

A man with dark hair and a mustache, wearing a light-colored quilted jacket, stands in front of a brick wall. He has a white, fluffy object, possibly a hat or a piece of fabric, draped over his right shoulder. The entire image is monochromatic with a yellowish-green tint. The text is overlaid on the image in a bold, serif font.

GOODBYE

BALLYHIGHTOWN

ROY WALLACE

Goodbye Ballyhightown – notes for the reader

This version includes the final chapter of the community publication in 1995 which features all of the known copies of the community newsheet Bahd News. Bahd news was published by the Rathcoole Self Help Group in the early to late 1980's in Rathcoole Estate North Belfast.

The group (RSHG) was a highly self-motivated DIY community organisation which initiated and maintained fourteen projects i.e., advice centre, creche, women's group, music workshop, art project, children's holiday scheme and participated widely in community development throughout Ireland and beyond.

Most of the group members, including myself were inhabitants of Rathcoole estate (although not all) who stood up against various forms of intimidation, incompetence, bureaucracy, and corruption which permeated working class social life during Margaret Thatcher's and the Conservative governments reign in 1980's.

The publications broadly represented the views of the group members as a collective voice apart from one issue which drew criticism of the group from the local population which was at that time mainly white working/middle class protestant. In 2022 the cultural and religious make-up of the population has impacted on this previously dominant situation with a more tolerant and multicultural population now living on the estate which differed greatly from the period the book and this chapter reflects upon.

The RSHG group were open to libertarian ideas and initiated radical projects and thinking within a predominately 'loyalist' controlled area of North Belfast which was consistently stigmatised by the media from the early 1970's to present day. The group actively challenged and opposed the media creating their own form of localised opposition through the news sheet which they distributed voluntarily on a regular basis to around 4000 dwellings reaching approx. 17,500 readers.

I have reproduced this chapter as part 'document' because many people have asked for access to the materials and can make available the complete publication upon request to help ensure accuracy of context regarding where and how the community publication might be used.

The views outlined in the following works are a 'collective' response to overwhelming sectarian tensions, dominant unionist/loyalist politics, religiously dominated community resources, unionist cultural hegemony and funding along with both media and class stigmatisation which the community group sought to actively oppose. The views expressed were not always agreed by everyone, but a democratic consensus was generally achieved before publication. Except in one issue, which was unfortunately edited and printed out of context, negatively impacting on both the group members and the local community.

The book and following issues of Bahd News are not academic research but a community document of a particular period during the war in N Ireland – you have 'trouble' in a pub on a Saturday night, this chapter evidences what local residents did to actively challenge, sectarianism, racism, sexism, classism, misogyny, poverty, and the brutality of war during dark and difficult times in N Ireland.

I trust the chapter is useful to academic researchers and others interested in a broader understanding of the history of the Northern Ireland war on a local population in North Belfast which may differ somewhat from the dominant unidimensional narrative which the world media currently portray.

You can also access the 'naive' documentary work 'Rathcoole at the Xroads' which myself and a group of young people produced to highlight the social conditions and systematic poverty which still existed in 1995-97 when the 'peace process' was being negotiated at Stormont.

VOTE
HAGGAR
the Horrible



all night party
Silly
for a

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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. ① NOV.

OVER 200 JOBS LOST!

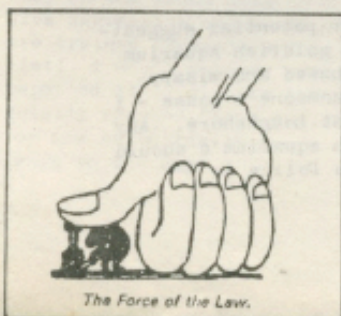
YES, THAT IS THE STAGGERING CONCLUSION WE HAVE COME TO AFTER RESEARCH INTO THE NEWTOWNABBEY COUNCIL'S PUBLIC AUDIT.

Newtownabbey Borough Council spent an amazing £1,279,146-14 in overtime payments in 1982-83, split into £1,109,256-18 in ordinary overtime, £130,513-50 in time and a half, and £39,376-46 on double time. And this is the figure for overtime for weekly paid workers ONLY. We didn't find out how much was paid to salaried staff in overtime.

The broad conclusion we have come to is that, at £6000 a year per job, Newtownabbey Council could have employed 213 more workers - at a time when we need all the employment we can get. AND THAT IS ONLY WEEKLY PAID MEN.

We all know why the men do the overtime - because they are not paid enough 'basic' in the first place. However this amount of overtime payment is surely "ripping the trunks off it"

Well, now you know.



BINS

A Jordanstown woman asked binmen to wheel her bin out. The binmen refused on the principled stand that - "If we can't wheel bins out for pensioners in Rathcoole we can't wheel them out for you." The Technical Services Dept. of the Council promptly ordered a new bin crew to wheel out and lift the bin. Evidence of disparate standards in bin lifting along clear class lines.

N.B. The legality of the Council's decision not to wheel bins out from the ratepayers promine, as is directed in the Local Govt Act is soon to be challenged by two Rathcoole tenants.

The Council's response was to send two representatives to their respective houses requesting that they

- 1) Contact a local headmaster to arrange for a schoolboy to wheel their bins out - a new educational function no doubt?
- 2) Cut their hedges to make the bin more easily accessible- hedges which have been tendered carefully over a period of many years.

NUMBER. ① INEQUALITY.
KNOW YOUR ENEMY.

EDITORIAL.

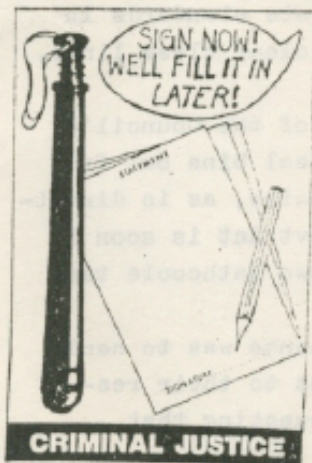
So, 'BAHD NEWS' has reached you. This newsheet is an attempt to bring a community newsheet to you the reader, containing news, stories, and information which would be unlikely to reach you from other sources

Why do we need another newspaper? SIMPLY THIS.

The opinions and viewpoints contained in the 'popular' press do not adequately represent us - ordinary people living in conditions of low income and high unemployment, trying our best to make good in life. These 'popular' papers broadly represent the interests of the people who own them, so truth inevitably becomes a casualty.

'BAHD NEWS' is an attempt to redress the balance. Our aim is to tell 'THE TRUTH'. This can be both popular and dangerous depending on whose interests it investigates - but the aims are genuine.

With all the censorship in the press and media generally, we have no intention of adding to it. Finally, this is your paper, so read it, compliment it, criticize it, contribute to it - READ ON.



BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Public debate on use of public funds to secure Ballyeaston a nomination as the 'Best kept village' stirred councillors to such an extent that several councillors 'went public' to state that Ballyeaston, under no circumstances, received preferential treatment.

Our research clearly shows otherwise a total of £305.44 was spent 'specifically' on Ballyeaston under the heading 'Best kept village' in the NBC accounts book.

This is broken down into £96 horticultural materials, £109.44 in wages and £100 in HOSPITALITY! One can only assume that the hospitality goes towards an exclusive 'victory' party on winning the award of Best kept village! - £100 of rate payers money on drink.

While £305.44 is by no means a large sum we have no means of detecting exactly how much in wages was really paid in the pre-competition facelift for Ballyeaston - could be 30 men for a week their wages being accounted for out of a separate account eg that of Glenmount House, O'Neill Road. But the fact that £305.44 was spent SPECIFICALLY on the best kept village above and beyond the 'normal' council duties in this village shows incontrovertibly that several councillors will need to check their facts before giving misleading public statements.

Nothing against the inhabitants on Ballyeaston by the way, many of whom give freely of their time and energy to keep their village 'prima and proper!'

SOMETHING FISHY...

FISH STOCK IN LOUGHSHORE

Where is Ireland's best fishing? Lough Corrib? River Shannon? Lough Erne? Lough Melvin? off Killybegs? The River Bush? or Loughshore Park?

Yes that's Loughshore Park in Jordanstown which was given a boost as a tourist fishing attraction by Newtownabbey councils decision in 1982-83 to spend £103.64 on fish stock!

The council wouldn't be just releasing fish into the polluted Belfast Lough as a gesture of their benevolence - or would they? Or is there a pond in Loughshore that I don't know about, brimming with fat salmon or trout. Can anyone tell me of a fish pond in Loughshore? Any offers?

The only other potential suggestion is that a goldfish aquarium has been purchased and misappropriated to someone's house - I can't see it at Loughshore. Any wandering fish aquarium's should be reported to Police 6.

ODDS N' SODS

RANGERS IN DUBLIN

What about the Glasgow Rangers fan from Rathcoole who disappeared in the middle of a Dublin street as if by magic. The conjuring trick was effected by some fans lifting a manhole cover to use as ammunition against marauding gardai men. In their wake followed our man from Rathcoole who in his enebriated state, failed to detect the hole in the road and fell straight down the man hole. Happily, apart from some mild brain damage he is in a satisfactory condition.

N.B. This man can be seen leading the Merville band during the marching season

KINKY LOLE MAN

Recently a Rathcoole man was to be visited by the DHSS for a clothes grant application. When visited the man was not in. His wife took a message.

The visiting officer ordered her "Tell your husband to bring his clothes up to the office and try them on for us up there!!"



"Dole Money run out again Son!"

QUICK REPAIRS

An elderly man recently went down to Rantalard House to report (again) a repair he needed done - he needed new cupboards "Look sir" said the lady on the front desk in the abrasive aggressive manner in which they are trained "There's a long waiting list! I don't suppose you've even reported it". At this the gentleman quietly resumed "Look luv, I put in for new cupboards 19 years ago - 19 years to the day".

NIKE PAINTING

Of the 80 year old lady in Green End who was given a small redecoration grant. She asked the NINE if there was no one who could do the work for her, to which the executive replied "If you can't get someone to do it we'll have to take the money back" which they did!!!

The executive will now, in their own merry time (see above) maybe get round to do the painting by the turn of the century.

NOWHERE TO PLAY.

Due to the number of complaints from the residents living above the Musicians Workshop's practice room, the facility has had to be temporarily closed down. The complaints from the residents were quiet justified as the constant noise level has slowly risen, and the musicians workshop would like to apologise to the residents for any inconvenience caused over the past months.

After saying this, it is sad that the work the musicians were doing has had to stop, as we were beginning to attract more and more people to the Monday night Guitar lessons, and with 14 local bands (67 people) using the practice room every week, this would be a sad loss to us all.

As everyone involved with the workshop is aware it will prove difficult to find other suitable premises, especially due to the fact that, the Newtownabbey Borough Council and the Northern Ireland housing Executive do not look "FAVOURABLY" on the work the young people of Rathcoole are attempting to do. The N.I.H.E. have been totally obstructive in our efforts to find new accommodation, although they are quiet willing to have us "evicted", they will not help in any way, to find a new place. Obviously they would rather see us hanging around the streets, waiting to go on a Y.T.P. course or even more to the point into a Young Offenders Centre.

Unfortunately for the workshop it is a fact that without the help and support from outside, and from within the group itself, that the "Caring Authorities" could eventually close us down.

If you think you could help in any way to get new premises, please contact us at 28A The Diamond, Rathcoole.

N.M.W.

JIM SHYTH - FOR SUPPORTING THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE IN UNDERSPENDING R.I.M. HE SAID "IF THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE HAD BEEN A PRIVATE COMPANY, THEY (THE HOUSING COUNCIL) WOULD BE WARMLY CONGRATULATING MR GORMAN (HEAD CAT) TO ALL THOSE HAVING DIFFICULTY IN GETTING REPAIRS DONE DUE TO "LACK OF MONEY" - LETS GIVE A BIG HAND (OR SHOVE) TO GORMAN AND THE BENEVOLENT MR SOFTEE.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

What happens when a ratepayer asks for information to which he is entitled (such as meeting minutes) from the council. Simple - he is arrested.

One such ratepayer asked for the minutes of a council meeting. After six days they still had not produced it - so the ratepayer went to the council offices in Ballyclare to retrieve the document himself. He was refused the information. He then refused to leave the building, naturally enough, until he got the document he required - he would have wasted his bus fare to Ballyclare otherwise. The Town Clerk then called the police who dragged the ratepayer from the building using their usual 'minimum force tactics! He was charged with disorderly behaviour, resisting arrest and trespass and informed not to go back to the council offices.

He defied this order, going to the Town Hall to ask again for his information - which again was denied him.

Coincidentally a second ratepayer arrived at 3.30 asking for the same information and was given it - the information being readily available.

Taking the opportunity to get out of that sticky situation the Town Clerk also gave the first ratepayer his copy of the same council minutes.

It just shows how 'democratic' our country really is!



POETRY

WHAT THEN!

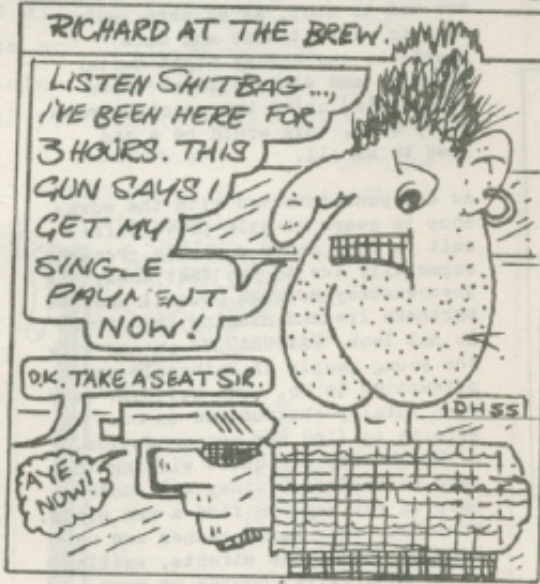
When hungry bellies and cold feet abound. When a man's value is measured by a piece of paper. When justice, freedom and liberty are just words.

WHAT THEN!

Should we just pray and fast? Should we hope the day of freedom is soon? Or should we work to change this world both spiritually and socially. Paving the way for liberation.

ASHBY'S CAT-TIPS.
- for cat owners
No.1: "Don't tell the Executive"

Richard.



ELECTORS!!!
PEOPLE TO WATCH
NO.1.

EDITORS NOTE

The first edition of 'BAHD NEWS' has been brought to you by the Rathcoole Workers Research Unit, which is based, for the moment anyway, at 28a The Diamond, Rathcoole. Your letters and views would be much appreciated by the Editorial panel.

All issues of the newsheet will be free. To cover paper, printing and delivery costs, however, any donations would be welcome. Hopefully the quality of the printing will increase as our experience increases. For now though, forget the printing quality- just read the script.

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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. NO.2 DEC 84.

60,000 SLIDE!

YES, OUR FRIENDLY BOROUGH COUNCIL HAVE DONE IT AGAIN, PROVIDING ANOTHER ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE RATEPAYERS

This time they are set to spend an incredible £60,000 on a water slide which, of course, is a far higher priority than wheeling out bins for the elderly and handicapped.

You may ask yourself, why £60,000. I mean is that not rather a lot for a water slide? Where could you even get a slide for £60,000?

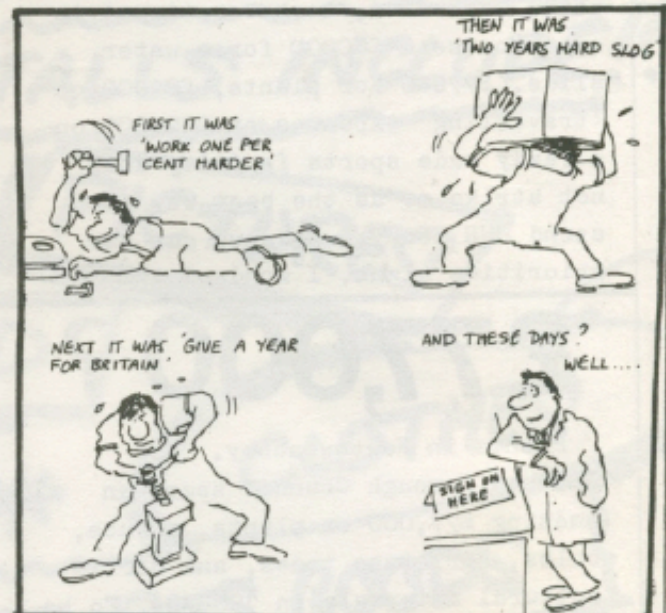
Well there are two models currently under consideration by the Council to explain the exorbitant cost.

The first slide will start at Napoleon's nose on the Cavehill winding it's way round through Glengormley, over the multi-storey flats and eventually splashing into the Valley pool - a superb big dipper type slide.

The second is a more traditional type, confined to the Valley complex itself with the added attraction of a vibro-massage and water jet half way down, not forgetting the Sauna bath at the top complete with drinks cabinet. If that doesn't attract the hordes to the Leisure Centre then they might have to try the dreaded last alternative - lower the prices.

I'm sorry to joke about something as serious as wasting £60,000 of ratepayers money on a frivolity, but what else can we do - we elected them in.

I think I'll vote for Hagar the Horrible next time - he couldn't be any worse - could he?



ATTACK ON FREE SPEECH AND ACCESS
TO INFORMATION BY
NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

On Monday November 16th an application was made by the political editor of this newspaper to Newtownabbey Borough Council to have the same facilities as the Newtownabbey Times and Newtownabbey Guardian. The application was turned down point blank. Do the Council not want us sitting in on their meetings because we would be able to relate exactly who says what on the various topics directly concerning ratepayers. Would we be an embarrassment to local councillors. Who should be championing the people instead of falling asleep at meetings and making faces behind Bob Kidd's back.

EDITORIAL.

It may seem that 'Bald News' is inordinarily opposed to the local Council and its councillors. Nothing further from the truth. We merely feel it is important to point out to this merry, likeable assembly of hillbillies that there are sometimes better ways of spending our money.

We elected them in after all, so they can't be that bad - but we to remind them from time to time that they needn't accept every proposal that their knowledgeable, well paid, unelected, technocratic advisers propose. £60000 for a water slide, £77000 for plants, £21000 on 'travelling' expenses or £200000 on a ready made sports facility does not strike me as the best way to spend OUR money. Have we got our priorities right, I wonder?

£77,000 ?

Plants in Newtownabbey.
N'abbey Borough Council spent an amazing £77,000 on plants, shrubs, bulbs, christmas trees, and horticultural materials in 1982-83. To be exact the figure was £77,812-58 (figures from Council accounts). This expenditure should make the Borough look like a tropical Caribbean beach scene, the Amazon Basin or at least Belfast's Botanic Palm Grove. Alas, it still looks like the usual conglomeration of urban estates - I can't see the plants, where are they? Not in Rathcoole anyway. Maybe they are hidden in Bawnmore, or behind Ballyearl Sports Complex, or maybe hidden in someone's back garden. A pity that, because Newtownabbey would look great with a few tropical plants sprinkled around it.

50p for the person who finds £77,000 worth of plants. Or maybe Shergar ate them all.

RIP OFF

On Wed 14th Nov. I was sitting in the R.S.H.G. when I overheard a distressed old aged pensioner telling one of the advice workers about a Mr. Wilson who owns a "second hand shop" at the Diamond. Apparently Mr. Wilson had conned her into buying a "new" single bed, but when the bed arrived it was damp, mouldy and the springs had gone. The elderly lady was nearly in tears because she had paid £100 for the "new" bed, so I decided that I would make an approach to Mr. Wilson to refund her money.

I went down to the shop and confronted Mr. Wilson about the purchase to which he said he had "no knowledge of " so I called him a bare faced liar and left the shop. 15 mins later two officers of the law (the very same one's who refuse to prosecute Mr. Wilson for stealing £242 of a giro cheque) came to the Self Help to find out what the "threats" were all about. The cops then escorted me down to the shop where Mr. Wilson admitted that I had not made any threats. The cops left and the peaceful protesters moved in. We will be there until Wilson has left or wised - up and we are asking everyone not to buy anything from Wilson. Also if you have been ripped off by this man, contact us (Self Help) or write to Bald News with the details of his extortions.

● MESSAGE TO ADVERTISERS ●

If you are having a promotional campaign or would like to advertise your service to 4,000 homes in the Rathcoole area, we can offer the best rates in the world.

Don't miss out as there is limited advertising space.

RATHCOOLE'S OWN.

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* FERN LODGE CAR PARK.

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FOOD

CLOTHES

VEGETABLES

* SPORTS GOODS

HARDWARE

* COSMETICS

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BURGER VAN.

WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC!!

KNOW YOUR ENEMY, BIGOTRY.

NUMBER 2 - RELIGIOUS

Battle of the Boyne - Facts

Do you know what happened at the Battle of the Boyne? Read on.

- 1) King James was a convert to Catholicism from Protestantism.
 - 2) James had the support of Louis XIV, who had previously marched on Rome and humiliated the Pope.
 - 3) The Pope, allied to King Billy in the Treaty of Augsburg, defeated Louis.
 - 4) When James arrived in Ireland, Catholic ex landowners allied themselves to him, hoping he would win back for them their lands - notwithstanding James' alliance to Louis XIV, the Pope's arch enemy.
 - 5) James enshrined the religious liberty of Protestants, Catholics and Dissenters in the Treaty of Limerick.
 - 6) Billy defeats James in the Battle of the Boyne. The Pope celebrates the victory with a singing of a Te Deum.
 - 7) King Billy established the Episcopalian Church, proscribing BOTH Presbyterianism and Catholicism.
 - 8) Anti Presbyterian discrimination forced a quarter of a million Presbyterians to emigrate to America, where they were to play a distinctive part in overthrowing English colonialism.
- Our question - Why do thousands of Presbyterians march each year celebrating the victory of King Billy, who was out to smash Presbyterianism?

NEXT MONTH:- WHERE THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS WRONG.

DEFINITELY THIS IS FOR YOU!
NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.

Forget the rent increases, lack of proper housing, recreational facilities, badly equipped schools, ALL THE TROUBLES!

WE BRING YOU THE PROGRAMMES YOU WANT: the trivia and sensationalism, that you, the people, have given so generously in taxes to watch.

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY MEDIA

CHRISTMAS ALONE ?

Are you living on your own, or away from your family this Xmas ? We're not. We usually do live alone but this year we are meeting to eat, waffle and enjoy a bit of entertainment on Christmas Day. This should only cost about £1.50 a head, the rest of the body comes free. Now at that price and our company, nobody who lives alone, need eat alone this Christmas. If you would like to join us and live in or around Rathcoole, phone Whiteabbey 60322 or call in at the Self Help Group, at 28a The Diamond for more details. To know how many to cater for, we would appreciate if you could let us know before Monday 17th December.

If anybody can assist us we would appreciate if they would get in touch. Ask for the Xmas Party organisers.

THE LORD MAYOR.

WHO SPENT A TIME TAKING TEA IN THE MAYORS GARDEN WHILE LANDSCAPING IN WHITEHOUSE PARK. ABBEY LANDSCAPES DID? & REPAIRED THE MAYORS HOSPITALITY BY STAYING 2 DAYS. IN WHICH TIME THEY MOVED SHOVELS ABOUT.

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ODDSN' * SODS



SEVEN YEAR ITCH.

What about the man in Glenbane Av. who has been living in a three bedroomed house but paying rent for a four bedroomed house for seven years. After an argument with the Housing Executive their spokesman said "This is a very complicated case you know" - so complicated that the tenant in question has been overpaying rent for 7 years awaiting a simple solution - to pay rent for a 3 bedroomed house. EASY, EH ?

Welcome Home Roy

A big welcome to Roy Lorimer, who is back in Rathcoole after a camping holiday in Co. Londonderry. The weather was so good that he even stayed on for an extra week. Joking aside though, welcome back Roy.

During a recent survey of housing in Rathcoole regarding the new rent system a new method of house building was discovered. In a block of bungalows, No. 12, 13, & 14, Nos. 12 and 14 were built first, and, according to the rent surveyors, No. 13 was delicately built to bridge the gap between 12 and 14 a few years later. Lego manufacturers please note.

Advice Centre

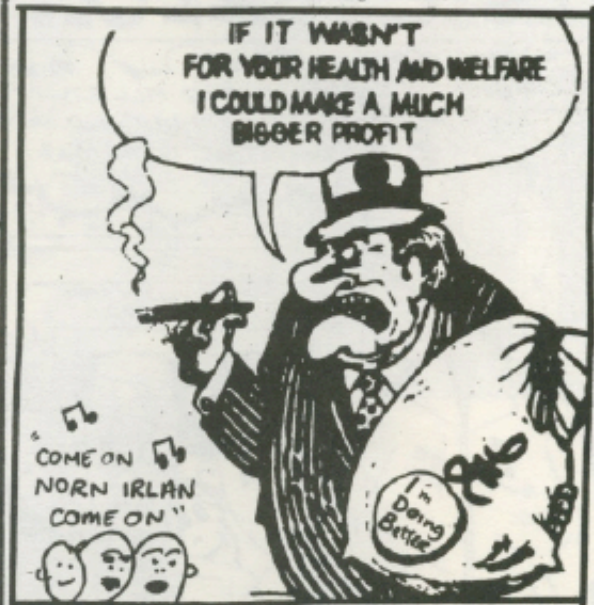
Anyone on Supplementary Benefit or any pensioners should put in for free draughtproofing before the worst of the winter comes in. Come in to the Centre and we'll organise it for you. Or if you can't reach the Advice Centre (at the Diamond, above the chippy) ring us at 60322.

REMEMBER:- AT THE NEXT ELECTIONS VOTE FOR RATHCOOLE'S OWN

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE NO.1

Ready made facility?

Our generous local council bought Ballyearl Leisure Centre from a well off businessman fallen on hard times primarily because it was, and I quote - "a ready made sports facility". So ready made that the Council decided to spend around £200,000 of our money on renovations and additions for the golf course, a putting green, squash courts, and a bowling green. Ready made?



Newtownabbey Auto Project

If you have any old cars that you want towed away we will do it for you free of charge. Contact Alec Harper 26 Artgart Place William Martin 29a Camross Park Jim Roche 27c West Crescent.???

Back Lounge - Fern Lodge.

The 'Back Lounge', a new music venue, opens in the fern Lodge every Thursday. Entrance is only £1 and you are promised the best of the provinces' popular rock artists.

RATHCOOLE MARKET

The D.O.E. intend to fine the Fern Lodge £1,000 plus £100 for each day the Market opens.

People want this Market as large crowds every Tuesday bear witness to the discounts on offer. Get down, get with it, get there early.- sign the petition to keep our Market open.

REALLY

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MUSICIANS PLEA!

NEWTOWNABBEY MUSICIANS WORKSHOP, A MUSIC CO-OPERATIVE OF 240 MEMBERS AND 14 YOUNG BANDS ARE LOOKING FOR PREMISES.

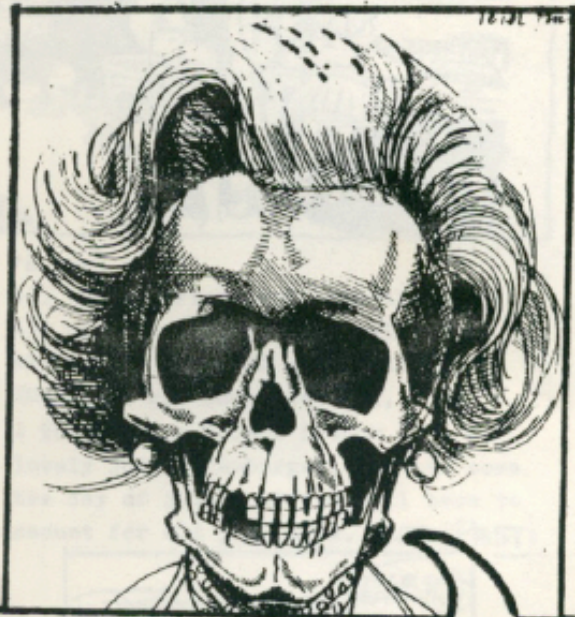
Newtownabbey Musicians Workshop, a music

The workshop, who were instrumental in organising the 1983 Macedon Rock Festival, and the Rathcoole Community Festival '84', not to mention the numerous concerts at the Palm Grove and more recently at the Fern Lodge, asked the Council for help in finding premises at the December Council meeting.

The Workshop has led a nomadic existence, moving from one base to another, providing a meaningful outlet for many young people who would otherwise have been 'roming the streets'.

Macedon House would be an ideal base, away from tenants who would legitimately complain of noise.

Bahd News calls on the Council to make available this facility for these enthusiastic young people whose only alternative is a long wait for non-existent work on the dole queue.

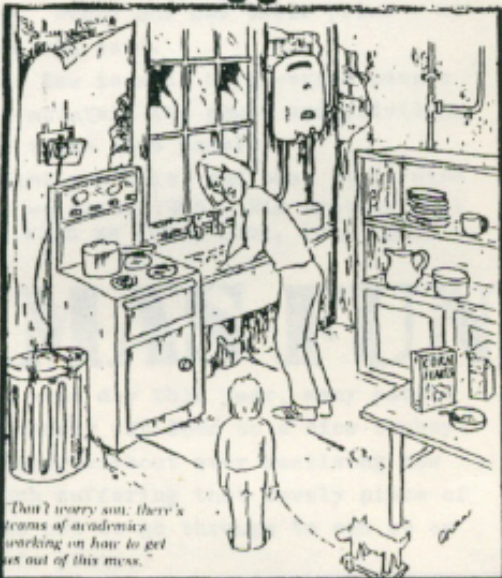


AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO WISH THE PEOPLE OF RATHCOOLE A HAPPY 1985!!

TO CLOSE?

Y.C.P. PROJECT TO CLOSE.

Sadly, the Y.C.P. project run by Alec Lorimer at the Youth Club, is set to close. The relevant authorities are cutting off funding, despite the good work done by this group in redecorating old peoples' homes. This is another helping scheme set for the axe, ostensibly because the money is to be redirected to the Loughview and Feldon projects - projects which cannot even attract their present quota of young people and, unlike the Rathcoole project, is not involved in work within the community.



Don't worry son, there's teams of academics working on how to get us out of this mess.

EDITORIAL.

First of all, a happy new year to all our readers. We hope you have a successful 1985 now that the spectre of Orwell's 1984 is in the past. Or is it?

New government expenditure reveals that we need 500 new policemen, and an extra £6million to be spent on the prisons (probably £6million of the £11million underspent on housing last year. An £11million which could have meant the difference between you getting your repairs done or not. Never mind, you can safely think that the money which should have been spent insulating your loft or fixing your door will be well spent - incarcerating some young people in high priority, sound proofed, isolation cell).

So, to the issue. If we need so much to be spent on 'law and order' we will soon be asking ' If so many people break the law then is the law really the common consensus it is meant to be?'

Who makes the law? The government? Not really. It is designed by high ranking civil servants who have the interests of their class at heart. The law then is made by privileged for who? - for other privileged people, isn't it?

To keep it they pay large wages to policemen, barristers and judges, with wages to social workers, teachers and journalists to convince us that this is the way things ought to be. Every one has their price - we are all paid.

The law is made by powerful people to maintain the power and privilege of those same people.

Think about it, and bear it in mind as we enter 1985. Big Brother will be with us for a long, long time.

XMAS FUN

On xmas day this year, many people probably sat down to a nice turkey dinner without ever realising how much suffering that lovely piece of meat had to go through to end up on their plate.

Each year 100,000s of turkeys and chickens are kept locked up in a confined pen waiting to end their miserable life at xmas. For us it is all part of celebrating the "gift of life", but for those creatures who lie deadened on your plate, its the fear of death that rings the air.

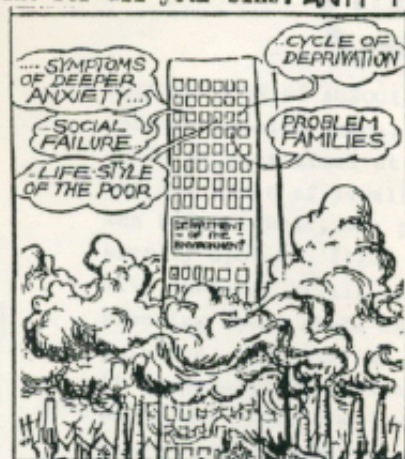
Is it some sort of "pagan" right to sacrifice these animals to your God? or is it just another example of mankinds barbaric lifestyle.



*a xmas carol

All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderfull
YOUR lord god made them all.

I think twice before i tuck into a lovely juicy hamburger, because come the day of judgement you will have to account for all your sins. **ANTI-PASTI**



UNWANTED FURNITURE

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WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC!!

CATHOLIC CHURCH !!

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - A BASTION OF REACTIONARY OPINION.

One of the main obstacles to unity on social issues and struggle has been the obstinacy of the Catholic Church when faced with changing social conditions and needs. Take a look at these few examples as a measure of how difficult it will be to accomodate the two religious tribes in Ulster.

Contraception. Under Article 1013 of Canon Law, contraception is forbidden as "the primary end of marriage is procreation". In the 1960's John XX 111's Commission report began "Contraception is always wrong". Room for discussion?

Mixed Marriage. Under Pope Paul's Matrimonia Mixta 1970 the partners must "do all in their power to have all children of the marriage brought up as Catholics". The non Catholic partner must be "cognisant of the promise and obligation on the part of the Catholic". Clear, isn't it?

Divorce. On divorce the Catholic Church maintains its historical position, that divorce is immoral and illegal in Church law, reinforced by Pope John Paul's 'not an inch' Galway speech. Battered wives take note.

Abortion. "A woman has no right to abortion, even to save her life" - Pope Paul 1972. Right to life?



From these few examples it is clear that the Catholic Church is not prepared to relinquish any of it's control, even for the social betterment and progression of its people. We'll leave you with this example of the Catholic hierarchy in action - The Vere Foster affair.

New Barnsley was a Protestant area near Ballymurphy. With the sectarian violence of 1970 the protestants were forced to leave, their houses being taken over by Catholics. Also left behind was the Vere Foster primary school with its all Protestant staff. Local parents, finding Catholic schools, St Aidans and St Bernadettes full up, enrolled their children at Vere Fosters. The local priest, Fr. Fitzpatrick retaliated by telling the parents that while the children were not receiving a proper Catholic education, they would be denied the sacraments. Enlightenment personified.



**ELECTORS WATCHDOG!
GEORGE HERBON:-WHO
DOESN'T MAKE NEW YEAR
RESOLUTIONS CAUSE HE
CAN'T KEEP THEM!**

DOONBEG HOUSING ASSOCIATION.

Doonbeg Housing Assoc. is a self build project aimed at renovating the old block of derelict flats off the O'Neill Road. The project is apparently open to 'first time' buyers with specific skills suitable to renovating these flats eg plumbers, painters, electricians. This makes it surprising to find a Mr Wilson among the 'first time' buyers - the same Mr Wilson who indulges in rip-off practices at his shop at 22 The Diamond, the same Mr Wilson who has a shop and house in Carnlough. What specific skills can this man offer the Doonbeg Housing Assoc. apart from being able to extract large sums of money from needy people in Rathcoole? Maybe his R.U.C. connections will mean increased 'law and order' for the O'Neill Road area. One wonders what his plans are for this, his 'first time' flat?

ODDS N' SODS

RAZOR SHARP FRASER.

At last months Council meeting when several members of the Self Help Group were present it was noticed that our friend Fraser Agnew was not present. It turns out that he had a much more pressing engagement than representing the people - a game of five a side football at the Valley Leisure Centre.

ATA RECENT MEETING.....



FISH STEAKS.

The Mayor of Newtownabbey has cleared up our query about expenditure on Fish Stock at Loughshore Park. He said it was a 'computer mistake' and should have read 'fish steaks' - which presumably means fish suppers for the boys. I wonder is the whole of the Council's Accounts book just one massive computer mistake?

MINERS SOLIDARITY

As the government tries to starve out the miners in the new year, many families of striking miners are suffering increasing hardship. If you have any donations to make send them to - Miners Solidarity Fund

St. James' House
Vicar Lane
Sheffield.

Food parcels can be sent c/o Barrie McClatchey or Barney to the Stella Maris Mission in Corporation Street, Belfast.

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BACKHANDER

By GEORGE, who received a backhander of £1000 to book Ireland's biggest travelling fair (a Londonderry based fair) in for the Ballyclare May fair? Answers to Bahd News - for the £5 reward. Or is this just another red HERRING?

TENANTS ASSOCIATION.

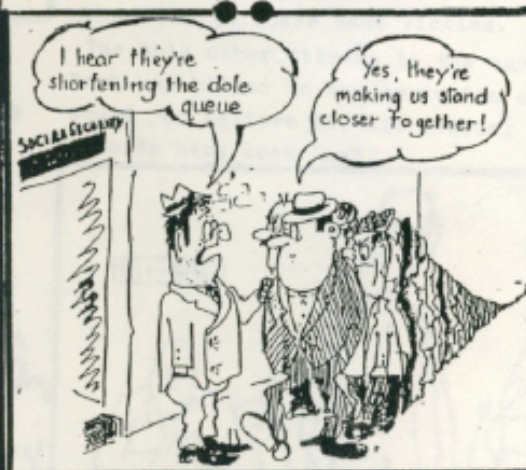
Rathcoole Tenants Association meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month in the old Ardeen Hall. Help the Association to help your housing problems.

QUOTE OF THE YEAR 1984.

"That wee lad Blue isn't the full shilling". Rab Divan.

DOLE SNIFFERS ON THE PROWL.

Claimants beware, many dole sniffers have been snooping about in the Rathcoole area lately. One even snatched away a claimants UB40, took it back to the office 'for inspection', and proceeded to fill it in. The snoop even signed it 'on behalf of' the bewildered claimant.



TENANTS BEWARE.

Tenants should be on their guard against contractors, employed by the Housing Executive, asking them to sign a form absolving the contractor of responsibility for damage caused in the home by their workers.

This is a ploy to stop the tenant making claims against the contractors for any damage caused to their property. Be on your guard.

POETRY

RATHCOOLE MOSQUITO

I was killed by the news,
The East Antrim Times to be exact,
And I have news for the world,
Black, White,
Rich, Poor,
Protestant, Catholic,
Powerful, Powerless,
You all taste the same.

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CUT OUT

DO NOT LET YOUR CAT
MIX WITH OTHER CATS.
YOU KNOW THE SAYING
"2 CATS MAKE 1000."
ASH'S
CAT
TIPS NO. 33

CAR BOMB

A Rathcoole man is facing immense difficulty in claiming compensation from the N.I.O. as a result of a car bomb in 1974.

The hold up is mainly because Mr Kirkpatrick, of Berrycroole Way did not report the accident within 28 days. However, on leaving hospital at the time, Mr Kirkpatrick was in a traumatized state, suffering from complete memory loss (he did not even recognize his wife) and brain damage - a fact recognized by early medical reports. But, as the N.I.O. closed its ranks, so too did the medical profession and the R.U.C., mainly because if Mr Kirkpatrick won his compensation it would lead to a rash of similar claims being allowed.

Complicity at the highest level has combined to deny Mr Kirkpatrick his rightful compensation. The authorities are quick to champion the causes of innocent victims of our 'troubles', and make cheap capital from them, but it would seem that they are not so quick to pay out compensation to these same victims.

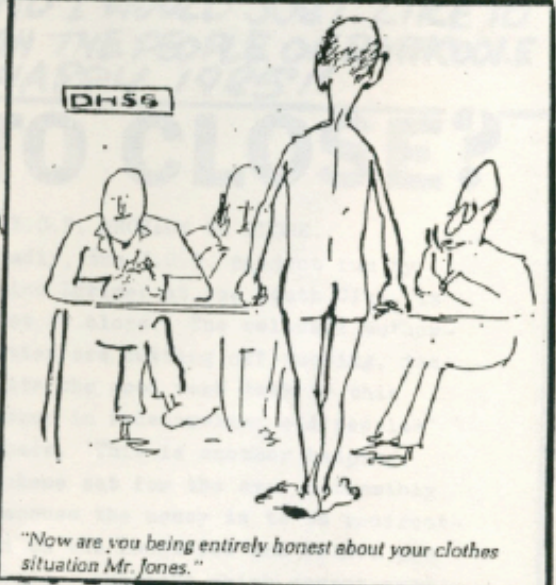
The only other witness to the car bomb was killed in the explosion and, would you believe it, his medical records have been lost.

WOMENS AID.

Along with spiralling poverty there has been an increase in Domestic Violence - ie Battered women and children. This has been prevalent in Rathcoole as in other parts of the country. Fortunately there is at least some provision to cope with this in Belfast in the form of Womens Aid. Womens Aid is a self-help group to help women through what is usually a traumatic time. It provides a refuge, a playgroup for children, advice, but more importantly a sympathetic ear and a reasonable cup of tea.

If you are in this position don't hesitate to get in touch with Women's Aid at 143a University Street, Phone 662385 and ask for Karen or Liz. Or if Belfast is too far away contact The Advice Centre, 22a The Diamond, Rathcoole, Phone W'abbey 60322.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY 3.
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BINS POLICY CHANGE

BINS INJURY.

Newtownabbey Council's bin collection has claimed another victim. Yet another person has slipped and been injured while wheeling their black bin to the kerbside collection point.

Mrs Prendiville, a pensioner from Ardcloon Park, Rathcoole cannot wheel her bin out, this task being done for her by sister Mrs Irene Heap of Belmore Gardens Rathcoole.

Mrs Heap, while wheeling the bin out on a frosty morning recently, could not hold its weight and slipped. She was taken to Whiteabbey Hospital for treatment for shock, badly bruised knees and elbows and a severely gashed hand.

This is all the more annoying in the light of the fact that NO tenant need wheel their bin out BY LAW. This new 'wheel your own bin out' system (next we'll have to empty our bins into the bin lorry - and maybe even drive the lorry to boot) is merely a whim of the present Council - and has nothing to do with the actual bye-law which categorically states that the bin should be lifted 'from the premise' and not the kerbside. The matter is now in the hands of the solicitors.

One can only wonder how much the decision to introduce this system was influenced by the fact that numerous councillors had an expenses paid trip to Germany to wine (mostly), dine (quite a lot too) and even look at the German black bin system. Need we point out that what goes for Germany, need not go for Rathcoole. I'm definitely going to vote No. 1 Hagar the Horrible (All Night Party).

IN THE MAY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

VOTE HAGAR

A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A REST!

CHANGE IN BINS SYSTEM

At last months Council Technical Services Committee meeting it was decided, due to pressure on the Council from irate tenants, to wheel bins out for disabled people.

What about the elderly, Councillors? The fight is far from over though as, by law, no one should have to wheel their bins out. It goes to show that if people decide that they simply don't want something that is blatantly wrong they CAN do something about it. NOW LETS WRECK THE WATER SLIDE.

H.B. To get your bin wheeled out - send a certificate of ill health with a request to wheel your bin out to Norman Dunn at Glenmount House, Church Road, N'abbey.



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YOU KNOW
IT MAKES
SENSE

DOUGLAS
RATHCOOLE

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FREE CARRY OUT

Mr Dunn, the Council Director of Technical Services, has been up to his tricks again it would seem.

Back on Christmas Eve, the Council painters and joiners not to mention a local contractor were enjoying a big 'carry out', paid for by us, the ratepayers but presented by the incorrigible Mr Dunn.

Understandably, the Council gardeners were annoyed at being left out of the Christmas treat, but then they didn't give Mr Dunn's Doagh Road residence a pre Christmas lick of paint, nor were they given the contract (unlike contractors Abbey Landscapes) to tend to Mr Dunn's garden. All perks of the job, no doubt - but still at our expense.

EDITORIAL.

Bahd News is now into it's fourth copy and is becoming well established as a source of truthful information and principled opinion. We are not going to be silenced by guilt ridden bodies and individuals seeking to hide reality.

You, the readers have a part to play too - if you think you have information which needs publicised then come along and bring us your story. Unlike most other papers we're not scared to print it, and no amount of libel actions will stop us.

If you have any opinions on the paper be they good or bad then send them in as we feel criticism has a useful part to play (try to make it constructive criticism though). The Editors can be found at 22a The Diamond, Rathcoole. Phone W'abbey 60322.

A quarter of a water slide is not nearly as useful as a good grass football pitch. With that £90000 we couldn't just buy a good football pitch, but could buy a team capable of winning the Irish League at a stroll. A forward looking Council decision could mean the ultimate - Rathcoole Rangers Vs Juventus in the European Cup?

VALLEY FOOTBALL PITCHES.

'Bahd News' has unearthed a discrepancy in the hiring of football pitches at the controversial Valley Leisure Centre.

Many local sides hire out the playing fields every other week paying £74 to do so - which incidently does not include changing facilities (the players have to change in cars). No wonder these teams were aggrieved to find out that teams from Newtownabbey Sunday League are walking on and using the pitches FREE every week - cutting up the pitches for the paying teams. Double standards, or what?



FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL PITCHES.

The need for a good quality grass football pitch has again been raised with the Council. The situation is that the Council have the option to buy the land at the Diamond off the Housing Executive and make at least one good quality pitch - needed as never before since the pitch at Derryhill was converted into a derelict playground.

The question is 'Will the Council pay for the pitch?' A good pitch, we estimate would cost around £20000 or, in Council terms, less than 1/4 of the cost of the £90000 (which it will now cost) to buy a water slide for the Leisure Centre.

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JOY RIDING.

In the past few weeks several cars have been stolen from Rathcoole and found in places as far away as Ballymurphy and Andersonstown. So, be vigilant, always lock your car up (it's the least you can do), and if you see people acting suspiciously contact the relevant local authorities.

FAST ED'S PHONE CALL.



What about the mysterious phone call received by the R.U.C. last Sunday at 6-00am from the King Arthur Lounge in Cornmarket. It turned out that the caller was none other than Eddie Campbell of Bencrom Park, a voluntary Youth worker in the estate. The bold Eddie had taken a few shandies too many and fallen asleep in the toilets, not to waken again until 6-00am, by which time all the King Arthur staff and customers had long gone home. So 'Fast Ed' helped himself to another jar to top up, and then rang for help as he was locked in. Luckily the owner saw the funny side to it and is thinking of installing a camp bed in the toilets for like minded clientele.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH - FEBRUARY

"Just because someone is in a wheelchair doesn't mean they're in any way disabled" - Council official on the 'German' bins system.
Straight talking indeed.



ELECTORS - PEOPLE TO WATCH OO. DAVID HANNA, WHO RECEIVED MORE VOTES THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE LAST COUNCIL ELECTIONS. WHO IS HE? WHERE IS HE? HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?



A typical Rathcoole wheelchair victim.

£12,000 Kiosk.

What about the new pay kiosk at the Valley Leisure Centre, built at a cost to the ratepayer of only £12,000.

The kiosk, marginally larger than the perfectly adequate old one, is to be deemed useless as there was a dispute with the Union about manning.

Another example of Council Utilitarianism, I don't think.

FREE CHIMNEY SWEEPING GRANT.

Following the winning of a Commissioner's decision, all those on Supplementary Benefit or Housing Benefit Supplement can now claim for Chimney cleaning under Regulation 21 of the Single Payments Regulations.

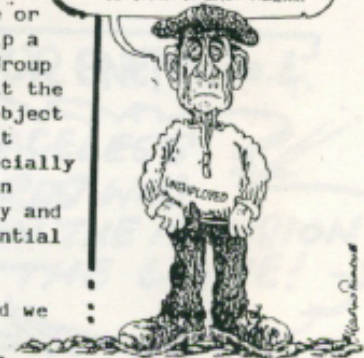
This means twice a year, or once if you are in a smokeless zone. So, check your chimney and then get down to the D.H.S.S. and claim your grant. Or, failing that, come to the Advice Centre for free advice. We are at 22a The Diamond (above chippy) Phone 60322.

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I THINK THE GOVERNMENT WANTS ME TO TIGHTEN MY BELT. BUT UNFORTUNATELY I HAD TO FAWN IT LAST WEEK..

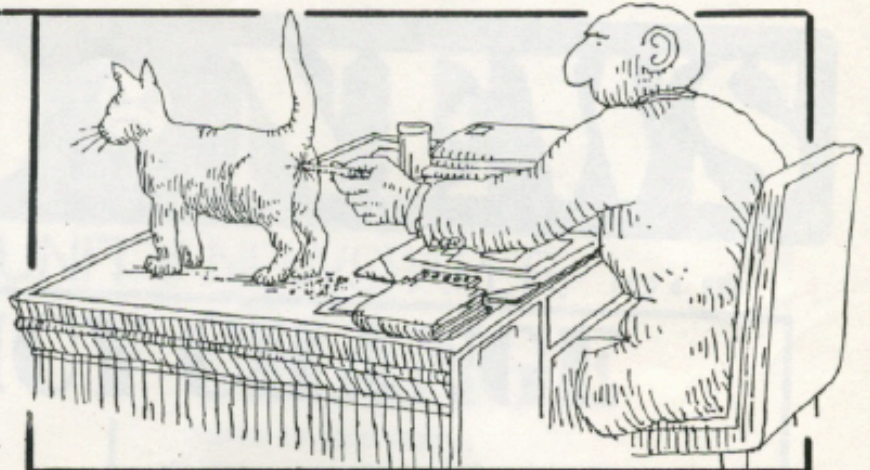


POETRY

TO POSTERITY

You, who shall emerge from the flood
 in which we are sinking,
 Think-
 When you speak of our weakness,
 Also of the dark time
 That brought them forth...
 Even the hatred of squalor
 Makes the brow grow stern
 Even anger against injustice
 Makes the voice grow harsh. Alas we
 Who wished to lay the foundation of
 kindness
 Could not ourselves be kind
 But you, when at last it comes to pass
 That man can help his fellow man
 Do not judge us
 Too harshly.

Bertolt Brecht.



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 CAT TIP4

NEVER TRUST A SMILING CAT.

