



McSHIT STILL NOT IN STROUD!

AFTER YEARS of trying to build a sludge factory (or “restaurant” as they like to call them) in Stroud, McDonald's have been forced to resubmit an application for their drive-thru in Rowcroft.

This new application is in answer to the sensible refusal to allow McFilt to close off Rowcroft Retreat, thanks to the good work of the taxi drivers. Ridiculously, McGreed think that painting a green strip on the road for pedestrians and cyclists would be safe. The Catalyst Collective who've been campaigning to stop McScum (among many other things) wrote a letter to the Snooze and Drivel but,

surprise surprise, it didn't get printed. The text is reproduced below.

Only last week in Norway McDonalds launched the McAfrika burger, a burger allegedly based on an authentic African recipe- this when twelve million Africans are on the verge of starvation. How insensitive can you get? No wonder that both Norwegian Red Cross and the Norwegian equivalent of Christian aid have criticized this callous move!

When passing the verdict of the now famous McLibel trial Mr. Justice Bell stated in no uncertain terms that McDonalds are culpably responsible for

cruelty to animals reared for their products, are strongly apathetic to unions, pay their workers low wages and **exploit children with their advertising**. They are now involved with UNICEF. How hypocritical is that?

We therefore urge you to write letters of objection or telephone your District Councillor to voice your opposition to the planning application. In the hope that the Council will see reason and not allow our community and local businesses, such as family run chip and kebab shops, to be ruined by a huge corporation with no respect for people or the environment.

LANDOWNERSHIP & LIES: THEY'RE RICH, INBRED, SICK, AND DON'T REPRESENT US

ON THE 22nd OF SEPTEMBER, the rich landowners' and foxhunters' front group, the Countryside

Alliance will be marching in London. A picket of anarchists, animal rights activists and just

people with an ounce of sense will be there to meet them, telling them that they do not represent the ways or feelings of the rural poor in anyway at all.

EMPTY & UNGUARDED HOUSES

We would also like to point out that all their houses and property will be empty, and although the police, security guards and cameras can guard some of them, they can't guard them all! So burglars who would like to stop stealing from the working class, vandals who want the satisfaction of smashing big windows, arsonists not wanting to hurt anyone or people looking for a free house or bit of land to hold a free party, remember that

hundreds of these rich scumbags will be out of the county on the 22nd of



What the CA would like to see in London on the 22nd

September. Start scouting properties for “Liberty & Livelihood” posters now!

HYPOCRITS

For those of you who may still believe their scam of pretending to represent issues other than hunting, we would like to point out that they do nothing of the sort. Apart from spending nearly £3million on the campaign for hunting whilst spending only a few thousand on the other campaigns, they

also have some incredibly hypocritical financial connections.

The CA owns over £530 000 of shares in companies criticised for harming the countryside, including £40 000 of shares in Barclays, a bank they publicly said they'd never do business with since it closed many rural branches.

As if that weren't bad enough, they also own large shares in big time polluters such as Rio Tinto and ICI, and yet claim that they want to preserve the countryside!

For more information on opposing the CA contact the Stroudie hotline. Or if you want more info on them then our anarchist stall stocks a good book on the subject. And to directly stop hunting, get in touch with the hunt sabs: 08454500727.

Businesses and people connected to the CA can be found on page 2.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MCDONALD'S THAT PEOPLE DON'T LIKE No.5



Even this McDonald's in the small Swiss village of Davos wasn't safe, and as you can see the protesters charged it with great big stick to smash the windows, and then proceeded to trash the inside.

FIREFIGHTERS TO STRIKE

Firefighters may soon be having a nationwide strike in their fight to get a decent payrise. They are asking for a 40% payrise to £30 000 a year rather than the measly 4% being offered to them. Considering how often they have to put their lives at risk for us, this seems like a perfectly moderate demand, when accountants and the like who actually do worse than useless work get many times that amount.

Stroud firefighters have already got off to a good start with an "illegal" (according to their bosses, that is) mini-strike, from lunchtime on Monday the 2nd of September to 9 the next morning during which they only answered emergency calls.

The Stroudie is certain that the firefighters will be able to rely on the support of most people in Stroud if they decide at their national conference on the 12 of September to strike.

If you would like to show them support we would suggest the following: go and talk to them, don't try and sell them newspapers, if they have a picket maybe take them drinks or biscuits, ask them what they want, and just tell them that you support them. In the unlikely event that the cops should be used against them, see what support you can give them against the filth.

YUPPIE SCUM PRICING US OUT OF THE MARKET

House prices, particularly those those of small residences that those of us without fancy jobs in the City would normally be living in, have skyrocketed over the last three years, flats in particular have risen an insane 70%.

