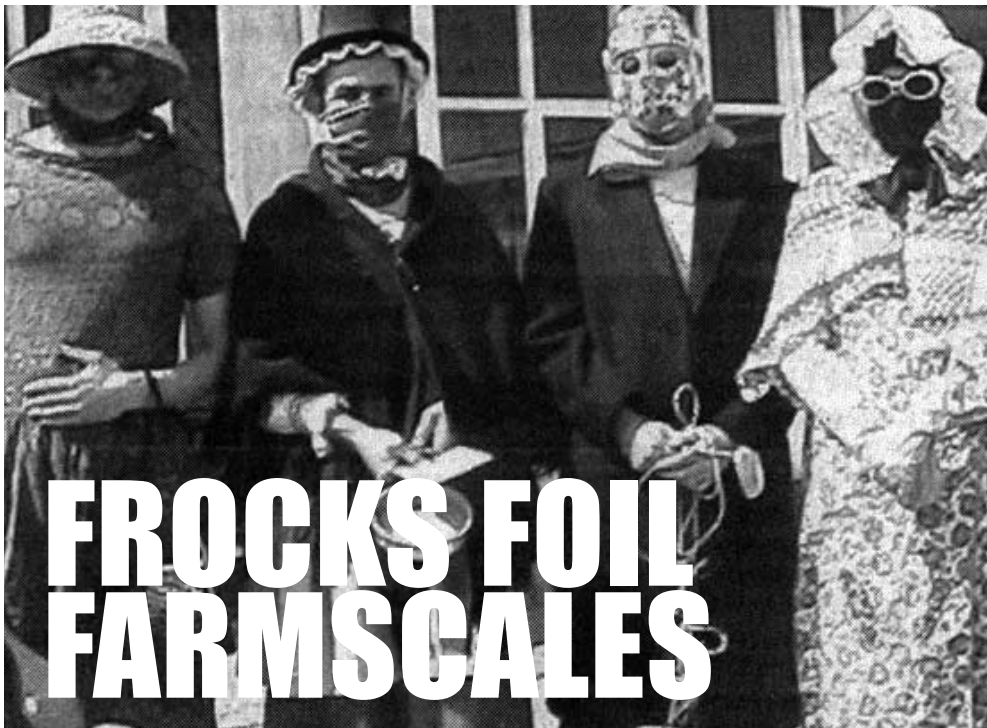


GENETIX UPDATE

newsletter of the genetic engineering network; INFORMATION FOR ACTION



FROCKS FOIL FARMSCALES

West Wales has been contending with 3 farmscale trials (FSTs) this past month, 2 in Mathry and 1 in Flintshire. Evidently SCIMAC did not study their Welsh history before experimenting in a country that is wresting its independence from central government. Already declared a GM-free zone by the Welsh Assembly, FSTs are one spectre of imperialism the Welsh are not prepared to tolerate.

Recognising the sensitivity of the situation and the absence of a proper notification process, Michael Meacher, the Environment Minister, requested a delay in planting to allow for 'proper consultation' with the community. The Scientific Steering Committee replied that it was now out of the control of all but the farmers, Aventis and SCIMAC.

Farmscales - they're a drag

Local people responded with a public meeting, which triggered mass grassroots support and an imaginative campaign. Echoing the 19th century 'Rebeccas', masked and frocked protesters, clattering pans, appeared as a 'questioning' presence in the landscape. "Forget our names so we would be named. Cover our faces so we can have a face. Protect our past so we can have a future".

Meanwhile another public meeting was organised, funds raised for an injunction and balloons released from the farm symbolising pollen. Twenty local farmers drove in a convoy of tractors past the field, followed by 80 cycling 'Rebeccas'. A 24-hour vigil was held at the farm in the final week. All was eagerly covered by the local media.

The landowner, a Tory ex-MP, caved in, muttering about being a victim of a 'misinformation' campaign'.

