

SOUTH EAST LIBERATOR!



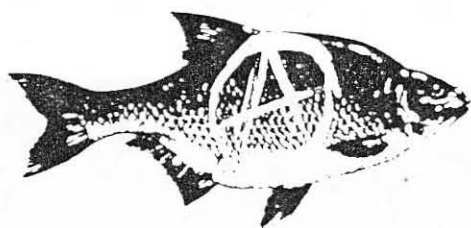
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SHAMROCK ACTION

LONDON ZOO EXPOSED

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Welcome to the 2nd issue of this newsletter. Once again we have aimed to report and publicise some of the positive things that groups and individuals are doing for animals in the region.

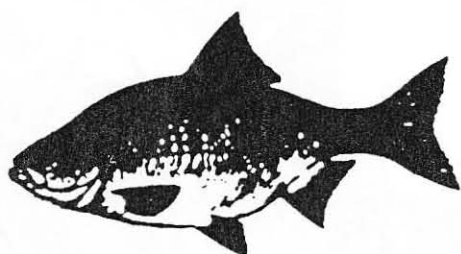
Unfortunately it would be impossible to report all the pickets of Boots, circus s, Mc donalds, street stalls, leafleting, public meetings etc as they are just too numerous - keep up the good work!

The address given in the last issue is no longer applicable.

Please pass on and feel free to copy in full or parts this newsletter.

DATES

- Sat. 10th Oct. National march against Charles Rivers Animal Breeding Centre, Assemble MARGATE ER STATION, 11am.
- Fri. 16th Oct. WORLD DAY OF ACTION AGAINST Mc DONALDS.
- Sat. 31st Oct. London Greenpeace Fair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square.
- Sat. 7th Nov. National demo against Boots, Nottingham.
- Tue. 17th Nov. London Boots Action Group meeting, 7.30pm, Conway Hall.
- Tue. 24th Dec. Vigil outside Welcome labs at Beckenham. Tel. 081 464 6035 for details.
- Tue. 9th Feb. Anniversary of the killing of Mike Hill.



Local coach
to this event
ring for details

EVERY YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS
OF WILD ANIMALS ARE KILLED FOR "SPORT"

HELP US STOP THE SLAUGHTER!

Join our

NATIONAL MARCH AGAINST BLOODSPORTS

Saturday 17th October

meet St. Paul's Square, Bedford at 12.00 noon

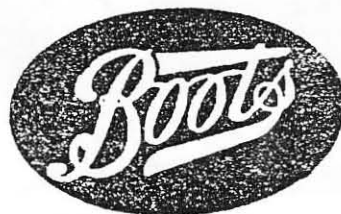
SHOW YOU CARE - BE THERE



ENQUIRIES RING
0126 411785
124 4831

Demonstrate

against



The VIVISECTORS

Show your opposition to vivisection!



Saturday 7th November
(not the 14th as originally listed)

March, rally & cruelty-free fair.

Assemble Forest Recreation Ground, Nottingham
(one mile north of city centre) at midday.

National day of action against



IF NOT YOU - WHO?

ANIMAL LIBERATION

IF NOT NOW - WHEN?

INTO THE 1990'S



GREEN ANARCHIST have included two publications on their merchandise list that may be of interest.

INTERVIEWS WITH ALF ACTIVISTS - An inspirational briefing on how and why the Animal Liberation Front organise direct action. 52 pages £2.

INTO THE 1990'S WITH THE ALF - Follow up to Interviews detailing more recent ALF tactics. 17 pages 75p.

Both available from GA, AVA, c/o 151b, London Rd, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 3JY.



LONDON BOOTS ACTION GROUP have now produced stickers as above and are priced at 30p a sheet. They have also got anti Boots T-shirts with a picture of some of the beagles liberated by the ALF from a Boots lab in 1990. These are available for £6.50 from ;

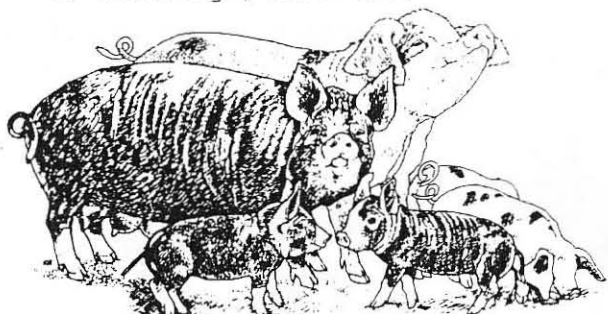
LONDON BOOTS ACTION GROUP
c/o Alara, 58 Seven Sisters Rd N7.

STOP THE SLAUGHTER!

HERTS ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMPAIGN are asking EVERYONE to write to the forestry Commission asking them to ban hunting on their 3 million acres of land. This would disrupt many hunts across the country and would cause the New Forest Fox Hounds and Buckhounds to fold.

Please try and get as many people to write. This is a positive campaign that can be won, and the hunting fraternity are worried and are organising their supporters to write.

FORESTRY COMMISSION, 231 Corstorphine Road, Edinburgh, EH12 7AT.

