get the bus to Stanton-in-Peak or Rowsley, follow the map from there.



A protest camp was established in September 1999 and local residents set up an action group. We always need support in many ways.

Come to join the camp or build

defences (or learn to build them). Donate equipment (e.g. climbing tat, polyprop rope, timber, tarps, food, money) You are welcome to come along, even if it's just for a cup of tea. Stanton Moor is beautiful and visitors are always welcome. Other ways you can help are giving out leaflets, make petitions or organising benefit gigs.

The buy up of Stancliffe Stone Ltd by Marshalls Plc last July has made them financially more powerful. In late Nov 2001 the peak park authorities and the company are having a meeting in which the decision about this place is being made. If we lose the campaign an

eviction could follow within 48 hours. In this case lots of people will be needed to make an eviction as difficult and expensive as possible! Thanks for your support

Support Nine Ladies anti-quarry camp

For further info Tel: 07796 428368 <http://pages.zoom.co.uk/~nineladies/> <http://www.pixie-inc.demon.co.uk/nineladies/>

Action Groups

are local EF! contacts some are active groups others need more people to get in touch

Bath EF!
c/o PO Box 426
Bath, Somerset, BA1 2ZD

Dartmoor EF!
c/o PO Box 77, Totness
Devon TQ9 5ZJ

Grampian EF!
PO Box 248
Aberdeen AB25 1JE
grampianearthfirst@hotmail.com

Gwynedd & Mon EF!
The Greenhouse
1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor
Gwynedd LL57 1AX
01248 255 821
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Leeds EF!
c/o CRC, 16 Sholebroke Av
Leeds LS7 3HB
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London Reclaim The Streets
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Reading Roadbusters
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Berkshire RG1 4PS
0118 954 6430
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Sheffield EF!
c/o Brambles Resource Centre
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RTS visit ballet

Faced with the prospect of another Monday meeting London Reclaim the Streets decided 'sod this, let's go to the ballet'. On July 30th a performance of Swan Lake was being relayed from the Royal Opera House into the Covent Garden piazza. The RTS love of the higher arts is legendary, but what caught their eye most was the BP sponsorship, with their lovely logos plastered everywhere. Not up for annoying hundreds of people by spoiling their entertainment, the group went for a low-key presence, holding up the wonderful 'bye-bye planet' banner and giving out loads of the glossy anti-BP flyers. People were pretty receptive and even the sight of one person dressed as a half ballet dancer, half-paramilitary, complete with tutu, didn't seem to put them off.

Contact London RTS rts@gn.apc.org

Police protect Nazis

On August 11th/12th, the British National Party (BNP) held its 2nd annual Red White and Blue Festival on a farm near BNP Führer Nick Griffin's home in Mid-Wales. In response the Anti Nazi League (ANL) planned a counter event. The police immediately served a banning order on the ANL covering a radius of 15 miles around the festival site. Police reinforcements were brought in to control any counter-demonstrations, using roadblocks, video surveillance units, mounted police, dogs and about 200 riot cops.

On the Friday night an ANL organiser was arrested for painting NAZI SCUM on the road leading to the festival and detained for 14 hours. During the day of the demonstration 15 people were arrested for obstruction and possession of drugs. They were held for 5 hours and later released without charge.

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TP2000 Coulport camp

Two anti-nuclear activists from the North-East were snaffled recently by MOD police at Coulport on the west coast of Scotland. Coulport is the site of the missile bunkers for Trident nuclear warheads. The activists were there as part of a Trident Ploughshares camp (27th July – 11th Aug) during which, it is rumoured, a campaigner successfully swam to a nuclear submarine and managed to paint the "I" of "Illegal" on the side before being nabbed. Various court cases are forthcoming and donations towards legal costs are appreciated (write to Northumbria TP2000, PO BOX 1TA, Newcastle NE99 1TA). A large-scale blockade of the Faslane submarine base is planned in October. TP2000 0845 4588366 tp2000@gn.apc.org

HLS national demo

On August 11th around 600 activists gathered for a national demo against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS). A rally and march through the centre of Oxford to Yamanouchi, one of the customers of HLS was held. Members of the Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty campaign (SHAC) spoke and stressed the need for local groups to take action against the customers and shareholders of HLS in their area. Boycotts, demonstrations etc. are needed against all these companies. www.shac.net includes a complete list of customers and shareholders and regular updates on the campaign. SHAC 0845 458 0630.

The next National HLS demo is on October 6th see diary

P&G action

Procter and Gamble's (P&G) new HQ in North Tyneside was recently targeted by a high profile anti-vivisection demonstration. Local activists and representatives from Uncaged made Friday July 13th very unlucky for P&G, the world's largest manufacturer of household products, and incorrigible tester on animals. A sizeable group of protestors held a banner informing passers-by of what the company does, while others used a megaphone to challenge the company to a debate on animal testing and animal based research. The challenge was ignored but P&G representatives agreed to receive a wreath. uncaged.anti-viv@dial.pipex.com 0114 272 2220 www.uncaged.co.uk

Yes Men strike again

Anti-WTO impostors have struck again, delivering a lecture about the rights of slavery, the stupidity of Gandhi and the supremacy of free trade to an enthusiastic crowd of scientists, engineers and marketing professionals; who all thought they were watching an official WTO representative. 150 experts at the 'Textiles of the Future' conference in Tampere, Finland heard Hank Hardy Unruh explain that Gandhi's 'self-sufficiency' movement was misguided because it centred on protectionism and that Lincoln, by outlawing slavery, had criminally interfered with the South's trade freedom.

Finally to applause from the highly educated audience, Unruh ripped off his suit to reveal a golden leotard with a three-foot-long phallus. "If a group of Ph.D.s cheers at such crudely crazy things, just because it's the WTO saying them, what else can the WTO get away with?" said a spokesperson for the Yes Men, the impostors' umbrella group. The entire PowerPoint lecture is available at www.theyesmen.org/finland/

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