



## THINKING BANNED IN STROUD!

**THINKING IN THE STREETS OF Stroud is now illegal, as it caused too much trouble for the cops, council and government.**

Sgt. Mike Unwell said: "This is all part of a drive to make Stroud a safer, thicker place for rich yuppies and politicians. It's not about punishing people for having a think, but there is a clear link between thought and anti-authoritarian behaviour."

Proponents of street thinking

had other ideas however. One group said it was because coppers were jealous that other people had brains when they had none, and that the ban would largely be ignored. "If everyone just carries on thinking as usual, enforcing it will be impossible," said a spokeswoman.

### PISSED OFF

Sorry, did we say thinking? We meant drinking! It is now an arrestable offense to drink in the streets of Stroud,

a new power introduce under the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (shouldn't it be Criminal Police?), and seems designed solely to increase the cops' power for the sake of it. So obviously we're pissed off about it, and hope people simply ignore it. And if the bastards in blue come? Well, you've got a bottle in your hand, use it!

## BOSSES FIDDLE WHILE STROUD BURNS

Well, almost. On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, Stroud's full time firemen were busy dealing with a grass fire, when a call was received about smoke coming from a house in Bath road.

Normally this would not be a problem as there are retained firefighters with other jobs who can normally be called away from their jobs to serve the community. Not so in Stroud: employers here care so much about other people that only three retained firemen were allowed to go and deal with the fire, which for safety reasons is not enough to put out a house fire. The result was that the house was gutted, causing one of the owners to break down when they came home.

### TOUGH SHIT

*The Stroudie* hope that these employers who were too worried about their employees not making money for them will understand when, if their houses burn down, no one will give a shit for their selfish feelings. Here's to targeted arson!

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MCDONALD'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T LIKE No. 4



This is another photo of the dismantling of a McDonald's during May Day 2000. People really didn't like it, did they?

## THATCHER BEHEADED!

**A MAN HAS ATTACKED A STATUE of the old bitch,**

**decapitating her with a metal pole. Apparently Paul Kelleher believed that the statue was the real thing, the difference between a recently silenced Thatcher and a model being understandably unclear to him.**

### NO MOTIVE

The police, in their infinite wisdom and intelligence, are yet to discover a motive. And they wonder why we call them thick!

Hopeful hackneyed folk have pointed out that a "third time lucky" situation has now been presented and that "life imitates art" more often than the

reverse, but whether the statue has ever been admired as art (or at all) is doubtful.

Politicians have called for the replacement to be a genuine Iron Lady, but this only served to prompt a sharp rise in the price of hacksaws.

Of course, beheading is far too quick and painless a death for a witch of Thatcher's nature. We at the *Stroudie* far prefer the ancient method of burning at the stake, or public hanging, drawing and quartering.

Meanwhile a collection is underway to buy a round (of ammunition) for the plucky upstart responsible.



Before...



...and after (let's hope it's delayed voodoo)



Our new hero

Thousands left their houses before the news item had finished to purchase champagne, only to be disappointed at their return. "I can't afford this," said one man "this is the second time I've bought bottles of bubbly for the family thinking she was dead in the past few months".

Suspicions have been aroused that champagne manufacturers are staging the events to boost profits, but there are simply too many people who hate the bitch for this to be proved.

### A CHIP OFF THE OLD WITCH

## SMACK THE SMACK PUSHERS

**CASHES GREEN RESIDENTS** have to put up with a lot of shit, and not least the anti-social wankers that are smack dealers. These class traitors help the government by keeping smack heads doped up so they don't do anything except try to get their next fix. Unlike pot and other soft drugs, heroin completely fucks up our communities, and so must be kicked out completely, especially when they start attacking kids.

Unfortunately, Cashes Green residents have decided that rather than form a group to directly oppose these scumbags, to instead form a Neighbourhood Watch group to grass people up to another load of social rejects, the cops. This is not a solution, and will simply result in the wankers coming in a harassing kids for pot or targetting users rather than dealing with the real problem of the dealers.