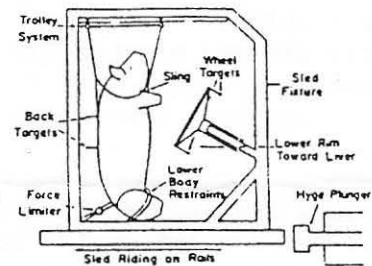


BOYCOTT OPEL



GENERAL MOTORS the US parent company of Vauxhall, Opel and Bedford are still performing gruesome experiments on live animals, including dogs, pigs, primates, rabbits, ferrets, guinea pigs, rats and mice.

In so called "impact experiments", animals are restrained and then smashed in the head, their chest or abdomen with a flat metal disc driven by compressed air (pneumatic device). In another experiment, dogs had alcohol dripped into their veins, their chests cut open and a pneumatic device thrust into their exposed hearts. Mice and rats are used in toxicity tests for exhaust and other substances. In a current experiment, a GM researcher cuts off ferrets' skulls using a high speed dental drill to expose their brains which he then "impacts" using a pneumatic device.



Journal of Trauma Vol. 27 No. 3. Biomechanics of Lethal Injury by Steering Wheel Loading by Ian V. Lau, Ph.D. John D. Horvath, B.S., David C. Viano, Ph.D. and Dennis V. Andzelski, B.S. - General Motors Research Laboratories

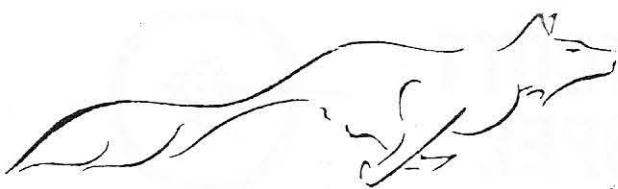
These experiments clearly cause great suffering to animals, especially as according to a former GM researcher, the experiments were sloppy and often carried out with inadequate anaesthetic, resulting in the animals regaining consciousness during impact and screaming in pain.

MANCHESTER ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUP have started a campaign asking people not to buy GM cars, to express their disgust to local GM dealers and to write to Mr WA Ebbert, Managing Director, Vauxhall Motors, Griffen House, PO Box 3, Osborne Rd, Luton, LU1 3YT.

They have produced a leaflet available from; MAPG, PO Box 155, Manchester.



BOYCOTT VAUXHALL



SABBING

All hunts across the country have now started cub hunting, a vital time for the huntsman and hounds where he will train his young hounds to kill young, inexperienced fox cubs.

Fortunately for cubs across the region hunt sabs have been following hunts from their kennels to their meets, in order to disrupt the days proceedings and save the lives of the innocent. Despite several attempts by some hunts to loose sabs by leaving early or the day before, many were located by committed sabs traveling around known meets. - much to the surprise and annoyance of the hunt!

Hunts hit so far in the South East include the Chiddingfold, Essex, East Sussex, Old Surrey & Burstow, Southdown & Eridge and the Surrey Union.

Considerable success has been reported so far, with some groups going out four times a week. Many lives have been saved. We hope to compile a detailed hit list for the next issue.

If not already involved contact your local group, or set up your own one! - Write to the national Hunt Saboteurs Association for details.

BRIGHTON HSA c/o Brighton Unemployed Centre, Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2GY.

BRIXTON HSA c/o PO BOX 594, London SW9 30G.

BRUNEL UNI ANIMAL RIGHTS, SU Brunel Univ. Uxbridge, Middlesex.

E. SUSSEX HARE PROTECTION SOCIETY, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY.

FOLKSTONE HSA, c/o PO BOX 50 Herne Bay, Kent.

HASTINGS and BEXHILL HSA PO BOX 71, Hastings, E Sussex.

HERNE BAY HSA, PO BOX 50, Herne Bay, Kent.

KINGSTONE HSA, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham, NG4 2JY

LEWISHAM HSA, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham.

MID KENT HSA, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham.

NE HANTS HSA, c/o PO BOX 217, Guildford, Surrey, GU32NY.

NORTH DOWNS HSA, c/o PO BOX 217, Guildford, Surrey.

NORTH SUSSEX HSA, c/o PO BOX 86, Horsham, W. Sussex.

ORPINGTON HSA, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham.

WEST LONDON HSA, c/o PO BOX 1, Carlton, Nottingham.

WEST SUSSEX WILDLIFE PROTECTION, 4 Ferndale Rd, Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 4QLJ.

SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION



The South East Animal Rights Coalition (S.E.A.R.C) is the 'South East' network of the Animal Rights Coalition (A.R.C)

The aims are to aid co-ordination of regional and national campaigns and to provide groups with up to date information and press service. Also to motivate the movement into a spirit of co operation and unity.

At a recent meeting it was decided to launch a regional campaign against live exports at Dovers docks - concentrateing on Sealink inparticular. All agreed to aid local groups in their circus campaigning.

THE LINK magazine, published calender monthly is just one of the vehicles that S.E.A.R.C will use to provide an up to the minute information and co ordination service for South East independent animal rights groups who are affiliated to the organisation. Regular features in 'The Link' will include a regional news section, action advice papers, letters page, members articles, regulary up-dated fact sheets and events calanders.