Unfortunately the Flintshire trial was planted soon after as 40 placard-carrying locals looked on.

April saw the announcement of a maize FST at Wolston, Warwickshire, 3km from the Henry Doubleday Research Association (HDRA), home of the UK's main organic seed collection and site of MAFF's own organic research trials. Locals and supporters rallied to defend the HDRA. Their high-profile campaign and daily vigils at the field received much media coverage.

Doh!

In the debacle that followed it transpired that a) Michael Meacher had not been aware of its siting, nor had

any control over it; b)Aventis was the only body legally able to move it; c)Aventis was not inclined to move it as a precaution; d)Blair's blind faith in GM wobbles when faced with public outcry in a marginal seat weeks before an election; e) The RSPB's threat to resign from the Scientific Steering Committee was perceived by commentators to throw the whole programme into doubt, suggesting that their endorsement is vital to the credibility of the trials.

Finally Aventis agreed not to plant. SCIMAC, retiring ungracefully, declared that they want "sensible ... discussions which will allow choice and mutual co-existence for all forms of agricultural production."

This notion that organic, intensive and GM agriculture can maintain their separate identities in such a small country is now being presented to a sceptical public as an 'agricultural Middle Way', but is obvious nonsense. Once GM crops are grown freely, cross-pollination *will* occur, some organic farmers *will* lose their status, and 'conventional' crop farmers won't be able to tell what they are growing until the biotech company sues them for unlicensed use of their product (no really, ask Percy!).

Coming to a field near you...

Thousands of acres are to be planted in the next 12 months at a cost to the taxpayer of about £40M. The flawed science of these trials has been well documented, the public's antipathy to them well publicized, the government's lack of control over the companies involved has been exposed, and the lack of a UK market for GM food much researched. Yet they continue. With evidence mounting in the US against the claims of the biotech companies (poor yields, rapidly acquired resistance of pests to sprays, unanticipated malfunctions in crops) might not the RSPB, among others, look back in horror at what it helped unleash?

17th May: Launch of Action Aid's GM coffee campaign. Contact: zelford@actionaid.org.uk for info, briefings, etc.

SPUDS U DON'T LIKE Locals in Bracknell in Berkshire are organising a public meeting and day of peaceful protest for **late May/ June**, against Syngenta's (Zeneca + Novartis) planting of Traitor gene GM potatoes, and would appreciate any offers of help. Contact Bracknell FAATE: 01344 452893 or Lesley.tooze@ntlworld.com

June 2nd: Strawberry Fair, Cambridge. Please help at the GEN stall, or just come & see us!

June 9th: Vigil and march at 2 FSTs, Hinton Waldrist, Oxfordshire. Contact: adrian.foxman@littlebrown.com, or Oxygene 01865 770833.

June 9th: Public information display in Hemel Hempstead. Contact: 0845 458 4780.

June 11th onwards: Surge 7 crop pullers court case is at Weymouth Magistrates Court. Contact Tushi: 01823 286311.

June 14th: Debate and discussions with Jose Bove, and bods from Farmers' Weekly, the Country Landowners Assoc., the Int. Inst. Ecology and Culture, Mexico & East Anglia Food Link. Univ. of East Anglia, Lecture Theatre 2, 6.30pm.

June 18th: Wivenhoe crop pullers on trial at Harwich Magistrates Court. Contact: Lreyne@essex.ac.uk

June 25-26th: Starbucks coffee action. See www.organic-consumers.org/starbucks. For info contact: coordinator@genetic-foodalert.org.uk; or 01803 868523.

End June/Beginning July (to be confirmed)
Mass Rally - stop the crop. Wivenhoe, Essex. Contact: 01206-826321.

