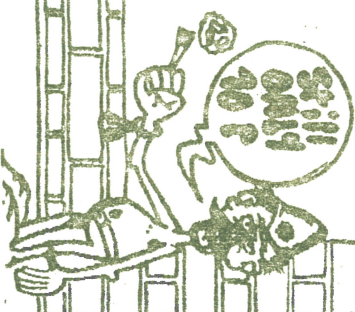




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GRIMBO PRESENT FROM MRS T. ARANTULA

It was announced that the Rates in Southwark are to be cut back by 24% next year. This means that our beloved Council will have less money to prick around with than usual. It also means that the bastards will have less money to fix up their housing. If this happens they are going to have to leave them empty. Lots more lovely places to squat. Of course the Council are such total assholes that they leave a hell of a lot of perfectly good places empty in the normal run of things. And that will never change either. SQUAT ON.....
 SEE PAGE 3.

REMEMOR

1. WHO WANTS A SQUAT
2. WHO HAS SEEN ANY THAT ARE NOT ON OUR NEW SECRET COMPUTER.
3. CHRISTMAS GREETINGS (NEXT WIRE AND SNOW MEETING IN THREE WEEKS!)
4. LEGAL SELF-HELP, AN APPRAISAL.
5. COMING EVICTIONS, A NEW ALARM LIST.
6. NEW PREMISES, ANY POSSIBILITIES, ANY IDEAS.
7. MONEY.
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

NEXT MEETING 7PM

TUE 18 DEC

306 OLD KENT RD
 ANBUKANE STN
 SE 4

SPECIAL EARTRER REVUE

COMING EVICTIONS?
 RECOVER A GOJO!
 BEERLYN POY EROR

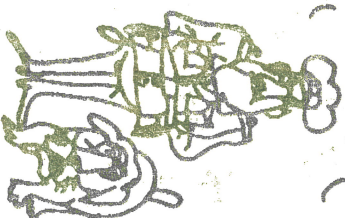
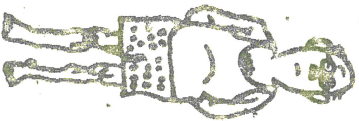
BOB OLD KENT ROAD



Figging Saver!
 is open - Tues, Fri and
 Sun 7-10pm
 plus - Sat 11pm to
 2am.

LEGAL SELF HELP.

On the 20th of January one of the most expert people in the country in the field of housing law will be coming to the SNOW office to talk about fighting court cases. This is the Barrister David Watkinson. We are making the legal self-help meetings on Sundays the time to come along with your summonses and affidavits and getting the best possible advice on how to beat the council at their own game. So if you want the best possible advice on how exactly to do this, make sure you are there at 2 P.M. on Sunday the 20th of January.



SQUATTING IN

AMSTERDAM PART 2

A few more differences between

London and Amsterdam play an important role. With slightly less redundancy in Holland than in England, living on the dole in Holland means some £250/300 per but you have to pay your own rent etc. Squatting, not implying not paying rent, quite a few squatters in Amsterdam may have regular jobs but are squatters because they're not licensed. So, most squatters can afford to have a telephone which plays a crucial role in the whole day to day concept of squatters organisation. Squatting is also much more widely socially accepted, although most of the public seems to resent the over-published 'squatters riots'. In court a case of the housing council or owner vs. squatter/s may be won by the defendant, resulting in a tenancy or sometimes even a summons to the owner to carry out repairs. But to make it to court, the prosecution must know your name: courts cannot take a case against a 'present occupier' - they need your name and it is quite easy not to let them know. And last but not least, Amsterdam people have better social attitudes than Londoners, generally speaking. Go over to Amsterdam and find out yourselves. Depending on the situation of concern, what you generally do when you move into a squat in Amsterdam is to knock on your neighbours door, introduce yourself as a squatter, and your neighbours will either show their disapproval or, more likely, offer to help you out with things like an electricity line or use of their showerer until you've got your own, and if you're lucky, they'll give you some spare furniture or curtains, because they are/ have been squatters themselves.

Next time: squatters' organisations
Ernst



MINUTES

4/12/

1. somebody did want a place and was advised where to go and given a legal warning notice and Notes for New Squatters.
 2. empties have been seen at Long Lane one or two on Rockingham and some on Friary.
 3. of the four places evicted last Thursday (29/11) three have been re-taken. Measures were discussed to alter the steel door on the other one. More cases are coming up next Thursday (6/12) and the Tuesday (11/12) and Thursday (13/12) after at the High Court with cases at the County Court on 13/12 as well. It was decided to monitor these sessions to find out addresses of those soon to be facing eviction in order to send them the 'Don't Fear Eviction' leaflet to encourage re-squatting. Transport was offered to remove offending articles. The last Legal Self Help meeting was considered successful, 4 sets of people facing court cases turned up and were given advice.
 4. office 'phone now works-office rota was fixed-incoming calls only.
 5. £5 was collected.
 6. Spotquooly (some new game) was discussed - see Cormack if you're that way inclined.
- WIRE PLANNING is held on Mondays at 7.30 - be there if you object/have plans. Claimants Union will be held Freeday mornings 10-1.
7. a lengthy, heated, fruitless discussion was held about the sexist crap/harmless amusement in the WIRE. Questions: should you censor when you are being responsible? How do you know what is sexist? Where are all the joke writers????

NEXT SNOW MEETING THURSDAY 18/12 7.30 P.M.