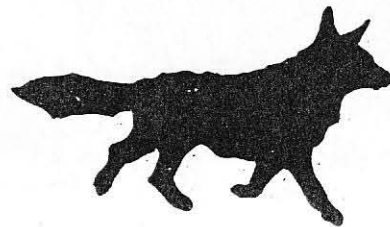
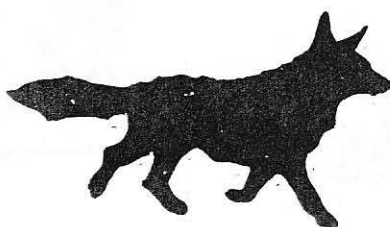
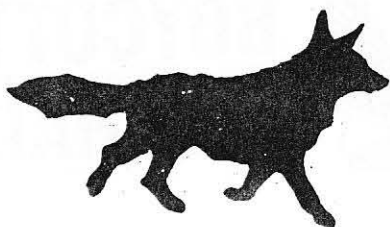
Contributions to 'The Link' are welcome and groups are asked to write in detailing their activities.

A.R.C Head Office - PO BOX 155, Manchester, M60 1FT.

S.E.A.R.C - 19a Amhurst Rd, Bexhill o/s, E.Sussex. TN40 1QH.
tel. 0424 730154

Please get in touch if your local group is'nt already involved, or you need to know who your local contact is or even if you feel you need help in setting up a new local group.

This is your organisation and principlaly it will be what you make it.



VIVISECTION



On September 19th, over 200 animal rights activists attended a march through the east end of London against the London Hospital Medical College. Wreaths were laid outside.

The rally at Mile end was addressed by investigator Terry Hill and ALF press officer Robin Webb.

Animals used by the LHMC have included mice, rats, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, frogs, cats, ferrets, goats, pigs, mini pigs, calves, dogs, monkeys and insects.

The animals are forced to live in bare over crowded cages and are then subjected to sickening, painful and scientifically useless experiments.

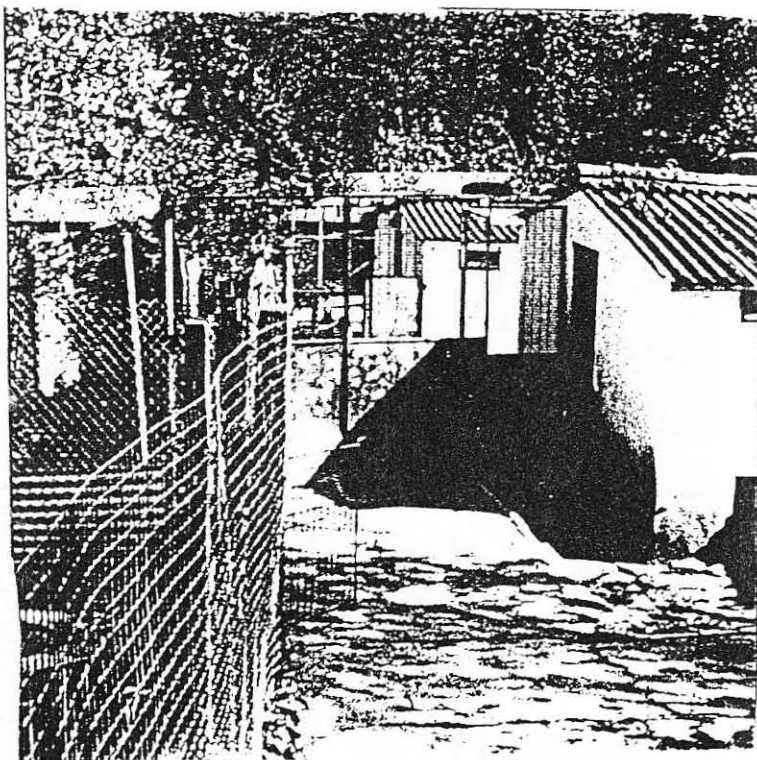
Last year, the immunology dept was raided by the Animal Liberation Front who rescued 4 beagles and over 1400 mice (every animal in the building) They also caused thousands of pounds worth of damage and apparently destroyed over 15 years of 'research'.

The LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE ACTION GROUP has been set up to campaign against the LHMC. They have produced an excellent leaflet which can be obtained for £10 per thousand from.

LHMCAG, PO BOX 216, LONDON, E7 9RB.



**AT THE
LONDON HOSPITAL
MEDICAL COLLEGE**



view of unlicensed area of Cottage Patch.

WICKHAM

26/9/92

Nearly 100 people attended a demo held outside Wickham Research Laboratorys, Hants. to protest about their evil business. This notorious lab once stated in one of its brochures, seized during the S.E.A.L.L raid in 1984 - "Wickham has no qualms about carrying out even the most controversial animal experiments".

Robin Webb and Terry Hill both addressed the crowd which later moved to show their anger outside the infamous Cottage Patch Kennels, who sell poorly bred dogs from Welsh puppy farms to unsuspecting buyers for huge profits. Most, as a result contract illness of some description.

They have since been banned from the Kennel club. Several years ago it was proved they were supplying dogs for vivisection at Wickham and some experiments were even conducted at the kennels. Mrs Wholley, owner of Cottage Patch, recently died painfully of cancer but her business unfortunately continues.

In May, all the roads leading to Wickhams directors and main share holders, Mr and Mrs W. Cartmell's home - 'Binghams', Mislingford Rd, Wickham. were daubed with slogans.

Last June, Torbay Farm, owned by Wickham (SPF Farms) Ltd, which supplies animals to Wickham Labs. was visited by the ALF who had intended to voice their disgust of the 'farms' shameful trade by daubing anti vivisection slogans on out buildings. However, the police were waiting for them, following information given to them by June Bailey, of Chichester. See leaflet enclosed.

