St Valentines Day Massacre

Wimpey sent a message 'love to the World' on February 14th as the Pollok Free State in Glasgow was attacked by 200 Police and 150 Security Guards. They moved in at 9.30am resulting in the felling of all the trees on the eastern edge of the camp. Local reinforcements (including half a school of kids) allowed Activists to break through Police lines in the afternoon and stop work. Later a dozen or more security guards defected and even more quit in disgust, shamed because of the high level of local protest.

This along with the Alan Stewart 'Pick Axe' incident and the arrest of two of the main protesters - now eventually released, has dramatically increased the public awareness of the destruction of the Pollok Estate by the construction of the M77.

The following day - 15th of Feb. - the 'To Pollok with love' car convoy arrived. These were placed in the Carhenge Monument. Wimpey Contractors attempted to continue tree felling at Dumbreck and Patterson, but were prevented from doing so by Protesters. The campaign even though enjoying massive local support, needs more people & support. Get up to the Camp and see People Power in Action. ☎ 0141 636 1924 / 0141 810 1600.

Squat Cranes For Pollok.

Manchester EFI, not being content with being the first people arrested under the CJA (Nov. 5th), have now gone for the double. On the 6th Feb., nine intrepid crane dwellers spent 64 hours up a Wimpey metallic beast. We loved it (apart from being cold, wet, hungry etc.)

We also issued a writ on Wimpey because they refused us food, water and personal effects whilst up the crane, thus turning the whole thing into a siege, contravening UN Human Rights Legislation. On the 16th Feb. a Manchester EFI was in the county court next to Wimpey's barrister and solicitor arguing the case. It was hilarious. It only cost fifty quid for the summons to be issued on Wimpey.

Also, another incident of the crane climb was that Falcon Security, who were "guarding" us, lit a fire underneath the crane and tried to smoke us out. The fire exits had already been nailed shut to stop us from escaping. Illegal? You could say that. Luckily we had a mobile phone up the crane and so as soon as the smoke woke us up, we rang 999 and within 2 minutes three fire engines with full sirens blazing were present. The Fire Brigade have since conspired with the Police and Wimpey to say that it was a false alarm, but it bloody well wasn't!

If you go down to the woods today...

Reach for the Skies ☎ 0161 274 4665.

M65 - It's Just Beginning!

The M65 campaign near Preston recently had two bashes - the tree houses in Stanworth Valley and the squats in Darwen. Around a hundred police plus bailiffs took nine hours to evict over fifty protesters from the squats, with a dozen arrests. Outrageous bail conditions including curfews were applied. People occupied the roofs, locked on inside, and two also sealed themselves into an underground bunker, which took the bailiffs several hours to cut into. The ground floors of the houses had been filled with old tyres, the stairs and some of the floors removed, and generally life was made awkward for the invaders.

Although the squats are down, the "Magic Woods" are still going strong - there are at least fourteen tree houses, interconnected with aerial walkways, which are going to be a complete bastard to evict (probably some time next month). HELP is urgently needed, as well as any CLIMBING EQUIPMENT. ☎ 0161 861 7895 or 0589 985 996.

Computers for Sale - in need of some repair,
☎ Brian at the DoT.
Kevin 0585 312488 or Road Alert!

**Diary Dates!**

Every Friday : Direct action against Cardiff Bay Barrage. 11.30am  01222 333363.
1st - 5th March : Green Party Conference  
Weston Super Mare.  0182 658 0697.
4th - 6th March : LAMB gathering (Mint Sauce Optional), Leeds  0113 2629427.
Friday 10th March : Solidarity action by Avon Gorge EF! for Pollok Estate, meet 11am at  
Dartington Park 8, Ride on the A4 on the Bath Road out of Bristol  01374 953160.
Sunday 12th March : Solusbury Hill anti CJA Rally.  Meet Alice Park (Off A4, nr London road),   
1-2pm.
Tuesday 14th March : Anniversary demo and action. 11am Solusbury Hill, Swainswick, Bath.  
01374 953160.

Thursday 16th March : Lobby of MPs and Rally at Central Hall. Westminster, In support of the  
Energy Conservation Bill.  0171 935 1495 17th - 19th March: SGSG Gathering  01224  
273553 ext 5730.
Saturday 26th March : Demonstration against the Hunt Ball, Birmingham.  0121 560034  
Saturday 1st April : Anti CJA actions everywhere. April Fool Mr Howard?  0161 679 1361.