SOUTHWARK CAPPED



So, Southwark Council is to be rate capped by 24%. Shouts of indignation at the Tory Government and much bleating about being one of the poorest Boroughs in London. So if this is the case, why so much waste? If money is short in one direction why not make more in another? Why wasn't the original policy of giving tenancies to squatters kept to? So that instead of 500+ squatters there would be 500+ tenants paying, say, an average rent of £20 giving a revenue of £10,000 per week or at least £3m a year-O.K. so this may not represent a large percentage of the budget yet it would be gain and not loss as at present. This money is being wantonly refused by Southwark Council because of its ridiculous policy of not giving tenancies to squatters. This doesn't take into account the further money being wasted on legal action - the council officers' wages, the costs of solicitors and the court cases - as well as the costs of 'improved security' - the steel-doors alone cost £400 each - all this must add up to a tidy sum and all waste. So don't bleat about not having enough money, Southwark Council, you must have plenty if you can afford to throw it away the way you do. Stop all this legal nonsense against squatters, cancel the orders for steel-doors, give tenancies to people in hard-to-let places and start collecting the rent. After all, most people would claim it from the D.H.S. Anyway so you'd be getting your support from the Government in the end - and don't worry about repairs etc. most squatters are prepared either to put up with lower standards or do their own. So come on Southwark Council get wise - there's no way you can get rid of us 'cause we aint got nowhere else to go. So stop the hasslin' and let's start working together on the real problem - you know - the one up the road over the river.

Dear All,
S.N.O.W. is a loose knit collective of people who are squatting/have squatted or are interested in the practice of squatting who live in Southwark fairly close to the Ambulance Station where the present SNOW office is.

There is no set membership of SNOW. Nobody pays any membership, nobody carries a membership card and nobody has any power or authority over anybody else within the SNOW collective. Decisions, if they are necessary are decided by consensus at SNOW meetings which, although sometimes stormy and untidy, have continued to happen for over 18 months now.

'The Wire' is a 'squatters comic' which is put together voluntarily, paid for by donation and distributed free of charge to 400 odd squats. The 'Wire' grew up as a newsletter to the squatting community and as the community has continued to grow, so has the Wire. To assume that the only thing of interest to squatters is squatting would be narrow minded or political, and therefore the wire has attempted to diversify in whatever direction contributors write in. This has often been controversial and censorship has been discussed. However, the largest problem seems to be that people who consider that they are part of the SNOW collective assume that they are automatically associated with anything which is printed in the Wire. By the same token they should assume that all normal media-type illusions of squatters apply to them.

I am frequently unimpressed with the contents of the Wire, but to assume that all the other readers have the same morals/value judgements as me strikes me as pretty fuckin' arrogant. Any possible editorial/censorship policy relies on somebody or some group of people deciding what people should and shouldn't read, which is obviously not going to please everybody.

Perhaps it would be more constructive if the enlightened few in our community took it upon themselves to explain to the depraved masses why they shouldn't get into the crap that the Wire churns out.

Thm

P.S. No apologies for language used. Language is for communicating with people. The important thing is that other people understand what you are trying to say; the actual words are irrelevant.

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON

The general state of music/bands to-day reflects the apathy and non-direction of our culture. I, for one, am becoming increasingly disillusioned with many of the bands we all so avidly follow now that it seems so hopeless under this Government.

People generally thin quite optomistically, that things will get better. But most people do NOTHING really to make that happen. Our current indulgence with Gothic Spiritualism (Cramps, The Cult, Nick Cave etc.), Anarchy re-visited (Conflict, State Hate, Chaos etc.) and Fetish-Disco/Punk (Divine, Dead or Alive etc. Sorry Neil!) doesn't really lend much weight to any organised struggle by young people. This doesn't dispute that the music is good; the majority of it is, but it relies so heavily on the Image Machine to achieve any credibility.

The old rock cliché of an 'image if important' may have had some truth behind it when we view music over the last 25 years, but is it really important now? It certainly is if you want mass success, but those bands who participate in that lose any inch of credibility they ever had, their personal integrity (if they ever had any) and instead help to perpetuate fashion and the NEED for an image.

An image has lost its importance ... or at least that's what I argue. When it's so obvious that this country's in a diabolical mess - isn't constructing an image more a sign of going mad, delirium, giving up trying than being individual and militant?

'Anarchy' is washed up. It has got nowhere and it will get nowhere. It is just an arrogant rejection of left and right - with no real solutions or answers offered. You only have to see the last STOP THE CITY to illustrate this point - it was a complete farce - the only damage that was done was to STOP THE CITY themselves. 'STOP THE CITY' is pantomime politics. The intentions are good, but the practical capabilities and theory are too basic to be taken seriously.

The anarchism of the past six years or so must now make way for a positive move to the left. Why? Because you cannot sit on the fence and declare impartiality at such a time as this - where would the miners be if they declared they wanted the right NOT to work!! Thatcher would have a hey day.

Stop and think. Just where is this anarchism going? What has it achieved? Did the GLC get to where it is by being anarchists? Would the miners win if they declared opposition to work? Would the NHS, the welfare State etc. exist because of the campaigns of unorganised anarchists on 'Stop the City'? The answer is simple ... NO. Socialism has won these advances, and no matter how pessimistically you view them, life would be a sight harder that it is now.

This brings me around to the The Redskins, 3 blokes with crops and DM boots - not really anything new, but who gives a toss what they look like - their music and lyrics are brilliant. Knock them as much as you like, but this lot are actually SAYING SOMETHING, unlike a lot of bands I could name, who just spout pretentious arty-farty crap.

For once in a long time, a band like this is actually offering hope and yes, change. But not arty-farty anarchist driven about vegetarianism and the occult but positive working class socialism - the spirit that has kept the miners' strike going since the beginning. So stop messing around with those abstract concepts and transsexual occult paedophilians dressed up like paranoid afterbirths and move towards socialism.

