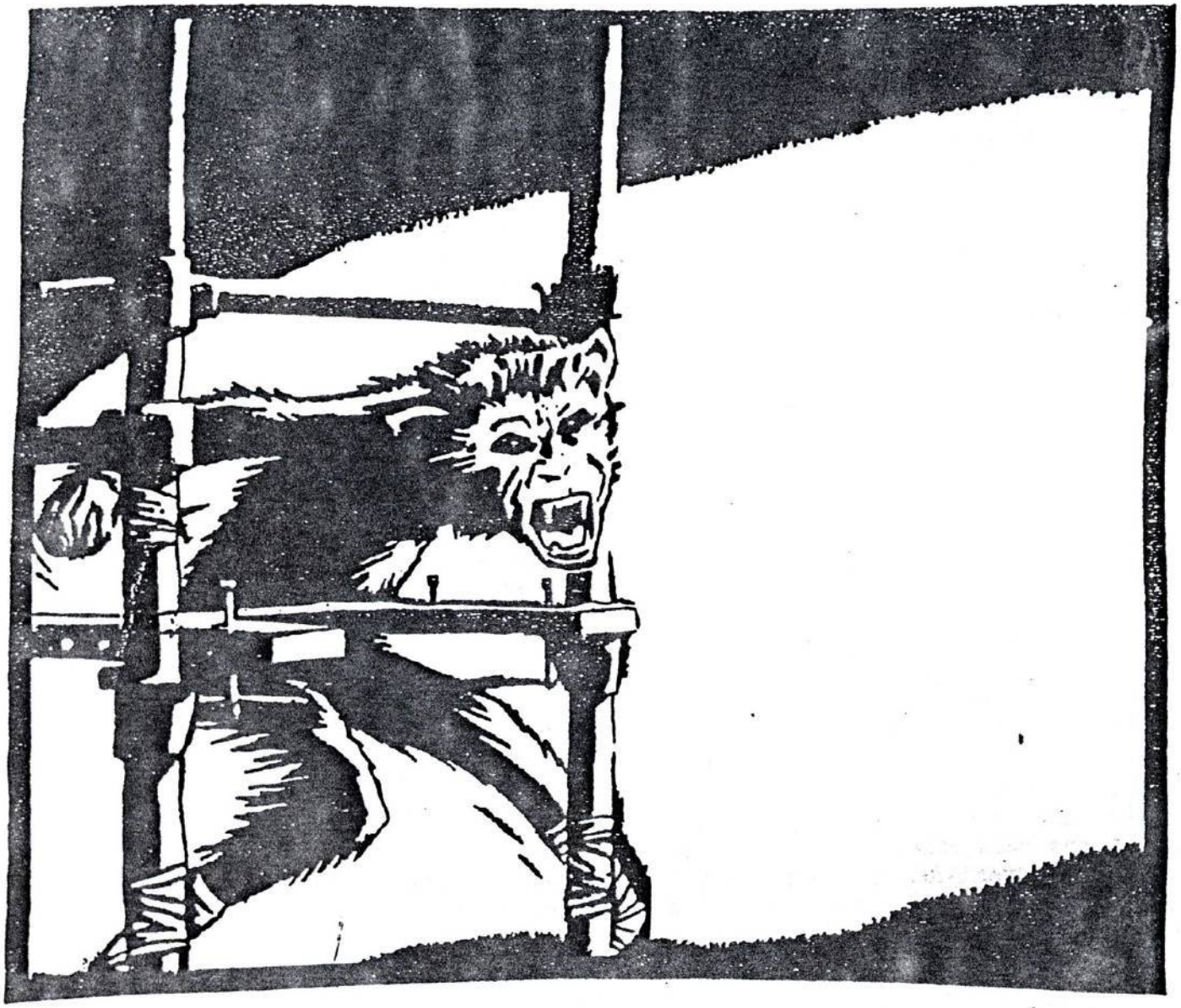
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S.A.R.P. NEWSLETTER MAY 1993

ONE DAY I MAY BE PERFECT - BUT I DOUBT IT!

by Robin Webb

In the last SARP newsletter a criticism of the way I handled an alleged Boots contamination was published, but SARP failed to explain some very serious allegations including, in effect, that I was a "grass" and had suggested the use of non-vegan products.

That was all most unfortunate but the good thing is that SARP, the ALF Press Office and the ALF Supporters Group enjoy a relationship that includes mutual trust, respect and friendship.....not to mention working for a common cause. Thus, I can tell them that I think they've got it wrong and they'll print it!

Many of you will by now have seen the Spring issue of the ALF SG newsletter which contains my full reply. Therefore I shall try to set the record straight as briefly as possible. If you want fuller details please write to the SG for a copy of their newsletter.

The anonymous article was sent only to the SG who forwarded a copy to me for my views on what to do about it. I said it should be printed in full together with my reply. Had it been "swept under the carpet" the writer may have started rumours which would have been too divisive for the movement. My next move was to telephone SARP and ask whether they had received a copy of the allegations. They hadn't, so we had a meeting to discuss the matter and it was left that I would send them a copy of the article to publish and they would reply on my behalf to save me having to duplicate the reply I had prepared for the SG.

Subsequently, SARP decided that a statement indicating that they were satisfied with the way I had handled the matter and had remained within ALF policy would be sufficient to allay criticism. Wrong!

So, what really happened? I received the call in early December last year that Boots products, particularly skin creams, had been contaminated with glass slivers and paint stripper. After discussing the claim with both previous ALF press officers, Ronnie Lee and Robin Lane, it was clear that the action fell outside the ALF's policy of "non-violence".

I then reported the call to the police which should have had the effect of the products being removed from Boots' shelves thus preventing possible harm to the public and causing no less an inconvenience....and financial loss.....to Boots. The police asked if the caller were male or female and I thought it reasonable to reply that it was "a woman". To fail to give that information could be an offence and, anyway, leaving some 54% of the public as potential suspects surely can't be classed as firm identification! Maybe I should point out that, for major actions, I often inform the police that I've received a call after telling the media. That has the effect, hopefully, of preventing them kicking my door down a couple of hours after the media have checked the story with them.

Further description of the callers voice was quite impossible as I suffer from a hearing defect which prevents me recognising individuals' voices, accents, dialects, etc. It's a nuisance, but I just have to put up with it. As I wrote in the SG reply, the only person arrested through telephone calls to this Press Office has been me!

The claim that I suggested using butter as a contaminant is quite ludicrous. I remember discussing what might have been acceptable but can't remember in detail what, as the calls were several months ago. However, I detest the dairy industry so much as one of the very worse areas of abuse that I would never seriously suggest using dairy products for any reason.