Nov 12th: Worcester Two Trial. Contact: heyhosilver@hotmail.com



Farm Scale Trials - a right rum do

Back in 2000 the government, besieged by public concerns and a total absence of independent safety testing, decided to start 3 years of farm-scale field trials. Much larger than any previous deliberate releases of GM crops, they were supposed to monitor environmental impact, but questions were soon being raised by leading scientists about their poor design. For example, they fail to investigate the effects of the crops on soil bacteria and earthworms, issues vital for land fertility. They use different sites each year and so can never give an indication of the cumulative effects of GM were commercialisation to take place.

Farm-scale trials present a paradox. If GM crops are safe they don't need to be tested, and if they're not then they shouldn't be released into the environment. The members of SCIMAC running the trials have totally dismissed the evidence about insect pollination and horizontal gene transfer that has accumulated in the past year, and made ludicrous statements about absolutes of safety. This has led some people to query what the real agenda might be. Why spread genetic pollution over the countryside when no liability legislation is in place to protect those it might affect?

Despite government appeals earlier in the year for everything that moves to stay off farmland to combat FMD, the winter GM crops were harvested and the spring ones planted, with MAFF, SCIMAC, Aventis, DETR and Farmer gumboots tramping the length and breadth. "They're being very careful," whimpered Nick Brown. There are 106 FSTs littering the landscape this year, and there are 89 organic farms within a 6km radius of them, all of which risk losing their Soil Association symbol. Has this anything to do with ensuring people have to live with the EU's proposed level of 1% acceptable 'background contamination' in our food?

If you have a farm-scale trial near you don't panic, here's a brief history of what others have done. If you want more information on how to campaign against FSTs there's an excellent printout available from GEN on 0207 690-0626.

1999 They did 12 'practice runs' to test the methodology of the trials.

One farmer was forced to destroy his site by his trustees and a Lincolnshire farmer pulled out before planting. Four were the targets of mass civil disobedience including the glorious Watlington rally, which saw 600 or so grannies, kids and assorted concerned persons don white decontamination suits and publically demolish a trial of oilseed rape in Oxfordshire.

2000 about 50 proposed...but the farmer pulled out in:

*St Osyth in Essex after they held a parish referendum and 75% said they did not want the crop. The biotech company pulled out 2 days before planting because of "uncertainty and delay".

*Tittleshall in Norfolk because the local parish meeting opposed the trial 94-4.

*Ulleskelf in Yorkshire due to opposition from the locals and parish council.

*Ainderby Steeple in Yorkshire after objections from neighbours.

*West Portland in Cornwall stopped their crop by notifying the farmer's milk buyer who was unhappy about the possibility of contamination.

* And Over Compton in Dorset held a picnic and march after which 15% of the maize trial was openly destroyed by over 100 people.

*At least one in Gloucestershire was covertly decontaminated by night.

2001 84, 97, who knows how many they've got?

*East Hoathley in Sussex held a rally and in the face of local opposition the farmer backed down citing concerns about FDM, which he later retracted and claimed it was due to intimidation - this press release came from Aventis's fax machine... (contact Rowan on 01273 628441 for the full story).

*In Nairn, Scotland, the Dowager Duchess, a keen organic grower, disagreed with her step son, the Thane of Cawdor, and he pulled out in the face of her opposition and objections from local organic farmers.

*Mathry in Wales kicked out its 2 sites (see front page).

*Wolston in Warwickshire defended the HDRA (see front page).

If anyone knows of definite examples of Aventis or the farmer contravening the guidelines for the trials (e.g. feeding the crop to animals, not having a SCIMAC rep present at planting, etc.) the Update would like all the details please.

The media won't have
told you this but,

**7 of this
yr's 12 winter
oilseed rape
national seed
listing trials
have been fully
decontaminated**

The night-time garden-
ing of National Seed List trials has
been going on for some years now.
The trials are targeted because they
are the last hurdle before approval
can be given for commercial grow-
ing, and this year's burst of action
may well substantially set back
Aventis's programme.