'Keep on keepin' On' is the Redskins' current single, a lyrical anthem to the Miners' Struggle in all its strength - "The bosses jump, the workers fall in line

They whip us into line, with threat of the dole."

Listen and give your ears a treat.

KEEP ON KEEPIN' ON - UNTIL THE FIGHT IS WON

Adam B



This is the text of a leaflet produced last week. It's meant for squatters who have had High Court Cases.

Copies are available from the S.N.O.W. Office.

DOM'S FEAR EVICTION

Many people will feel it is hopeless to stay put in their flat when a Possession Order has been granted. It may seem better to get out and go somewhere else rather than live with the uncertainty of not knowing when the Bailiff is going to come. However, there is an alternative - you can RESQUAT.

Several weeks after the Possession Order has been granted you will receive a Sheriff's Writ. This is a notification that the Sheriff's office has the power to evict your flat (See (A).). In the past it has been at least two months and sometimes over six months before the eviction takes place. Recently the Council has been delivering a letter informing occupiers that eviction is imminent. (In practice this means within 7 days. See (B).).

Try to make sure that you're home when the Bailiff's come to evict you (as they may damage your flat if you're not there). Leave your furniture inside and get an inventory for it. Hang around while they're securing your home and watch what they do. If they put up a steel door make a note of how they attach it. Wait until they go away then go back in again.

Remember - re-squatting is not illegal and you'll have at least six more months in your home.

For further help and advice contact:

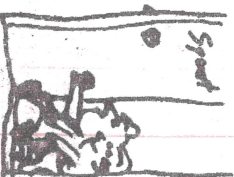
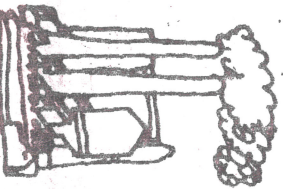
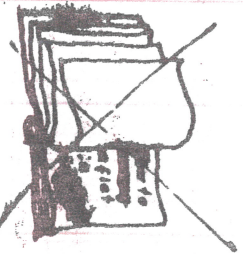
S.N.O.W.
(Squatters' Network of Walworth & Southwark)

306, Old Kent Road, SE1

Phone : 701 5804 (Mon/Fri 4/7 p.m.)

Office Hours : Mon, Wed, Fri 4/7 p.m.

Meetings : Alternative Tuesdays at 7 pm.



Nathan & Co
140/142 The Grove
Stratford E1

This notice is left by an Officer to the Sheriff, to whom has been directed a Writ of Possession in respect of the above premises.

The solicitors for the Plaintiff may request the Sheriff to execute the warrant at any time in the future, without further notice to the occupants.

In the event of the Warrant being executed ALL persons on the premises will be evicted.

Southwark Legal Services

Town Hall

Peckham Road SE5 8UB

Phone : 703 6311

21/11/84

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: squatters

I write to confirm that a Court Order having been obtained on this property in favour of the London Borough of Southwark. The officers to the Sheriff of Greater London will shortly be attending at the premises to carry out a formal eviction. You should therefore leave the property and remove all your possessions immediately.

Yours faithfully

M. Feploe
for Head of Legal Services

University of York Students' Union

University Of York Students Union

'Dear Sir

Re-subscription to the Wire
Further to your letter 26 Nov. '84 I enclose a cheque for £16.20 being the agreed subscription rate for 5 copies of your publication from the beginning of Oct. '84 for the '84/5 academic year. I should be grateful if they could be addressed to the president at the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully
Francis T. M. Wilson
Finance Officer.

Anarchism has taken a fair hammering

in this WIRE ... and it may be that there is plenty about anarchy that's open to dispute. But if anarchy is to be knocked, let's criticise anarchist ideology and not standard misconceptions about anarchy deliberately perpetuated by those in power to convince the rest of us that we are incapable of taking responsibility for our own lives.

If you really believe 'someone else' is better able to carve out your destiny than you are yourself ... fine ... go on accepting deliberately put about mis-interpretations, such as anarchists demanding the right NOT to work ... when in reality the demand is for the right not to exploit and/or be exploited. Not, as it happens, light years from the miners' demands.

Blind belief in big brother/capitalist controlled media is something else the miners are struggling against, and swallowing the fabrications about anarchism is doing neither socialism, the miners or anyone else a favour.

Jane

ALTERNATIVE

Here are some points for people thinking of getting turned on legally.

If you go down to the IEB office and fill in the form they'll try and get £100 deposit off you if they know you're a squatter.

To avoid this try :

1. Ask to go on the the budget scheme. Don't tell them you're a squatter. This won't work if there's money owing from the previous user. Although you're not liable for this it makes them more reluctant to give you a supply.

2. If you've had a supply before and can give the address you're okay, as long as you don't owe them anything.

3. Get a guarantor to stand for you. This makes them liable for your debts so who do you know like that.

4. If you've got a bank account you can make a standing order for say £10 a month. But they still want a deposit. Some people have hassled and got it down to £50.

5. Always say you can't afford £100 and offer less, say £50, if you can.

Good luck!

STEEL DOOR

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It is a truth universally acknowledged that every steel door in possession of the council must be in want of removal.

Jane Austen, Pride and Pre-

So, out we set one misty, moisty evening (just the twelve of us) and approached the steel challenge on 11 Brockley, being watched with interest by neighbours from the building opposite - to which fact we payed credit by doing a short cabaret. Meanwhile the more skilled ones gathered round the doors holding hands, united their concentration power in order to make the steel door have a nervous breakdown due to overwhelming spiritual force.

