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20 we stopped, And some folks drifted of to play some said of the honey. MAILING NUMBER TWO: and it's expanded since No 1, with material coming in from all over the place. It's the busiest time of the year, with events being planned and publicised - I was worried last time that the mailing was too introspective; this time it's more in danger of being too dry and filled with lists of information. I've tried a few ways of brightening it up though.

I was really pleased to get a letter saying we were 'coming from spirituality, rather than just including it'. I hope we are. It's not so evident this time though; I didn't do an I Ching reading for instance - then at the last moment I had a message saying what a good idea it would be to have one every time. Would it? Pleaser someone else let me know, and it can be done for the summer.

The predominant question in most people's minds lately is, what do we do about a home? We need a new place for meetings, a regular Gathering site, a winter stopover for the Roadshow. I'm sure these things will work themselves out; for now, we're putting £1 from every subscription into a Land Fund, so that one day we can all collectively have a stake in buying somewhere. (The real problems will come, of course, when we have to decide when and what to buy; but at least making a start seems better than doing nothing).

We've had subscriptions coming in steadily, 4 or 5 a week (except there's been nothing for the last couple of weeks; I expect everyone's been spending their oney on Easter eggs) - so we've had a bit of cash flow, but certainly not too much. Do tell your friends about the wonderful deal they'll be getting by sending in £5.

What money we've had (about £250, including sales of the Advice Pack and a few donations) has produced two mailings, set up the Land Fund, helped pay for leaflets for the Roadshow and some letterheads, and has paid the postage bills to keep things flowing around. Priorities now are more funds for the Roadshow, a bit to help the Green Field at Glastonbury and the Molesworth event in August, a good leaflet setting out what the Collective's all about, and later on the winter Green Congress.

Details about all these and much more are here in the mailing. The keynote for all of them is facilitation - creating space for the Green movement to come together and grow. Do write, and let everyone know how you're getting on in your neck of the woodlands. profession and ned and sail pusition over all of avianting according

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AT THE LAST COLLECTIVE MEETING ... we were together, in a teepee, outside on the grass at Higher Rockes. On Saturday evening the meeting came to a slow stop as the light failed; the fire burned bright; three different people had birthdays around that time and a big jug of mulled wine appeared, and a carob-coated birthday cake with three candles to be blown out.

Then Richie picked up his flute and Denis from Planetwaves played his guitar. The music was laid-back and easy at first, whiling away the eveing with a slow sleepy melody; then one by one the band came in, two of them, four of them, six of them, till we had congas, bass, two guitars, fiddle, flute, and three women singers, as well as people clapping and banging tin lids and stuff, all inside a 22 foot teeppee. We were very full of music.

Till the neighbours complained. Somebody rang the telephone from just down the road and said "we know there's always a lot of noise coming from your house, and that's not so bad, but now it sounds like you're doing it in the garden!" They asked for it to stop or they'd call the police.

So we stopped. And some folks drifted off to play some music in the house, or to make a cup of tea, or to watch TV; and some folks stayed to watch the fire die low, or to massage each other, or to fall aslepp. Everyone with their dreams to dream, that night.

*** The meeting itself got through a lot of business, and generally left people feeling positive; there was also a long discussion of the Collective Perspective, the direction(s) things are taking, which ended with people feeling things were going OK (!)

No date was fixed for the next Collective meeting (there just isn't time in the busy months ahead), but we'll all be getting together at the Glastonbury Festival in the Green Field, and a summer meeting can be fixed from there if it's needed.

GREEN GATHERING ADVICE PACK

The Advice Pack has been prepared by members of the Green Collective, and is based on their experience in organising the Glastonbury Green Gatherings. It is intended as an information resource and, through its availability, as an encouragement to other groups who may be planning similar events.

The material covers all aspects of putting on a Gathering, and is arranged in sections covering: Working as a Collective; Finance and Budgeting; Press and Publicity; Police and Local Authorities; Site Arrangements and Site Management; Site Kitchen; Gate; Health and Welfare; Information; Workshops; Entertainments; Kidz; Stalls; Site Services and Facilities.

The sections are printed on different coloured paper for easy reference, and are designed so that they can be divided up between the different members of an organising group.

REGIONAL CONTACTS FOR THE COLLECTIVE

Once a comprehensive Collective mailing list has been established, we'll let everyone know the addresses of other people in their areas. In the mean time, here's a list of regional contacts. At present we have no contacts in the Midlands or Northe ern England - is there anyone who would like to do this job for any part of this vast area?

South West: Deam Holden, 37 Parkers Way, Totnes, S.Devon. Tel: Totnes 864568.

Wessex: Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts. Tel: Handley
(07255) 652.

South: Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. Tel: Reading (0734) 478297.

South East: Mike Richmond, 223 Mangold Way, Erith, Kent DA18 4DD.

London: Lin Simenon, 97 Shepherdess Walk, London Nl.

West: Chris Walford, 2 Gransden, Parabola Road, Cheltenham, Glos. GL50 3AF. Tel: Cheltenham (0242) 520329.

Wales: Don Jenkings, Gorphwiffa, High Street, Penmachno, Gwynedd, North Wales. Tel: Penmachno (06903) 315. East Anglia: Huntingdon Greens, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. Tel:

St Ives (0480) 63054.

- Norwich Peaceful Green Collective, Andrew Pratt, 143 Argyle Street, Norwich Norfolk NR1 2BZ.

Scotland: Peter O'neil, Muirton House, Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland

NEWS & INFO

The South Devon Green Collective was set up at a meeting on April 15th, to link together the various groups and individuals who are working for alternatives in the area; to set up communication between them; and to share ideas, information and resources - to co-operate in realising a shared vision. Possible projects include a magazine, work co-ops, and a Green centre. Contacts: Dean (Totnes 864568); Pip Fixham 844620); Richard or Caroline (Ashburton 52932).

Limked in with the Collective is Green Promotions, acting as an agency for performers including Planetwaves, One Hand Clapping, Continuum Theatre, and Panic Picnics children's arts workshops. For bookings contact Dean (once again), at 37 Parkers Way. Totnes, South Devon.

Green Norwich: There's certaibly lots of energy here, yet it tends to be diffuse. Our Peaceful Green Collective came together after organising a successful Fair in the City last summer, and we have many projects and plans produced from a few good gatherings. Everything is a bit rushed at the moment - several people are students and looking forward to fimishing their courses and gaining that bit of extra space which will help such things as: getting a Peace Centre together, a Happy Earthday, an Alternative Council meeting, etc.

We want enother Fair; yet our camping land has been forbidden us by University authorities - but when campaigning against this ban we stimulated a lot of good will, especially in the local press and Council, and during street theatre and petitioning. Greens must go public - in some ways we are less controversial and more presentable even than CND. I've even been into schools talking about the Green rement - great fun !