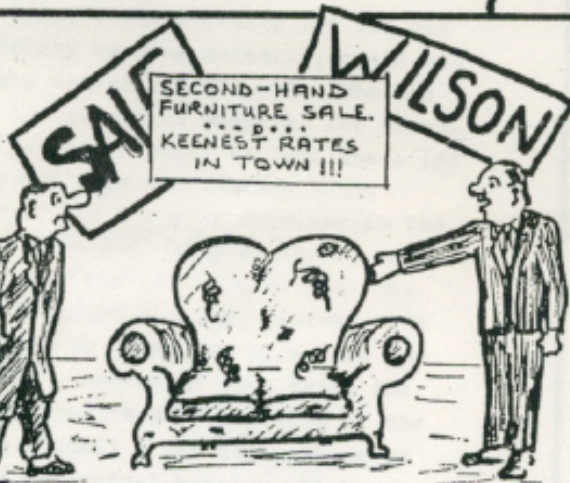
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 HAVING TO SHOUT
 UP TO PEOPLE!

ASHY!



"O.K. WE'LL ACCEPT YOUR
 SUPP. BEN. GRANT AS A
 DEPOSIT ON THIS."

I am a punk and I attend Rathcoole High School. Last month I dyed half my hair blond. When I went to school on Monday my form master told me that I could not sit my exams because of the colour of my hair. I did not dye my hair back to it's old colour and was suspended for the rest of the week - my exams being postponed. I think this is an infringement of personal liberty and belief and does not go along with the spirit of British liberty. Are we living in Russia? If so I would like to apply for an application form to join the Red Army.

ANON.

Editors Note - Does having dyed hair affect your examination performance?

KNOW YOUR ENEMY NO. 4!

OUR FACELESS
 LANDLORDS WHO
 DWELL IN THE MANSION
 DOWN THE LANE!

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Dublin • WHO DO THEY THINK THEY ARE

DUBLIN INVOLVEMENT - who do they think they are ?

One of the aspects of the Anglo Irish agreement and its subsequent involvement of Dublin in government of the province which has so far been underplayed by the 'Ulster Says No' campaigners is this - Since when was Eire such a fairly run place that the Dublin government felt it could preach to other places about how to run their affairs.

Take for example

Media - censorship through Section 31

Planning - County Council bribery and corruption is widespread with no similar legislative controls as in N.I.

Administration of Justice - take the Kerry babies case showing the Garda's to be as unscrupulous and partial as any police force, perhaps even worse than the R.U.C.

Prisons - severe overcrowding in the Southern prisons has led to great tension in Mountjoy and on Spike Island.

Catholic State - despite some efforts the South is still a Catholic State for a Catholic people. Blatantly repressive laws are still the order of the day. Divorce is still illegal as is abortion and social life is (especially in rural areas)

In most areas of government the South can lay NO claim to fairness. It is a squalid repressive and backward state which is a long way from reaching the type of pluralist society desired.

Clearly it must be said Sort out your own affairs before meddling with the affairs of others !

This article, being critical of the Southern governments audacity to feel it represents anyone in N.Ireland also recognizes that many Unionists would, if they had full control, be NO better

The Protestant fundamentalist zealots would probably do exactly the same, with the same repressed social outlook as the R.C.Church and a tendency to shut everything except Churches and Boys Homes on Sundays.

Womens Group

PROGRESS REPORT

The Women's Group has now been meeting in the Self-Help Group and Rathcoole High School for four months. During this time we have all enjoyed ourselves immensely - firstly, by getting to know each other and secondly, by doing things together.

By and large our attentions have been focused on education, but not in the traditional way. Rather, we have discovered that learning from each other's experiences, for example about health can prove as useful as lesson's in the formal sense. Sometimes we rely on teachers but they have concentrated on our participation rather than lectures. We hope in the future to carry on classes about confidence building, claiming benefits, home maintenance and carpentry. As well as holding classes, we invite people in to talk on specific topics which the members of our group suggest. These are usually interesting and enlightening.

Our educational role is coupled with a practical one as well, aimed particularly at being of use to ourselves and the community. Our biggest successes has been the two Jumble Sales held in Areen Hall (which we must thank those who contributed). Other activities include a day out in Newtownards, attendance at the Women's Information Day and a visit to London to campaign about the Social Security Review.

In the future we hope to carry on with the above activities we feel we should concentrate on campaigning for social facilities geared towards the need of women in the Rathcoole area. Presently, the area is bereft of places where women can meet each other for a class or a chat. We hope to get a Women's Centre which will be geared towards the needs of women of all ages. If we secure premises we will insist that some provision is made for children under school age so that their mothers can participate in the group.

At the moment we are trying to attract more members to our group, if you feel that you would like to join we can be contacted at 22a The Diamond, Fridays 10 - 12.00, or about joining a group for the first time. If you feel this way we can come and see you in your house and get to know you. Last of all and then maybe you could come along to the group.

Any women who would like to learn about

- 1) Home Maintenance or Carpentry (so that you don't have to rely on your Housing Executive 'emergency' repair man)
- 2) How to get the most out of the DRSS (D.I.Y. Claiming)

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Sectarianism
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A Question Of Identity

This series of articles should have put to rest two myths that exist here: first, that the connection with Scotland only began with the Plantation, and secondly that the Gaels had always been masters of Ulster. However I would hate to think that by demolishing these myths, I was implying that we should treat the Gaelic presence with disdain. On the contrary Ulster's Gaelic heritage is a vital part of our history and culture. Indeed, and this may surprise both present-day Loyalists and Republicans, the most powerful Gaelic chieftains of all were, by all accounts, extremely proud of being Ulstermen!

The Northern Chiefs were the most independently minded of all the Gaelic leaders. It was the Ulster chieftains who put up the fiercest resistance to the Anglo-Normans, and it was only when Gaelic Ulster had succumbed that the English were able to claim victory in their conquest of Ireland.

The Ulster chieftains didn't fight the English for the sake of 'Ireland', as many of today's Republicans would have us believe, but to preserve the independence of their own territory and Gaelic way of life.

Let us take a closer look at one of the great Gaelic leaders, as an example:

In 1641 there took place the great rebellion of the Catholic Irish. The Ulster Gaelic leader, Owen Roe O'Neill, was in exile abroad, and he returned to play his part in the struggle. While he had been on the continent he and the other Ulster Gaelic exiles had tended to stick together, so much so that other Irish leaders sarcastically labelled them the 'northern clique'.

On Owen Roe's return to Ireland he was to

from the southern Irish leaders, and so he formed his own Army of Ulster. In his biography of Owen Roe, Jerrold Casway writes: "Rather than accept assistance from Owen O'Neill and his northern army, many Anglo-Irishmen preferred the Leinster forces ... Owen and his northern army, they asserted, should remain in the north where they belonged." Rinuccini, the Papal Nuncio, ascribed this animosity to "no other ends than the bad feeling which is cherished towards the men of Ulster."

And yet it was Owen Roe and his Ulster army who fought the greatest battle of the war at Benburb, the highpoint of the Gaelic struggle. Before the battle Owen exhorted his men with a "caesar-like oration", in which he told them: "You are the flower of Ulster, descended from an ancient and honourable a stock of people as any in Europe."

Even today the supposed heirs of the Gaelic struggle, Sinn Féin, have an Executive dominated by Ulstermen. If the Loyalists of Ulster could only get away from their obsessive reliance on 'mother' England, and the northern Republicans could only admit to just how much a part of Ulster they are, maybe both communities could find a sense of common identity, and go forward into the future, giving us some hope for the generations still to come. (M.H.)

GLEN INN MUSIC

Why not enjoy a night with the Newtownabbey Musicians Workshop at the GLEN INN, Glemgormley.

These are the events lined up for the next few weeks

Weds 12th Feb African Dance Band

Thurs 20th Feb 4 Idle Hands & The Late Lewies

Thurs 27th Feb Beyond the Fringe
Fri 28th Feb Attila the Stockbroker

Don't miss Attila the Stockbroker, an artist from London. Just one man and a guitar he plays songs of relevance to everyday life and has a great repertoire of humorous numbers.

Also come along to see the African Dance Band - who hail from Liverpool.

A whole month of great gigs - Don't miss out. Get to the GLEN INN.

MIXED EDUCATION THE 1923 ACT

As Integrated Education takes off just up the road at Hazelwood Primary and Hazelwood College. Bahd News examines the 1923 Education Act which aimed to establish education on a Non-sectarian basis throughout the province - but which met with opposition from ALL churches, Catholic and Protestant. The Education Act (N.I.) was passed on June 22 1923 and contained several controversial sections

- a) Section 28 - Religious instruction was forbidden in elementary schools within school hours.
- b) Section 26 - Local Education Authorities were not allowed to provide religious education in any school under its control, and could only provide such instruction with parental consent OUTSIDE school hours.
- c) Section 66 - Local Education Authorities could not discriminate along religious lines when selecting teachers

Protestant and Catholic Churches united to fight Lord Londonderry's 1923 Act, scared of their power being eroded.

Catholic Opposition.

Canon Law of 1374 prohibits Catholics from going to non-catholic schools

-Initially 270 elementary schools (1/3 of total under Catholic control) refused wages from the N.I. Education Board, getting wages from the Dublin Govt.

-The Dublin Govt. stopped these wages but many schools still refused to come under the State System.

-Catholic schools then took advantage of a loop hole which gave 50% grants for building and maintenance to 'voluntary' schools (from 1967 these 'voluntary' or 'maintained' i.e. Catholic, schools receive 85% grants for buildings and repairs, and 100% for maintenance - the Catholic Church raising the deficit.)

The only slight concession the Catholic hierarchy had to make was to 'allow' one third 'public representation' on the management committees of schools e.g. 4 priests, 2 lay people.

Protestant Opposition.

Protestants opposed the 1923 Act under the Rev. William Corkey with the slogan "Protestant teachers to teach Protestant children" Corkey demanded that -

- a) Bible instruction be made COMPULSORY in all state schools and
- b) School management committees should have the right to select teachers on a sectarian basis.

Leading the pressure group, the United Educational Committee Corkey won the support of Sir Joseph Davison (then head of the Orange Order). With an election called for April 1925 some well timed pre election pressure by the U.E.C. - by now a very influential body indeed resulted in the March 1925 amendment. A further amendment in 1930 made Bible teaching COMPULSORY in all state schools, as well as giving schools the 'de facto' right to choose teachers according

to their religion. So ten years after the Government of Ireland Act, the new state had officially recognised sectarianism.

N.R. In 1947 Lt. Hall Thompson, Minister of Education in the post war Stormont government, managed to get passed a 'conscience clause' allowing any teacher who felt strongly to be exempt from teaching Bible instruction. This despite a fanatical campaign by the sternly vigilant Rev Corkey.

N.B.

In all these campaigns for amendments, 1925, 1930 and 1947. The Ulster Teachers Union condemned the "sectarian" actions of the United Educational Committee under the Rev. William Corkey.

Interesting to note how little our churches, Protestant or Catholic, are prepared to 'turn the other cheek' when their perverted control and power is eroded or challenged.



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ODDS N' SODS



We hear that the one time band leader of the KAI and the Merville - Mercer - has put a claim in against Behd News. The story is as follows

Mercer came into the house blocked and noticed his brand new copy of Behd News in the hall. Sprinting over to get it, Mercer tripped over the vacuum cleaner and badly grazed his head on the carpet. Ah well, its not as bad as falling down a manhole in Dublin!

Little verses from the Bible

"God said to Abraham, 'For your part you must keep my covenant, and you and your descendants after you, circumcise yourselves, every male among you. You shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin, and it shall be the sign of the covenant between us'"

Genesis XV 11 9-11
QUOTE

Who said

Quiz Who said "Do dogs have bellybuttons?"
Want a clue - turn to Odds n' Sods column - top of page four.

Quote of the month

"To be quite honest with ye, I don't give a damn about the people of South Africa" - James O'Kane (Chairman of the Strabane District on opening Castleberg Leisure Centre. Willie John McBride, the famous ex rugby player was meant to open it but didn't come as there was to be an Anti Apartheid demonstration over his sporting links with South Africa.

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Men only need apply - We note that the U.D.A. in its 'Fight Back' recruiting leaflet stresses that every fit man owes it to himself to train and fight for his country. Can women not apply? Or does the country not belong to women too? Seems a bit sexist to us!

The Rev Moller, after several years of agitation, has been promoted to a post in the Church more to his liking - and social caste - he has been transferred to South Belfast

Women Drivers are safer

Women in N.Ireland are safer drivers than men and thats OFFICIAL. In a new survey of 12,000 drivers, men are 31% more likely to make insurance claims than women. The survey was done by the English based Answer Insurance Co who said "even allowing for the greater amount of men on the road and the greater number of miles they clock up, women are definitely a safer bet on the roads!" Women also are less likely to drink and drive.

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NON SMOKERS RIGHTS

Passive Smoking - the shape of things to come? Non Smokers rights.

In Sweden recently in a test case at the insurance court the family of a woman who died of lung cancer was awarded compensation. The woman, called Gun Palm, died aged 55 three years ago. She was a non smoker, but worked in an office with six smokers. The court decided that passive smoking had in all probability contributed to her death.

If British lawyers take note it may be possible to bring a test case - in order to protect the health of non smokers from smokers who insist in smoking in public places.

D.U.P. VOICE

Is it true? that local D.U.P. councillors David Holly Branch and Jim Barrister have fallen out? The rumour was denied in the local press but we hear that the row was over the Londonderry to Belfast walk organised by the Young Unionists. Apparently the conscientious Mr Holly completed the whole march as a gesture emphasizing his commitment to Ulster - while Mr Barrister, the legal beagal, took lifts in cars along the way, getting out of the cars only when the press and media crews caught up with the entourage in or near the main towns.

David in fairness outlasted poor performers on the march like Jim Weider and Gregory (double thick & condensed) Campbell. Both these so called 'marchers' got cold feet after half an hour and spent the rest of the march going in and out of cars, bars and evangelical meetings.

JIM THE EGG

Jim Eggister - MP for Chigley South.

After having been beaten by less than 400 votes in the 1983 general election in the Trumpton seat, and having to stand as a Dummy candidate in Candlewick Green in 1985, 1986 has turned out to be Jim Eggister's year.

Despite the electoral disadvantages of being a bit thin up top, having an egg shaped head, not living or owning property in the area and being a very silly person into the bargain, Jim Eggister won the All Night Party nomination for the Chigley South by election.

An entryist campaign in the constituency party (most of whom were getting drunk in the Merville Inn, or attending a Gospel meeting in the middle of the Village Green) won Jim the nomination and, standing on an "Eggs say NO to Dublin poaching" won a narrow victory over his rival Sean Knees Up (Middle of the Dublin road Party). Mr Knees up mobilised a lot of dead votes and managed to get Noddy to personate 4225 times at the slackly run polling booth at the Church Hall of the Church of the reformed Nuns and converted Terrorists - where bribes were more common than medical cards or passports.

All the same lets congratulate our new MP for Chigley South, Jim Eggister. Anything must be better than Boy Dregs.



JIM EGGISTER M.P.
CHIGLEY SOUTH

RASHIEYS CAT TIP
.. WHO'S ANY POLICEMAN TO JUDGE ANY NORMAL CAT WHEN THE POLICEMAN HAS INNED ITSELF!! HERNN CH.8 v.6.

BOOKIES

Bookies at the Fern Lodge.

What about this then - Jim Eggister and David Holier than Thou, Newtownabbey Council's answer to Laurel and Hardy have been doing a little piece of job 'decreation' on the Doagh Rd recently.

Stanley bookies the same company which has a shop at Cloughfern has felt the need to expand in this area. So they applied along with the Fern Lodge to open premises on the grounds of the Fern Lodge. This would create TEN new jobs in the area. But Jim the Egg and Hardy decided with the help of a not completely legal plumbing firm (one man workforce) to get signatures to protest against the bookies. 80 people in all signed the petition in protest.

But, unknown to Laurel and Hardy more local people, 800 in all decided that they wanted a bookies at the Fern and signed a 'counter petition' saying so.

This is strange as Jim Eggister's party have made no secret of their support of Maggie Thatchers economic policies - what better than helping a business to expand. Or maybe its the fact that Holier than Thou Hollis is to get a new house on the Doagh Road and doesn't want to be seen nipping in to have a quick bet!!!

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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. MAR. NOS

EVICTON!

RATHCOOLE SELF HELP GROUP HAS BEEN GIVEN A NOTICE OF EVICTION TO TAKE EFFECT FROM 28th MARCH 1985.

The reasons given by the Housing Executive were that the premises were rented for office use only and not for activities like Welfare Rights, Art and Music. Compounded to this the local DHB have complained to the NIHS that the premises were being used for political purposes ie Hagar the Horrible - while the local MP requested the premises for use as a political surgery!

When renting the premises the group handed the Executive with their constitution, which state clearly that we would be carrying out normal community work functions including advice work, music and arts education projects. Indeed we have requested to rent alternative premises from ALL the relevant authorities so that the noise of the music did not affect local residents. To no avail - The authorities were not interested.

So, our eviction can ONLY be seen in a political context. We are being evicted because the work we do, on behalf of the people, embarrasses the authorities - be they the Executive, the DHSS, local politicians, or whatever.

We are being evicted because we are EFFECTIVE!

The group was set up and is run completely by LOCAL volunteers - how many teachers, social workers, Executive officials, DHSS officers are local? NOT MANY. The group was set up to help local people and few would doubt that, even with our limited resources, we have tried to do this (see editorial for the record).

So we, local people are being evicted from our own estate!

This is an attack on the people of Rathcoole - PLAIN AND SIMPLE. We are capable of helping our own people and the authorities dislike this.

So we in the Self Help Group are appealing to you - because it's your group as much as anyone's - to help us resist this eviction. If you support us, or have received help from us in the past then sign the petition, write to the papers, or just drop down to see what help you may be able to give.

Our message is 'We're not moving' - with your help we'll stay here as long as we're wanted and needed.

HELP US - HELP YOURSELVES!



"AS DIRECTOR OF PLANNING. "OH.....WHEREVER I WHERE DO YOU STAND ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION?" FIND IT"

KIERAN GOSS FOLK / BLUES.
On Thurs. 28th March at 7-30
a great night of music is in store at the Fern Lodge with folk/blues music from Kieran Goss. Kieran has played with many top stars such as Elvis Costello, Paul Brady and John Martyn. Charge is a meagre £1, so come along for a great night.

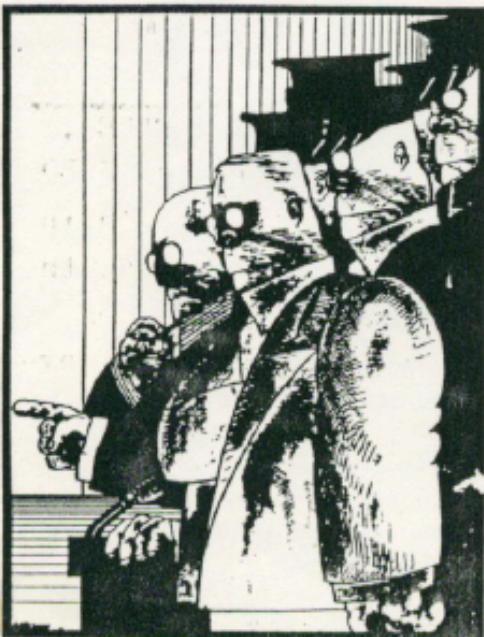
EDITORIAL.

Since its inception the Self Help Group has tried to help the community in numerous ways. Here is a list of some of the many things we have done.

- 1) Advice Centre - over 3000 callers in the last year. - £120,000 recouped in door to door benefits campaign (that we know of) - Free to the public.
- 2) Arts/ Photography/ music - involves over 100 local people - have done exhibitions, classes, concerts all over N.Ireland and Britain. - Free to the public.
- 3) Playgroup - caters for local pre school children who can't get a place on other play groups. - Free to the public.
- 4) Bahd News - 4000 copies of the community newsheet full of humour, truth and information. - Free to the public.
- 5) Festivals - Festival 83 a free open air rock carnival, at Macedon was followed by a varied week long Festival 84 - bringing a bit of fun to the estate.

JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

SUPPORT RATHCOOLE. OPPOSE THE EVICTION!



"I DON'T KNOW CHARLIE -
YOU'VE GOT BARBERS, GARDINERS,
RABBI'S, TAILORS, AND TORIES;
BUT I STILL THINK WE'RE
THE BEST CUTTERS IN TOWN!"



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STOP THIS ATTACK ON YOU
SIGN THE PETITION.
AGAINST THE EXECUTIVE.
BEFORE THEY DESTROY YOU.

THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE;

RIP OFFS

VANITY £3M WASTE

SHEER VANITY. THAT'S WHAT BAHD NEWS THINKS OF THE DECISION OF THE COUNCIL TO SPEND £3,000,000 ON A NEW TOWN HALL.

So, three million to be spent on a new town hall - at this rate, YOU AND I, the ratepayers, will be paying for this excess in 60 years time! And worse still £3 million is only the initial estimate. Remember the Valley Leisure Centre was initially estimated at £1,500,000 yet ended up costing nearer £4 million. At this 'rate' of going it could cost us up to eight or nine million!

WHO THE HELL DO THIS COUNCIL THINK THEY ARE? WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE PRESENT TOWN HALL?

No doubt someone is getting 'backhanders' on the contract. No doubt there is a big-drinks cabinet for the boys.

The lesson is simple. If you don't want an idiot for a councillor - DON'T VOTE FOR ONE.



Bahd News, the revolutionary paper
The fourth edition reaches Nicaragua.



WELCOME HOME BILLY.

Welcome home to Billy McKibben who has spent the last few months hydeing. But he's back with us now. Good luck Billy.

STOP THIS MADNESS!

RATEPAYERS BEWARE.

In the Council accounts there was expenditure for 1983-84 for 'Election Expenses' of £1,564-86. This is an incredibly high figure considering there wasn't even an election that year. God only knows what the figure will be this year when there actually is an election!

FIGURES GAME

Because Newtownabbey Council waste so much of our money they are forced to play games with the accounts figures. Take this example.

In 1983-84 the estimated expenditure for 'Ceremonial Occasions' was £1,000. The actual expenditure for that year was £107-34 (taken from the Council accounts). Given this level of expenditure a normal person would expect the next years estimate to go down.

But our Councillors aren't normal. Having spent £107-84 one year, our Council estimated that an inflationary increase was necessary. The estimate for 1984-85 ended up at £6,000!

Is the Queen coming to Newtownabbey or is the money being used to fund a Ceremonial Carry Out at Ballyclare ?
Town Hall

RATHCOOLES' OWN.

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WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC!!

ODDS N' * SODS

KEEP IN THE PICTURE.

Good news for 'Bahd News' readers. T.V. licences are to be reduced by £1-25 for both colour and black and white T.V.'s. However this applies only to BLIND folk. Partially blind need not apply!

C.A.B. ADVICE.

A West Crescent lady called to the Glemgormley C.A.B. as she had been barred by the Housing Executive from the housing list for two years. They laughed, saying "Ch, we can't take on the Executive". She then came to the Self Help Advice Centre who told her she had indeed a case. The matter is now in the hands of the Gods, sorry - I meant the courts.

N.I.H.E. HEATING.

A woman in Linford Green has been haranguing the Housing Executive for heaters for her house for 9 years now. She has NO form of heating. The Executive have refused, point blank, to install a heating system. The result - one of the woman's three children now has severe pneumonia. Nice to know we're being looked after!

BAY CITY ROLLERS.

Autographs of the famous Bay City Rollers are to be balloted to raise money for the Advice Centre. It's 10p a ballot, the draw to be held in the Fern Lodge on Thursday March 28th. Buy one now!

FOREIGN CURRENCY.

The doorman of a local social club has been bemused by the tendency of clientele to pay their entry fee in foreign currency. This is particularly offensive when the club is the 'Blues' club and the currency is that of the Free State.

UNIONIST POLICY ON PUBLIC TOILETS.

On the subject of toilet facilities for the handicapped - 'It wouldn't leave such space for a powder room' - Molly Ardle, wife of Captain Ardle. Mrs Ardle is a Unionist councillor in Carrickfergus!

QUOTE OF THE MONTH - MARCH.

D.U.P. policy on Gay Rights - "Not an inch" - courtesy of a local newspaper.

CRAZY PRICE HOUSING EXECUTIVE.

Ever wonder why your repairs never get done. We can give you a clue. While getting his groceries the other day a 'Bahd News' reporter bumped into none other than N.I.H.E. Housing Assistant, Mr Mc Keever, hunting for the best bargains in Crazy Prices. The time? 11-45am!

Meanwhile numerous tenants were patiently waiting for house visits. Our taxes go to pay these people!

The Housing Executive, believe it or not, are doing a gutter repair scheme in the estate at the minute. So, if you need your gutter repaired get your name down at Rantalard House, or phone it in at 68831, 51147, or 54911. Alternatively come down to us at the Advice Centre, 22a The Diamond, 60322.

PAST ED AGAIN.

'Fast Ed' Campbell, reported in the last BAHD NEWS for falling asleep in the King Arthur Lounge, has done it again. This time he was discovered having forty winks long after closing time in the Farm. The barmen had to wake him up with some cold water, as he had locked the toilet door. This could become a regular monthly spot, Ed, so take our advice - get along to the nearest chemist and get a dose of Pro-Plus, or else go easy on the vodka!

ART OR VANDALISM?

Who painted the bus shelter? What the hell is it? Graffiti? Vandalism? Art? Not even a sign of a political slogan. The work of a disturbed mind? Maybe our environment disturbs people so much that it makes them capable of such an act. But then if Picasso had done this on a canvass it would have sold for at least £1 million. What then is Art and what is vandalism? 'Bahd News' would like to hear more of the motives behind this act.

THRIFT SHOP - GOOD DEALS.

The Thrift Shop is now open. Here are a few of the bargains on offer.

Dressing table - £10
Washing machine - £10
Fridge - £10
Wardrobe - £10
Parker Knoll Suite - £10
Parker Knoll Chairs - £10 each
Several Suites - £10 each

UNION?

Several months ago 'Bahd News' did a brief appraisal of the Catholic Church's shortcomings vis-a-vis social policy. We looked into the intransigence of the Catholic hierarchy, and the legal enactment of Catholic moral teaching on sex and the family in the Irish Republic, and how this has contributed in no small way to the 'not an inch' brand of Unionism.

This month we are asking what are the positive values of the Union with Britain? Does the link make us any more progressive than the church ridden South? A look at the major Acts passed in Westminster since the start of the troubles can give us an insight.

1967 Abortion act	Not Introduced
1967 Sexual Offences Act	Not Introduced
1967 Matrimonial Homes Act	Not Introduced
1969 Divorce Reform Act	Not introduced until 1978 as the Matrimonial Causes Order. No provision for postal divorce.
1972 Housing Finance Act	Not Introduced for Public tenants until 1976, Private tenants until 1978.
1974 Rent Act	Not Introduced.
1975 Childrens Act	Not Introduced.
1976 Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proc. Act	Not introduced until 1980 as Domestic Proc. Order - no protection for co-habitees.
1977 Homeless Persons Act	Not introduced.

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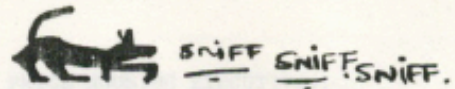
Interesting eh?

The main social advantage of the Union, we would argue, is the 1948 National Assistance Act and subsequent Social Security provision. Let us not forget that EVERY Unionist M.P. at Westminster voted AGAINST the Social Security provision. It would seem they have been using their power to vote against any socially progressive legislation ever since. Is our Protestant hierarchy trying to outdo the Catholic hierarchy in BACKWARD THINKING. The facts tell their own story.

So the next time you cast a vote, don't be fooled by flag waving and empty words. Vote Hagar the Horrible - All Night Party.

BEWARE THE JACKELS!

ON MAY 15TH:



SNIFFERS!

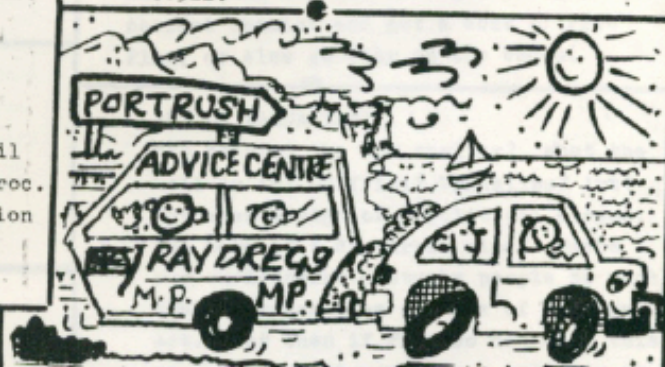
DOLE SNIFFERS - YOUR RIGHTS.

On occasion dole sniffer teams make a purge on areas like Rathcoole. Though they often make investigations on the information of local touts they are often without any evidence at all.

The 'hit' list' can be as simple as all unemployed people between the ages of 19 and 30, or all the unemployed painters and decorators.

The aim of the 'hit squads' is to intimidate as many people as possible off the register. You do have some rights in these situations, albeit limited rights.

- 1) Sniffers have NO RIGHT to enter your house.
- 2) Demand to know the purpose of their visit.
- 3) You are not obliged to say anything.
- 4) If you are called into the local office for interview bring a witness or a tape recorder. If not try to re-arrange the interview
- 5) Contact the Advice Centre, 22 The Diamond if you are in doubt. Phone 60322.



PROFILE

PERSONALITY PROFILE - JOHN ADAMS (JUDGE).

NAME John Adams LLB, PhD, BA, LL.M, SAS, SS, RUC, DIK.

DOB 19 1734

Marital Status 'just status'

Children 'still practising'

Occupation 'sending people to jail for long periods'

Car 'which one?'

Favourite Meal 'Silver Palace No 163'

Fav. Actor/Actress 'John Reavey'

Fav. Personality 'Audie Hall'

Fav. Book 'Sense of Freedom - Jimmy Boyle'

Fav. TV series 'Crown Court, especially the commercial breaks'

Interests 'Masons?'

Unusual Habits 'careless driving, giving suspended sentences (every 5 or 6 years), wearing funny wigs (I'm a closet transvestite)'

Fav. country 'Nicaragua (with a new identity)'

Problems 'can't count below 10 (ten years, fifteen years, etc.etc.)'

Ambitions 'compulsory morning only courts, to facilitate golfing afternoons'

Ed's Note - This is the first of an occasional 'Personality Profile' to be written in 'Bahd News'. This questionnaire was returned to us by Judge Adams, the Church Road court Resident Magistrate, whose humanitarianism was revealed in Feb 1982, when he sentenced a partially crippled 17 year old girl with Spina Bifida to jail for shoplifting £37 worth of goods and hiding them in her wheelchair. "I can only take a serious view of such crimes" said Mr Adams.

CHURCH CONCERN.

From the Church of England Synod debate on doctrinal unity - "Church members will vote not only with their feet but also with their cheque books". Which is more important to the Church - Scripture or Sterling?

KNOW YOUR ENEMY 5.

THE Churches NOT CHRISTIANITY

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ELECTORS ONE TO WATCH. PUBLICITY STUNT?
 AFTER THE DREADFUL FIRE AT ABBOTSCOPE HSE. MRS. MCGARTNEY & ROY BEGG WERE PICTURED ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE NARRAY TIMES AT THE SCENE. MAKING POLITICAL MISRAGE FROM OTHERS MISERY.



Adams in action!



Democratic Justice!

POETRY

Is there a future?
 Who dreamt of the word?
 What a tomorrow,
 Without a meaningful past,
 Where is progress?
 Does it touch us at all?
 Or is it just infinite,
 That humanity should fall.

SO WHO ARRANGED FOR THE PHOTO-OP-OPPER TO BE THERE - LEFT OR ROY?



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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. *april*

'UNEMPLOYED YOUTH SPEAKS OUT!'

YET AGAIN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF RATHCOOLE ARE BEING VICTIMISED AND DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. WHO BY! - THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE AND THE NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL. FOR OVER 2½ YEARS YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO ACQUIRE PREMISES TO CONTINUE EXPANDING THEIR CREATIVE TALENTS THROUGH MUSIC. WE HAVE WRITTEN ENDLESS LETTERS, HAD ENDLESS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH PEOPLE IN SO CALLED "AUTHORITY" AND WHAT HAS BEEN THE RESULT - A KICK IN THE TEETH! THE NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE WANT TO HAVE US EVICTED BECAUSE WE ARE TRYING TO DO SOMETHING WITH OUR TIME. WE KNOW THE PREMISES AT THE DIAMOND ARE NOT SUITABLE AND WE HAVE PRACTALLY BEGGED THE EXECUTIVE TO HELP US FIND ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION, BUT THEY SAT THE NEWTOWNABBEY BOROUGH COUNCIL HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND WHAT DO THOSE CLAPPED OUT OLD FARMERS HAVE TO SAY TO US EXACTLY THE SAME, NO HELP, NO CO-OPERATION. WE HAVE HAD ENOUGH WE WANT SOMETHING TO FILL THE GAP LEFT BY UNEMPLOYMENT - (THEY WON'T EVEN GIVE US THE RIGHT TO WORK). WHY IS THERE NO FACILITY IN RATHCOOLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS? EVERY HOUSING ESTATE IN WESTERN EUROPE HAS SOME SORT OF FACILITY BUT NOT US.

WE HAVE EVEN APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH THE VIEW TO MAKING SOME FACILITY AVAILABLE, BUT AGAIN THE PEOPLE WHO SEEM TO BE IN CONTROL SAT THAT THEY CANNOT HELP US BECAUSE WE ARE DEVOTED TO ONE PARTICULAR INTEREST. IN OTHER WORDS BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO PLAY POOL, TABLE TENNIS AND FOOTBALL (DO WE NOT PAY RATES FOR THE LEISURE CENTRE) THEY WILL NOT RECOGNISE US AS A VIABLE YOUTH GROUP.

VOTE HAGGAR

SO WHAT DO THEY EXPECT US TO DO. I AM NOT PREPARED TO GO ON A YOUTH OPPORTUNITY SCHEME - I WANT THE RIGHT TO WORK. I AM NOT PREPARED TO HANG AROUND THE STREETS WAITING TO BE ARRESTED - I WANT SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE TO DO WITH THE EMMENSE TIME I HAVE BEING UNEMPLOYED. BUT NEITHER THE COUNCILLORS, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR THE HOUSING EXECUTIVE ARE WILLING TO HELP US.

I AM YOUNG - I AM UNEMPLOYED
I AM DISGUSTED - I AM BUT ONE OF MANY.



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EDITORIAL.

VOTE UNIONIST
VOTE FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
VOTE FOR BAD HOUSING
VOTE FOR LOW INCOME
VOTE FOR POVERTY

Yes, if you want high unemployment, bad housing, low income and increased debt and poverty, then all you have to do is vote Unionist (any brand). These are the outcomes of Thatcher's policies, the same policies that the Unionists consistently support

At a recent vote of No Confidence in Tory economic policy put forward by Labour NO N.Ireland M.P. denounced the Tories miserable track record.

Thatcher's amendment, praising her own 'firm action' was backed by every Unionist M.P. Here for the record is how our M.P.'s voted.

Cecil Walker MP for North Belfast
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Ian Paisley MP for North Antrim
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Abstained

Clifford Forsythe MP for South Antrim
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Abstained

Roy Beggs MP for East Antrim
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Peter Robinson MP for East Belfast
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Abstained

Harold McCusker MP for Upper Bann
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Jim Nicholson MP for Newry and Armagh
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Ken Magennis MP for Fermanagh and S. Tyrone
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

William McCrea MP for Mid-Ulster
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Abstained

John Hume MP for Foyle
Tory Amendment: Abstained (Didn't Attend)
Labour Motion: Abstained (Didn't Attend)

William Ross MP for East Derry
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Gerry Adams MP for West Belfast
Tory Amendment: Abstained (Doesn't Attend)
Labour Motion: Abstained



John Taylor MP for Strangford
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Jim Kilfredder MP for North Down
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Enoch Powell MP for South Down
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Jim Molyneux MP for Lagan Valley
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Martin Smyth MP for South Belfast
Tory Amendment: Voted for Thatcher
Labour Motion: Voted for Thatcher

Maggie Thatcher's policies have turned this province into a barren poverty stricken hell hole where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. WE are in some way responsible, - by voting in Unionists you are directly supporting Thatcher, and helping her out jobs (maybe your own). Until some people come along who care more about people than power, we would advise readers not to vote - 'it only encourages them'.
If you must vote, then vote for someone who is harmless 'HAGAR THE HORRIBLE'.

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WHOLESALE TO THE PUBLIC!!

SUPERGRASSES

STATE PAID LIARS!

QUOTES FROM THE PAID PERJURER TRIALS.

"There was a definite possibility in my mind in Castle reagh that I would get money" - Joe Bennett.

"I was continually offered vast sums of money to give information about IRA men and activities. Sums ranged from £70000 to £1,000,000" - Hugh Brady, who has spent the equivalent to a 16½ year jail sentence without ever being convicted!

"My life depended on impressing the police. At the end of the day my usefulness to the police would be measured by the number of men I put away. The future was bleak for me, the police offered me an alternative. My life depended on impressing the police" - Joe Bennett.



PURE FICTION OF COURSE, BUT GREAT ESCAPIST POTENTIAL!

"His evidence was contradictory, bizarre and in some respects incredible... his manner of giving it was devious and deliberately evasive... I just could not accept what he was saying" - Lord Lowry
This bizarre contradictory evidence was good enough for Lowry as he gave 7 men sentences ranging from 4 years and life!



"I am very nearly convinced beyond reasonable doubt" - Justice Hutton in the Quirley case.

"He spent hours in that portacabin with the police, learning information. The table was covered with masses of paper" - Lorraine Gilmour on the coaching of her husband Raymond before the trial (or theatre?).



"It would be highly dangerous and wrong to convict on O'Doherty's word alone" - Judge Murray on the evidence of police informer Anthony O'Doherty in a case against Special Branch Detective Sergeant McCormick (what's good for the goose....????).

" I disliked and probably hated some of the men in the dock... I would like to put them away " - Joe Bennett.

ELECTOR'S PEOPLE TO WATCH. **ANDY BEADLEBUM!!**
THE FASTEST RISING CAPITALIST IN RATHCOOLE.GAME FOR A LAUGH!!



Still think you believe in British Justice ? Try this one - George Newell faces a charge of 'conspiring with person or persons unknown to murder persons unknown between January 1st 1975 and December 1975'.

ODDS N' SODS

FAST ED AGAIN, AGAIN!

Yes, Ed Campbell has done it yet again. Remember him - reported in Bahd News for falling asleep in the toilets of both the King Arthur Lounge and the Farn. Well this time 'Fast Ed' managed to get home after a night on the tear and decided to make himself a little treat. He put on some chips and retired to the living room to watch a video. Unfortunately, you've guessed it, he fell asleep - the chip pan caught fire and Ed's Bencron Park kitchen was burnt to a cinder. Indeed if it wasn't for Ed's brother Monk we might have been reporting a much more tragic incident, as Monk woke Ed up and alerted the fire brigade. Come on Ed, we've other things to be reporting without you hogging the limelight, so get to bed a bit earlier.

FAST ED - THE LATEST.

Quick off the mark - Ed was spotted sleeping on an Ulsterbus last week. When he woke up - you've guessed it - he had missed his bus stop. If you see Fast Ed in a pub, toilet, bus, or in fact anywhere, then please give him a dunt on the head.

N.B. If any readers can give the redoubtable 'Fast Ed' any advice then don't hesitate to write to Bahd News.

Quote of the month

"Rathcoole is a difficult place in which to operate. The estate has gained a doubtful reputation" - Mrs Robson works in the Rathcoole branch of the CAB (yes there is one), and sits on Supplementary Benefit Appeal Tribunals where she delights in opposing any appeal brought by Rathcoole Self Help Group. This type of petty professional jealousy is typical of bodies such as CAB who are there to be seen to be doing something - not actually doing it.

I would like to take a statement to members of the general public that the self help group is not directly involved in politics, and many of the members who are in different sections of the group have no interest in politics, and may not agree with the politics of other members (but I do).

Charley McC.

HONAN THE BARBARIAN.

Members of the Self Help Group, while petitioning for support against the closure of the group, were moved on by the R.U.C. The Police constable, a Mr Honan, said these members were on private property. He was reminded that the DHSS was in fact public property. When a member of the group said it won't be long before we're not allowed to stand in the street, constable Honan said "The sooner the better" What is wrong with lawful, peaceful, protest? The writing is on the wall.

Ed's note - our police force is like a cancer in our society. The people are their enemies, and they are our enemies. Do not make them welcome, you'll only encourage them.

MOLLY ARDLE.

Molly Ardle (Official Unionist for Carrick) has been pontificating again. Her quote this time - 'Social Services will have to look at these left wing, militant, anti social groups having the use of the minibus' - The group in question was Gingerbread. Revolutionaries indeed!

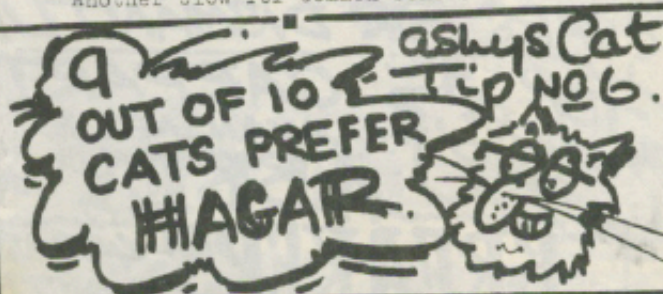
DOUBLE ACT.

'Slim Tim' and his mate were certainly jockeying for position the other Friday night. What were they up to? Drinking partners? Snooker doubles? Card playing pairs? Or was it some other illicit double act? Answers to be printed in next months 'Bahd News'.

DUP INFILTRATION.

Who is trying to cause a rift in the Tenants Association? The DUP believe it or not. One of their members arrived and proposed that the tenants association publicly disassociate itself from the Self Help Group. This was seconded by the DUP boys mate. However, the regular members of the Tenants Association were so angered at the DUP boys audacity that their reaction forced him to leave the hall with his message boy in tow

Another blow for common sense.



DHSS TEA PARTY.

DHSS OVERWORKED?

DHSS visiting officers are taking long times over visiting claimants for essential items like beds, clothes and blankets. According to the DHSS this is because they are understaffed and the present visiting officers are overworked. This made it all the more surprising when a Bahd News reporter found DHSS visitor Brian Rocks (admittedly among the more reasonable of this mottley crew) taking a cup of coffee in the Abbeycentre with two other officials at around 11am the other Tuesday - not more than 15 minutes after leaving the office!

PRIVATE TAXIS!

The DHSS may tell you that they have no money to give out for vital articles like clothes, sheets, blankets, furniture etc but they seem to have enough money to chauffeur their visiting officers in private taxis to do house calls. Did it ever strike the DHSS bureaucrats that the money spent on extravagant taxi fares could be spent on needy claimants. Oh well, that's Capitalism - spend more on keeping people down, than keeping people!

DHSS ALCOHOLICS.

Who do you think was spending a long time in the bar while on day release at the Polytech?

Several DHSS officials from Church Road spent a few hours of their day release at the Poly getting stuck in at the bar. No doubt this is considered legitimate expenses for such a training course.

When asked by a member of the Self Help Group to sign a petition to save the group from closure they said....

"No way - they give us too much work to do - and anyway they wrote a story about us getting a free drink party at Christmas".

Free drink at Christmas? Free drink at the Poly? Seems such the same to me. I wouldn't mind that sort of hard work!

RAY DREGS

RAY DREGS - THE PEOPLES M.P?

In recent months Roy Beggs, or local M.P. has been boasting about the effectiveness of his advice service. Bahd News decided to test its effectiveness by counting the number of callers. The renowned R Dregs caravan arrived at 10-05am and left again at 11-44am - a stint of 1hr 39mins. Mr Dregs was not present, but his 7 workers dealt with 5 callers. In the same time period the Self Help Advice Centre had 12 callers.

What of standard of service? One caller was told that "there is nothing can be done for you" with regard to a higher rate heating addition. The problem was taken to the Self Help Group, who detected an elementary regulation which could be applied, took the matter to the appeal and won with full back payment. Learn the regulations, Ray! Or at least teach them to your lackies.

Finally, we would ask WHY Ray Dregs M.P. is concerning himself with the problems of the underprivileged, when he goes behind their backs at Westminster to vote for Mrs Thatcher and her policies of mass unemployment and mass poverty?

BE WARNED - RAY DREGS HELPS YOU TO HELP HIMSELF.

BO'S BIT!

Before Jesus left his disciples he prayed to God saying "I am not praying for these (his disciples) alone but also for ALL future believers who will come to me because of the testimony of these. My Prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind, just as you and I are, Father - that just as you are in me and I am in you so they will be in us".

Are the Christian followers of one heart and one mind? Why are we not aware of this prayer and doing something about it instead of being too caught up with religion and dogmas. Surely if we were followers of Jesus and listened to what he said there would only be one church instead of thousands of "christian" religions. My prayer is like my masters.

Amen.

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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWS

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BIG FREEZE, HARDEST ON O.A.P.'S & CHILDREN!

SHHIVERING



1987 certainly surprised everyone with its severe weather conditions. For several days temperatures didn't rise above freezing point and it was rumored that we would be stranded without food, work, or heat for weeks (it must have been the Russians sending cold from Siberia)

Of course the freezing conditions haven't brought pleasure to many especially not the old or sick. Thankfully however, Maggie Thatcher the Milk Snatcher has intervened and according to one daily 'Rag'

"She has acted quickly to rescue thousands of families afraid to turn up their heat."

So there you are, you have been rescued. Turn your heat up and relax, the Conservatives will foot the bill. Maybe Great Britain will no longer have the highest death rate in western Europe due to hypothermia.

So what temperature should our homes be at? A heating expert contacted by BAAD NEWS, suggested 16C was a safe temperature and that 18C was an ideal one. At these temperatures hypothermia and other cold related conditions can be avoided.

How much would this cost the average household per week? Well to heat a small house to 16C would cost over £25 per week while to heat it to 18C would cost over £47. So how much is the government offering us? Guess! Do I hear you say at least £30, Well I your wrong, we are being offered a measly £5 IF YOU MEET THE REGULATIONS:

- A. A PENSIONER WITH SAVINGS UNDER £500
- B. CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PEOPLE
- C. COUPLES ON SUPPLEMENTARY BENEFIT WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TWO.

If you fall into one of the above categories and haven't yet claimed your £5 come along to the Advice Centre at the Diamond and someone there will help you out. Meanwhile,

I'm sure you are as doubtful as I am that the Thaw will melt the Iron Maiden.



"We're going to be free this time, but we'll have to see about that."

HOMELESS

Many people in Northern Ireland are unaware that this, 1987, is the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless. In fact the plight of the homeless is only coming to the fore with the acute weather conditions we have been experiencing in the past few weeks. Not only have they to endure the usual problems of sleeping rough but they also risk dying from hypothermia in isolated places where they have sought shelter. In such cases it could be some time before the body is found.

The recent cold spell has caused many people to die from hypothermia, mainly elderly persons in their own homes. However we could hear of many more deaths, in both young and old, if shelter (in the form of hostels) is not made available to the homeless in Northern Ireland. Any hostels, such as those run by the Simon Community, have had to turn away homeless people as their bedspaces were full. **cont, page 2**

VANDALISM

Time and time in every newspaper we see the banner headlines - Vandalism - Recently a local newspaper reported on the high percentage of vandalism in Newtownabbey. In schools alone £41,000 damage was caused in the last 9 months. Then there is public telephone damage, for every new booth fitted, 4 out of 10 get wrecked but we must point out to the council why!

How many of the Councillors live in these areas of devastation?

Why do they turn down grants for young people trying to build community spirit and outlets for their talents?

It's up to local councillors - its their problem - why aren't they doing anything about it? After all they are elected to improve the quality of life of their constituents. They are not elected to drag us all back to the middle ages. We say to the Council. **ADJOURN VANDALISM NOW!**

Anyone interested in volunteering in the Self-Help Group just drop in. We're above the chippy.

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However those sleeping rough, or staying in a hostel, do not represent the total number of homeless people in Northern Ireland. The housing organisation 'Shelter' recently published a survey on homelessness in Northern Ireland and their findings indicate that the majority of homeless people are staying with friends and relatives in overcrowded accommodation or in unfit dwellings (of which there are 50,000 in Northern Ireland).

In the hostel situation, Social Services will take some responsibility in assisting mothers with children to find a home. However, the majority of the single homeless are given 'general housing' status on the Housing Executive waiting list. This means it is usually quite some time before they are allocated Housing Executive accommodation. By this time they are usually institutionalised to some degree as a result of living in a hostel and may find it difficult to live independently.

For the homeless without an address, there is even more difficulty in finding accommodation as the Housing Executive will not deal with anyone without an address.

In London and other major U.K. cities, the government have authorised an emergency campaign on behalf of the homeless, due to the cold spell. The government have stated that while the cold weather lasts, housing charities will receive financial backing to open halls etc.,

only a short term effort and does not take into account areas such as Newtownabbey with a population of 72,000 with no facilities for long-term or short-term homeless.

What was the reasoning behind the Tory Governments' decision to give the severe weather payments to the needy - was it desire to help the poor?

Public opinion? The fact that they had lots of cash and had all the cruise missiles to do for a while. No - The fact is, this government doesn't care about the poor, remember the cuts in Supplementary Benefits. They don't listen to public opinion, especially working class public opinion. The fact that they will keep buying weapons of destruction at the cost of the poor.

The reason behind this move folks, its election year, and Thatcher and her cronies have always pulled something out of the hat to try and get people to vote Tory come election day.