Another claim made is that I failed them - "yet again". Who have I failed? When were the other occasions? Tell me and I'll answer the allegations. Otherwise, don't make unfounded half- insinuations.

Strangest of all, the same caller left a recording on my message service the night before World Day last month saying that they had contaminated the same products with the same contaminants in the same areas, claimed it as the Northampton group of the Animal Rights Militia and asked me to inform Boots and the media. If they think I gave the police a description of their voice the last time why on earth leave a recording this time? I took exactly the same action as on the previous occasion.

Of course, I meant to record the message and give a copy to the police but I'm quite useless with modern technology, pressed the wrong button and deleted the whole message by mistake. Damn! Silly me.

Anyway, enough time has been wasted over this matter - time and effort that could have been used to fight on behalf of our brothers and sisters of other species. I know what's important. You know what's important. Let's just all get on with it.....by whatever means we think necessary. OK?

SARP AND ROBIN WEBB

In the last issue of the SARP newsletter (April) we included the anonymous letter referred to by Robin. We stated that we did not believe it was the job of SARP to defend Robin Webb and so for that reason we did not answer the allegations on his behalf. We DID, however, state that after talking to Robin we were happy with his actions and meant to infer by this that, in our opinion, the allegations were unfounded.

Our failure to refute the allegations on behalf of Robin Webb has, however, been misunderstood by a number of people and may have created a certain amount of confusion, confusion that could have been avoided.

SARP would like to state that had there been any possibility, in our opinion, that Robin had described the caller's voice to the police or suggested butter as a contaminant, we would NOT have stated our satisfaction with his actions. We repeat, SARP is happy that Robin acted correctly in this matter and completely within the current ALF guidelines.

SARP fully supports the ALF press office at all times and, in particular, fully supports Robin Webb as the current press officer for the ALF.

WON'T PAY - WON'T PAY

No, it's not the council tax or water privatisation I'm talking about, it's the fines people in the movement pay to the government when convicted of so-called crimes and offences. It's the government that legislates for all the evil and horror of laboratories, factory farms, circuses, zoos, bloodsports, etc, and when we protest about it in one way or another and get arrested, convicted and fined we give the legislators MORE money to help them in their monstrous occupation.

AS A MOVEMENT WE MUST BRING THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS TO AN END

Don't pay. Go to jail for the amount of the fine. Let's step the struggle up a gear and raise our committment to the animals who don't have the choice.

If you have never been to jail before it is, of course, a daunting thought but nothing is as bad as the unknown, and who knows, it might not be as bad as you imagine and it will give you a taste of what the animals suffer 'till their eventual death. In any case, if you are worried about how it would affect you and whether or not you could handle it, you can always have a friend on the outside with the fine so that you could be released on its payment.

If you happen to be employed you could arrange to take part of your annual leave to coincide with your incarceration. That may seem a little harsh but animals in labs don't get holidays - they don't even get weekends or the chance to feel the sun on their backs or the wind in their faces. This is not emotional blackmail - if we are committed enough to hold a placard outside an abattoir and shout for animal rights it's about time we listened to what we are saying and act as if we really mean it.

THINK ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF NOT PAYING THE FINES

1. The money you would have handed over to the tormentors could be used in the struggle for animal liberation.

2. The money you would have handed over cannot be used to support the system that legislates for the abuse and torture of animals.

3. The money it takes to keep you in prison (loadsa money) will now be drained from the system that has no regard for the lives of animals (plus vegans are more expensive to look after).

4. If we all did this it would put an increasing strain on the already creaking prison system and in the end cost them even more money.

5. Once they realise you are not going to pay their fines or compensation order then they have to get a warrant and start looking for you, arrest you all over again, and transport you to the nick. More of the system's money used up.

I know that if you work and pay taxes that you will be footing part of the bill but is it not worth it? Let them see that we are not going like lambs to the slaughter. Let them see that we mean what we say.....

WHAT DO WE WANT? *ANIMAL LIBERATION!*

WHEN DO WE WANT IT? *NOW!*

ARE WE WILLING TO GO TO JAIL FOR IT? *????*

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS

KEITH MANN
NE 0316
c/o ALIU
PO BOX 38
MANCHESTER
M60 1NX

Keith has been in police custody since October 1991 and is currently facing charges of "Conspiracy" and "Incitement" as part of the Manchster Conspiracy case. Keith is due to face trial in September on the Conspiracy charge.

As Keith gets moved regularly, letters of support can go amiss. Therefore, letters should be sent care of the ALIU, and they will be passed on to Keith - wherever he may be.

CHRIS TUCKER
RR 1914
HMP HIGHPOINT
STRADISHALL
NEWMARKET
SUFFOLK
CV8 9YG

Chris is currently serving a 15 month jail sentence imposed on him in November of last year for "Affray". Chris was alleged to have activated a smoke device inside a McDonalds

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PAUL SMITH
WN 1294
DORMITORY 5
HMP HEWELL GRANGE
TARNEBRIDGE
REDDITCH
WORCS
B97 6QQ

Paul was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment in December of last year for a contamination hoax against Boots.

DAVE NELSON
A8030
A WING, H6
HMP MAZE
LISBURN
CO ANTRIM
N IRELAND
BT27 5RF

ALISTAIR MULLEN
A8028
A WING, H6
HMP MAZE
LISBURN
CO ANTRIM
N IRELAND
BT27 5RF

Dave and Alistair are currently serving 31/2 year and 2 year sentences respectively for criminal damage and arson against battery sheds and bloodsports targets. Alistair is due for release on parole later this month and Dave is due for release on parole in July.

PRISONERS AND DEFENDANTS
(CONTINUED)

DARREN TIIURSTON
EDMONTON REMAND CENTRE
9660 - 104 AVENUE
EDMONTON
ALBERTA
T5H 4B5
CANADA

.Darren has been on remand since June of 1992, charged with "Break and Enter, Mischief over $1000" in connection with an ALF action at the University of Alberta Bio animals kennels, where 29 cats were liberated and $100,000 damage was done on June 1st 1992. He also faces one charge of arson regarding an incident on the 15th December 1991 at Billingsgate fish company where 3 delivery trucks were destroyed causing $100,000 damage. Darren originally had a trial date of November 22nd 1993 and had filed a section 11(b) court motion for release due to unnecessary delay of trial. On hearing of this the crown prosecutor has brought the trial forward to September 20 - October 1st to prevent his release on these grounds. Darren has been denied bail five times and will be making another bail application on May 7th.