We plan a PEACEFUL PLAY DAY for June 30th - a Green Day Fair with particular emphasis on children and elderly people, and a lot of local community interest (which the Green Gatherings don't have). This event will be free, with plenty of stalls and displays, a shuttle 'painted coach' service from the city centre, and lots of community games and co-operative play - chanting and celebration - we hope explicit -ly to raise consciousness! People who enjoy and work or atively with children's energy are needed. More news later ...

Andrew Pratt, 143 Argyle Street, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 2BZ.

Cambridge area Green groups have got together to produce a magazine called Greenwave, 'The magazine of the growing minority'. Included are articles on energy, wholefoods, Rebirthing, City Farm, Natural Health, events, local contacts, and more. Greenwave is the magazine of the rising culture, written by people who live round here, telling you what's happening round here, so that more can be done round here to stop the medness'. 40p from The Gatehouse, Fen Road, Milton, Cambridge

Molesworth: Eirene is Greek for Peace, and was the name given to the building designed by Cambridge Architects for Peace and later destroyed by the Council in ewictions of the Peace Camp. It is being rebuilt in a slightly different place this year - the foundations were laid on April 15th - and it will be a 'peace chapel' on the site.

Help with Eirene, and also with digging, planting crops and sowing is needed - to put the wasted land on the proposed cruise missile base to good use. Anyone free to come up and spend a few days at any time is very welcome. Work camps are being organised to last a week at a time, and are running at intervals through the spring and summer; but if you can just come for a day or two that's fime.

Help also needed - money, organic seed wheat, wood and construction materials for Eirene. Plus very optimistic things like farm machinery ... The Peace Camp can be contacted at: People's Peace Camp, Outside Molesworth Airbase, Warren Lane, Fayway, via Kettering, Northants. Tel: Helen Lowe, Clopton 257.

Scientists for Life on Earth: A new network is being set up (i) to create and publicise a progressively more detailed picture of the technology and industry we will need for an ecologically stable society, (ii) identify, criticise and publicise existing scientific, industrial, technological, economic and political practices that are preventing a stable society from being formed, (iii) help Green groups with any projects that they do which have a technical content, (iv) provide speakers to give talks, films etc on technical aspects of the Green movement. The primary objective is to be forward-looking, rather than just critical of what's going on now. For details send A5 envelope with 17p stamp to: D.Rowsell, 90 Gorwydd Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3AN (Tel: Gowerton 873962).

Philosophers & Theologians for Life on Earth: has been started as an informal (Eseminar-discussion group, to generate some open and serious consideration of the deeper philosophical issues underlying contemporary plnetary problems. It is hoped to invite people representing the whole spectrum of philosophical belief and opinion, in order to illuminate more clearly practical and theoretical approaches to help solve some of the more pressing pitoblems facing us today. Topics for discussion cover everything from the Metaphysics of the Plutonium Era to Social, Transpersonal and Parapsychology. Meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 7.30 pm, at the Essex Street Unitarian Church, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington, London W8. For more details contact: Thomas Clough Daffern, 17 Norfolk Square, London W2 1RU.

Riff-Raff Poets are back on the road from this Easter. They will travel to perform in your town. PAT VAN TWEST, JEFF CLOVES and DENNIS GOULD also travel individually. Contact them via: Freedom Bookshop, 84b Whitechapel High Street, London El.

Zimbabwe: There is a project being set up on life as prehistoric man lived it, and someone keen on wilderness living is needed to take part. Fare and expenses are paid, but no salary. Write to: Tim Pye, 25 The Trossachs, Oulton, Lovestoft, Suffolk

The Monkey & The Dragon, 'Purveyors of Quality Information', are making available in this country several radical journals from the USA, as well as tapes of radio programmes from 'The Great Atlantic Radio Conspiracy'. Journals: 'Communities' (cooperative living), 'Black Rose' (Anarchist political thought), 'Social Anarchism'; tapes on Sexual Politics, Health, Anti-Nuclear/Environment, Poetry/Music, Politics. Journals now in stock include features on Kenneth Rexroth (Black Rose), Kingsley Widmer 'Thinking about Libertarian Good Places' (Social Anarchism), and Building Workplace Democracy in the US (Communities). Cost is £1.75 per issue (Communities) or £1.50 (Black Rose and Social Anarchism). Tapes each include two 25-minute programmes and costs £3.

For further details, full lists, sample contents pages etc write to: The Monkey & The Dragon, Tweed Street, High Bentham, Lancaster LA2 7HW.

The Pipes of PAN is the quarterly journal of Pagans Against Nukes, an activist organisation dedicated to the banishment of nuclear technology from our Earth, and the re-establishment of a culture that lives in harmony with Her. They seek to coordiante all pagans, of whatever land or tradition, in political and magical work to achieve this end, that the Earth be Greened Anew.

The Pipes of PAN is available at 50p (£2 per year) from 69 Cranbury Road, Reading, Berkshire.

Please send details of your local groups, growths and gatherings for inclusion in the next mailing.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, FETES AND FUNCTIONS