While we obviously wouldn't begrudge people wanting to come and live in the wonderful countryside, we do have a problem with all these rich people who come in driving the property prices well out of the range of even most comparatively well off workers. Generally, these people either work in some fancy job doing dodgy deals in the City or come here to get rich off our backs.

Coupled with selling of any available council houses to Housing Associations, things are getting more and more difficult. As with most things, getting together to solve problems can help. Housing Co-ops can come in a number of forms. Anyone who is interested can obtain Radical Routes' 'How to Set Up A Housing Co-Op' pamphlet from Stroud Valleys Anarchists stalls and should contact either us or Catalyst (who will soon be starting a housing co-op) to get involved.



If the rich hunters in the Countryside Alliance come home to this, will yuppies still want to live here?

USEFUL NAMES, NUMBERS AND ADDRESS FOR COMBATting THE COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE

The following have been pulled straight for CA propaganda:

Will Templer - Regional Coordinator for the Wessex region: Tel: 01985 840176; Fax: 01985 840879; Mob: 07768 846594; Little Halse, Hill Road, Sutton Verny, Wiltshire, BA12 7AT

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Mike Mitchell - County Chairman for Gloucestershire: Telephone 01285

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When phoning, it is best to pretend to support them, then they might tell you where the coaches are leaving from for the march, which would be very useful should you want to stop them!

We also have an extensive list of other people involved with them and businesses that support them. We would also like to thank the people altering and removing CA signs, but be careful as they claim that some are watched by CCTV.

TOYS FOR THE BOYS

In order to try and keep the penis envy that is endemic in all policemen, Stroud police have been given new toys to boost their pathetic egos.

These are "baton guns", which is a fancy way of saying big plastic bullets, and means that when they collapse from exhaustion after the ten metre jog after some unfortunate member of the public, they can still beat them senseless from a distance. We think that the only type of gun that the police should be issued with should look like this:



PIGGY PUPPETS

Police have also been given puppets to give out, to make it perfectly clear to children that all policemen are mere puppets used by the upper classes. Hang on, that can't be right... oh yes, its so that children can use the models as voodoo dolls to inflict a bit of well deserved pain on the fascists in uniform... This can't be right either...

HARASSMENT OF SKATERS CONTINUES

The continuing saga of harassment of skaters in Stroud stepped up another notch recently with Waitrose complaining about them practising in the car park.

Would they prefer it if the skaters were destroying themselves with hard drugs to pass the time rather than getting a bit of exercise? Considering the prices of products in Waitrose, surely they can afford to give the skaters a decent skate park.

And as Waitrose are part of the John Lewis partnership which until last year ran an exclusive shooting club for a small clique. Compared to blasting birds out of the air for the fun of it, a bit of scratched paint is hardly a heinous anti-social crime!

DEARTH SUMMIT

Agreements as useful as a chocolate fireguard come out of talking shop as millions starve and the climate changes.

Background Facts to the Summit:

Population: 6.25 billion, developing countries account for 80% By 2050 predicted to rise by 50%

Poverty and Debt: 2.4 Billion people lack sanitation and clean water, 800 million people face starvation every year. Third world debt has risen by 30% from the 1992 level to \$2.5 trillion (£1600bn)

War Military spending fell after the cold war to \$811bn. Under Bush there has been a huge increase passing the 1992 by \$24bn

Refugees: estimated at 20 million

Transport: There are a billion motor vehicles. By 2020 the transport sector is expected to account for 92% of CO₂, the main greenhouse gas

Global Warming: Emissions of greenhouse gases grow and carbon dioxide concentration is 370 parts per million. Instant reductions of 60% would only stabilise concentrations

Ozone Layer: Depletion is a record. In late 200 the hole over the Antarctic was 28.3 million square kilometres, three times the size of the US

Rainforests. Deforestation of tropical rainforests continue at 1 per cent a year. Half of all the mangrove forests have been lost and reduction in forest wildlife has reached crisis proportions

Species: Fishing stock harvests are 80m to 90m tonnes and the trend towards intense exploitation is inexorable. Two thirds of the Atlantic is fished beyond sustainability. More than 11 000 species are threatened with

extinction.

The 1992 Rio Summit that was billed as the conference to save the Earth the environmental destruction and the massive disparity between rich and poor but resulted in targets as the evidence for Global Warming and Climate Change.

The Kyoto agreement was supposed to commit governments around the world to CO₂ emission targets but was hijacked by the biggest polluters Oil man Bush and the USA. Yes, the nation responsible for the biggest per capita consumption and pollution on the planet

10 years on and surprise, surprise the poor and the planet are regulated to the interests Big Business and Government again. Our friends at Schnews have sifted through the 65 page document with it's 8 key commitments and come up with summit highlights:

* Dropping all renewable energy targets because oil rich nations argued that until they figure a way of charging us for wind and sun they aren't interested in solar panels and windmills

*Promising to cut off essential services to people unless they can pay by privatising water: Yes it's the corporations who are going to control water in developing nations.