RICHARD DURIEZ FB1807
HMP BULLINGDON
PO BOX 50
ARNCOT - BICESTER
OXON OX6 0PR

ANNETTE TIBBLES
TT2215
HMP HOLLOWAY
PARKHURST ROAD
LONDON N7 0IU

On the 13th of May Richard and Annette were found guilty of conspiracy to commit arson. Richard had been acquitted of conspiring to burgle the Churchill Hospital and also of conspiring to cause criminal damage by breaking windows. They were both remanded in custody for 3 weeks. On the 4th of June Richard and Annette were sentenced to 4 years each.

MANCHESTER CONSPIRACY

Ten people have received a date for trial, September 20th, the case stems from the surveilance and bugging of a flat in Manchester during 1991, arrests took place of the defendants over a six month period up until the 10th of December 1991. Most are charged seperately but nine are all charged with "Conspiring to Pursue the aims of the Animal Liberation Front". One is in custody (Keith Mann) and the other 9 all have bail with strict conditions. The trial is expected to last anything up to three months.

READING CONSPIRACY

Marianne McDonald, Sam Remmington and Edmund Shepherd have all been released on bail. They were arrested on 2nd February and charged with "Conspiracy to cause criminal damage by fire". They are currently in bail hostels around the country and the trial has been set to start on June 21st.

SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS

SARP, PO BOX 96, NORTHAMPTON NN5 5JT

ABOUT S.A.R.P....

SARP is an independent prisoner support and Animal Liberation group. Our primary aims are to encourage maximum support for:

1. All imprisoned Animal Liberation activists.
2. All those arrested and facing trial for alleged Animal Liberation activities.
3. All actions and activities carried out with the aim of achieving Animal Liberation and alleviating the suffering of the animals.
4. The war to achieve Animal Liberation.

SARP believes that we are fighting a war, a war that we must win on behalf of the animals bywhatever means necessary.

This newsletter is produced by SARP with these four aims in mind and the overall goal of AnimalLiberation. SARP makes no standing charge for this newsletter, there is no subscription fee and it is available free of charge to anyone who wants it and is genuinely committed to achieving Animal Liberation. SARP believes that there are many in the Animal Liberation movement who genuinely cannot afford to pay for this newsletter either through financial problems of their own or becausethey already commit their finances to better purposes. We do not ask for or expect a donation from these people. However, we do appeal for a donation, no matter how small, from any of our supporters who can afford it. By making a voluntary donation to SARP you ensure that SARP will continue as a free service to the entire movement and will continue to campaign for Animal Liberation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SARP is in urgent need of volunteers to help us fundraise on all forthcoming demonstrations and rallies. To help keep SARP as a free service we endeavour to attend all such events, where possible, to raise money either by collections or by selling merchandise. The revenue we raise at these events is of vital importance for the continuing existence of SARP.

If you would like to help us in any way to fundraise or if you know of any events planned that SARP could fundraise on then please phone us at the above number or drop us a line at the PO Box.

To any groups or individuals organising demonstrations, cruelty-free fairs, etc, SARP would much appreciate permission to collect or have a merchandise/ information stall where possible. If you can help us with this then please contact us by phone or via the PO Box urgently.

If you think you can help SARP in any way at all we'd like to hear from you. We always need more people to get involved with the group so if you have some expertise or skill that you think would be of use to SARP then don't hesitate to contact us. We'd love to hear from you!

URGENT ACTION HELPLINE

SARP is currently endeavouring to establish a network of people who are prepared to write messagesof support to new prisoners at a moments notice.

Experience shows that the time when support is most urgently needed and is most appreciated is in the first few days of any incarceration. This is especially true of any activist arrested and imprisoned on remand.

Any activist who has experienced a spell in prison on remand will know that there is nothing worse than the feeling of isolation this brings, wondering if people on the outside know where they are oreven if their predicament is known at all. To receive messages of support during those first crucialdays can do much to raise morale and make prison bearable. This applies equally to those who have just been convicted as to those on remand.

If you are prepared to help support the prisoners in this way then please contact SARP either by phone or via the PO Box, along with your phone number or an address we can contact you at. As soon as SARP is contacted with details of arrests and imprisonments we can then contact you immediately with the necessary details.

The support you can offer may be only a card or short message of support for the imprisoned activist but be assured it will be of great importance to that person to receive support immediately and know they are not forgotten.

Please support the prisoners by contacting SARP as soon as possible if you can help.

SARP CONTACT NUMBER

0536 519 242

SARP can now be contacted by phone thanks to one of our supporters. This service can be used to pass on urgent information on any arrests and/or imprisonments and we appeal to anyone with any such information to use this service. Support or help of whatever kind necessary can be quickly arranged in this way and ensure that no-one is ever forgotten or made to wait for support.

Other messages, information or items of interest can be passed onto SARP in this way also. Don't hesitate to contact this number with any news or information that you think may be of use to SARP or for any help that you think we may be able to offer.

PLEASE NOTE. The views and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily the views and opinions of SARP except where indicated. No item in this newsletter is intended to incite or encourage any individual to break the law by carrying out acts of an illegal nature.

LETTERS

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

From time to time SARP receives letters and articles for inclusion in the newsletter that are either unsigned or where the author uses a pseudonym. SARP is quite happy to include these items, many people don't wish to see their name in print but at the same time have relevant things to say. That's fine, and SARP is happy to encourage that. What we cannot encourage or condone, however, is anonymous letters that make serious allegations or attacks against people or organisations involved in the Animal Liberation movement. Recently SARP received a letter attacking a prominent Animal Liberation person, an attack worded in extremely violent and unnecessary language and which made serious allegations based on, apparently, no solid evidence. SARP feels that it cannot be right to include this letter in the newsletter. The only possible exception to this rule could have been if the letter had been written by an activist or activists currently involved in direct action who had well founded criticism or misgivings about a person, organisation or current aspect of the movement. There was, however, no indication in the letter that this was the case and therefore SARP has not included it.

SARP is, however, happy to include in the newsletter, uncensored, any anonymous letters or articles that may have anything relevant to say, criticism to make or serious misgivings about any aspect of the Animal Liberation movement, as long as they are worded in such a way as to encourage open debate and an exchange of ideas and views. Unfounded personal attacks cannot possibly fall into these guidelines.

SARP has no desire to witness a return to the days of divisive and self-defeating internal warfare that used to be prevalent within the movement. We appeal to everyone to think carefully before making unnecessary criticisms and to consider all other options first. Let us all, together, work for unity and not division. Unity is strenght and when we are strong

GRASSES

Dear Editor,

Regarding your footnote in April's issue on SARP being unable to support persons who give information to the police.....You go on to say that there is no excuse for this behaviour. Is that so? Perhaps that is the case as far as you are concerned but I must point out that everyone has different tolerance thresholds and it is not unknown for suspects to be severely beaten up while in custody. Every case should be judged on its merits and if a suspect in a serious case eventually breaks down under violence and interrogation and names others then that's just part of the struggle. That person was taken to their limit and although they eventually broke at least they put themselves up in the first place - something 99% of this movement are not prepared to do.