But up then came some men, all dressed in blue (actually there were some women, too, who were advised by male officer to (quote) "search the girls, while we search the men - not that you can tell with this lot, though ") and tried to make us leave. What we did instead was getting better organised (Cheers, Chris, for tea and coffee!) doors open ready to welcome us in case of emergency (which opportunity was being much used during that night) and guards who watched the building from all sides. Then, finally, all of a sudden, not being touched by neither hand nor tool, the door gave in - fell off with a soft moaning sigh and was not seen again (hallo dear, and how's your workbench today?)

In the course of this awesome experience it was seen to glide away on a moonbeam to a final heavenly home for steel doors. (That's our story and we're sticking to it anyway) In deciding its departure vector it accidentally bumped into a window frame. Certain persons decided to revitalise the window frame. No sooner had this charitable work been started than along comes two cosmic pork pies. Cosmic pork pies being as thick as they are they ventured to ask of the present whereabouts of the steel door (we were watching you all the time and we know it's in there) They wouldn't believe us when we said it wasn't and got stroppy when we wouldn't let them in to investigate In the end, after one of the C.P.'s broke a window with 'is truncheon we decided to keep the poor lads happy by letting them in Upon discovering that the Steel Door wasn't there as we said they pissed off in a huff. Another dastardly Council plan nipped in the bud.....

LATEST SEXUAL POSITION!

DOUVE

Due to discussions at the last snow meeting, Calback is to be processed by our bus week as a penance before we had CAUSERS or chriswood!

COVER CASES

WIGAN COVER CASES

Thursday 6th December High Court

- 3 Broome Way (uncontested)
- 15 Corinth Hse (uncontested)
- 30 Kilminster Way (uncontested)
- 31 Kilmaston Way (uncontested)
- 26 Droitwich Hse (uncontested)
- 29 Palamon Ct (uncontested)
- 4 St James' Walk (28 days suspension)

Tuesday 11th December High Court

- 48 Houseman Way (uncontested)
- 9 Garden Ct SE 15 (uncontested)
- 39 Eaton Walk SE 15 (uncontested)
- 11 St James' (uncontested)
- 8 Eaton Walk SE 15 (28 days suspension)
- 54 Camden Sq (28 Days suspension)

Thursday 13th December High Court

- 14 Rochdale (uncontested)
- 34 Lockyer Est. (uncontested)
- 34 Cromford (uncontested)
- 7 Lockyer (uncontested)
- 11 Aberdare Hse, Summer (42 days suspension)
- 23 Crinan (28 days suspension)

Thursday 15th December County Court

- 28 Ellington, Rockingham (forthwith)
- 42 Wicksteed " "
- 53 Martin " "

THESE TWO OFFICIAL LOOKING THINGS ARE WHAT CAME OUT OF THE HIGH COURT ON TUESDAY UNKNOWN TO THE PERSON WHO AD THEM. THEY APPEAR TO HAVE FALLEN OFF THE DOOR AND INTO THE PERSONS POCKET AS THAT PERSON LEANED UP AGAINST THE DOOR TO LISTEN TO WHAT WAS GOING ON INSIDE. COPIES AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE.

On Tuesday intrepied squatter explorers ventured into the wilds of central London to the land of the Batpersons. Having entered their foul cave we approached with caution, are caution had no foundation though for wielding the mystical weapon Affi-Davit we were able to hold back the ferocious Batpersons and their council vampires causing this battle to be cancelled for a mere 28 days, this was to give the vampires from the council time to sharpen their fangs so that they could drain the life from all who challenge the despotism of the vampires.

THIS COURT IS
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THE PUBLIC OR

THE PRESS



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IN-CHAMBERS

COURT COVER CASES

Once again the fearless and dynamic squatters were taken to court for a morning out, courtesy of S.B.C. Three flats in Rockingham went to have their doors knocked down and the judge said that the council could do it!!

The only humorous thing that happened was when Ms. 'don't worry I'll botch it' Starling got the wrong case and started arguing with the judge, cursing and swearing when she realised her mistake.

We had a 100% turn out on our part, the council had a 100% success as far as they were concerned. Still we gave them a bit of hassle and it was fun anyway to see just what walls the council are when it comes to managing their affairs.

P.I.O.

The dreaded P.I.O. hasn't appeared yet. It seems that the Council are still trying to work out how to use them. At this stage we may fairly safely say that we won't see one this side of the New Year. Nevertheless the Council are liberally slapping stickers on like confetti. Every housing district now has them. The problem is, that the Council are using them not to inform squatters that the gaff they've got an eye on is protected, but rather to scare squatters off.

The first one that SNOW heard of appeared in Rockingham four weeks ago. It was slapped on the door of a flat that was already squatted, though the people there didn't have a legal warning up. To date all they've received from the Council is the standard "according to our records etc" letter and a festive greeting from that ball of slime Cooke the property investigator. Obviously, a P.I.O. certificate will not be used on this people at this stage. In other words the stickers are BULLSHIT If a gaff is empty, go for it as you would do anyway.

In the Arnold Estate on Wed. this week a sticker was put on the door where a legal warning already indicated that the squatters were in. This was intimidation, but the squatters ignored it. Not only that, but two derelict flats in the same estate have these stickers up. If there is an intended tenant for these flats then this tenant must be some form of rat, as nobody could possibly live in them. If anybody gets hassle from Council people or people who say they've been allocated a place, get down to SNOW on the double. It's more likely than not a heap of lies and Council bullshit.

DOC MARTINS

FOR SALE!

ALMOST NEW ^{BRICK} DOC MARTIN'S flat
SALE SIZE 7, 10 ROOMS
P12.