Scottish Green Student Gathering

Date: March 17-19
Where: University of Aberdeen, meet at  
Catholic Chaplaincy on High St. from 5pm on Friday.
The conference will begin in Aberdeen, but will be moving to a remote site in the hills for  
Saturday night and Sunday. We are asking everyone to help with this event.
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**eCostain in Choppy Water**

Cardiff EF! have escalated their campaign against the Cardiff Bay Barrage. They are now  
holding regular weekly actions on Friday  11.30am, as well as spontaneous actions  
whenever possible. eCostain, one of the two companies building the barrage, are apparently  
troubled by the possibility of legal difficulties. Activists in Cardiff recently staged a “hostile  
take-over bid” of their own when over 40 protestors invaded and occupied eCostain’s  
Cardiff H.Q.

The chairman of Associated British Ports, who are involved in the barrage project as well as  
toxic dumping and live exports, was forced to abandon his lecture to the South Wales Institute of  
Engineers whilst protestors were escorted out by the police. After an hours disruption Sir Keith  
Stothard resumed his “lecture” to find that the police had only removed half the protestors.
Avon Gorge EF! also targeted eCostain for action and found the staff eager to know whether  
they had anything to do with the “organisation” Earth First!. It looks like they are  
now expecting us so let’s not disappoint them! Adding to theirfortunates their London offices  
were recently the venue for some resourceful computer recyclers...Oh dear!

**Do or Die!**

An in-depth, no compromise ‘zine from EF! This is one commodity you should consume. Articles  
etc. to Do or Die! c/o South Downs EF! Copies available from DS4A, Box 8, Greenleaf  
Bookshop, 82 Coston St., Bristol BS1 5BB.

**Severn Seas Gathering**

Yr Enlys, in sunny Cardiff, was the venue for the Severn SEAS gathering from the 27th to the  
29th of January. 30 workshops happened over the weekend taking in a wide range of topics as  
well as Crime on Queen Street a series of highly successful Anti CJA Actions.

**Sab Midland Phone Banking**

First Direct, the armchair banking arm of the Midland Bank, are spending £30m on advertising  
over February and March. Midland bank are one of the 2 main targets of the Lloyds and Midland  
Boycott Campaign (LAMB), fighting against the bankers stance on Third World Debt and their  
non-environmental lending policies.

During the TV ad nights First Direct will have an extra 100 staff on the phones. Ring them for a  
chat! None of them are told about the Lloyds and Midland Boycott. A blitz on these nights would  
raise awareness amongst ordinary staff, and pressure management.
  First Direct on : FREEPHONE 0800 242424. For example, ring in and say that the  
account sounds good, but are First Direct part of the HSBC (Hong Kong and Shanghain  
Banking Corporation), who are being particularly unreasonable about Third World Debt, and who  
also financed the Hawks deal to India. They are also the major shareholder in the  
Goaite plant in Derbyshire which spills out more dioxins into the atmosphere than any  
other factory in the UK.  

A30 Devon
Activists & support still needed  01392  
430185 or 424649.

**SchNEWS**

Justice? from Brighton continue to do them  
selves proud with the weekly publication of their  
Newsheet - SchNEWS, Highly Topical and the  
most up to date news outside of this publication.  
Send SAE to Justice? (see back)
**Earth First! National Gathering**

Yes, at last we're going to have a gathering! It will be over the full moon lunar eclipse of Thursday 18th to Monday 17th April. This is over the Easter holiday as this is the only other time, apart from Xmas when almost all construction work stops, so people won't be out on actions!

Come along and share ideas / resources. Its our gathering so lets make it one to remember. Think of workshops you could run, skills we can share or things you'd like to learn. Bring anything you think we might need (e.g. tents, pots/pans & drums) Absolutely everyone is welcome.

If you've never been to an Earth First! event in your life - this is the time to start. It'll be empowering and fun - a break from all the madness in the world.