Last year's Greenpeace verdict
proved that there can be lawful
excuse for destroying a crop if you
are protecting another's property
from financially damaging contami-
nation. But although there is
increasing proof that direct action is
both legitimate and necessary, the
many different voices of those who
take part in it are rarely heard. So,
in a covert action exclusive the
Update brings you two of them, with
the proviso "This is just us, and our
experience of what happened one
night. Its just to show that anyone
can do this really..."

The GEN network receives infor-
mation about decontaminations that
have taken place on:

testsites@geneticsaction.org.uk

My first little book of GM Crop Decontamination



Everything
you ever
wanted to
know about
responsible
covert
actions but
were afraid
to ask...
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SEED

*I understand that often times
before something alien occurs
There is an elongated moment of
confusion,
A gathering within the illusion
As if the harmony within nature
Recoils and prepares itself
For it knows
(even if we don't)
what is about to ensue*

like:

oh shit the junction's closed
no I haven't changed my clothes
what did you say..?

"we're going the wrong way!"

quick

stop

we can't do this here
we've got ten minutes and we're
nowhere near
that secret location

so secret... shhhh...

that no-one in the van seems to know
where it is.

I stare at my map in the dark
And think

I'm actually really scared
And I don't have a clue
what to do
if I get arrested

I'm being tested.

A quick headcount of new people to
this sort of behaviour

Reassures me
My mind sees clearly
That at least

I am not alone in this madness
Far from it

I am surrounded by crop killer virgins.

This makes me feel better
My head stops hurting
As I scrawl random numbers on my
arm
Numbers to ring if the shit hits the
fan

I smile and think
Babylon officials after ME in the dark?
In natural surroundings... ?
on Beltaine eve
NO bloody chance mate.

*I pray
the darkness is our protection
The shadows have become friends
She
Is ruthless my mother lover
Creator destroyer
It is by her will I have come here
For Beltane sacrificial rite
I kill false fertility
By the light of the half meridian moon*

I never knew a harvest could be so
quiet

I never knew cleaning could ever be
Fun

Just the plants and me
One to One

And you know
As soon as I left the paranoia behind
on the bus
Actually got in the fields and started
walking
I knew it was going to be safe that
night

At night

*When your eyes take on a new sight
Detached from any torches
Or electricity
Or false illumination
And it's just you
The moon
And the earth
And a peace that you cannot find any-
where else*

*The repetitive call
of a primordial instrument
And crushing under foot
That reminds me
We have been doing this for thousands
of years... .*

Time becomes meaningless... hours
pass... suddenly..

*The job is done
We trip the fields
And streams of mud
The moon sinks to blood
Sounds of the wild stag resound.*

*Numb freezing cold clothes change
The getaway
Is smoother than the beginning,*

And somehow, silently
the world has changed.

Animal Feed Frolics and other actions

On 22 February five of Sainsbury's Regional Distribution Centres were simultaneously blockaded. The actions started at 10.30am, blocking depots in Basingstoke, Hampshire; East Kilbride near Glasgow; Elstree, North London; Maidstone, Kent; and Stone, Staffordshire.

Sainsbury was targeted because of their failure to follow recent moves by other supermarkets and announce a date by which all own-brand meat, dairy, egg and fish products will be from animals raised on a GM-free diet. The coordinated action focused on a quarter of Sainsbury's frozen/chilled food depots because of the increased likelihood of their dealing with meat and dairy foodstuffs.

Such products are a back door route by which GM is presently entering the food chain and sustaining the companies that produce it. Currently 75% of GM crops worldwide go into animal feed.

The groups of dischuffed persons, some dressed as cows, chained themselves to lorries bringing the depots to a standstill for several hours. Because of supermarkets' 'just in time' delivery policy, delays can be economically disastrous, and even short blockades give them a substantial incentive to heed consumer concerns. At Stone, four protesters managed to crawl under and lock on to a refrigerated lorry for three hours. They were cut free (one from the engine block) and arrested for aggravated trespass. Meanwhile a group of cows stopped a leaving lorry in Maidstone and locked on, preventing lorries from entering or leaving the depot for two hours. Police then led the 2 cows and 2 bulls away and arrested them for aggravated trespass and breach of the peace.