I am not advocating a grasses charter but let's show a little compassion when a person breaks under pressure and state violence.

Yours sincerely,

Harry K, North Wales

LETTERS

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PRISONERS VISITING ROTA

Dear SARP

I would like to express thanks, on behalf of all POWs, for the endless support that people on the outside have shown, through letters, visits, etc, but there is one thing I would like to point out.

Most prisoners have someone on the outside who is co-ordinating the visits to ensure that the visiting rota is full, and that they are not double-booked.

Recently, however, some people have been visiting without first contacting the co-ordinator, causing others to be turned away at the prison gates after travelling (in some cases) hundreds of miles.

It doesn't take a lot to put your name on the rota - just one two minute phone call. It saves a lot of bother in the long run. So please keep visiting, but PLEASE book in your visits first.

Yet again thanks (on behalf of the prisoners) for all your support.

Love and Liberation
Neil McIvor

Anyone wishing to visit any of the following prisoners should first contact the relevant co-ordinator:

KEITH MANN	*061 9534039*
TERRY HELSBY	*051 7260339*
RICHARD DURIEZ	*0865 246612*

MERCY FLIGHTS

Dear SARP

May I ask all Animal Rightists (actively involved in A/R) to consider this "activity" whenever theyare given details that their time is coming to an end or consider suicide to be a reasonable method to leave this physical plane.

We all know the locations of Animal abusing places (the vivisectoin laboratories, McDonalds drivethru's, chemists HQ's, recreational facilities used by abusing directors, etc).

Rather than silently die from the terminal illness, the quiet suicide, may I ask that we consider learning to fly, taking a plane, putting extra fuel containers in the "vehicle" and informing the laboratory, drivethru, whatever facility to clear all pets, imprisoned animals, humans, rather than the vehicle take the building out along with other living beings.

A drivethru can be cleared in five minutes or "reduced" (reduction in profit effectiveness) in the small hours when not doing "Business".

This "concept" will also influence insurance premiums, careers in cruel industries where the workforce do not give much thought, consideration to other living beings.

We all have this event to address as we are all to go at some point in our lives and it has many redeeming benefits to other humans and our Animal Friends.

Yours peacefully,
Alf Socrates

LETTERS

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FUNDING SARP

Dear all at SARP

I was pleased to see that in the last issue (April) you got a response to your appeal for support in the form of donations. I would hate to see SARP go to the wall as I think it is an integral part of the grass roots movement for ANIMAL LIBERATION.

I particularly enjoy the editorial comment and the poems. They are the language of the streets and all the better for it.

Keep up the good work.

Warm regards

SL, Bristol.

PS Don't you think it would be an idea to include a bankers order form in order that people who

wished could donate on a regular basis which would allow you to plan better for the future.

SARP reply: What a nice letter, and no, we didn't write it ourselves! We do get nice letters sometimes, you know, although not often, mind you! As regards the PS and the bankers order form, SARP is planning to include one in the next issue of the newsletter (June) as it was not possible in time for this issue. So thanks for reminding us SL and cheers for the nice words!

CRUELTY-FREE BOOTS

As everyone knows, Boots the Vivisectors have all along maintained that they are a caring, cruelty-free business, much maligned by trouble-makers such as the notorious Animal Liberation Loonies (ALL who regularly spread scandalous stories about them).

Now here's your chance to find out the facts!

Boots have kindly set up a freephone number just in case you're not sure about them, want more information or are just generally confused as to why a cruelty-free company, like BOOTS, owns two vivisection labs.

Give Boots a ring today on: 0800 515484

LAUGH ALONG WITH ALF NO 4



THE ROYAL LONDON HOSPITAL TRIAL

Another Animal Rights trial is over. Another success for our movement and one in the eye for the CPS. As I sat listening to all the legal waffle going on around me, and then having to listen to the chief vivisector of "The Royal London Hellhole" being forced by the defence council to reveal details of one particular vivisection that went horribly wrong, I felt sick to my stomach thinking of all the innocent trusting creatures that had also fallen prey to his diabolical experiements. And for the umpteenth time I wondered what sort of society we lived in that persecuted people whose only crime was trying to stop the cruelty, and to make the great British public aware of the diabolical suffering we as a nation inflict on the animal kingdom.

The first two days of the trial were delayed due to me going down with a virus, so it was Wednesday before the trial started in ernest with the jury being sworn in. Four were eliminated because of their connections with the meat trade. The first prosecution witness was Richard Rountree. It was he, along with Janet Jury who had originally employed Adam. The day ended with not much done, that all along was to be the pattern of this particular trial.

The following day found Adam's barrister, Ben Emerson, unwell and not up to cross questioning Richard Rountree, so at twelve o'clock we all went home.

Friday also started late with the jury being sent out several times while legal points were being discussed. The vivisectors all came across as dumb thickos. They were billed as animal technicians, I suppose it sounds more innocuous than vivisectors. Through endless questioning it soon became clear that security at the Royal London was lax to the point of incompetence. It also emerged that Rountree and Jury had decided to employ Adam irrespective as to whether he had a reference or not.

Monday morning the case against me was dropped, and I was free to sit in the public gallery. By early afternoon the case against Adam was looking decidedly shaky, and by three o'clock it was all over. The judge, Gerald Butler, admitted that however suspicious the case against Adam looked, the prosecution hadn't produced one real scrap of hard evidence. He went to say that if the jury were to find Adam guilty he would feel very uneasy. It was incredible. Within minutes the case against Adam had totally collapsed. The jury were brought back and told to find Adam "Not Guilty" on both counts, the third being thrown out altogether.

As the jury left the court, most of them were smiling and two of them put a thumbs up sign and waved. It was quite obvious whose side they were on.

I later heard that the CPS were furious which delighted me no end, they're such shits. It's been a long time. August 1991. My flat was searched and box loads of my possessions were carted off. I was arrested and held all day until six o'clock when I was driven to London and questioned. Since that time I've had to make endless trips to London. First to Lehman St police station, and later to Bow Road magistrates court. I was first charged with conspiracy to burgle which late last year was dropped much to my relief. I was then charged with producing a false reference for Adam. To have subjected me to so much harassment on such flimsy evidence shows that the state is running scared. Our movement is winning. We have right on our side. We are not criminals. The criminals are the animal abusers. It is up to all of us to fight in every way we know how, and whatever way we can, and to expose animal abuse for the evil that it is. The animals have waited long enough.