- April 22: Molesworth. The air base (proposed site for cruise missiles) includes over 1300 acres of wasted land, which if sown with wheat and other crops could save the lives of over 15,000 children who will otherwise starve to death by this time next year. We hope to begin sowing the seeds of life by planting on the base on Easter Sunday (and the work will continue from then on). Please bring wellies, gardening tools, and things to plant. Seed for the crops will be provided. For more information contact: Molesworth Wheat to the Starving, 11 Chancery Lane, Thrapston, Northants NN4 4JL Tel: Thrapston (08012) 2187.
- April 28: 'Alternative Britain' A public forum and Fayre to discuss a new social order for Britain. Speakers: Tony Benn, Dr Rex Andrews (Waker), Guy Dauncey (The Unemployment Handbook), Jonathon Porritt (Eco), Henderson Daltymple (Caribbean Times), Helen John (Greenham Common), Angela Warner (Anti-Vivisection); plus The Groovers Steel Orchestra. Details: Joan Andrews, Ol 622 5734. Friends House, Euston Rd, London NW1; £2 admission, 70p for concessionaries. Offers of help om the Green Collective stall to Chris Walford, Cheltenham (O242) 520329.
- April 28-29: Glastonbury Earth Mysteries Gathering at the Assembly Rooms, High St, Glastonbury, Somerset. Workshops, shared experience, ceremony. Details: Palden, 0458 33162, or Jamie at Gothic Image, 7 High St, Glastonbury, 0458 31453 or 31528.
- May 4th: Stroud Valley Greens. Details from John Marjoram, 23 Lower Street, Stroud, Glos. Tel: Stroud 70962.
- May 5-7: Barnstaple. There will be a large party/small gathering at Yeotown Farm, Snapper, Barnstaple, Devon. This will include a 'dry run' for the Green Roadshow, and all Collective people are invited. Tickets are £1, or else be prepared to help with the work involved. The site is 2 miles west of Barnstaple, on the road to Bratton Fleming.
- May 18-19: Malvern. Festival of the Earth Spirit, Winter Gardens, Malvern, Worcs. Details: Gateway Aquarius, 2 Virginia Cottages, Mathen, Nr Malvern, Worcs WR13 5PQ. Tel: (06845) 69291.
- May 19-20; Thorpe Tree Fair, Thorpe Woodland Campsite, Nr Thetford, Norfolk. £2 per day, plus £2 for two days camping; proceeds in aid of Green Deserts.
- June 6th: Swansea Green Day. Details: Clair Phillips, 140 Hanover Street, Swansea SA1 6EN. Tel: 0792475 176.
- June 8-9: London Action '84. Action in Parliament Square to coincide with Reagan's visit for the economic summit. Details from CND, 11 Goodwin St, London N4 3HQ. el: Ol 263 0977. Also The Other Economic Summit (June 6-10), a parallel event which will involve alternative economists, many with a Green perspective, from this country and overseas many from the Third World. Details: The Secretary, TOES, 42 Warriner Gardens, London SW11 4 DU.
- June 15-17: Boscombe Down Peace Fayre. An event to show that a centre for the arms race can also be a place for celebration, during which a new Peace Camp will be set up. Details: John Fuller, 64 Florence Court, Andover, Hamts; or Heather Rey, 10 Orchard Close, Amesbury, Wilts. Tel: Amesbury 22605.
- June 18-24: Farth Awareness Comference outdoors in Sherwood Forest. Details: 69 Cranbury Road, Reading, Berks RG3 2XE.
- June 22-24: Glastonbury CND Festival, Werthy Farm, Pilton, Nr Glastonbury, Somerset.

 Rands include: Thompson Twins, Weather Report, Black Uhuru, The Smiths,
 Howard Jones, Ian Dury, General Public, Dr John, Fairports, Joan Baez,
 Billy Bragg, Paul Bradley, Amazulu, Christy Moore, Staple Singers; plus
 Theatre, Cabaret, films, Children's World, Green Field, Lasers, Dance,
 camping, car-parking, market stalls, workshops, puppets, speakers, hot
 air balloons, ceilidh, video, comedy, guests. 3-day advance tickets £13
 from CND (festival), 11 Goodwin St, London M4 3HQ.

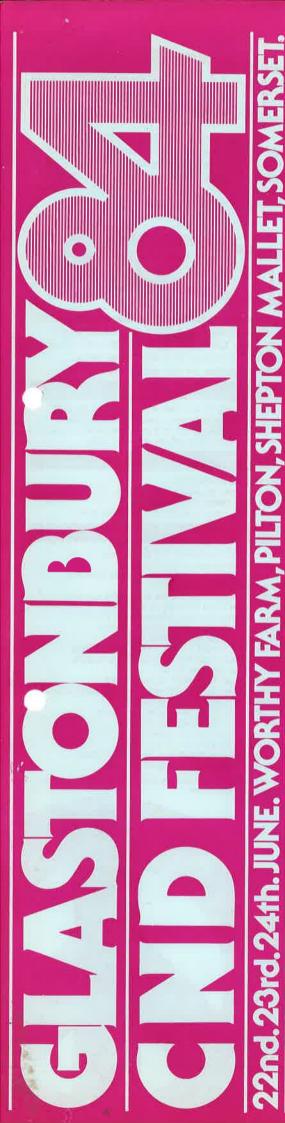
- June 23-24: Bradford Green Gathering, University of Bradford, West Yorks. Details: Jennie Bean, 3 Swinton Place, Bradford 7, West Yorks. (Might change to June 30/31).
- July 1st: Chilwell Mass Trespass. Details from 'Reclaim Chilwell', c/o Nottingham CND, Environmental Factshop, 15 Goosegate, Hockley, Nottingham NGL 5FE. Tel: 0602 581948.
- July 7-17: Tewkesbury Mediaeval Fayre, The Vineyard's Field, Tewkesbury, Glos.
- July 8th: Hull Green Day. Details: Betty Whitwell, 3 Thorngarth Lane, Barrow-on-Humber. Tel: B-on-H 30721.
- July 16-22: Woenderecht, Holland. Gathering entitled 'Perspectives for Alternative Movements in 1984'. There is already a Peace Camp outside the proposed Dutch cruise missile site, and there are plans to construct an entire alternative village during July and August.

 To focus international attention on their plans, they are planning this large Gathering during the third week of July. It begins on Monday July 16 and has the support of groups throughout Europe, including the Fairground Communes Network and Creative Mind, both from England. A series of workshops are planned for the afternoon of each day; the mornings will be spent helping with construction work. During the course of the two-month construction period, a series of non-violent direct actions are being planned to oppose the construction work of the base, also scheduled to start in the summer.

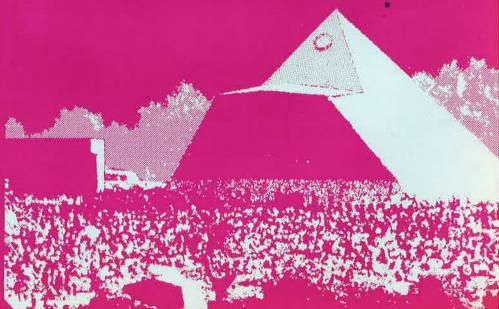
 They are looking for support, enthusiasm and involvement from groups throughout Europe. Would anyone like to be our Green Collective contact person for this Gathering? If so, please contact David Taylor, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs (0480 63054). In the mean time, if you would like to know more or plan to travel to Holland, their address is IOC, Lazarijstraat 6, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium. Tel: 011/25 23 41.
- July 26 August 1: 'Transforming Crisis', the 7th Congress of the European Association for Humanistic Psychology; University of Surrey, Guildford. Concentrates on "people going through personal experiences rather than just listening to prepared papers... Humanistic psychology seeks to integrate the whole person body, feelings, intellect, spir.t". The Congress includes an inter ting mixture of workshops, presentations, events and celebration but at a price: £65 plus food and accommodation. Details: EAHP, 25b Harecourt Road, London N1 2LW; or John Rowan, 79 Pembroke Rd, Walthamstow Village, London E17 9RB.
- August 10-12: Green Moon Gathering, Cumbria. Details: Sue Allen, Tynedale Cott., Garrigill, Alston, Cumbria CA9 3DS.
- August: Molesworth Harvest Festival. Plans to bem amnounced. For details of Green Collective involvement contact David Taylor, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Humtingdon, Cambs. Tel: 0480 63054.
- September 28-30: Stoneleigh Tree Fayre, Stoneleigh, Nr Coventry, Warwicks. Details: Green Deserts, Geoff's House, Rougham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Tel: 0359 70265.
- October 5-14: Liverpool Peace Festival. Coincides with the last 10 days of the International Garden Festival (a Heseltine-imspired event), and also ties in with lots of other community-based peace events. But this is an on-site event in a park close to the Garden Festival, with facilities for camping as well as the festival area itself in Wavetree Playground.

