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Festival special
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Smash the scumfest

Coach loads of people are expected to arrive from all over the country to oppose the British National Party's annual 'Red, White and Blue' festival, taking place in Derbyshire.

Despite having no drinks and entertainment license, the BNP are still going ahead with their scumfest, scheduled for 15–17 August on land belonging to BNP supporter Alan Warner, just off the Codnor–Denby Lane.

The event is an opportunity for the inbreds of the party membership to organise their continuing and divisive assault on the working class people of Britain and beyond.

Anarchists and anti-fascists have been hard at work taking action to stop the event. The threat of militant protest has already caused the BNP to have their drinks and entertainments licence refused on two occasions.

Back in June, Alan Warner woke one morning to find a torrent of abuse daubed on his garden wall: “‘BNP Scum’ was painted in big letters on my wall, along with swastikas and other offensive slogans,” he told a local newspaper, whilst three bike

locks had been attached to his gates.

More recently anti-fascists in Derbyshire have targeted the suppliers of the festivals toilets. STS of Chesterfield had locks on their premises glued and walls were graffitied with ‘BNP = shite’.

But opposition to the fascists is by no means focusing only on their annual scumfest. Despite reports in the mainstream media that the BNP are continuing to gain support, opposition right across the country is steadily growing also.

In May, South Yorkshire anti-fascists treated a local BNP election candidate and his supporting officers to a complimentary paint job on their cars. Is it a Ford? Is it a



Anti-fascists in Lancaster surround a BNP stall

Vauxhall? No it's a ‘Nazi Scum’!

A spontaneous demonstration surrounded a BNP stall in Lancaster preventing them from handing out leaflets. They were shouted down and jeered before a passer-by emptied two cans of fizzy pop on their stall. Unable to operate they packed up and left town completely demoralised.

Make no mistake, the BNP cannot be smashed by an annual turnout to oppose their scumfest or by ‘rocking against racism’ listening to your favourite band. This disgraceful event must be stopped. But the real work is in our communities the length and breadth of Britain, day in, day out, opposing the fascists by exposing their ideas and physically preventing them from organising. Most importantly, the fascists will be defeated by a solid working class movement that fights against inequality and injustice in all its forms and creates a society of freedom and equality for everyone. The BNP are a dangerous and divisive party that has only the interests of the ruling elite at its heart. They must be stopped ★

Visit www.antifa.org.uk for more information on militant anti-fascism in Britain.

Stop the BNP's

Red, White and Blue festival

Meet at Codnor centre, Derbyshire at 9.00am

See nbnfestival.wordpress.com and www.antifa.org.uk for more information

**SATURDAY
16 AUGUST**



Roma facing persecution from Italian state

In Italy the Berlusconi government is starting to resemble that of the fascist Mussolini in its treatment of ethnic minorities. The murder of over a million Gypsies and Roma, starting in 1926, involved the collection of data distinguishing them from 'true' Germans or Italians. This made it easier for the state to isolate them.

Roma have been settled in Italy since the 14th century. Although they are usually thought of as travellers, many only move because of persecution. New laws in Italy forbid Roma from begging, washing car windscreens and even from living within 30km of some towns. Instead, rather chillingly, they are being forcibly removed from towns to 'solidarity villages'. They are also being burnt out and even children have been beaten up by neo-Fascists with the support of local councils, who portray Roma as anti-social. Italy's highest court has recently condoned this racist persecution because, it said, "all Gypsies are thieves".

Now the Berlusconi government has begun to fingerprint Roma. This policy started with children, supposedly to identify and protect them from parents who would send them out to steal. The outcry from NGOs at this victimization of children merely allowed for the extension of the policy to adult Roma as well. Now the government says it will fingerprint all Italians, merely starting with the Roma. The state's true intentions are clear.

But the Roma are self-organised and defend



Anarchists declare their solidarity with local Roma attending the recent congress of the International of Anarchist Federations in Carrara, northern Italy

themselves with the support of sympathetic groups including anarchists. Roma occupied an empty building in Milan for four years and later a country house in the region along with anarchists. There they were able to defend themselves better from attack. Other anarchists are living with Roma in their camps to help keep out neo-fascists. Anarchists have also demonstrated against the Red Cross because of its involvement in this early phase of 'ethnic registration' and in migrant detention centres more widely.

Anarchists throughout the world identify with and try to support self-organised minority groups, be they seen as a threat in racial, national, social or economic terms by the right-wing and the state. British people must take action against the representatives of the Italian state in the UK ★

Campaigners fight against new academy

Anti-academy campaigners in London have re-occupied a sports ground to prevent building work on a new City Academy school.



Wembley Park barricades

A tent city has been set up on the Wembley Park Sports Ground by the group 'Grass Roots Alliance for Social Spaces' to carry on where teachers and local supporters had left off after Brent Council evicted them from

the site in mid-July.

GRASS intend to stay on site for as long as possible to resist attempts to start construction work. They are calling on people to join them to help save the sports ground and green spaces and fight UK school privatisation.

Food bills too high?

Forget Aldi's 69p fruit and veg offer, if you really want to save some money on your groceries then don't bother paying at all—just like the Greeks.

Disgruntled workers in Athens, faced with rising food costs, filled their trolleys high before walking out of the supermarket without parting a penny. The goods were then handed out for free at a nearby market along with leaflets calling for

other 'shoppers' to do more of the same. Now that's what I call a bargain.

Billboard workers to strike

Over 100 workers on London's underground are to strike for four days over a sub inflationary pay offer.

Around 130 RMT members working for CBS Outdoor contracted to put up posters on the tube network are to strike after voting by a margin of nearly eleven to one for industrial action.

Workers have rejected a 3.8% pay rise, conditional on a 10% raise in productivity, as it fails to meet the current rate of inflation at 4.6%

More work for less pay? You can stick yer posters!



The Anarchist Federation is an organisation of **class struggle** anarchists which aims to abolish Capitalism and all oppression to create a free and equal society. This is **Anarchist Communism**.

We see today's society as being divided into two main opposing classes: the **ruling class** which controls all the power and wealth, and the **working class** which the rulers exploit to maintain this. By racism, sexism and other forms of oppression, as well as war and environmental destruction the rulers weaken and divide us. Only the **direct action** of working class people can defeat these attacks and ultimately overthrow capitalism.

As the capitalist system rules the whole world its destruction must be complete and world wide. We reject attempts to reform it such as working through parliament and national liberation movements as they fail to challenge capitalism itself. Unions also work as a part of the capitalist system, so although workers struggle within them, they will be unable to bring about capitalism's destruction unless they go beyond these limits.

Organisation is vital if we're to beat the bosses, so we work for a united anarchist movement and are affiliated to the International of Anarchist Federations.

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