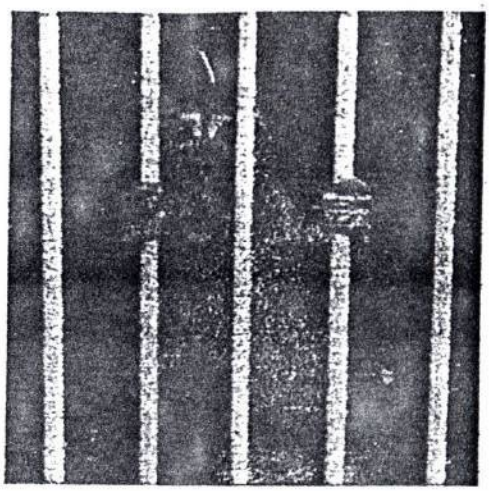
Nancy Phipps

Congratulations to both Nancy and Adam. Commiserations to ARNI who have now suffered 3 successive defeats so far this year!

CONSORT BIOSERVICES



Beagle at Toxicol



Macaque at Hazelton UK

DEALERS IN DEATH

WHO ARE THEY?

Hidden off the Hereford Road at Harewood End, near Ross, Consort Bioservices conduct a shameful trade in innocent dogs and monkeys, despite public revulsion.

THE BEAGLE TRADE

Consort Bioservices breed approximately 1,500 Beagles each year for experiments in the UK and abroad. In 1992, 12,000 Beagles were maimed or poisoned in Britain alone for experiments of highly dubious value.

INDIFFERENCE

Consort Bioservices seem unconcerned how their Beagles meet their fate, a regular customer being the notorious Toxicol Laboratories in Ledbury who destroy some 50 dogs a month. In 1992 Beagles were even flown to China for breeding stock, a country where no legislation exists to protect laboratory animals.

Wild-caught primates are also sent directly to foreign customers from Mauritius, Indonesia or the Phillipines, and captive-bred Macaques from China are directly sold to British laboratories such as Hazleton UK in Yorkshire.

"They go straight to the customer.....I'm a broker"

PETER SAVAGE, DIRECTOR OF CONSORT BIOSERVICES.

PLEASE HELP

SATURDAY, 29TH MAY: Mock funeral outside Consort (Black dress only)

For more information contact Peter Winter on 0905 794518 or Ralph Cooke on 0222 794414 or write to: WORCESTER CAMPAIGN FOR ETHICAL RESEARCH, PO BOX 39, DROITWICH, WORCS WR9 8YA.

DIRECT ACTION: A ROAD TO VICTORY

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To answer that here are two very provable facts to consider:

1. The national societies have never achieved any success except by the help of direct action activists. Direct action alone has liberated thousands of animals, destroyed many millions of pounds of animal abuse property and has shaken the animal abusers so much that they pressurised the government to do something about it. The result being the police crackdown over the last 2-3 years, a crackdown, incidentally, which has failed.

2. Everybody connected with the national societies is paid. The people at the top in the region of £25,000 a year plus. No-one involved in direct action is paid a penny, in fact most activists finance themselves out of their own pockets. If caught and convicted they stand a good chance of going to prison.

So, who really cares about the animals, a person on £25,000 a year? Or an activist prepared to risk prison for what they believe in?

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On the streets with our leaflets and petitions we tell the people what is being done to the animals in **their** name, for without them there would be no animal abuse. When **they** buy meat, **they** must realise the reality of what **they** are doing to the animals. The drugs **they** take may kill them, may do nothing for them or may even save their lives, but by then it is already too late for all those animals that have suffered and died for that drug. With every purchase they make they ensure that the torture and death goes on and on and on. All these things we can tell them and so much more but no-one ever listens.

Their lives they care about, not the animals.

Their happiness is everything to them, not the animals.

Their selfish freedom and wellbeing must be maintained and to hell with the animals.

If we waited for the people to listen, understand and act then we would wait forever.

And so, Direct Action, when all hope is gone of legal change. For direct action is about achieving freedom and justice for the animals now. Not in years to come, not on some day far away and not perhaps tomorrow. But **NOW, TODAY, HERE AND NOW.**

So the question again: *Why did they do it, what did they hope to achieve by it, what did they do that was so bad?*

They did it because there was no other way left and direct action was the only hope for change and the only way to end the suffering. They did achieve so much, from animals saved - many, many thousands - to hell holes and torture camps destroyed forever, the decimation of the fur industry, the list goes on and on. For us they did no bad, we are proud of them. Their imprisonment was by the state for daring to believe that animal abuse was wrong when the law said different. Legal laws are mere paper but moral law is everything and to this belief the activists adhered and paid the penalty as the state took its revenge.

Direct action is not a thing of the past, all things continue while animal abuse still survives, and survive it most certainly does. The road ahead is still long and it is certian many, many people will continue to feel the heartbreak and shed the tears for the animals. Tears that turn to anger and frustration and finally to the belief that only through their own actions can change be won. This is direct action animal liberation and for the activists the only way to victory.

I'd like to end by saying two things. Firstly, while I sat here and wrote this article, the animals continued to die and I did nothing. This is on my conscience and I feel the pain of it. While you read this article, somewhere, more animals are dying. And secondly a famous Animal Rights slogan:

"NO MORE TORTURE,
NO MORE LIES,
EVERY SIX SECONDS
AN ANIMAL DIES"

Think about it.

DIRECT ACTION: A ROAD TO VICTORY

At this moment in time, eleven people are in prison in Britain and Northern Ireland for allegedly breaking the law by carrying out actions in pursuit of Animal Liberation. Another person is also suffering the same fate in Canada and yet another person is in prison in America in connection with Animal Liberation. With the exception of the American comrade, that makes 12 people who have allegedly been involved in Animal Liberation direct action. These 12 are just the latest in a long line of people convicted or remanded to prison since 1975, eighteen years and well over 100 people convicted without including those on remand. So why did they do it, what did they hope to achieve by it and what did they do that was so bad that they were imprisoned? All three of those questions can be answered in many different ways but the simple answer is because of those two words - Direct Action.

The suffering of the animals at the hands of the evil men and women in so-called civilised countries like Britain is heartbreaking for many people involved in Animal Liberation. The videos and photographs taken inside the death labs and the factory farm hell holes are in many cases indescribable, the human language has never yet invented a word that can adequately describe the horror of these places. And of course there are many other ways that mankind has devised to torture the minds and bodies of our animal brethren that are equally as horrific. The heartbreak we feel and the tears we shed will, unfortunately, never win freedom for the animals. To achieve that goal involves us all in other diverse forms of actions, in some cases the only action that will achieve that goal is direct action.