CALL AT
36 DARTFORD HOUSE
LOWFIELD ESTATE
DUNTON ROAD SE7
AFTER 4 PM.
MAGE

STOP P.I.O.s!

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RESISTANCE to the introduction of PIOs through action, publicity and lobbying by a wide range of individuals and groups active in squatting, the tenants movement, advice organisations and the Labour Party has so far kept PIOs in the Legal Department where detailed consideration is being given as to exactly how the procedure for their use will be conducted.

Meanwhile the Council have started sticking up 'PIO warning notices' on empty flats. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT WE KEEP AN ACCURATE TRACK OF THESE TO EXPOSE THEIR TRICKS - as suggested at a TASCs meeting a while ago...A Number of people have agreed to keep watch. IF YOU SEE ANY PIO WARNING NOTICES PLEASE RECORD THE ADDRESS AND DATE WHEN THEY APPEARED AND ANYTHING ELSE RELEVANT (eg time vacant) and get the information to SNOW Office or TASCs via me at 55 Innis House...Then I can make some enquiries...and I daresay other things....

AND REMEMBER "HARD TO LET"!

If we keep up the pressure we can force the Council to bring back hard to let. The current chair of Housing only got their narrowly and the main opposition wants hard to let. THE SOUTHWARK GROUP OF TENANTS ORGANISATIONS wants Hard to let (and the consequent tenancies for many squatters) and are LOBBYING THE HOUSING COMMITTEE ABOUT THIS AND TWO OTHER DEMANDS ON MONDAY 17th DEC 6:30pm onwards. BE THERE! *****PECKHAM TOWN HALL 6.30pm MON*****

Piers Corbyn 55 Innis 701 5691

VICTORY WITH MINERS

MASS PICKET.....
TAYLORS LANE POWER STATION
NEASDEN...North Circular.....
MONDAY EARLY MORNING...6.30am 17 Dec
Info via Chris 7 Brockley or Piers 55 Innis

WIRE DONATIONS

- 55P COCO.
- 1.45P PULLENS PEOPLE
- £1 ANON.
- 16P 5 BARRHAM
- 1.55P BRENDAN, BEAZZARA
- 3.00P FLAT 13
- 1.00P CHRIS KNIGHT
- 2.00 NONO KESTON
- 2.35 WEE JACK
- 2.00 W. HATCRAP
- 50P DEIRDRE
- 1.00 SIMON
- TOTAL **£16.56p**
- THE LAST WIRE COST 16.86p



WE NEED MORE SPACE!

Snow shop - do we need it? We definately need to be in a place where we have enough room to hold our revolutionary meetings and other subversive activities!

At the moment we are operating in cramped conditions. The Cafe has now opened, which is great, but some of the opening times conflict with our meetings and the producing of the WIRE.

There is not a lot of space left in the Ambulance Station, but on Sunday there's a co-op meeting where some of us will go along and try and find out if there is any larger space available within.

If not, our energies should be channelled into new premises, maybe not just one shop, but smaller places in active areas, then maybe this would encourage the de-centralisation of SNOW.

Di

ROCKINGHAM

The shit has rightly hit the fan up here at the moment.

The Council has got three more flats up to court this week. They are 42 Wicksteed, 28 Elington and 53 Martin. All three were in court and Possession Orders were granted in each case. The council made a fuck-up in the case of 42 Wicksteed and moves are afoot to get the case -set aside- as they say. We'll keep you posted.

93 Whitworth got a letter saying they are to be evicted on the 10th of January. But Bailiff is a lying animal at times. There should be some interesting developments there if it ever happens. They were in court as it happens on the 19th of October.

So was 81 Whitworth but they got a letter informing them that their case has been dismissed. Another 6-8 months of happy squat finally, it is of interest that a flat in the estate where the council slapped a sticker on the door threatening hassle if anyone went in is getting treated in exactly the same way as any other squatter would. Usual letter, usual visit from Cooke and another 6 months or so before any serious hassle might arise (i.e. eviction if it comes to that). So just ignore those stickers for a while yet. SEE SEPARATE ARTICLE ON P.I.O.'S And a happy Easter to all of the good people

SWPA

We had a meeting a couple of weeks ago to draft our proposals on how we want the centre to be run in the future. This would be a much more collective basis where individuals who use the centre have a direct input into every aspect of its management.

The GLC and Southwarks Council are having an independent enquiry along the lines of how the centre should work in the future. Meanwhile the occupation is continuing but needs more people to come along and keep the centre open every day so that unemployed people can use it.

83 Peckham High Street. 703 1062



PULLENS

Hi folks, its all been very quiet here since last week when the nasty bailiffs came and evicted two of our squatters to no avail, for our well organised re-squatt squad were quickly on the scene and carried out an eviction order on the councils steel doors (never to be seen again) a comment on the vandalised work carried out by the Council, ie: smashed toilet and broken locks, these have been refitted and a normal way of life has resumed for the residents of 90 Iliffst, tee hee.

Our xmas party at the Pullens Centre is this Saturday 8pm come along and join in the fun (silly outfit competition) a prize for the best one.

Our first issue of PEN (Pullens Estate News) was published this week and local reaction seems to be good, our plans are to put the rag out each month from now on the next issue is in January (15th) Also we have organised a T-A membership list again response has been good.

This being the last Pullens News of 1984 may I wish all the "People" of Snow and our Squatters here on the Pullens best wishes for the holiday period and may the new year favour you well.....