We'll be camping at Collymore Farm, Coles Hill (1 mile east of Swindon). It's on the B4019 Swindon to Faringdon road and the last bus leaves Swindon at 6pm (No. 727/73). Bring a tent and warm clothes, but dogs may be a problem. £2.50 a day for food or DIY. ☎️ 01635 521770 for details/offers of support. Get in contact with your local EFI groups to share lifts, spread the word. EARTH FIRST! - make it a reality. 🌍 protección! 🌍

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**Open Cast Mining**

Wales against Open Cast is a network of community groups fighting a 50% expansion of open cast coal mining across South and parts of North Wales. They have produced a new bilingual campaign manual called 'Wales for Sale - Open Cast Mining and Privatisation'. ☎️ 01656 783405. All interest welcome.

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**Critical Mass!**

Critical Mass is a monthly organised coincidence. On your own on a bicycle the odds are stacked against you, but if a group of cyclists all decide to cycle the same route at the same time you can get your own back! Regular events have been organised in these cities during the evening rush hour, with more starting all the time: Aberdeen, Birmingham (1st Saturday of each month), Cambridge, Lancaster, Manchester, London, Cardiff, Aberystwyth, Edinburgh, Oxford, Bristol, and all last Friday of the month. Glasgow (2nd Friday of the month), Leeds (2nd Saturday of the month), Leicester, and York (1st Saturday of the month).

Contact your local cycle shop for details or, if there's not one near you, start your own, they are easy to organise, just make some posters and flyers and find some cyclists!

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**Corporate Watch**

Corporate Watch, the research arm of Earth First! have produced a guide to researching companies. Send them a stamped addressed envelope at Oxford EFI for a copy (and a donation if you can afford it). Please also send them any info on destruction companies you think might be useful.

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**Solsbury Hill**

On March 14th 1994 construction of the Swainswick and Batheaston bypass was due to start.

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**The construction workers arrived to find other local Freedom Network Groups.**

Avon Gorge EF take it to Wimpey in Bristol. 3 arrested for Agg. Tress. Charges Abandoned.

April 1st is the National day of Mad Anti CJA actions happening everywhere. Be imaginative and hit the headlines. April Fool.

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**Hunt Sab Update**

Two hunt saboteurs arrested at the Ashford Valley Fox Hunt meet at Chinnurhurst, Kent, were convicted on charges of aggravated trespass at Maidstone Magistrates Court. They were fined £100 and £200 respectively, with costs of £60 awarded against each of them.

Both have announced their intention to appeal and to take the case as far as necessary to protect the right to protest. Over 100 Hunt Sabs have already been arrested under the CJA. It is intended that police forces who seek to use the CJA in the aggressive and oppressive way that the Kent and Northamptonshire forces have done, will be facing a hefty bill for damages with precious little to show in the way of convictions. 📡 Hunt Sabs 01602 590357.

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**Break the M11 Link**

On the 16th February the M11 Link Campaign marked the anniversary of the siege of Wanstonia with a site invasion. They rushed the fence and occupied cranes and pile drivers on the main construction site bringing construction to a halt for the rest of the day. The campaign is still alive and kicking with a benefit folk evening in Leytonstone on Friday 3rd March. ☎️ 0181 527 4896 (new contact) or 0181 538 2638.

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**Twyford Down**

Following a large number of illegal arrests at Twyford Down during 1993, Hampshire Police are being sued for wrongful arrest, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment. 10 people have already received pay outs in the region of £5,000 and dozens more cases are to follow.

So, if you're arrested under suspect conditions what are you going to do? Get yourself a decent lawyer or Road Alert! 01635 521770 for the number of one. And, if you're feeling guilty about getting all that money there are plenty of Earth First! groups desperate for funding.

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**How to contact Earth First! Action Update.**