 Details: Peace Festival '84, c/o Unity, 1 Hope Place, Liverpool L1 9BG Tel: 051 709 4988.

The Green Collective is maintaining a list of planned Green Gatherings and related events. For further information and updates on this list, please send SAE to: 4
Pridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.



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NEWS

1984 has already proved a historic year for the Midsummer Glastonbury Festival, being held for the eighth year at Worthy Farm near Shepton Mallet this June. In January legal moves against the event by the local council were thrown out by the courts. As a result Glastonbury's long term future at last looks certain!

To celebrate, the three-day event this year promises to provide a bigger variety of entertainment than ever before, matched by further improvements in our organisation and back-up services.

That's not just good news for festival goers, but also for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. For the last three years the event has been the biggest single contributor to C.N.D.'s funds. With the presence of cruise missiles now casting a shadow over Britain, Glastonbury's importance as a celebration of peace and co-operation has never been more obvious.

As in previous years, leading musicians and artists from around the globe will be performing continuously throughout the weekend. An extra big-top will house the Elephant Fayre Arts Cabaret, doubling the amount of theatre and alternative comedy on show and for our younger friends, there is the fabulous Children's World, providing non-stop care and entertainment during the festivities.

There will be Films, Hot Air Balloon rides, a "Green Field", Market Stalls and more space for parking and camping than ever before, so we hope that you will join us for a weekend of peace and merry-making in this beautiful setting.

INFOLINE

The Infoline is now open, providing up to the minute information on performers, travel to and from the festival site and ticket details. Ignore the rumours and get the facts by ringing **01-272-7382**.

HELP

A restricted budget and increased overheads means that we need as much help as possible in promoting the festival. One of the most successful and effective methods is for sympathetic magazines and publications to donate free advertising space. Just let us know the size and copydate and we'll do the rest. Our ads come ready to paste-up and on time, so if you think you can help please ring Housegrove on Bristol (0272) 428494.

STALLS

For full details, application form and price list, please write to: Glastonbury C.N.D. Festival, (Stails), Worthy Farm, Pliton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 4BY. Tel: Pliton (074989) 254. Please enclose a large S.A.E. with your application.

TICKETS

Three-day advance tickets are available from the following outlets at £13.00 each. Camping, Car-parking, V.A.T. and all On-site events are included in the ticket price. Children under 14 are admitted free.

By Post:

C.N.D. (Festival) 11 Goodwin Street, London, N4 3H.
Please make cheques and postal orders payable to
Glastonbury Festivals Ltd. and don't forget to enclose a
Stamped Addressed envelope with your order.

By Phone:

Keith Prowse: 01-836-2184
London Theatre Bookings: 01-439-3371
Premier Box Office: 01-240-2245
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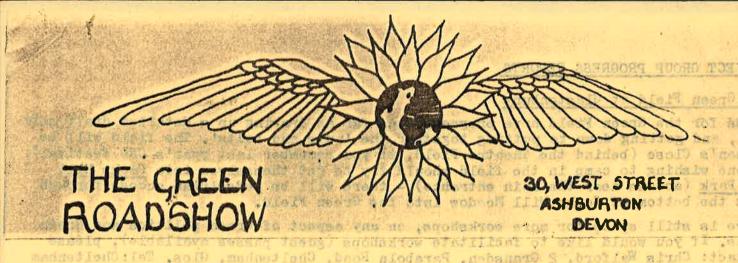
London: All branches of Kelth Prowse.
London: All branches of London Theatre Bookings.
London: Premier Box Office.
Birmingham: Cyclops Sounds, 8 Plcadilly Arcade.
Birmingham: Virgin Records, 74 Bull Street.
Bristol: Revolver Records, Berkeley Cres. 299105.
Bristol: Virgin Records, Merchant St. 290499.
Bath: Light Angles, The Corridor, 62722.
Glastonbury: Gothic Image, 7 High Street. 31453.
Milton Keynes: Virgin Records, 59 Silbury Arcade.
Yeovil: Acom Records. 25503.
Brighton: Virgin Records, 5 Queens Road.
Brighton: Give Peace a Chance, Kensington Arcade.

London: C.N.D. Bookshop, 227 Seven Sisters Road.

Sheffield: Peace Shop, 51 Leopold Street.
Cardiff: Peace Shop, 56 Mackintosh Place.
Taunton: Bath Place Records. 85057.
Plymouth: Virgin Records. 660435.
Sheffield: Virgin Records, 35 High Street.
Southampton: Virgin Records, 16 Bargate Street.
York: Virgin Records, 5 Seasgate.

* Please Note: Some outlets may add a 5% Handling Charge to the published ticket price.





The Green Roadshow is preparing to set off and, at present, the tour is quite uncertain. It is limited by the events to which we are invited (for little more than the cost of our diesel). So far these are few, though rumours of groups wanting to put on events - local events for Peace and celebration, small Gatherings, etc are rife, but unconfirmed. At present our itinerary is:

May 18-20: Green Deserts, Thorpe, Suffolk. The first of the state of t

June 15-17: Boscombe Down Feace Fair, near Amesbury, Wilts.

June 22-24: Glastonbury CND festival, Pilton, Somerset.

After this the Roadshow will be fully assembled but with nothing as yet confirmed, so in order to make a cost-effective and ecologically viable tour, we are looking for events in the following areas:

Early July ... East Anglia.
Late July to mid-August ... Northern England.
Harvest time: Molesworth Peace Camp festival. Late August to September ... Central England and Wales. September 28-30: Green Deserts, Stoneleigh, Nr Coventry.

If you know of any suitable events in these areas, or are considering setting up a local Gathering (town or country) which our presence could help with, then please get in touch.

The aim of the Roadshow is to promote awareness of the interconnected nature of the diverse elements which together make up the Alternative movement. Coming as it does out of the Blastonbury Green Gathering Collective (as a part of the new reen Collective), we aim to create spaces in which Green consciousness can be shared and realised by those who are gathered together.