Scruffy

PROBES ST



PROVANCE STATION 10

Hello and welcome to Pete and Sue, who have just moved into the Arnold Estate, and Hello and piss off to the Council men, who've just boarded up and padlocked a very nice place, same estate - but trust the British made 67 four lever - I'm sure it'll fall off eventually, so someone can be moved into that flat, which for some weird, unknown reason has got no preallocation sticker on the boards. Apart from that all is quiet here, maybe except for the fact that we all got our first letter from the housing office a couple of days ago, and are now looking forward to the visit of our beloved property investigator, Cheers for now, and Christine
Happy Easter:

PS

Guess wot? The padlock DID fall off last night- Hurrah and welcome to Paul and Amanda, our latest squatters on Arnold's, who woke up in the morning to find out someone's been sneakin' up during the night and put a preallocation thingy on the door, after they moved in. Now, I definitely call that disgusting behaviour. Besides, they were given loads of bullsshit by the caretaker. Keep your fingers crossed and watch out for the next Abbey Street **NEE**
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WOT'S THIS THEN EH!

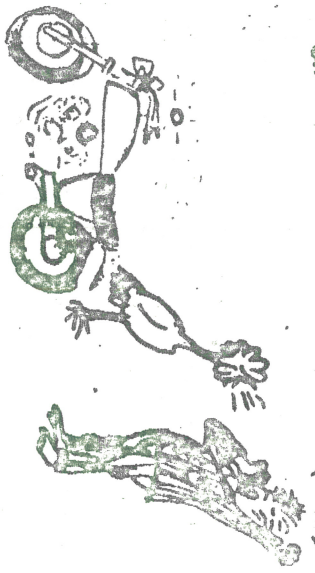
KINGSLAKE AND RIVER

Aquick line

Gossip, gossip. Own up if you have spotted a horrible decrepid creature lurking in the stairwells with incredibly long arms delicately seducing MAINS FUSES-? If you have kick them, then tell Sarah.

Free turfs are available if you wish to landscape your front room or balcony from the potential park behind Southborough.

The Great Housing Game result:
Squatters, 6 flats, tenants, 1 flat.
Mary Whitehouse is complaining about all the naked trees, calling it an affront to morality.
Its getting even colder and wellies are becoming trendy!



The cafe has now opened on the first floor and can provide a main meal with dessert. and tea or coffee. Prices vary with each meal but it will be Cheap.
Times of opening are:
Tues. Fri Sun.....7pm to 10pm.
Sat.....11pm. to 2 am.
GIGS
Sat 15 Dec. Bourbonese Qualk
Fri 21 Dec. S.N.O.W. benefit
Sat 22 Dec. T.V. Personalities
Stingray etc.

BROWN SWICK PARK

In the last but one WIRE we reported that the Council have plans to do up 3 houses here. We are taking steps to establish whether the Council have enough money to do the necessary repairs to do them up to standard.



TO EMBRATE
A CONCEPION AWAY
IS VERY COURTES
PRODUCTIVE
CONRAGE

CHEAP FOOD AND OTHER CHRISTMAS GOODIES . . .

The Poly of the South Bank is all around our spiritual home in Keyworth St. If you go around the back of the Dole Office any day of the week at 3.30 P.M. you can buy some dirt cheap bread (Cornish Pasties 12P) and other bakery products too. You see that's where the National Bakery School is. Go to the door on the map and ask the Porter where the shop is. Right on the other side of the road from the Dole is a red-brick building where you can get full use of the Poly Library (take up to 4 books out at a time), also the Students Union (cheap pints and sports facilities) and you can also learn Foreign Languages at your leisure. That's what the service is for anyway. You join the subscriber service of the language school for a £1 if you're on the Dole. £52 if you're not, then you can use what you like for a whole year. Bring £1 your Dole Card (UB 40) and a photo for the library card. Enjoy yourselves P.S. If anyone knows of any other facilities which might be of use to our community, tell the WIRE and we'll publish it.



BEBERIN



This is it! A night to remember for one and all. Not just an ordinary gig, nor an ordinary party because it will be unique.

Five hours of solid music, slides, films, special effects and much, much more. Only £1 to get in and since it's a benefit, we hope to raise some much needed money for S.N.O.W. and WIRE.

As for the bands, what can one say? Scatter have five gigs around Christmas, Foggy Cry have a new basist, the Moonbeams have reorganised especially for this gig and you'd better watch out for Fucked Beyond Redemption. They'll knock us out. Remember Chumleigh Gigs? This will be better. Starts at 8.30

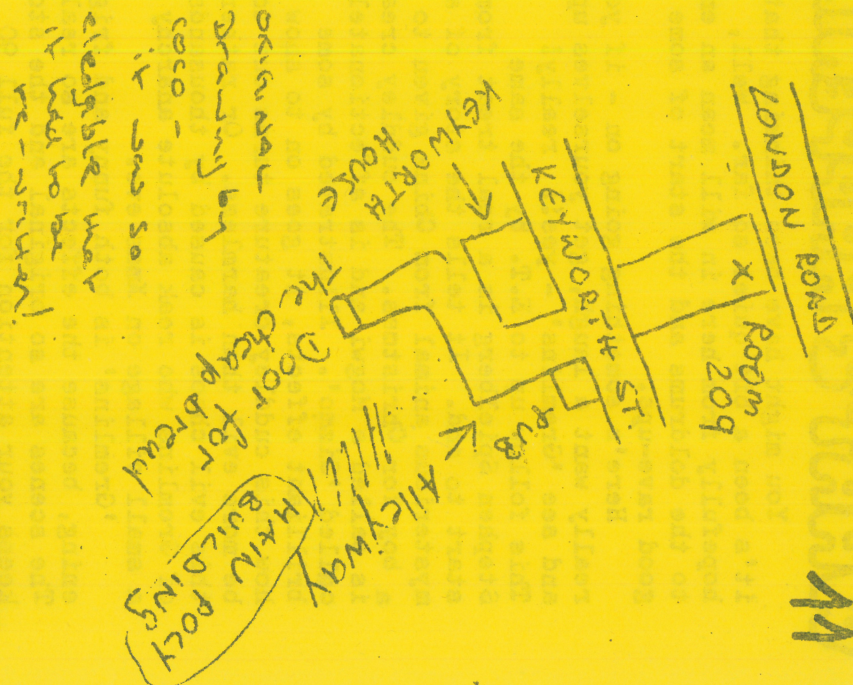
21 Dec!