For further information on the Wickham Campaign contact

C.L.A.W, 4 Onslow Rd, Southampton, Hants.

SHAMROCK ACTION



After Terry Hills expose on World in Action about Shamrock Farms, the primate dealers, the Anti Shamrock Action Group was set up as an umbrella group for local animal rights activists. The groups aim was to keep Shamrock Farms activities in the public eye by both distributing information and organising events. The following list shows what has taken place over the last past months;



SHAMROCK

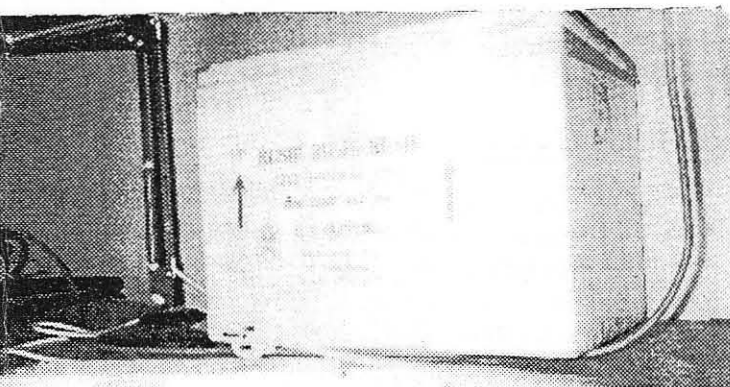
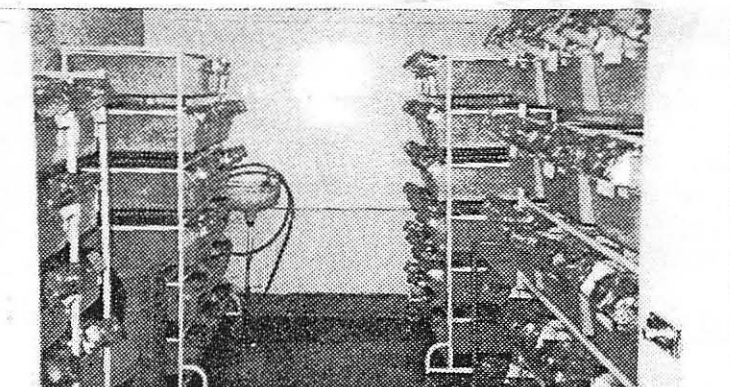
- 23/6/92 - BUAV organise video showing Terry's investigation. Terry gave a talk to a well attended meeting.
- 25/6/92 - Stall at Harrocks Cruelty Free Fair. In the evening a video was shown in Brighton.
- 26/7/92 - March against Shamrock organised by Mid Sussex Animal Reform Group. Two hundred attended from all over the country. Wreaths were laid and black armbands worn and then tied near Shamrocks entrance. The day ended with a small speech from Robin Webb.
- 29/7/92 - Anti Shamrock leaflets given out in Steyning High St.
- 31/7/92 - Public meeting held at Steyning with a video shown to interested local people. A group of people, including a Shamrock worker attempted to disrupt the meeting. As they left one person grabbed Terry and tried to hit him. Terry carried on and gave his talk.
- 1/8/92 - Day of Action against Primate Trade. Groups in Chichester, Worthing, Burgess Hill and Brighton all leafletted their own town centres - with a member of each group dressed as a monkey and chained. The four monkeys then travelled to Shamrock and their chains were broken in front of the gathered press. Many local papers ran the item and it was also the first feature on the five O' clock TVS news.
- 2/9/92 - Daily Mirror run a front page article showing monkeys from Lonleat and Woburn safari parks are sold to Shamrock Farm.



INSIDE SUSSEX UNIVERSITY

Last October two members of the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit bluffed their way into Sussex University's animal house to take photographs of the animals held there which include chicks, rats, fish and guinea pigs. One of the films used by the activists was confiscated by the police but has now been released and some of the photographs are reproduced below.

They show rodents warehoused and awaiting experimentation and a container used to transport tropical fish to the lab.



Copies of a leaflet produced using photos of chicks undergoing experimentation, taken by the ALIU are available from

Animal Liberation (Hastings) PO BOX 71,
Hastings, East Sussex.



LONDON ZOO

On Wednesday, 30th September the ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT (ALIU) conducted an inspection of laboratories at London Zoo.

The aim was to expose the fact that the zoo perform vivisection on site and supply other labs across the country with animals.

Two groups entered, one through the front door which was unlocked and proceeded to take photographic evidence of the animals held there, including marmoset monkeys kept in small cages, and collect related paper work.

Documents taken, which will be returned (within the legal policies of the ALIU) included pathology reports and revealed information concerning hazardous and radioactive waste from the lab. Welcome and Nuffield (notorious vivisectioners) headed paper were also observed.

Unfortunately 8 people were arrested, when van loads of police turned up, and were taken to Paddington police station and all film taken is in their hands.

However, enough information managed to get out by those not arrested that will hopefully open the eyes of the general public, and place even more pressure on this two faced animal prison.

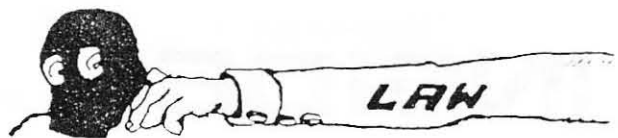
We hope to be able to give more detailed information of the contents of the documents recovered and hopefully reproduce some of the photos taken if returned by the police. Also more information on those arrested in the next issue.

