



GET PREPARED

Mayday falls slap-bang in the middle of the week, so make sure you have the day off work, school, college or university. Call a strike (you know it makes sense), phone in sick (or well!), bunk off - do whatever it takes to be on the streets of Mayfair on Wednesday 1st May.

For Mayday in Mayfair to be a huge success we all need to prepare. Make costumes, banners, flags, placards, whistles, claxons and musical instruments. Get hold of inflatables, balls, nets and other props. Make food and bring it to share. Look at a map of Mayfair and consider the possibilities.

Contact us for leaflets and stickers or produce your own. Spread the word. Get together with your friends and form an affinity group - a group of people you know and trust who will look out for each other on the day. Above all get planning as Mayday is fast approaching!

Saturday 13th April, 8pm - Benefit gig for Mayday 2002

Chu Nah Mi ("7 piece ska 'n' roll, funkin' dynamite") Headjam, Free State Prophets + Megabitch DJs. 8pm till 2am at Arsenal Tavern, 175 Blackstock Road, N4 (Arsenal, Finsbury Park). Entry 5 quid/3 quid concs.

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MAYDAY 2002

MAYDAY FESTIVAL OF ALTERNATIVES

10 days of events which celebrate and demonstrate autonomous, anti-capitalist and co-operative culture. This will be shown through many useful hands-on workshops, plus lots of fun film showings, art exhibitions, parties/picnics, and actions.

FRIDAY APRIL 26TH - MONDAY MAY 6TH



MAYDAY IN MAYFAIR!

This year sees us return to the traditional place of Mayday celebrations - Mayfair in London. Mayfair is the area bounded on the north by Oxford Street, on the east by Regent Street, on the south by Piccadilly & on the west by Park Lane. The original Mayfair was once a teeming hotbed of fun, frolics and freedom for the working masses. Mayday in Mayfair will be a fluid, spontaneous and exciting return to the Mayfayre, happening everywhere at once, without a fixed starting point or finish.

WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST - MAYFAIR 1PM

...the struggle continues

The MAYDAY FESTIVAL OF ALTERNATIVES stemmed from a collective need to respond to the often asked questions: 'What are you for? What do you actually want?' The festival aims to answer this by actively showing the resourcefulness of DIY culture as an alternative to consumer, market and profit-driven culture. This includes squatting, creating grassroots social centres, sharing (as opposed to selling) practical skills, and showing independent political art exhibitions, films, gigs and performances. This is our collective attempt to show solidarity, mutual aid, free association, and radical history and politics, in practice, in particular to non-activists and people curious about anti-capitalist politics. The following events so far are confirmed:

Friday 26th April

London-wide Critical Mass bike ride, meeting at Waterloo at 6pm.

After: Balkan/Roma gig with Romani RAD, Tragic Roundabout Empty Hat Orchestra & Tarot Magik DJs at Chats Palace. Themed around No Borders.

Saturday 27th April

Day of workshops and discussions on the theme of social centres. Includes plumbing, electricity, finding a good building & legal advice. Speakers from London Social Centres Network & ASS. Venue: social centre

Workshop: 'What is Anarchism?' Discussion of anarchist history & theory in social centre.

Stalls in Wood Green/leafletting for 'Vote Nobody' anti-election campaign (Haringey Solidarity Group).

radicalyoga - free yoga classes with opportunities for discussion, practice and meditation. 3pm-6pm - Diorama One (Movement Room 1st floor), 34 Osnaburgh Street, NW1

Queer/mixed cabaret night at Chats Palace

Sunday 28th April

Bike Ride/Critical Mass in Haringey to link in with road safety campaigns locally. Start mid-day Manor House, riding to Chestnuts Park Black Boy Lane for picnic/party at about 3pm. *New Cross & Deptford Radical History Walk - from the peasants revolt to punk rock! Meet New Cross Gate tube 3pm. *Indymedia films at Rio cinema, 2 - 5pm.

Legal workshop on 'dealing with public order situations', including 'Section 60'. Medical workshop: 'First Aid on demonstrations'. Banner-making workshop - 12pm Social centre.

Workshop/discussion: 'Gender & women-only spaces' - all genders are welcome. Venue: Social Centre - 4pm

Evening: Café in Social Centre .

Monday 29th April

Beginning of week-long WOMBLES Trial, Horseferry Road, 9.30am - 'We are all Wombles' demo. Wear a white overall.

Choke On It! Action organised by M'AM against dinner by the 5 living Prime Ministers and the Queen. Downing Street - time tba

Tuesday 30th April

Workshops & Cafe at social centre. Check website.

Wednesday 1st May - Mayday

7.30am - Critical Mass - 2 meeting points, south - Camberwell Green, and north - Camden Town. 9am - B.A.R.F. (Breakfast Against Routine Fit-ups). Start the day with vegan breakfast outside WOMBLES showtrial at Horseferry Road, SW1.

1pm - Mass Action: "Mayday in Mayfair"
5pm - "Nobody is illegal" Sexual Freedom Coalition event in Soho, with sex workers union & samba band - meet Cambridge Circus.

Evening: Comedy gig at Chats Palace.

radicalyoga - free yoga classes with opportunities for discussion, practice and meditation. 4:30pm-7pm - LARC
Evening: Food & film showings at the Union Tavern, Camberwell New Rd. Nearest tube: Oval or Vauhall BR.