Be there or be sorry you missed it.

N.A.

P.S. tell a friend to tell a friend to tell a friend to tell a friend.

VICE WARD 11



Spare a thought this Christmas for the many Irish Prisoners of War, who are presently in Jails in Britain, some of whom will be there for a long time to come and many of whom were convicted on trumped up charges and equally false evidence. Whereas many people will not find sympathy for certain of them who were caught red handed, it is important to remember that a lot of these men and women are jailed only because the Tory Press made such a racket over the various actions carried out by the I.R.A. and the I.N.L.A. that the Pigs felt that they had to get some one for them and sure enough they did, the wrong people. Because the British Government is so busy turning a blind eye to the murder and intimidation its own forces engage in it feels it cannot allow any chink to appear in the system of 'justice' which ends up in so many innocent people being put away for long periods. The 12 people who were wrongly convicted of the Birmingham bombings of 1974 are the best example of this mass pogrom against people whose only crime is that they are Irish.

The sooner the British people stop conning themselves in to believing in their 'fair trials' and waking up to the reality of the stinking system which allows such mass crime by the Police and Judiciary to occur on a daily basis all over Britain and Northern Ireland the better. THE ONLY DEFENCE THAT WORKS IS . . . MONEY

WHAT'S HAPPENING

You might have been thinking that it's been a bit quiet so far. Well, hopefully from here in will mean an end to the doldrums and the start of some good rave-ups.

Here's something going on - if you really want a laugh, get yourselves up and see 'Gremlins' - yes!! really! This follow up to E.T. by the same Stephen Spielberg is a real treat from start to end. It tells the story of a mysterious animal from China given to a boy for Christmas. The cuddley creature is called a Mogwi and is affectionately called 'Gizmo'. Illustrated by some brilliant effects, it goes on to show how this cuddley creature turns out to be more evil than harmless. Or rather this evil chaos is caused by thousands of Gremlins who wreak absolute anarchy on a small village on Xmas eve.

'Gremlins' is both funny and frightening, because the effects are so real. The scenes are so original and the story keeps your attention for the full 90 minutes. 'Gremlins' may be a kids film, but is is miles ahead of any childish fantasy movie - the majority of the audience at the cinema when we saw it were all over 25, and the response was sharp. Give yourselves a treat, go and see it! (P.S. You won't be allowed in if you're under 15 ... typists daughter.) It's showing at the Elephant & Castle Odeon at the moment - and it's only £1.50 Moneys/Pnurs ... if you fancy more of this fantasy escapism 'Ghostbusters' is also quite good, but it's a bit heavy on the typical boy-gets-girl, save the world, macho man thing - so be warned.

If you want to catch some gigs before they all disappear - and if you can afford it - there's a brief list of dates for you -

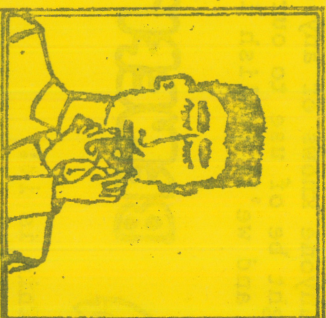
Spear of Destiny	Sat/Sun Dec 22/23	Lyceum Strand £4
The Cult (Supporting Big Country)	Dec 13	wembley Arena
New Model Army/Dr. & the Medics/Joozz	Wed Dec 19	Electric Ballroom Camden
The Pogues/Men they couldn't Hange	Wed 19 Dec	Ritzzy Brixton
Smiley Culture ('Police Officer')	Wed Dec 19	Dingwalls
Misty in Boots/Benjamin Zephaniah	Dec 23	Ritzzy Brixton UB40 £3

And bargain gig of the year (1985 that is!)
 General Saint & Clint Eastwood
 Sun Jan 13. Walthamstow Assembly Hall
 £1 only!

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STOP PRESS! The gig at the ambulance Station on the 21st will feature a live performance from "Fucked Beyond Redemption", their first live performance for 7 years. The line up is SHAKING SHOE sting

- VOCAL
- BASS
- GUITAR
- DRUMS
- Ronnie Style
- General Apathy
- CHRIS MANTIC



USE YOUR RECORD LIBRARY

Some good stuff in the Welworth Road Library. We've spotted Gramps 'Of the Bone', Echo & the Bunnymen, Undertones (early), Billy Bragg, Gang of Four, Damned and lots more. New LPs all the time!

And get an unemployed card for leisure activities - it entitles you to free use of nearly everything in the Recreation Centre in the Elephant (swimming, squash, sauna, solarium! etc.) All you need is a passport size photo of yourself and proof of address - then you get one at any library. It's there for you - use it!

BATTERY EGGS

95% of the hens in this country are kept permanently in battery cages. They can never spread their wings, scratch in the earth, make a dust bath, walk, run or exercise, perch nor make a nest. Yet instinctively they need to do all these things.

Instead they squat on a sloping wire floor for the whole of their productive lives, with wire all around them and a wire ceiling.