The ALIU adopt legal methods to obtain evidence of cruelty inside animal abuse establishments. There is never any intention of committing any criminal offence.

There have been numerous inspections nationwide by the ALIU during the Summer, including abattoirs, factory farms and the farm belonging to Mr French, dubbed by the national media as the 'cruellest man in Britain' who has over 98 convictions of cruelty to animals.



For more information on the Animal Liberation Investigation Unit write to - PO BOX 38,
MANCHESTER,
M60 1NX.



CANADA

During June, Grant Horwood and Darren Thurston were arrested in connection with Animal Liberation Front activities in Canada. Both have been charged with Break and Enter, theft of over \$1000 and criminal damage in relation to a raid on the University of Alberta Ellerstie Research Station, where 29 cats were liberated and over \$50,000 damage done on June 1st 1992.

Grant has since been released on bail, but Darren is on remand and has been charged with 5 other ALF actions in Edmonton, including arson and criminal damage.

A Canada wide warrant has also been issued for another suspect in Uni. of Alberta liberation.

Unfortunately, during the police raids all of the Canadian ALF Supporters Groups literature, files, photos and papers were seized along with computer equipment and numerous other things.

Funds are desperately needed, any one able to help please make cheques payable to ALF SG CANADA, and send to - PO BOX 75029, Ritchie Postal Outlet, Edmonton.

AB, T6E 6K1, CANADA.

Letters of support for Grant may also be sent to this address, Darrens current address is in the Prisoner list.

OPERATION FOX.

Following a massive surveillance operation involving 4 months of non stop 24 hrs watching and listening to a number of houses in Manchester, electronic tagging of cars, opening mail to homes and PO boxes, breaking into homes and cars as if burglars and a whole load more all costing literally millions of pounds resulted in 10 people being charged with 'conspiracy to further the aims of the ALF between 1st Jan. '91 and 1st Dec. '91.'

One person is on remand and the rest have got strict bail conditions. Please send letters of support and money to - OPERATION FOX DEFENCE CAMPAIGN, PO BOX 155, Manchester.

TORBAY FARM.

Funds are desperately needed for the four arrested at Wickham (SPF Farms) Ltd owned Torbay Farm, which supplies animals to Wickham Research Labs. and who face conspiracy charges. Please copy and distribute leaflet enclosed and send money c/o ALF SG, BCM 1160, LONDON, 3XX.

DODDLESTON.

In July, 6 people were jailed at Knotsford Crown Court for alleged involvement in an attack on the home of hunt murderer, Alan Summersgill, the killer of Mike Hill. Money is urgently needed to ensure that relatives and loved ones can visit them, as in some cases these visits mean round trips of several hundred miles, which can be expensive for the unemployed etc.

Please contact - Doddlestone & appeal
c/o S.A.R.P

For more information on prisoner support write to S.A.R.P, PO BOX 96, Northampton, NN5 5JT.

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Besides visiting them, writing is the most important thing you can do to help break down that isolation. If you can't think of much to write then just a card wishing them well is great.

PRISONERS

RONNIE LEE, VO 2682, LB2 Clyde, HMP Channings Wood, Denbury, Newton Abbott, Devon. - Will be released on Nov. Friday 13th (unlucky for some, especially animal abusers)

VIVIEN SMITH, TT 2743, HM Prison, Holloway, London, N7 0NU.

KEITH MANN, NE 0316, c/o PO BOX 155, Manchester, M60 1FT.

ALISTAIR MULLAN, A 8028, A wing, H6, HMP Maze, Lisburne, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.

DAVE NELSON, A 8030, A wing, H6, HMP Maze, Co. Antrim, N Ireland.

GRAEME CAMPBELL, A 8029, HMYOC, Hydebank Wood, Hospital Rd, Belfast, N. Ireland.

MARK POWER, HP 0606, HMP Foston Hall, Foston, Derbyshire. DE6 5DN.

HASSEN SADELLI, 33 Cours Suchet, 69272, Lyon, Perrache, FRANCE.

DARREN THURSTON, Edmonton Remand Centre, 3660 - 104 Ave, Edmonton, AB, T5H 4B5, CANADA.

NETL CROUCHER, DV 1515, MARTIN EGGLETON - DV 1518, GRAEME WOOD - DDX 0976, JOHN CURTAIN - DDX 0978, DAVE BLEKINSOP - LV 1530.

All at - HM Prison, Kirkham, Preston, PR4 2RA.



The Animal Liberation Front



Listed below are just some of the actions of the Animal Liberation Front during the summer months of July to September in the South East. The activists of the A.L.F. are committed to non - violent direct action, through the liberation of animals suffering and it's campaign of economic sabotage. For more information on the A.L.F. and current news on those who have been caught under taking A.L.F. type actions write to - A.L.F. Supporters Group, BCM 1160, London, WC1N 3XX.

NB. Reproduction of these facts is not intended to incite. All A.L.F. actions are illegal.

B E R K S H I R E.

Hundreds of thousands of £££££'s damage was caused to a meat firm, when four large lorries and four cars were totally gutted by fire when incendiary devices set them all alight. A Boots Director in Berkhamsted woke up to find his house and property splashed with paint and daubed with anti Boots / vivisection slogans.

