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Day of action as Tony Blair sets out new nuclear power policy in Nottingham

Nottinghamshire Indymedia | 14.01.2006 09:30

AROUND 100 people, including the President and the Social Justice Officer of the Student Union marched down from the Union Building and managed (due to a clever diversion through some woodland) to stage a sit-in protest and block the front entrance to the conference centre for an hour and a half, while the shouting and screaming could be heard in the Labour Party meeting.

The police penned in the group, including some children. Dozens of police vans filled up the streets on campus. Although no-one got arrested, various people were stopped and searched under section 60.

After it was leaked that the PM was to meet at the uni, various groups met up to spontaneously organise to

counter this meeting, which was meant to take place in secret. Some affinity group actions were planned but were made impossible due to the heavy police presence.

Nevertheless, the word about Tony Blair coming to campus spread around the university like wildfire, resulting in a good turnout for the demonstration, something the police and Labour Party officials did not expect.

At about 13:20, after rain, an hour and a half of being penned in by the police and Tony Blair leaving in a high speed convoy from the back entrance of the conference, it seemed the end of an exciting and wet day which seemed to have left people inspired that something was pulled off within 48hrs notice.



BLAIR LIAR: Protestors in front of centre

PENNED IN: Tensions rise as police stop dispersal



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BNP active in Notts Threats, lies and elections **Incinerator expansion** and other rubbish ideas **Critical Mass** Cycling mad

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Local events

Feb 26, NSPM - Peace Conference, 2pm-10pm at the Portland Building, Nottingham University. Read article.

March 1, SCROAT Cinema's Venezuela Talk and Films 7.30pm at the Sumac Centre. Read article, full timetable.

March 6, Sumac Centre Planning meeting, 7.30pm, at the Sumac Centre.

March 7, East Midlands Airport exhibition on expansion plans, 10am-6pm, at the Victoria Shopping Centre. Read article.

March 9, 'Wild Geese' Theatre production in aid of destitute Asylum Seekers and Refugees, 7.30pm, at Clarendon Community Theatre. Read article.

March 13, No M1 Widening meeting, 7.30pm, at the Sumac Centre. Read previous article.

March 14, Camp for Climate Action meeting, 7.30pm, at the Sumac Centre. Read article.

March 19, CIRCA Clown Training, 11am - 6pm, at The Place Community Centre, 2a Melrose Street, Sherwood.

The local diary listing shows all events Notts Indymedia knows about. To inform us of an event that YOU think should be here, email:

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BNP activists threaten Nottinghamshire community arts group

Nottinghamshire IMC | 20.01.2006 17:15

The annual community lantern festival in Coalville, Leicestershire was moved from just before Christmas to coincide with the Chinese New Year celebrations this year. Members from the far-right British National Party (BNP) think that because of the 'removal of Christian symbolism and tradition from Christmas' it needs them to 'once again save another British tradition'.

The BNP, who claim to be the 'law and order party' recently published another article on their website inciting criminal damage, calling on people to protest the usage of the words 'white trash' in a recent episode of the TV soap serie Coronation Street. A prominent member of the party in Lincoln recently appeared in court for multiple counts of arson and criminal damage.

For full articles and links see notts.indymedia.org.uk



Nottinghamshire community officers get new powers to 'detain'

John | 05.02.2006 23:23

As part of a new pilot scheme, Nottingham's 'police support officers' (PCSO's) will be getting powers to 'detain a person for up to 30 minutes to allow for the attendance of a police officer or until the reason for detention no longer applies'. The press release by Nottinghamshire Police also states that: 'The power to detain occurs where the PCSO is dealing with a person for an offence where the name and address is withheld or believed to be false. The sort of offences this covers includes fixed penalty offences such as cycling on the footway, dog fouling and litter; also any offence involving injury, alarm or dis-

ress to any other party; the loss of, or damage to, any other person's property; acting in an anti-social manner including the consumption of alcohol by young people in public places and an order to disperse under Section 30 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003'. 'The power enables a PCSO to detain a person for up to 30 minutes to allow for the attendance of a police officer or until the reason for detention no longer applies. However, the power to detain does not affect a PCSO's power as a citizen to exercise a citizen's power of arrest in appropriate circumstances'.

BNP wins second place in local by election

John | 04.02.2006 17:50

The British National Party managed to get over 30% in a local byelection in Derbyshire. The party came second with just 159 votes behind Labour in Heanor and Loscoe in Derbyshire's Amber Valley borough.

The BNP seems to get more active in the Midlands region, with Notts Indymedia recently reporting on a wave of abuse towards the organisers of a community arts event in Coalville, North East Leicestershire.