We have the Apocalypso Sunshine Music of Planetwaves, Esoteric Theatre with Continuum, children's arts workshops and events with Panic Picnics; and we can offer a creche, New Games, yoga, meditation, and massage. We can offer speakers, workshops and displays on Education, Communities, Green CND, Animal Rights, Peace issues, Appropriate Technology, communications and Community Action, dreams, music, poetry and drama, involving your community in action together, creating a basis in shared experience for future projects.

The extent to which we can encompass the Green perspective, in all its diversity, is limited to the contact we can establish and the materials which are contributed. We could easily include more displays, speakers and workshop leaders, in Healing, counselling, conservation and land issues, Third World, and many other Green activities.

Perhaps this year is too soon for the full potential of such an all-embracing idea as the Roadshow to be realised; but'we can make a sound start if we co-operate and communicate more with each other. If you wish to coke and meet the Roadshow, and discuss more fully the problems and possibilities of organising local actions and events, finding ways in which we can work more dynamically together, then: On 5th May there will be a small Gathering party at Yeotown Farm. Snapper. near Barnastaple. North Devon. The Readshow will be assembling to see what we have got and what we are missing, what it feels like to be doing our thing together ... All welcome; let us know if you are coming please (tickets £1, or be prepared to help with the work).

For more information write to Richie Cott rill (address above) or phone: Ashburton

PROJECT GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS

The Green Field at Glastonbury

Plans for the Green Field have progressed as far as drawing up a detailed draft site plan, and getting down to putting together the 'nuts and bolts'. The field will be Norman's Close (behind the Theatre Field, if you remember last year's CND festival); anyone wishing to camp in the field should try to get themselves into Cocks Mill Car Park (access near the main entrance) - there will be pedestrian access through from the bottom of Cocks Mill Meadow into the Green Field.

There is still space for more workshops, on any aspect of Green politics and Green ideas. If you would like to facilitate workshops (guest passes available), please contact: Chris Walford, 2 Gransden, Parabola Road, Cheltenham, Glos. Tel: Cheltenham (0242) 520329.

We can still fit in a few more stalls, at a reduced price compared to those in the main market area; but the festival organisess would prefer to limit stall-holders to those who have been there before. For details contact: Anne Waterhouse, 55 Stuart Close, Emmer Green, Reading, Berks. Tel: Reading (0734) 478297.

We are also looking for more <u>exhibition material</u>, impromptu musicians, ideas, help with site-crew work etc. Contact: Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salighbury, Wilts. Tel: Handley (07255) 652.

Them next meeting will be during the Yeotown Farm party/gathering, on Sunday morning May 6th; Yeotown Farm, Snapper, Nr Barnstaple, North Devon 9 about 2 miles west of Barnstaple on the road to Bratton Fleming.

Green Gathering Group

A site has not been found for a full-scale Green Gathering this summer; however, two events are coming together.

First, the Molesworth Harvest Festival. Peace Campers and others are sowing barley inside Molesworth Air Base (proposed site for cruise missiles) this Easter. In August, at Harvest time, there will be a major Gathering to celebrate and affirm our belief in Life rather than destruction.

Collective members in East Anglia are helping to co-ordinate Peace Groups and Green groups for this event, which will also be joined by the Roadshow and the Collective as a whole. We hope to make Molesworth a focus for the whole Green movement.

Second, a Green Congress this wimter. There has yet to be a coming-together of all the new Green groups which whave been springing up over the past year or so. We ar looking into the possibility of hiring a large conference hall, plus an out-of-season Pontin's holiday camp. The Congress will be political, but it will be a Party in the sense of enjoying ourselves together.

For details of either of these events contact: David Taylor and Richard Oldfield, 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs. Tel: St Ives (0480) 63054.

Resources Group

A new leaflet to promote the Collective will be printed shortly, and a pamphlet covering various aspects of Green politics is in preparation. The information bank and Sunflowers Trading continue to be developed, and up-to-date details are included in this mailing.

Land Trust: A lengthy report on achieving charitable status has been produced; this process is likely to take a long time, but meanwhile a Land Fund has been set up, in which all subscribers have a £l stake. This will eventually go into a collectively owned Gathering site and/or home base. From there, it's hoped to develop the Fund as a charitable Land Trust, which could purchase property for Green centres, sacred sites, Peace Camp sites, organic farms, whole villages ...

The Fund has been set up with £1 from each £5 subscription, and all subscribers will have a share in any property that is eventually bought. At present the fund stands at only about £50 - which is a long way from the quarter of a million or so needed for our Ideal Home! - but great oak trees from little acorns do grow. Any contributions direct to the Fund can be sent to: Rosie & Mike Bell, 69 Cambridge Road, Oakington, Cambridge.

CREATE YOUR OWN POLITICO GREEN GROUP

(This article was offered in response to Mike Bell's 'Designing the Future - methods appropriate for change', published in Mailing No 1).

Round Peace Camps, demonstrations, projects, Green Gatherings etc, and arising out of them in a creative mixture of action and ideas, there is now a complex of af inity groups in the making. An affinity group usually means a single-figure number of people who are personally friends and share common objectives. Smallness and instant feedback solve the age-old problems of office, hierarchy and bureaucracy.

The traditional Left is critical - and baffled ! - because these new groups usually ignore the Labour Party, the Communist Party, the sects, the trade unions, Parliament, 'the working class' and any other class for that matter. A new radicalism, challenging power structures, is slowly constituting itself. It is the product of the main movements that have made the pace since the '50's - i.e. those concerned with peace, ecology, feminism, and decentralisation. It speaks the new language of NVDA, networks, new consciousness, personal responsibility, and holistic-organic attitudes as against those of dualism and the mechanistic.

What kind of future do we have to prepare for ? It seems clear that, overall, things will get worse before they get better; although the critical response of individuals and groups will, at the same time, make for a bigger and better alternative movement.

It is not possible to hope that what we want is going to happen through the ballotbex in the normally accepted way. Our politicians are in the hands of the militaryindustrial-financial-scientific complex, and there is no way they can escape. They will continue as before, slowly making things worse and unable to look more than a year or two ahead.

The prospect (in the opinion of the present writer) is one of slow descent into chaos, until at some point the Government will do something so arrational and impossible - probably supporting some far-out military action by the US - that people by the million will suddenly lose confidence in Westminster and Whitehall. It looks as though there will then be three options: (1) an authoritarian regime of the Right, (2) of the Left, (3) a new Green answer.

Green Politics

A new Green politics will only emerge slowly, polarised between physical and moral necessity on the one hand, and the creative imagination on the other. The immediate beginning is with the immediate question: How do we face a General Election? If central government, and centralisation generally, turning people into numbers, is at the heart of our problem, then it is absurd to suppose that the very people and institutions that constitute the trouble can possibly provide the answers. We have to look in another direction. This means abstention in General Elections; for to do otherwise is to endorse the very thing we are against and to postpone indefinitely the task of inventing the alternative.