K E N T.

Three Boots stores, a Dewhurst and a fishmongers were damaged in Maidstone, A.L.F. and murderer were amongst some of the slogans daubed on them. On Wednesday 9th September, activists visited a broiler chicken farm near Biggen Hill. Thousands of pounds of damage was caused when over 20 sacks of feed and 20 bales of sawdust were slashed open and tipped out. A lorry on site was paint-stripped, had side windows and wing mirrors etched, headlights booted in, locks glued, tyres slashed, wires cut, sugar and sand put in the petrol and oil tanks and a sledgehammer thrown through the windscreen! Their office was also broken into and all windows were etched, chairs, overalls and clothing all slashed, phone, kettle and mugs smashed, paper work destroyed and their toilet blocked. Slogans were liberally sprayed all over the site and included 'From shell to hell' and 'A.L.F.'.

L O N D O N.

In the past few months over 50 shops including Boots, butchers, bookies etc. have had their windows damaged and locks glued in the West London area. In one night over 10 shops in Hounslow High St. came under the attention of the A.L.F. with windows damaged and locks glued, costing an estimated £10,000. During July and August a car with BASC stickers and a silver dog with a pheasant in it's mouth on the bonnet (sick!) was attacked twice with paint stripper, tyres slashed etc. in Ladbroke Grove. Burnt Oak has had Boots, ICRF, butchers windows are damaged on a weekly basis, also a hamburger van has been paintstripped, tyres slashed, slogans daubed at least 3 times. Brixton's Mc donalds has had a lot of attention from activists - and it has'nt even opened yet! it's been painted, re-painted and eventually had most of it's windows bricked. On 11th August, the A.L.F. entered the back yard of Bangladeshi Bazaar, Kilburn by scaling a 8 foot wall with a 12 foot drop and removed all their birds that were couped up in plastic crates, after a tip off that chickens were being sold for home slaughter. 23 white doves, 1 pigeon, 3 quails and 4 chickens were rescued from the fate of having their throats cut whilst fully conscious. 3 days later a paving slab was thrown through their windows followed by a large amount of red paint after they had had more birds delivered to replace those liberated. During the night of Monday 21st September, 10 windows were damaged by catapults ('popped') including Mc donalds, and 3 Boots stores in East London and anti Boots posters were pasted over circus posters in shop windows.

(below) A.L.F in action rescuing 85 hens from perchery in Surrey.



S U R R E Y .

Two butchers windows in Chessington needed replacing after being damaged by catapults, also a butchers in Kingstone was 'popped' in mid August. At the end of September a fur shop in Esher (opposite Esher police station!) had it's windows shot out. - this is the second time in 3 months that this business has been attacked. A cab firm in Cobham had it's windows damaged after displaying posters for Fossets Circus. In late June, activists of the A.L.F raided Hookley Farm, Elsted, a processing egg plant with both perchery and battery units. Access was gained to one of the perchery units and 85 hens were liberated and taken to their new homes, where they can live out the rest of their lives in a natural environment, free from the cramped, dark, dirty conditions and eventual transport and slaughter. Damage was caused to vehicles on the site, including an artic lorry, delivery van and a tractor. Slogans were daubed on buildings and eggs were smashed. The 'farm' has now been forced to pay for a visiting security firm, but the A.L.F have warned that this will not deter them and they will be back. This is the second perchery unit to be raided this year in Surrey. In February over 60 hens were rescued from Springbock farm, nr. Guildford and documents taken. In mid August, an incendiary device damaged the car of Surrey Union hunt supporter, Sarah Godley, out side her home in Westcott. This was the latest incident in an on going campaign by the A.L.F against the Surrey Union Hunt.

S U S S E X

Over 27 windows of shops displaying circus posters in Brighton were damaged. Circus boards and posters in Chichester, Brighton and Worthing were ripped down and broken up. On August 21st, the A.L.F broke into battery units belonging to Carpenters Barn Farm, nr Hastings, and rescued 54 hens from deplorable conditions. They were kept 5/6 to a cage not even measuring the wingspan of one hen, many were beginning to lose feathers on their tails and necks and had sores on their feet. This was the 3rd time that hens have been rescued from this 'farm' In Jan '91 48 were taken and

a further 50 liberated in late March. Since then both of their delivery vehicles plus a tractor and mini have been paint stripped, locks glued etc etc. Access to the unit was gained through a removed window as all the doors had new alarms on them, as part of the farms increased (but wasted!) security measures. Slogans were daubed, eggs were smashed and damage caused to a door. All hens now settled in a life of freedom, fresh air and sunlight. In Eastbourne a butcher in the town centre finally gave up and shut up shop after several bricks had gone through his windows. Also in Eastbourne some hunters came back after a mornings shopping to find a big circled 'A' scratched out on the bonnet and all four tyres slashed on their BFSS sticker displaying range rover. In late August, a carriage that horses are forced to pull around busy streets, as a tourist attraction in sweltering heat with a load of 6 people in Hastings was paintstripped, seats and cover slashed and bits sawn off!! when the garage it was housed in was broken into. Equipment was also damaged and slogans sprayed included 'put them out to grass' A restaurant in Brighton that came up with the sick idea of selling squirrel sandwiches soon had to find replacement windows and strangely put up a notice the following day advertiseing 'onion soup' !!?? In mid August a Boots window was smashed in St Leonards and in Late September the stores windows were daubed with etching fluid along with a fishmongers plus 2 other Boots shops and a Dewhurst in Hastings.