We can believe that to campaign peacefully and legally will one day achieve the freedom and maybe it will. But these things take so long and all the while the animals scream in agony, their bodies tortured and destroyed, until finally they are killed, for so many of them a blessed relief. While we leaflet and petition and picket and march, the evil hearts beat on in the death labs and the animals die and die and die.

"While we leaflet and petition the animals die and die"

For many animals the only salvation has been through direct action, liberated from the labs, from the farms and from the evil hearts to finally find love and happiness in safety with those who care. Another form of direct action has been fire. When the death labs have been burnt to the ground and the factory farms are no more than smouldering embers, then no more animals can ever suffer there. When meat trucks and livestock transporters burn in the night, then no more will they carry the dead bodies of the murdered or the cargos of those under sentence of death. When the fur trade could no longer sell its bloody merchandise it was because its main outlets no longer dared to stock it, they had already lost too much through the direct action of fire.

But wait, what of the national societies, surely they have a part to play? A quick look back at the history of our movement can answer that question well. The national societies have been around a long time, in fact years and years, so many years that it's just a blur. Before Animal Rights became a major issue in the 60's and 70's these societies had existed all these years and achieved nothing, in fact things for the animals had got worse depite them. In the late 70's and early 80's the national societies were clever enough to firmly attach themselves to the more radical side of Animal Rights, the radical side from which direct action came. Not that they ever had anything to do with direct action, of course, but by appearing radical and being seen to be flirting with the more, shall we say, extreme thinking abounding at that time, then the nationals really took off in a big way. Lots and lots of new recruits and more influence and power than they'd ever dreamed of. After that period of mass actions and mass support for Animal Liberation things have evened out in recent years and the nationals have consolidated their positions of power within the movement and are now able to openly condemn direct action. So, when they say that direct action has set the movement back years Animal Liberation activists are misguided and wrong, only legal campaigning can win, are they right or wrong?

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BOOK REVIEW: FREE THE ANIMALS BY INGRID NEWKIRK

($13.95, The Noble Press Inc, 213 W. Institute Place, Suite 508, Chicago, Illinois, 60610)

(Reviewed by Keith Mann, February 1993)

I could probably talk forever about this book but that would remove the necessity for you to read it, and that would be a crying shame. I could also quite easily say it's a riveting read and excellently written, but that would be too easy. Besides, I've got a lot to say about such subjects and this book deserves a raving review.

I once would have suggested this kind of book (and there are a good few produced by the Animal Rights Movement) needs to be read by people outside the movement and not within. Of course they do. But those aren't the only people with a lot to learn and gain from the pages.

If you've ever wondered anything about the ALF, how and why it's people do ALF type things - predominantly liberating animals in this case - then there's no better source for your information. Ingrid Newkirk for tactical reasons works within the law, with the American based "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" (PETA), and keeps a healthy relationship with the ALF. PETA works with other Animal Liberation groups not against them - something we should import from the Americans! Consequently they get the respect, support and information needed to operate as effectively as possible.

First hand information from ALF gatherings have proved invaluable to the Animal Rights Movement all over the world. PETA have been particularly well supplied. Heard of the Pennsylvania Primates? The Silver Spring Monkeys? Two of the saddest exposes of primate research ever told. Through "Valerie", the founder of the US ALF, Ingrid takes us through the planning and execution of those mind numbing stories and others: where laboratory animals like Britches are liberated from their living hell; a six week old monkey in a lab cage, his mother long gone, and even if she were still around he couldn't see her because his tormentors - call themselves "Medical Researchers" - had blinded him by sewing his eyes shut. The ALF were given information about his condition and location and within three weeks his sight and his life are returned.

Ingrid's relationship with Valerie makes the study very personal; you'll live the life not just the action. It's not perhaps the typical lifestyle of the ALF activists, or maybe it is, dunno. It's one interesting life whatever. You'll never guess what she did before joining the underground.....

Whether or not Valerie is as prominent as the story suggests is immaterial. There is, I think, a little too much emphasis on her doing the work and making the decisions. It's surely a group effort, certainly the risks and penalties are the same. It is, it appears, intended to give women the crack of the whip, so to speak. Necessary in society generally, but within our movement it shouldn't be necessary and it isn't "correct" to put such an emphasis on the role of this woman - or anyone - above everyone else. It's not a criticism, it's a personal opinion, and it does nothing to detract from this lively biography.

It's the best portrayal of the ALF to date, alongside "The Interviews With ALF Activists". It also appropriately gives some striking examples of the reasons why there is an Animal Liberation Movement.

It's inspiring and educational, it's a must. You'll shed a tear and you'll cheer; I did, well it was more "nice one!", and I like to think I'm hardened to it all - their actions and ours.

Treat yourself and do something for the animals at the same time. Two of life's greatest pleasures at once - wicked!

Keith has been on remand since his arrest in October 1991 on charges of arson. His co-defendant in that case received a 6 year prison sentence. Keith's sentence has been delayed because he is also involved in other ALF trials around the country.

As Keith often gets moved (at the time of writing he has been held in 5 prisons and 11 police stations in his 16 months of custody) his letters may go missing. Therefore letters of support should be sent to : Keith mann, c/o Animal Liberation Investigation Unit, PO Box 38, Manchester, M60 1NX, England, and they will be passed on to Keith - wherever he may be.

POEMS

MOTHER EARTH WE ARE SORRY

Mother Earth we are sorry,
Hear us now as you die.
Your glory now gone in history,
And in stupidity we ask why.

In the beginning when there was life,
Your wonder shone from tree and stone.
No thought of power or strife,
The pain we had was ours alone.

Our Mother filled our hearts with wealth,
The love of life, the need to feel.
Strong in faith and in health,
Where no man rules, no need to kneel.

Mother and Father allied in love,
No need to know or understand,
The truth comes only from above,
The days of power now at hand.

But hate comes once and once alone,
And with it there is fire.
To turn our fickle hearts to stone,
And burn our souls with desire.

The circles echo with no sound,
Where once the children played.
The rocks of life fall on the ground,
Forgotten now and left to fade.

We turned away from the stars,
And sought the things we should not know.
Blinded by the false power of Mars,
The God of War, the bringer of woe.

Mother Earth we are sorry,
But now, we see, it is too late.
For we alone wrought the misery,
Of this cold unyielding fate.

PRISON FANCIES

(Composed when confined in a solitary cell, on bread and water, without books or writing materials, May 1849)

Troublesome fancies beset me
Sometimes as I sit in my cell,
That comrades and friends may forget me,
And foes may remember too well.