Remember the Falklands, yes, that's not that long ago, but this won't be the last in her plans. Perhaps Tax cuts for the rich, maybe a new hospital for the north! maybe even a new Anglo-Irish WaterSlide from Hillsborough to Dublin. Don't be fooled by Tory policies. If they really cared they would be helping the poor all the time.

Come election day don't vote any colour of Tory.

DAMP SQUIB!

Newtownabbey Council workers were seen building a bonfire at Ballyearl Leisure complex 'for the boy's', over the new year.

As you all know building a 'boney' is hard work. Not surprisingly, THE LORD MAYOR, & his merry band of lizards weren't out getting soaked collecting wood.

All they had to do was arrive & be handed a burning torch with a smile on their faces for the cameras.

Like all politicians they have great ideas but don't like actually working.

Anyway they ought to have more sense 'Grown Men running around setting fire to hillsides'

Beacons and Bonfires were the fashion in the times of Elizabeth the 1st. but Elizabeth the 2nd will not be impressed.

"LOYALTY" Quote of the Month

LORD MAYOR OF TRUMPTON
GEORDIE 'Fast Efficient Service'
HERRON

"We have always been loyal to the Conservative Party".

BEWARE

TV DETECTOR VAN

Recently in Rathcoole a TV Detector Van was seen speeding out of the estate we would advise those few people with TV's to rush out today & buy a licence because once Telecom get the vans bullet proofed they'll be back.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Newtownabbey Women's Group at 22a The Diamond is now open five days a week. We are offering FREE classes on the following:

How to use a knitting & sewing machine
Stress & Depression
Photography

Anyone is welcome & if you have young children they will be looked after in the children's room by a child minder.

Our opening times are:
Monday.....10:00-4:00
Tuesday.....1:00-4:00
Wednesday....10:00-4:00
Thursday.....10:00-4:00
Friday.....10:00-2:00

Rathcoole Tenants Association

The next meeting of the Tenants Assoc. will be on Thursday 10th February at 8:00pm, in the Youth Centre.

In a bid to help us to help you, please support your Tenants Assoc.

Taurus: Its a good day for planning an outing today especially if you've got some money and your within walking distance of the Fern Lodge.

Scorpio: Don't get a taxi from Georgie Herron this month as the N.F. has got his Kari Marked.

Libra: This is a good day for going down the shops, buying a box of eggs, and throwing them at the delivery vans.

Aries: This is your big today if your name begins with the letter 'N' and if you are hoping to get a loan from the bank to pay off all the debts from Xmas because Norman the Nasty Northern Bank manager will tell you

Capricorn: Be nice to someone in the street today. Cheer them up with a friendly smile, after all it costs nothing to show your teeth to someone you don't even know!

Gemini: Tidy your house or flat up today as the man from the Dole just might call round to catch you out - but then again he might catch you working

STARSIN

BY
Revend R. Franklyn xx

HELLO? HELLO?
IS THAT THE
TALKING
CLOCK?



Discussion about social security over the past 2 years has inevitably been dominated by the governments agenda as set out in its Green and White Papers. Many organisations, at both local and national level, put considerable energy into campaigning against the governments proposals. There was, though, always a danger that such campaigns could wrongly be interpreted as a defence of an indefensible status quo.

It is crucial that we start talking now about the kind of social security system that we want to see, to stimulate and contribute to the real debate that needs to take place about the future of social security. It is a debate which concerns us all, we all benefit from the social security system at some stage in our lives, we all contribute to it some way.

Beveridge, the father of the social security system, promised post war Britain, "security against want without a means test". The promise was never kept. Forty years after Beveridge, the social security system does not provide genuine "security against want", nor has it thrown off the means test.

"The means test has become the harsh symbol of the Public Welfare Services in the 20th century in the same way the workhouse was in the 19th. And, like the workhouse, it has not had the saving grace of being efficient. Inevitably, means testing accentuates the divisions in society. Too often the claimant feels humiliated and alienated by them and they aggravate the antagonisms that already exists among non-claimants." Means Tested Benefits, National Consumer Council 1976.

Too Much Means Testing

Record numbers of people are forced to rely on means-tested assistance, in 1984, nearly 1 in 7 were dependant on supplementary, a record 7.8 million people. Many others are claiming other means-tested benefits such as family income supplement and housing benefit. It was estimated that, in 1982, over 12 million people, nearly a quarter of the population, were receiving one or other of the various means-tested benefits. The figure will be even higher today.

Problems

- 1 / Take up of means-tested benefits is always low. Many people do not have to declare themselves as poor; others do not realise that they are eligible. Many others fall below the supplementary safety net as a result.
- 2 / Those who do not claim can find themselves trapped into poverty, increases in other income mean reductions in benefit.
- 3 / The supplementary benefit system is cracking under the strain of too many people depending on it.

Too Little Money

Benefit levels are simply too low - particularly for those who are raising children and for the long-term unemployed. The "Breadline Britain" survey found, "most families on supplementary benefit face high levels of deprivation and a significant minority are intensely deprived."

1980's Britain is a very different society from that in which Beveridge lived. In particular, the position of women has changed and we are now a multi-racial society. Yet the social security system does not adequately reflect these changes. Too many benefits still treat married and co-habiting women as dependants.

The 'Fowler Review' did nothing to tackle these problems, on the contrary the implementation of the Social Security Act 1986 will, if anything increase them. The Act entrenches and extends means-testing. No attempt was made to assess whether benefits actually meet peoples needs. Instead, any gains made by one group of poor people will mean losses for another - and the losers include some of the poorest.

Aids Virus-Germ warfare claim.

The startling claims by a leading consultant on Venereal Disease recently, that the Aids virus now wreaking havoc in most major capitals of the world, is the result of a germ warfare experiment that went wrong, have been scoffed at by many leading experts.

However there is damning evidence to back up the claims, which many leading experts have ignored.

American Defence Department testimony to the Washington Appropriations Committee in 1969 shows that the US Army was considering making such a bug.

Within 10 years the deadly virus was rampant on the African continent, a time span US Defence Department gladly acknowledged. In 1969 they said, "Within the next 5 to 10 years it would probably be possible to make a new infective micro-organism which would differ in certain important respects from any known disease causing organisms."

Most important of these is that it might be refractory to the immunological and therapeutic properties upon which depend to maintain our relative freedom from infectious disease." In the 1970's the US Navy also experimented with biological weapons.

One leading Soviet scientist, Prof. Victor Zhdanov said opinions of the origins of the virus differ but agreed that it was created artificially.

The Aids virus is genetically related to a sheep bug called Visna virus; if a scientist wanted to produce a human immuno-deficiency virus like Aids, he could start with this.

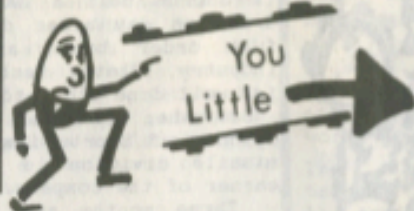
In the US 1 1/2 million people are already infected with the virus, however the US Government are still forging ahead with plans for the manufacture of another deadly germ. The Reagan Government have provided Minnesota based, Mark Collet Corporation with a staggering 1.7 million dollars to develop and produce a rare and lethal virus known as 'Rift Valley', according to the Wall Street Journal recently.

Cage and Aviary Birds

Anyone interested in forming a club for cage and aviary birds with the aim of exchanging knowledge, ideas, equipment, birds and generally making contact with people of similar interest contact, Bob McDonald, 31 Doonbeg Drive, Rathcoole.



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LIAR!

V.G.

Recently an OAP went to the VG at the Diamond, on receiving her pension, to get her messages.

She paid the girl on the till for the goods she had got with a £10 note but was given change from a fiver. She pointed this out to the girl but was told this was all the change she was getting.

The woman called the manager and was told the same by him, even though she explained to him that she had received her pension in £10 notes.

The lady in question came to our offices in a very distressed state.

We remind all shopkeepers in the estate to be more considerate to the elderly in the community and not be so concerned with corporate profits.

Least they forget that they are in the estate to provide a service, and as past history has shown shopkeepers with only their own interests at heart do not stay very long.

Newtownabbey Technical College to join the newly formed Students Union.

Either that or be trampled over by an uncaring board of Governors few of whom understand education at this level never having been through it

We further call on all Trade Unionists, Parents, families of students and all decent citizens to support the fight to have a Students Union recognised by the North Eastern Educational & Library Board who up to now have been employing tactics more in keeping with Charles Dickens 'Oliver' than the reality and needs of 20th century education.

Join the fight now to ensure a better deal for generations to come.

Contact John Greer, c/o Self Help Group 28a The Diamond

This is just a few words of thanks and praise to the unknown hero who saved the lives of men, women, butter and beef in a dramatic fire rescue out side the Self Help Group.

With no thought to his own safety he led the panic stricken victims through the smoke filled corridors to a safe place.

Ignoring the pleas of others not to return, he vanished back into the thick, pungent smoke and managed to put the fire out with his own bare hands and a bucket of water.

Speaking for myself and the other victims I would like to thank our hero. Had it not been for his bravery and quick thinking action, who knows what might have happened.

Dear Editor,

It has been a constant source of amusement to me to read the statements by local councillors in the press. If you accept all they stated as correct, you would be forced to imagine that your local councillor was working for you 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. In one such statement in the "North Post", Councillor Allister praised the EEC food handouts, claiming that he and Alderman Boyd had organised the operation of the food in Rathcoole. It would be interesting to know where this EEC food went, for as far as I am aware, the only people who have distributed food are some of the churches, Rathcoole Self Help and Rushpark Community Committee. The local butchers and the Rathcoole Youth Centre have given superb help the butchers by cutting the meat, and the Youth Centre members by allowing the use of their premises and helping in the distribution. Newtownabbey Council supplied a lorry for transporting the food to the area, and the lorry driver was most obliging in his efforts to make the moving of the food to Rathcoole-Rushpark as easy as possible. That as far as I know, is the only EEC food coming into the area, and it would be interesting to know where the food that Councillor Allister has organised into the area is going, as many people who were unable to get supplies at the Diamond might be directed to it. It would seem really that Councillor Allister may be making a rash statement about getting EEC food to Rathcoole, for in his statement in the "North Post" he does not even state the correct phone number of the Salvation Army, where the supplies are attained. I know on inquiries there, that no one has heard of him.

Yours faithfully, 9/36

Allister the Egg poaches the credit.

There you have it folks! Yet another attempt by PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE, to pave his way to Westminster over the backs of those in most need in our community, the OAP's, Unemployed, Sick, Disabled and Children.



NOTE THE CHEESY GRIN!

If you have been unemployed for a year or more you will be called in to answer a questionnaire either at Gloucester House or your Unemployment Benefit Office.

The questions that you will be asked could be easily misunderstood. The answers you give will determine whether or not your entitlement to benefit will be withdrawn.

QUESTIONS

1. What are you doing to find work ?
2. What job do you normally do ?
3. What job are you looking for ?
4. Are you willing to consider any other jobs ? If no give reasons.
5. Can you start work today ? If not, please state why.
6. Are you looking for full-time work ? If not please state why.
7. How far are you able to travel to work?
8. Do you have any adults or children to care for during working hours ? If yes, can you make immediate arrangements ?
9. What was your weekly wage or salary before deductions ?
10. What is the minimum weekly wage or salary (before deductions) you are willing to take ?
11. If the amount at 10 is more than you have put at 9 state why.
12. Please give any other details which you think affect your availability for work.

ANSWERS

1. I go into the jobmarket at every opportunity, I read the situations vacant pages in the newspapers, I have applied for several jobs but had no success.
2. State your normal or last occupation if you ever had one.
3. State your normal or last occupation if you ever had one.
4. Yes.
5. Yes.
6. Yes.
7. Wherever there is suitable employment and the travel is within reasonable distance.
8. No to the first part of the question or yes to the first and second parts.
- 9/10. Make sure that the amount in question is not more than the amount in question 9.
11. Not applicable.
12. None.

You may be asked to go on a training course or take an ACE job. There are differences between certain types of courses and jobs.

1. A course at an Government Training Centre i.e. Feilden. You should not be forced to take a training course. However you will have to show why it will not be an advantage to you regarding future employment.
2. An ACE job is a temporary (51 weeks) job usually a church or community group. When you are interviewed you will (or should) not be directly offered an ACE job. You can be recommended to apply for one. You should not refuse to apply for one as this will effect your benefit.
3. The one week Re-start course currently being run at Technical Colleges. This is TOTALLY VOLUNTARY and you cannot be forced to go on it.

The Rathcoole Self Help Group wishes to thank the Rathcoole Baptist Church for donating £20 to the Childrens Holiday Scheme. They also gave £20 to the Childrens Toy Appeal at Xmas. Thanks.

If Shorts sell a Skyvan aeroplane, UTV drone on day after day about more jobs, full order books and good old local industry, Ulster technology, pride in a job well done etc. etc.

But when it comes to the big money spinner of Shorts its all hush hush. The missile division is by far the biggest earner of the company.

Three months ago the division won a massive £225 million contract.

During the past decade Shorts have sold 36,500 Blow-pipe and Javelin missiles to 20 armed forces in 14 countries NOT 14 armies in 14 countries, which means that the opposing factions in the same country buy missiles from Shorts in an attempt to kill each other while



good old Ulster Industry laughs all the way to bank enriching the company who pay the missile makers on the shop floor a great wage to allviate their lifestyles with good houses, holidays and big flashy cars, and to hell with basic christian principles which you would teach your children, i.e. Love thou neighbour. Thou shall not kill etc..

The fact that somebody will die an agonising death in a ball of flames because you did a good job on the factory floor, doesn't even come into it. But then that's not murder is it?

The workers can't take all the blame, the company suit men are worse. According to George Foulks a Labour M.P., dirty deals have been done between Col. Oliver North (of Irangate fame), and the Contra rebels in Nicaragua who are waging a war against people who only wish to live in peace. North has said that, " Short Bros. are willing to arrange a deal , conduct training and send technical assistance to use Blow-pipe missiles.

Then on Sunday they will all go to church.



KNOW YOUR ENEMY
 INTERNATIONAL
 WORKERS ORDER

The Indispensible Man
 Someday when you feel that you're going
 Would leave an unfillable hole,
 Just follow this simple example,
 And see how it humbles you're soul.

Take a bucket, fill it with water,
 Put you're hand in it up to the wrist
 Take it out, and the hole thats
 remaining,
 Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you
 enter,
 And stir up the water galore,
 But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
 It looks just the same as before.

Now the moral of this quaint example
 Is to do the best that you can,
 Be proud of you're self but remember,
 There's no INDISPENSIBLE MAN.

N.F. M.P. MAYBE ?

Word has it that the National Front may be standing in the forthcoming general election in East Antrim against Ray Dregs.

Rumours are also rampant that the All Night Party might be standing (or falling over) and that the two parties may decide to form a coalition and just stand one silly candidate instead of two. Possible candidates are Attila the Hun and Genghis Khan, but the front want to know if these are native British or Irish or Ulstermen or.....

Have you had a visit from the D.H.S.S. about your claim for single payments?

If you have had a visit, has he/she been asking personal questions which are totally irrelevant to your claim or have they been promising you things for little favours?

If so contact the Advice Centre at the Diamond and we'll take the matter further.

Insect Jokes:

1.What do you call an insect that tells the time?.....A clock.

2.What do you call an insect that tells the time with a bell on its head?An alarm clock.

An able bodied person called to a friends house in Rathcoole. When he knocked at the door his friends daughter came out,

"Yes, she said,"
"I'm looking for your daddy?"
"Well me daddy's not in ,he's down at the Diamond throwing eggs at people".

QUOTE

"One must require from each one the duty which each one can perform."

From Antoine de Saint Exupery's "The Little Prince".

WHAT DOES NELSON McCausland GET UP TO ON A SUNDAY? ANSWERS ON A POST CARD TO THE FRIDAY NITE OBSERVANCE SOCIETY, FERN LODGE RATHCOOLE.

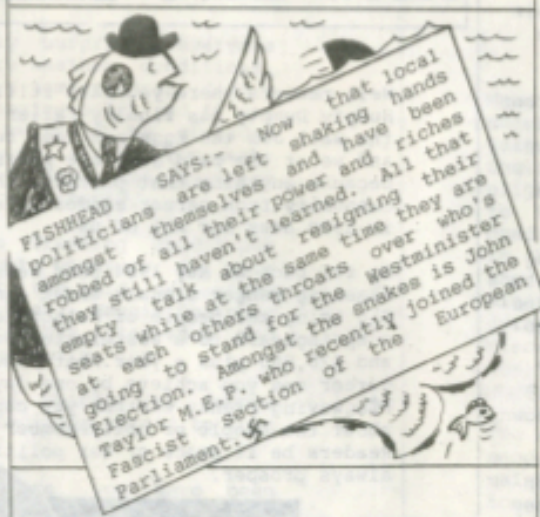


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PERSONAL COLUMN

TALL GENT AGED 43. OWN CAR. SEEKING FUN LOVING GIRL AGED 20/25 TO COOK HIS MEALS AND WASH HIS SOCKS.

ELDERLY RETIRED LADY (EX SOCIAL WORKER), NEEDS SOMEONE TO TALK TO.

GENT (P) SLIM, HANDSOME, ATHLETIC, 3ft 2 inches, SEEKS FRIEND TO LIFT HIM OVER TURNSTILES AT FOOTBALL MATCHES.

GENT, RECENT LOBOTOMIST, SEEKS SIMILAR TO HAVE AGENT FOR FORTHCOMING WEST-MINISTER ELECTIONS.

YOUNG SKINHEAD, (TT) (DM), SEEKS 30-35 YR. OLD SEXY SOPHISTICATED LADY WITH OWN CAR, FOR OUTINGS, (MUST LIKE CIDER)

YOUNG EX-ROYAL MARINE (HINDU) SEEKS FRIENDS INTERESTED IN PRESSING WILD FLOWERS AND OUTINGS TO LOUGHSHORE.

ANXIOUS? SUICIDAL? FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE BOTTOM HAS FALLEN OUT OF YOUR WORLD? TAKE NEW CONSTAPATO AND FEEL LIKE THE WHOLE WORLDS FALLEN OUT OF YOUR BOTTOM.
EXCLUSIVELY FROM KEEKS CHEMIST.

READERS' TOP TIPS

Place the candles evenly around the surface of a Birthday Cake while it is still frozen. Lighting them will help to defrost the cake. Miss W. Robert

I enjoy dressing socially, but don't like to spend money. So instead of drinking beer I gargle it and then spit it back into the glass. That way one pint lasts me all night. J. Clark

It seems such a waste to throw away old tooth brushes. So when one wears out I nip downstairs to the kitchen and pop it inside the cornflakes packet. It makes a great surprise gift for the kids. Mrs D. Partington

Not having a TV, I spend my evenings watching a glass-fronted cabinet which I pretend is a television. Not only do I save electricity, but my cabinet does not require a TV licence. Mrs J. Thomas

Places: Romance is in the air, snow is on ground and O.A.P.'s are freezing so just bloody well forget about going out dancing and go to visit someone who is cold and lonely.
Virgo: If you are this star sign please be very careful on Thursday at 4pm.
Sagittarius: The Rab Diven select XII will compete on the water slide at Victor Culling's house. So be there, be square and cut your bum sliding down the shoot.

Capricorn: This is a big month for all you caps. First of all you had Xmas and now it's your birthday. If you don't go out jogging soon you might end up with a heart attack and get married.
Leo: If your bored and have nothing to do, go to the next doors neighbours house and phone the speaking clock for a couple of hours.
Aquarius: You have the urge to travel even though you have no money, try doing a prize quiz or competition and when you don't win you'll probably feel a bit better when you get your giro.

Once again we see the dawn of another new year, like most people we are hopeful that 1987 will bring a change for the better for everyone! It saddens me to see on the news that the elderly and the young are at the most risk to the exceptionally cold weather we have been having and what is worse is the response that the government has to overcome the heating difficulties that ensue. Most people, even if they are working find it hard to keep up with the weekly bills and I feel totally disgusted that we as human beings can let the old and very young suffer in this way. It insults most people when the Tories try to cover up this tragedy with a measly £5 to O.A.P.'s. They deserve better treatment in their passing years. If you look deeper you can also see that politicians like George Herron, Roy Beggs and most of the Official Unionists stand by Thatcher and her policies. This is ironic when they also oppose her other well known policies. So, for the people on the poverty level, there is not much hope of a drastic change this year. Unemployment is rising, so are police salaries. The old needy are suffering while the politicians squabble over who's in charge, the church and most reverend clergy will still be singing the same old tune and of course our beloved council will still be mis-using the ratepayers money while they play golf up at Ballyearl or flush the money down the water-slide.

Lets hope there will be change for the better in 1987, but don't count on any of the people to help, because they are content in the positions they have got. To quote one politician, Fraser Yahoo, "I don't intend going back talking to a group of young unemployed people from Rathcoole, Ballyclare Town Hall, June 1983."

TIMES JANUARY 22, 1987-13

Allister accused of giving way to personal ambition

SIR, Does the naked political ambition of Mr. Jim Allister know no bounds?

The latest outburst from this man who has moved about Co. Antrim like a bluebottle in search of a political home will leave the vast majority of Unionists speechless.

Our Province is facing one of its greatest crises. With the propaganda machine supporting the cry from the British and Irish governments that the majority of people in Northern Ireland approve of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, and only a handful dissent, it is imperative the Unionist case is seen

to be in harmony. Instead Mr. Allister, who first sought votes from the people of Ballymena in the Assembly elections, before moving to East Antrim and finally settling in Newtownabbey, suggests

Unionists slugging it out while the two governments stand back laughing. Are we permitted to ask if Mr. Allister has anyone in mind for the East Antrim seat? Would he consider allowing his name to

go forward? I hope so, for the electors of East Antrim may let Mr. Allister know what they think of those who would place the Unionist cause second to personal ambition.

Disgusted Unionist.

Well readers there you have it!!!! Humpty Dumpty has finally fallen off the wall. Jim the Eggs has been rumbled and we at the Badd News are pleased, because anything that protects the community from career minded outsiders is good news for all of us!

FRESH HEAD SAYS

As far back as May 1984 Badd News was flashing danger signals about Jim the Egg using the people of Rathcoole as a springboard to a Westminster seat and £20,000 plus a year. What other career can you achieve by one day of Flagwaving Frenzy whether you care about the people or not! Remember Readers be it peace or war politicians always prosper.

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RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER. JUNE 85

riot flares up!

Rioting in Rathcoole ?

As if to underline the extent to which many sectors of our increasingly divided society are alienated from the decision making process, the night of the recent council elections heralded not only a victory by sectarian parties of both religious persuasions, but also a riot in the middle of Rathcoole.

The riot, went unreported in the press or media resulted in at least 10 arrests and several broken windows including two at our own premises. Obviously tension of this nature, near the surface at the best of times is met with silence for reasons best known to the establishment press, not least that it shows the extreme discord created by economic deprivation.

A crowd of people in good humour were drinking carry outs at the Diamond shortly after closing time, until the police arrived, soon massed police presence in cars and landrovers provoked reaction - and the good natured gathering turned into a ugly scene. The police presumably investigating noise complaints used a sledgehammer to crack a nut and rioting broke out.

Supplemented by the snatch squad and army regiments the riot broke up with subsequent arrests.

This type of tension is not created in a vacuum. Ill feeling, on both sides, is not created overnight, but is the result of deep seated resentment.

The ills of unemployment, boredom, deprivation and the resulting sense of low self worth are the causes of such frustration - and riots like that on election night are inevitable.

As a society it is up to us to cope with those situations not by treating the symptoms i.e. disciplining the individual offenders be they police officers or unemployed youths, but by treating the REAL problems - that of gross inequality in the distribution of OUR resources.

ABOVE WILSONS 22 THE DIAMOND.
 3 BEDS & 6 BATHS GALORE!
 3 PEICE F10 SUITES & 10
thriftshop.

JIMMY BOYLE.

Art Exhibition.

The exhibition of Rathcoole Arts Workshop is set to travel to Edinburgh where it is showing at the Gateway Exchange June 10 - 30.

The Gateway Exchange was set up and is run as a collective, with two of the major contributors being Jimmy and Dr. Sarah Boyle. Jimmy Boyle author of 'Sense of Freedom' and 'Prison Diaries' was sentenced to imprisonment in the 1960's being released in 1982. He has used art and the creative process as a means of 'Discovering Self' as well as highlighting through art the many injustices of our system.

The Gateway has helped many people channel frustrations in a positive way - especially so called rejects who have come through the hard way from prison, from heroin or whatever. We are delighted to bring the exhibition to Edinburgh, and exchange our experiences.

The exhibition for those who missed it at Rathcoole Library is presently at Queens University and moves on after Edinburgh to various venues in Belfast and Londonderry. Further information is available from the Self Help Group.

54th old boys

Congratulations to the 54th Old Boys football team who completed a treble in this seasons competitions. They won the 2nd Div. of the O B League gaining promotion. They won the Bunting Cup beating 1st Division 41st O B in the final, and won the league cup to boot. Well done to Bobby McDowell's squad who at the start of the season were lucky to get a team never mind a good one, good luck for next year in the first division.

EDITORIAL.

Well with your new Council you might get a new start - but I doubt it. Next month we'll be revealing some of the findings from the most recent OPEN AUDIT and we can tell you now some of the things we found were frightening! The open audit is the one week in the year when ratepayers can check the Councils books to see what their money is being spent on. The figures tell some of the story but many many abuses of our money lie hidden, concealed by the accountants.

Watch out for Bahd News next month - special issue on 'How our money is wasted'



£1,000 SECRETLY BURIED AT HAZELBANK

Local people have voiced their disgust at Newtownabbey Council's attempt to hide over £1,000 worth of quality 'A' Grade gravel on Council owned land.

Over 80 tonnes of the gravel was bought with rate payers money of course, as part of a scheme to make an adventure playground at the entrance to Hazelbank Park.

It wasn't until the gravel was laid in the park that high ranking officials realised that hard gravel in an adventure playground could make it into a misadventure playground.

They promptly decided that white beach sand would be more in keeping with the children having accidents. The only problem was 'What the hell do we do with 80 tonnes of gravel? That Bahd News will have us over hot coals'. Their solution was to 'BURY IT', all well and good until after about 2 tonnes they realised that this was an impossible task (the equivalent of trying to bury 20 fully grown elephants) - so they discreetly dumped it all around Macedon under plants and shrubs not to mention at least 'One elephant' which is hidden behind the leisure centre, where nobody can see it of course.

Congratulations to Newtownabbey Arts Committee on granting a 'materials' grant to Rathcole Arts Workshop for their touring exhibition. What a good sign to see the Arts Committee funding local artists instead of bringing foreign actors and artists to top class hotels, to be wined and dined and to give talks to elite groups of people - to the exclusion of the ordinary artists. Let's help our own local talent in N'Abbey - take note N.E.A.C.

ELECTORS ONES TO WATCH. NO 8.
ALL THE NEW COUNCILORS. & THEIR PRE-ELECTION PROMISES.



support your binmen

Support your local binmen...

Some binmen have been getting a rough time on their work round with severe verbal abuse not uncommon. Bahd News asks the public to remember that the ordinary binmen are only doing a job of work. They are doing the best they can, considering that some bin crews are often cut from 6 men to only 2 men. The cutbacks are due to the Council mispending money and it is not the fault of the binmen. So, support your local binmen and direct your complaints to the Council Offices at Glenmount House, Church Road.

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YOUR HORRORSCOPES BY MORRIS ASTRO !!

TAURUS Apr 20 - May 20



Not a very good week for rambles up the Carnmoney Hills. Not to worry at least your bru cheque is overdue. yes, and when it arrives you can buy yourself a Mars bar.

GEMINI May 21 - June 20



Don't go out for a month, don't pass the court and pay your £200 fine, and stay away from electrical appliances or face being gassed.

CANCER June 21 - July 22



Well this is your lucky week. Stay off cigarettes, or you know what will happen. Yes you will have none left and you will end up smoking the butt out of the ashtray.

LEO July 23 - Aug 22



Leo's will all end up in the Merville Inn this Friday night. Well you never know, Jupiter is to collide with Pluto, and guess what, you've guessed it - more planets.

VIRGO Aug 23 - Sept 22



A week for lying in your bed - That's it I'm afraid zzzzzzzzzz

LIBRA Sept 23 - Oct 22



Beware this is the week the milkman will get really annoyed if he doesn't get his money. But Saturn is moving around the Axis at around 2000 miles a minute, so a brighter future ahead

SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21



Go out and give yourself a face lift Get into the swing of things. Lots of money coming your way, so don't spend at Wilson's. Spend it on yourself and your cat.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21



Arn't you glad your not a Gemini ? Sagittarians hate Geminis so you know what to do when, in midweek a Gemini proposes marriage to you.

CAPRICORN Dec 21 - Jan 20



Capricorn people will need repairs done from the Housing Executive and will be turned down on a single payment from the bru - never mind.

AQUARIUS Jan 21 - Feb 20

Aquarius is Eddie Campbell's sign - this week all Aquarians will get free pro plus tablets and stay awake ALL week.



PISCES Feb 21 - Mar 20

Pisces will all go to the Catcave in the Fern Lodge on Thursday to hear the live music and meet their future spouses.



ARIES Mar 21 - April 20

All aries will go to the Catcave as well to see if they can shop all the Pisces meetings. They will also get blocked and stagger up the bed to stairs.

POETRY

TAKE THIS GUN OF LIBERTY,
IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY,
WHEN THE BONES HAVE SHATTERED,
THEN THEY WILL HAVE PAID,
RIGHTIOUSNESS AND FREEDOM,
TAKEN TO THE GRAVE.

FIGHT THE LEGAL SYSTEM,
THEN ASK IT FOR ITS AID,
CONTROL THE LOCAL PEOPLE,
AND RESTRICT THEM IN WHAT THEY SAY,
IMPRISON AND DETAIN THEM,
THEN TAKE THEM TO THEIR GRAVES.

JOIN THE FIGHT FOR IRELAND,
A RACKET OR A GAME,
UNFURL THE FLAG OF ULSTER,
IS THIS NOT THE SAME,
AN ECHOED CRY OF "HIERO",
THEN TAKEN TO THE GRAVE.

ANOTHER SIGN OF HOPE,
12 YEARS AGO YOU SAID,
NEW POLICIES, NEW STATURE,
RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE,
YET STILL A LINE OF PEOPLE,
ARE TAKEN TO THEIR GRAVES.

FOR WHEN THE DRUMS ARE BEATEN,
WHILE PAISLEY MAKES A STAND,
OR ADAMS MAKES A STATMENT,
ON HOW TO CHANGE THIS LAND,
THESE PEOPLE THRIVE ON VIOLENCE,
YET TAKE US TO THE GRAVE.

WHEN HUMAN LIFE IS WASTED,
FOR A COUNTRY GONE INSANE,
WHO GAVE THE RIGHT TO MURDER,
WHO GAVE THE RIGHT TO MAIME,
SHOULD I TAKE WHICH GUN ? IN EITHER HAND,
OR SHOULD I WALK INTO MY GRAVE ?

ODDS N' SODS

Fact of the month....

The EEC spent £260 million destroying food last year. Yes destroying food. So much for Ethiopian concern !!!!

MASSIVE BULLA IS INNOCENT !!!!!

Supporters of Big Bulla, annoyed about his wrongful arrest and subsequent summons have launched a 'Clear Bulla's Name' campaign.

Slogans such as 'Bulla is Innocent' 'Bulla Was Framed' and 'Money's No Problem' highlight the campaign.

Bahd News offers support for Bulla's campaign and a free Hagar The Horrible sticker for the best campaign slogans - to be printed next month.

WELL DONE AUDIE...
STILL THE UNDEFEATED
WARD OF ME CHAMP
OF RATHCOOLE.

MONEY NO PROBLEM



Quote of the month.....

On being asked whether he'd been ill, he replied 'Oye, I've been down with that foreign flu for a while - Legionaires Disease.' F. Millar.

Quote of the month II

On being asked what the Unionist policy on unemployment was by those on the Jobs March : 'It's more than five lines, so I can't remember it. I should though, 'cause I helped to draw it up.'

Ken Magennis MP for Fermanagh/South Tyrone.

SUMMER LEAGUE.....

The Summer League are looking for referees to officiate at matches this summer. If you are intrested in having a laugh and taking some abuse contact Stephen Wallace at 63923.

Apologies - to Rab Ferris on being mistaken for a Council courade. Don't worry Rab, the journalist has been relegated to tea-boy and thrown out of the N.U.J.

Apologies - to those readers (Ardmillan Drive and West Crescent) who didn't recieve their Bahd News last month. We'll do our best this month.

Thank you from Rathcoole to Graham & McGurks funfair for 'weathering the storm' and providing a good weeks entertainment for the children of the estate. Hoping they'll be back next year.

Personal Message...

Would the person who voted for Bill McClinton step forward. If the person is a female we would like to arrange a meeting with a view to a long engagement, leading to marriage.

Congratulations to the residents in East Way who showed that 'Self Help' is possible in Rathcoole, by knocking down unwanted derelict coalsheds at their backs. Time more people followed their example.

'Multi Storey Flat'

Despite the pre election concern of Roy Beggs M.P. The fire which damaged much of the top floor at Abbotscoole House has still not been rectified by the Housing Executive. The walls are still black and charred while loose wires are hanging from the ceiling in an exposed position, making the top floor a continued fire risk.

For the results of the 'Open Audit' 1983-'84 see next months Bahd News the paper that continues to tell the truth.

a question of identity.

NO. 1 OF A SERIES.

Now that the election fever has subsided, and we all wait expectantly for the politicians to rush out and fulfil their pre-election promises, it might be an appropriate time to ask just what the election was really fought over. Had it anything to do with local issues at all? Or was it not, as always, really about 'identity'?

On the Protestant and Unionist side the slogans were the usual - 'No surrender', 'Keep Ulster British', 'Smash Sinn Féin'. On the Catholic and Nationalist side the vote was one that expressed their alienation from the N. Ireland state, and a demand for a United Ireland, the only difference between the Catholic parties being whether this is to be achieved violently or peacefully.

It would seem then that Ulster is split into two camps, each in deadly opposition to the other as to their desire for the future. Is there no common ground? No sense of unity over anything?

If your answer is 'no', how do you explain the fact that when Ulsterpeople are in England, or abroad on holiday, and meet up with other Ulsterfolk, even of the opposite religion, they find more in common with each other, than with all outsiders? How is it that most of us have friends across the divide who we can relate to with little problem?

Is this because of our shared experience of living in the same place, with the same manners of speech, etc? This could indeed be the reason, but what I intend to show over the next few issues of Bahd News is that we all have much more in common than we ever imagined.

This common 'Ulster' identity has been hidden from us. Why? That is a good question, and one which we should begin to ask loud and clear. Our schools have shown little interest in teaching us about our Ulster origins and heritage - we either get a history of England, and her kings, queens, and empire, or on the other side we get an Irish history that isn't any more enlightening. Both histories have one thing in common - Ulster is paid little attention.

And yet the history of Ulster from the earliest times is the richest and most stirring of the whole island. The first story, in fact, of Western European literature is all about Ulster! The greatest hero of early Irish literature is an Ulsterman - Cúchulainn.

Ulster is the only part of Ireland to have built a great wall around itself in ancient times.

Bangor monastery (destroyed by the Vikings) was one of the most important centres of learning in the Europe of the Middle Ages.

The earliest named inhabitants of Ulster - the Cruthin - are the ancestors of many of the Ulster people of today, whether Protestant or Catholic. It was some of these people, given the name 'Scotti' by the Romans, who were to emigrate to Scotland and give that land its present name.

It is with the Cruthin that I will begin this story of the identity of the Ulster people in the next issue. It is an identity that will surprise both sides of the divide here, not the least because it is actually an identity that belongs to all of us.

M.H.

A short note of apology to the individual workers of the DHSS whom we criticized in the April edition. While we criticize the DHSS on policy it was in retrospect wrong to criticize individual members who have little or no control over the injustices of the system they administer.

THURSDAY
*** NITES ***
THE CATCAVE.
FERN LODGE DORCHED NABBY.
TOP LIVE BANDS!!
*** EVERY WEEK ***
NO PROPER DRESS PLEASE!
+ YOUR CHANCE TO SEE &
LEARN THE AMAZING
NEW DANCE CRAZE.
THE KATLITERS
KICK.
REGULAR BEVERAGE NITES!
CHEAP DRINK PRIZES ETC
ALL THIS FOR ONLY **1.10**

SLEEPING BEAST.

A note of warning to our readers, 'Fast Ed goes one better'.

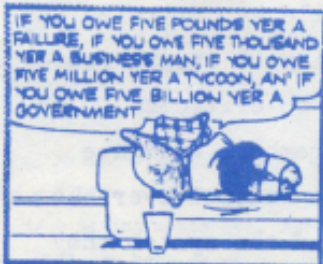
We have been told of an incident in which 'Fast Ed' fell asleep outside on a wall on the Old Irish Highway. But this is not all... he was accompanied by a lady friend. Perhaps a case of 'Fast Ed meets Sleeping Beauty' !!

So you have been warned... Fast Ed's sleepiness is spreading.

BALLYEASTON COUNCIL CONVOY - TEN FOUR.

Ballyeaston as N.Ireland's best kept village continues to receive special treatment from the Council. One Council worker confided in us 'For God's sake we're never out of it'. As if to affirm this, recently a squad of Council workers spent the day 'tidying' up Ballyeaston and were on their way home when they were called on the CB by their boss. They had new orders ! Go back to Ballyeaston as a hay lorry had just passed through the town leaving bits of hay on the road. !

If Ballyeaston wants to be the best kept village in N. Ireland perhaps it's residents should do the tidying up NOT the Council - using ratepayers money to do it.



Pre Election Eggs....

Double standards in operation in the tense pre election period. Politicians parading before the UTV cameras were showered with eggs by bored and frustrated unemployed. One egg hit a Unionist electoral agent and subsequently a man was cautioned about egg throwing and told by a police officer he would receive a summons for egg throwing. Not only did this man not throw the egg, but played in a band which paraded the afore-said Unionists round the estate to boast their votes. Certainly an axe to grind there.

OSHY'S Cat tip no 8.
TEACH YOUR CAT.
THE GREEN CROSS
CODE.
STOP. LOOK. MEOW.

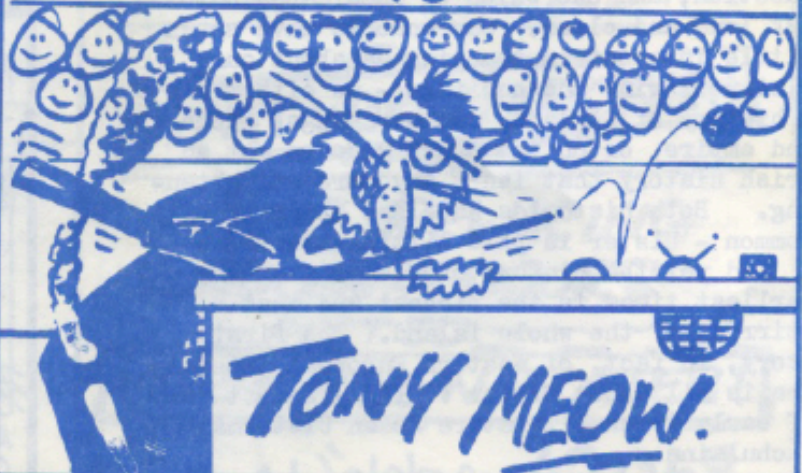
JOBS MARCH 85.

The march was organised by the I.C.T.U. and the Belfast Centre for the Unemployed. It was to highlight the problems and effects of unemployment in Northern Ireland.

The marchers were from a widespread social and geographical backgrounds with different educational attainments and social skills. The march was a total of 120 miles from Derry to Belfast, passing through such unemployment blackspots as Derry and Strabane. The reception given to the marchers by local trade union and community groups was excellent but unfortunately the reception by local politicians and clergy was muted and showed a total lack of understanding about the problems and effects of unemployment. e.g. Ken Maginnis (Unionist) M.P. for Fermanagh, South Tyrone was asked 'What was more important, waving the flag or giving the people the right to decent living standards' which he promptly replied he wouldn't answer such a Republican based question, which incidently was put forward by a resident from Rathcoole ! This was a typical evasive answer which was given by politicians from all sections of the community. At the beginning of the march we were all individuals but by the end we were united, because we had the same needs and therefore the same demands not only to fight unemployment but the reasons behind unemployment. We also realised that our political representatives ranging from the Unionist to the Nationalist care nothing for the ordinary people's needs but are only interested in the power which they can use for their own selfish means.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY NO 8.
AMERICAN
MULTI-NATIONALS.
DELOREN - LEAR FAN - & ALL THE OTHERS!!

CATS FAVORITE SNOOKER PLAYER.



BAHD NEWS.

RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER NO. 9



AUG.

New Committee demand 'Justice for Lifers.'

"A society is judged by the way it treats its prisoners" By the criteria in this oft heard saying, Northern Ireland would be badly judged! It treats its prisoners abominably and none more so than Life Prisoners.

A committee has been formed in Belfast to put pressure on government to address itself to the major grievances.

THE GRIEVANCES *

- 1) ANNUAL REPORTS - the definition of 'annual' is dubious 'Annual' reports tend not to start until after five, six, seven or even eight years of the sentence!
- 2) Legal representative should be present at a lifer's review.
- 3) Written submissions / references should be made as an integral part of the review. e.g. submissions from Church ministers, community representatives, solicitor etc at the prisoner's request.
- 4) The results of the review should be known if no date is to be set.
- 5) Changes in present system of review whereby class officers, principal officers and the Assistant governor or all have to inspect...

every prison officers are not trained to assess behavioural patterns and attitudes in prisoners, also prisoners are so often moved (especially those on 'Red Book' colonies who are moved every 12 to 13 days) that no prison officer, however well trained could attempt a consistent report on behaviour and attitude.

HUMANITARIAN *

There are basic humanitarian demands which should not be denied to any prisoner, regardless of creed or crime, and especially not by a country with the audacity to call itself democratic.

N. Ireland is a special case in that many life prisoners are jailed for ostensibly 'politically motivated' crimes who in normal circumstances would be unlikely to be in the same predicament.

Successive governments have consistently used 'The Troubles' to suspend 'Democracy' and test out repressive measures here. Supergrasses, hooded witnesses, beatings and psychological torture in Castlereagh, tamped phones, emergency powers et al. Denial of basic rights for life prisoners is part and parcel of this phenomenon.

The Committee can be contacted at Belfast 226233 for any one who feels they can help the Campaign in any way.



Appreciation for 'Law and Order'

ETHIOPIA

KILL THE SYSTEM AND FEED THE WORLD.

(taken from Sunday World)
Despite Bob Geldof's 'Live Aid' effort to alleviate the suffering of thousands this type of aid is irrelevant to the problem of famine.

For instance in the last year the E.D.C. has spent £1,531,000,000-00 on storing SURPLUS food! Famine in Africa is not a natural disaster - there already exists in the world enough food to feed the world, many times over. It is not distributed to the dying in Africa because food in our society is not regarded as a material for sustaining human life but as a commodity from which PROFIT can be made!

As Dan Ellerman (U.S. National Security

Council) said "To give aid to a country just because its people are dying is a pretty weak reason".

To buy food countries like Ethiopia need foreign currency. To buy foreign currency they must produce goods to export. Here however the system is stacked against them.

E.G. Sugar is produced by many African, Latin American and Caribbean countries. The cost of producing E.S.C. sugar is about £48-50. It is so heavily subsidized that the market price is £93-5 (a subsidy of £255 a tonne! What chance have Third World countries of competing against this sort of imbalance and unfair trading? It is not possible to end famine other than by ending the system which creates famine. And that, I'm afraid seems challenging the rule of those who run the system.

'RED KEN'

What about 'Red' Ken Banks, who went to Spain for his holidays on a Tuesday, and had to return the very next day. Red Ken got blocked, fell asleep on the beach and when he woke up he was completely burnt. With no medical insurance and a fear of Spanish nurses, Sankey headed home to N. Ireland. He has booked into Portrush for next year!

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EDITORIAL

Well readers, despite the lateness of the June edition we've managed to come up with a new format for Bahd News. The new enlarged version gives us more space to put your articles in, so if you wish to contribute a poem, letter, joke or story don't hesitate to get in touch with Bahd News, 22a The Diamond, Rathcoole - the only paper which isn't run by money, for money, the paper which doesn't care about libel, the paper which tells the truth. Finally thank you to JJ without whose help this paper would not have got off the ground.

OPEN AUDIT 1984

Last month we promised you a précis of how the Council wasted our money in 1984. Unfortunately space does not permit this article which will be printed, definitely, next month. Look out for some desperate Corruption in the Town Hall in Rumkin.



Bahd News' first photo - none other than Rathcoole's 'Yard of Ale' champ, Audie Hall

Low Pay!

Times are hard? Economic depression? Turning the corner? We are constantly told that we are living in times of hardship and we all need to tighten our belts - if we can afford a belt that is.

What then of the pay rises for our country's 'Top Personnel' (The same personnel as those set for the Nuclear bunker no doubt) 17.6% for the top Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs.

16.3% for Judges and top brass in the judiciary
12.2% for the top Civil Servants

This means these people will receive an annual salary in excess of £75,000 each!

'Fair but not generous' was how Mrs Thatcher described it - 'NOT GENEROUS - £75,000'!! What is interesting is the high wage level of those whose jobs it is to keep 'the 8 order' goes hand and hand with income cuts for the worse off in society - those in lowly paid jobs or on benefits - are money for the rich to keep order amongst the poorer when the income of the poor is under threat.

Think it over.

What, £75,000 a year - that'll hardly last me a fortnight.



Three million pounds pence

RUMKIN - The Peoples Borough.

(A ONE ACT FARCE ADAPTED FROM THE LAST MEETING.)

Rumkin Council, the peoples borough - quotes from the last meeting.

Cllr B. "Sinn Fein's presence in the Council Chamber desecrated it. No more Housing Council's here."

(Cllr Jia Barrister is secretly disappointed that Rumkin has no Sinn Fein member as it limits the theatrical excesses of his appearances - "My God, if there was no session of Sinn Fein we might have to talk about Council business - bins, street cleaning or Community services - no one wants that, do they?)

Cllr Softy. "I feel the same revelation as Mr Barrister that Cough and Fermanagh have elected Sinn Fein chairmen, but that does not absolve him from his Christian duty to love his neighbour. As a Christian and one who was brought up to be polite to my enemies, I concern myself with a Christian attitude toward those who kill and murder."

(Strange comments from Mr Softy, who, as a part of a 'Smith and Jones' type duo, showed a remarkable Christian attitude to a certain tobacco company not so very long ago - well not out of living memory - a 'poke' in the eye for hypocrisy, I'll say)

Cllr Verbiage (in reply to Cllr Softy)

"He's just a slabber"

Cllr Softy (ignoring Cllr Verbiage and continuing his assault on Cllr Barrister)

"Cllr Barrister is entitled to join the Council to think of the Newtownabbey ratepayers, (Since when did anyone in Rumkin Council care about the ratepayer? Irrelevant, Mr Softy.) of which he is not one, and to use the Council as a platform in order to aspire to greater things (here, here) but he is not entitled to make assumptions and deliver judgments on people about whom he knows nothing whatsoever"


Cheers ensue from the public gallery which is packed with non sexist non racist non sectarian ecumenical bisexuals!

Cllr Herring (trying to strike a blow for common sense)

" As one who fought the I.R.A. as a former 'B' Special, I am more concerned that the Council concern itself with the many problems of Newtownabbey, and be faithful to the ratepayers"

Cllr Herring is ruled out of order by the Mayor for mentioning the dreaded 'ratepayers' ("They are irrelevant - I'll have no more talk about RATEPAYERS in this chamber")

Cllr Wankling (coming out of the pages of The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists to make a guest appearance in what he thought was 'Rumkin, the soap opera to upstage Lymington')

" I knew Bobby Sands as a young man, and even introduced him to football. He was not born violent, these people are not born killers - it is society that shapes people's actions. We must work towards a fairer more equal society." 

- At which the Liberal Bi-sexuals in the public gallery shouted, screamed and demanded their money back. "We didn't come here to listen to sense. Kneep-leson is what we want. More entertainment!"

CURTAIN DOWN. LE FIN

More of Rumkin in the next issue

RUMKIN? THE PEOPLE'S BOROUGH!

Cast - Jia Barrister (Down and Up Party) - known as the 'Uppers and Downers' to explain their behaviour.

- Cllr Wankling (Sensible Party) BOO!

- Cllr Verbiage (D.U.P.)

- Cllr Softy (Non Tipped Greens and Blues Party)

- Cllr 'Red' Herring (Catholic Party).



Degrees of Madness!

Who is Ulster's smartest politician?

Big Ian, of course - well he's the best

qualified anyway. His full title (that we know of) should be -

Rev Dr. Ian Paisley B.D., M.A., F.R.S., M.B.E., M.P., M.S.

With all these letters after your name you'd think Big Ian had spent all his time studying, well you're mistaken, as all these qualifications were obtained without ONE minute of study.  By mail order from the Pioneer Theological  Seminary at Rockford, Illinois (listed by the US Dept. of Higher Education as a ' bogus Degree mill')


F.R.S. Paid for by subscription to the Royal Geographical Society.

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M.A. By mail order from Burton College, Colorado US. (described by the US Dept. of Higher Education as 'perhaps the most infamous of all the Degree mills')

B.D. Secretary from the Bob Jones University, Greenville, Carolina.

M.S. The rules at Bob Jones University forbid all students to see Hollywood movies, smoke, drink, dance, wear immodest dress like 'tight' pants, talk to strangers, especially women, make any use of jazz (singing or listening to) play cards, leave campus after 10.30pm, use the gym, swimming pool or tennis courts in sexually mixed groups, have dates off campus for more than two hours and without a chaperone, whether sitting or standing couples must have a six inch space between their bodies.  It does not take brains or hard work to be academically qualified. Just a LOT OF MONEY and A BRASS NECK!!!