Between us there is no agreement, yet, as to what that alternative might be. The debate is still in its early stages, but some ideas are starting to emerge. We tend to do things first and work out what they mean afterwards. This is as is should be - the moral imperative about banning the bomb, for example, is deeper than theories about its politics. But to properly understand what we are up against we eventually need the theory as well. Without it we shall work in the dark and miss our way.

Affinity groups start round action and tread carefully in the field of ideas, aware of the lethal damage done by ideologies over the last two generations. Ideologies are bodies of dogmatic ideas in which ends and means are divorced - and where ends are held to justify any means at all, no matter how amoral and inhuman.

The stauting points of green rethinking are already self-evident. What we have yet to do is to work out their political or constitutional implications, and so put

ourselves on the road to answers different in kind to the ones that have got us into our present troubles. New wine needs new bottles. What follows are some suggested lines of thought.

War and Peace

The starting point for 1983/4 is 'given' - resistance to the cruise and Pershing II programmes; but we cannot stop there. That programme and its Soviet equivalents are the most pressing features of the Cold War to which the answer has to the growing third-force international peace movement that transcends NATO and the Warsaw Pact. The people take the field; but if this is to work it has to happen in the East and West alinke - which makes a next imperative the creation of a substantial independent movement East of the Curtain, capable of pressurising government there just as we do in the West. We can bring helpful pressure to bear for peace rights, since Moscow is very anxious to keep in with the Peace Movement in the West. They have their reasons, we have ours. And the logical extension of our internationalism is the demilitarisation of Europe, East and West, and of North America; but that is a long way ahead at the moment. It is, however, the business of Greens to see a long way ahead. Who else?

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Decentralisation

What of civil politics? If the answer is not to be found in Westminster and Willhall (and authoritarian solutions have been rejected), cam we turn the general principles of decentralisation and the human scale into feasible constitutional alternatives? This means thinking in terms of the sovereignity of provinces, regions and smaller umits, i.e. for the voting, collection and spending of taxes on those bases. Sovereign regionalism in a Europe of the regions (now being widely canvassed) would be possible under the conditions of demilitarisation; and the extensive autonomy of the German 'lande' and the Italian provinces already indicates some of the possibilities. The Westminster Parliament would then go through a third mutation (the first in the C17th and the second in the C19th) to become a purely legislative assembly serving the needs of the regions and the High Court. It would cease to be a source of executive power and have no control over taxation or funding. Its members would presumeably be delegated by the regions and General Elections would not be necessary.

Direct Democracy

Britain is served by a vast complex of voluntary societies. This means that we are already surrounded by the elements of a different constitutional future. We can move from representative democracy (our present form) involving only a tiny fraction of the people in day-to-day government, to direct volunteer government involving millions - without pay. We can look forward to the deprofessionalisation of politics. In the course of building it we can reduce load bureaucracy and dispense with Whitehall as we know it. What we need is a vast increase in face-to-face relationships in all matters of decision-making, and this can only be done on a local and regional basis.

Conclusion

Groups will multiply and create their own networks - personal, local, regional, national and international. We are well into the process already. We could use a constantly up-dated survey to give us some idea of where we stand. Groups are built round action, and the wise ones among them will do the reading, the writing and the conferring that serve to underpin the deed with the idea.

We shall need all the wisdom, clarity and preparedness of which we are capable in face of the traumas that are to come. We can prod the future and edge it forward a bit, but to force it is to invite disaster. There is a sense in which thinks happen in their own good time, and so long as there is mileage in the system we shall have to live with it. But one day that mileage will run out (as it already has in Poland, Afghanistan and Central America), and our turn will come.

PETER CADOGEN, 1 Hampstead Hill Gardens, London NW3. (Anyone with lengthy polemical replies please write direct to Peter).

WHY KYDZ ?

(Last year's Green Gathering was planned as a child-centred event. Richie Cotterill, the kids co-ordinator, wrote down the thinking behind this plan and his reflections after the Gathering).

Children are our hope for the future. It is so simple to see - and yet until now, we in the alternative movements have not invested fully in their freedom. As a generation, we have been able to see ourselves as the crippled and virtually incurable products of a sexist, ageist, violent, racist, authoritarian, oppressive, materialistic and processed mass culture from which we are only now being able to pull away. What hope is there if successive generations have to be put through this trauma of decontamination?

We must redress the balance now, and give them the freedom which we demand for ourselves. From conception, a child is the embryonic potential of humanity, which grows and mirrors the world around it, reflecting the fear and joy, the enthusiasm and violence of our time. It is therefore our 'duty' to nurture this potential, and to create an environment of positive energy which reflects the values which we see now as holding real meaning: love, freedom, harmony, respect, and cooperation.

At the Glastonbury Gathering last year we tried to instill this consciousness, and to involve the children as much as possible in the happenings. The Children's area was central to the site, respected as their domain, a place where adults could go to share the joys and revelations of interaction with children on their terms. It was alive with activities and happenings on many levels, from group experiences to individuak relationships. It was all new, and began what we hope is an on-going development of the role of children in any further Green events which may be put on.

What I feel was most difficult was for the normally sacred areas of adult workshops and speakers to lay aside their own self-importance and to involve the young. How do you explain the nature of neglected respect for the earth and those who share it, to a child of 7 years? Maybe we shouldn't have to, but a great many of us are involved in campaigns and actions around these issues, trying to correct the balance of a world upset by war, inequality and neglect.

Perhaps we wish that our children could simply inherit a beautiful planet, and not have to experience the anguish and despair which cause us to act for change. If so, them we must not leave the responsibility for their sanctuary and stimulation to a dedicated minority, but we must all take time to share with them, in their space, or else actively encourage them into our own spaces. We are not used to doing this, and they do not expect it; so to make it happen we must make the effort to share the consciousness of our co-responsibility for collective growth, to act positively and sensitively for change.

I feel that local Gatherings should be capable of creating a focus for all the alternative initiatives in a particular area, an umbrella under which can be found a common aim and a corporate intent. For the children, this could be the creation of co-operative creches run by men and women; a playgroup run on non-competitive, positive-earthed, peaceful lines. Evena a free school of sorts, from a group of concerned, dedicated 'families' who want to get together with like-minded people and share the exploration in learning.

For further advice, practical ideas and useful contacts concerned with setting up the Children's Area at a Gathering, see the Green Gathering Advice Pack.

If you are intersted in setting up a local free school: If you can't find a building, get a van and travel together, to each other, spread the load, use your houses (a day a week at each?). For legal and practical advice and local contacts, get in touch with 'Education Otherwise', Bruce & Christine Wallace, 25 Diabaig, Achna Sheen, Wester Ross, Scotland.