City celebrates Chinese new year

Notts IMC | 04.02.2006 18:17

Once again the popular and successful Chinese New Year celebration events took place at Beeston and at the Lakeside Arts Centre on the 28th and 29th January consecutively. Acts included, over the two days, were contributions from local schools and Broxtowe College, acrobats, Master Lee Kam Wing's Troupe did Kung Fu demonstrations and performed the Lion Dance. Students from the Chinese Society at Nottingham University performed their now famous Dragon Dance. A really colourful and exuberant performance.



Airport publishes draft plan proposing a quadrupling of freight

Forward | 11.02.2006 09:06

Press Release by campaign group DEMAND:

'It has taken Nottingham East Midlands Airport 40 years to build up to the amount of Night Flying it currently has, that is about 70 scheduled flights per night and already has the most night flying in the whole of the UK, but the Airport Master Plan is projecting almost a doubling of that figure within 4 years by 2010.'

Steve Charlish Chairman of the DEMAND Campaign Group said today 'that it is a Government backed Polluters Charter. An environmental disaster for those residents already suffering below the flight paths.

If the Airport's Night Aircraft movements are so important and intrinsic to the UK Economy and Midlands region economy, as the airport and the Government are publicising why is it, that NEMA airport is being allowed to expand without any environmental regulations or restrictions whatsoever, such as those in place at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.' Mr Charlish insists 'that the Government is turning a blind eye to the expansion proposals allowing NEMA to expand on voluntary noise regulations which are meaningless', its like asking the fox to care for the chickens in the chicken pen.'

Liz | 10.02.2006 23:12

Nottingham East Midlands Airport's draft plan proposes a quadrupling of freight. The NEMA airport draft master plan has been published and is downloadable at: www.nottinghamema.com. The consultation period will end in May. Exhibitions showing the proposals in the draft plan will take place at 11 venues across the region.



Nottingham's January Critical Mass and Bike About :: The Pictures

Tash [alan lodge] | 01.02.2006 16:46

Setting out from the usual meeting place [Outside the Savoy Cinema on Derby Road, meet at 5.30pm] 'twas a dark, wet and oh so very cold. But a fair few turned up to take part

More photos, news and links to background info on the critical mass are online at notts.indymedia.org.uk

Low impact building technique



Karl | 16.02.2006 12:38

Pictures showing the construction of a stud and mud building in Nottingham. Volunteers working on a stud and mud construction technique at Osmanthorpe



Nature Reserve.

This technique is a Lincolnshire variation of the wattle and daub technique that is more widely known.

Also, work has been done on another "eco-building" at



ECOWORKS, a community garden project on the Hungerhill allotments in St. Ann's.

Volunteers have been working on this exciting project since last October, and the walls up now!



Straw bales are a low-impact, highly insulating and user-friendly building material.

The construction process is highly inclusive, satisfying and fun.

Stop Shell Hell

Lumsk | 18.02.2006 14:32

Today a Critical Mass and blockade shut a Shell Petrol Station on Woodside Road and the A52 in Nottingham.

The oil giant shell continues to ride rough shod over local communities from Nigeria to Co Mayo in Ireland. It sponsors human rights abuses, funds testing on animals at research labs' like HLS and destroys the environment. Soon work on the pipeline

being built in Co Mayo Ireland will start again. It will poison the local area, endanger residents and further add to climate chaos.

In solidarity with the struggles against Shell around the world, a critical mass of over 30 bikes and a mobile sound system rode through Nottingham today, highlighting the evils of Shell to motorists and passers by. Hundreds of leaflets were

Notts sends Shell to Hell

Alan Smith | 18.02.2006 17:47

Further actions by Nottingham people in support of Rossports resistance to Shell. Following the one hour blockade of a Shell petrol station on one side of Nottingham the 25 cyclists took a leisurely ride across town to the next Shell station

and blockaded that for another hour. Stickers were liberally applied and info leaflets attached to the pumps.

Running out of Shell stations we rode up to the market square where many people who congregate there on a Saturday appreciated the arrival of the sound system

Planning Officer insists on wider public consultation for incinerator expansion



Forward NAIL | 08.01.2006 16:34

Waste Recycling Group (WRG) was not been entirely honest with their original planning application and 'omitted' vital details.

Following a meeting requested by the Planning Officer with NAIL and WRG, we presented our objections and requested the omitted information.

WRG were requested by the Planning Officer to provide these details. WRG have yet to submit this information,

although it is expected imminently.

The Planning Officer has said that, due to the importance of this further information, he will insist on a further 21 days public consultation period.

This means that a planning decision is not likely until April this year.

Details of councillors on the Development Control Committee, suggestions for contributions and background on the incinerator are online at notts.indymedia.org.uk

handed out outside of the Shell petrol station forecourt on Woodsde road and the A52.

The entrances and exits were blocked for over an hour. Drivers were deterred from using the station. The Police turned up but had little choice but to let the blockade continue, they ended up parking their police cars across

the entrances to the forecourt after motorists had tried to force their way through the barricade of cyclists in desperation to refuel their vehicles and buy their newspapers.