Class at Bob Jones Univ. on being told of legalised Sunday opening in pubs!

A Question Of Identity

Around 330 B.C. a Greek sailor and geographer described his voyage around the British Isles, calling them the Isles of Pretani. It was one of the earliest historical references to these islands, and later travellers also talked of the Pretani, indicating that the inhabitants of the two islands were considered to be from the same stock of people.

The Pretanic people of Ulster who became known as the Cruthin, and the Pretanic people of Scotland were later to be called the Picts.

When the warrior Celts arrived here from the continent they were able to dominate certain areas, and became overlords of the local people. In Ulster the dominant Celtic overlords were the Ulaid (From whence comes the name 'Ulster') Nevertheless, despite their power these Celtic overlords were still in the minority, and the majority population of Ulster were the Cruthins.

There was no written language at this time, and it was only after yet another group of Celtic invaders, the Gaels, had arrived, that our history first began to be written down. Obviously the Gaelic learned men and writers wished to give greatest prominence to their own position within Irish society, and the existence of the original inhabitants was deliberately played down. This neglect has eventually led to our present misconception that Ireland has always been a purely Gaelic nation.

However, the most eminent historians, once they had under-

discovered the real facts. Eoin MacNeill, who revolutionized the study of Irish history and was the founder of the Irish League, realized that these illuminating facts wouldn't be welcomed by many people. He wrote "I find that strong sentimental objections exist to my conclusions. The hitherto current account of pre-Christian Ireland has belittled and ever clouded the vast majority of Irish people for the glorification of a dominant minority". Another eminent Irish historian, Thomas O'Rahilly, accused the early Gaelic historians of trying to pretend that all the original peoples of Ireland were really Gaels. He wrote "By obliterating the memory of the different ethnic origins of the people, the tribes of pre-Gaelic descent were turned officially into Gaels." O'Rahilly remarked that they had even tried to use the name Cruthin: "This disuse of Cruthin as a name is doubtless connected with the rise of a new genealogical doctrine which turned the Irish Cruthin into Gaels and thus dissociated them from the Cruthin of Scotland. Nevertheless the fact that there were Cruthin in Ireland as well as in Scotland was long remembered; as so it is not surprising to find writers suggesting, in defiance, that the Cruthin of both countries formed one people in remote times."

Despite the revelations of these historians the existence of the pre-Gaelic people, particularly the Cruthin, has still remained largely unknown. This would still be the case today, had it not been for the work of a local historian, Ian Adaman, who rescued the Cruthin identity from the obscurity to which it had been relegated.

This rediscovery isn't just an interesting but useless bit of history, but something that could have real importance for our future. For the Cruthin, by virtue of the fact that they comprised the 'best bulk' of the population of Ulster" can be shown to be the distant ancestors of both the Catholics and Protestants of today. It is this common identity that I will be further exploring in this series.

August 3, 1985

'RUC testing new batons'

BAHD NEWS YOU KNOW IT MAKES SENSE!

Selfish Telegraph advert for guinea pigs at £2 an hour to help the R.U.C. test new batons.

Ashy's Cat tip:
A BEIK AT THE FRIDGE DOOR MAKES THE CAT WANT MORE!!

BEEP BEEP!

RAJOR SHARP FRAZER (see Odds n' Sods).

R'coole Morris Poll.

Statistics from a recent 'Morris Poll' among unemployed Youth.

- 1) Do you like your Council Yes-99% No-1% ???
- 2) Would you trust them if they tried to give you sweets?
Yes-1% No-99%
- 3) Do you think N.Dunn tells lies? Yes-99% No-1%
- 4) Do you think you could ever change the corruption of the Council? Yes-0% No-100%
- 5) Do you think a chainsaw would come in handy if you went to a Council meeting? Yes-99% No-1%
- 6) How much of these people's conversation is fiction?
J.Allister - 99%
N.Dunn - 100%
Pinnocchio - 2%
- 7) Do you think Ballyearl Golf Club is really 'for the people' of N'abhey or is it a drinking den 'for the boys'.
For the People -
Drinking Den - 100%
- 8) Who writes the funniest stories in the Newtownabbey Times?
J.Allister 98%
D.Hollis 1%
A Funny Person 0%
NOT FUNNY
- 9) Who writes most letters at Election times?
A dead person 0%
A man with no arms 0%
D. Hollis 100%
! VOTES PLEESEE.
- 10) Which Council building loses the most money?
Leisure Centre 1%
Town Hall 1%
N.Dunn's house 5%
Citizens Advice Bureau (R'coole) 94%
£
- 11) Which one of these Councillors did the 'dirt' on his mate and got away with the fags, money, and all the ice cream?
L McCartney 0%
JIM SMITH 100%
!!!
- 12) Why do people still bother to vote?
For a laugh 99%
To keep Taigs out 1%
Nothing else to do 0%
SOME JOKE

Well there you are - conclusive evidence that polls are of no use to anyone.

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SINGLE PAYMENTS

SINGLE PAYMENTS

Redecoration - If you have been living in your house for more than a year.

Drainproofing - For doors and windows.

Clothing - 'Other than normal wear and tear' i.e. not simply wearing clothes out, but for gain or loss of weight, pregnancy, accidental loss (e.g. Stolen from clothes line) health reasons etc. Maternity needs.

Fuel Debt - 3 bills paid for the first 6 months if you have a new fuel system or are unfamiliar with your heating system.

Furniture - Beds, mattresses, sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow cases, dining table, chairs, easy chairs, sofas, chest of drawers, wardrobes carpets, curtains, cookers, fridge, vacuum cleaner, washing machines, towels, garden tools, fire guards, safety gates, cooker guards, high chairs

household items.

others include: Removal expenses

Funeral expenses

HP payments - on essential furniture

Starting work - tools and clothes

Reconnection

Any other items needed on health grounds-Reg. 30

WEEKLY ADDITIONS

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Laundry additions - no adequate washing or drying facilities

- excess washing e.g. bedwetting, skin disease.

- Can't do the washing e.g. ill or infirm.

Age - over 80's get 25p extra - BHS DEAL !

Blindness

Baths - extra baths on medical grounds. e.g. bedwetting, exsora, bedridden etc.

Diet - Ulcers, diabetes, medical diet.

Heating - centrally heated, under 3, over 70, ill health (bronchitis, asthma etc.) house hard to heat.

Also - Domestic Assistance

Attendance Needs

HP Payments

Wear & Tear on clothing e.g. disabled.

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(Spouse) _____

(Children) _____

Fuel Debt Reg 26 _____

Furniture Reg 9 & 10 _____

H.P. Payments _____

Funeral Expenses _____

Removal Expenses _____

Starting Work (clothes and tools) _____

Reconnection _____

Maternity Needs _____

Items needed on health grounds Reg 30 _____

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POLITICIAN SPEEDS!

RASCH SHARP FRAZER 1

Fast living Newtownabbey politician Fraser Agnew (the man you see waving flags every four years or so) was fined £50 for speeding recently at Newtownabbey Court. The 'boul' Fraser also has a previous record - TUT, TUT, Fraser.

Perhaps Fraser was dashing off to see a needy constituent but more likely he was off to celebrate St Patrick's Day ! He was caught on March 17.

HANG LOOSE

Where do the youth of today hang about. One of them, Mark Mercer, has stronger ideas than most as he was seen hanging out of the eighth floor of the multi storey flats recently. It's an upside down world ! Just as well that his 'mates' were hanging on to his.

CAMCO

Camco of Monkstown are doing their bit for the environment. By pouring their waste into the nearby waters, they have polluted the water to such a degree that many recently stocked fish have been killed, and the evidence is floating there for all to see

ED'S CORNER

FAST ED'S CORNER.

Well, as expected, Fast Ed Campbell has been having a restful summer with two incidents worth noting. Firstly, he fell asleep at a party and his so called 'mates' cut his hair. YES, FELL ASLEEP IN MID CONVERSATION OVER THE PHONE. Not only that, but it was a long distance call from London. WAKEN UP ED !

SKINHEAD STEWARTY SEEKS HATCHET HEAD FRED Billy Stewart is on the lookout for an unqualified barbour who goes by the name of hatchet head Fred, after waking up after a few pints the night before to find some of his hair missing. These barbours are causing untold misery to Rathcoole's hairstyles and must be stopped, or have their activity trimmed at least.

MORAL - Don't fall asleep at parties !

TRUE STORY (overheard at the broo').

Young Boy. "Daddy, will I be able to work here when I'm grown up"

Father. "Everyone comes here when they're grown up, son"

BIG HOCKY GETS OFF

While Fast Ed heads for the Bahd News

'Game for a laugh' trophy, Big Hockey

wrote himself into Rathcoole folklore at a trial in London - covered by none other than the Daily Mirror. Luckily, he was acquitted of charges relating to shooting

Richard Burton's sister with an air gun !



Rev. Juan King. The People's politician ! "Beware of the scribes which desire to walk in long robes" or women's hats (Luke 21 v 46)



Shipyard Graffiti.
If you're born in Ireland you must be Irish.
If you're born in a bed you must be a blanket.

Housing Survey planned ... Urgent Repairs?

RATHCOOLE ADVICE CENTRE workers are to carry out a Social and Housing survey covering around 800 houses in three different areas of Rathcoole.

The survey will take place in late September and October, with results to be printed in November.

The aim is to find out the level of satisfaction with living in the estate, what problems people face, what problems people have with the N.I.H.S. and what improvements should be made. There is also a section on Community facilities (especially play facilities). So we would ask tenants to co-operate with the

survey as without gaining a picture of the problems ourselves, the Housing Executive will be able to go on coming the people forever.



WHAT! NO REPAIRS.

MOSCOW

Last month two people from the Self Help Group went to Moscow to attend the 12th Youth Fair. They came back with an enhanced view of the Soviet Union (there are ordinary decent people there too, despite the propaganda we get) and neither was significantly brainwashed. The following short articles are from them.

12TH YOUTH AND STUDENTS WORLD FESTIVAL MOSCOW

The first 'World Festival' was held in Prague in 1947 with the object of bringing the world's youth together after the 2nd world war. This year's festival came together under the banner of 'Anti Imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship'

Young people from 147 different countries came together in an opening ceremony to rival any Olympic Games opening with bands, dancers and representatives of each country walking in a packed (80,000) stadium. A carnival atmosphere prevailed.

In the festival itself discussions, lectures and films/videos were held on various subjects all week. From Sport to Politics it was all there. Each country had a Centre to put on exhibitions and gala nights, and for use as a place to meet and entertain people from other countries. We also, of course got out to see all the sights of Moscow and it is a city which will always stick in my mind.

The festival to conclude, was a success (with minor hitches) but was useful for building new friendships and ties as well as cementing old ones.

The two 'Self Helpers' were inundated with the usual questions when they returned from Moscow. For a look at the best selection of Soviet Union question and answers READ ON.

Q. So you got home then, they didn't keep you?

A. Unfortunately they wouldn't have us. When we offered to disclose the secrets of Fumkin Borough Council they weren't interested - their spies have already infiltrated Ballyclare Town Hall.

Q. Well, was it really drab and dreary looking?

A. In comparison to the Old Irish Highway I suppose it might be classed as dreary, but not in comparison with Derryhill. N.B. The Housing Executive have organised a transfer scheme between Derryhill and Moscow (N.I.H.E. workers and their mates get preference).

Q. Did you see the Salt Mines? I hear lots of people are sent there for misbehaving?

A. Apparently the Salt Mines are reserved for people kissing in the street!

Q. Well, if you didn't see the Salt Mines, you must have seen all the unhappy people. Apparently everyone hates living there?

A. I didn't see all 250 million of them but apart from the balls and chains on their legs, they looked O.K. even smiling occasionally. Not a bit like here though, where everyone is so friendly, chatting, smiling and laughing all the time.

Q. Incidentally, do all the women look the same Big Shot-Putters, like?

A. No well I didn't see the Shot-Putters but we did see women brick-layers and plasterers, who could show the Housing Executive contractors a thing or two.

Q. Well, if they don't all look the same they must think the same?

A. No! The Communist Party in U.S.S.R. have the same problems as the Communist Party in Ireland - difficulty in recruiting members (especially on bank holidays, see Odds n' Sods).

Q. Fashion's not the best, is it? A bit Hippy?

A. I know. You can't buy Vogue or Cosmopolitan. It's impossible to buy Miami Vice, designer trousers. But the worst thing is you can't spend a weeks wages (if you get a wage) on a pair of tights?

Q. If you mention God or Religion are you tortured or sent to Siberia?

A. The greatest torture for Church goers in Moscow is either 5 mins at a free Presbyterian Church with a sermon given by Ian Paisley (D.D.) or thirty years penal servitude in Siberia polishing railway sleepers!

Q. Lastly, is it true that everyone has to queue for everything?

A. The queues are really only Russian kids being taught how to deal with bank strikes, or shopping at Marks and Spencers when they are holidaying in the West. What they are not queuing for is the doc. EVERYONE IN RUSSIA HAS A JOB.



RUSSIAN CAR-TOON OF A WESTERNER ON THE DOLE

FED UP WITH.... HOUSEWORK AND BABYSITTING? COME TO THE SELF-HELP. 22A THE DIAMOND, FRIDAYS 9.30-12.30. BABYSITTER AVAILABLE.



EDITORIAL

Editorial September! The silly season over for another year. This year's silly-season never reached its early violent potential. Early on it seemed that the 'Backlash' was well and truly on its way as a result of Anglo-Irish talks and F.U.C. Brouthing. But all we ended up with was a lot of hot air and a new set of loyalist initials - U.U.L.F. was it? What are the U.U.L.F. going to do? Defend the right of Kick the Pope bands to kick the Pope in Papish areas in celebration of the 1690 victory, which even the Pope himself celebrated with a singing of the Te Deum.

People say Ulster people pay too much attention to History. NUBBISH! We pay our history too scant attention. If we look back far enough (have you been reading 'A Question of Identity'?) we will find that Protestant and Catholic have a shared identity long before 'religion' scourged our country - which can be the basis on which to build our future.

Our future can only be decided by us the Protestant and Catholic people of the North of this island, not England, not the Republic, not the politicians, not the professionals, not the preachers! ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE LET US DOWN FOR TOO LONG. Our future, if we are to have one will be decided by us, YES US - the ordinary people. We can sit down and talk to anyone without fear of losing votes, losing congregations, losing clients, losing jobs or money. By talking and talking frankly we can get to grips with our problems and ease away the barriers that stand in the way of a free and equal society.

Peoples' poet sniffed out

What about the strange case of 'the people's poet' Royce Harper formerly of Rathcoole who was in a DHSS appeal tribunal for 'doing the double'. Royce, while on the dole last year, appeared weekly throughout BBC's Channel One programme. The DHSS claimed that Royce had been employed by the DHSS but he did not declare it. So Royce was summoned to the Appeal Tribunal in Belfast.

The only trouble was that Royce had since moved to Wales. No problem - the DHSS paid his fare (return) and his bed and breakfast and petty expenses. A grand total of £100!

At the tribunal Royce accounted for £100 of the £120 (i.e. Library expenses, travel, clothes for appearing on the box etc.) leaving him owing the DHSS a paltry £20.

In other words the DHSS paid £100 in expenses and probably £200 more in wages and other expenses (of the tribunal staff, clerks, presenting officers, research assistants, fraud squad, electricity etc) - a total of £300 plus to elude back £20. What logic is there in that?

As for Royce - his local office in Wales are to dock his money by a pound a week and he is going to write a poem about it all!

Why Diet?

WOMEN DIETING - THINK WHY?
Is it not natural that women, due to their biological make up, tend to have rounder bodies than men? - especially after bearing several children! Yet we are constantly dieting in a futile attempt to change our natural make up. Nearly 90% of dieting is done by women who aspire to 36-24-34. Even those who lose weight nearly always regain it, and put on more within the next few months.

Maybe we have been conditioned by beauty competitions, Page Three girls, and T.V. advertisements into thinking that our large (over size 10-12 that is) rounded bodies are neither acceptable or desirable.

Wouldn't it be better if we changed our diets so as we ate healthier foods to make us feel better rather than cutting down food intake to look better. And secondly, why not reject our stereotyped image of beauty - BIG IS BEAUTIFUL.

4 Idle Hands



Every now and again a rare talent emerges in Rathcoole. The up and coming group 'Four Idle Hands' (see photo) are such a talent. Youthful, enthusiastic and energetic, their set is made up of largely their own songs, which seems rare when many local bands are churning out cover after cover. The music is lively (definitely dance) but more importantly the songs reflect a deep social awareness of the society around us. An empathetic, humane response to the waste and despair of the world.

The band though recently formed as Four Idle Hands, have previously been together

and recently played a benefit for Ethiopians in Strangford and a gig at The Venue in Londonderry. They will be playing at Queens University (Snack Bar) on 17th October and look forward to plenty of gigs in the near future. WATCH THIS SPACE. For bookings ring W'Abbey 69713, 60322.

Rumkin Council How to con Youth

1. Who can make up better fairy stories than Han Christian Anderson?
2. The Director of Technical Services at Newtownabbey Borough Council - Norman Dunn.

How could this be so you may ask?

Well we can now exclusively reveal that Mr. Dunn has a bigger nose than Pinocchio because of his fables, he has over the last 18 months been telling the young people of Rathcoole lots of wonderful and misleading stories. It all started when Norman was given the job at the Council by one of the boys at the golf club. The job that he was assigned to was the covering up of all the wheelings and dealings that the lads in the Council Chambers were getting into. Norman was dubious about this at the start but when a new extension appeared at the back of his house and there were three of four Council workers tending to his garden he soon forgot everything that his Sunday school teacher had been telling him. In no time at all Norman was well adjusted and his finger was in every pie that was going, so much so, he was even having to do overtime to make up for his arms and legs getting stuck in these pies. Norman grew to love his job, and went with cleaning his teeth three times a day and saying his prayers at night he could justify his very existence UNTIL.....

The young people in Rathcoole got bored with having no jobs and nothing to do all day, so they decided that they should start doing various activities that they enjoyed to fill up their time before they too had the same fate as a lot of other young people of the estate had - marching about in a Young Offenders Centre, seeing as this was one of the many things the Councillors were responsible for in the community, Norman was employed to cover up the young peoples boredom and frustrations with nice wee stories - like how he would help them out if they didn't create any hassles for him. Oh how the young people believed Norman was such a helpful man, after all this is what Norman was paid to make people think.

Norman and Lesley (The N'Abbey Cowboy) even went as far as to meet the unemployed teenagers to set their minds at rest. This was their plan Norman, Lesley and the young people would investigate all the available buildings the Council owned, to see what possibilities for accommodation there was. BINGO!!! The kids in Rathcoole found one right on the fringe of Rathcoole, a nice little two storey cottage called Maedon.... Oh, how the young unemployed teenagers were delighted, they even planned to do all the work to the building themselves to save Norman and Les some money. Norman and Les didn't like the idea at all, it would mean they would have to start balancing the accounts and put all the pies back the way they were before they had strayed off the path. "But what about those happy young people who have at last found some faith and meaning to their lives" said Les. "I know" said Norman in a nervous frenzy We'll pay the buck". And that's what they did!!

From Govt. Dept. to Govt. Dept. they concealed their hideous lies, their promises faded and in a last ditch attempt at covering up their plot they claimed the Dept. of Education was responsible for young peoples welfare. But this was the worse move they could have made 'cos while

the Govt. is doing for the young people this year, "Seeing as it is the International Youth Year".

So the smart young person wrote to his asking why hisn't money come from the Dept. of Education for the young unemployed of Rathcoole. And he replied saying "It is the responsibility of your local Council to submit all proposals on your behalf, and as far as our investigations go in the Dept. of Education, your local Council Director does not appear to have done so".

Did this mean Norman was lying? How could he sleep at night knowing he had shattered a hundred odd young peoples dreams? Norman was lying as he frequently had been doing. The building at Maedon is to be demolished and turned into a landscape garden for people to enjoy. How could people enjoy an elephants graveyard where Norman disposed of fifteen tonnes of gravel in April to balance the books. Here ends the sad tale. Norman's nose is now as big from telling lies he is able to hide hundreds of trees



that he ordered for around Rathcoole up it and sooner or later it is going to trip him up and none of the boys at the golf club will want to know him then because they are meant to be decent, honest, law-abiding politicians.

Adapted from the 'True Facts' by Alex the Meat Grinder.

ROBBERY IN THE BANK.
WOULD THE PERSON WHO STOLE A CHILD'S 'CARE BEAR' SCHOOL BAG FROM THE BANK AT THE DIAMOND ON MON. 2ND, PLEASE PUT IT BACK. ITS LIGHT BLUE!!

5-CONTAINED SLIPPERS. THANK YOU....

A Question Of Identity(3).

In my last article I explained that the vast bulk of the population of Ulster prior to the arrival of the Celts were the people we call the Cruithin. The Celts, when they did arrive, were only a small minority, but were able to become warrior overlords over the people, thanks largely to their superior weapons and skills. So although the people here adopted a Celtic language, it doesn't mean we are a Celtic race, any more than our present habit of speaking English means we are an English race.

As Ewyn Evans wrote: "Supposing that such a thing as a pure Celtic race ever existed, and that, however improbably, it achieved a mass invasion of Ireland, if it still exists as a distinct race it would have had to exterminate a native population which had been established for over 5000 years, and which would have found a thousand refuges in mountain, forest, and bog".

The last group of Celtic invaders were the Gaels, but to listen to Gaelic nationalists today you might assume they had been in Ulster from time immemorial. The facts however tell a very different story, a story that shows their establishment in Ulster was made at the point of a sword.

We will probably never be certain when the Gaels arrived in Ireland, but many historians assume it was in the first century A.D. (and remember that man had been here from 7000 B.C.). They consolidated their power in the centre of Ireland, and over the next few centuries there was constant friction between them and the Ulstermen.

Then an earnest attempt to subdue the province began, with the Gaelic forces defeating the Ulster forces in what is now Co. Donegal, and driving them eastwards. Then in 450 A.D. Ulster's ancient capital, the citadel at Emain Macha (which still remains as a huge earthwork just outside Armagh), was either destroyed by the Gaels or by the retreating Ulstermen.

the Ulstermen at the Battle of Moneymore. In 637 the greatest Cruithin king of all, Congal Cláen, fought the Gaelic armies in what was probably the greatest battle ever fought in Ireland. The Battle of Moira is supposed to have lasted a week, but Congal was slain, and Ulster's hope of retaining her independence from Gaelic Ireland was destroyed.

Yet although the power of the Ulster chiefs was now irrevocably on the wane, resistance continued. In 827 Gaels and Ulstermen again clashed, this time at the Battle of Beth Can (near Armagh). In 1004 a great battle was fought at Cráeb Tulcha (north-east of Lough Neagh), and many Ulster chiefs were slaughtered. The outcome would have been even more disastrous except for the fact that the Gaelic king was also killed in the battle.

Ironically before the Gaels were able to take over the whole of the province, the English arrived! The Anglo-Normans invaded Ulster in 1177. At first the Gaels and the Ulstermen united to face this common threat, but the Gaels soon reverted to their periodic raids into the remnants of the old Ulster territory (now confined to Antrim and Down), and the Ulstermen appealed to the Anglo-Normans for assistance. The Gaels eventually defeated these first English invaders, and having done so, decided to claim the whole of Ulster for the first time.

However, those ancient books, 'The Annals of Ulster', written by the learned men, are only prepared to style a Gaelic chief as King of Ulster in 1364.

The reason we know so little of all this is partly because of the fabrications of the Gaelic historians, but also because the English historians couldn't care less about the original inhabitants of Ulster either - after all, for them history only begins with the arrival of the English.

In my next article I will look at an ancient tale that may describe one of these early battles, and which has the added importance of

Youth Club open

YOUTH CLUB - Rathcoole Youth Club has reopened after a short summer break and a successful 'Summer Club'. The regular nights are Wednesday and Sunday - Senior Club, Tuesday and Friday - Junior Club, Monday and Thursday - Open nights (all ages). Activities available will include Table Tennis, Pool, Snooker, Five A Side, Volleyball, Hockey, Darts, Cookery, Art, Break-dancing and much more. For details ring Bobby or Pam at 551172.

RATHCOOLE YOUTH CENTRE

In July a group of young people from Stranraer in Scotland spent five days in Rathcoole as guests of Rathcoole Youth Centre. The thirteen boys and two adults were housed by local families during the visit and the club would like to thank the following for their hospitality:

Mrs. Mary Lorrimer, Mrs. Tracy Lorrimer, Mrs. Linda Bond and Mark Flanagan. The boys (all keen footballers) played two matches, one in Ballymena and one in Rathcoole. Places visited were Portloman, Portstewart, Ballymena, Bangor and Crawfordsburn. An afternoon at the Valley Leisure Centre and a night at the Shankill Leisure Centre were arranged by kind permission of Management at the centres.

Another highlight of the boys visit was a trip to Windsor Park where they were shown around the trophy room, changing rooms and allowed out onto the pitch and dug out. Photographs were taken of the boys with all the silverware and they were allowed to wear George Best's football jersey. The Rathcoole Youth Centre would like to thank the staff of Windsor Park for their hospitality.

The boys all had a great time during their visit and took back many fond memories of the kindness from the people of the Rathcoole Community.

DUNN 'SKIPS' PAYMENT

MOST ordinary people, when they do some renovation or large scale

themselves to deposit the rubbish in. NOT Norman Dunn, Runkin Council's Director of Leisure and Technical Services who gets one delivered and collected free, courtesy of Runkin, the people's Council.

Michelin men?

NEWTOWNABBEY TOWN - never heard of this new football team? Well, they kicked off their existence with a wining and dining at Ball-yelare town hall, and the promise of a free Council pitch all year. The amount of free wine consumed might make the players look like Michelin men, but any resemblance is pure coincidence.

BINS

BINS AGAIN. With the Council having to carry out their responsibility and collect the bins of the handicapped and the elderly, instead of employing more men (like the men laid off) the Council have thrust the workload onto the ordinary binnmen - who get no more pay for their efforts. Many bin crews are down to two and it is the binnmen, not the Council who are bearing the brunt of complaints. We would ask readers to direct their complaints to where they belong - NEWTOWNABBEY COUNCIL.

LITTLE VERSES FROM THE BIBLE. HE THAT IS WOUNDED IN THE STONE, OR HAVE HIS PRIVY MEMBER CUT OFF SHALL NOT ENTER INTO

Sexual Harassment

What is it? - Sexual Harassment is the repeated and unwanted sexual comments, looks, suggestions or physical contact that you find objectionable or offensive.

In Work - men in positions of authority can threaten the job security and career prospects of many women. Sexual demands in return for promotion or better jobs is common. Refusal can lead to discrimination or even the sack.

Effects - can be fear, frustration, tension, headaches, nausea.

Women - often do not complain because they fear publicity (of a court case for instance), they are often accused of 'leading men on' (particularly common assumption of judges this one), and they will often be shunned by their own peers, male and female.

Men - often see their behaviour (such as touching, pinching bums, sexual innuendo) as 'harmless' complaining that women 'do not have a sense of humour' or are 'making a fuss about nothing'.

The column 'A Question of Identity' would welcome any comments. Write in or phone

IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE A RAPE, DON'T RESIST....

IF YOU DIDN'T RESIST, YOU MUST HAVE WANTED IT...



Sexual Harassment, from harmless touching

TENANTS ASSOCIATION - MEETINGS AT A-ROSEN HALL ON THE 1ST EACH MONTH - 7-30pm.

ual desirability (by men) and such harassment in ANY form is to be regarded as an aggressive and unwarranted exercise of power. This may be the way things ARE but it is not the way things SHOULD BE. Equality means sexual as well as racial/religious/economic equality. Read this article, think about it and ACT ACCORDINGLY.

Womens Centre

BELFAST WOMENS CENTRE

The Belfast Womens Centre, 18 Donegall Street needs volunteers to work in the areas of General Advice and Welfare. Rights. The work will require a weekly commitment to agreed hours. Training will be given, travel expenses, lunch expenses etc available. If interested come in to 18 Donegall Street (opposite Newsletter) or Ring 243363.

Women's Rights? Since when?



advertize in 'BAHD NEWS' A COPY TO EVERY DOOR IN RATHCOOLE - CHEAP RATES.

ODDS N' SODS



Mad Dog & Ben

Apologies to Ben Sherman and 'Mad Dog' Mc Clatkey who have been complaining that they have not yet merited a mention in *Band News*. Actually it is not because they have not done anything newsworthy, but because their activities have been so outrageous that *MIS* had to censor them. Keep cool, Mad Dog and Ben!

After a while at the refuge some women return to the man they have left to try again, though of course not all do this. The refuge may have given them the opportunity to sever the relationship with their partner, and the independence to set up home by themselves.

MIS

This is just a note to *Band News* readers to let you know that all of our journalists, all of their articles, and all of the articles handed in by the public at large are VETINED by MIS. That nothing has ever been censored or even amended in *Band News* (the paper which continues to tell the truth) is testimony to the accuracy and fairness of our writers and also to the decency of those boys and girls in MIS. Long may our co-operation continue.

Salemen on the take

People of Rathcoole beware of a bogus Rathfern salesman who is trying to palm off cheap black felt tip pens. When you get the pens and try them out the first thing you will notice is that they are purple. One would be artist bought dozens of them and is now well and truly 'browned' off. Watch this space!

DRAUGHTPROOFING

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THANKS

The Merville band would like to thank all those traders who helped to sponsor the band.

KAI VICTORIOUS

The band competition held by the Merville Band in Rathcoole on August 24th, to raise funds for new uniforms, turned out to be a great success. Twenty two bands competed with the following winning:

Accordian - Blue Star, York Road
Melody Flute - Hillview
Overall - KAI Band, Rathcoole (George Blair Memorial)

LOW FLYING EGGS.

The band parade in Rathcoole produced not only a decisive KAI victory, but also some low flying hens, one of which must have dropped eggs. This is the only explanation we could have, as one of the eggs landed, splat, on James Gracey's head!

Banks & CPI ?

Guess who was shut last bank holiday Monday. None other than the Communist Party of Ireland. Are the Banks discussing the C.P.I.'s opening hours?

There will be no Fast Ed's corner this month. It's about time he got peace to have a month's nap.

R.U.C. Powers

It seems that the R.U.C., not satisfied with their already extensive powers, have decided to become the judges of Single Payment claims from the DSS. One couple with three children had a lot of clothes stolen off the line. To get them replaced by the DSS one must first report this to the Police, who in turn confer with the RUC. In this case, the law enforcement officer called to the claimants house, complained that the police were too busy to deal with trifling matters like this and then said "You look as if you've enough clothes to do you". What would these overpaid, power crazed people know about coping long term on Supplementary Benefit? Give a man a uniform.....

Best kept village ?

Ballyeaston, Northern Ireland's 'Best Kept Village' has lost it again. This year, with "no special effort" no less than 5,000 parties, hundreds of rose bushes in full bloom, and a full squad of men for two weeks armed with brushes, bins spades etc were donated to those tidy Ballyeaston villagers by the benevolent hillbillies of Newtownabbey Council. I wonder what Rathcoole would look like with a load of Council from plants in it. We might win the best kept estate!



Thankfully, Women's Aid is always there, being used by women for information, Friendship and Support. If you feel they may be of help to you, if only for a chat, contact Belfast 249041 or call at 143a University Street. Alternatively come to Rathcoole Self Help Group on Friday 10-12, or the Advice Centre any morning 9.30 - 12.30.



RUC POWERS - See Odds n' Sods

Womens Refuge

BATTERED WOMEN - WHO CARES?

The facilities open to women in Northern Ireland who have been subject to ill treatment by their partners are somewhat limited, despite the huge and widespread nature of the problem. However one organisation - Women's Aid does exist to cater for the needs of these women. Women's Aid has two functions. Firstly to give information on legal, financial and housing rights, and secondly to run several refuges in N.Ireland. This month's article is about the latter. The refuges are large comfortable houses where women who have been mentally or physically abused can live together with their children. The purpose of the refuge is to provide battered women with SECURE temporary accommodation while they think about their future. Usually it is a happy if hectic place with many women coming and going and the children playing around the house. But the women in the refuge have the opportunity to plan for the future. In each refuge there are full time workers who, along with the others in the house try and cater for the needs of each woman in the house. Practical advice is available on issues such as Divorce, separation, housing, schooling, while on an emotional level there is always someone to talk to - or scream at!

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ACE JOBS

Real Work ?
Or Job Substitution ?

Old Folks Terrorized

THE ACE SCHEME - REAL JOBS OR JOB SUBSTITUTION ????

With the implementation of two large ACE schemes in Rathcoole and a handful of other smaller projects in the estate, Bahd News analyses the problems with the ACE Scheme in general, and some of its particular abuses.

PROBLEMS WITH ACE.

1. ACE stands for Action for Community Employment and insists that the ACE project is "of benefit to the Community". There is evidence that people are abusing the "benefit to the community" clause. EG The following rich mens clubs have employed ACE workers - Antrim Boat Club, Fortwilliam Golf Club, Whitehead Golf Club, Balmoral Golf Club, Downpatrick Race Course- are these projects really 'of benefit to the community' or is the ACE scheme being used here as a form of cheap labour for coups who can well afford without government help?

2. One year time limit - each ACE job is usually restricted to one years work. This is a POLITICAL move to reduce the figures of 'long term unemployed' as to get an ACE job you must be unemployed for a year (or 12 months from the last 15).

3. Wages. - the wages are low, usually a take home pay of around £70. At this sort of rate only single people can really benefit from the jobs.

4. The Ace scheme has undermined other schemes e.g. Enterprise Ulster has lost numerous jobs as a result of the ACE scheme - thought to be over 500.

5. Job substitution - there is evidence that Statutory Boards e.g. Councils, Health Boards, Education Boards etc., are employing ACE workers to do work normally done by full time permanent staff. Our own Newtownabbey Council employ several squads of ACE workers at different sites, when they could easily employ full-time staff (if they stopped thinking of hair brained schemes to waste our money on-like £100,000 Water Chutes). In other council areas ACE workers have been moved from their proposed jobs of cleaning a river bank to routine council work like lifting bins (of course our own Runkin Council don't even lift bins now, ACE workers or not)

6. The DED does not fully consult with trade Unions who may object to the ACE scheme undermining their

workers jobs e.g. it is easier to pay an ACE worker £70 to do some painting than pay a time served painter and decorator a proper wage. Rarely are the shop stewards consulted on ACE schemes, though this is often more the Union bosses and full time officials fault. Often the well paid full time members jobs/wages undermined as long as she/he is safe in his/her position.

7. Projects are under constant review. This means that some projects cannot plan into the future.

What improvements can be made?

- Better Wages
- Strict application of the "Community Benefit" clause
- Full consultation with the grass roots of the Trade Union Movement to stop undermining wages and jobs.
- ACE projects should, if 5 year periods.

Dalkon Shields

The Dalkon Shield is an intra Uterine Device contraceptive which was fitted to some 90,000 British women. Many health problems have been associated with the use of this contraceptive, such as pelvic infections, spontaneous abortions and sterility.

Due to the confessions of a 'born again' christian, information of the company which produces the Dalkon Shield and their malpractice has been released, giving those investigating the company lots of evidence.

British women who used the device have until 30th April to put forward claims for compensation. Even women who had no problems to date can, under an American court ruling, put forward a specific claim which will enable them to make claims in the future if anything harmful related to their use of the Dalkon Shield does occur.

Women can contact Rathcoole Womens Group at 22a The Diamond, Phone 60322, for information or write to Dalkon Shield, PO Box 444, Richmond, Virginia, 232902 USA. Send your full name and address and a questionnaire will be sent to you.

This should be filled in by 30th July 1986. You can also contact the Dalkon Shield Association for their advice on claims.



PENSIONERS LIVING IN FEAR.

Over the past few months in certain parts of the estate, there are pensioners who are having to sleep on their couches! When we asked why this was we were told the reasons.

- Bedroom windows being broken
 - Fencing around the gardens being broken.
 - Clothes lines being ripped down and clothes thrown all over the place.
- one senior citizen confronted four young lads and one girl outside his bungalow.

The young people were 'high on drugs' according to the pensioner, and they ripped part of his fence down while he stood there - telling him to f--k off into the bargain.

Is this the way our old people should be treated? These same young people would not like it if their own parents or grandparents were treated this way. We would say to these people - "Leave the old people alone, let them get on with their lives without having a their fence ripped down, their windows broken or their clothes line pulled down".

The thugs concerned even go to the extent of taking the addresses of old people who try to stand up to them, so that they can plague the old folk on a regular basis. Remember that you too will some day be old and will want some peace and quiet. Think hard before you torture the old folk again. All they want is to live their lives in peace. Is that asking to much?.

OUR HISTORY.

Are you interested in the wealth of political propoganda generated since the start of 'The Troubles'. If so there is an amazing exhibition of political memorabilia on show at The Art and Research Exchange in Lombard Street (just behind Bridge Street taxi stand). The exhibition is a small part of the 'political ephemera' collection of the Linenhall Library and contains material from Loyalists, Republicans, Unionists, Nationalists, Socialists, Anarchists and Fascists dating back to 1968. This includes the Newtownabbey publication The Ulster Sentinel and your very own Bahd News.

Many of the stark images such as skulls, wire, bloodied faces, human remains, guns, hearts etc are actually shared by all shades of the political debate to put across their different points of view.

The exhibition runs until March 29th and is an excellent record of the history WE have lived through and helped to shape. GO AND SEE IT - 22 LOMBARD ST.

2 EDITORIAL

11 PLUS RESULTS A POSITIVE OPTION

Once again the envelopes containing our childrens 11+ results have been delivered through our letter boxes. Some have been opened and read by hopeful eyes, some with tearful disappointment, but many with just resigned apathy. N.Ireland is the only place where children are tested at such a tender age by an exam that can dictate not only their future educational choice, but the very course of their lives

To rub salt into the wound, not only are our children segregated from each other by this ludicrous exam, but we have the added divisions of Protestant schools and Catholic schools, and boys' schools and girls schools.

Do you really think that this is good enough for our children? Do they not deserve something some thing better, something that will treat them with more respect?

Well there does now exist a new alternative - HAZELWOOD COLLEGE. Lets see just what it offers our children.

1) It is integrated - it welcomes children from all religions and those with none. It maintains a balance between the numbers of Protestants and Catholics and is concerned to en-developing within each child a pride in their own background culture and religion.

2) It is ALL ABILITY - it welcomes all grades - A's, M's and C's as well as those who have opted out of the selection procedure.

3) It is CHILD CENTRED - it promotes an education geared towards the needs of the child. Classes are kept small to allow for more individual attention.

4) It develops RESPONSIBILITY - the children are encouraged to share in the development of the school in co-operation with teachers and parents. They run their own Pupils Council, Common Room and Tuck shop.

5) It is CO EDUCATIONAL - boys and girls are educated together. This will encourage a respect and understanding of boys and girls for each other and stress the importance of equal opportunity.

6) It is COMMITTED - all the teachers have given up good full time jobs in other schools due to their desire to promote the ideals of the College.

7) It reaches out to PARENTS. It wishes parents to feel they are important too. Parents are always welcome in the school, and can participate in the Parents Council and Board of Governors etc.

CHOP-CHOP-BUSY-BUSY-WORK-
WORK-NO CHANCE !!

So take a good think about it. Our present situation, with all its unemployment, political instability and sectarianism, offers a very dismal future for our children. Maybe its time to give our children a new chance, not only for their sakes but for ALL our sakes.

Situated in York Lane (behind the main Co-Op) Hazelwood College is just an easy bus ride into the City Centre. For more information give the principal, Tom Rowley a ring at Belfast 221630.

JUSTICE FOR LIFERS

IN Bahd News (August 85) we informed you of a new pressure group - Justice for Lifers - set up particularly to change the review system for life prisoners.

The group has now set up groups in East Belfast, Shankill, and South Belfast and is currently raising money in order to go to London to lobby MP's and get in touch with civil liberties groups.

The group is also a useful support network for relatives of those imprisoned for long term offences - but its main objective is the establishment of a just and clear review system where prisoners and their families are kept fully in the picture, where prisoners can submit outside references to the review, where the reviews are really 'annual', where the prisoner - if refused a date for release - at least gets a date for a new review, and where the reviews are done by well qualified staff who are well acquainted with the prisoners.

These are simple and reasonable demands, and any truly "democratic" government should

Anyone who can offer any support, financial or otherwise, should ring Belfast 223266.



Safety First ?

The members of the Tenants Association and the Self Help Group would like to offer our sincere sympathies to the relatives and friends of Mr Antony Doherty of Barna Square whose tragic death by fire shocked every one.

As a result of this horrific incident a lot of questions must be answered by the Housing Executive. Could Mr Doherty have been saved? Was the electric wiring in line with safety regulations? Are there adequate fire precautions such as exits or extinguishers?

A NIHE spokesperson pointed out in a local newspaper that there are no statutes or regulations which require the installation of fire escapes or extinguishers. Is it necessary to have legislation to preserve life? There is no legislation requiring a parent to have a fireguard in front of the fire to protect a

child - but they do it all the same.

Should safety first not be a priority with the NIHE regardless of legislation, statutes or any other bureaucratic nonsense? Surely immediate action by the Housing Executive could prevent repetition of such a tragic accident.

Water Chute - Shoot The Idiot!

"Do you want to shoot down the chute?" A new promotion poster for the Valley Leisure Centres £100,000 Water Chute exhorts people to 'shoot down the shoot'. The only shooting that should be done, I think, is to shoot the idiot that dreamed up this hair brained scheme. Imagine spending £100,000 on a dopey Water Slide when there is unemployment and poor housing all round'. Should the money not be spent on something useful?

The promotion poster shows hundreds of people queuing up the steps of the chute - an unlikely figment of the artists imagination. Even if there is a queue for the slide reaching from the Valley to the 'buroo' it will still make little inroads into the £900,000 lost each year at the Valley!

The new development will also include (and you'll not believe this) a water slide in the leasers pool in the shape of a frog. No, I'm serious - A FROG ... F R O G . FROG.

The Valleys manager Mr. Victor Catling explained that the youngsters can climb into the frog and slide down its mouth. Well, the kids may be coming

that there is something a lot more distasteful coming out of Victors mouth - and its nearly as hard to swallow as £100,000!!



*JOB SUBSTITUTION.

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**EAT YOUR HEART OUT CHELSEA
GIRL!**

Bahd News wishes to record its deepest regret that Mr 'fair play' Wilson's shop was a target of recent violence. Poor man! god love him.

A Question Of Identity

Apologies for the fact that this column will not appear in this issue, but you can rest assured it will resume in your next 'Behind News'. Maybe a pause for reflection is due anyway, for with all the events of recent weeks, the citizens of Ulster should be giving serious consideration as to what our future will contain. A positive future will not come about without real effort on all our parts, and there will be no future if we don't make a conscious effort to build on all those things the Protestant and Catholic Ulsterpeople have in common. (I.H.)

MALE SEXUALITY Sexuality - Media Images

Next month our Male Sexuality article will be back with a look at Pornography. This month we are going to look at Sex Roles in the Media and how the media play an active role in perpetuating sexual stereotypes and thus INEQUALITY. To do this we are going to look at three cartoons - all taken from the Sun - all taken on the same day - 14 2 86. These are random everyday examples of what we see as a dangerous practice. If in doubt, buy a tabloid paper and see it for yourself.



CARTOON 1 - GEORGE AND LYNNE.

Set in leafy suburbia this well known, long running cartoon strip encourages a very dangerous myth here -

NO! NO, GEORGE! NO!

I'VE ALWAYS HAD TO ENDUCE THE ONE MARITAL PROBLEM WITH YOU, GEORGE!

SORRY! CAN'T HELP THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU!

HEY! I DON'T MEAN THAT!

BUT WHY DO YOU ALWAYS TAKE ME FOR AN ASSHOLE?

Set in leafy suburbia this well known, long running cartoon strip encourages a very dangerous myth here -

George doesn't know the rules (NO means Yes, George) He is annoyed that he didn't 'get' his conjugal 'rights' (?) (frame 2). Lynne then has to inform George of the REAL rules.

What then is going to happen the next time Lynne REALLY doesn't want sex. George will accuse her of "Crying Wolf" and, having learnt that No means Yes, George will go ahead and insist on having sex if he will FORCE sex on her ie R.A.A.P...E.. RAPE. Got it?

If a woman means Yes when she says NO does "Ulster Says No" really mean "Ulster Says Yes"?

Note also that the man must initiate the sexual encounter. He does the asking. He is Active. The woman meanwhile is cast in the passive role. She can't initiate the sexual encounter. She can't do the asking. If she did she'd be called a 'slut' or a 'whore', another victim of the double standards of our society.

Note also that, (frame 3) not only does No mean Yes but 'once women get 'it', they can't get enough of 'it'. This is another sexual myth which encourages violence in male sexuality. Lynne's animal like pose shows that REALLY she is DYING for LOTS of IT. Note the encouragement of slimmness, overlarge, uplifted breasts and (would you believe it) BLOND HAIR!



CARTOON 2 - ROCK STEADY EDDIE.

The message here is clear. Once again it is men who do the asking / impressing and it is women who are there as objects just waiting to be impressed! Men are active - women are passive! Dangerous and not true!!!

Then - what are women impressed by? Why Muscles of course - not by brains, books or people like little Eddie with glasses on.

The cartoon implies that all women are the same - and 'impressed' by the same thing (the book is called 'How to impress girls' and gives the reader a standard guide no doubt on 'what women like').

CONTINUED ABOVE.

Note the appearance of the woman - miniskirt, stupid and, you've guessed it, BLOND!

The cartoon encourages the male reader to look on the successful man as BIG (frame 1), AGGRESSIVE (frame 2), and STRONG (frame 3).

Poor Steady Eddie accepts he's not much of a REAL man, being embarrassed at having to rely on 'books' to 'pull' women (frame 1) and looking dejected that he hasn't got the pre-requisites of REAL manhood in the last frame.

You may think this cartoon is harmless, but only because you have never thought out its implications. Think about it. Dangerous isn't it?



CARTOON 3 - STRIKER.

In Striker the reader is encouraged to think that "Sexual Harassment is OK" Although the girl is very annoyed at having her bum pinched, once it is explained to her that the 'dirty old git' is actually McCabe the Chairman who was ONLY 'mixing business with pleasure' and 'got a little behind with his work', she seems quite happy (frame 3).

The smiles of the last frame show the reader that she accepts that 'it was only a bit of fun really'.

So the cartoon says it is OK for the boss to pinch whoever's bum he wishes. SEXUAL HARASSMENT RULES OK!!!

Not only is sexual harassment OK, but she gets told off by what is presumably her boyfriend, for being cheeky for complaining! Thus the girl now has no choice in the matter. "He can feel your bum if he wishes - HE'S MY BOSS". Even the word 'cheeky' is patronising.

The boyfriend wants to keep his work position - we are encouraged to think that this is more important than the girl being abused at will.

Note too that they a young attractive couple - this is no accident either! Trendy couples know the score - if they think sexual harassment is OK then it must be! A pair to carry brutish sexual inequality on into another generation!

She is also looked at primarily as a sex object of her as and when he pleases.

Note she is slim with a very very rounded bum. THESE THINGS ARE NOT ACCIDENTS. They have an aim. In this case it is a dangerous right wing cartoon strip written in the interests of BOSSES - MALE ONES THAT IS

Overall then these three cartoon strips are only a small example of the masses of dangerous sexist propaganda that we consume daily - in papers, TV, radio, in advertising, in schoolbooks, in videos in attitudes in virtually every sphere of life!!!

The sexual stereotyping of our sex roles is oppressive to WOMEN AND MEN. These cartoons are NOT just a bit of fun - they actively help develop attitudes which produce the rapists, child abusers and women hatters in our society.

NOTHING IS POLITICALLY NEUTRAL - not even Striker, George and Lynne or Steady Eddie -- perhaps especially seemingly innocuous cartoon strips like these. LEARN THAT LESSON.

Sellafield/ Windscale

Recently the major Unionist parties of Ulster united in opposition to the Anglo Irish Agreement. Rightly or wrongly they felt that the Agreement was a threat to Ulster's political standing. A greater threat to Ulster however, and indeed the whole of Ireland, lies but a short distance across our shores, namely SELLAFIELD NUCLEAR PLANT.

It was announced in the media that on 5th February an accident at the plant resulted in a radiation leak which was claimed to be confined to the building. Other sources claimed that the leak lasted for a period of 2 hours.

At the opening of the plant it was claimed by the British Government that it was "accident proof". Well one can imagine if a serious accident at this plant (which is so close to our shores) actually happened, the result to the province would be catastrophic.

The people of Rathcoole and of the province generally should have their MP's unite to get rid of this deadly nemesis which lies as a threat to our existence and to our environment.

NOTE - since this article was written there has been a further leak at Sellafield (or Windscale, whatever you prefer) and a leak at a nuclear plant in Wales. The European Parliament have recommended the closure of Windscale though the British Government in their pig headed obstinacy say that they know better. For the record the rate of recorded leukemia incidence is 100 times higher on the Antrim and Down coastal areas than it is in the West of Ireland.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR ANN FROM NEWRY from the SEQ.HELP.



ODDS N' SODS



Old Folks

Any older women in Rathcoole interested in talking about their own personal history eg working life in the 20s 30s or 40s. Contact the Womens Group 22a The Diamond Rathcoole. Ask for Adree or Edal.

Thanks

THANK YOU.
The Self Help Group would like to thank the University of Ulster Rag Committee and the N.I. Voluntary Trust Community Arts Fund for their recent generous donations.