That plans which I thought well digested
May prove to be bubbles of air;
And hopes when they come to be tested
May turn to the seeed of despair.

But tho' I may doubt all beside me,
And anchor and cable may part,
Whatever - whatever betide me,
Forbid me to doubt my own herat!

For sickness may wreck a brave spirit,
And time wear the brain to a shade;
And dastardly age disinherit
Creations that manhood has made.

But, God let me ne'er cease to cherish
The truths I so fondly have held!
Far sooner, at once let me perish,
Ere firmness and courage are quelled.

ERNEST JONES (1819-1868)
(The famous Chartist leader and poet. He was sentenced in 1848 to two years imprisonment)

HELP SAVE

Mill Farm Animal Rescue Sanctuary

The *animal rescue sanctuary,* based at Mill Farm in Kent, houses hundreds of rescued animals of all types, ranging from ex battery hens to Vietnamese pot bellied pigs.
In association with *Wildlife Aid* the centre also helps to recuperate wildlife such as foxes, hedgehogs, squirrels, badgers and so on....

The Mill Farm site which is not owned by the *animal rescue sanctuary* is extremely limited in terms of the needs of the animals. There is no electricity or proper drainage and the buildings require constant attention to keep them serviceable. We receive many visitors during the year, including groups of disadvantaged children, and we would like to be able to offer them better facilities for their visits.



The *animal rescue sanctuary* needs to move to a more permanent site which could be properly developed - for the animals, our visitors and supporters.



John O'Groats to Land's End charity cycle ride

In order to raise funds for the *animal rescue sanctuary* there will be a charity cycle ride from John O'Groats to Land's End.

Mark Greenstreet, a 19 year old student from Kent, will be setting off on the 862 mile trip on 24 July 1993. Mark is a volunteer worker at the sanctuary and has decided to raise funds to help it move to new and better equipped premises.

If you would like to sponsor Mark then please complete the slip below and return it to the animal sanctuary at:

Mill Farm, High Elms, Downe, Orpington, Kent, BR5.



If you would like further information please contact:
Yvette (☎ 0689 856604) or Tracy (☎ 081 658 4334)

Mill Farm Animal Sanctuary - Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle Ride



a) I would like to sponsor the charity cycle ride — ..... per mile.
OR
b) I would like to make a donation of ..... to the animal rescue sanctuary.

Name: .....
Address: .....
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Telephone: .....

WILDLIFE AID
MILL ANIMAL FARM
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SANCTUARY

Anyone that can help with overnight accomadation, please Contact by phone to either Yvette 0689-856604 TRACY 081-658-4334

JOHN O'GROATS TO LANDS END - ROUTE

John O'Groats - Lybster - 30 Miles - Day one

Lybster - Helinsdale - 24 Miles - Day Two

Helinsdale - Aulthamaih Inn - 47 Miles - Day Three

Aulthamaih Inn - Inverness - 39 Miles - Day Four

Inverness - Aviemore - 32 Miles - Day Five

REST DAY - Day Six

Aviemore - Blair Atholl - 50 Miles- Day Seven

Blair Atholl - Perth - 33 Miles - Day Eight

Perth - Fairmilehead - 47 Miles - Day Nine

Fairmilehead - 'Peebleshire' - 42 Miles - Day Nine

'Peebleshire' - Carlisle - 46 Miles - Day Eleven

REST DAY - Day Twelve

Carlisle - Shap Summit - Shop Village - 28 Miles - Day Thirteen

Shap Summit - Shop Village - Lancaster - 35 Miles - Day Fourteen

Lancaster - Wigan - 38 Miles - Day Fifteen

Wigan - Four Lane Ends - 35 Miles - Day Sixteen

Four Lane Ends - Wellington - 35 Miles - Day Seventeen

REST DAY - Day Eighteen

Wellington - Worcester - 41 Miles - Day Nineteen

Worcester - Cambridge - 37 Miles - Day Twenty

Cambridge Churchill - 39 Miles - Day Twenty-One

Churchill - Tanton - 31 Miles - Day Twenty-Two

Tanton - Exeter - 33 Miles - Day Twenty-Three

REST DAY - Day Twenty-Four

Exeter - Launceston - 41 Miles - Day Twenty-Five

Launceston - Redruth - 50 Miles - Day Twenty-Six

Redruth - Lands End Hotel - 28 Miles - Day Twenty-Seven

FINISH

NEWS

PRISONERS RELEASED

In America, JONATHAN PAUL, jailed in November of last year for refusing to testify to a grand jury investigating the ALF, has now been released. No further details are available at present.

Also released is THOMAS FRAMPTON who was serving a 3 month prison sentence for ABH, allegedly during a hunt sab against the Surrey Union hunt.

Good luck to both Jonathan and Thomas.

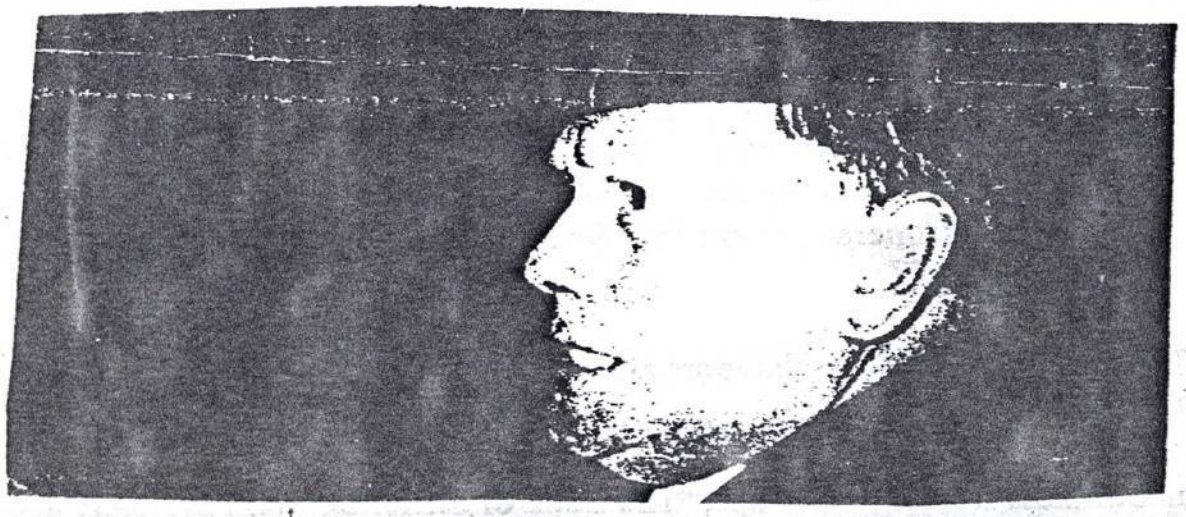
WORLD DAY 1993

In the April newsletter we included details of our attempt to, firstly, get a SARP speaker at the World Day rally and secondly, to have a SARP representative read out messages from the prisoners at the rally. As stated in the newsletter, our first request was refused by NAVS and at the time of going to print we had received no answer from NAVS to our second request. SARP never did receive an answer.