In safe hands, A.L.F activist with some of the 54 hens rescued in Sussex.

AN URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS FROM THE ALF PRESS OFFICE

The press office is completely separte from the supporters group and has no regular income. By it's very nature it cannot produce a newsletter or have a subscription membership. Please send any donations to the address below. Make cheques etc. payable to 'ALF Press Office'. Local groups are encouraged to have a Press Office spokesperson to speak at meetings, demo's etc. and to order an excellent folded A4 leaflet, explaing the work of the Press Office and why the A.L.F do what they do. Available for £25 per thousand.

A.L.F PRESS OFFICE, BM 4400, LONDON, WC1N 3XX.

Blow for saboteurs who aided huntsman

HUNT saboteurs came to the rescue when a huntsman was hurt in a fall.

They called an ambulance on a mobile phone and CB radios usually used for co-ordinating efforts to disrupt the hunt.

But their car was sabotaged as they went to the aid of the injured rider.

The accident happened on land at Marnhull Farm, Lower Dicker, near Hailsham.

Huntsman Nigel Matheson was riding with the Sussex-based Southdown and Eridge Hunt when

by Richard Fleury

his horse slipped and fell, landing on top of him.

Fearing he had been paralysed, the nearby hunt saboteurs called for an ambulance using a mobile phone and CB radio sets.

Colin Evans, hunt spokesman, denied his members were responsible for letting down the tyres on the saboteurs' car.

He said: "I have made inquiries and think that is a malicious rumour. We do what we have instructed our people to do and leave the saboteurs alone. One of

them had a portable phone and it saved time calling the ambulance."

Mr Evans added: "We saved one of their chaps from drowning a couple of years ago. He fell into flood water and he was literally going under for the third time when we pulled him out by his hair.

"We don't surrender our humanity just because we are on different sides of the argument."

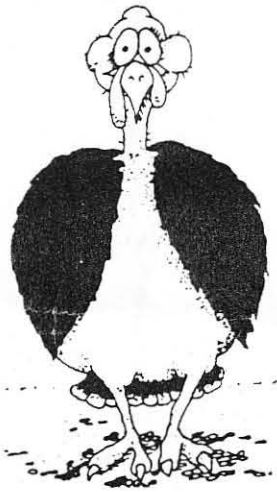
Brighton Hunt Saboteurs spokesman Chris Randall said their action saved more than an hour in getting medical help to Mr Matheson.

He said: "He couldn't move his

legs so we assumed he had done something serious to his back. While we were helping by calling an ambulance we spotted someone letting our tyres down. We shouted at them and they ran away."

He said saboteurs pleaded unsuccessfully with riders to stop the hunt and added: "It is bad that he hurt himself. I wouldn't wish that on anyone. But if he had not been out there hunting it would not have happened."

Mr Matheson, who runs the George Inn at Alfriston, near Seaford, is now recovering at the Eastbourne District General Hospital.



SICK VANDALS COVER HUNT PUB IN 'BLOOD'

Paint used in protest stunt

RIVERS of "blood" flowed at a local pub when a macabre vandalism attack left the building dripping with crimson paint.

Villains swooped on The Gate pub, in Rusper Road, Ifield, in a dawn raid thought to have been executed as an anti-hunt protest stunt.

For the vandals splashed red paint all over the front of the building just days before The Surrey Union Hunt was due to stage a meeting there.

And publican Leslie Carter is convinced anti-hunt saboteurs are trying to bully him out of allowing huntsmen to meet at his pub.

But he warned: "I despise hunt saboteurs on principle and I also despise people who go around inflicting damage to people's property. I'm not going to be intimidated by these actions."

A member of the North Downs Anti-Hunt Saboteurs, who asked him to be named, said her group

BY JOHN MALPAS

to meet at the pub from time to time.

And PC Paul Taylor, of Horsham Police, said he believed anti-hunt saboteurs were probably to blame.

"The saboteurs are entitled to protest legally but this obviously isn't within the bounds of the law and will be treated as criminal damage," he said.

Anybody who saw anyone outside or near the pub between 6.30 and 6.45 am on Tuesday, February 18 should contact PC Taylor at Horsham Police Station.



Publican Leslie Carter

NEW CANCER CENTRE IS PROTEST TARGET

ANIMAL rights anti-vivisection protestors have pledged to target a new cancer research laboratory if it experiments on animals.

The new Institute of Cancer Research development next to Sutton's Royal Marsden Hospital is still at the drawing board stage.

But animal rights campaigners - who have held regular protests outside the

British Institute of Biological Research laboratories in Carshalton - are already investigating what sort of work will be carried out there.

Mrs Pat Meare of Animal Aid said: "We are asking them point blank what they are doing there and if we feel there is cause for concern we will lodge peaceful written objections."

But it is understood the

more hard line Animal Liberation Front is regarding the new multi-million pound development as being so large that experiments on rodents, dogs, cats and primates are inevitable.

Laboratory manager at the institute, Mrs Ann Fendry, said: "We are doing less and less animal experiments these days. If we don't use animals what do we use - humans?"

ANTI-HUNT saboteurs failed to spoil a parade of hounds in the main ring on Friday afternoon.

Demonstrators jumped the fence surrounding the arena and held up placards as members of the East Kent Hunt paraded their hounds.