The shift in supermarket awareness of the issue follows a string of actions over the winter, with bovines closing a BOMC Pauls animal feed mill for the day, chickens invading Cargill's plant and turkeys stuffing ASDA (see Update no. 17).

Almost all, apart from Sainsbury, have now given a commitment to sourcing and stocking GM-free for their own-brand animal products, but as yet the only guarantee of avoiding it is to buy organic or go vegan. The actual state of play within the sector as a whole is still very murky, and it's vital consumers keep up the pressure on everyone from their local manager to producers and importers of the stuff.

For more information on how to 'lock on' and blockade as safely as possible contact Dartmoor Earth First c/o PO Box 77, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5ZJ. For everything you ever wanted to know about GM animal feed and the companies that make it, check out Corporate Watch's excellent briefings available at www.gm-info.org.uk, or by ringing 01865 791391.



GM cow in lamppost scaling shocker

Norfolk gets 20/20 Vision

In April the John Innes Centre, Norfolk, hosted an international conference 'Global Agriculture 2020: which way forward?'

But the 2020 Vision Collective had not been convinced that the 240 pro-GM delegates would be up to the job and had organised alternative events during the week. The Mayor unveiled a sculpture of a metal globe and its food supply locked up by padlocks representing biotech companies. This aroused media interest and interviews followed.

Later the University of East Anglia hosted a conference 'Feeding or Fooling the World?'. They discussed how Indians starve not from a shortage of food in the country but from unequal distribution, described community gene banks, diverse diets, sustainable farming practices, and talked of the threat to food security and biosafety from GM crops. Topping the bill was Percy Schmeiser who laid into Monsanto for fining him thousands of dollars for growing unwanted GM canola that had polluted his crop.

That evening protesters gathered outside the dining room of the Sainsbury Centre at UEA, where the delegates were being wined and dined. They hung two huge banners inwards from the plate glass wall, 'Feeding or Fooling the World' and 'Biohazard', while 40 others held placards, chanted and drummed. The diners were advised to wait until the protesters had dispersed and were looking rather hungry by 9.30pm when their meal ('excrable') finally arrived. The police kept a low profile.

Contaminated imported winter and spring oilseed rape seed has been found growing in several secret trial plots. The conventional seeds were found to contain modified genes. More 'accidental' contamination expected soon... .



"It'll feed the world you know..."

THE PEASANTS ARE REVOLTING

April 17th was declared 'International Day of Farmers' Struggle Against GMOs' by Via Campesina, the global network of peasant farmer organisations including France's Cofederation Paysanne (Peasants' Confederation), and marked the launch of their International Alliance Against Agrochemical TNCs, GMOs and Patents on Life, and the start of protests against the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

In **INDONESIA** farmers protested outside the agriculture ministry against the forced imposition of GM cotton - which had been flown into a naval base in Sulawesi before being distributed by an army convoy.

In the **PHILIPPINES** the KMP, the main peasant farmers' union, held demonstrations outside Monsanto's headquarters in Quezon City.

Demonstrations took place across **FRANCE**, with protesters gathering outside the premises of the country's gene research programme, in northern France, while activists stormed an experimental farm in the south east. Local authorities in the town of Cabeuil ordered a ban on all planting of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) from 2002 and further demonstrations took place in Marseilles and nearby towns.

French farmers' leader, Jose Bove, managed to appear in Quebec City at the FTAA protest meeting, despite 'wanted' posters of him being displayed at every airport and customs post in the nation. There, on behalf of farmers' unions around the world he urged Canadians to destroy genetically modified 'seeds of death' and attack laboratories where GM crops were being developed. He said "people here must also join the resistance movement and not just make speeches. This means that GM crops must be destroyed, this means that the laboratories that continue to make these seeds of death must be attacked, this means that Monsanto and Novartis facilities must be attacked, they must not be given five minutes of peace. We have to fight against this because if it goes ahead, it means farmers won't be able to

decide any more what they are going to grow. This is a fight which must be fought every day and in doing so you should not be afraid to break the law...all forms of combat are possible."