MISSING VIDEO

Please could the person who borrowed the Bairds video from Ronnie's flat return it as it belongs to the Self Help Group. Also could they return the tapes as they are some months overdue!
Thank you!

What about the local CBI and Rothmans chief, who said that companies wouldn't invest in unstable places (referring to the recent Day of Action). He forgot to mention the millions that Rothmans invest in of all countries..... SOUTH AFRICA a peace lovers haven for investment!

We note that Militant supporter Mick Duff's name was snafu as N Council's Annual Report. A deliberate mistake? Who printed the document? We think its a witch hunt!

Quote of the Month "I had Taylor Five rounds up going into the fifth!"

Alan Minter (former World Middle-weight Boxing Champion.)

CHIPPY MAN SAYS "NO"

When the Diamond chip shop owner was asked to sponsor Ronnie Hales for a parachute jump in aid of Childrens Community Holidays his answer was an emphatic "NO". The parachute jump, with the Wild Geese Parachute Club is for a good cause and will benefit children in the estate. We suggest that kids take their dinners at school!

NB The employees of the shop sponsored the Childrens Holiday Scheme.

NB This is the same shop owner who refused to sign a petition in support of the Home Helps.

Football on the beach

We see that Norman Dunkin has tried to level the Diamond football pitch with piles and piles of sand. This is another pathetic gesture. Spend 100,000 on a dopey water slide for Victor Catling and dump a load of sand on the Diamond field for the footballers of Rathcoole.

There is no other answer Mr Dunk but to spend a few quid on a decent, flat, well drained, grass pitch in Rathcoole. It would be a good investment and after all it was the Council who ripped up our only other grass pitch at Derryhill.

Come on Norman its a football pitch we want, not a beach!

New Single

Professional entertainer Bobby Stinton and local songwriter Derek

Haggan have found a new partner to join their successful songwriting team. Songwriter / guitarist David McQuitty has joined the lads to write the B side of their new single, "Lets take all night to say goodnight". Just released on the Dove record label, David's B side is called "Here with me", which he says has a strong country feel to it.

"It developed from a few ideas I presented to Bobby a few months ago. We looked over them together and came up with 'Here with me'. I owe a lot to Bobby and Derek because for me this is a lifetime's ambition fulfilled and without them none of it would have been possible" said David.

David has been writing songs for 2 years now and hopes to have more success with his band.

Not So Idle

Up and coming Rathcoole band "Four Idle Hands" have been keeping busy lately. The young four piece band played a benefit for Nicaragua the other week at the Mandela Hall in Queens University along with top names from the folk music world like the Sands Family and Jane Cassidy. All the proceeds from this sellout night went to help the democratically elected Sandinista government in Nicaragua, who are presently under constant attack from the American backed right wing Contras.

Four Idle Hands also played in the RAG Ball (all proceeds to local charities) and have made several more appearances at the Glen Inn. They also played in the Art Research Exchange last month.

are a name to look out for in the future.
FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT:
FOUR IDLE HANDS - W'ABBEY60322 or 69253.

Arts

RATHCOOLE SELF HELP GROUP held a highly successful 'Live Art' exhibition in the Art and Research Exchange in Lombard Street last month. As well as an Arts exhibition there were three live bands-Four Idle Hands, The Tineknobs and the Pleasure Addicts, a Photography exhibition from the Womens Group, stalls with information leaflets, a Bahd News display, poetry from the Womens Group and pizzas from the expert chef.

It was an excellent night with everyone enjoying themselves and a very impressive display of the work of the Self Help Group. The Self Help Groups Arts Exhibition is now displaying at Belfast Centre for the Unemployed, at 45/47 Donegall St, Belfast. Why not drop in and have a look.

WHO IS RYAN PHILLIPS?

Ryan Phillips is a three months old baby with a liver problem. He urgently needs a liver transplant to live! To get the operation - which can only be done in Philadelphia USA - the Ryan Phillips Trust must raise 250,000 CAN YOU HELP? If so donate at one of the boxes in the shops at the Diamond or donate direct to the Ryan Phillips appeal fund, Account Number 30874097, Ulster Bank, Monkstown. Further details if required to PO Box 144, Belfast BT6 8W. GIVE GENEROUSLY.

Rip Off

Well our own Mr. Rip-Off has been up to his tricks again. A customer from Derrycoole Way got an estimate from Mr. Wilson's store for a room heater. The 'bargain' store gave him an estimate for £23. The DHSS duly sent our man from Derrycoole Way his giro -£23 payable to Mr. Wilson, all in proper order. The the Derrycoole Way man (name withheld) went to the Wilson store and asked if he could have a fan heater instead of a room heater, or could he have another item for his £23. The shop assistant replied that "Oh no Sir, we would have to take a 30% cut on any other item". Where would you get it, Rathcoole's Rip-Off Store.

UNIONIST CUTS CLAIMS!

Did you know that claims for industrial injuries are on average higher than in the UK? And did you know that a local Unionist MP and big knob in the Orange Order, Mr Martin Smyth is trying to get the claim amounts cut? Well he is. Apparently the so called "Reverend" Smyth thinks less of ordinary injured Ulster workers than he does about foreign companies. Mr Smyth (with a Y) says that the big multi national firms insurance will go up - a dis-incentive to invest. "God love then poor Multi nationals" The work of Mr Smyth (an enemy of ordinary Ulster people) has not gone un-noticed.



"AND I WOULD SAY TO THE GODLESS ANARCHISTS THAT WOULD DESTROY THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR FREE SOCIETY THAT THIS SOCIETY SHALL STAY FREE! EVEN IF WE HAVE TO IMPRISON EVERY MAN, WOMAN & CHILD TO ENSURE IT."

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One Year Old. ... 87% Enjoy Bahd News

Well readers, Bahd News is one year old this month. Our first issue last Nov brought stories on the Council, the fish pond, the Music Workshop, cartoons, poetry and the like. Since then the newsheet has gone from strength to strength.

After a year it is good to reflect on exactly WHY there is a need for an alternative press at community level. The daily press is owned by a few large media magnets like Rupert Murdoch and Robert Maxwell who see to it that the interests represented in their papers are THEIR interests. The issues covered bear no resemblance to the reality of life as experienced by the majority of people. The royal family, Bingo, Dallas type scandal, and high society jinks are all read avidly by working class readers. In the absence of a proper community press people are denied the information they need to make decisions in life. Who to support in elections, whether to support elections at all. How can you decide what policy is best for you when all you've been reading about is Joan Collins' sex life? When we reflect on the national dailies what do we find?

- The Times - read by people who run the country
- Daily Mirror - read by people who think they run the country
- Guardian - read by people who think they ought to be running the country
- Morning Star - read by people who think the country ought to be run by another country
- Daily Mail - read by the wives of the people who run the country
- Financial Times - read by the people who own the country
- Daily Express - read by the people who think the country should be run by another country
- Daily Telegraph - read by the people who think it still is
- The Sun - read by those who don't care who runs the country as long as they've got big tits.



PETER 2 V 1
BUT THERE WERE FALSE PROPHETS ALSO AMONG THE PEOPLE, EVEN AS THERE SHALL BE FALSE TEACHERS AMONG YOU!!

ARTS

Rathcoole Arts Workshop, fresh from a successful exhibition at the Gateway Exchange, Edinburgh, have an exhibition of new work on show at The Crescent Arts Centre from 7 Nov to 21 Nov. The Arts Workshop is a collective of artists who meet at the Self Help Group. Most are unemployed and have used this outlet to display work all round the province and indeed in Britain as well. Why not come to the Crescent and see for yourself.

YES - But is it Art?



-Review The Naturalites

THE NATURALITES - GLEN INN.

After all the work put in by members of the Music Workshop the opening night of the new club at the Glen Inn, Blengormley got under way. The evening started with Terry Hooley blasting the reggae sounds with all his usual cool headedness until the band everyone wanted to see came on. The Naturalites are a nine piece reggae band from Nottingham, England who are pretty big in the British reggae scene. The crowd, about 200 all told, danced, or rather moved (it was slightly packed) with the band getting into what was happening on the floor.

All in all it was a great night - The Naturalites, Terry Hooley and the Music Workshop must be tanked for all their effort.

NB Top bands will be playing at the Glen Inn every Thursday night - look out for details.

YOU TOO CAN JOIN IN *
FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS & YOU CAN MAKE THIS PAPER FROG USING THE ANCIENT JAPANESE ART OF ORIGAMI.

SIMPLY FOLD A SHEET OF 4'S PAPER IN 6, STARTING FROM THE TOP LEFT HAND CORNER.

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STEP 3. REVERSE 'C' OVER TO FOLD 'D' AND CUT A SLIT 'E' LONG FROM D TO A AND PUSH IT THROUGH 'A' AGAIN FOLDING IN HALF LONGWAYS FROM C.

STEP 4. TAKE THE CENTRE FOLD AND USE 'B' THROUGH 'D' TO FORM THE LEGS AND C TO A AS THE TOP

IT'S EASY TRY IT



The need for a community press has never been so great. It gives the chance of expression to people who would never otherwise see their articles, poems, cartoons etc in print. Community press allows for the flow of ideas, information, and communication not allowed by the big business interests of the Fleet Street dailies. Truth is distorted to protect the profit and position of these magnets and their class. That is why BAHD NEWS exists - to tell the truth to the people who need to know it most - yet get to hear it least.

Bahd News is brought to you by The Peoples Research Unit based at the minute at 28a The Diamond. Any articles, letter criticisms would be welcome. Also any donations would not go amiss - to go towards the cost of printing and delivery.

In a recent survey covering over 1000 houses 86.73% of people 'enjoyed' Bahd News. Comments included - Brilliant, Funny, Honest, Fantastic, Informative, Can't wait for it each month, too communist, attacks religion too much, rubbish etc.

Housing Survey Results Inside

ABBOTSCOOLE - Will the person disposing their rubbish in AbbotSCOOLE House take note that we have been supplied with their name and will print it if they don't cease their dirty practice.

EDITORIAL Housing Survey

CRIMINAL NEGLECT

There follows a series of results from the survey of parts of Rathcoole Estate in Sept / October of this year by Rathcoole Advice Centre and students from Univ of Ulster at Jordanstown. Over 1000 dwellings were called at, with almost 400 being interviewed; 42 refusing to answer, the rest being out or vacant. For a full copy of the survey contact Advice Centre 22a The Diamond.

Well in short, these are the results. Plainly there is one glaring conclusion. The Housing Executive is guilty of Criminal Neglect in Rathcoole. No Consultation, inefficiency, rudeness and arrogance, poor maintenance poor workmanship and long awaited repairs. WE'VE HEARD IT ALL BEFORE. What should be done - More resources / more staff - Better training for Executive staff, especially in communication - More Accountability. Let the tenants decide on much more. There is definitely a need for a more DEMOCRATIC structure when even the elected politicians have to go 'cap in hand' to the Executive.

Other parts of the Survey showed several things such as the huge need to cater for adult education. The range of interests and abilities in the estate is enormous. There emerged a real dearth of satisfaction with social facilities with a definite need for things like Community Centre, Play facilities. These issues will be covered in future issues of BAHND NEWS - the paper which gives you the TRUTH.



Vandals!

MACEDON - CRIMINAL VANDALISM.

Runkin Council have done it again. They have sanctioned the demolition of three buildings at Macedon (the old Dr Barnardos). When Bahd News spoke to the demolition crew - Regans of Hollywood they said they had never knocked down such a good, structurally sound building. In fact as well as the 4500 pounds for the contract of demolition, Regans were making a lot of money 'on the side' by salvaging the many good features of the building and subcontracting to unofficial 'salvagers' at a price ie Roofers can strip the roof for several hundred pounds, joiners can take the wood for another few hundred!

Two of the three buildings were structurally perfect and could have been valued at 50,000 apiece with a little renovation. As they stood they were worth at least 35,000 each.

In this light the demolition decision can only be seen in its proper light - as pure and wanton VANDALISM!

This is especially so when the building could have served very useful purposes indeed. For example WOMENS REFUGE - a refuge for battered

Only 36% Two parent Families

90% in families of 1-4 people

Only 24.33% Head of Households employed in Full time work

27.2% have submitted written requests for transfers

57.7% are Unsatisfied with the cost of their heating systems

42.7% are Unsatisfied with parking facilities

83.7% are Satisfied with Bus / Taxi transport

62.87% need repairs done

Only 20.6% found the Housing Executive helpful

75% found the Housing Executive inefficient

85.15% were never consulted about repairs to their house

91.05% were never consulted on repairs to their area

91% wanted more meetings between tenants and the Housing Executive

94% of those who used the Advice Centre found it useful

86.73% enjoyed reading Bahd News

45.63% wanted more provision for classes

83.94% were happy with shopping facilities

59.5% thought Rathcoole had a strong community spirit

women and their children
ARTS CENTRE - music arts crafts etc
PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICES
COUNCIL MACHINERY STORE - the Council waste thousands of pounds each year on replacing damaged or broken machinery all through lack of proper storage. So the next time you complain about vandalism, graffiti, or glue sniffers remember who the biggest vandals of them all are! And they won't be Unemployed skinheads!

ARDEEN HALL

While the Council are vandalising Macedon, the Housing Executive are set to do the same with Ardeen Hall. Yes, Ardeen Hall is to be demolished. With so few facilities in Rathcoole this is nothing short of criminal - No consultation with user groups, no consultation with tenants, nothing. Ardeen Hall is not the best of facilities, but in the absence of anything else, it is at least something. Groups like the Tenants Association, the childrens playgroup, the accordion band and other users stand to suffer or indeed go to the wall. The Council were given an option to buy and use the hall for community purposes but refused. The Council and the N.I.H.E. have again combined to make a bureaucratic and uncaring decision, once again without consulting the people.



Professor SMARTHOLES SELECTED QUOTE..

He will be a smart policeman who can arrest the spread of ideas.

Plebs Magazine July 1987



THE GLEN INN

83% THURSDAYS.

LIVE MUSIC

91% TOP BANDS.



B'RONAN

BALLYRONAN

Many tenants in Ballyronan Park are sitting on potential time bombs. Most of the Ballyronan houses have not been rewired since they were built over 30 years ago. Tenants often have to run three or four plugs out of one socket and many rooms don't even have sockets. These tenants need action before a disaster occurs.

The Executive won't rewire houses until the Central Heating system is due to go in (this is so as to cause a minimum of disruption in houses - Killing two birds with one stone). However the Council won't declare the area a smokeless zone as they have suspended business (in support of Craigaun AND to give them more time to spend their expenses).

The Ballyronan tenants are making several simple demands

- 1 Immediate rewiring and installation of Central heating
- 2 Fencing improvements at the juncture of Ballyronan and Camross
- 3 A high fence between the back of Ballyronan and thoroughfare pathway to the DHSS and the Abbeycentre
- 4 Adequate street lighting in Ballyronan Park and the path to the back of it. Council and Executive please take note.

A Question Of Identity

Around the old pagan kings of Ulster was gathered a celebrated body called the Red Branch Knights, famed for their deeds of prowess and chivalry. The foremost of these knights was Cúchulainn, a Cruithin warrior who received his training at Emain Macha (Haven Fort). In boyhood he was called Setanta, but then an incident occurred that led to his name change. He was attacked by a savage hound guarding the land of Cullen, the smith, but was able to kill the animal with his bare hands. In recompense Setanta promised to guard the kingdom of Ulster, and became the champion of his people. He was given the new name Cú Chulainn, 'The Hound of Ulster'.

He proved to be a formidable warrior, indeed a somewhat ferocious one. He returned from his first warlike exploit - killing Ulster's enemies - still in the heat of his battle frenzy. So terrible was his pent-up fury that he presented a real danger not only to his foes, but to his friends. To calm him down some of Ulster's women went out to meet him, naked. As one can imagine, even the bold Cúchulainn was thrown into confusion by this sight, and the warriors were able to seize him and plunge him successively into three vats of cold water to cool him down. Once back to a state of reason he was clothed in a blue cloak by the queen, and accepted into the royal household as a fully-fledged warrior.

He was wellnigh invincible in battle, and as we saw in the previous article, he was able to defend Ulster single-handedly against the 'men of Ireland' during the time the warriors of Ulster were laid prostrate with the curse of Mecha.

As with other heroes in Irish mythology Cúchulainn was burdened with several 'prohibitions'. In his final battle, he passes three sorceresses roasting a dog at a hearth. It was one of his prohibitions not to pass a hearth without tasting the food, but it was also another prohibition for him not to eat dog. Caught between the two prohibitions he does partake of the food offered to him, but knows that this will seriously weaken his power. Other prohibitions overtake him, and finally, washing himself in a lake, he kills an otter which comes to drink the water. He realises that his end is near as it had been foretold that his first and last exploits would involve the killing of a dog - the first being the hound of Cullen and the last obviously this otter, a water-dog. At the end of the battle, grievously wounded, he ties himself to a pillar-stone, so that he may die standing. His power gone, his enemies finally dare to approach and behead him.

We have no way of knowing whether the story of Cúchulainn is pure myth, or whether it contains the much-exaggerated and embellished exploits of an actual Ulster warrior. It is curious, however, to see what history has done with his memory. Cúchulainn, who lived and died defending Ulster against all invaders from the South, is now more of a hero in the South than in the North. Irish nationalists used the ancient legends for political purposes, and Cúchulainn became a symbolic figure for them. Padraic Pearse, one of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising, made Cúchulainn his patron saint. At the boys' school founded by Pearse, the pupils were constantly urged to emulate Cúchulainn's bravery. In the G.P.O. in Dublin there stands a beautifully-wrought statue of the dying Cúchulainn, while we in Ulster hardly know his name. (M. H.)

AND AS YOU NO DOUBT KNOW UNDER SUB-SECTION 9 PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE REVISED DRAFT AMENDMENT ORDER REVOKING SECTION 2. PARAGRAPH 133 LINE 2 OF...

Household Security Repair Man

Fairer or Fowler?

All of us who claim the various benefits from the Welfare State have become increasingly worried that even this limited form of help is about to fall victim to the 'Tory Axe'. It must be remembered the Fowler Proposals are the actions of a government committed to Tax Cuts for the rich.

Presently, Norman Fowler has formulated in his green paper various ways of reducing Social Security spending. The main provisions which will affect the people of Fathcoole are

A - Supplementary Benefit

Although weekly benefit is to be slightly increased this will not cover the loss of weekly additions for expenses such as heating laundry etc which are to be abolished. Tough luck for all of you under 25 years as for some strange reason you are to get less than anyone else. Single Payments (chairs beds, clothes etc) are also going in this spring class of the Welfare State. These will be replaced by loans - that is if the HBS like you. You have NO right of Appeal.

B - Maternity Benefits

Only the poorest of mothers will receive this new increased maternity grant of £75 Maternity Allowance will be cut. It is interesting to note that in Belgium and Denmark mothers receive £324.67 and £280.04 respect-

C - Housing Benefit

There will be a substantial reduction in the amount paid out to help people with their rent and rates. Everyone will have to pay at least 20% of their rates.

D - Child Benefit

This important source of income for mothers in particular will no longer rise with inflation, thus its purchasing power will be reduced

E - Family Income Supplement

P.I.S. is to be replaced by Family Credit, which will be paid through employees wage packets. It will not be paid for the first 13 weeks and claimants will no longer be entitled to the fringe benefits like free milk, school meals, free glasses, free prescription charges, hospital fares etc.

These are ONLY SOME of the proposals suggested but it is clear that if the Conservative Govt introduce these changes the poor will suffer again.

Editors Note - If you wish to protest against these changes then write to your local M.P. Roy Beggs and make your views felt. The address is House of Commons. Alternatively write to Tom King at the N.I.O.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

- * PHOTOS OF THE KIDS!!
- * FOOTBALL TEAMS!!
- * CLAIMS * CLUBS!!
- * POOL & DARTS TEAMS!

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22A THE DIAMOND R'COOLE.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

would be interested in a 'Camera Club', contact Michelle at W'Abbey 60322 or 60253. If there is sufficient interest a programme of talks, outings and competitions could be possible. Likely membership fee for a year will be £8 with half price for UB40's, CAP's and schoolchildren. Even if you are only a beginner there will be an opportunity to learn darkroom work etc.

FRIDAY DROP-IN.

9.45-12.

AT THE SELF-HELP GROUP.

ARE YOU BORED WITH HOUSE WORK & EMERGENCY THEN COME FOR A CUP O' COFFEE...

COULD YOU HELP OUT? BY EMERGENCY AT THE SELF-HELP GROUP ON MONDAY MORNINGS FOR THE WOMENS GROUP: CONTACT US AT 22A THE DIAMOND OR PHONE 60322

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"OH! THAT EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR PAY"



ODDS N' SODS



Accordion cordial

Rathcoole Accordion Band have asked us to explain that due to lack of babysitters their members find it difficult to keep an eye on their kids and practice at the same time. Thus the playgroups' Orange Juice might go missing. Bahd News weren't aware of this problem at the time of going to print last month.

Apology

APOLOGY - Regarding our story last month about the Stansky and Hutch car chase, we make apologies to those concerned as the information received was not completely accurate - in particular there was, we are now informed, no question of drinking and all cars were taxed and insured. We apologize unreservedly.

Eyebrows Razed

BIG WEASAL - has returned from London with his eyebrows missing. Has anyone seen them? Have the Rathcoole barbour's struck again? Or is there an equivalent barbour's group going in London?

BEEB after "it"

DID YOU KNOW - that the BBC will be operating from Annagh in the post nuclear period? The Beeb's ridiculous plans were laid bare by 'The Observer' last month. Apparently the Government think that it would be bad for citizens to be wandering about after the bomb (?) without direction from their leaders. Thus the need for post nuke communications (BBC).

Notwithstanding the above, I have communication with the very 'leaders' who led them into the nuclear holocaust in the first place.

Porn! (OR WHATS UP DOC?)

PORN DOCTOR - Would you believe that the local police doctor, Dr Gould of Whiteabbey Health Centre is encouraging soft pornography? Well a front room in his Shore Road (Jordanstown) residence has a four foot long picture of a naked lady staring out through green sun shades for all to see. Good for the health, Doc?

ADVICE

ADVICE CENTRE - The Advice Centre is now open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings 7-30 - 9-00 as well as during the day for advice on welfare, housing, debt, matrimonial rights, Labour law, consumer rights etc.

Executive McR

What about the Rathcoole man who approached the Self Help Group about getting repairs done in the house. When the Executive came out to visit him a Mr McRoberts told him 'if you had come to us direct we could have done something, but since you went to the Self Help Group we'll not help you. They give us too many complaints'. Could this be the real reason that the Executive have put an eviction Order on the Self Help?



VALLEY

Controversy over pricing at the Valley Leisure Centre never seems to end. This time a Valley Leisure Centre member booked the five a side football hall, paying six pounds for the pleasure. When the footballers arrived they were told that each non member had to pay an extra 25p, despite the fact that a member had already booked the facility for those footballers. Are prices not high enough without having to pay double?
NB The Valley is the ONLY Leisure Centre which operates this 'pay twice' system.

Letters

Dear Editor,

I read with interest in your last issue the article on South Africa and apartheid. As it was not signed I assume it was written by the Editor.

Whilst I readily admit there is a strong case against South Africa I respectfully suggest that you and any other Editor worth his salt gets off the Jaapies backs, gives them a rest and has a go at one of the following.

A 17% of USA citizens are negroid or Hispanic. In the Vietnam war 67% of USA casualties were negroid or Hispanic! Apartheid?

B No negro is allowed to settle in Australia. That is of course with the exception of the Abbo's who until recently were hounded and persecuted as a form of sport. Who was here first? Apartheid?

C No non German can own any land whatsoever in West Germany, not even the free hold of the land his own house stands on! Apartheid or Apartheid in reverse?

Yfems would not even slightly inconvenience the South African economy. Three fifths of the worlds copper is mined in South Africa. One fifth is mined in South America and marketed almost exclusively to America. The remaining one fifth is mined in the USSR of R. You can bet the Russkis don't export their copper to the West. Would you like to be without electric light, home heating, hot water, television, telephone, transport, weed killers, insecticide, medicines etc ad infinitum?

The world as yet has not found a substitute for copper. A trade embargo on South Africa does not make sense.

Yours Sincerely
Dougie Edwards (Gen).

Plastic Bullets - A Human Rights Issue.

This month Bahd News has invited Jim McCabe of the United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets to write an article. Jim, whose wife Nora was killed by a plastic bullet stresses the 'non political' aims behind the campaign.

With Plastic bullets making an appearance in the British 'social' riots in Handsworth, Brixton, Tottenham, Toxteth etc, the Protestant community will be able to see more clearly that the use and abuse of Plastic Bullets is a HUMAN RIGHTS issue and not simply a 'Catholic' or 'Republican' issue. Plastic Bullets HAVE been used against Protestants, and WILL AGAIN be used, UNLESS we see Plastic Bullets in the proper context, as a HUMAN RIGHTS issue.

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On Sept 6th 1984 an open meeting was held following the death of John Downes who was shot and killed by an RUC man. John's death was widely publicised on television and in newspapers, yet there are those who would have difficulty in remembering the circumstances of his shooting. John was attending a rally on the Falls Rd, held each year on the anniversary of the introduction of internment. It is traditionally seen as a day of family outing and was treated as such by the Downes family. John, his wife and child set out to listen to music from the bands, both local and from abroad, to observe a colourful parade. At the end of that day (12 August 84) John Downes was dead, shot at and killed by a Plastic Bullet. The circumstances of his killing were described by one international reporter as being 'not a civilian riot but a police riot'.

John Downes was another victim of the Plastic Bullet, the 15th innocent person to have been cut down by this so called 'Riot Control' weapon. The relatives of some of the other victims of both Rubber and Plastic Bullets were determined that John's death would be the last so an open meeting was called. All had one aim - the banning of Plastic Bullets. The United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets was formed. The UCAPB is a non violent non political and non sectarian expression of opposition to the use of these so called 'riot control' weapons. We the victims, and relatives of the victims of this weapon, want the UCAPB to be open to all interested individuals, irrespective of political or personal outlook.

Just because all the victims have been from one particular section of the N.I. community, the others (Protestant or in deed middle class) have treated the matter with a sense of complacency (it won't happen to us) or have totally ignored it.

However we feel that it is only a matter of time before the Plastic Bullet is used in the same manner as other riot control methods. We are not prepared to wait and say 'told you so' when that day comes. We are campaigning to have Plastic Bullets banned from EVERY area of Northern Ireland. To do this we need determination and strength in numbers.

So it is necessary that the campaign is not seen as a political one, based on a political issue, but should be seen for what it really is 'A HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN FOR THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO LIFE'.

Jim McCabe - member United Campaign Against Plastic Bullets.

GET WELL SOON

Bahd News would like to wish a speedy recovery to Alec Lorimer, who was badly injured in an accident on the O'Neill Road recently. Though he has multiple injuries we hear he is recovering well. Our best wishes to Alec and his wife and child.

This accident raises other wider issues which may need to be looked at. There have been too many accidents on the O'Neill Road and the authorities should address themselves to the following

- 1 Better street lighting particularly at the entrance of the Farm.
- 2 The re-erection of a 'Danger Accident Black spot' sign
- 3 Stricter speed limits



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A NEW ULSTER?

A DYING UNION

Once again Ulster is witnessing the sad sight of tens of thousands of its citizens jumping agitatedly up and down, angrily beseeching their Mother "Please don't disown us Mother! Tell us you want us!" Is all this parading up and down, this beating of breasts and gushing of tears really a sign of how loyal Ulster men and women are? Or just proof of how unbelievably naive they are?

The fact is - England doesn't want to know us. "Mother" England wants her offspring to leave the nest! The Union has become an embarrassment to England's present day needs, especially in the worlds of Global and European economics.

Can't Ulster people see this? Mrs Thatcher is perhaps the most resolute, conservative, traditionalist Prime Minister Britain has had in a long time. If SHE is prepared to lift the first shovel from the Union's grave, then what hope is there that anyone else in Britain will act to save it? The message is clear - it is the beginning of the end of the Union as we know it! However all our politicians are clambering

doesn't want us, why should we prostrate ourselves unashamedly AT HER FEET? Would it not be better to expend our energies in a constructive fashion?

The Anglo Irish agreement certainly does raise many issues of undemocratic and dictatorial practice, of deceit and manipulation, of questionable legality BUT SO WHAT? A lot of energy could go into fighting these issues, but the endless talk and hot air will only serve to obscure the central, vital, matter - the Union is dying! According to some Ulster stands in its darkest hour. Yet it could also be said that if we pull our gaze of fixation away from England we are poised to enter our greatest

opportunity! All the energy that will be wasted in confronting the Anglo Irish agreement would be better spent in tackling our greatest task - the creation of a NEW ULSTER.

A NEW ULSTER

The Anglo Irish agreement now leaves the nationalist community with two options. They can wait for the United Ireland to come or they can continue to further press to weaken the Union (the agreement shows that a further weakening is possible). The Unionist population likewise have several options. They can plunk themselves down doggedly and immovably until the United Ireland materialise, they can get the Liverpool boat, or worse still they could try to reassert the old 'Protestant Ascendancy'.

There is another option however, that is for Protestant people to work together with their Catholic fellow Ulstermen to build a new and better society here. If the present day Ulster is allowed to continue, with its tribalism and history (on both sides) however if a New Ulster were to be slowly but determinedly built, the ordinary people from both 'sides' working together endeavouring to construct a society fit for our children to grow up in.

Aid for those who pay lip service to the idea of an Independent Ulster, NOW is the time to prove just how much community togetherness can be achieved over the next few years. An Independent Ulster declared now, with the present society as its base, would be doomed to failure. But if a new courage to reach across the divide was forthcoming, then who can tell just what would be possible.

A COMMON HERITAGE

The present uprising by the Loyalist community against the 'Agreement' ironically shows up one element of life here that both the communities hold in common. Their refusal to be DICTATED to by the English establishment. As Dr Bob Jones said in the Foreword to one of Rev Ian Paisley's books "A look at N.Ireland's history past and present would seem to indicate that prevailing against the English is the purpose for which God brings Ulstermen into the World". Despite all the obvious differences the common ground between the two communities stretches back much further than we realise. The historical roots of the Ulster people, first brought to flight by Ian Adamson, have shown how much we all have in common!

This identity has been recently mis understood as an identity ONLY for the Protestants, based on the fact that many of their ancestors had been driven from Ulster to Scotland by the Gaelic people. This identity became the plantation. Nothing could be further from reality. For what merges from a study of our history is the fact that we ALL share this common identity as ULSTER PEOPLE. This identity has strong links with mainland Britain (the very word Scotland came from Ulster settlers) and the rest of Ireland (as Ian Adamson points out) "Ulster is the most 'Irish' of all the Irish provinces". If the communities regained that common identity, and togetherness of purpose, they might be prepared to build a NEW ULSTER.



WATER - BOUND OF BELSHORE
WALKS FOR A GRAP, A COFFEE,
SALES ON THURSDAY, 11.00am and
SATURDAY at 10.00am at RATHCOOLE HIGH
SCHOOL at 11.00am

Many of these will go without
begin this year. If you have any
being used to help help group
the The Diamond - we will give

TOWARDS THE FUTURE

Our politicians will inevitably expend all their energies in the task of trying to maintain the Union, pretending to themselves that it hasn't been given the kiss of death already. But do the community activists, the people who have been working at the grass roots level to effect bridge building and initiate progressive ideas, necessarily have to fall into place behind them?

I don't think so, for we must keep one fact in mind. While the Union has, up to now, represented something cherished by the mass of ordinary Protestants, to the politicians it has also meant their 'livelihood'. If the British establishment finally convince the working class loyalists of Ulster that their dearly held Union is finished, and the focus of political life is directed into building a new Ulster, I can imagine that many of our well known Ulster politicians would be out of a job. For the ordinary, while holding dear the Union all these years, will also have held long memories of shabby treatment, bad housing, low living standards and Unionist disregard.

I can just picture the panic that would set in among our politicians if they had to think not about the Union and No Surrender but how to build a new and better ULSTER. You may be sure they would be found wanting.

Ulster today stands on the brink. The Brink of what you say? "Disaster" say the politicians. "Civil War" say the paramilitaries. But what of the ordinary people? Maybe the ordinary people are the only ones who could see that they are on the brink of a struggle for a better Ulster.

The ordinary people from both communities owe it to themselves and their children to take up that challenge.

ANGLO IRISH TALKS - THE WINNERS



CHRISTMAS EDITION

EDITORIAL

ANGLO IRISH FARCE

ANGLO IRISH TALKS.

The Anglo Irish Talks have been a sell out, no question about that! The real losers of the 'Talks' are the ordinary people. One capitalist nation - G.B. talked to another capitalist nation - Eire. Eire kept the capitalist SDLP informed, but Britain did not consult with the capitalist DUP or DUP.

When profit mongers talk to each other you can be sure that the interests of the ordinary people will not be considered.

At the end of the process all that will be changed is the Cosmetic image. Catholics may be 'allowed' to fly the Tricolour - but sure they do that anyway - and doesn't it keep Geordie Seawright fit, taking them down.

Joint security control? Does that mean that if we try to reclaim the land that rightly belongs to us all we will not be arrested? I don't think so.

No readers, real loyalty at this time should not be shown to Britain (who want to sell us out) or to Dublin, or to the politicians or to the preachers BUT TO OURSELVES! If the time has come to fight, think of what the fight should be for.

A Flag?

A boundary?

On a decent society? Let us force the agenda for the REAL TALKS. About JOBS,

about HOUSING, about DECENT HEALTH CARE,

about BETTER EDUCATION, about EQUAL OPP

ORTUNITIES, about PROPER CHILD CARE.

Let us change the agenda from the Anglo

Irish 'Whitewash' to real talks!

Flags aren't important. You and your

children are!

WOMEN IN MEDIA

WOMEN IN THE MEDIA

Housewife, Mother, girlfriend, sex object. These are the images of women writers, who use the outside corners of these roles women are portrayed in conflicting ways.

How can the same woman be the well organised housewife, the mouldering sex object, the caring mother and the protected and attentive wife at the same time. The Media distorts reality. Lets look at 'Women in the Media'

Lets look at 'Women in the Media'



The recent M4 Rape / Murder in England is a good example - the media is this, as in other cases concentrated more on the dead woman's sexual history than on the hideous crime of the man. The mans behavior (and mans behavior generally) was almost excused. "She provoked him" - "Sure, wasn't she a prostitute", "She must have done something to deserve it" were all common 'age old' comments. Man, the naked ape that can't control his so called 'natural urges' - Woman, the temptress, at one provocative and submissive!

This example of how the media represents Women is not the exception ITS THE RULE! Women are mainly defined by their family role, or by their physical attractions (eg Page Three in the Sun, Starsbird etc).

THE MYTHS

Qualities attributed to Women are commonly

- Passive
- Emotional
- Caring
- Dependent
- Non Assertive
- Technically incompetent

WOMEN CAN'T DO HEAVY WORK

WOMEN DON'T WANT THE RESPONSIBILITY

Type-cast

This typecast is started from as soon as you are born - Blue for Boys, Pink for Girls.

Then in school, textbooks usually support stereotypical portrayals of Women. 'John helps Daddy with the car. Janet helps Mummy in the kitchen' (ie Women stuck in the house, men technically skilled).

This type of imagery of Women, as the passive house keepers, child bearers, sex objects is reinforced throughout the ages throughout our society.

WOMEN SHOULDN'T DO DIRTY WORK

GIRLS AREN'T ANY GOOD AT TECHNICAL THINGS

The misrepresentation of Women in the Media is NOT an accident. It is in fact a propaganda wing of those in power.

Women portrayed as they are in the media provides a 'natural' justification for men holding positions of power in our society. Even the most powerless of Unemployed men usually holds power in the industry. The challenge of feminism has been ridiculed in the Media, not because Feminist arguments are ridiculous, but because they challenge the POWER of men! Thus we get an ugly caricature of the 'Wimmin Libber' in dungarees, with short cropped hair, screwing her face up and shouting aggressively.

What should we do?

If your child has been given a sexist book in school, complain to the school and to the teachers Union.

Challenge sexist representations in your local and national press through writing letters. Do similarly with the TV, local or National.

If job advertisements are sexist, write to the Equal Opportunities Commission. Deface sexist advertising eg Most motor car and cigarette advertisements.

The possibilities of protest are endless.

D.U.P. VOICE

Some of you may have noticed your 'other' local newsheet of late - the DUP 'East Antrim' Voice. The DUP Voice, a well presented broadsheet, is a typical 'knee jerk' reaction to the Bahd News. Like other political party newsheets it tells treacherous and deceitful articles. IE Lies. For instance in Volume 1 No2 an article headed 'MID DO WE BELIEVE?' points out, quite rightly, the hypocrisy of the local Young Unionists. The DUP notes that while the East Antrim Young Unionists (CLP) attacked "the curse of Thatchers economic dogmatism" and "the cancer of Thatcherism" their own Official Unionist MP Roy Beggs votes WITH the government on economic issues.

What the DUP did not say was that their MP's at Westminster ALSO voted with the government in the February economic debate. Yes readers, the DUP have tried to DUPE you, but thanks to Bahd News you've got the truth.

NE This newsheet is part of Jim Allister's PERSONAL campaign to be elected as Westminster MP. Photos of local councillors keep those hillbillies happy, but make no mistake - this is an election gimmick. Remember the DUP Advice centres in Rush-park and Rathfern - opened last year and shut only 3 months after the Council elections. Know the truth.

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XMAS AWARDS

BAHD NEWS XMAS AWARDS

Dozer of the Year - Fast Ed Campbell

Treachery Award - Cllr A Beattie (for selling Free State bread)

Treachery Award 2nd Prize - The DUP (for telling the Sunday World)

Best Politician - Bill 'one man one vote' McClinton (who polled the lowest ever)

Worst Politician - Jim Allister (who stood in N'abbey despite the fact that he neither works, lives or owns property in the borough)

Fastest Mover - 'Razor Sharp' Frazor Agnew (who was fined 150 for speeding)

Hypocrite Award - Rev Rooney of the Church of the Ascension, Cloughfern who insisted that the Council lift his bin before those of the elderly and handicapped among his flock.

Criminal Award - H Ballance of the Housing Executive. (does no repairs, breaks all contracts and never gets charged)

Worst Criminal - Big Balla (I'm no super grass) who did nothing, got charged and got fined (but money is no problem)

Biggest Drinkers - The Alpha (according to the N'abbey Times) and that's with Audie Hall still barred.

Prodigal Son Award - Rab Skillen

Christmas Cracker Award - Norman Dunn, recipient of more backhanders than anyone else in the Council.

Best Tourist - Roy Beggs MP who thinks a weekly caravan break in Rathcoole is just ideal

Shoeshoener of the Year - Crescent Centre ALLISTIC Snobbery Award - (not Nobel) Peace and Goodwill Prize (not Nobel)

Acker Gillespie, who 'whipped out' all the unseemly elements in the estate

FAST ED

Yes folks, Fast Ed is back with a bang - or a scream should we say. This time (and you'll not believe this) Sleepy Head Ed was standing naked in his house happily doing the ironing when his mind went for a day dream, the iron fell, and - you've guessed it - Fast Ed burnt his privates. Christmas game for a laugh trophy goes to Fast Ed for keeping Bahd News readers in the picture throughout the year

Sex Problems - Come to Fast Ed's therapy class and he'll iron them out!

BOXING DAY

Remember on Boxing Day there is the annual charity challenge match between Sid Gilmour's old crocks and his son's young challengers. The challenge, in football, darts and snooker is played in earnest for a black russian drink. Come along and watch the football at The Diamond field on Boxing Day morning - the rest of the proceedings take place at the Standard Club.

TAXIS

One of the interesting and pleasing aspects of the October Housing Survey was the level of satisfaction with Bus and Taxi transport. 83.7% of those interviewed were satisfied with the service - with the weekend transport being the only complaint (albeit minor). This shows the 'People's Taxi' service, successful in many areas, could be spread to other estates in N'abbey

A Question Of Identity

Now that Christmas is upon us, it seems an appropriate time to discuss Ulster's contribution to the history of Christianity. We could easily be forgiven if we felt that the only contribution Ulster has made has been to distort the Christian message, with all our intolerance, bigotry, sectarianism, and apartheid system of education. However the legacy hasn't always been so depressing.

While the story of St. Patrick is still cloaked in uncertainty, it is usually to him that the conversion of Ireland is credited. He began his preaching around 432 A.D. in Co. Down, with Saul near Downpatrick being the first of his churches. One of his earliest converts was to found the great monastery of Murrumbidgee on Strangford Lough. Indeed Co. Down is well established as the cradle of Christianity in Ireland.

There is a popular belief that St. Patrick took the Gospel to all parts of Ireland, when in fact there is no proof that he ever stepped foot outside Ulster, but that it was his devoted disciples and successors who carried the Christian message throughout the island.

One of the greatest religious centres that was to emerge in Ireland was the monastery at Bangor, which was founded in 555 A.D. by Congall, perhaps the most famous Cruthin of all. As one writer pointed out: "Such was his reputation for piety and learning that multitudes flocked to his school from the most distant parts; it is well established that not less than 3,000 students and teachers were under his care at one time, including many of the most honourable in the land. The evangelist near the present pier, he led many a band of his disciples who were to embark on their frail coracles to spread the Gospel in European countries."

When the Roman Empire collapsed under the pressure of barbarian invasions, Europe entered that period of history we call the 'Dark Ages', a label that reflected the historians' belief that a spiritual and cultural darkness had descended over Europe. The importance of the still-thriving Christian communities in Ireland became paramount, for it was now that that were to affect profoundly the course of history, by being to the forefront in bringing Christianity 'back' to Europe.

Mainly owing to the prestige of the Bangor monks Ireland became known as the land of saints and scholars. They carried the great learning and culture of Ireland to France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy. The most famous of all were Columbanus and Gall. Columbanus, also of the Cruthin, was a disciple of Congall for many years at Bangor. Then in 590 he set off on his great mission to Europe. On his way through Europe he founded many monasteries, and hundreds of later foundations are said to be descended from these.

Pope Pius XI has said, "The more light that is shed by scholars in the period known as the Middle Ages the clearer it becomes that it was thanks to the initiative and labours of Columbanus that the rebirth of Christian virtues and civilisation over a great part of Gaul, Germany and Italy took place." The French poet Leon Cathilin agrees, saying, "He is, with Charlemagne, the greatest figure of our Early Middle Ages." Daniel-Rops of the French Academy has also said that he was "a sort of prophet of Israel, brought back to life in the sixth century, as blunt in his speech as Isaiah or Jeremiah ... For almost fifty years souls were stirred by the influence of Columbanus. His passing through the country started a real contagion of holiness."

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DID YOU KNOW...that several shops in Rathcoole are selling FREE samples of B&W Cut cigarettes at 2p each. They come in three tins. Some people would be PAYING for a few pence more specific.

PAGE 10 LASTEST NEWS. Ed was late for work yesterday. His excuse... "I was waiting the alarm and fell asleep in the middle of kindling it up!"

ASHY'S CAT TIP

do not feel inclined to feed your Cat Turkey as the bones may stick in its throat!!



We hear that the N.I.L.D. Groundmen are in a frenzy with their state of affairs. The main bone of contention seems to be their foreman, Mr Ronnie McCreehan, who is causing up told misery among the workforce. Soggy, holiday disputes and official warnings for no reason are among the complaints brought against Mr McCreehan. Take this example... The groundmen were taking a short break from their work when the Captain of the Multi Storey flats in Quarmore came up to them. He told the groundmen that someone was watching them from the top of the Multi Storeys. When the groundmen questioned Mr McCreehan about this he said that he 'got a complaint from a tenant in Bushbank that the tops of the trees were dying and he went up to investigate'.

B&W News has made public the problems of these workers, and hopes the Housing Exec. can put their house in order. We have not disclosed the names of the workers for fear of reprisals.

Lobby! * * *

A few weeks ago two women from Rathcoole Women's Group set off for London along with women from other groups such as Ballybeen, Cregagh, Women's Aid, Women's Centre. The aim of the expedition was to lobby Parliament about the Soc Security Review (outlined in last month's B&W News). As women from N.Ireland we were most concerned with:

- 1) Women are going to suffer most under the new proposals of the proposed cuts in Maternity Benefits
- 2) No account was taken of N.I.'s economic position (see second alien's citizen article, Page 4) - lower wages, lower income, higher cost of living, higher unemployment.

So off the merry travellers went in the hope that their devastating arguments would change the minds of our Prime Minister's supporters. We even toyed with the idea of tackling Maggie Thatcher - that is if she dared show her face to us.

Although exhausted, when we arrived in London we made our way to the houses of Parliament only to be met by our first N.P.'s - the Metropolitan Police who refused to allow us in. Undeterred we returned in the afternoon. This time it was our own N.P.'s who caused the problem. Martin Smith the only one who turned up, wasn't very sympathetic to N.Ireland's unemployed.

The next day of our futile campaign was a 'Press Conference' - to which NONE of our N.P.'s turned up.

The group felt that the trip was worthwhile for several reasons.

- 1) Valuable links were made with some Labour N.P.'s who will be sending us information and reporting to us the voting habits of the N.I. N.P.'s.
- 2) The women in the group made links with other women and women from elsewhere in Belfast and N.I.
- 3) They were confirmed in the opinion that our N.P.'s care little about the Soc Security Review.

Bangor monastery may have been destroyed by the Vikings, and Christian virtues may have been destroyed by our own bigots, but world history certainly owes a great debt to this small corner of Europe. (N.H.)

PLAY 3

CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALIST BINGO



Letters

AN OPEN LETTER TO JIM Mc CABE

Dear Sir,

I wish to reply to your article (Bad News, Nov) in which you say that Sean Downes (alias John Downes) was innocently attending a rally on Falls Rd on 12th August 1984.

The facts as shown on T.V. were that this supposedly innocent man was NOT with his wife and child when he was shot. Downes, when shot was about to attack a member of R.M.Forces with a large piece of wood or log. Do you seriously expect us to believe, Mr McCabe that this is what is called an enjoyable day's outing with the family?

Remember also that a member of Noraid, Martin Galvin, was present at the rally in defiance of an Exclusion Order issued by H.M.Government.

I would not call this 'innocence', and would suggest to you that you are trying to cover up for Downes - therefore your article and its contents is nothing but a pack of lies.

You, in my opinion are condoning the actions of Sean Downes.

I say he got what he deserved (Those who live by the sword.....)

Mr McCabe, why try to cover up Downes's name, converting it to the Protestant pronunciation from the Republican Sean?

No matter how you want to out of it facts remain that he was killed before he carried out his brutal intention. Next time you write an article for Bad News at least have the guts to tell the story as it was and not 'half empty Republican claptrap'.

The people of Rathcoole have no desire to listen to those who back the Republican cause against R.M.Forces and I suggest that the next time you are out 'innocently' watching a Republican rally (right or wrong) do us all a favour - **STAY OUT IN FRONT OF A PLASTIC BULLET YOURSELF!**

Yours,
Jim Shelly
(Angry B&W reader).

ODDS N' SODS

Animal lovers - why not buy the perfect Christmas present - a pair of Jackie Mc Vitties cross breed boots. Its the real thing.

Bald News extends its best wishes to Stephen and Joan Wallace of Derrycoole Way who have just left to start a new life in Australia. Wally will be sorely missed by the Merville Inn - not for the amount of drink he buys, but for organising the Merville football team. He will also be sorely missed as organiser / linesman / player / groundsman / referee etc in the Currier League. Good luck Wally and Joan.

Rathcoole Youth Club
A recent Disco in the Youth Club attracted over 200 people, with the proceeds going to the 'Children in Need' fund. This was an excellent effort and the organisers must be commended for their hard work.

BIG MAC FOR MEXICO

Congratulations are due to big Alan McDonald on a superb performance at Wembley against England. Just think, Boosbag Drive will be represented in the Mexico City World Cup!

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

Quote of the Month (1)

"What's wrong with being clean and tidy" - S McIlhagga (alias Bagar the Horrible, the All Night Party election candidate).

Quote of the month (2)

"I'm only home for a short while - I'm managing three hotels over there" - Rab Skillan on his return from England.

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FEMALE LINE

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On Nov 28th, the N.I. Womens Rights Movement launched their first book, to celebrate the tenth year of their organisation. The book, a collection of womens writings, includes work from established writers such as Anne Devlin, Jennifer Johnston, Pally Devlin and Medbh McGuckian as well as work from women who had never before published work.

The work is a response to the imbalance of work published by 'established' publishers where women are badly under represented.

The editor of the book Ruth Hooley was delighted with the response from women writers. The fact that only 17% of the pieces submitted could be included in the book shows that there is so shortage of women writers (despite the imbalance on the bookshelves).

The book reflects the experiences of women of varied ages, persuasions and backgrounds. It is available from The Womens Centre, 18 Donegall Street, Belfast, price £3 (+ 50p postage and packing). BUY IT.

The Old Excuse

Bernadette Ross

I love the way you share the sheets
with me, covering every inch.
But you are like a landlord
showing me around your house,
smiling, opening and closing doors for me -
suddenly suggesting payment in advance.
Would you be surprised if I told you
that all I want to do is sleep?

Shame on the Northcott Centre, who would not let volunteers from Rathcoole Self Help Group collect for The Rape and Incest Line outside their Glengarnley premises. The Northcott Centre were contacted but obviously did not like the sound of the Charity so they said that there was a two year waiting list for permission to collect there.
The Rape and Incest Line, by the way, is a counselling service which can be reached at Belfast 226803 for victims of Rape or Incest.

ABORTION LAW REFORM

NEED OR WHAT IS NIALRA ?