In each Collective Mailing we will include a short article developing the ideas and practicalities of the Green Gatherings. In the next issue there will be a piece on Alternative/Appropriate Technology and its application at Gatherings. If you wish to contribute to this scries of articles, please get in touch.

LETTERS

I am really excited to hear from you and to read your newsletter. It's a new thing, to find a newsletter for political/social activists, which is coming from spirituality, rather than incorporating it as one of a series of green concerns. I liked your draft constitution a lot as well. I think it draws out the intuition of the person reading it. Or is it that I read into it my own preconceptions?

Since I'm writing I might as well push my two favourite journals. Have you come across these two, they're really inspirational for me: Fourth World Review (was Fourth World News, but changed format); and Raise The Stakes, from the Planet Drum Foundation, which is the main journal of the bioregional movement (Wot? Not heard of Bioregionalism? Shame on you!)

Fourth World Review is about the means being small as well as the ends. Subscription is £10, from 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8. Current ideas include 'The Local Party - a global network party', though this hasn't been put out yet because the editor wants to think about it for a couple of months first.

Bioregionalism is about working for economic independence before national independence. It is about creating an economic and cultural identity for your natural eco-region. Raise The Stakes is \$20 (outside USA), from Planet Drum Foundation, Cal 94131, USA.

Mark Kinzley, 7 Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill, Ilford, Essex. IG2 6TH.

I am most impressed by your approach. I think in fact that what you are saying is of the utmost importance for the future of the Ecology Party (sic) and for Green people generally, because your approach seems to be the only one which will evoke the kind of resonance from the generality of people at large which the Ecology Party has been so desperately seeking and failing to obtain.

John Papworth, 24 Abercorn Place, London NW8.

Cosmic Cafe

It was nice to share the weekend with those of you who came to the Collective meeting at Higher Rockes, and we look forward to seeing much more of you in the future.

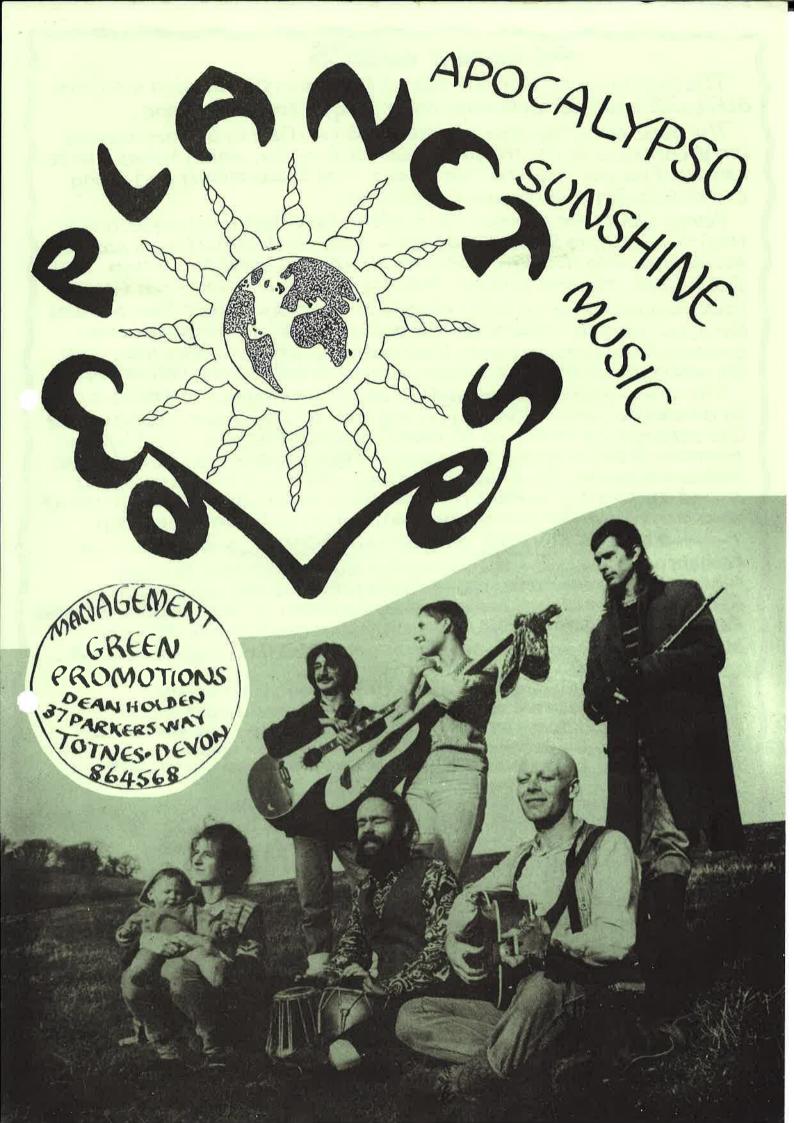
Last December, each of us found ourselves in a space looking for a way forward. Eventually we found a caravan in a beautiful place 10 miles west of Taunton. The west country seemed to be calling us, partly, I think, because there seems to be more truly alternative things happening in the west. With tongue in cheek we now call ourselves an embryonic community. Wach of us has a vision of community. Terry looks for a close-knit commune within a larger community, eventually perhaps village-sized with many different things going on. I look for a network of alternative/Green villages where the ever-growing number of people with a green consciousness can live, grow, and be 'at home', loving each other and mother earth. Peter looks for a community small or large where he can love and be loved and grow in a non-competitive environment.

As a step towards our vision we are trying to form an economically viable unit that could one day be part of a fully-fledged community. We now have an almost completed mobile catering unit which we call, rather pretentiously, 'Cosmic Cafe'. This will go on the road with the Green Roadshow, hopefully serving good, cheap, vegetarian and vegan wholefood meals at Green Gatherings and other festivals.

We have also started a toy workshop which we call 'Green Dragon Toys'; we hope to be able to add 'Co-operative' one day. The toy workshop will give us a way to earn a living during the cold wet days of late autumn, winter, and early spring.

Perhaps there is someone who would like to join us for the summer on the road (or longer)? We could certainly do with another pair of hard working hands! It would be good if we had a woman in our group to help correct the female/male imbalance. Our address is Peter, Terry & Peter, Pond Cottage, Fitzhead, Taunton, Somerset.

See you all at Glastonbury, Love and Peace, Peter.



PLANET WOVES

The beginning of 184-finds Planet Waves in the studio with the difficult task of capturing their unique sound on tape.

The band came together at the '82 Green Gathering, an annual event enhanced by the magic of Glastonbury Tor, which brings a wide variety of people together for a week long celebration and living

demonstration of alternative lifestyles.