ASIA RESISTS GMOs

SRI LANKA banned all imports of GM food from 1st May despite the usual complaints from importers that they would be unable to source enough GM-free food for the nation.

THAILAND meanwhile banned the planting of GM crops and agreed to introduce GM food labelling.

There are rumours, still awaiting confirmation, that **CHINA** is banning the planting of further GM crops. A report in the South China Morning Post of 18th April, which is queried by some experts, stated that China had already banned GM cotton and tomatoes and would ban the growing of GM soya, maize, wheat and rice in order to protect its export markets.

In **JAPAN** an alliance called NESSFE (Network for Safe and Secure Food and the Environment) has launched a series of national demonstrations against GM rice.

In **BANGLADESH** farmers are rallying to oppose GM rice - their UBINIG (Policy Research for Development Alternatives) stated that "Bangladeshi farmers will resist it by any means, we want the farmers of Asia to take a united position against genetically engineered rice". Grassroots campaigns against Golden Rice and the lies that accompany this 'wonder crop' are spreading across Asia.

The KMP, South East Asia's Regional Institute for Community Education and the Farmer & Scientist Alliance of the Philippines organised mass protests at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines to demand a halt to GM research. SAMANVAYA, a resource organisation for farmers' groups across India, produced a report condemning the Golden Rice myth.

USA BULLIES THE AMERICAS

In the weeks leading up to the creation of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in Quebec City the USA and its corporations attempted

to reverse GM regulations introduced in several Latin American nations.

In **MEXICO** the Senate had unanimously agreed to introduce labelling of GM foods but food corporations in the USA threatened sanctions and legal action through the North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) unless they revoked the law.

ARGENTINA, the most pro-GM nation in South America, where 90% of soya crops are GM, was threatened with sanctions by Monsanto unless it removed all its remaining regulations covering GM crops.

In **BRAZIL**, where agricultural exports are booming because consumers groups and foreign importers demanded a ban on GM crops, Monsanto threatened legal action using WTO rules to force the nation to open its doors to GM. In Florianopolis, 800 miles south of Brasilia, 2000 Brazilian women blockaded a supermarket that was selling GM food.

The **FTAA** is now the world's largest trade bloc and promises to operate like the World Trade Organisation, with tough sanctions for any nation whose environmental or health & safety regulations threaten the profits of multinational corporations. Like the WTO, the FTAA is almost completely controlled by the USA (where about 30 years worth of environmental regulations have just been scrapped) and it is feared that the USA will try to use the FTAA to ban the labelling of GM food throughout North and South America, arguing that such labels are an 'obstacle to free trade'.

(PRE)CAUTION TO THE WIND

The precautionary principle was shoved out of the WTO window by the US so that GMOs don't have to be proven safe. In the absence of any tests, pro-GM lobbyists suggest consumers should spend their own money on the testing of GMOs.

US NATIONAL BIOTECH WEEK

George W Bush called for "appropriate celebrations" to mark National Biotechnology Week (13-20 May). So, in California 50+ activists were teargassed by riot police while planting beans and corn at Syngenta's HQ. Meanwhile trials of GM strawberries, tomatoes and onions by DNA Plant Technology Holdings were destroyed by Night-time Gardeners.

GenetiX snowball

Rowan Tilly is **appealing** a previous genetiX snowball GM crop pulling conviction of **aggravated trespass** at the High Court in London. If she wins it will set a legal precedent making it impossible to use the charge of aggravated trespass on GM crop pullers (unless there is someone working on the field at the time of the action). The appeal is expected to take place in June.