In a 20" x 18" cage there will be 5 or even 6 birds ... a bird every 4 inches. Yet the bird's wingspan is 32". The protection of birds act 1954 makes it an offence to keep any bird in a cage which is too small for it to spread its wings. But poultry is exempted because of the profit motive. This has nothing to do with the real survival needs of human beings. It is a deliberate act of selfishness.

If poultry were not exempted battery cages would need to be at least three times larger than at present. If birds want to move they have to clamber over one another.

Overcrowding in an unsuitable environment causes aggressive feather picking and cannibalism. To prevent this the hen may be de-pecked, an extremely painful operation in which one third of the upper beak is burned off. Alternatively the lights may be kept very low as twilight is found to reduce activity in birds.

The British government gives two reasons for retaining the battery cage. Firstly that more research into alternative methods is needed and secondly, that it is against EEC rules to take unilateral action.

What can be done?

- * Avoid consuming those eggs or products made from them like bread, cakes, chocolates etc ... in fact all the processed drug/food of the party of 'Big Brother'.

- * If you want eggs very much then get the good ones (not battery eggs) You might have to pay a bit more.

- * The real alternative is to be a Vegan (get information)

LETTERS. 13

Dear Wire,

I read with pleasure the 2 letters signed by Jessie and Patsy (in the last issue of Wire) concerning some of the crap printed in the Wire.

You are always appealing for people to help build the reputation of the Ambulance Station and come to the meetings, I should think if you wrote a decent mag. instead of all the crap on drugs and criminal activities, and the stupid insinuations of your petty little drawings, more people would be willing to show interest in what's happening at S.N.O.W. instead of thinking it's run by a bunch of school-kids.

I remember the day when I used to look forward to receiving my Wire and reading all the news on squatting, but these days the best place for the Wire is the rubbish bin.

Candibles

This is the fire and water method of hand pressing hash.

Examine the hash powder and crumble any lumps into powder. When it's fine and powdery, scoop up a palm full of the hash and sprinkle in a few drops of water and start pressing particles together between your palms.

Once the hash starts binding, flatten it out in your palms, then lightly place it on hot glowing coal, turning over a couple of times to warm both sides. From lying on the hot coals, the hash cooks slightly, causing the hash and water to expand and gel together and turning the hash from powdery green to an olive-brown tone.

When the hash has attained a consistent interior no more water or hot coals are needed. The piece is then continually flattened between the palms for at least another hour until it has reached a doughlike consistency. It is now ready for shaping.

Making has is very much an old art, and one many traditionalists stick to, though in many places, if you only take 30 minutes instead of 2/3 hours to shape the resin, so be it. It's bought and smoked so they don't care.

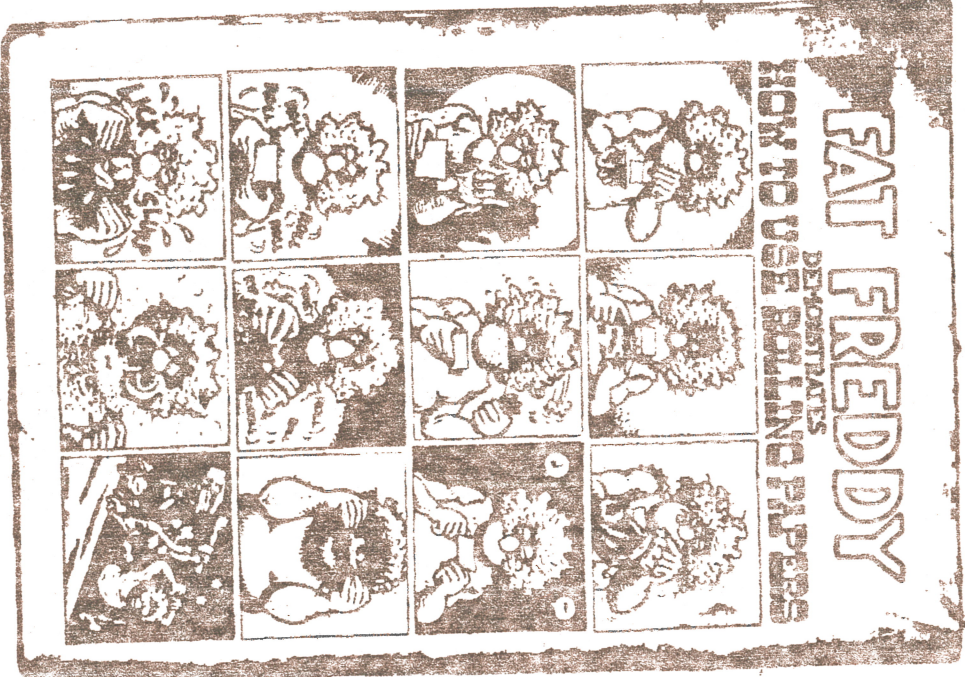
Merry Christmas to you all and see you in '85.

Stay high.

Brendan

FUTILITY

MY MIND'S A BLANK, NOTHING TO SAY.
JUST USE UP PAPER AND THROW IT AWAY.



FAT FREDDY

DEMONSTRATES HOW TO USE ROLLING PIPES

AMBULANCE STATION
306 OLD KENT ROAD SE1
8pm
21 december
 Benefit for S.M.W. I.A.WIRE

AMBULANCE STATION!
 5 DPCS 10 BURN
 3000 CLOVES
PERSONALITIES STRINGS
 1000 SLIDES
 1000 FILM
BANG! BANG!
 1000 SLIDES
 1000 FILM
 SATURDAY DEC 23RD 306 OLD KENT RD SE1