The campaign continues and urges people to Act Now and help local people stop this Shell Hell !



and an impromptu party ensued. The banner was unfurled and many more leaflets given out.

Many passers by came to speak to us to find out what the protest was about, others came up helped themselves to placards while and characters in fancy dress collecting for the NSPCC joined in and held up the large banner for us. A pretty successful day with over 400 leaflets

distributed. Nottingham is now much better informed about Shell's disgusting behaviour and plans in Mayo. It was widely agreed that this was so effective we should do it again.

Oh, and BBC television came and filmed and an item was broadcast on BBC Nottingham TV on Saturday pm.

To all our friends in Rossport and Mayo we say— Shell WILL be sent to hell.

Recycling Art and Banner making



Tash [alan lodge] | 06.02.2006 18:18

Attended a session on Recycling, Art and Banner making at the Sumac centre on Sunday.

It was shown that with a little creativity, it is possible to put all sorts of material, that most would normally discard-

ed, applied to other use. Here are some we made earlier.

There was a banner making session to promote the activities of Nottingham Against Incineration and Landfill [NAIL]



Newswire

Peace Conference timetable
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Camp for Climate Action
Nottingham Meeting
20-02-2006 12:47

Venezuela Talk and Films
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Critical Mass Links to stuff
about it all
19-02-2006 15:33

Notts sends Shell to hell
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Stop Shell Hell
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Demonstration at Chetwynd
Barracks, Chilwell THIS
Saturday
14-02-2006 16:17

Spray Art at the ASBO -
Pictures
13-02-2006 13:24

A Chance for all cyclists to
gather in the warmth face to
face
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freight
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Wild Geese -- Theatre pro-
duction in aid of destitute
Asylum Seekers and
Refugees
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Windfarm debate tonight
09-02-2006 10:38 | 1 comment(s)

Protest the cruel circus!
08-02-2006 15:17

Camp for Climate Action
gathering in Nottingham this
weekend
08-02-2006 11:27 | 2 comment(s)

Critical Mass meet up and
discussion THIS Thursday --
Come along !
07-02-2006 09:37 | 6 comment(s)

Recycling Art and Banner
making at the Sumac
06-02-2006 18:18

The newswire is the
right column on the
Notts Indymedia
website where ALL the
titles of the published
articles appear



Dave | 02.02.2006 00:34

ANTI-WAR protestors gathered to mark the hundredth British soldier to be killed in Iraq.

The names of all the dead written on coffin-lid cards were held up by campaigners on the steps of Nottingham's city hall.

After an introduction to the event, all the names were read aloud, drawing the attention of passers-by.

Comments from the website

"Commendable though this is why are we not also remembering the thousands of Iraqis who have been slaughtered by Bush and Blair? Are we so jingoistic that the deaths of foreigners do not matter?" - by Me

"Who cares about the brits who uphold the neo-liberals and their policies of war mongering who started the war?" - Anonymous

"By highlighting the deaths of UK soldiers the peace movement is seen to be sensitive towards their families and friends who mourn their passing...I would like to see someone collect as many names of Iraqi people killed in this useless war so that we can read their names out in public - probably take several hours or day I should think." - by Peter Wakeham, Luton Against War

No Widening M1 Campaign Launch

K | 06.02.2006 15:55

Today we launched our campaign of opposition to the M1 widening.

Response from the general public was pretty good, and the local radio station came down to do interviews about the cam-

paign.

The Department of Transport has announced its intention to widen the M1 from Leicester to Leeds (junctions 21 - 42) to 4 lanes in both directions. There is also widening planned for

junctions 6a-13 (M25 - Luton).

The proposed works are estimated to cost over £3 billion. Road programmes frequently exceed their estimates by a factor of three.



Park Authority halts quarrying at Backdale in the Peaks

Julian Tippet, Secretary, Save Longstone Edge Group | 30.01.2006 23:05

Peak Park have served a stop notice, effective today 30 Jan, on Merriman who are quarrying at Backdale. National Park minister Jim Knight has visited the site today and pledged his support. Merriman have threatened to open two more sites if stopped at Backdale.

A significant milestone in the Backdale Quarry saga occurred today when the Stop Notice came into force and the nation-

al park minister came to see for himself what all the fuss is about. Jim Knight, Minister for Landscape and Rural Affairs, deplored the harm to an iconic landscape here in a national park, and said that he has authorised financial backing for the Park to serve the stop notice. The Backdale site lies at the eastern end of Longstone Edge in the Peak District National Park, some four miles

north of Bakewell. The stop notice, served by the Park Authority (NPA) on the quarry company Merriman of Leicester and the landowner Bleaklow Industries, is intended to prevent further destruction until a planning inquiry reports its findings. The inquiry is now scheduled for April this year and should report in the Autumn.

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