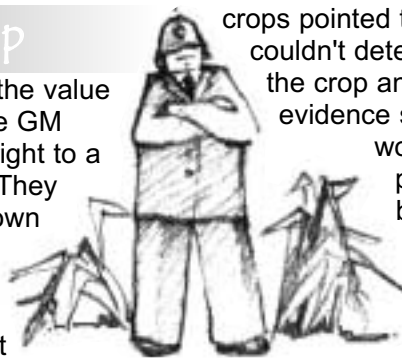
Contact Rowan Tilly: 01273 628441 rowantilly@gn.apc.org

Kathryn Tulip, Jo Hamilton, Zoe Elford, Melanie Jarman, Rowan Tilly and Andrew Wood have been contesting their **Monsanto injunction** since 1998. They won the right to a trial then lost it on appeal. Their petition to the House of Lords failed. They took the case to the European Commission of Human Rights and have lost finally. The bad news: they have life-long injunctions. The good news: they don't seem to be any the worse for it.

Hereford GM crop stopas

Last July, 12 Hereford locals decontaminated about 15% of a farm-scale trial site of Aventis's GM fodder maize. Police arrested two of the harvesters. Both Dr Barbara Charve and Jim Ridout were charged with criminal damage. Like the crop pullers in Dorset and Wivenhoe, the Hereford

Two had to struggle over the value of the damage done to the GM crop in order to win their right to a Crown Court trial by jury. They have finally secured a Crown Court jury trial due to take place from 12 November for up to two weeks. It may be the most significant genetiX court case yet. Contact Jim 01981 580592, Barbara 01981 510659 or email hayhosilver@hotmail.com



crops pointed to a jury trial. She couldn't determine the value of the crop and claimed that the evidence suggested that it would be difficult to prove there had been any damage. However, when it was pointed out to her that every defendant had

clearly explained how much GM crop they had pulled up she relented. She had taken the advice of the Prosecutor in the Greenpeace trial to change the charges to aggravated trespass. She had also noted Rowan's previous conviction of aggravated trespass for pulling up GM crops.

The Stipendiary Magistrate ruled that, although there had been prejudice against the seven defendants, this did not amount to abuse of process. The case will now be heard at Weymouth Magistrates Court and the charges of aggravated trespass will remain. The defendants had not expected to win and were pleased with the admission that the Prosecution were prejudiced and prepared to use manipulation to get a conviction.

The trial will begin at 10am, 11-19 June (but not 14th) at Weymouth Magistrates Court. Support and silly costumes welcome. Contact Tushie: 01823 286311.

Please note: Court dates move unexpectedly, check before turning up. Contact Rowan: 01273 628441

Wivenhoe GM crop stopas

Eleven locals (Andy Abbott, Ken & Edie Butcher, Andrew Curtis, Dave Isaacson, Julie Moore, Tracy Osben, Lynn & Sarah Priest, Dean Scott and Nikki Shilaker) were arrested and charged with criminal damage after decontaminating Aventis's GM fodder maize last July. Unhappy to be tried in a Magistrates Court they applied for a Judicial Review to get a trial by jury, but the High Court in London turned them down. They will be on trial for criminal damage from 18 June at Harwich Magistrates Court.

Contact Ken 01206 826321 or email chub_man@hotmail.com

Dorset SURGE 7...

The SURGE 7 - Chris Black, David Cooper, Simon Fairlie, Judie Holme, Jack Hooker, Rowan Tilly and Mike Zair were charged for nonviolently pulling up GM maize from a farm-scale trial site following a rally in Over Compton, Dorset, last July.

On 16 February 2001 at Weymouth Magistrates Court the struggle for a jury trial culminated in a Tribunal to test the charge of abuse of process made by the seven defendants. The defence argued that changing their charges to aggravated trespass, which must be tried by a Magistrate, was an abuse of process. Bizarrely, Crown Prosecution Service representatives were cross-examined in the witness box by Defence Barrister Anya Lewis and defendants Simon and Mike, conducting their own defence or, in this case, acting as The People's Prosecutors of the prosecution!