As for the World Day demonstration itself, well that turned out to be the best World Day for years! Two branches of Boots the Torturers enjoyed impromptu sit-downs by demonstrators along the route before a third, far more lengthy sit-down was again embarked upon spontaneously by a sizeable contingent of the march outside another branch of Boots in Piccadilly Circus. This part of London was brought to a halt as protesters refused to move until finally the infamous Tactical Support Group (TSG) thugs were brought in. Six people were arrested as these thugs violently attacked the peaceful protesters and forced them back onto the path. All six were later released without charge.

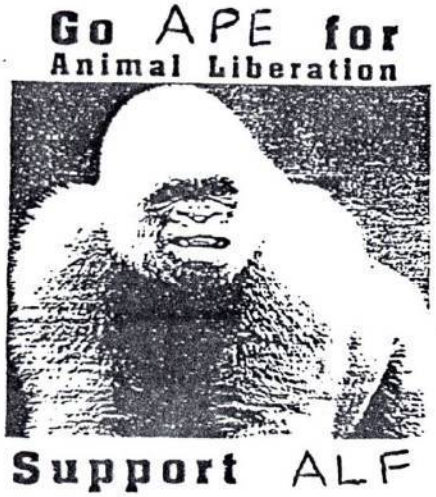
THE LIVERPOOL ANIMAL MEETINGS

The next of the Liverpool Animal Meetings PUBLIC MEETINGS takes place on Monday 28th June, 7.30pm prompt, in the Concert Hall, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool city centre. All welcome, there are no charges. Regular meetings of the Working Group meetings are held at the Bluecoat for anyone interested in helping the campaign. For more information contact: ANIMAL RESCUE, PO BOX 233, LIVERPOOL L69 7LF.



TONY BALL (pictured above), the huntsman who was driving the hunt vehicle that ran over and killed 15 year od hunt saboteur, Thomas Worby, has still not been charged with any offence by police investigating the death. TONY BALL, who drove off without stopping after killing Thomas, was arrested soon after, questioned for a few hours by police and then released on unconditional bail. Two years ago, huntsman Alan Summersgill also killed a hunt saboteur, Mike Hill, drove off after the death, was arrested, questioned for a few hours and then released on bail. Police finally decided that Summersgill was innocent of guilt and never charged him with anything. Charges against TONY BALL are eagerly awaited?

MERCHANDISE













All six T-shirts pictured above, are available in excellent quality, full colour laser print at only £8.

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Prisoners of War: Depicts names and year of conviction of all Animal Rights prisoners from 1976 to 1992 inclusive. Back of T-shirt states "SUPPORT ANIMAL RIGHTS PRISONERS" in black flaky writing. Excellent quality shirt at only £7.50.

Support Animal Rights Prisoners: The original SARP T-shirt of the clenched fists, black design on white shirt at only £7.

POSTERS

All six of the T-shirt designs pictured above are also available as excellent quality, full colour A3 size posters for only £1.50 each.

TAPES

1. The original Darkness Before Dawn tape, "The Book of Suffering", still available at only £2.00 each (comes complete with free booklet). Dedicated to the memory of David Barr.

2. The new tape from Darkness Before Dawn, entitled "Into a World of Terror". Fast moving and meaningful thrash music featuring a live set from cult band Anti-Sect. Dedicated to the memory of Mike Hill and available at the low price of only £2.00

Buy both tapes for only £3.00 the two!

For details of how to order please see over.....

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY JUNE 5TH NATIONAL RALLY and MARCH against GLAXO VIVISECTION LABORATORY, STEVENAGE. Assemble at 11am outside Glaxo main gate, Gunnels Wood Road (off A1 South), Stevenage, Herts. There will be a march throught the town, speeches and refreshments. Please bring banners, placards and animal suits etc.
Organised by STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS: 0438 359424

SATURDAY, JUNE 12TH MARCH and RALLY against new ANIMAL TORTURE CENTRE in LEICESTER. Assemble at noon, London Road Pavilion, Victoria Park, Leicester. Rally at Town Hall Square with speakers, stalls and food. Organised by LEICESTER ANIMAL CONCERN: 0533 412346

JUNE 12TH - JUNE 19TH NATIONAL ANTI-ANGLING WEEK. Picket your local fishing tackle shop and sab some anglers. Organised by the CAMPAIGN for the ABOLITION of ANGLING (CAA). For more info contact: 0272 441175

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH SEARC v SEALINK CAMPAIGN. Torchlight vigil at the roundaboutleading to the Eastern Dock entrance, Dover. From 6pm onwards. Bring wax torches (obtainable from garden centres) and candles in jars.
Organised by SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (SEARC). Contact SEARC on: 0424730154

SATURDAY, JUNE 19TH Day of local group action against BOOTS the VIVISECTORS. Organised by the ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION. Contact ARC on: 061 953 4039

SATURDAY, JUNE 26TH NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION against LAUNDRY FARM. Meet 12 noon, Parkers Piece, Cambridge City Centre. Set off 1pm, march to Laundry Farm. Guest speakers, stalls and food.

SATURDAY, JULY 3TH NATIONAL MEAT FREE MARCH in MANCHESTER Assemble 12.30pm at Phillips Park, Manchester for march and rally to highlight the plight of farmed animals everywhere. Cruelty-free fair. Famous speakers. Music. Organised by the NORTH WEST ARC: 061 953 4039

SUNDAY, JULY 4TH ALL NIGHT VIGIL outside LAUNDRY FARM. 8pm start.

DATE: 28 AUGUST 1993
VENUE: ROYAL BATHS, CRESCENT ROAD, HARROGATE, NORTH YORKSHIRE
TIME: 10.30am - 4.30pm
COMMENTS: 20 exhibitions from different animal rights/welfare groups. Vegan food available all day. Animal rights sales/promotional goods. Cruelty free make over
Events also planned for the evening, for more info contact: GREAT NORTHERN ANIMAL FESTIVAL, PO BOX 8, BEDALE, NORTH YORKSHIRE DL8 2RY. TEL: 0677 422974