The Northern Ireland Abortion Law Reform Association - NIALRA - was formed about a year ago by a group of women and men to promote the extension of the 1967 Abortion Act to Northern Ireland. Although in England, Scotland and Wales abortion has been legal since 1967, Northern Irish women are still denied that choice. The current legislation in Northern Ireland dates from the last century (1) and outlaws abortion. Even in extreme cases, such as pregnancy as a result of rape, or if the woman's life is in danger, there is no guarantee that an abortion will be available.



Thus a woman in Northern Ireland who finds herself with an unwanted pregnancy is faced with the option of having a backstreet abortion or going to England. More than one hundred women from Northern Ireland travel to England for an abortion every month, and at least 20,000 Northern Irish women have had an abortion there since 1967. The demand for legal reform obviously exists, but so far Northern Ireland has succeeded in exporting its abortion problem.

This of course also means that in the present situation less well-off women are discriminated against. For, while abortion is free for women resident in England, Northern Irish women, as non-residents, have to pay for it, and what with travelling costs and accommodation, pay for it dearly. Wealthy women can and always could get an abortion, yet the same choice is denied to poorer women.



"If you have to ask how much, you can't afford one!"

We think it is high time for Northern Ireland to face up to this problem, instead of exporting it while maintaining a hypocritical silence at home. NIALRA calls for free, safe and legal abortion facilities in Northern Ireland:

- to put a stop to back street abortion (women still die occasionally in Northern Ireland from the effects of illegal abortions!)
- to stop the discrimination against poorer women,
- and to "break the silence" that surrounds the abortion issue.

It is arguable that legal reform could lead to a decrease in the number of abortions than an increase. Breaking the silence in relation to abortion could be part of a wider openness in discussing sex, contraception, etc... Within such a climate the number of unwanted pregnancies could decline. This is in fact what has already happened in West Germany and Sweden, for example.

Those groups most vociferously opposed to the extension of the 1967 Act to Northern Ireland - be they SPUC, LIPE or the Churches - can do very little to alleviate the real problems of an unwanted pregnancy. They can at best offer solace, but that alone does nothing to break down the stigma attached to single parents in our society, or to lessen the financial problems involved in making ends meet with another mouth to feed.

Abortion is not an easy choice for any woman, but it is a choice many women from here make. What NIALRA demands is that they be allowed to make it here.

SECOND CLASS CITIZENS

class person, Protestant or Catholic, values the link with Britain is an Economic one. "Sure look how badly off the people in the South are" is a frequent comment.

Although this may be true, we must ask ourselves what benefits we get compared to English people? By supporting the English Govt through the DUP or OUP what benefits do we gain. The information below shows clearly that we are SECOND CLASS CITIZENS

	G.I.	N.I.
Wages Average-Male	147	124
Female	92	86
Unemployment Worst area	10%	21%
Ratio of jobs to	17 to 1	78 to 1
Job Vacancies		
Dependant on Govt	46%	59%
Benefits		
On Supp Ben	9.4%	11.3%

In N.Ireland normal household expenses are more expensive than in England (with the exception of rent). For example Electricity costs are 20% higher here, while food and transport are on average 10% higher.

People living in N.Ireland are 10% less likely to own luxury items ie Washing machines, videos, TV's etc.

Despite the extra costs and higher expenses people in N.Ireland earn less. Logical isn't it?

Wages are lower in N.I., and although benefits are the same there are more people relying on them in N.I. For example N.I. claimants claim twice as many Single Payments as their counterparts in England, and the average amount paid out in a Single Payment is twice that paid out in G.B.

The question is "WHY DO WE SUPPORT POLITICIANS WHO GO ALONG WITH MADONNE TWTCHER'S 'DOWN WITH THE POOR' ATTITUDE ?"

This means fighting for a society which has as its priority everyone's NEEDS and not just the present system of PROFIT FOR THE POB

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IN 1986 - THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE

message to all YOUTHS for 86'

Bahd News would like to convey a message to the Youth of Rathcoole in this 1986, the International Year of Peace. "Do not be led off a peaceful path by ruthless, cowardly, glory seeking self interested leaders." In the year ahead there are likely to be a variety of political demonstrations - Some peaceful some not. You too may feel the need to protest. You may wish to register protest by voting for a candidate of your choice. Fair Enough. You may wish to march in a peaceful demonstration. That's fine too. But if you are asked to action, from using a gun to driving a car for an 'operation' then do yourself a favour - THINK AGAIN. Uistars prisons are full of young people who have put into actions the 'brave' words of the politicians. Only to find the very same politicians turning their backs on the youth. The leaders have proved a hundred times who they are LOYAL to - THEMSELVES. Don't fall into the same trap. The losers are always the same - wives, husbands, relatives, friends and the community as a whole. Let us learn from the mistakes of the past - a peaceful democratic society cannot be built through use of the bomb or the bullet. VIOLENCE DOES NOT WORK !!!!!

Home Helps

Many old age pensioners and handicapped folk got a very unwelcome Christmas box from the local Social Services office. All Home Helps are to be reviewed in the New Year with a view to serious Cutbacks! This of course will mean Job losses for Home Helps as well as further hardship to those MOST in need. Thatcherism knows no limits friends. And don't forget that OUR M.P. Ray Dregs, the man who brings his poke van into Rathcoole every Thursday votes FOR these economic policies. In other words IF YOU VOTED UNIONIST YOU VOTED FOR CUTS IN HOME HELP SERVICES.....

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CLOSEST THING TO BEING FLUSHED DOWN A GIANT TOILET!!

OWE LABOUR CENTRE O.A.P.S FREE * SPECIAL RATES FOR MARRIAGES * BAPTISMS *

* BAHD NEWS ELECTION POSER?

WILL JIM 'THE EGG' ALLISTER RUN AS A DUMMY CANDIDATE IN EAST ANTRIM OR WILL IT BE ROY BEGG?

* WHO DO YOU THINKS THE BIGGEST DUMMY? ANSWERS ON A POSTCARD TO

DUMMY M.P. COMPETITION. 50 BAHD NEWS RATHCOOLE.

Water Slide

The new water slide at the Valley!!! The new water slide is causing many problems for the Council at the Valley. The latest problem is that they have drilled the holes in the wrong place causing yet more expense. The cost is reckoned to be £100,000 and rising all the time!!!

JUMBLE SALE - there will be a jumble sale in Ardeen Hall on Saturday the 27th of January. BARGAINS GALORE. Proceeds to go to Rathcoole Womens Group.)

What about Rumkin Council in their pre Christmas spending sprees of flowers for the wives of every Councillor! One councillor even had the audacity to sent the bouquet back - not because it was against his principles, but because the flowers were 'badly arranged' !!!



Scottish and German fans at the last World Cup !

EDITORIAL INTEGRATED EDUCATION

EDITORIAL Bahd News would like to welcome its readers to 1986. As we enter the New Year there seems precious little to look forward to. Another year of cutbacks in Social Security, in Health Services, in Education and in Jobs. It seems that we are being forced back into the Victorian era. On top of that there is the prospect of yet more trouble on the domestic front with the I.R.A. murdering all round them and the so called Loyalists hitting out at whoever they feel is responsible for their own failings. Yet in spite of all that gloom there are decidedly POSITIVE signs not too far distant from Rathcoole - in the form of a flourishing integrated school at the top of the Whitewell Road. Hazelwood Primary School and Hazelwood College are the embryo of a NON SECTARIAN educational system which can begin to tackle the deep rooted religious, cultural and social problems that we face. Efforts like those at Hazelwood [officially opened incidently, by Barry McGuigan] which try to bridge the divide in Ulster should be supported wholeheartedly as the beginnings of a way forward.

ODDS N' SODS



Fast Ed was on holiday to England over Christmas so we've no dozy tales to relate to you. Don't worry tho' readers I'm sure he'll not let us down next month!!!

Boxing Day

The Boxing Day Charity match raised a substantial sum of money for the Children in Need appeal. Special thanks must go to Alan Beggs, Sid Gilmour and Billy Armstrong for this effort. For the record Sids 'older heads' won the challenge with a bit to spare. Eat your words Bahd News. For the losers Paul Gamble won the Player of the match award and Davy Anderson deserves a special mention for travelling from London for the game!

Did you know..... that Newtownabbey's first citizen was an regular groover at the Floral Hall. Always decked out in the best attire our Mayor never forgot to hold up his trunks with a sharply studded belt - which came in handy if there was any 'Aggro' (Taken from Alex the Meat Grinders Christmas Book of useless information).

An eyebrow and half a moustache have been reported missing, last seen floating around the high rise flats. Have the notorious Rathcoole barboura struck again?

Reckless Ray Dregs

Yes folks your reckless M.P. Ray Dregs has come up against the strong arm of the law. Ray Dregs, the ever popular caravan tourist to Rathcoole is to face charges in June for 'Reckless Driving'. 'Reckless Ray' was no doubt rallying to attend the needs of one of his constituents - and who's to say that Red lights are more important than serving the people? Our M.P. may come face to face with another carefree driver - Judge John Adams - when he comes to trial in June. No doubt they will be able to sort something out (gentlemen of honour, nudge, nudge, wink, wink, I'll scratch your back if you Game of golf? What about a drink..... Well thats that sorted out...) We'll wait until June and find out.

Cuts

Are the politicians really representing your interests? The N.I. Housing Executive are set to cut their budget (or have had their budget cut for them) for the next year by a staggering £44 Million. What this means in effect is that you have NO chance of getting repairs done (as if we had before) and that house building will be greatly reduced, and building contractors will have to lay workers off. While this issue is passing by, what do you think the response has been from our timesarped, backward hillbillies? You've keep the same slogan, but change the issue ULSTER SAYS NO - TO HOUSING CUTS.

Voluntary Boycott

The latest move by our politicians is a call to stop working with community and voluntary groups. We would like to ask the question "When have the politicians in Newtownabbey EVER worked with voluntary or community groups?" We can think of at least one voluntary group in the Rathcoole area who have never had anything but BAD NEWS from the local Rumkin Council - who took £1000 away from the group and STOLE a grant of £1700. There are some who will say that the Boycott of Voluntary groups is a good opportunity for many groups to break their links with the parasitical politicians!!!

Quotes

Little Verses from the BIBLE
"When two men are fighting, and the wife of one of them comes near to drag her husband clear of his opponent, if she puts out her hand and catches hold of the mans genitals, you shall cut off her hand and show her no mercy"

Deuteronomy XXV Verses 11-12

Quote from last year "I cannot imagine any Christian society in which divorce, abortion, sexual relationships before marriage and homosexuality are tolerated" - The Pope

MALE SEXUALITY DO OUR BALLS RULE OUR BRAINS?

This is the first of several articles on Male Sexuality. Here we try to examine if much of the Sexual Violence done by men is the result of 'Natural Urges'? DO OUR BALLS RULE OUR BRAINS? How often have we heard the words "Ah, his balls ruled his brains" or "A standing prick knows no conscience"? Quite a few I'm sure! These comments reflect a common myth - that men have a bigger sex drive than women and that men often 'cannot contain' their so called 'natural urges'. Unfortunately the judgements of our learned judges give credence to this myth. Frequent comments of 'she led him on' in Rape or Sexual Violence cases are often heard. The media add to the myth by concentrating on the sexual 'track record' of the female victims in such cases EG "She was a prostitute" or "She was wearing high heels and stockings" or "She teased him about his manliness" etc All of which boils down to a MYTH which says "MEN ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR SEXUALITY"

Due to the work of organisations like Rape Crisis and Womens Aid and the Womens 'phenomena' of Male Violence. A huge percentage of Sexual Violence takes place - especially in the so called 'private' domain, the home I Mans Castle I. From wife or girlfriend battering to Child abuse, from Rape to mental torture, this male violence takes in ALL social classes - Judges, political leaders [Kinora is the tip of a very big iceberg], shop stewards, the Unemployed, it could be anyone. This article asks then "Is Male Violence natural?"



Striking a blow against Macho Values

Darwin was one of the first to give credence to the 'Natural Urge' or 'Naked Ape' theory. He argued that man was naturally more aggressive and that the role of women was

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3 CENTRE COLUMN.

3 A Question Of Identity

The link between the peoples of Scotland and Ulster is as old as the first remains man has left in these islands. Some of the 6,000-year-old stone graves that have been found in Ulster are also found in western Scotland. Seán Ó Ríordáin points out that these tombs "form a continuous province joined rather than divided by the narrow waters of the North Channel."

Indeed the water between Ulster and Scotland seems to have been a busy thoroughfare. Waterways would have provided an easier means of moving about than the land, which would have been covered at that time with thick forests, and with only paths rather than roads. Anyway, Antrim and Argyll, at their closest points, are only thirteen miles apart.

It would take too long to talk about all the known movements that occurred between Ulster and Scotland, so I will just focus on some of the more important ones. When the Gaels had begun their conquest of Ulster, and slowly pushed the Ulaid and Cruithin chiefs into the east of the ancient territory of Ulster, many of the inhabitants decided to move across to Scotland.

In Scotland they set up a powerful kingdom called Dalriada and this kingdom for a long time controlled territory on both sides of the channel. It is a curious fact that the very name Scotland came from these Ulster people, as the name the Romans used for the Irish at that time was 'Scotti', and the Ulster settlers took the name with them to their new homeland.

In 6th and 7th centuries there was also considerable movement of Ulster Cruithin to Galloway in Scotland, so much so that one writer estimates that "the Ulster settlers were so numerous as to become the dominant population." The name Cruithin survived up to the 19th century in the Lowland Scots dialect as 'Creemie', which means a servant or working man of Galloway.

Normans, but now they found in these Scottish mercenaries trained and traditional soldiers who could endure the Norman arrows and repulse their foot, and who before long turned the tide of battle against them. To them we may attribute much of the resurgence of Gaelic Ireland in the next three centuries."

Maybe, once the people of Ulster start a proper study of their history, they will discover how much they all have in common, and how tragic in the present fratricidal strife. (M.H.)



GOOD NEWS IS BETTER THAN BAHND

A paper full of truth? Or so they say

I'm not so sure on reading it today!

Have you something to be said?

Or will a silly cartoon do instead?

We'll have a dig at them down the road.

Did you know the Edenmore's been sold?

Dot your theological I's if it be your will

But that won't pay your telephone bill!

"Full House" we have on Sunday night

But Bingo's not our gene

Bringing souls to hear of Jesus is our only aim

So put your artists soul to rest

At poking fun you've passed the test

Take your Bahd News to the bin

...and let them burn their souls to ash!

POTENCY - we are obsessed with the SIZE of our penis' and the 'scoring up' of lays UNEMOTIONALITY - "Big boys don't cry" CONTROL - need we say more? DOMINANCE - Who wears the 'trousers' at home? INDEPENDANCE PREDATORY DESIRE - "Your balls rule your brains"

Women do most of the 'caring' work with the old, the young, the handicapped, whether in paid work or as a housewife. We, as men are rarely encouraged by fellow men to break the mould - to share our feelings openly, to be 'househusbands' and look after the kids, or look after the grandparents, to show our emotions, to shed our tears [of joy, nor sadness!!!!] If we did these things we'd be ridiculed as a 'poof' or a 'softie'. As such we have few opportunities to develop as caring, emotionally balanced beings. Outside of Funerals and scoring goals for football teams we have few opportunities to 'safely' [ie without being ridiculed] show our feelings and emotions. One of the few ways we can open up is in sexual relationships with women. As a result sex itself becomes a bottleneck for many feelings often unrelated to the erotic aim



MACHO VALUES

The areas in Scotland where these Ulster people settled are the main areas from where many of the Scottish Presbyterians came from when they 'returned' to Ulster for the 17th century plantation. As Emma says of these Scottish settlers: "many were indeed of ancient Irish Cruithin or old Ulaid stock, but they had found a new identity. They did not return as Cruithin or Ulaidians, but as campy, hard-headed Scots who became the majority Ulstermen of today - ardent Irishmen at a rugby international but retaining strong ties with Britain."

It is indeed unfortunate that Ulster's present-day 'loyalist' community only think their link to Ulster dates back to the 17th century and the Plantation. If they knew a bit more about their real history and heritage, they would realize that their link with Ulster goes back much much further into history.

And while the loyalist community have every right to be proud of their long links with mainland Britain, the realisation of their ancient links with Ulster might allow them to be as equally proud of something they have always tried to deny - their Irishness (for, as Ian Adanson said, Ulster is the most 'Irish' of all the areas of Ireland.)

The Catholic, Nationalist community of Ulster, instead of seeing the Scottish link as something that was always negative to their own traditions, would also need to take a much closer look back into our history. For they too are as much a part of the Scottish link as the Protestants.

While people from Ulster and Scotland had always been moving backwards and forwards between the two countries, it was the Gaelic chiefs who first made a deliberate policy of 'importing' Scots in their thousands. In their struggle against the Anglo-Normans, the Gaelic chieftains recruited large numbers of Scottish mercenaries, called galloglasses (from which comes the surname Gallagher).

As Edmund Curtis wrote: "In the military and political history of Ireland the galloglass proved a turning-point. Up to this the Irish, though brave enough, in their light dress were no match for the heavily armed

Sharon Perry (no longer Bahd News reader) in reply to your anon. 'PLAY BINGO' Cartoon

FROM PAGE 2.

to channel mans 'natural' aggression into family life ie. the positive control of aggression for the benefit of civilisation. Darwinism laid the foundations for much present day sexual thinking - Man as predatory and needing to relieve his 'natural' urges, Women as passive and receptive to these urges. Much of this remains - Men 'fuck' and Women 'get fucked'!

The problem with Darwin's theory is that it ignores the change possible in many men from Dominant, predatory, aggressive and MACHO types to more caring, responsive, considerate people. If we are all potential violators and rapists as of 'nature', well then, No change is possible. Darwin's theory also fails to explain the wide variation of sexual practice OUTSIDE the strict guidelines of masculinity.

There is another reason for Male Violence. It lies in understanding the social construction of masculinity. We as boys are taught to be tough and hard. Masculinity is based on being a 'real man'. What is Masculinity based on?

or the emotional. Many men talk of the 'disgust' they feel immediately after ejaculation especially in casual relationships. Sex is often used as a release to tension, as well as a reassertion of Virility and Masculinity of course. Therefore we men are often thought of as being more 'urgent', having bigger sex drives etc because we use sex for MORE than an exchange of love or an erotic encounter. When sex becomes a bottleneck for other feelings our 'natural' urge theory is wrongly given credence. Sex only becomes a bottleneck because we as men are badly undeveloped emotionally and are not able to openly express many of our feelings.

Violence then is often used in the male world to resolve conflicts, from Macho clashes between Unions and Bosses to bar room brawls. Sexual violence too is used to resolve challenges to Male Esteem.

Being a REAL MAN is to be an emotional illiterate. Perhaps our humanity would benefit if we started to think of de-constructing and reshaping masculinity along different lines - lines which take account of the need for men to partake EQUALLY in the caring, emotional and 'feeling' side of life.

LETTERS

S.African Goods

In your November issue you published a letter from a young female Social Worker [I'm a male chauvinist pig] on the evils of South African apartheid. The erudite young lady adured the good housewives of Rathcoole not to buy South African goods especially tinned fruit. Two weeks before Christmas seven of the big Supermarket chains jointly announced [collusion ?] that they would no longer stock South African fruit and fruit derivatives. However the young lady is in no way entitled to a smug smile of satisfaction. With the exception of one all of these supermarket chains are Jewish owned. The excellent South African products have been replaced by equally excellent goods - labelled in small print 'Produce of Israel' - marked up in price, by FIFTY per cent. Pre 1948 the state of Israel as it is today did not exist. The name was Palestine. From A.D.634 to 1948 this was Arab / Muslim country. In 1948 it was annexed [a polite word for stolen - taken by force] by the Jews who promptly imported thousands of their Brethren from mid Europe to colonise and consolidate their position and defend the same against the infidel, but at that time not under Jewish propaganda, it is historical fact, Apartheid ? Your young lady should have a conscience. She tried to damage South Africa and in doing so backed a vastly more abhorrent Apartheid regime in Palestine [or Israel]. Conscience or apt I'm sure the young lady has a sense of humour. How's this for an anomaly? The exception in the seven supermarket chains which have banned South African produce are owned by - you've guessed it - Arabs Yours , Doug Edwards [Sen]



kids at play

REPLY TO LETTER BY WRITER
Would it be patronising to suggest to Mr Edwards that the world is a complex place. It is only possible for us to critically comment and act on the more oppressive aspects of

a multifaceted world wide system - dominated no doubt by the male chauvinist comrades of Mr Edwards. In fact it is the express wish of the majority of the indigenous black population of South Africa that Europeans press for a ban on South African goods as it is one of the only PEACEFUL means of protest left to us - even if the Blacks themselves will undoubtedly suffer as a result. Also it is no surprise that the Israeli's and Arabs succeed where South Africa left off - they both represent unfair systems, this being the essential ingredient of vast profit making.

P.S.
WHAT HAS BEING A
'YOUNG FEMALE' GOT TO DO WITH IT.

Plastic Bullets

Dear Editor,

I would be grateful if you would print this letter in the next edition of your(excellent) newspaper. I am writing in relation to the Plastic Bullet issue, with regard to the article and letter printed by you in Bahd News. I feel very strongly that the use of Plastic Bullets is a heinous crime. I commence I would like to inform the reader that I have no affiliations with any political organisations either republican or loyalist, I write as an individual. I feel that there were discrepancies in both viewpoints expressed by Mr. McCabe and Mr. Skelly. Piratly Mr. Skelly, if you were armed with a 'Large piece of wood or similar', and your opponent was wearing a flack jacket, crash helmet, and was armed with a Plastic Bullet gun would you think that it was a fair situation. Secondly, please ask yourself truthfully how you would have reacted if a Protestant Shipyard worker had been SHOT DEAD on Wednesday 11th December 1985 during the confrontation at the gates of Stormont, when 32 members of H.M. Forces were injured by 'large pieces of wood and/or similar' would the forces of the law been justified inslaughtering him before he carried out his brutal intention; would the Protestant worker have similarly 'deserved' it? Those who live by the sword?? Mr. McCabe why did you feel compelled to write your article in reference to the Sean Downes case after all there is no shortage of controversial incidents of killings by H.M. Forces using these 'riot control weapons', fifteen people (7 children) have been killed by Plastic Bullets in the province, Julie Livingstone (14), Carol Ann Kelly (12), Paul Whitters (15), Peter Doherty (40), Nora McCabe (30), Harry Duffy (45), the list goes on. A better example may be the case of school-girl Carol Ann Kelly, aged 12 from Twinbrook. The facts of the case are as follows:- Carol Ann Kelly and two of her friends were coming back from a local shop with some shopping for her mother.

There was trouble in 4 the area at this time, just a few young people standing around in the street, as usual (kids in Twinbrook have similar problems as those in Rathcoole - loads of places to go) Three landrovers containing H.M. Soldiers drove past the three children at high speed. Plastic Bullets were fired from the first two landrovers, Carol Ann's friends dived to the ground, they both managed to avoid the line of fire, but Carol Ann was not so lucky, she was struck on the head by a Plastic Bullet. When local people came on the scene they found the young child lying on the street, bleeding profusely from the head wound, the shopping lying beside her on the street. Carol Ann Kelly died in hospital, May 22nd 1981, as a result of the impact of the Plastic Bullet, her skull was crushed, and the resulting severity of the head wound caused her death. Those are the facts, I leave it to the reader to make his/her own judgement.

In conclusion, I put it to the reader- does it take a Protestant to be slaughtered before we cry out that it could be anyone, how would you feel if it was your innocent son or daughter?. We must see Plastic Bullets for what they are, yet another form of repression against Working Class Communities regardless of religion. Where would H.M. Forces find it easier to use Plastic Bullets, Malone Road, Jordanstown, OR Twinbrook and Rathcoole. ??????????

Yours sincerely,
(Rathcoole Resident (Derrycoole Way))

Poetry

They put me in a uniform
They put me in a uniform
To fight for God and Nation
They put me in a uniform
And taught me how to write
They put me in a uniform
And taught me how to fight
They put me in a uniform
I learnt to spell my name
They put me in a uniform
I learnt to kill and maim
They put me in a uniform
That I would work in strife
They put me in a uniform
In which I'd lose my life.

ASHELS CAT TIP
a speedy recovery to 'THE WHITE ON
FROM ALL THE CATS IN RATHCOOLE

Mandy

The Self Help Group would like to thank donors, collectors and distributors of toys in their Christmas toy appeal. The appeal was a great success with toys going to needy families in Rathcoole as well as families of workers engaged in industrial action at Abbey Meats.

REMINDER - to all those who have problems in wheeling their bins in and out in the icy weather "If you feel you are not able to wheel your bin out get your doctor to write you a note and send it to Refuse Collection, c/o Glenmount House, Church Road, Newtownabbey.

Bahd News offers our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family and friends of Rhonda Robinson who died tragically over the Christmas period as a result of a road accident.

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"There is no hope"

According to the Rev. Buchanan, his North Belfast mission on Rathcoole Drive, is in a massive £30,000 worth of debt.

During July, in an effort to stream-line operations the church committee decided to introduce the governments A.C.E. scheme in the church controlled, pre-school play group.

This successful playgroup was started 7 years ago by dedicated and well liked ladies. All had gone well for 7 happy years, that was until August 17th.

On Aug. 17th the ladies Mrs. Esler and Mrs. Heatley received letters from the church sacking them, after seven years service. The third worker and leader of the group Mrs. Downey resigned probably in disgust.

At the moment the church already employ over 80 existing A.C.E. workers. Department of Economic Development. The church pay nothing. The next step by the church was to extend the scheme by 3 new playgroup workers and everything would be rosy.

This is where things could go wrong for the church as unknown to Mr. Buchanan he has probably over-stretched his quota for the A.C.E. and may have not registered his proposals to meet the government deadline. So his request for more workers could be rejected.

On Thurs. Aug 28th, due to being in a "JUDAS" of a situation, and the possibility their plans backfiring, the church has hastily sent out letters to the parents concerned, explaining that the playgroup may not re-open due to "staffing problems" leaving



the parents only a scandalous one days notice of closure, as re-open on Mon. Sept. 1st.

On Sunday 31st Aug. the Rev. Buchanan candidly explained from the pulpit, that "Due to the resignation of Mrs. Downey he was unable to re-open the playgroup, but hoped that it would soon be operating under the A.C.E. scheme."

No mention was made from the pulpit about the hurt and distress to the two ladies involved whom had worked for over 7 years for the good of the parents and children in the playgroup, and who ended up being cast aside to save the church money.

Sacked by people who take orders from no-one least of all God!

*SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME, (Subject to D. E. D. approval)

ATTACKED.

I feel something must be done.

Recently a few friends of mine set up home in Rathcoole. After a few weeks they had got their home sorted out and started to settle in. Then on Saturday night Aug. 23rd four thugs broke the door down and assaulted one of my friends with a broken bottle, which resulted in 8 stitches in the face and almost losing his sight, then turning from him abused his sister and her friend and finally wrecked his home.

Is this the sort of treatment that any newcomer should have to expect? All I have to say is well done lads, I'm sure you really feel tough and I won't print your names as I wouldn't like anyone else to go through what they did.

Anonymous Rathcoole.

***STARTING THIS MONTH THE ALL.. TRUTHFUL NO MESSING NEW £1.53 BINGO GAME!**

YOUR NUMBER ON PAGE 5.

***NOT EVERYBODY LIKES BINGO... BUT.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY SCANDAL, STORIES, POEMS, JOKES etc. Send to BAAD NEWS, 28A THE DIAMOND, R'COOLE.

Benefits Bulletin

Changes in single payment regulations

THAT AFFECT YOU!

From August 11, 1986, major changes have been made in the regulations which cover single payments for essential items of furniture. Single Payments can be made to cover certain items which are not allowed for in your Weekly Benefit.

The new list of items and the amounts allowed for them are as follows:

ITEM	AMOUNT £ . p
Bed Base (single)	30.00
Bed Base (double)	45.00
Mattress (single)	35.00
Mattress (double)	60.00
Waterproof	
Protective Sheet	2.50
Cooker	150.00
Space Heating Appliance	30.00
Fire-Guard	17.00
Washing Machine	100.00
Vacuum	35.00
Refrigerator	45.00
Hot Water Cylinder	
Jacket	6.00
Safety Gates	17.00
Pushchair	28.00
Highchair	25.00

OR must have become a tenant or owner within 28 days of the claim AND been a prisoner, or been a hospital patient (for at least 12 months), or moved from a hostel, resettlement or similar accommodation provided by statutory and voluntary organisations and moved as part of a rehabilitation programme or satisfy one of the conditions for a Single Payment for removals set out in Regulation 13 (you do not have to need a removals grant but, simply to satisfy one of the conditions).

OR is a refugee (this includes those awaiting result of an application for refugee status and those refused refugee status but, who have been granted leave to remain within the UK.

OR is a victim of domestic violence.

A dependant who is part of the person's claim and who has rejoined the family after an absence of at least eight weeks can have a claim made for the items she or he needs.

A payment can be made for a bed, mattress, and water-proof sheet where a young child is moving from a cot to a bed.

For the purposes of Single Payments regulations 'Chronically Sick or Physically or Mentally Disabled' is invalidity benefit, or severe Disablement Allowance or Mobility or Attendance Allowance or who is blind or who is suffering from a severe illness for at least the last 28 weeks or who is substantially or permanently disabled.

THREE YEAR RULE

No Single Payment for furniture will be made if the claimant or partner have received single payment for the item in the past 3 years. This rule does not apply to items required for pensioners or those 'chronically sick or physically or mentally disabled' (see definition). A person who is widowed or separated and lives alone who has not claimed previously in her or his own right can still claim a payment. If she/he has a new partner it will depend if the partner has made a claim in the last 3 years. This rule applies to furniture and household goods only. No payment will be made where the person's partner was previously the tenant or is about to start work. No payments will be made for non-householders for the things needed for her or his room.

WHERE TO GO FOR ADVICE

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HOUSING BENEFIT SUPPLEMENT

This is a special sort of Supplementary Benefit which you may be able to get if, AFTER paying rent and rates, you are below Supplementary Benefit level and you have savings of less than £3000.

It has received very little publicity so far, and thousands of low paid people in Northern Ireland are entitled to, but haven't yet claimed. Housing Benefit Supplement. You could be missing out on several £'s per week.

If you are entitled to Housing Benefit SUPPLEMENT, the amount you get should include the weekly additions payable to people on Supplementary Benefit. You will also be able to claim single payments for furniture, bedding, and maternity needs, etc. (if you have savings of less than £500).

You can claim Housing Benefit Supplement if you are single or have a family.



***THOSE WHO QUALIFY MUST BE..**

A pensioner or someone claiming for a pensioner.

OR a person or partner who has been receiving Supplementary Benefit or Housing Benefit Supplement for at least 12 months without any break.

OR a person whose claim includes someone who is chronically sick or physically or mentally disabled (as defined).

OR a person who has moved due to intimidation (but, not by a close relative, partner or other member of the previous household).



OR a person who moves due to fear of domestic violence.



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GRAIN AID



HAVE YOU SIGNED?

*NEW WOMAN'S GROUP.

Newtownabbey Womens Group, have opened their premises at 22a The Diamond above where Mr. Wilson once operated his empire from. There will be several activities for women of all ages to participate within the premises.

A mother and toddler group will be held a couple of mornings during the week and various classes such as how to use a knitting machine will start on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. An important aspect of the group is that children will be looked after in the "childrens room" while the mothers can participate in the classes.

Most importantly however is that, all sorts of women are welcome, as our main idea is to have somewhere for women to get together.

*NEWS FROM BURT'S NURSERY.

We are pleased to announce that the nursery in Rathcoole High School has once again re-opened. We would like to thank all the staff and teachers for the support over the last term.

Some places are still avail for enrolment next year, the only requirement for any children is that they must be years old on Sept. 1st. 1987 and must be toilet trained.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from Rathcoole Self Help Group at the Diamond.

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GRAIN AID is the brainchild of Bob Markland, a Flour Miller from Liverpool. Like so many of us he was moved to tears by the video shown of the Ethiopian children during the Live Aid concert. He felt outraged that the E.E.C. countries could justify the stockpiling of huge amounts of grain and other foodstuffs while people of the third world starved to death.

The E.E.C. subsidise millions of pounds for the storage of this food, which is obscene when the are others starving to death everyday, so GRAIN AID have decided to start a petition of people living in E.E.C. countries, the aim of which is to collect millions of signatures to be presented to the European Parliament.

It is sometime now since the live aid concert, and the aim of that project was to help in both the long and short term to relieve the situation in the famine stricken countries, but are essentially need so too are the basic foods for survival. Given adequate LONG TERM backing a large proportion of the famine countries should be capable of becoming self-supporting. If this is to happen however, it is essential that as much money as possible is used to create and sustain the long term projects, rather than on food which has an important but temporary effect. In order to make effective both of the long and short term aid, GRAIN AID are asking the stockpiles of food should be released.

This may seem ambitious, and a very expensive, but just consider these facts:

In 1974 after the last famine, the world food congress proposed the setting up of a

world food reserve, to be stored partly in those countries most likely to be effected by drought or famine. 12 years later this plan is still not in operation.

According to Teddy Taylor Conservative M.P. for Southend, the E.E.C. is currently spending £20,000,000 PER WEEK on the dumping and destruction of foodstuffs.

If you feel you would like to add another signature to the petition please contact the R.S.H.G. or write to:

GRAIN AID (E. Ireland) CAMPAIGN
c/o Mr. P Nolan

13 Yoan Rd
Kilmacormick, Enniskillen
Co. Fermanagh. BT74 6EL

HOUSING SURVEY

DURING SEPTEMBER AND EARLY OCTOBER THE R.S.H.G AND THE RATHCOOLE TENANTS ASS. WILL JOINTLY BE CARRYING OUT A HOUSING REPAIRS SURVEY AND AS WELL AS THIS WE WILL BE CARRYING OUT A CENSUS OF WELFARE BENEFITS TO FIND OUT IF PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE BENEFITS THEY ARE ENTITLED TO. WE WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION, AS ONCE THE INFORMATION IS COMPILED WE CAN APPROACH THE N.I.H.E. WITH A COMPLETE LIST OF THE REPAIRS NEEDED TO BE DONE THROUGHOUT THE ESTATE AND ALSO MAKE PEOPLE FULLY AWARE OF THE CHANGES IN WELFARE BENEFITS DUE TO THE RECENT GOVERNMENT CUTBACKS. IF WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE SURVEY THEN WE HOPE THAT REPAIRS TO THE ESTATE WILL BE CONSIDERED A PRIORITY FOR THE H. EXECUTIVE.

AMERICA

Recently the Irish Childrens Programme organised their yearly trip to America for children, from all over N.I. between the ages of 9 and 15.

Both Catholic and Protestant children went for 7 weeks. The American people raised the money for the trip by having dances, jumble sales, sponsored walks, and various other activities. A group of children trip, they had a great time. One of them and I can tell you he had the time of his life. The family he stayed with had 9 children of their own. He seen all the famous sights of New York such as the Statue of Liberty, Twin Towers, Empire State Building and lots of others.

Once every week the children had a picnic where they all got to know each other. I think this trip was a great experience for all the children lucky enough to have gone.

S. Campbell.

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HORRORSCOPES.

VIRGO. Don't panic if having difficulty in getting work or business organised this week, as there is no work and business is NOT as usual. Just give up this week and go back to bed.

LIBRA. If you woke up this morning feeling great, then forget it! You will probably receive at least 3 threatening letters and 2 obscene phone calls before lunch.

SCORPIO. Someone will offer you a job today, you will probably spend the rest of this month in hospital recovering.

SAGITTARIUS. A day of rather empty skies and secluded feelings, obviously your date won't arrive today. A good day for a suicide.

CAPRICORN. Romance is in the air for those with jobs, anyone without a job could not afford to go to Ballyearl for a night out.

AQUARIUS. Don't, we repeat don't go to Water World today, as it is twice as expensive as the Valley.

PISCES. All pieceans will be millionaires this week and will win the pools, get a £5 Yankee up only to be run over by a black taxi.

ARIES. It is going to be one of those days where everything either goes right or it doesn't go right today it very well might or might not go right tomorrow - perhaps.

TAURUS. Friends at home and those on holiday in Spain could drop in unexpectedly. Especially if the Aviation Authorities have not checked the plane.

GEMINI. It's a glorious week ahead, Sunday will be the

highlight of the week listening to the Rev. Buchanan justifying his position as an all round good guy.

CANCER. Not a good day if you are thinking of going shopping, as we have inside information that the V.G. is getting extra police protection since the recent breakins.

LEO. This is Ed Campbell's sign and therefore you are expecting to go to bed early for a nice sleep before your Giro arrives - Have a nice day !.

* NEXT MONTH....

MERCER TELLS ALL!

....MY 6 MONTHS OF SHEER HELL.

The Self Help Group and the Tenants Association would like to wish Billy Mc Cormick a speedy recovery after his recent illness.

Billy who has been heavily involved with the Advice centre tenants ass. and dealing with problems within the estate has been retrained by the nurses at Whiteabbey hospital.

Rumour has it that Billy has been holding Welfare Rights classes and bed calls during his free time. Get well soon Billy we all miss you. Best wishes also to Audrey who as usual takes everything in her stride.

EDITORIAL

Well were back again with a "new baad" news. We all felt that a change was necessary because some of the previous articles were not representative of the group as a whole, we wish to point out thought that, the content of the paper should still remain educational and informative without isolating or offending anyone within the community.

The newspaper has and always will remain a small voice for the community of Rathcoole to express certain issues and topics relevant to them and in having a "new outlook" we would ask for you to submit any comments or articles to be included every month. If you feel that your views can help to do that. Any letters or articles should be sent, care of the Rathcoole Self Help Group, 28a The Diamond.

How to win friends and influence people by Red Ken Banks: Banksie was caught on at the Geordie last week trying to impress a local lady with the line " You look like Angela Rippon from the side" The lady was not amused and left him standing crying into his pint. Better luck next time Ken !

PERSONAL COLUMN.

Batman seeks Batwoman for romantic picnics in unused passion wagon. Replies will be totally confidential.

Congratulations to Stephen and Rachael who got married in August. Another good woman bites the dust....and not to outdone Ronnie and Anne decided that if it was good enough for Stephen and Rachael then... Best wishes to both couples from everyone at the group. Don't worry Stephen we won't tell what happened at your stag night and Rachael we won't tell that the R.U.C. were invited to your hen night. Nobody has seen Anne and Ronnie since, but it is rumoured that everyone had a ripping time at the wedding.

ODDS & SODS.

Did you here the one about the advice worker from the centre for the unemployed in Belfast?

He went out to visit an old age pensioner in such a hurry he forgot to take the address with him, and nearly 1 1/2 hours later he was so embarrassed he had to phone down to find out where he was supposed to be. Would never happen in Rathcoole, would it? **ALEX.**

WHERE IS EAST ED ?

Has he feel asleep for good ? East News went in search of Ed a found him sleeping in a trendy London night club. Rumours still have it that Ed is sleeping around all over London. Come home to you own bed Ed !

BREAK DANCE

The local heat of the N. Ireland breakdancing championships were held recently on the table tennis table in the Rathcoole Self Help Group. The winner who presently holds last years N.I. breakdancing on table tennis table title, was the unanimous backward manoeuvre with the help of his equally energetic partner. The group would like to congratulate the two competitors on their extremely exciting performance and would like to thank them for their entry into the competition.

Ashys Cat tip.
DON'T COUNT YOUR KITTENS BEFORE THEY HATCH!

Pretend, pretend your my friend,
Pretend pretend until the end,
All for what, my friend, it is the end,
I make my stand friend, hold my hand.

Pretend pretend your lost and found,
Pretend pretend why not hold your ground,
All that we've said and done, does it end with the shot of a gun.

Pretend pretend there is a future,
pretend pretend there is a feature,
Swore you'll look elsewhere, look below the stair.
Look to you, look to her, look below the stair.
Look to you, look to her, and see how you will weather.

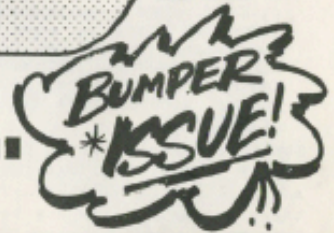
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'NO' to MURDER

As the tension builds, and opposition mounts to the Anglo Irish Agreement, many in the community are concerned that 'genuine' opposition may give way to indiscriminate violence

This may take the form of the type of rioting which was seen on the night of the 'Day of Action', but could be worse than just a crowd of disaffected young people throwing some stones. But there are fears that violence could take another form.

The present atmosphere is the sort of context in which sectarian murders have happened in the past - AND COULD HAPPEN AGAIN.

This community does not need any more assassinations. They have proved nothing in the past and will prove nothing in the future. People only end up dead, maimed or in prison! Families end up bereaved, or sentenced to years of torment and prison visiting.

Thatcher may want violence and confrontation - don't give her it. The spectre of the recent killing in North Belfast and the history in East Antrim of random killings should be enough warning to us.

VIOLENCE DOES NOT WORK. IT ONLY HARMS OUR OWN PEOPLE AND OUR OWN COMMUNITY.



Remember!



Herbal Life

Many people in Rathcoole have recently been subjected to the publicity of Herbal Life, which suggests that weight can be lost through the use of a special herbal life weight control programme. To any overweight person Herbal Life would appear to be the answer to their problems, particularly the problems associated with overeating eg heart attacks. But what is this product and are there any side effects?

Naturally enough, the publicity leaflets do not divulge

a lot of information, merely that the product is guaranteed, with no need for drugs or exercise. When questioned about this a representative from Herbal Life would talk only in detail about the wonderful effects that the product had on him. It proved difficult to discover if the product had side effects. Indeed the representative said that it was "100 percent SAFE", and "94 percent SUCCESSFUL".

When asked about the cost he was reluctant to state how much it was for a course, arguing that it would be cheap as the user would be buying less food!

Third Force

What have Gusty Spence and Fr Des Wilson got in common? Not much you may say - except that they have written in a new magazine called the 'THIRD FORCE'.

This THIRD FORCE is not the one you're thinking of, but a series of political essays from all sorts of people from the protestant side, the catholic side, the Trade Unions, the Womens movement, from Socialists and from Libertarians.

It is an excellent read, and excellent value at only 1 pound.

Available from all good bookshops - can be bought at the Self Help Group

If you want to read about REAL politics then read this booklet.

He was deliberately misleading saying that the Herbal Life product was sanctioned by an "official Medical Board". In fact it was sanctioned by Herbal Life's own board.

On investigation we discovered that Herbal Life DOES in fact contain some dangerous products - in particular laxatives which, if used over a period of time, can lead to severe problems. Anyone suffering at present from ill health such as high blood pressure or diabetes should be particularly careful of the Herbal Life product.

A further problem is that the agents who promote the Herbal Life product are not medically trained and their advice should be taken with some caution.

Luckily there is a way to lose excess weight if it is a threat to your health. A change of diet is the best way to lose weight. This is a long term step - unlike the short term herbal life way.

a) Cut down on fats in food especially Ulster fries, crisps and cream.

b) Start eating more fibre in food ie bran, wholemeal bread etc.

This is a simplified version of a diet plan suggested by dieticians who you can see in hospitals. In any event beware of herbal life.



LEGACY OF THE MARCH 3RD RIOTS - THIS VAN WAS ONCE THE FASTEST MILK CART IN THE 'COOLE' !!



Bad News - we know it makes sense Read it Now

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*R.U.X. SERVICE?

Two or three weeks ago a few ex-service personnel of Rathcoole and District met in the East Way Social Club to discuss problems that give us concern. Although we had not advertised, there was a heartening response. We are in no way intending to run in opposition to the Royal British Legion Whiteabbey and Whitehouse Branches, but feel there could be a role for us to play, and areas where we could help. Flourishing and growing - ex-service groups are already operating in Shankhill and Cregagh district. Why not in Rathcoole???

The management committee of East Way Social Club (Alpha) have kindly put a room at our disposal on Tuesday 22nd April at 8.00pm. If you qualify, lady or gent - WHY NOT COME ALONG?



***BAD NEWS PHOTO QUIZ ... ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STUDY THE 3 PHOTOS BELOW & GUESS WHICH ONE OF THE 3 DISTRIBUTORS IS REALLY A BOY...**



① PERSON A.



② PERSON B



③

PERSON C.



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Animal Rights Movement

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Animal Rights Movement

A BRIEF HISTORY.

A number of peoples gathering at the Crebilly Hare Coursing protest meeting, December 1982 felt strongly about the suffering and abuse of animals decided to set up an organisation in order to campaign and actively protest against all forms of animal abuse. So they all headed for Ballinc High School in Ballymena where they agreed to form the organisation.

There was much debating and gnashing of teeth concerning a name for the aforesaid organisation, which went on well into the afternoon when behold from the sky appeared a bearded old man on a steaming white cheeseboard. And they said unto him.....

"Bearded old man on a steaming white cheeseboard, what shall we call our organisation?"

And the old man came upon them and said unto them.....

"You shall be called, The People's Movement against Undemocratic, Fascist Orientated, Exploitation, Abuse and General Bahdness against animals, especially the little furry ones on TV with David Attenborough"

And when they had finished they said unto him.....

"What a load of old Bingo manure" And the bearded old man on a steaming white cheeseboard vanished in a flash of yellow light and lots of dry ice. And the people said unto each other..... "Who was that bearded old man on the steaming white cheeseboard who vanished in a flash of yellow light and lots of dry ice?" And then, they promptly forget him!

RIGHTS MOVEMENT, and in order to avoid confusion and court appearances stuck 'Northern Ireland' on the end! Behold A.R.M.N.I. became popular with many people who thought it to be a splendid idea, for they said "This is a splendid idea". And so it was. And it came to pass that many people joined A.R.M.N.I. and they went onto the streets to promote the idea of animal rights.

Many different forms of animal abuse were protected against - Hare Coursing, Fox hunting, Stag hunting, ritual slaughter, Vivisection, Zoos, Circuses, factory farming and the fur trade to name but a few!

The main thrust of the campaigning has been Hare Coursing, the A.R.M.N.I. having been actively protesting both north and south of the border. In 1984 the Animal Rights Movement gave evidence in the N.I. Assembly against Hare Coursing during their debates on the Wildlife and Countryside Bill. Unanimously the Assembly called for a ban on Park Hare Coursing.

Mr Chris Patten, the minister in question at the time said..... "This is a splendid idea" and totally ignored it. Therefore it was back to the drawing board to begin again.

Unhindered by this setback the Animal Rights Movement continue to protest on Hare Coursing and all other forms of abuse and exploitation. If you would like to help or want to know more about the Animal Rights Movement of N.Ireland please contact the office in Belfast, Telephone at Belfast 240671. Or better still, why not call in. We are open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.

This article about the Animal Rights Movement is written by Bill Calvert, the editor of the A.R.M.N.I.'s magazine 'Dotery'.

GENERATING EXCITEMENT

Jim 'the egg' Allister got a bit over excited lately when he spotted a generator which was according to Jim, destined for Maryfield.

"According to Jim, the generator was to be used in case of power cuts in any future loyalist strike.

Unfortunately for Jim what was left of his quickly thinning hair had covered up his vision (which is short at the best of times) and he misread the label on the generator.

The generator was, in fact, a second hand one - which didn't even work-- and belonged to a local farmer. The farmer was hoping to "make a few bob off it if I can get it going". He described Jim Allister's claims as "ridiculous" and then described Jim Allister as "ridiculous".

Correct on both counts, Sir!

Ambulance

It was a freezing icy cold morning. The wind, direct from Siberia, whistled and whipped across the Bogh Road.

Tommy and Lizzie asked us not to mention their names. We respect that, but we wish to say that they have the same surname as a prince of the realm who was very much associated with the noble art of self defence. That morning at 10.30am they had an appointment for a check up at Whiteabbey Hospital.

Tommy is 84 years of age and Lizzie is 83 years young. They are long term residents of Rathcoole.

The ambulance arrived at their door at one had told them that the ambulance would come an hour and twenty minutes before their appointment time! Had they been told they would have been ready.

On being asked politely if he could wait 10 minutes the driver replied.....

- 1) 'No, I can't wait 10 minutes'
- 2) 'I've other patients to pick up'
- 3) 'No I can't call back'

Tommy and Lizzie walked to the hospital! The check, bang on 10.30am, took only a few minutes. On enquiry about the return journey, they were told that the ambulance would not come back until 2.15pm. They walked home.

Whilst we realise that the ambulance service is in many respects highly commendable, it could, we are quite sure, be improved.

ABOVE



Know Your Enemy

PEOPLE WHO EARN £80,000+

Tommy and Lizzie are not an isolated case. Indeed through our observations it would appear that excessive waiting time for patients is the rule - rather than the exception.

Viewpoint

On the 3rd March some people from the estate participated in a so called peaceful protest. This peaceful protest soon turned into a night of violence and looting. Wilson's store was looted and the Bakery was also looted, with cream cakes being used as missiles (who said the era of slap stick was dead!). The Diamond was ripped apart! The very steps leading down into the Diamond were ripped up and used as weapons. If this is fighting for democracy I'd hate to see a full scale war! Do those who engaged on this 'protest' not realise that this sort of violence only damages their own people's property.

Surely Rathcoole's fight for a better estate (with better Housing and quicker repairs etc.) is pointless if and gains made can be lost thanks to the art of peaceful protest!



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Drug Taking

In this issue of Bahd News we start a small series of articles about drugs and drug abuse.

First though, some FACTS vs FICTION about drugs.

1) "Drugs mainly affect young people!" There is a widespread thought that only young people become involved in the 'drug scene'. This is completely wrong. We live in a drug taking society that for years has accepted the principle that the best way to solve your internal problems is to take something externally. Whatever is wrong for us, headache, depression etc. - there must be a pill for every ill. This was not started by young people - in fact it is ADULTS who consume the vast majority of drugs be it alcohol, tranquilisers, anti depression sedatives and so on - which are pushed at us by the drug multi nationals and the medical profession.