Under questioning the Senior Crown Prosecutor said she foresaw major difficulties in clinching a conviction against the crop pullers. She recognised that the Defence's expert evidence on the damage to the GM

INVESTED INTERESTS?

The National Farmers Union came under attack when its financial reports revealed substantial investments in five biotech and drugs companies, including Monsanto - part of a £30M piggy bank. The NFU is in favour of controlled field trials of GM despite the fact, acknowledged by it, that the membership is deeply divided on the issue. "It is difficult to see how the NFU can speak freely about genetic modification while investing in companies like Monsanto," remarked Norman Baker MP. Farmers are furious the NFU is sitting on such vast reserves while they slide into bankruptcy, and none to chuffed about further investments in Tesco and Barclays bank - both accused of exploiting farmers. Michael Lambert, NFU treasurer, said "these investments are made purely for the return we get." Quite.

D'BIOTECH BOYZ WANT YOUR CHILDREN

Scottish GenetiX Action is demanding the removal from 600 Scottish educational establishments of 140 thousand copies of *Your World*, a pro-biotech mag produced by the Biotechnology Institute, aka Monsanto and Novartis. They were placed there by Scottish Enterprise, complete with teachers' curriculum notes. "They are turning education into a marketing opportunity. This isn't so much education as indoctrination" said SGA. "Rather than face the reality that we have rejected their product, the biotech companies are sidestepping democracy in an underhand attempt to influence the next generation of consumers." For further info contact SGA, or let Peter Lennox at Scottish Enterprise know what you think of them on 0141-228 2818.

RESOURCES

A little list of loads of amazing people, skills and publications that you never knew you needed but might just come in handy...



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outreach collective, purveyors of the pedal powered genetix roadshow at your disposal. Complete with silly costumes, fame activists and guerilla cinema (showing 'stop the crop' a fine film by Undercurrents, and anything appropriate really) All we need is somewhere to crash for the night.

Ring 07050 618445
e-mail lifecycles@uk.cf and check out www.lifecycles.uk.cf

Media Questions answered by andrew@gn.apc.org
Also try George Monbiot's guide to the media, www.oneworld.net/tlio under publications section.

Banner Stash the accumulation of 3 years of campaigning, we might just have what you're after already. Contact the Totnes Genetics Group and GEN.

THE COMPREHENSIVE AND UNMISSABLE TABLE OF BRITAIN'S GM CROP TRIALS FOR 2001.

Available from Genewatch 01298 871898 and briefings on

- Gene Therapy
- Review of 2000
- Biobank

to name just the recent few.

ToGG tape 01803 840098

- Genetic Engineering and the Patenting of Life, a talk by Luke Anderson, available on cassette.

www.gm-info.org.uk for a really nifty map guide to your local GM animal feed mills and online copies of the Corporate Watch Briefings (also by ringing 01865 791391)

- Control freaks - **companies importing GMOs** includes Cargill supplement and ADM supplement
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- **Aventis** - favourite target of the year

• **Animal feed & GE** - including BOCM Pauls, ABN

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SPLICE magazine more in-depth analysis and elegant essays from Genetics Forum 0207 837 9229.

Action Aid Briefings

Contact Zoe Elford 0207 5617611

- **Syngenta** - a 26 page report
- GM and **world hunger myths**

Animal feed on-line info with action ideas, addresses, etc.

www.animalfeed.org

ASEED Briefing on GE Forests and Global Agriculture as Carbon Sinks

anti-GM website for Europe

www.groundup.org

Cartoon book on GE, £2, and stop GM crops posters, for postage donations, available from nick@aseed.antenna.nl (003120668 2236)

Soil draft strategy document call 0870 120 7405

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Inspiration and ideas about alternatives from www.primalseeds.org

Greenpeace **new briefing on FSTs**

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