By ☎️ 01222 383363 and dictate a message into our Answer phone, or by ☎️ Action Update c/o Cardiff EFI, PO Box 7, Cardiff, CF2 4XX, or by FAX on 01222 64066, or finally by email to ‘dlh wo xc@csx.compuilink.co.uk’. Articles should reach us not later than the 20th of the month for inclusion in next months AU! Thank you for your contributions. - The AU team.
A30 Action, P.O. Box 185, Exeter EX4 4EW, 01392 438015.
Avon Gore EFL, Box 51, Greenleaf Bookshop, 82 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB, 01374 953160.
Belfast EFL, PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ.
Birmingham EFL, C/o Aardvark Centre, Mosley Road, Birmingham B13 0HJ, 0121 449 6675.
Blackmore Vale EFL, Agriculture House, Bath Road, Sturminster Newton, Dorset DT10 1DU.
Bradford EFL, 1 in 12 Club, Albion Street, Bradford BD1, 01274 202226.
Bristol EFL, PO Box 1593, London SW8 8LQ, 0171 928 6161.
Caledonian Green Circle, 67 Burghhead Drive, Linthouse, Govan, Glasgow, G51 3LE.
Camden EFL, Top Flat, 45 Hilltop Road, London N7, 0171 607 6991.
Canton EFL, First Floor Flat, 10 Tullington Rd, London N7 9PP, 0171 607 9937.
Cardiff EFL, PO Box 7, Cardiff, CF2 4XX, 01222 353363.
Darlington EFL, C/o CUS, Bentham House, Horsemarket, Darlington DL1 1BQ, 01325 356566.
Dead Trees EFL, Box 29, 25 Colston Street, Bristol BS1 5BB.
Dart Valley EFL, PO Box 4, Buckfastleigh.
Doncaster EFL, PO Box 407, Sheffield S1 1ED.
Earth ARC, Box 1, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ.
Earlham EFL, PO Box 237, Preston Priory 3TG.
Farlane Peace Camp, Sandon, Upton, Shrewsbury.
Faulklandshire G84, Scotland.
Fellowes Stove, 78 Penny St, Lancaster.
Fort EFL, 20 New Street, Exeter EX4 1HY, 01392 747550.
Fotop EFL, 50 High St, Leeds LS1 1EP.
Forth EFL, St Andrews Centre, St John's Pant, Edinburgh, EH12 5AQ.
Glasgow EFL, PO Box 180, Glasgow, G4 8AB.
Green Anarchist, Box H, 111 Magdalen Road, Oxford OX4 1RQ.
Green Revolution, PO Box 845, Bristol BS9 5HQ.
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Gweyddyn LL57 3SG.
Hillford EFL, 9 Hardens Close, Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 3AA.
Kingston EFL, PO Box 370A, Surbiton.
Kunstpop, Jamaica St, London N12 0EX.
Lancashire EFL, 78 Penny St, Lancaster.
LEAF, PO Box 23, Preston Priory 3TG.
Leeds EFL, 15 Sholbrooke Ave, Chapeltown, Leeds LS7 3HB.
London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road, Kings Cross, London N1 9DX.
Maidstone EFL, PO Box 263, Maidstone.
Manchester EFL, Dept D, 29 Newton Street, Manchester M1 1HW.
Manxsey EFL, PO Box 187, 10 Mount Pleasant, Liverpool L69 7BP.
Mewkims Cottage, Bell View, Heathlands, Lanarkshire.
Newcastle EFL, PO Box 13Y.
No M11 Link Camp, 211 The Archies, Off Grove Green Road, London E11 4AZ.
North Downs EFL, 6 Conifier Court, Eaton Rd, Sutton SM2 5DX.
Not Northants EFL, 8 Cranbrook Rd, Northampton NN2 6JT.
Norwich EFL, The Greenhouse, 48 Bethel St, Norwich.
Oldestham EFL, 1b Hebron St, Hayside, Royton.
Oslo EFL, PO Box 76, Oslo 2107.
Pitponia EFL, Mews Cottage, Bell View, Heathlands, Lanarkshire.
Reading EFL, PO Box 56, Reading 15 2ST.
Road Alert, PO Box 51, Newport, Gwent.
Serum EFL, 9 Botor Lane, Walsall.
SEAN, 7 The Furlong, Yarnfield, Stowe, Staffs.
South Downs EFL, c/o Prior House, Milton Place, Brighton BN2 2GY.
Stroud Valleys EFL, 39 Bowbridge Lock, Bowbridge, Stroud, Glouc GL5 2JL.
Tammar Valley EFL, 10 Compton Road, Plymouth, Devon.
Wolves EFL, c/o Wolves Hunt Sabts, Box 14, Wolves University, Students Union, Wulfruna St, Wolverhampton.
Worthing EFL, PO Box 1322, Worthing, West Sussex, BN13 2BD.
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c/o Prior House, 6 Tullibury Place, Brighton BN2 2GY.
Earth Liberation
c/o Mid-Somerset EFL, 8 High Street, Glastonbury.
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