2) "Drugs are mainly illegal - illegally produced and distributed" Wrong again! Most drugs which are used are perfectly legal, manufactured by reputable (?) companies, prescribed by doctors and dispensed by chemists. Pills like 'blues' and 'bombers', 'Speed', sedatives, tranquilisers, even HEROIN and COCAINE are manufactured and prescribed within the law! Compared with the large amount of legally available drugs, those which are illegal are a very small number indeed!

3) "Once an addict, always an addict". This is not in fact true as not all drug users are addicted and those who are in the most cases "come off". Research in the U.S. and in Britain has shown that many addicts stop using drugs around the age of 30 - 35. The Americans call it "maturing out". We must not, of course, forget those whose lives end prematurely.

4) "Drug addicts are violent criminals" There is evidence to connect some drugs with violence. This is particularly true with alcohol and barbiturates, though not all drugs make people violent. What could be said is that SOME drugs bring out the 'hidden' violence which is already present in SOME people.

5) "Prescribed drugs must be safe". NO. Beware of Drugs manufacturers. Most drugs are made by large multi national companies with vast resources and elaborate advertising. There is no doubt that many drugs have been useful in curing illness but others have harmful side effects which are usually 'covered up' by the drug companies.

One of the worst excesses was the Thalidomide cases which were caused by a drug being used in the early stages of pregnancy. Its effects produced nearly 3,500 deformed babies in West Germany and Britain. This was a widely available multi-national produced drug.



Genes for multinational drug companies

Transfer Peter Galt: Sell between subsidiaries to raise prices artificially, avoid control and taxation by governments.

The World Game: Use an untested drug before it is developed world and to test new drugs, mainly on children and low income groups.

Control Game: Exploit patent rights as long as possible, ensure doctors prescribe by brand name, not by generic name. Use side effects and file requests court multi-national power against national interests.

Object: to put profit before need.

While in no way an I trying to play down the dangers of Drug Abuse it must be remembered that a middle aged woman from Jordanstown is more likely to be a drug abuser than a skinhead teenager from Rath-coole.

The point of this article is to inform people about the facts and hopefully to prevent anyone from taking drugs and doing damage to themselves and others.

MS NEXT MONTH'S ARTICLE WILL BE ON GLUE SNIFFING AND SOLVENT ABUSE.

JOB!

With unemployment running at such a high level it is with a certain amount of hope that a few are being employed by Rathcoole Community Group and Newtownabbey Community Project under the ACE scheme.

The task of these employees is to help the elderly, the handicapped, single parents etc. They can decorate houses, cut gardens/hedges and help to improve the overall decor of the estate.

It is hoped that these will be ongoing schemes, giving some of our young people a chance to have a job which they might not otherwise have had. Many of the young people involved have never had any more than the meagre pittance handed out to them by the pss.

We would be interested to hear comments about the readers thoughts on ACE schemes. Write to 28a The Diamond, Rathcoole.

LOOK OUT NEXT MONTH FOR AN ARTICLE BY CLAREKNOT M.D.



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Day of Action - Lessons For The Future

In this article we will look back on the 'Day of Action' on March 1st and its implications for future Unionist policy.

DAY OF ACTION - no matter what the political pundits may have said the 'Day of Action' was virtually a total success! In South and East Antrim there was a total shut-down... except-of-course for the odd O.U.P. Councillor selling free state bread out of the back door!

RIOTING - there was some paramilitary involvement in picketing but the main rioting was done by young people. The youth were virtually uncontrollable and ran amok in the hours during the power cut. Their political motivation was negligible, they are just alienated, disenchanted and disaffected! The rioting created, nonetheless an atmosphere of fear. The old and more vulnerable, as well as many ordinary residents were held to a 'house curfew' - being too scared of police and rioters to go out!

FUTURE TACTICS - future tactics will depend on how long the fragile Unionist Unity holds in place. It is an uneasy Alliance of Unionist businessmen and landowners, D.U.P. fundamentalists, industrial 'key' workers, farmers, paramilitary leaders and, significantly, unemployed young people looking for a laugh.

A Future Strike? - Strikes go against the grain of upper class Unionists like Martin Smyth (with a y), John Taylor and Jim McInerney. However there is probably enough grass roots support for a longer stoppage IF and only IF the strike organisers can control the 'hood' element.

As Bshd News points out there is little to be gained either by the Anglo Irish Agreement OR by the Unionist opposition which really count. The tactics of Thatcher will undoubtedly entail violence. Her track record is one of brute force, confrontation and 'machismo'. The Unionist opposition to the Agreement has not shown us a better way either. It has been dominated by confrontations and political high jinks, aiming to restore a brute force majorities rule OR state, with minorities ignored or subjugated, be they on grounds of sex, religion or race.

A BIRD THAT LAYS SUCH ROTTEN EGGS IS LONG OVERDUE FOR EXTINCTION



MY NEW PAPER IS GOING TO BE CALLED 'WON TARDY'. IT'S GOING TO BE PLEASANT, EFFICIENT, CLEAN, COLORFUL, POSITIVE, NEW AND EXCITING, YET IT'S GOING TO BE FIRMLY ANCHORED IN SOLID TRADITIONAL VALUES.

...WELLS LIKE FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOM FROM MONEY, THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO OWN, THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN POLICE, AND THE NECESSITY OF BARRS AND WALLS TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE MURDER OF THE ROAD TO THE MOUNTAIN AND VASTLY RAISED B.S. MILLIONS!

MY PAPER IS GOING TO BE CALLED 'GRAND NEWS'. IT'S GOING TO BE PLEASANT, EFFICIENT, CLEAN, COLORFUL, POSITIVE, NEW AND EXCITING, YET IT'S GOING TO BE FIRMLY ANCHORED IN SOLID TRADITIONAL VALUES.

...UNEMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL JUSTICE, PRODUCTION FOR RATHER THAN PROFIT, FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND FROM HUNGER. IT WILL BE OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THOSE WHO WORK ON IT. YES, I BELIEVE IT WILL STAND ON THE LEFT, AND I'VE ALREADY RAISED MONEY FOR IT.



MAUREEN MONEYBAGS.

the ordinary person, I think you'll agree with us that the Unionists do not care much about your welfare either. The Unionists (DUP and OUP) have always supported Maggie Thatcher right down the line, up until the Agreement that is.

UNIONISTS HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ANTI-WORKING CLASS MEASURES IN WESTMINSTER.

THE AGREEMENT MAY BE AGAINST YOUR INTERESTS.
SO MAY THE UNIONISTS!
BE CAREFUL WHO YOU SUPPORT.

This vile bird is long overdue for extinction!



Anglo Irish Agreement & Loyalist Action

IN THIS ARTICLE WE WILL ASK 'WHAT BENEFITS HAS THE ANGLO IRISH AGREEMENT BROUGHT, IF ANY, AND WHAT HAVE THE UNIONISTS IGNORED IN THEIR OPPOSITION.'

- 1) HOUSING
 - CUTS of £44 million since the introduction of the 'Agreement' W.Ireland has amongst the worst housing stock in Europe.
 - Unionists have made NO protest at these savage cuts!
- 2) EDUCATION
 - There have been massive CUTS in Education with all sectors affected especially the nursery sector.
 - Unionists have made NO protest about this state of affairs.
- 3) WELFARE
 - Fowler has introduced his Social Security proposals which will decimate the Welfare State and attack the most vulnerable in our society.
 - Virtually NO Unionist opposition!



- 4) HEALTH
 - CUTS galore as Hospitals are closed, Home Helps, nurses and auxiliaries are laid off (see article on ambulance Service). Health service, cut to the bone by Thatcher, are straining under the pressure.
 - NO significant Unionist opposition to cuts in jobs/services in the Health sector
- 5) JUSTICE
 - The Diplock system and the 'Supergrass System' continue under the Agreement. Life prisoners review system is still in disarray.
 - This issue is of little concern to the Unionist politicians. Loyalist prisoners and indeed ALL prisoners have been treated with disdain by the Unionists through the years!

There are just a few aspects of life after the 'Agreement'. Although the Agreement may not be very interested in you,



- how the idea came about.

SELF HELP GROUP, ACE WORKERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS
Advice Worker, Fundraiser, Van Driver, Crèche Worker, Information Officer, Music Worker, Arts Worker.
APPLY TO SELF HELP GROUP, 22a THE DIAMOND, RATHCOOLE.
ACE CONDITIONS APPLY.



6 QUESTION - WHERE WAS BIG IAN DURING THE EASTER TROUBLES? ANSWER. AMERICA.

Question of Identity The Great Walls of Ulster

THE GREAT WALLS OF ULSTER.

From the earliest times, according to H.W.Lett, Ulster people "were in the habit of defending their boundary - and the entire literature of the Ulster cycle is full of descriptions of fights in defence of the border"

Those writers, past and present, who don't wish to an Ulster separateness dating back to ancient times, and who prefer to see the battles of our early history as merely quarrels between tribes, or dynastic rivalries, tend to interpret the written history to suit.

Many of them are silent however, to the fact that there is actual PHYSICAL evidence, in the form of huge earthen ramparts dating back to ancient times, which are unique to Ulster and tend to corroborate the idea of Ulster's separateness. Because this evidence does not somehow fit in with the idea of tribal quarrels, and such like, it has for the most part been quietly ignored.



BLACK PIGS DYKE is a great earthen rampart up to 20 feet high and 30 feet wide with a ditch on either side. It can be traced with some certainty across the whole of Ireland from Bundoran in Co Donegal to South Armagh. This 'Great Wall' isn't continuous, but makes use of natural barriers such as lakes for part of its length. Amazingly, many writers try to claim it was only erected to act as a "hindrance to cattle raiders from the South"! One well preserved section, near Drumgowna in Co. Cavan, has an overall width, taking in two ditches and the rampart, of 60 feet! Some cattle fence!

THE DORSEY at the eastern end of the dyke is the largest entrenched enclosure in Ireland (over 300 acres). It was obviously built to block an important route northwards into Ulster, particularly as the strongest defensive portions face south.

DANES CAST is another great wall consisting of a wide trench with a rampart on either side. It extends from Scarva, Co Down to near Killeevy in Co. Armagh. This earthwork also is not one continuous line, but in separate portions that stretch from one sheet of water to another.

It is believed that this second wall was built when Ulster people were pushed east by the Gaelic advance. "The vast quantity of arms found in the area point to an armed defence". On the eastern side there

are numerous enclosures (raths), some of which were undoubtedly forts. At the north end of the wall is Lisnaglade Fort, one of Northern Ireland's most impressive earthworks - a rath with three massive banks and ditches.

At the other end was a fort at Pathom. It commands Moyry Pass. The whole of the 'Cast' from the base of the mountain to Camlough is visible and signals from it would have been seen along the whole line as far as Lisnaglade. Every fort appears to have been visible from at least one other, and several were visible from one central one. This seems to point out that the necessity of rapid communication by means of signals was one of the considerations in view when the various sites were chosen.

THE ULSTER PEOPLE WERE CERTAINLY SERIOUS ABOUT THEIR DEFENCE !!!!

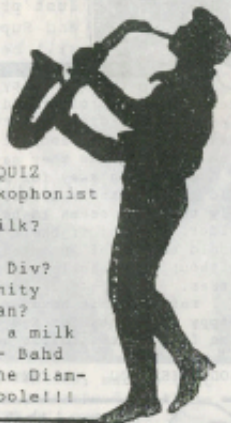
New Premises

An exciting new phase of the Newtownabbey Musicians Workshop is about to begin. After several years without premises the musicians have found several rooms to let in the Merville Community House.

The Community House Committee must be congratulated on this progressive decision, for as we all know, the needs of young people can be too easily ignored.

The Music Workshop, which started for a couple of days a week at Rushpark in 1982, before moving to Rathcoole, has been active throughout, despite the lack of premises. There is a weekly music 'club' in the Glen Inn, Glengoralee, which has moved from the Palm Grove to the Fern Lodge and eventually to its present location.

up, as well as having a major input to the Rock Festival in 1983 and the Community Festival in 1984.



BAHD NEWS QUIZ
Is this saxophonist

- a) Acker Bilk?
- b) Ashley?
- c) Rab the Div?
- d) A Community Policeman?

Answers in a milk bottle to - Bahd News 28a The Diamond, Rathcoole!!!!

WHAT ACTIVITIES WILL BE RUN ?
a) Guitar, percussion and keyboard classes for young people.

b) Low cost practice facilities for bands.

c) Hopes for a small recording studio.

d) Social / Drop In facility - which can act as a reconciliation centre where people from surrounding estates can meet eg Rathcoole, Longlands, Monkstown, Bawnmore, Rushpark

First of all VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !!! We will need help to soundproof, fix the roof, the walls, and paint the place. All help would be most appreciated.

With recent financial help from the N.I.V.T. the Music Workshop have no excuse for failure now.

Community Arts

Bahd News was recently the recipient of a grant from the N.I. Voluntary Trusts 1985/86 Community Arts award scheme. This will allow us to keep going for at least another year with a new word processing facility.

The N.I.V.T. in association with Save and Prosper gave out 59 grants to various arts groups around the province. All sorts of schemes were funded from Theatre to Arts, to mural painting to local writing projects, from photography to young music bands.

We must hope that the local Councils and the Arts Councils take note of this increase in 'Community Arts' and allocate their funds accordingly.

In the case of Newtownabbey Arts Committee that means funding LOCAL art, not spending money for slap up meals, free drink binges and expenses paid trips for the Miall Toibin's of this world!!!

Equal Opportunities - an official ripoff

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ? DHSS & GOVT REGULATIONS FOR MARRIED AND NOT SO MARRIED. - a Bahd News reader writes

..... You will of course be exceedingly pleased to know that the DHSS and the Unionist & Conservative Govt. that rigidly controls it has antiquated prejudices against couples who are co-habiting (living in sin !!). That stigma is a thing of the past with them - or is it? Whether you have a certificate or not the dole will mark you down as a married couple - living as 'man and wife' - ith no dirty looks! How decent, amicable and modern of them.

The reason for these 'modern' values is clear. It means an immediate week as a couple. Their sublime reasoning has it that two can live eat, pay bus fares etc cheaper than single people (half a large tin of beans each principle). There are financial reasons behind this 'liberal' living together principle.

Yet when one or both claimants finds gainful employment (hah, some chance) a single man/woman's tax deductions are implemented - in other words they will be paying full whack single persons tax! No married persons reduced rate! No liberal 'living together' clauses. Only if you can prove you are lawfully wed, Church or Registry office, and appropriate forms handed in for inspection.

Does this sound like unfair play, an official rip off. You can bet your plebian ass it is - the law on their side, bent to suit themselves and their tight fist policies.

Same old story I'm afraid, but then there you go.

If you want crooked, two faced policies vote Unionist, vote SDLP, vote CAPITALIST. You know it works - there are 4 million on the dole to prove it!!!!



ODDS N' SODS



Any older women in Rathcoole interested in talking about their own personal history eg working life in the 20s 30s or 40s. Contact the Womens Group 22a The Diamond Rathcoole. Ask for Adree or Edel.

The Advice Centre would like to apologize to users for any inconvenience caused by re-decoration of the premises. We are now back in full swing and our Advice Centre is open 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. We invite you to call in with any Social Security, Housing, Legal or personal problems. We aim to help you claim all that you are entitled to.

Quote

QUOTE OF THE MONTH
"Despite the Rathcoole Self Help's Red tendencies it has to be admitted that they are doing a good job for local people"

- National Front News!

Pensioners must be raging that their recent pension rise is only 1.1% as compared to an inflation rise of 5.5% and an incomes rise of 7.5%. Ah well, that's what you get by voting Unionist. VOTE UNIONIST! VOTE TORY! VOTE FOR CUTS IN PENSIONS!

Water Chute

WATER SLIDE - A SAFETY HAZARD.
The new Water Chute (built at a cost of £100,000 to the ratepayers of Newtownabbey) is proving to be a major safety hazard. A waste of money AND a risk to safety. Perhaps a Commissioner could do no worse than the bunch of ignorant cowboys we elected!

What about Paul 'The Wild' Gamble who celebrated his forthcoming wedding by taking a streak from Mossley to Rathcoole. On the way back from a Rangers vs Celtic match, his 'mates' stripped him and left him to streak home naked from Mossley. Unfriendly locals drew down their blinds, but Widdy managed to get a lift home from a passing M.U.C. van - a bit cold, but none the worse for his naughty escapade.

Poetry

A POEM.
A poem may mean nothing to you?
Words may mean nothing to you.
Art may seem pointless,
and demonstrations a waste of time.

Sentiment may mean -
more than you can afford
love may mean pain,
life may mean a cruel joke
played on you again and again.
Who or what,
means something
special
to you?

Royce Harper 86.

Clerical Corner

APPEAL.
Have any of our readers ever heard of the religious group 'THE SWORDS OF JESUS'? If you know how to get in touch with them ring Whitebeary 60322 - it could mean the reaction of someone with their parents! This is a serious appeal. We've to axe to grind with these asbri rattling Christians. Honestly. Swords of Jesus? Swords of the Lord? Phone 60322.

Vegetarians are more healthy

VEGETARIANS.
Vegetarians spend less time in hospital than meat eaters, and cost the National Health Service much less than meat eaters.

The lifelong vegetarian costs the National Health Service 12,000 pounds compared to the meat eaters 58,000 pounds in hospital treatment.

The meat eater is also much more prone to diet related diseases. All this is according to a recent Surrey University independent report which concludes that "in a time of economic hardship it makes sense to save the country money. Don't eat meat"

Witness

Chiseling away for Jesus

CHURCH NEWS ... with Rev. Joan King.
CHISELING AWAY FOR JESUS.

"One sunny afternoon I was doing some gardening up at the Masse. The sun was beating down and the whole garden was alive with God's little creatures. After a while I sat down under the big oak tree to survey my labours.

As I watched old Joe, the gardener, tidy up I realized the importance of work, and how a man can feel fulfilled and proud of his efforts.



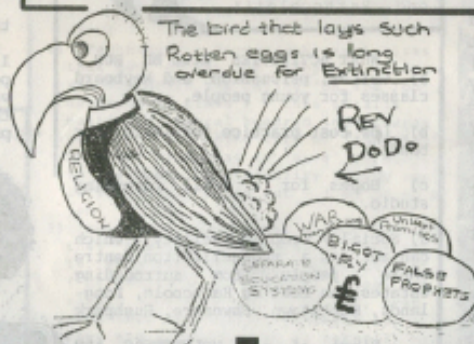
Is your giro late?
If so, it may be a job for "Super Saviour, money lending and all DHSS problems"
Just pray to contact and Super Saviour will be there !!!

Within the community however, few men toil and prosper and one finds it increasingly difficult to justify the existence of God amongst those who are 'on the dole' as they say.

Chiseling away for Jesus is a hard old game in these troubled times and sadly the gulf seems to be getting ever wider. Perhaps if there was an answer it would be one of an integrated community without the shackles of society's structures.

Falling this however, one must be happy with ones lot and keep smiling in the face of the devils adversity!"

GOD BLESS YOU REV JOAN KING.



CAN YOU NOT WAIT

Who can that be ...
At this time of aye
Can there be no peace ...
Can there be no right
Damn ... such a noisy bot
Such a clicking latch ...
Such a sticking door ...
It'll soon fall off if I don't watch

Can you not hear me out there ...

Can you not wait ...
What do you want ...
Do you not know it's late
The mob of cold air
Blowing in its mood
The hunking mouth,
that's not understood ...
and the hood ...
and the hood ...
and the hood ...

Have you got a blanket
to cover the man
Do you phone for an ambulance ...
Try again ... if you can
There's a lot of blood ...
a lot of blood ...
blood ...
I wouldn't like to say ...
But I don't think
they'll be bringing him back.

Shopkeeper Award to be Ripped Off?

Rathcoole's shopkeeper of the Year Award is in danger of changing hands! James '6000 mark up' Wilson is in danger of having his coveted title 'ripped off' him! The challenger? - some other than the Chip Shop at the Diamond.

The owner of this Chippy is not giving his workers even their basic rights, as Rathcoole Advice Centre found out!

- NO contract of employment
- NO statutory holidays!
- NO written warnings!
- NO verbal warnings!
- NO written reasons for dismissal!
- NO notice of termination of employment!

This chip shop owner is trying to bring employment practices back to the start of the century.

Anyway - his chips are stinking!

Royal Disgrace

ANDY PANDI'S PUDDING FOR PIE.
Well, us British taxpayers are set to fork out more cash for a new addition to the biggest parasites in the land - not the 'poor' unemployed, but the rich unemployed - THE ROYAL FAMILY. First Sarah had to be medically checked for 'past history' (ie sexual track record - couldn't be having some upstart selling his "steamy night with Sarah" story to the News of the World in a few years time). Never mind the double standards - Koo et al.

Secondly she was bought a ruby red ring to show to the salivating journalists. ("Could we please, please, please, just possibly, if you don't mind, actually, if it wouldn't be too much trouble, pleaseeeeeee, have another look at the ring Andrew and Sarah? How much did you say it cost the taxpayer - Oh only £450,000 Jolly Good!"
Then with a few gutter press words later, Andrew and Sarah will be ready to slump into the easy lifestyle of the leisured rich unemployed (and you can forget the old 'I've a job in the Navy guff').
Far from being a mere "tourist" attraction they will join the other Royal Spongers as the symbolic heads of our stinking capitalist patriarchy!



Photos Above: Children at The Diamond. Below: Women from the Womens Group at a Home Maintenance class.



PEOPLE ARE SCREAMING OUT FOR THE 'REAL' NEWS!!

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VANDALS



A BAHD NEWS READER WRITES.

Dear Editor, I have been unemployed for four years. My only pleasure was my car, it was all that I had. Until last night that is. Last night, a gang of young thugs were at my home and when the 'fun' was over the thugs moved further up the Estate carrying PETROL BOMB'S. They then decided to PETROL BOMB my car and others.

If the cars had been any nearer the building, then not only would our cars and property would have been destroyed but maybe our lives as well

I am never likely to meet these young thugs who did this, so I would be grateful if I could use the BAHD NEWS to express my anger.



LIVING ON A PIGS BACK !!

NINE O'CLOCK NEWS

Good Evening! This is the nine o'clock news with Nicholas Witchill and Selina Honeyford.

* Queen Elizabeth refused to comment at the amount of Maoris who were baring their breasts and 'goodwill' tour of New Zealand. A group of Maoris presented the Queen with some eggs and some squidgy tomatoes. The Queen remained dignified throughout.

She attended a banquet for very important people afterwards. Some coloured people outside were looking quite hungry and they handed in a petition about some silly land that the Crown was meant to have stolen a long time ago. The police moved these people on, and the Queen went on eating her merry heart out inside.

Tomorrow she will attend a garden party and champagne lunch before going on to a banquet for extremely important people.

* Prince Andrew, soon to be married to Ms Sarah Ferguson, ate beans on toast for his dinner today! He said that this was part of a 'royal trend' to bring the monarchy closer to the people - a process started several years ago by the 'walkabouts'. The beans were specially commissioned by Heinz while Sammy Allinson from Yorkshire baked and delivered the bread with his own two baking apprentices' hands. Butter was provided by the Marquis of Blandford who is now specialising in making butter at his \$18,900 a week drug rehabilitation unit in Berkshire.

* Prince William went to the toilet on his own this morning and is now to be awarded a medal of honour and an award for cleanliness. He will also award himself something else when he grows up!

* A volcano in Columbia killed 2,561 people. A further 23,981 were injured. Bob Geldof is to do a concert.

* Princes Anne's horse 'Big Whopper' today gave birth to two foals today - a black one and a white one - which are to be named Bongo and Reginald at a special service next week.

* 3 Million people have been killed in South Africa. And now the news.

* The Duke of Edinburgh meanwhile went out boating and fishing on his own lake in northern Scotland. He had to get into the boat himself and said "Why are people complaining that there is no work when there was no one to lift me into my boat - Unemployment - nothing but blooming whingers"

The Duke caught a one pound roach which he hit against the boat until the fish's brains spilled out. "The Unemployed should do some fishing instead of moaning" said the Duke on returning to Balmoral.

* England won the World Cup for the first time since 1966 when they beat Algeria 4-0 at the Aztec Stadium in Mexico City!

* Sarah Ferguson did absolutely nothing today except sit on her butt and lie about the palace (I nearly said house there - whoops) She said "Being a Royal is great. It's just like being on the buroo' - except you don't have to sign on and you get as much money as you want - not to mention the servants and the free trips. Try it - its great!"

* And that was the nine o'clock news on Friday May the 43rd

If it weren't for the daily propaganda, do you think the Royal Family would survive for long? NO THEY'RE ONLY PARASITES.

EDITORIAL

MALE SEXUALITY.

Keith White Afterthoughts Clare Short MP on the dangers



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of page three images.

Several months ago in Bahd News we carried some stories on the need to oppose Plastic Bullets on Human Rights grounds - that they were not simply "Anti Catholic" weapons but "Anti Human Being" weapons.

Now tragically, with the death of Keith White, the Protestant community is waking up to the reality of capitalist rule in this country.

In order to maintain capitalist interests in both Northern Ireland and the Free State, there is NO limit to the extent that the capitalist State will go to maintain their interests.

Over the past 18 years this province has been used as a testing ground for all sorts of repressive technology like C.S.Gas, Tear Gas, Water Cannon, Rubber and Plastic Bullets, Diplock Courts, Torture (with perfection of both physical and mental torture - sleep deprivation, diet, electrodes, white noise, psychological torture etc.), Supergrasses (the use of paid perjurers to give uncorroborated evidence in mass trials to get certain people out

of circulation), Strip Searches to degrade women prisoners, massive Surveillance through the police and army information gathering, information a la Kitson on virtually EVERY person in Ulster.

Ulster is being used as a "testing ground" for all manner of weapons of the capitalist state. YES WE ARE THE GUINEA PIGS, AND KEITH WHITE WAS ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

Don't let us get complacent. The armoury of the State will be let loose against Protestants AND Catholics if it is in the interests of those in Power ie the interests of 'Big Business' and 'Capital'.

NB Keith White was struck in the back of the head by the Plastic Bullet. This lethal weapon is MEANT to be fired by people who are properly trained. It is MEANT to be a riot control weapon. It is MEANT to be used as a last resort. It is MEANT to be fired at the ground in front of the rioters so that it ricochets against their legs.

Keith White may have been involved in a political demonstration. He may have been throwing stones. BUT IS SUMMARY EXECUTION THE PENALTY FOR THROWING STONES?



In this month's MALE SEXUALITY article we are delighted to have an article written by Clare Short, who is the MP for Ladybrook in Birmingham. Clare recently introduced a Private Members Bill in the House of Commons to outlaw the use of pictures of womens bodies in daily newspapers. In this article - a follow up to our own article last month on Pornography - Clare argues the reasons why she has highlighted this issue.

The purpose of my Page Three Bill is very simple. It would make it an offence to display pictures of naked women in sexually provocative poses in newspapers. I do not intend to make such pictures illegal altogether. If men want or need such pictures they can go and buy specialist magazines. What I object to very strongly is these pictures being foisted on the rest of us whether we want them or not.

Most women find these pictures deeply offensive. They demean women and they demean sexual relationships between men and women.

Women are presented as objects to be lusted after and sniggered over. Sex is presented as a quick thrill rather than part of a relationship.

Ten million of these pictures are printed on every day of every week in Britain. Each one is seen by at least two adults and a lot of children. They must influence the general attitudes to women and to sex in our society. It is in this way that I think they are linked to the rising tide of sexual crime. They demean women and sexual relationships and create a climate that sees sex as something to be grabbed and taken.

I have had lots of letters in support of my proposal. They come overwhelmingly from women and also from caring men. Many are young mothers who worry about the future of their daughters or about how their sons and daughters will grow up. Many are teachers who tell of how the children behave in school when they work with newspapers and some contain these pictures. The boys snigger in the corner and the girls don't know how to respond. Many come from young working women who are fed up with the behaviour of men at work when they read these newspapers.

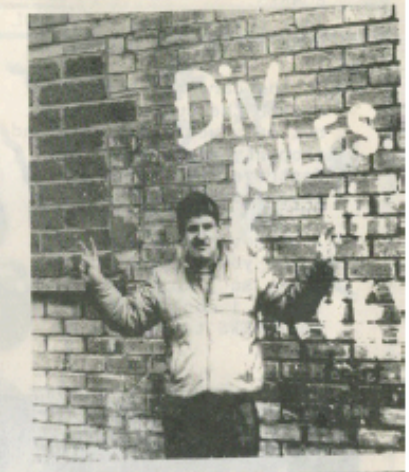
I think this proposal is very important. It is important in itself just to get rid of Page Three. But it is also important that we ask ourselves why we have these pictures, and we decide to make a change.

Clare Short.

Since the writing of this article the above mentioned Private Members Bill has been defeated in the House of Commons. It is an issue which will come up again and again though until we really examine WHY we seem to need these dangerous images.

PHOTO 1 BIKERS AT DRUNCOR GREEN

PHOTO 2 QUIZ - What is Rab trying to signal
a) Liverpool have won the Cup?
b) He is counting up his toes?
c) He is giving a rude gesture?



RATHCOOLE PHOTOGRAPHIC BOOKLET

The Rathcoole Photography Workshop are putting together a photographic booklet based on the people and places in and around the estate. If you feel YOU would like to contribute any of your photos just drop them in to us. The only requirements are that they be:- Taken in or around Rathcoole (past or present). Black and white. And are printable!!! For further information CONTACT: Michele 60322 or call in to 28a The Diamond

Question Of Identity

Ulster

THE HIDDEN HISTORY MICHAEL HALL

ULSTER - THE HIDDEN HISTORY is a new book written by our Question of Identity columnist.

The present conflict besetting the people of Northern Ireland hides an even deeper tragedy. For the two communities within Northern Ireland, who appear to be so irreconcilably divided have, in reality, much more in common than they ever realised, not only in their historical and cultural heritage, but in their very ancestry.

The book sets out to detail many aspects of that heritage, such as

- * the close association between Ulster and Scotland that dates back long before the Plantation.
- * how it is that Ulster people owe so much to the pre-Celtic inhabitants of both Ireland and Scotland.
- * how these ancestors waged a long and bitter struggle to uphold the independence of Ulster.
- * the importance of Ulster not only to early Irish literature, but within European literature.
- * how Ulster was the cradle of Christianity in Ireland and why Bangor was to play such a vital part in European history.
- * how Gaelic Ireland was to establish its proudest and most independently minded form among the chieftains of Ulster.
- * how Ulster was to play the leading role in the development of Irish national aspirations.
- * how Ulster settlers in America were to be foremost in the Revolutionary War of Independence

This book is an attempt to look afresh at Ulster's history, not just for the sake of detailing these little known facets, but hopefully to awaken in the people of Ulster a pride in the rich heritage they all so rightfully share, but which has indeed been "hidden" away from them for far too long.

The book has 38 colour illustrations, 26 black and white illustrations and 7 map drawings. It is published by Pretani Press and written by Michael Hall, and its cost is 4 pounds and 95 pence. The "Hidden History" is available from the Self Help Group at 22a The Diamond, Rathcoole.

Solvent Abuse/Glue Sniffing.

This is the second article in our series on drugs. This article takes a look at solvent abuse.

SOLVENT ABUSE / GLUE SNIFFING.

Many people think that Solvent Abuse is a modern day problem, but it stems from the use in the 19th century of nitrous oxide (Laughing gas), ether and chloroform, but the first report of the "new" style in Britain was in 1962. There was however an epidemic in the late 50's in the U.S.A. Solvents belong to the depressants group together with alcohol, tranquilizers, barbiturates (sleeping pills) and opiates (heroin and morphine). Like all depressant drugs solvents have the least difficulty in getting to your brain because they are absorbed through the lungs as vapour.



GLUE ROAD.

In the early stages the effects of Glue Sniffing are the same as being slightly drunk, tipsy, giddy and light headed but these effects quickly wear off meaning if you want the "buzz" you have to keep "sniffing". Sometimes people boost glue with alcohol to keep the "high" but this has the potentiating effect - meaning that drugs do not add up as 1 plus 1 equals 2, but as 1 plus 1 equals 6! This is very dangerous indeed. Some solvents are more dangerous than others and some young people have died directly from the vapours of certain substances. The REAL danger however is from suffocation through the use of the plastic bag. A recent study of 140 deaths between 1971 and 1981 showed that 80% of deaths were aged under 20 with an average age of 16 - 18, with a ratio of 13 male deaths to every 1 female death. In 49% of cases death was attributed to DIRECT toxic effects.

The figures do show that for most it is a phase of adolescence - often being used as a cheap way of getting drunk, but most cases were found amongst teenagers in run down inner city districts in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the North of England, where there is a high rate of Youth Unemployment. So there must be a link between solvent abuse and unemployment, inner city decay and the problems of growing up and wishing to escape from the reality of their lives.

If you find someone lying unconscious from the effects of sniffing remove the covering and their head to the side and call an ambulance. If you suspect that your son/daughter is "sniffing" don't "knock the hell out of them" because when someone is sniffing there is a reason. Talk calmly with them about their problems and fears because remember they are sniffing to escape from their lives.

THERE IS ALWAYS A REASON!

CRIMINAL BLUNDERS

FINGER OF SUSPICION

The man who attempted a smash and grab raid on a Travel Agency in Barking, fled empty handed in more ways than one.

For when Police turned up later to look for clues they found part of the raiders finger impaled on a jagged piece of glass. Nearby hospitals were alerted in case a man sought medical attention, Forensic experts were confident the man would not be long in being caught, because they had the raiders blood group and just about the best fingerprint imaginable. Commented a police spokesman (person responsible will be recognisable for life and sooner or later someone will put the finger on him).

ODDS N' SODS



QUOTE

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"President Reagan is very keen to keep his Catholic vote. I don't know why he thinks he needs a Catholic vote ... the man seems to be riddled with cancer. He won't need his Catholic vote very soon"

... Rev Dr Ian Paisley, speaking to Caroline Blackwood in an interview for the Womens magazine 'Harpers and Queens' about why Ronnie Reagan is backing the Anglo Irish Agreement.

Fast ED...

FAST ED.

Bahd News reports with sadness the departure from Rathcoole of Fast Ed Campbell who left to join his family in England last month. "Ed" will be remembered for falling asleep in the most embarrassing of places. There were a few stories reported from his leaving party but these were too controversial to write here.

Ed will be back in July to march with the KAI in the "Twelfth" and again in August for the Blacks march. No doubt we will have some more dreary stories of Fast Ed taking forty winks. Until then zzzzzzzzz zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

*ASHLEY'S CAT TIP: - * WISHING MITSU AGUICK RECOVERY FROM CATLITIS. **

LETTER

Dear Editor,
I am writing to your newspaper in hope that I might reach the parents, of the young thugs who roam the Diamond area night after night 'TERRORIZING' the people who have the misfortune to live there.

There are a group of 30/40 of them the youngest being just 6/7, years old, who spend their time throwing stones and then running off in all directions, damaging cars and property on their way. This occurs up to midnight on some occasions, which is suprising considering the ages of these children. In view of this I would like to ask their parents do they know what these young thugs are up to when they go out at night? Do they not realize the damage and upset they are causing the people who have to live around the diamond are they allowed to behave like this in their own homes? Any responsible parent would make sure they knew where their children were and what they were doing, especially in this day and age. It was a MIRACLE that noone was killed in the fire started by these people at a flat above the. Hace a couple of weeks ago. Will nothing be done untill some poor person loses their life because these thugs cannot find anything to do? I personally place the blame with the parents who allow their children to roam around the estate like WILD ANIMALS. Lots of young people have been brought up in the Estate, without doing the damage these children are doing so there is no excuse for it. These children have nowhere to go either.

We all moan about the state of the estate yet we stand back and allow the children to roam around breaking windows, damaging peoples cars and homes (what little we do have we worked for). Would it not be better to clean up the estate and not destroy it? I would urge all parents to find out what their children are up to before its too late and they end up in COURT OR WORSE!!

Bahd News would like to let whoever stole the childs tractor from Glenbane Avenue know that she or he left the trailer behind. Collect it any time !!!! You also left behind a very disappointed child.

SAILORTOWN REVIVAL FESTIVAL A NIGHT OF SONG, POLK MUSIC, CRACK etc in HAZELWOOD COLLEGE, YORK LANE FRIDAY MAY 23RD 1986 BAR UNTIL LATE ADMISSION £3



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Rathcoole kids for America !

Ten Rathcoole children are to go on a chance in a million holiday to America. The trip has been arranged by Rathcoole Self Help Group in conjunction with Childrens Community Holidays.

There will be around a hundred kids, both Catholic and Protestant, from all parts of Belfast enjoying the trip. The destination will be in 'Upstate' New York, though many sight seeing trips will also be arranged.



Bottling on Consultation

The Housing Executive are up to their tricks again! They have 'informed' people that they will no longer be able to use gas cylinders for cooking or heating eg Calor Gas cookers, Super Ser Heaters. This applies to people in 3 storey buildings or higher.

This measure, introduced for safety measures, is basically a good decision, but as always there's a snag!

The Executive will pay NO compensation to those who will be forced to change their cooking and heating appliances by the new rules. This means that many people will have to use expensive and inefficient forms of heating, uch as electric bar fires, or glass front coal fires unlinked to any central heating system.

For those on Supplementary Benefit, the DHSS will pay a Single Payment for an electric bar fire - but this is an expensive form of heating that will lead to much debt and hardship. The DHSS will also cover the cost of mains gas or electric replacement cookers.

Well, so much for the Housing Executive "asking" our opinion. If they really believe in consultation we, the people of Rathcoole, have a message for them, and it is this - "Dear Housing Executive,

you have made a wise decision in the interests of safety. But what about the compensation for people who have to change their heaters and cookers in the light of your new rules. WHY DON'T YOU USE THE 11 MILLION POUNDS THAT WAS UNDERSPENT BY THE EXECUTIVE LAST YEAR TO COMPENSATE THOSE WHO WILL BE OUT OF POCKET BY THIS REGULATION ?"

Yours Sincerely,

Concerned Tenants

NUCLEAR SITES

Recently it was stated by Mrs Thatcher that the nuclear waste disposed by Sella field into the Irish Sea is quite safe. This conclusion is open to a loty of controversy by doctors and scientists alike. The government although claiming that this waste is quite safe are continually looking for dumping sites. They should look no further.

A tunnel underneath the House of Parliament to serve as a dumping ground would convince the people of the United Kingdom that this waste is both clean and safe.

Just how safe are nuclear plants. Perhaps we will find out shortly. A major accident at a plant in the U.S.S.R. will determine just how safe those plants are. This generation perhaps will not suffer but will the next one suffer the aftermath of these accidents.

TEACHERS



Nine forty three! In exactly 2 minutes I'll ring the FIRST BELL and they'll all stand still. All that is, except your potential deviant! Your fledgling REBEL. Your incipient BOAT ROCKER. THEY'LL try to move all right. THEY'LL have to learn the hard way not to move!



ARE

So I'll SCREAM at 'em and take their NAMES and give them FIVE DETENTIONS and EXTRA HOMEWORK! NEXT TIME they won't move after the first bell! Because when they've learned not to question the FIRST BELL, they'll learn not to question their TEXTS! And their TEACHERS! And their

SOFT COPS



they'll grow up to accept TAXES, HOUSING DEVELOPMENT! INSURANCE! WAR! BOOEE! MEN ON THE MOON! LAWS! POLITICAL SPEECHES! TELEVISION! PARKING METERS! ACE SCHEMES! FUNERALS! PAGE 3! Non movement after the first bell is the backbone of Western civilisation!



THIS IS WHY WE NEED
A COMMUNITY PRESS

WE'LL BE BACK IN SEPTEMBER HAVE A GOOD SUMMER

EDITORIAL

This will be the last Bahd News before the Summer break. We will be off for July but will have another issue out for August.

In the meantime, with the summer coming and the marching season hotting up, we would urge you all to make sure that you do what you can to preserve peace what little peace we can salvage.

It can be a dangerous time for young people. With the exhilaration and excitement of the events around them, many young people can get carried away - and do things that they would not normally do.



We hope that the "Silly Season" does not bring trouble with it, and that when we return in August we will not be reporting arrests, jailings, attacks, riots, petrol bombings and worse.

In the meantime I'm off to Portrush, she's going to Spain, he's away to Scotland and we're all gonna have a good time! See you August!!!!

Rolf and Michael say 'NO' to D.I.Y. Bins !

None other than Rolf Harris and Michael Parkinson have said "NO" to new 'wheel'em out yourself' bins - the same bins as used by Newtownabbey's Rumkin Council! The German bins have been introduced into the upper class Council Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in Berkshire, England, where they live.

Just to remind you, this is the bin system where the ratepayer pays the rates AND wheels his/her own bin out (the binperson who normally wheeled them out is made redundant). Rolf's digery-doo is playing overtime while chat show host Parkinson, speaking from his 400,000 pounds house said "I don't object to the new bins, I do object to doing the binman's job" Now where have you heard that before? Sheila Ferguson, a singer with the Three Degrees also lives in the Borough, but her binperson has agreed as a personal favour to wheel her bin for her.

At least in one respect the Windsor Council are better than our own Rumkin Council - they WILL wheel out bins for the elderly and handicapped. It is also rumoured that the Windsor Council members, like our own elected representatives, went on an expenses paid 'wine 'em and dine 'em' trip to Germany to inspect the new bins - many of them coming home with heavy back pockets and new Audi cars! Some things never change. And who sponsors such trips? Yes you've guessed it - US - the idiot ratepayers who vote these hillbillies into power.

REVIEW - 'Days of Unity in the Docklands of Sailortown'

REVIEW - 'DAYS OF UNITY IN THE DOCKLANDS OF SAILORTOWN' by DENIS SMYTH.

Who remembers Sailortown? Some of us have grown up knowing the Docklands as a run down community devastated by motorways and Redevelopment. Others will remember Sailortown in the old times, as a mixed community with a distinct flavour of its own. Local historian Denis Smyth has been involved in many projects aimed at reviving the memories and history of Sailortown, and relating this history to the present day. He has produced excellent magazines such as "The Dockworker" and "Portlight" which give space to the writings and poetry of ordinary people.

His latest pamphlet is called "Days of Unity in the Docklands of Sailortown" and is a must for those interested in keeping alive the precious memories, traditions, and struggles of the Dockland. It contains many old photographs and recounts labour struggles, sectarian riots of 1864, 1886 up to the present, the 1907 Dockers & Carters Strike, the 1911 Linen Workers Strike, the 1911 Mill Workers Strike, the 1941 Wartime Air Raids, to the present "Troubles" and the bombings and shootings when Dockland bars such as The American Bar, the Bunch of Grapes, Jack Trainors and the Rotterdam Bar were affected.

One piece of the pamphlet stands out in my mind as a source of hope for the future, and it concerns the summer of 1969 when communal tension was at its height in Belfast.

At this time there were rumours and fears of an imminent attack on the Dockland area from mobs from the York Street / Tigers Bay area. On hearing this a local policeman, Mark Stafford set up a public meeting attended by both sides of the sectarian divide at the junction of Dock Street and Nelson Street. As a result of this

meeting, joint peace patrols consisting of Protestants and Catholics from the Sailortown area patrolled and protected the area for that weekend and for the rest of the Summer of 69'. Actions like this hold hope for the future, and this pamphlet and others like it have a great role to play in highlighting actual instances when both sides of our community have shown that what unites working class people is much greater than what divides us.

If there is fault to find with this pamphlet it is that it tends to ignore the antagonisms which existed and still do exist within the broad Labour and Trade Union movement. It is unfortunate that today's Labour movement has not taken on board the hard lessons of the past.

The Labour movement, past and present, has been male dominated and bureaucratic. In the future our efforts must be aimed towards confronting these problems, and examining less bureaucratic, less hierarchical, less male dominated ways of organising resistance to international monopoly capitalism. This will mean emphasising more democratic, representative and collective alternatives. In our own organisations we must be constantly vigilant not to mimic the organisational features of capitalist society. In this respect our Trade Union movement must be judged to have failed us, particularly in Northern Ireland, where the Trade Union movement has bent over backwards to accommodate foreign Multi Nationals and profiteers.

This is not to devalue the pamphlet. It is a well produced, attractive booklet which serves the purpose of 'reclaiming' OUR history. The production of such material is a very positive alternative to the pulped, censored versions of history with which we are educated.

Days of Unity in the Docklands of Sailortown by Denis Smyth is available from Just Books, Winetavern Street, and all good bookshops, priced 1 pound. BUY IT AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELF.

BAND NEWS £5 QUIZ.
Name any 3 men
from this line-up ↓



APARTHEID - a guide for concerned people

APARTHEID - FACT SHEET

- * **POPULATION** : There are 4.5 million Whites and 19 million Blacks in South Africa.
- * **LAND ALLOCATION** : Whites have 87% of the land, Blacks have 13%.
- * **SHARE OF NATIONAL INCOME** : Whites have 75%, Blacks have less than 20% (Coloureds and Asians have the other 5%).
- * **RATIO OF NATIONAL EARNINGS** : Whites earn 14 times more than Blacks - 14 - 1 !!!
- * **MINIMUM TAXABLE INCOME** : 750 rands for Whites, 360 rands for Blacks, ie Blacks get taxed on more of their income!
- * **DOCTORS / POPULATION RATIO** : Whites have one doctor per 400 people, Blacks have one doctor per 44,000 people!!!
- * **INFANT MORTALITY RATE** : 27 White infants per 1,000, 200 Black infants per thousand (Urban) or 400 Black infant deaths per thousand (rural).
- * **EDUCATION EXPENDITURE PER PUPIL** : \$696 per year for a White child, \$45 per year for a Black child
- * **PUPIL TEACHER RATIO** : one teacher per 22 White children, one teacher per 60 Black children.

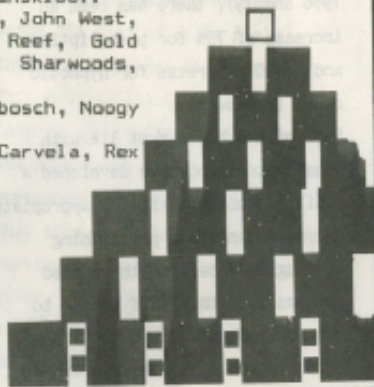
This is a short breakdown of the misery created by the disgusting South African regime. It may seem far away to you. You may feel powerless to help the black people of South Africa overthrow this undemocratic regime.

BUT EVEN YOU CAN HELP. Black people are calling to everyone to boycott South African goods. The profit from these goods does NOT keep the Blacks in jobs. It lines the pockets of rich Whites. So we are calling on you to do the following ...

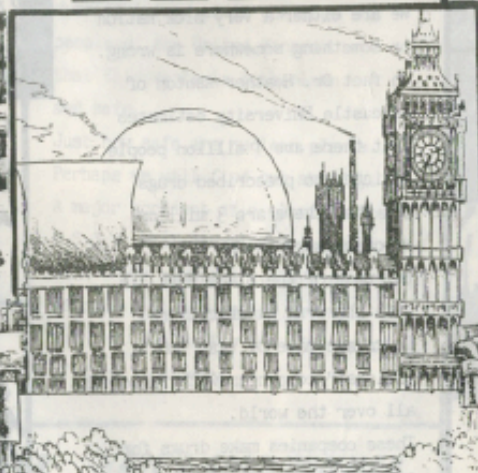
- DO NOT BUY SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS.
- DISRUPT STORES WHICH SELL SUCH GOODS eg fill a trolley full of South African goods and leave it at the check out.
- IF YOU WORK IN SHOPS THAT SELL SOUTH AFRICAN GOODS - PROTEST, INFORM YOUR FELLOW WORKERS AND DISRUPT IN WHATEVER WAY YOU ARE ABLE.

AVOID THE FOLLOWING -

- * **CANNED MEATS** from John West, Ruffin, S&B, Armour
- * **PET FOOD** - Happy Pet Cat Food.
- * **WINES & SPIRITS** - Mundies, S.A.Hock, S.A.Sherry, S.A.Burgundy, Fleur du Cap, Stellenbosch, Lanzerace, Rembrandt, Zonnebloem, Koopmanskloof.
- * **FRUIT (FRESH & TINNED)** from Libbys, John West, Koo, Del Monte, Cape, Outspan, Gold Reef, Gold Jubilee, I.M., Silver Leaf, Goddess, Sharwoods, Grants, Turban, Safeguard, S&B.
- * **HEALTH FOODS** from Koo, Shapers, Rooibosch, Noogy Bars.
- * **CLOTHES AND SHOES** from Miss Cassidy, Carvela, Rex Zuefona, Sailey Blue, Pat Shub.



SEE NUCLEAR SITES →
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PROPOSAL: SEE FOR NUCLEAR PLANT THAT WILL CONVINCE US THAT SUCH THINGS CAN BE CLEAN AND SAFE.

RAPE AND INCEST LINE

On November 7th 1984 Northern Ireland Rape Crisis Association opened the rape and incest line (RAIL) in Belfast. The Rape and incest line is a voluntary organisation which offers support and counselling to those women and children who have been victims of sexual abuse at any time in their lives. Our services include long and short term counselling. Practical legal and medical advice, but most importantly of all-we are here to listen. It is our aim to try to assist in making the difficult transition from having been a victim to being a survivor.

To date, there have been no easily obtained or generally accepted statistics about the incidence of sexual abuse of children in Northern Ireland. One thing however is clear, Child sexual Abuse is a Fact- and a fact we are only beginning to appreciate the extent of.

In the Rape and Incest Line we define Incest as the sexual molestation of a child by any trusted adult. All children need and seek love and affection, but we feel that the responsibility for maintaining the boundaries between sex and affection rest with the adult-not the child. As with rape, reliable sources indicate that over seventy five percent of sexual assault of children is done by people known to them. This is not usually a "one of thing", it tends to be repeated constantly throughout a child's life. When these children become adults, very often they blame themselves for not knowing what happened was "wrong", and feel guilty and responsibility for what has happened.