We suggest that all known smack dealers be dealt with as you would with rapists, cops or rich bastards:



### COUNCIL HOUSING SELL OFF UPDATE

The council are still pressing ahead with the sell off of council housing. They want to hand it over to a housing association, which will almost certainly result in higher rents and less rights, and making evictions easier. So basically, they're screwing tenants. Get in touch with the Defend Council Housing campaign, so that we can be prepared to defend them. PO Box 33519, London E8 4XW; tel: 0207 987 9989; [www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk](http://www.defendcouncilhousing.org.uk).

Sorry, Adolf Steiner and Rudolf Schumacher are busy circle dancing, but they'll be back buying us out of the market next issue.

## HILL PAUL SAVED?

After a saga which must surely have filled thousands of empty front pages of the Stroud News and Drivel, it appears the famous landmark has finally been 'saved'.

The cost of this operation is still unknown and it appears that the health and happiness of Stroud's citizens could be greatly affected if the plans go ahead. Developers have announced that the debatably unstable structure is to be held up through the use of what protesters have in the past called "Yuppies". These "Yuppies" are famous for their risks to the mental health of local citizens and the house prices in the area.

The removal of yuppies is, as with asbestos, a complex procedure, but fortunately, unlike asbestos, yuppies are flammable. Remember, though, don't waste all your molotovs, a McDonald's is on the way.

### Down with the Queen event

Something we didn't mention in the last *Stroudie* because we weren't told about until after the copy deadline was the "Down with the Queen" event at the book exhibition. This was a nice friendly and relaxed event at the town hall amongst the books, consisting of various anti-royal poems read and sometimes written by participants.

All in all it was great fun, so a big thanks to Dennis Gould and Jeff Cloves for organising that and bringing some radical sanity back after so much brainless drivel from the pro-royals.

## BIODIESEL AVAILABLE IN STROUD

There are now two sources of biodiesel (a greener, renewable form of diesel made from plants) near Stroud.

- Greenshop at Holbrook Garage in Bisley, which sells it for about the same price as normal diesel, but which is 95% normal diesel and 5% biodiesel, so that there should be no risk whatsoever to your engine.
- The other is the MOT place near Woodchester, which is more expensive but is 95% biodiesel and 5% normal, and therefore greener.

Why not try it? And while you're at it, can someone tell us how well it burns on rags stuck in bottles, then maybe the revolution could be green!



### HARI ROBERTS - AGONY AUNT

*(This week our talented mystic takes a break from horoscopes and causes agony for the rich)*

**My daughter keeps assaulting policemen, what should I do?** Give her an AK47 for her birthday. No more policemen, no more problem.

**I'm bored, depressed, and get the feeling that life isn't worth living anymore. What's wrong?** You're living in an authoritarian society, so this is natural. The only cure is rebellion and revolution. You'll feel much better with a burning molotov in your hand and whole community under its own control. Just do it!

## CRIMINAL INJUSTICE

You may have noticed that the SVA stall has been a benefit for the Justice for Mark Barnsley, and we're pleased to say that we raised over £40, which was divided between the actual campaign and the release fund to help get Mark back on his feet when he was released on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

He still has the conviction after eight years inside for a crime he didn't commit, so we will continue to support the campaign, but are widening our outlook to all miscarriages of justice

### STROUD VALLEYS' ANARCHISTS' NEWS IN BRIEF

- No Catalyst event next month, but the Stroudie will be, look out for our stall on the High Street.

and all prisoners.

The prison system is inherently anti-working class, and so must be opposed. Our stall will soon be stocking information on many cases including two Gloucester blokes fitted up for murder, and the money made will be divided between the JfMB campaign and Haven books to prisoners, a group who do what the system tries to stop: keep prisoners sane and help them reestablish themselves in society when they come out.

- Info on Countryside Alliance scumbags is now available from the stall, or by phoning our hotline.

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