Members of the crowd booed as the protestors tried to get in among the dogs as the huntsmen skilfully moved them out of the way.

Animal rights activists hit Boot's and butchers

THE Animal Liberation Front has claimed responsibility for window shop attacks in the town.

Etching fluid was daubed on Boot's windows in London Road, Robertson Street and Queen's Road in incidents over the weekend and during Monday night/Tuesday morning.

Dewhurst Butchers in Queen's Road and Swans fish shop in King's Road were also attacked by activists from the ALF.

Their press officer Robin Webb said: "Boots were targeted because they have got animal testing laboratories they own themselves where they test pharmaceuticals on many species of animals including

Beagles. They have a caring image which is false."

Mr Webb said Dewhurst were hit because they were one of the largest butchers' chains in the country.

"The meat industry is responsible for the rearing, transportation and slaughter of some 700 million animals and birds each year in this country," he said. And he added the fish shop was selected because of the intensive fish farming practices carried out by the fishing industry.

"The intention of this type of action of economic sabotage is to run the animal abuse industry out of existence through the cost of repairing windows etc, increasing insurance premiums and increasing

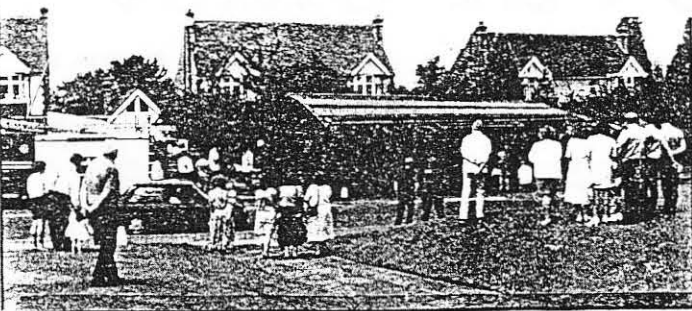
security," he said.

Mr Webb said the etching fluid used in the attacks was completely harmless and it was not ALF policy to endanger lives.

A spokeswoman for Boot's said: "We regret the incident and any inconvenience that has been caused to our customers."

She said Boots will continue using animals in its pharmaceutical laboratories where satisfactory alternatives do not exist, but will also continue to support research to find reliable alternatives.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the attacks. Ring DC Schofield at Hastings Police on 425000.



The crashed lorry opposite the fire station in Loose Road

Hundreds of chickens die after crash

A LORRY carrying 5,000 chickens overturned in Maidstone on Tuesday, killing hundreds of birds and causing traffic chaos.

The vehicle, carrying the chickens in crates on their way to slaughter, overturned into a front garden opposite the fire station in Loose Road at 12.15pm.

by ROBERT BARMAN

The Maidstone-bound carnageway of the road was shut for nearly three hours while the dead chickens were removed and the lorry turned upright.

An RSCPA inspector estimated that more than



1,500 birds had been killed.

Two fire engines from Maidstone and an ambulance attended the scene. A pedestrian was slightly injured tripping over the spilled cargo.

A spillage of diesel from the lorry had to be controlled by firemen using sand after the fuel tank ruptured. The leak was temporarily plugged.

Sub-officer Greg The from Maidstone fire station said the lorry had ploughed through a lamppost and a garden wall.

He said: "The chickens were all over the road. Hundreds were crushed or mutilated and it took ages to sort them out."

Put down

The RSCPA, along with firemen and employees of Fridays of Crayford, from whom the chickens were bought, only removed the birds and the carnageway was reopened shortly afterwards.

Another lorry was sent out to transport the remaining chickens.

RSCPA inspector Ben Warne, at the scene of the accident until 4pm, said: "At least 40 per cent of the chickens were killed and some were so badly injured we had to put them down."

"We will be investigating to ensure that the chickens were transported properly."

Fire-hit fences rebuilt

ORGANISERS of Saturday's point to point race meeting at Buckholt Farm, Sidley, had to rebuild two fences destroyed by fire only 48 hours earlier.

The annual event is staged by East Sussex & Romney Marsh Hunt, and saboteurs are naturally under suspicion.

Bexhill police have an open mind, however. "We don't know who was responsible. It could have been anybody," a spokesman said.

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Birds stolen from shop

THE Animal Liberation Front (ALF) broke into a meat shop last Monday and took away 31 birds, which they claimed were "all destined to die by ritual slaughter".

The ALF said the birds, of which 24 were white doves, were being kept in "three crates 11 inches high stacked outside the rear of the premises with no food, water or cover".

They added the birds would now be given new homes free from "fear, pain or abuse".

Two days later they threw a brick through the window of the Bangla Bazaar halal meat shop in Fernhead Road, north Paddington, with a note warning the owners to stop selling the birds.

Shop-owner Salamot Miah denied the birds were being sold to be eaten but were instead being bought as pets.

He said: "I am a vegetarian. I like animals. I keep four pigeons in my garden."

He added that the birds were not being kept in bad conditions and appealed to the ALF to return the crates which he said were very expensive.

Paint attack on chemists

POLICE believe that the Animal Liberation Front could be behind the daubing of words including "murderers" with red paint on the windows of five shops in Maidstone on Wednesday night.

The stores attacked were Boots branches in Week Street, King Street and Earl Street, Bradfords' fishmongers in Earl Street and Dewhurst butchers in Week Street.