Planet Waves are a Green' band, with a New Age Vision reflected in their 'Apocalypso Sunshine Songs'— a simple, but full, semi acoustic sound featuring strong melodic vocals, congas, hand percussion, bass, flute, fiddle, sax and guitars, drawing musical flavours from Latin, Rock, Reggae, Country + Folk! Deveral of the players have been busking for a few years in England and abroad, so their performances lean towards a close rapport with their audience. Wherever they play they are well received and have already started to build a cult' following.

The core of this happy ensemble is based in a community of caravan in a beautiful wooded valley on the edge of Dartmoor, with a way of life attempting to live up to Green ideals and helping to set up and promote Green projects. This summer Planet waves will be with the mobile batheving, the Green Roadshow, which will tow extensively around the country to fairs, festivals, fêtes, fiestas, as well as setting up their own events. See you on the road, or in a field along the way!

Perhaps well never see—the Golden Age beyond this dark horizon when our children will be free— in a way that we can only dream on Receive the Revelation, beware of expectation, project beyond disaster Realise that the slow train is getting faster, heading for disaster Makefor greener pasture, project beyond disaster, project beyond....

Booner or Later-we're going to have to-learn to live together To understand that-we can shape our future-and we can live in Harmony with Nature-we can make it work-we can save our world. Now's the time for action-action speaks louder than words. Now's the time for action if we want to save our world-with Love....

The end of the world is nigh-ohnot again! I hear you cry 'Heard it before and it's a lie-a piece of cake pie in the sky! Going now to kingdom Come-peace on earth, goodwill be done Heading on toward square one-to finish off what was begun will there always be one more chance to sit out on this suicide dance The show is over-on with the show-encore, one more time, let's go It's curtains for certain?

Does it ring true to you, the way you live and do the things you do?

Does it ring true to you that hopes and fears are just a point of view?

It's tantamount to treason to rely on rhyme or reason

And you're living out of season if it isn't ringing true

Ring out the old, ring in the new, open your heart and be true to you.

BONG EXTRACTS FROM 'APOCALYPSO SUNSHING' BY PLANET WAVES OFFEN Ray'84
CASSETTE AVAILABLE FROM GREEN SUN MUSIC-37 PARKERS WAY. TOTNES. DEVON ESTIMATED

GREEN COLLECTIVE INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

We have many sheets of contact addresses for organisations and individuals involved in different aspects of the green/peace/alternative movement. These lists are available to anyone involved in non-party-political campaigning, research, selfhelp etc.

We cannot guarantee that these lists are comprehensive or completely up to date. The situation is obviously changing wery frequently. We need further lists and, would appreciate assistance from anyone who can help with updates and new addresses.

To obtain these contact sheets, please send 10p per sheet required, to cover photocopying and other office expenses, plus a large stamped addressed envelope (12½p for 10 sheets or less, 17p for 11 to 19 sheets, 21p for 20 to 31, 27p for 32 to 41, 37p for 42 to 51, etc).

Please make cheques payable to 'The Green Collective' and send to: 4 Bridge House, St Ives, Huntingdon, Cambs.

Contact addresses available (figures in brackets indicate number of sheets).

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Alternative magazines and newspapers etc (4 sheets); Communications/info/Networking/Libraries (2); Radical Bookshops (3); Pagan magazines (1); Pirate radio stations (1); Book distributors and publishers (5).

Media

Press contacts (4); Foreign (1); West country (1); TV (3); Radio (2).

International

Third World/International/Human rights (2); War On Want local groups (1); American Indian information sheet (books, publications, groups) (2); Traidcraft Development Education Centres (2).

Anti-Sexism

Women's movement/Feminist networks (3); WFLOE Star Marches '83 (1); Men's Antisexism (1); WFLOE regional contacts (2).

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Ecology/Conservation/Environment/Agriculture (4); Animal Rights (2); Animal Aid local contacts (1); Liberator contacts (1); WWOOF contacts (Britain and overseas) (2); WWOOF farms (6).

Peace

Peace and opposition to nuclear weapons (4); Fast for Life contacts (1); YCND contacts (1); Nuclear energy (2); Alternative Technology (2); Nonviolence training and action (1); CND NVDA trainers.(3).

Community Action

Communes/Communities (2); Community Action/Citizen's initiative/Practical resource bank (3).

Education

Education etc (2).

Miscellaneous

Alternative Healing (3); Multi-cultural (1); Children (1); Economics and Land Economics (1); Housing (1); Personal growth/spirituality (1); Miscellaneous (2).

Political

Political and Green groups (3); Pirect Democracy (1); Student Green Network (1).

Sunflower Goods

T-shirts, 'The Greens Are Gathering' and sumflower motif, printed yellow on green cotton - £3.50 each, or £2.75 in bulk for resale. Please state size - small, medium or large.

Envelope re-sealers, 'The Greens Are Gathering' (green, gold and black) - £2 per pack of 100, £1.85 per pack for 5 packs or more.

1½" badges, 'The Greens Are Gathering', 'Friends of the Earth' - 25p each or 15p each for orders of 10 or more.

1½" peel-off stickers, 'The Greens Are Gathering' - 50p for a sheet of 20, or 40p per sheet for 10 sheets or more.

42" peel-off stickers, 'The Greens Are Gathering', 'Animal Liberation', 'Women's Liberation' - all 30p each or 15p each for orders of 10 or more.

A5 leaflets, 'The Greens Are Gathering' - £1.50 per hundred.

Other Items

Green star reflector badges (metallic, 4" diameter) - 50p each, cr 4Cp each for orders of 5 or more.

'Daughters of Creation' by Manitonquat (story leaflet) - 5p each.

THE GREEN PACK: includes car sticker, sample Green Line magazine, leaflets,

articles, stickers, badge etc £1.20.

Please include 15% with all orders to cover postage and packing.

Make cheques payable to 'Sunflowers', and send to: 'SUNFLOWERS', c/o Mo Ostler, 90 Milton Road, Cambridge (Tel: 0223 316189).

SUBSCRIBE TO THE GREEN COLLECTIVE

The Green Collective Mailing is available to subscribers only. Annual subscription costs £5, which includes a £1 stake in the Land Fund as well as a contribution to the various projects now in hand.

Subscribers will also receive names of other subscribers in their areas, details of meetings of the Collective and the various project groups, and an opportunity to buy publications from the Green Resources Group at a reduced price; they will be subscribing to the Collective as a whole, rather than just to the mailing.

Please make cheques payable to 'The Green Collective' and send c/o Bruce Garrard, 4 Chase Crescent, Woodcutts, Salisbury, Wilts.

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Are you involved in any other organisation(s)? If so, we'd be pleased to hear about it. As a subscriber, you have the opportunity to distribute your own publicity material via the mailing.

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