Friday 3rd May

Late Night at the Rio Cinema - 11-11.30ish - double feature. Films unconfirmed.

Punk gig with Seein Red and Shaikari + two other bands; at Chat's Palace

Sunday 5th May

Mass picnic, music, kids' stuff + Loony Left Football Tournament, Clissold Park, Stoke Newington N16.

Punky/reggae gig with the Restarts, Nomadix Roots, One Style, at Arsenal Tavern, Finsbury Park.

Monday 6th May

Radical Bookfair - 11am - 5pm, The Exchange Community Centre, Sebbon Street, Islington, N1.

Haringey: Mayday at the Markfield: A celebration of independence and interdependence of our communities, festival at the Markfield Project.

Throughout the Week:

Vote For Nobody Campaign Leafletting and campaigning using the Vote For Nobody idea, against the Council Elections on Thursday 2nd May.

WOMBLES on trial - the Womble 7 are on trial from Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May, at Horseferry Rd Magistrates Court, SW1. There will be demos outside the court all week.

Please come down and show your support for their fight against political repression.

A temporary week-long Social Centre, with Infoshop, workshops, discussions, vegan cafes, exhibitions, film showings. For all events in social centre

phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

Other workshops/events include:

*Allotments, wildlife garden projects. *Asylum - law, history, migrant uprisings, migrant deaths. *Biodiversity and food security. *Clothes making. *DTP/zine-making. *Feminist History *Film Showing's - Injustice, Black Box Germany & more. *Flamenco. *GM monoculture, genetic engineering. *Health - Shiatsu, alternative therapy. *Journalism, researching corporate nasties and state activity. *No Sweat - sweatshop labour, third world industrialisation/out-sourcing. *Nuke issues. *Outlaw women. *Rising Tide - Climate Change. *Spanish Civil War - film showing and talk. *Tree climbing and tree exhibition

These events are still in the planning stage - venues & times may change & more events will be added. To find out more about the events, continue to check the website for details & updates, at: <http://www.ourmayday.org.uk>

We need loads more events and we are therefore asking you or your group to do something as part of the festival. Contact us if you want help. Let us have the details and we will publicise it. Together we can make this another Mayday to remember! email: festivalofalternatives@yahoo.com or phone: 07786 716 335

VENUES

Chats Palace
42 Brooksbys Walk, Homerton, E8. Nearest train station: Homerton on Silverlink line LARC
62 Fieldgate Street, E1 (corner of Fieldgate St & Parfett St). tube: Aldgate East or Whitechapel
THE EXCHANGE
Sebbon St, Islington, N1 (off Upper St., behind Islington Town Hall. Nearest tube: Highbury & Islington.
SOCIAL CENTRE
phone: 07786 716 335 on Friday 26th April for details of venue.

MAYDAY IN MAYFAIR - WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY,

Four distinct but intertwined elements:

1. CRITICAL MASS

Mass bicycle (or wheel barrow/horse and cart) rides are a traditional part of mayday celebrations today as much as they were in the past. Villagers and townfolk often took to the streets and lanes, together, in a show of leisurely strength and solidarity. Got a pair of wheels? - be it a bicycle, roller-skates, a wheelchair, a shopping trolley, or a skateboard - join in! North ride 7.30am Camden Town tube, South ride 7.30am Camberwell Green. Meet in the afternoon at 12.30pm Hyde Park Corner



2. THE TRAVELLING CIRCUS

A mobile, spontaneous, and collective performance full of jesters, jugglers, minstrels, musicians, show girls, gypsies, pagan sorcerers, fire eaters, stilts walkers and clowns - reclaiming the roots and culture of mayday! Fancy dress, a sense of humour and the guts to shake loose and inhabit new characters and roles - the true spirit of circus culture - is the order of the day.



3. THE WAKE FOR CAPITALISM

A vibrant and luminous celebration of the imminent death of capitalism; a celebration of the new world waiting to be born; a resistance in remembrance of those incarcerated and murdered by capitalism; and a manifestation of our defiance as a movement to be labelled 'dead' by the state, media and politicians the world over post September 11. Dress all in black or white. Don the mantle of death with skeleton or ghost masks.



4. CARNIBALL

Gameball was a mass multi-sided festival of play, enjoyed in villages throughout the country in the 15th and 16th century. The objective of gameball was to keep the ball moving from one end of town to the other. In the 17th and 18th centuries, people often called gameball get-togethers with the aim of pulling down the fences around enclosed land. This year's version of gameball has many balls and inflatables (bring them with you), with the main goal being to keep co-operating, moving and having a jolly good time. Our goal is a new world!



For the all the above gather at 1pm in Mayfair. To be followed at 5pm by "No One is Illegal", the Sexual Freedom Coalition event in Soho at 5pm, & later in the evening a gig at Chats Palace.

Thursday 2nd May

Council Elections - 'Vote For Nobody' campaign.

'Health & healing' day - details on website. Venue: LARC

Saturday 4th May

"Jayday" Legalise Cannabis day in Brockwell Park - visit the Schnews, Indymedia & Mayday area for music, movies & infostalls.