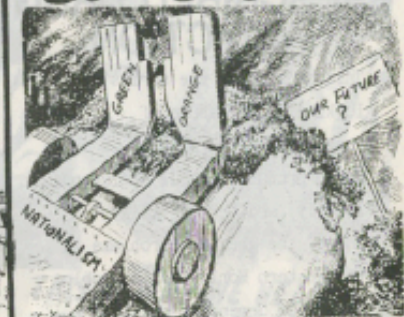
We feel that we can do a lot to help such women and children.

guilt and responsibility and encourage victims to be "gentle" with themselves. All of this we try to do in the knowledge that the reaction of every woman and child to sexual assault is unique. If you have been raped or sexually assaulted and need someone to talk to, please call us at the rape and incest line-telephone 226803, and talk to one of our

SUMMER COMES



BUT ONCE



A YEAR!

ODDS N' SODS



Is it true that a prominent member of the N. Ireland Young Alliance Party has been showing young teenagers 'porno' magazines and offering to buy them cider? Could this future career politician be sullying his copybook?



CRIMINAL BLUNDERS

Listen ...But...I'm...'

Convicted of murder in 1863, Paul Hubert, from Bordeaux, languished in a French prison cell for 21 years despite daily protesting his innocence. TO BE CRYING THE CHARGE WAS it was discovered that Hubert had been convicted of killing himself.

FAMILY ALLOWANCE.

Asked by magistrate Mr Dudley Reynolds why he stole 757 sweaters, 733 men's shirts, 460 dresses, 403 jackets, 83 pairs of socks and 286 pairs of children's trousers, worth in all about £14,000, Mr. Tarvingia Howe, a 37 year old resident of Harare, Zimbabwe, explained, "I have a large family".

DRUG ABUSE PRESCRIBED DRUG ADDICTION

This section of the series is looking at the abuse of Prescription Drugs, that is drugs which produced legally, dispensed legally, and taken legally. One of the greatest problems in the Western World is the problem of people depending on sedatives and tranquillizers.

The history of these drugs stems from World War 2, but the vast majority, 90% in fact, have been discovered in the last 15 to 20 years.

What types of drugs are these?

The prescribed drugs categorically means hypnotics, meaning "sleep inducing". The majority of users take these type of drugs because of anxiety and stress from every day living. The majority of users are aged between 24 and 34 and 45 and 54.

There are drugs that are frequently used in most households i.e. Valium, Librium, Mogadon, Dalmane and various other drugs. How many of these drugs are in your bathroom cabinet?

Many of these drugs can and do help people who are suffering but only for a short period of time.

But there are other drugs which do nothing but cause the problems which they are meant to cure or prevent i.e. depression.

An American commissioner of hospitals stated that 1 1/2 million United States hospital admissions were due to bad patients and doctors.

The increased usage of these drugs has been incredible. Between 1966 and 1977 there has been an increase of 75% for prescriptions and a 200% increase for hypnotic drugs (sleepers).

Some of the blame must lie with some doctors who have developed a habit of unnecessarily, inappropriate and even dangerous prescribing of drugs. Indeed in the United Kingdom more than 2 of visits to the doctors end with some kind of prescription for some kind of drug. We are either a very sick nation or something somewhere is wrong.

In fact Dr. Heather Ashton of Newcastle University estimates that there are 1 million people addicted to prescribed drugs and that there are 3 million chronic users in the U.K.

But most of the blame must lie with the drug manufacturers.

Drugs are made by vast "multi national" companies with factories all over the world.

These companies make drugs for commercial reasons just like any

other product to make a profit. Drug companies make money by selling drugs and people who run drug companies have been described not as "angels" but as "businessmen".

Let us now look at one of the side effects of these drugs.

"The sleeping Pill Driver".

People who take these type of drugs are at more greater risk of being involved in road traffic accidents than those that don't "take tablets".

One study has shown that sleeping pills cause poor physical reactions and impair coordination the morning after taking them. You are more likely to crash a car because of the effects of a drug assisted sleep than of insomnia.

I am not asking for all drugs to be banned, soem do help; . What I'm saying is, that there must be stricter controls on production and distribution of drugs but more importantly what causes anxiety to all those people, and help them through with advice and education about the various effect the different addiction is the fourth greatest killer and in many cases it just commences with the taking of prescribed drugs.



LITTLE VERSES FROM THE BIBLE.
"AND MANY FALSE PROPHETS WILL ARISE, AND WILL MISLEAD MANY"
MAT. 24 V. 11.

CAT RECIPE NO. 4.
STUNNED & TOSSED
BLUEBOTTLE
& CRUNCHIES.

ELECTION SPECIAL!!

BAHD NEWS



RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER.

A VOTE FOR HAGAR ENDS CORRUPTION

So, it's election time again, and those funny men in red white and blue rosettes are at your door again.

"Vote for us, or you'll be sold down the river" they all say.

And usually the people do just that - vote for the man in red white and blue - or else they don't vote at all, like me, because they're bored of it all.

"They'll sell us down the river"

Where is 'down the river'?

Southern Ireland? Well that would be selling us down the river. A priest ridden midden, where the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, and your 'buroo' is only half what it is here. Heroin and confessionals in abundance, free choice of birth control or divorce in short supply. No one wants this type of state.

But what about N.Ireland? Have we not been sold down the river already?

- Among the worst regional housing in W Europe.
- The highest regional unemployment in W Europe.
- Poor health.
- Poverty and numerous related social problems such as domestic violence, debt, alcoholism, solvent abuse, drug abuse, incest, not to mention the problems of bigotry and sectarianism.
- Last but not least, politicians getting richer on our misery day by day

YES FOLKS, WE ALREADY HAVE BEEN SOLD DOWN THE RIVER.

Every one of those two faced men who were voted to represent ordinary Ulster people voted consistently FOR Thatcher in Westminster, and for the policies of Unemployment and poverty.

REMEMBER THIS WHEN YOU GO TO THE POLLS

VOTE HAGAR THE HORRIBLE.

WHY HAGAR THE HORRIBLE ?

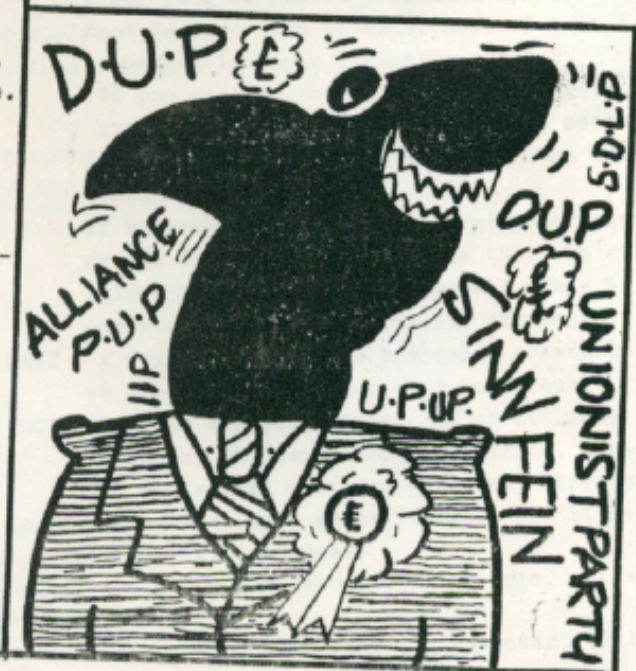
This election, a group of young people are asking you to register a vote for someone called HAGAR THE HORRIBLE of the ALL NIGHT PARTY - a silly party you ask? Yes, but these young people claim that Hagar is not nearly as silly as all the other candidates.

Voting for Hagar will get you nowhere, get that clear from the start - NO PROMISES! But voting for anyone else could do you a lot of harm (see Council's record 81-85 to see how your money is spent).

As the Editorial points out we already have been sold down the river. Hagar won't be voting for Thatcher's policies like all the Unionists do.

Silly to vote for Hagar?

SILLY TO VOTE FOR ANYONE ELSE.



EDITORIAL.

When you come to vote in this election, remember back at the last four years, not four weeks (see Council's record), and ask yourself who cares about the people of Rathcoole ?
Is it the Council ?
Is it the Unionist Party ?
Or is it a group of unemployed volunteers who work from the Diamond, who all live in Rathcoole and know its problems better than any vulture politician ?
That is the choice you have on election day.Think for yourself
.....Vote Hagar the Horrible.....
.....silly to vote for anyone else.....

* MUSIC

"DUNN IT AGAIN"

Yes you better believe it ! Unfortunately those delapidated old farm hands in the council have unbelievably sanctioned the demolition of MACEDON. The cottages at Hazelbank will be turned into a derelict wasteground. After the meetings and promises they had given to the young unemployed of Rathcoole, they have turned round and "FOOLISHLY" ignored the people's wishes. Ironically the same geriatrics have announced a competition to encourage young people in the Borough to take a better interest in music. Their prize is £ 500. COULD THIS MONEY NOT HAVE BEEN USED TO REFURBISH THE BUILDING AT MACEDON ? NO ! IT WILL GO TO LINE THE POCKETS OF SOME RESPECTABLE J'TOWN STRING QUARTET. Our monies have been mis-spent far too long and on the wrong people. WE CANNOT LET THESE TWO FACED COUNCILLORS CONTINUE TO CARRY ON UNCHALLENGED.

THESE IDIOTS MUST BE STOPPED.
I WILL BE VOTING ALL NIGHT PARTY.
THE ONLY PARTY TRUE TO THEIR WORD.

* REMEMBER

MAY 15th



Eat Meat?

This article is for people who have rejected vegetarianism on the grounds that they are more concerned about people than animals. We'll forget about the moral argument is. the cruelty in killing animals for human consumption (I'm sure you've heard it many times before) as this obviously does not trouble your conscience in the slightest, and instead we'll concentrate on the practical side.

FACT - 10 times more people can be fed on a vegetarian diet than on a meat based diet.

FACT - The present population of Britain is 56 million. If everyone ate a balanced and nutritious vegetarian diet we could feed a population of 250 million.

FACT - More than 90% of our agricultural land is used to grow feed for farm animals instead of food for humans. Worse still, every year we import potential famine relief food to feed farm animals. Most of this food is wasted in their digestive systems.

If you care so much about humans surely it makes more sense to stop eating meat and start feeding the starving in the third world instead.

If however you don't care about other people or the animals, it is obvious that the only thing you care about is yourself. This is where we come to the personal argument.

FACT - A vegetarian diet is medically proven to be more healthy than a meat based one.

FACT - Meat is responsible for 70% of all food poisoning incidents. Frozen chicken, turkey and minced meat are the worst offenders.

So if you care so much about yourself you'll be a lot healthier without meat.

And if you don't care about other people, animals, or yourself ?

Well then you must be a real 'Punk Rocker' !!!!



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA



HAGAR (SILLY TO VOTE FOR ANYONE ELSE)

MANIFESTO

- (1) Sign on the dole once a year
- (2) Rebuild Stormont in Rathcoole and make it an all night disco
- (3) Build more corners for kids to hang around
- (4) Give the unemployed free bicycles so they can get on their bikes and look for work
- (5) Tilt the world's axis to give Rathcoole more sun shine
- (6) Hold the next Olympics in Rathcoole
- (7) Change Derryhill to Londonderryhill---our only concession to sectarianism and a certain vote catcher
- (8) Community policemen to hold hands
- (9) All public representatives to wear fancy dress(dressing up as a councillor doesn't count)

These grandiose schemes will be paid for by savings on the money wasted by the present council

HAGAR PROMISES\$

Like all politicians I will not keep my promises but I will keep one

" TO HAVE AN ALL NIGHT PARTY THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTIONS IN THE DIAMOND RATHCOOLE"

A vote for the Unionists will be a vote for Thatcher, a vote for poverty, bad housing unemployment and greed, not to mention corruption and mispending of your money.

A vote for HAGAR is harmless, a bit of fun and given the calibre of the other candidates, the only vote that makes sense

**NO
1
HAGAR**

GO FORWARD WITH HAGAR FOR A BETTER COOLE!



THE ALL NIGHT PARTY ANTI CORRUPTION PARTY



RATHCOOLE DESERVES THE TRUTH!

**RATHCOOLE'S
FIRST CITIZEN!**

CORRUPTION!

■ CORRUPTION ■

Why vote for HAGAR?

Because YOUR COUNCIL IS CORRUPT. This is what they have been spending YOUR MONEY on in the last few years

£90,000 ON A WATER SLIDE ! !

£3,000,000 ON A NEW TOWN HALL ! !

BINS? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OLD ONE ?



- there is still no adequate bin collection service - pensioners still have to wheel their bins out, as do the handicapped !

BALLYEARL

- At least £500,000 spent on this useless provision, a drinking den for overweight councillors !

CORRUPTION!



Mayor's expenses 1983/84 £4,235-64 including £3,394-64 on hospitality (ieDRINK) and £11-30 on sports gear (football boots)

Christmas trees 1983/84---£1945-54 (for THREE trees) !

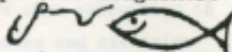
Election expenses 1983/84---£1564-86 (expensive considering there was no election that year)

Plants 1982/83----£77,812-58 (a large sum of money-where are they?) ← ← ← ←

Overtime 1982/83--a total of £1,279,146-14 broken into £1,109,256-18 in ordinary overtime

£130,513-50 in time and a half and £39,376-46 in double time-an exorbitant figure in a council area with relatively few workers. At £6000 a job this means a loss of 213 JOBS

Fish stock 1982/83---a total of £103-84 on fish stock for Loughshore Park. Nothing exceptional, except that Loughshore has NO FISH and NO FISH POND---perhaps this means 'fish suppers'.



Best Kept Village 1983/84---£305-44 spent on Ballyeaston, N.Ireland's best kept village

Nothing special except that councillors claim that Ballyeaston receives 'no special attention'. The very existence of a 'special' account under the heading 'BEST KEPT VILLAGE' disproves this, especially when £100 of this is for hospitality-presumably the victory party celebrations.

These are only a few of the too numerous to mention abuses which the ALL NIGHT PARTY has compiled. All figures are taken from the Council's own account books Public Audit 1984 ----ring Ballyclare 23681 Town Clerk for verification.



£77,000

...on plants

NIL

...on plants in Rathcoole

SILLY ?

So HAGAR isn't that stupid or silly in the light of this type of spending, is he ?

What of my chances? Well I have no flags , no bands, no bunting, and I can't say 'NO SURRENDER' (I'm a Viking, remember) so my chances are immediately reduced. But if the electorate realise the extent of corruption in our local Council they might vote for the only REAL alternative.....

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE-----ALL NIGHT PARTY

SILLY TO VOTE FOR HAGAR ?

(The party of fun and an end to horse shit!)

IT'S SILLY TO VOTE FOR ANYONE ELSE !

ODDSN' * SODS



SLEEPY ED LOSES HIS HAIR

We had hoped to print an issue of Bahd News without mentioning Fast Ed Campbell - but unfortunately he has gone and done it again.

Ed had a few drinks too many and, believe it or not, fell asleep. His "mates" then proceeded to cut off all his hair as Ed dozed away. Eddie has now turned the clock back with a close cropped skin head look.



The All Night Party are running five candidates in the Newtownabbey Borough Council elections - as well as Hagar the Horrible - (Doagh Road).

There is:

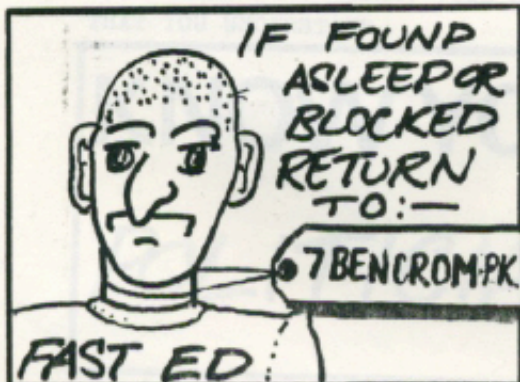
- Captain Sensible (Doagh Road)
- Senor Juan King (Doagh Road)
- A.N. Other (Doagh Road)
- Ereck Shun (Doagh Road)

We consider this election a joke, as NO local issues are considered, the public are ill-informed on real issues, ill-conditioned on issues which are peripheral and as a result this election like the ones before will be decided on pure sectarianism.

This is why the All Night Party stood - for a change, a laugh, an embarrassment and most of all for educational value. Most people DON'T KNOW that corruption is going on with their rates and sectarian councillors are to blame for that.

VOTE ANTI CORRUPTION

VOTE ALL NIGHT PARTY.



ASHY'S CATS TIP NO. 7. I WOULDN'T VOTE FOR DOGS. SO I'LL VOTE HAGAR

Rip Off

Mr. Wilson who recently got the shop keeper of the year award is now going for the double. Yes Mr Wilson "Shopkeeper of the year" has now gone for employer of the year.

He has been nominated this award due to his recent treatment of an employee.

The person concerned after a month of employment enquired about tax and insurance contributions. Mr. Wilson said he would take care of this.

The person concerned was a little suspicious and asked the tax office how much tax she was paying. To her horror she found that she was not paying any tax or insurance.

Wilson being caught flat footed payed the person off. To add injury to insult he had the police go round to that person's house to accuse them of stealing a radio from his shop.

A radio he had lent that person and as an over eight had forgotten about.

So I nominate Mr. Wilson as employer of the year which he is sure to win unless you know better.

THURSDAY * NITES *

THE CAT CAVE.

• FERN LODGE • DOAGH RD • NABBAY.

TOP LIVE BANDS!!

* EVERY WEEK *

NO PROPER DRESS PLEASE!
+ YOUR CHANCE TO SEE &
LEARN THE AMAZING
NEW DANCE CRAZE.
THE KATLITERS
KICK.

REGULAR BREWERY NITES!
CHEAP DRINK • PRIZES ETC
ALL THIS FOR ONLY 1.10 IN.

THEME-US.

IF ELECTIONS COULD CHANGE THINGS, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN BANNED LONG AGO.

The All Night Party is standing candidates in the elections for several reasons.

- 1) Fun - they are usually very boring.
- 2) To make a joke of the elections - that is what they are
- 3) To expose the corruption of the Council

Elections aren't really important at all. We don't, despite what the press, media, schools, lawyers, ministers say, vote for any change of power. No matter what happens in elections the power rests with the rich. If we all voted for policies which shared the wealth of our country equally and won the election, do you think we could do it. NO WAY ! An army bought by the rich would move to crush us. Physical violence underwrites our so called 'Democracy'. When the power of the rich is threatened, our democracy moves in with violence. That is why elections are a joke and that's how we should treat them.

The Civil Service is controlled by the rich

The top politicians are rich.

The judiciary is controlled by the rich.

The Church is controlled by the rich.

The mass media is controlled by the rich.

The schools and universities are controlled by the rich.

The banks are controlled by the rich.

AND WE THINK THAT WINNING AN ELECTION CAN CHANGE THINGS?

ELECTIONS ONLY LEGITIMATE THE INTERESTS OF THE RICH. THEY ARE A JOKE. TREAT THEM AS A JOKE. VOTE FOR A JOKE. VOTE HAGAR. IT SHOWS THAT YOU UNDERSTAND.

POETRY

No different you and I
 Same problems you and I
 Same difficulties you and I
 We're the same you and I
 Same rulers you and I
 Same lies from Politicians
 Different flags waved at us
 But deep down were all the same
 Not even a place to bide our ti
 Nothing to do no-where to go
 Not even a chance to express
 what we feel
 Cause those in controll do not
 See us as real people.

YOUTH.

DRIVING ^{VERY} **LESSONS** ^{CHEAP!}
QUALIFIED INSTRUCTOR

W'ABBEY 54752

A small note....

This is just to put Rab Ferris's mind at ease as Bahd News has no intention of reporting that he got new double glazed windows put in his house - all bought and paid for of course.

KNOW YOUR ENEMY.

**ELECTORS
ONE TO
WATCH!**

POLITICIANS

**DAVID HOLLIS, WHO
WRITES MORE LETTERS
THAN YOU'VE HAD HOT
DINNERS.**

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baad noos

INCORPORATING
GIANT RAT



PADED
BRIEFS
for MEN!

Product: brief Great New Shave, original is padded with cushion foam at front giving both protection and a very comfy outline. Standard Nylon (white or black) £4.10 (2 pairs £7.80). Super-Picnic! (just shows in wet-beds. Made nylon with extra thick padding) £3.95 (2 pairs £7.20).



MIRACLE
CROSS

Now from the Ancient Holy Land comes the Miracle Cross. This attractive shaped Cross can be hung around the neck, is of gold type finish and has its centre a crystal clear ruby containing genuine grains of sand from the Holy Land. Price £5.00

*RATHCOOLE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER No.21?

MISSION-IMPOSSIBLE

Again this month the controversial North Belfast Mission makes the headlines.

Our ace reporter has uncovered a plastic bin full of worms in the shape of the Church Linked 'Rathcoole Community Group'.

Many people including 95% of the workers on the R.C.G. A.C.E. scheme are unhappy with the way they are being treated. "Grown men are being treated like children" is how one worker put it. "They dont even trust us" is how another worker said...

Many people in Rathcoole have seen squads of men around the estate carrying out essential work in the community (the Housing Executive wont do it!) Gardening, guttering and decorating, but now things may grind to a halt in the form of a strike.

An end to the unfair dismissals.

A halt of the petty power structure of senior officials and other such discrepancies.

Co-ordinator of the group "Bet-E-Bird" has been singled out as one of the main trouble-makers. Her harsh treatment of the workers has included hiring and firing at will (including her own brother!) In her own words she makes up her own rules as she goes along! She has also been accused by the workers and even supervisors of constantly "spying" on them

The workers and the community at large are also concerned with some of "Bet-E-Birds" off the cuff remarks such as "I employ the unemployables and dregs of society" "The people I employ dont know how to work" and last but not least "Im not answerable to anyone!"

An ex-worker Mr. Stephen Totten was branded "A nasty wee boy" Mr. Totten a past member of the 11th B.B. and a regular church goer, was ruthlessly sacked by Bet-E-Bird for bad time keeping. A fact that Mr. Totten has furiously disputed.

Another cover-up was uncovered when Mr. Totten went to the controversial North Belfast Mission in June to hand in an appeal against his dismissal and also to collect overdue wages, while in the church the co-ordinator B-E-B tried to trick Mr. Totten into a vain attempt by Bet-E-Bird as Stephen had the sense to have brought along a witness to her scandalous behaviour.

The whole set of circumstances surrounding the sacking of Stephen Totten and the resentment of the workers within the project, highlights the need for an investigation into the way the organisation is being run. For example; Stephen Tottens appeal against his sacking was held behind closed doors and was conducted by non other than the Rev. Buchanan and the Rev. Bubba-Allen. They both decided to sack Stephen Totten, who, was unfairly refused permission to attend HIS OWN APPEAL. This is something that decent working people have fought for all their lives, to have a right to put forward their case in a



tribunal or in a court of law.

The 'wicked witch of the North' as Bet-E-Bird has come to be known, IS in actual fact accountable for her actions. Her boss is the controversial Rev. Buchanan, who himself has been very much in the news lately.

This is maybe why community labour has been re-directed to churches as far away as Monkstown and not unexpectedly all the churches in Rathcoole have had a new lick of paint.

The Reverends are getting their fair share of the cake while Portrosse lies in ruins.

Discrepancies like these all go to fuel the local out-cry for a full inquiry into the activities of the local so-called "God Squad"



The 1984-85 miners strike was without doubt one of, if not the most heroic struggles that the Labour and Trade Union movement, has ever seen in the U.K. Europe or indeed the world.

The cost of the dispute is well documented in monetary terms, but the cost of human suffering and misery is immeasurable. It can only be said that the motivation which spurred these men and their families on, was very strong indeed. For those involved it was strong because their struggle was right and justified.

The reason for calling the strike was due to the blind intransigence of the National Coal Board, and the government, hell bent on their mission to ultimately implement their centralisation policy for the British coalfields, and at the same time destroy the Trade Union movement. By taking on the strongest they hoped to pave the way for a privatisation policy for the coalfields outside of the central belt of the industry. They refused to invest into "The Plan for Coal" previously drawn up by the government and the N.U.M. in 1974, which will be explained in more detail later.

The miners strike was not about issues of wages or conditions, rather about the fundamental right to work. This government and its supporters, who were determined to attack and weaken the union.

Norman Tebbit, the secretary for trade and industry said on 9th Oct. at a conservative fringe meeting "that the pit strike could be the First Battle in an attempt to break the union shackles on Britain". If the Tories were to succeed in their plans to defeat the N.U.M. it would serve as an opening shot in a general attack on Trade Unionism. The general council of the T.U.C. in recognising the gravity and harsh reality of the situation issued the following statement at the annual congress in 1984, although they were shown to be dilatory in any action:

The general council condemn the N.B.C.'s efforts abetted by the government to run down the coal industry and affirm total support for the following:

1. support for the N.U.M. objectives of saving pits, jobs and mining communities.
2. a concerted campaign to raise money to alleviate hardship in the coalfields and to maintain the union financially.
3. To make the dispute more effective by:
 - a. not moving coal or coke, or oil substituted by coal or coke across NUM picket lines.
 - b. not using oil which is substituted for coal.

THE CASE FOR THE MINERS.



The NUM acknowledge that the practical implementation of these points will need detailed discussions with the general council and agreement with unions who would be directly concerned.

The general council call for a fresh commitment of all to an expanding coal industry.

The general council call on the N.B.C. to resume negotiations immediately with the NUM to resolve the damaging and costly dispute in line with the Plan for Coal. (taken from Labour Research Dep)

to come together to support the NUM because of the possibility of the strike going on into the winter, then the other unions would be called upon to support these miners, both financially morally and even to the point of resisting and indeed preventing government attempts to move coal. It was the governments attempts to actually move coal using scab companies and non union cowboys that ultimately frustrated and angered the miners on strike, the first instances of scuffles on picket lines were grossly over rated by the media, a tactic of the government and the Tory controlled media to manipulate the public into justifying the over use of the police, and the brutal use of police tactics. After all, these men and women were fighting to save their jobs and also their communities. I would like to, by presenting true facts, go some way in the defence of the miners and attempt to redress the balance of these sensationalist media reports so much biased against the miners struggle.

Reference has been made earlier to the Centralisation Policy of the N.B.C. It was due to the knock-on effects of the N.B.C. attempts in its implementation that led to the NUM coming into direct conflict with a government which was very confident that they would succeed since they had

recruited the best hatchet man of them all - Mr Gregor the successor to Norman Siddall. In his gross record he had butchered British Steel, he had seen the gunning down of striking miners in disputes in U.S.A., in fact he had the perfect and only qualifications required to perpetrate his duties according to Thatcherism.

The events at the start of the dispute such as the closure of Corton Wood colliery, have been used as a weapon of the government and the media, in an attempt to divide the NUM, by saying that the strike came over Corton Wood because it was one of Scargills local pits. The truth is that Corton Wood was the last of a long line of other pits that were falling to the axe of Centralisation.

The Centralisation Policy. It was and still is the intention of the N.B.C. to centralise the coalfields, into the central industrial belt of England. The 100 "super pits" was a plan by the government to cutback the industry to 100 pits - producing 100m tonnes of coal and employing 100,000 people. This meant job losses of 150,000 people if the N.B.C. had seen through their totally unacceptable, vindictive carnage of the coal mining industry. The peripheral coalfield would go to the wall.

The N.U.M.s president, derender of uneconomic non viable pits ! The facts later to be presented will show that there was no such thing as an uneconomic pit ! The N.U.M.s argument was to defend pits against closure unless on the grounds of exhaustion. At no time did the National Executive Committee of the N.U.M. ever attempt to defend an exhausted pit.

There was great foundation for the "peripheral" coalfield to feel concern. The term peripheral is in fact Wales, Scotland, N.E. England, Kent, Lancashire, Staffordshire and part of Yorkshire. These pits with millions of tonnes of coal would be lost to the country, but not to the Private Investors eagerly waiting for easy pickings to be so generously provided by their mentors in Westminster. The effect it would have on communities and the satellite industries was unthinkable. The Plan for Coal had been prostituted for political or financial gain ! The miners were being kicked in the teeth and they reacted!

So it was inevitable, the government would have to, in order to defeat them, move or attempt to move stocks of coal.

The miners while trying to foil their attempts through the trade union movement and by mass picketing would also have to win the ideological and moral argument by convincing the rest of the country, of the need for the Plan for Coal...

IT'S YOURS!

CLAIM F.I.S. IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO THESE 3 QUESTIONS :

1. Do You Have Any Children Under 19 ?

You can get FIS for any children under 16, or under 19 if they still attend courses up to and including 'A' levels.

You can claim for children you support and who normally live with you even if they are not your own.

You can get FIS if all your children are 16 and over and have left school.

2. Do You or Your Partner Work Full-time ?

By full-time work we mean at least 30 hours per week by you or your partner, or 24 hrs if you are bringing up children on your own.

3. Is Your Total Weekly Income Less Than £36 ?

Plus £11.50 for each child under 11
£12.50 for each child aged 11-15
£13.50 for each child 16 and over
For example. If you have one child aged 3 and one aged 14 you may be able to get FIS if your total weekly income is less than £110 (£36+£11.50+£12.50)

To work out your total weekly income :

* Add up your and your partners wages (before tax, national insurance and other deductions have been taken off)

* Then add ANY other money you get like benefit, your childrens income or any help you get with rent or rates as these do not count.

1000s of low paid workers in E.I. could be losing money every week due to not claiming benefits such as Family Income Supplement and Housing Benefit.

Claiming these benefits can not only lead to an increase in weekly income but can also be a passport to other benefits i.e. Free school meals, Prescriptions, Dental Treatment, Glasses, Hospital travel, Milk and Vitamins. Grants for school uniforms are also available for people on Family Income Supplement.

Who can claim ?
People who are working either part time or full time and have children. You can claim it if you are single, married or living with someone as man and wife. Either partner can claim, you can also claim if you are self employed.

How much can you get ?
How much you receive depends on your income, how many children you have and the ages of your children. The minimum amount payable on F.I.S. is 0.20p, the maximum is £26.00.

Obviously the less you earn the more F.I.S. will be rewarded. F.I.S. is payable for one year and is tax free, you receive an order book which is cashable at the post office of your choice.

This is only a rough guide. Its worth claiming even if you think your income is a bit too high.

These income limits apply from 26th Nov. 1986. If you already get FIS, these limits will only apply to you when you make a new claim at the end of your FIS year.

How to Claim !

You do not need to go to the social security office to claim. FIS claims are dealt with by post.

Write to D.H.S.S
Family Income Supplements,
106-108 Hollywood Road,
Belfast BT4 1JU
Tel. Belfast 650170
or call to the Self help group
28a The Diamond, Rathcoole.

TUG of WAR

Two communities set apart and never the twin shall meet,
Two kids stare at each other from opposite sides of the street,
One more Irish than the Irish,
The other more British than the British,
Two perverted little flag waving worlds,
Isolated from every peaceful wish.

Its a tug of war with us in the middle but its us not the rope that will break.

Its a tug of war of total confusion but still its stained with death.

Theyve made up their minds and theyre sticking to their guns right to the bloody end.

Politicians smile blood dripping from their hands while thinking of revenge. The people sigh meekly and accept the solutions as more blood flows on down the road.

The leaders continue screaming the same old boring questions,
Which set of rulers do you want remember there will be no abotentions, and so it goes on and on, no end ever in sight,
Untill the people see reality and the state of their sorry plight.

Which set of rulers do you want ?
Which oppression sounds best ?
Which set of rulers do you want ?
Choose and be damned !
Which set of rulers do you want ?
Who's game sounds best ?
Which set of rulers do you want ?
Choose and be damned....

ye olde baad noos

* QUIZ * £5.00 IN PRIZES.

• CAN YOU NAME ONE THING THAT YOUR COUNCIL HAS DONE THIS YEAR?

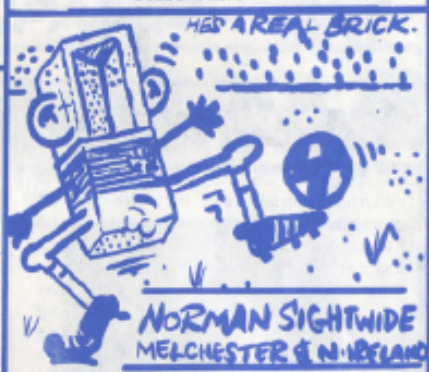
• * AND * CAN YOU NAME THE LORD MAYOR?

ANSWERS ON A POSTCARD TO THE TOWN HALL, 5' CLARE.

Belfast Telegraph, Tuesday, September 30, 1986



EVERYBODY KNOWS THIS IS YOU - BILLY SWAIN !



ASHYS CAT TIP No 21. WHERE DO CATS GO ON THEIR HOLIDAYS? MEOWME BEACH.

A Rathcoole Reverend is an evil man, Everything he does is of the Devils plan, He does deeds that no-body can, Like eating egg and mushroom flan !

Red Ken reveals all !
Fast Eds up and coming rival Red Ken, round in the gold fish pond at the back of her house at 4 an and when his mum asked him how many fish he had caught, Ken replied - If you can guess you can have them both !

This was nothing compared to the carry-on at the Glenn Inn last week when Red Ken reddened a few faces by dancing naked to - "Hold me in your hand"

EDITORIAL *

This months issue sees alot of controversy (not that word again) over the "Rathcoole Community Group", who are again in the limelight over various grievances that the workers and ex-workers are starting to bring to the surface. It is incredible that a so-called community group could allow one of their Senior Staff to lable the workers, most of whom are from Rathcoole, as the "Unemployables" and the "Dregs of Society" Incedently the person responsible for the attack happens to live outside of Rathcoole, just like the Clergy, Politicians, School teachers, Police and nearly every other person who is in a position of power. Isnt it about time that we the people of Rathcoole stood up to voice our opinions against these scandalous "Middle Class Leeches" who's only aim is to gain from ill fortune of others.

Also over the recent few months it seems that picnics are regulary being held at the Diamond, with the "Boys" having a rather nice time at the expense of the local V.G. although we do not applaud such behaviour, it not too suprising with the prices that the V.G. are charging. **FISH HEAD TALKS**

4. THIS ISSUE WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:- THE CHILDREN'S TELEVISION WORKSHOP!



SUICIDE

THEY SAY THAT SUICIDE IS PAINLESS
BUT HAVE THEIR EYES TRIED IT.

THEY SAY THAT IT SOLVES NOTHING,
HOW DO THEY REALLY KNOW.

THEY SAY ITS ONLY A COURAGEOUS WAY OUT
I WISH ITS WOULD STAY.

ANY.

ACTIVITIES OF NEWCASTLE WOMEN'S GROUP
SHEWING WOMEN'S GROUP HAS OPENED IT'S PREMISES AT 22A THE DEWARS
-10111 AVENUE, WRENS WILSON'S SHOP USED TO BE. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM BELOW
VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ARE RUN FOR WOMEN AND SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE
WOULD INCLUDE: WELLBENEFIT OF THE GROUP IS OPEN TO ALL WOMEN AND THE
ACTIVITIES ARE FREE INCLUDING CHILD MINDING.

DAY	MORNING	AFTERNOON
MONDAY	KEEP-FIT	
TUESDAY		KNITTING MACHINE CLASSES
WEDNESDAY	HEALTH-DAY	
THURSDAY		KNITTING MACHINE CLASSES
FRIDAY	GET TOGETHER	

Whilst on the subject of the "BINS" it has been noticed that many bins in Rathcoole have been destroyed by fire. This being the work of vandals or young children. Because of the destruction of some of the bins it has been brought to the attention of the Tenants association, that the council have the audacity to ask some of the residents to pay for the re-placement of the burnt out bins.

We would advise those residents not to be pressurised into paying out any money.

In the first place it was the Council who supplied the "Perishable Recepticle" and it was the council who devised the collection scheme where-by these bins sit in the streets for a long period of time, in many cases all day! In some dwellings the bins are left unattended as many as 8 or 9 and this is an open invitation to many vandals to carry out their wanton destruction.

YOUTH CHARTER

On Sept. 24th the Northern Ireland Committee of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions held the launching of their Youth Charter.

The Charter is an attempt by the I.C.T.U. to bring young people into the trade union movement, and involve them in the running of the trade unions.

The charter is more or less a guide to the individual trade unions on what way they deal with young people and what rights they have. It covers all aspects including, employment, education, youth training, law, D.H.S.S. Youth services, Peace, Social Justice and participation in trade unions.

The discussion after the morning speeches included various ideas about how to make the charter work, something which the trade unions have

action. One of the best proposals was that young people already involved in the trade unions should be trained to go into schools and give talks in career classes about the running organisation and how to join trade unions.

We hope that the ideas in the charter will be carried out and that it won't be another piece of paper that the I.C.T.U. produces.

Anyone wanting a copy of the Charter should contact the I.C.T.U. at 1a, Castle Arcade Belfast or call into the Self Help Group.

According to Mr. Kenneth Clarke, high wage increases are to blame for the rise in unemployment. Is he talking about the average 5% which was offered to most workers or could he be referring to the 60% increase in M.P.s expenses or the 13.7% in some solicitors, or the 55% rise for British Telecom chairman, or the 30% extra for the chairman of the West Midland bank.

IS DEMOCRACY AT WORK ?

WHICH FIRM ?

Is one of the countries biggest landlords?
Its property is worth £871 million!
It also owns foreign property valued at £50 million, and stocks and shares worth £707 million!
With such wealth the church can easily pay the annual clergy bill of £34 million!
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND !

We would like to take this opportunity to remind the disabled and elderly in the community, that in the event of them not being able to push out their bin for collection, that the council will make provision for the bin to be collected for them. If you are disabled or infirmed DO NOT attempt to push out your bin - Contact - Mr. Dunn Leisure and Technical Services, GERRMOUNT, 49 Church Rd. Nabbeey. Tel. Wabbey 68751
Please dont risk injury for the sake of a phone call or a postcard.

YOUR STARS*

LIBRA:
A great month for all you libra's - unexpected gifts, compliments, presents, and cards after all it is your birthday!

SCORPIO:
Your is luck Scorpio's - this is Robb-F-Allems star sign, and if your lucky, you too might get transferred to the Malone Rd.

SAGITTARIUS:
The wreckage from 'Pioneer One' will be passing across the path of the wreckage of Satellite 14, so nothing much happening for you unless your a scrap metal dealer.

CAPRICORN:
Definitely a good month if your on your feet before you actually get it.

AQUARIUS:
Entry forms for the 1987 "Dart Dart Race" at Jordanstown, are now available. All aquarians are advised to be on the water slide then ask big Victor if he has any entry forms left.

PISCES:
Opportunities are on the horizon, for anyone with loads of money or a B.E.X. If you haven't got lots of money then get on yer B.E.X. and find some work.

ARIES:
Not such a good month to get your big wheeled out as most of the council workers including big Bab, will be down at Moran Dunn house painting and decorating.

Taurus:
Put the past behind you, never worry about how many nuclear missiles there are in the world as there are twice as many politicians as there.

GEMINI:
Hang out your washing yearly this month as it will pour for the next 3 weeks and then for the next 3 weeks after that - Don't hang out your dirty Mac as he may not like it.

CANCER:
Cancerians know all about crabs - so it might be quite an irritating month.

LEO:
This month your star sign is moving into frames which could prove uncomfortable but towards the 25th things should work themselves out.

VIRGO:
This month Virgos should find it hard to get a response from people they talk to just like the (New boy) at St. Conalls.....

That's it for this month-ride easy ya lere!

DUE TO A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT

TOP PRESS • BE RE-RUN NEXT MONTH • A SLOWER SPEED FOR

THE MERCER STORIES!!

Dear Read News,

I have been living in Rathcoole for the past 15 years and recently I have seen many changes taking place. I have particular noticed that many young people are trying, constructively, to change their own lives. An example of this is the W/Abbey Auto Project at the bottom of the estate. This is an excellent idea where young men and women are encouraged to gain skills in mechanics which would be beneficial to them at some stage.

Unfortunately a bunch of low down layabouts broke into their premises and and stole various equipment including, an angle grinder, compressor and nearly all the tools that they had acquired - even their something which would be beneficial to them at some stage. While the people who stole the stuff will have probably drunk the profits of their ill gotten gains by now. Why steal from the poor ?

Reader Rathcoole.

My dear friends,

I came home today to find your newspaper in my hallway. I started to read and found, what! That good decent ordinary people doing a worthwhile job had been let down by a church? What a church! Then I continue to read and I find on page 3 that you have had another dig this time at God and the church. But my friends I do hope you have the guts to print this letter as I think there is a great misunderstanding in the world today about God and his church.

It is no wonder that people of all walks of life are becoming atheistic, when they look at the church world. God is real, God is our healer, God supplies our needs and his love is incredible. So if you must make fun, make fun of whatever so called church you want but dont make fun of God !

What did JESUS bid John to write in Revelation 3 V 14-22 "Because thou sayest I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and knowest that thou wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." But V 18 says :
" I counsel thee to buy me gold tried in the fire that thou mayest be rich and white raiment that thou mayest be clothed and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear and anoint thine eyes that thou mayest see."

(Due to lack of space the readers letter will be continued next month)

MEET OUR ACE REPORTER.... MR. FISH-HEAD

LOOK OUT FOR HIS IN DEPTH STORIES AS HE DISTURBS THE SILT TO FIND THE REAL WORMS. **

- Tech Chuil an Aba - **Abbotscoole Hse.** - of the Abbots Corner
- Faiche an Ailt Mhoir - **Altmore Green** - large 'knuckle' shaped land
- Pairc Alt na Craoibhe - **Altnacreeve Pk.** - leafy 'knuckle' shaped land
(*Alt na Craoibh*) - (*glenside of the branches/trees*)
- Pairc na hArdchluana - **Ardcloon Pk.** - high-meadow
(*Ard Cluain*) - (*high meadow*)
- Ascail an Airdin - **Ardeen Ave.** - small height
(*Ardin*) - (*hillock*)
- Gairdint an Airdin - **Ardeen Gds.**
- Clos Ard fearann - **Ardfarn Close.** - height, of lands
(*Ard Fearn*) - (*high place of the Alder*)
- Plas Ard Gort - **Ardgart Place** - height, of tillage fields
(*Ard Gort*) - (*high place of the tilled field*)
- Corran Ard Laith - **Ardlea Cres.** - grey,height
(*Ard Liath*) - (*high grey place*)
- Ceide Ard Muileann - **Ardmillan Dr.** - Height,of mills
(*Ard Muillin*) - (*high place of the mill*)
- Gairdint Ard Muileann - **Ardmillan Gds.** -
- Gairdint Oirthear Mai - **Armoy Gds.** - eastern area, of the plain
(*Ard Magh*) - (*high plain*)
- Gairdint na hAbhann Leithe - **Avonlea Gds.** - grey,river
(*Abhainn Liath*) - (*grey river*)
- Pairc BhaileNi Ronain - **Ballyronan Pk.** - home, land town of O'Ronain
(*Baille Ronain*) - (*Ronan's town/townland*)
- Cearnog Bhearna - **Barna Sq.** - placename,gap (gap between mountains)
- Gairdint an Bheil Mhoir - **Belmore Gds.** - great,opening
(*Beal Mor*) - (*large entrance,mouth of*)
- Pairc Bhinn Chrom - **Bencrom Pk.** - gable, cliff -bent over
(*Beann Crom*) - (*projecting hill*)
- Pairc Chamrois - **Camross Pk.** - crooked promontory
(*Cam Ros*) - (*same*)

Clos Chaireallain - **Carlan Close** - persons name, Ulster male

Ceide Char Min - **Carmeen Dr.** - Smooth, rounded place
(Cor Min) - (smooth round hill)

Teach Charn Cuile - **Carncoole Hs.** - Cairn, of corner
(Carn Cuil) - (mound of rock in sheltered place)

Coradh Charn Riabhach - **Carnreagh Bend** - brindled, cairn
(Carn Reidh) - (mound of rock on coarse flat mountain)

Ceide Chluain Bheag - **Clonbeg Dr.** - small, meadow
(Cluan Beag) - (little meadow)

Faiche Chluain Mhor - **Clonmore Green** - great, meadow
(Cluan Mor) - (big meadow)

Gairdint Chuil Doire - **Coolderry Gds.** - corner, oakgrove
(Cul Doire) - (oak wood in a sheltered place)

Pairc Chuil Seanatha - **Coolshannagh Pk.** - of the old ford, opening
(Cul Sheana) - (old sheltered place)

Teach Chuil Seanatha - **Coolshannagh Hse.** -

Ceide na Croise Riabhai - **Crossreagh Dr.** - speckled, stiped, brindled cross
(Cros Reidh) - (the cross course mountain flat)

Pairc na bhFia Fionn - **Deerfin Pk.** - of the White coated deer
(Doire Fionn) - (the place oak wood)

An Dairchnoc - **Derryhill** - the oak hill
(Doire) - (oak wood)

Pairc Dhoire Cuile - **Derrycoole Pk.** - corner of the oakgrove
(Doire Cuil) - (oak wood in a shelterd place)

Derrycoole Walk

Derrycoole Way Ln.

Derrycoole Way

Bothar Dhumhai - **Doagh Rd.** - dune, sandy ground
(Dumha) - (burial ground)

Ceide Dhun Beag - **Doonbeg Dr.** - small fortress
(Dun Beag) - (little fort)

Faiche Dhroim Corr - **Drumcor Green** - odd shaped ridge
(*Droim Corr*) - (*the ridge of the weir*)

Plas Dhroim Cria - **Drumcree Place** - clay, ridge
(*Droim Cri*) - (*boundary ridge*)

Gairdini Dhun Lathai - **Dunloy Gds.** - fortress, of mire
(*Dun Lathai*) - (*fort of Lathai*)

Mam Dhun Eoghain - **Dunowen Pass** - fortress, of Eoghan (Male name Ulster)
(*Dun Eoghain*) - (*fort of Owen*)

An Bealach Soir - **East Way** - the road eastwards

Ascaill Inis Caoin - **Enniskeen Ave.** - island or inland - gentle, refined
(*Inis Caoin*) - (*beautiful meadow or river meadow*)

Pairc Fionnlaioich - **Finlay Pk.** - white haired warrior

Cnoc Feabhail - **Foyle Hill** - hill, of Feabhal
(*Feabhail or Fail*) - (*a cliff*)

Corran Ghleann Rua - **Glanroy Cres.** - sandy red coloured Glen
(*Gleann Ri*) - (*the glen of the king*)

Glanroy Hse.

Glanroy Terrace

Ascaill Ghleann Ban - **Glenbane Ave.** - white glen
(*Gleann Ban*) - (*the white glen*)

Teach Ghleann Cuile - **Glencoole Hse.** - corner of, glen
(*Gleann Cuil*) - (*the glen in a sheltered place*)

Ardan Ghort Mor - **Gortmore Terr.** - great, tillage field
(*Gort Mor*) - (*large tilled field*)

Bealach Granion - **Granion Way** -
(*Grianan*) - (*a sunny place*)

Garran na Grainsi - **Gransha Grove** - of the grain, grannary
(*Grainseach*) - (*a grange, a place for grain*)

Teorainn an Tuair - **Green End** - of the bleaching green

Ceide Inis Carn - **Inniscarn Dr.** - island also inland of heaps, piles, cairns
(*Inis Cairn*) - (*island of the rock mound*)

Pairc Inis Cuile - **Inniscoole Pk.** - inis; island also inland, cuile; of (the) corner
(*inis Cuil*) - (*island in a sheltered place*)

Gairdini Inis Rois - **Innistrush Gds.** - inis; island also inland, rois; of the headland
(*Inis Ros*) - (*island of the woods*)

Pairc Inbhear Easca - **Inveresk Pk.** - mbhear; inlet, easca; sedgy bog
(*Inbhir Eascair*) - (*sand ridge at the mouth of the river*)

Gairdini I - **Iona Gds.** - I; (island of) Iona

Gairdini an Chnoic Riabhaigh - **Knockreagh Gds.** - cnoc; hill, riabhach; speckled, striped, brindled

Coradh na Coille Moire - **Kylemore Bend** - coill; wood, mor; great
(*Cill/Coill Mor*) - (*big church/wood*)

Ardan Leana Dearg - **Lenaderg Terr.** - leana; low lying grassy place, dearg; red

Faiche Ath Loinn - **Linford green** - ath; ford, Loinn; of Lonn (male name : Fierce)

Pairc Loch Monaidh - **Loughmoney Pk.** - loch; lake heath, monaidh; hillside
(*Loch Muine*) - (*shrubbery lake*)

Teach Chuil na Manach - **Monkscoole Hse.** - cuil; corner, of the monks

Ceide na Mourne Bige - **Mournebeg Dr.** - (river)mourne, beag; small
(*Mourne beag*) - (*little mourne*)

Pairc Mhaigh Bhile - **Movilla Pk.** - plain of the sacred tree
(*Magh bhile*) - (*plain of the ancient/ sacred tree*)

Gairdini Naondroma - **Nendrum Gds.** - Naondroim:Nendrum - placename; orig; 'aon' meaning
single or one, droim; ridge

Bothar Ui Neill - **O'Neill Rd.** - Ui Neill : of O'Neill (descendant of Niall, O'Neill)

An Seanbhealach Gaelach - **Old Irish Highway** - old road, Irish

Clos na hAbhann Riabhai - **Owenreagh Close** - abhainn; a river, speckled striped brindled
(*Abhann Reidh*) - (*river of the coarse mountain flat*).

Clos Rath Cuile - **Rathcoole Close** - rath; earthen rampart, ringfort, cuile; of the corner
(*Rath Cull*) - (*fort of the sheltered place*)

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