*Making people reuse envelopes and dig ponds in their back gardens to preserve fish stocks

*Handing out free umbrellas to counteract the effects of climate change

*A pledge to stop species

extinction through gene transfer and the cloning of profitable animal and plant DNA

* A free market monopoly in exchange for eternal debt and gratitude

* Best of all the major triumph from the summit was the creation of "partnership agreements". Corporations promise to respect the environment and peoples human rights, as long as they can do so voluntarily.

Voices of dissent at the summit:

President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela: "We must confront the elites. Neo liberalism is inhuman. It disintegrates life. It is guilty of all the disasters in the world. We have to fight it. We do not pretend to fight fires by respecting those who light them. Unless we realise there will be children here in 40 years time who will debate the same things there will be more poverty and disasters. We are going in the wrong direction."

Felipe Roque, Cuban foreign minister "The world is more unfair and unequal than it was 10 years ago. The gap has widened. The economic and political order was left behind by imperialism and has resulted in colonialism".

For further information:
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WALK SUPPORTS ANIMAL ABUSERS

The Five Valleys Walk raises money for the Meningitis Trust, one of the few medical charities to continue using the much criticised and deffinitely cruel practice of animal experimentation.

So if you're going on the hike, why not donate your money to a more ethical charity? Only 49 medical charities use vivisection, so there are nearly a hundred to choose from that don't, or you could donate to a completely different charity.

Or maybe you'll want to support those who put their lives and freedom on the line to rescue the animals used by animal abusers, by sending a donation to the Animal Liberation Front Supporters' Group, BM1160, London, WC1N3XX.



"Come on vivisectors, make my day!" The ALF out for some target practice.

News In Brief

Tory scum met royal scum

Mike Williams, much hated Tory councillor wanker, went to meet the Queen. Unfortunately, due to some miracle, his tongue did not get stuck up her arse forcing him to stay there as he performed his usual role of worshipping the rich.

Local peace activist arrested

73-year old Roger Franklin from Horsley has been arrested in Scotland for his brave efforts to decommission nuclear weapons at Faslane Naval Base. The Stroudie wishes him the best of luck in his trial this month.

Nutty old Tory pops his clogs

Ken Hooper, who owned £17 million worth of property which other people who actually needed it could have had, has dropped dead. The mad old Tory was a tight fisted bastard as well, so he never gave us the opportunity to have a laugh at his expense by blowing all his ill gotten gains on booze and Columbian marching powder. Still, it means there's one less rich Tory in the world, which has to be worth celebrating.

Cllr Williams pesters travellers

Some Irish travellers on holiday with their children from London thought that parking on a bit of waste unused council land for a week was a perfectly sensible idea, and would be no trouble to anyone. Unfortunately for them, their innocent holiday was rudely cut short by Cllr Mike 'Sheep Shagger' Williams on the morning of Monday the 19th of August, who told them to move on, which to avoid trouble they quickly did.

DOUBLE STANDARDS

We don't know why the councillor is so concerned about the small mess created an ordinary working class family that they would clean up before they left, and so eager for them to get out of the beautiful Stroud Valleys, and yet is eager to welcome a multi-million pound grease peddling business like McShit that will cause far more mess all over Stroud and stink the place out with its filthy sludge laughingly described as cooking. Actually we do, it's because he's a Tory bastard (*cough*McBackMcHander*cough*).



These tasteful posters, available from the Stroud Valleys' Anarchists' Stall, would look good anywhere, and will let the Steiners know how we feel about them buying up property in the area.

LUCY PARSONS' RECIPES No.2: Battered Bailiff

You will need: One bailiff, a baseball bat or other heavy blunt instrument, a local chippy.

Take your bailiff, possibly luring him round by not paying any rent or tax. Smack him hard with the baseball bat, possibly enlisting the help of friends if you like. Take him to you local chippy, one of those ones who say they'll batter anything, and have him encased in batter. Post him to your landlord/tax nspector/whoever, and enjoy the results!

Next time: Roasted rich bastard.

Dates For Your Diary

22nd of September – Rich inbreds march in London. Contact Class War on 07092170105 for info on the picket opposing them, or maybe do something here.

28th of September – major anti-war march in London, for Stroud Peace Movement coach, contact John Marjoram on (01453) 750962.

5th of October – It's A Beats Thing, The Space, Lansdown, Babyhead and True Lyrical Movement.

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