



In his native South Africa, Lambertus Nieuwhof was convicted for trying to blow up a school. He was involved in activities to escalate racial tensions. Now in Hereford and a member of the BNP, he is trying to start a race war here too.

THE BOMBER

No sooner did the British National Party announce the founding of its Hereford group then one of its key members was exposed as a convicted terrorist.

Lambertus Nieuwhof*, a South African immigrant, was part of a plot to blow up a school in South Africa in 1992. He and two other men had targeted the mixed-race school leaving a 25kg bomb, made from stolen explosives, which failed to go off. He later received a 12-month suspended sentence.

Nieuwhof, also known as Bep, is a leading figure within the BNP and hosts a number of the party's websites through his company, Vidronic Online. He was an activist in Eugene Terre'Blanche's rightwing Afrikaner Resistance Movement, which in the early 1990s engaged in a terror campaign aimed at provoking a race war between the South African white and black population. He is now trying to reinvent himself as a man capable of winning your votes.

Hitler loving Nieuwhof, along with 'Harry' and 'John' (pictured), are founding members a BNP group in Hereford.

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The British National Party (BNP) are a rag tag party of racist thugs and white supremacists whose leadership have a string of serious criminal offences ranging

from bomb making, organising illegal paramilitary groups and possession of firearms. In recent years the party have moved from a strategy of 'controlling the streets' to an approach based around winning votes at the ballot box.

By the mid 1990s the BNP were unable to hold stalls and public meetings throughout much of the country for fear of being on the wrong end of physical working class resistance. Now the BNP have donned suits in the hope that they can gain credibility amongst the British population and avoid confrontation with militant anti-fascists.

Instead of blaming capitalism for social problems (poverty, unemployment, job insecurity etc.), the BNP like to direct public anger at racial groups, a tactic used by the Nazis. While the Nazis blamed the Jews for the failings of German capitalism, the BNP blame immigrants and Muslims for the failings of British capitalism.



Hereford BNP founding members (left to right): Nieuwhof, 'Harry' and 'John'.

★ Instead of blaming capitalism, an unstable economic system based on exploitation of the working class, for routinely laying off thousands of workers and paying poverty wages, the BNP blame immigrants for 'taking our jobs'.

★ Instead of blaming the government for years of privatisation and under-funding of the disintegrating health service, the BNP blame migrant workers, without whom the NHS would almost certainly collapse.

While posing as a new and radical solution to our problems, the BNP are nothing more than the representatives of the wealthy and the ruling class. They are the bosses little helpers weakening social solidarity and dividing the working class along lines of nationality and fuelling racial tensions.

When we are divided, we are weak. We end up fighting amongst ourselves for the crumbs that fall off the bosses table, leaving the ruling class to continue their assaults on the working class. When we are divided, we can't fight back.

We mustn't forget that Adolf Hitler himself said: "The only way we [the Nazis] could have been stopped is if our enemies had smashed us on the street from day one" ★

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For working class self-organisation and social revolution

The Anarchist Federation is an organisation of *class struggle* anarchists aiming 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.

The Anarchist Federation has members across Britain and Ireland fighting for the kind of world outlined above.

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WHERE WE TOOK A WRONG TURN

Construction has finally started on one of the most environmentally damaging projects Herefordshire has seen in decades, despite efforts from campaigners to stop it.

Sowhy, despite efforts from local environmentalists and anarchists, has the Rotherwas Access Road (RAR) gone ahead?

The biggest factor was support from the majority of Hereford's people, those who recognise the city has a traffic problem and see the road as a 'bypass' that will be the solution. This is despite Herefordshire Council's own traffic survey that found that the RAR will lead to a 22% induced traffic growth by 2022 compared to 14% growth under the 'do nothing' alternative. Another road isn't the solution to our traffic problems.

The campaign failed for not trying to reach out to the local, non-environmental, community, those who support the road. The approach by Herefordshire Green Party seemed to be one of letter-writing to the press and councillors and



Now is the time for... We think leadership got us into the mess that we face today!

maintaining a website. It was only after approval for the project had been given by Herefordshire Council that the Greens took any action (9th February: Green Party activists disrupt council meeting in relation to another connected campaign to stop a housing development near Rotherwas). A case of too little, too late.

Another campaign taken up by the 'green movement' in Hereford appears to have learned from this. The fight against present plans for flood defences on the Bishop's Meadows (and one for more suitable defences also) has been high profile and more forceful. It has organised 'rapid-response teams' that will physically prevent the meadow's trees being felled, when that time comes. It is also a campaign that has brought together many groups in the city and has involved community associations from Redhill, Putson and St. James & Bartonsham. The 'campaign' against the road was insular and involved nobody except those in the green movement.

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The fight to stop the Rotherwas Access Road wasn't won; it didn't even commence. A successful campaign takes action, it is proactive and it involves as many people as it can. The local Green Party seemed happy with their non-interactive, isolating action of writing their letters to the Hereford Journal. Where were the people on the street leafleting and explaining the problems and solutions to Jo Public? Where were the public meetings? Where was the community organisation? Where were the inconvenient protests that the council couldn't ignore?

Perhaps the Greens forget: our strength isn't in individually writing letters, politely asking councillors and MPs not to be so nasty. Our strength is in unity, when communities and workers unite in uncompromising solidarity ★

WOMEN BURNT THEIR BRAS!

...Because they weren't revealing enough for sexist advertising.

The 21st century has well and truly arrived and with it an age of equality and tolerance for all people prevails! Uh, try telling that the chauvinists at Play Nightclub whose latest marketing tactic has been the Shag-a-Tag night.

Clearly aimed at men, the game tells the player to find someone who is "shagadelic", get their SaT number and leave them a "saucy message". No emotional attraction necessary, just think with your pants boys!

The club's promotional cards for the night feature five blonde girls complete with suggestive smiles, skimpy underwear and chests the size of footballs; aspiration for all women.

Yes that's right girls, once you've drunk yourself into a coma (kerching!) and lost your ability to

reason you too will be the *object* of male desire. Unwanted advances, sexual abuse, date rape? Who cares as long as the cash rolls in!

So, a 21st century where women are treated as equals and respected as people not as objects by men? We think not. There may be a higher percentage of women now earning a wage for themselves but that isn't liberation. A move from the confines of the kitchen to the confines of the office isn't freedom. And a quick glance at page three of The Sun will tell you that women are certainly a long way from the equality that past generations have fought for. Sexist advertising from Play hinders that fight. It helps keep women as inferior beings. It causes inequality ★

THEY SHALL NOT PASS

As the British National Party announce the formation of a new group in Hereford, we look back at the Battle of Lewisham in London when local residents decided to stop fellow fascists, the National Front marching in their community.

On 13th August 1977, the fascist National Front (NF) tried to march through the multi-racial working class borough of Lewisham, south east London. It was a national mobilisation with NF branches coming from all over Britain.

A large anti-racist mobilisation turned out to oppose them in what was to become the biggest street battle against the fascists since Cable Street in 1936. The NF had grown rapidly during the 1970s, evolving from a tiny group of fascist crackpots to a large party with a national presence.

Their electoral successes were accompanied by growing racial violence, with attacks becoming more frequent. When word got out that the NF were planning to march, the All-Lewisham Campaign Against Racism and Fascism (ALCARAF) – a group made up of various Labour Party members, local religious and ‘community’ leaders – refused to directly oppose them. They organised a counter-demonstration miles away from the NF assembly point and hours before the NF were due to arrive in Lewisham. However, thousands of

people decided to ignore the advice of the march organisers and headed over to where the NF were due to meet.

The fascists couldn't meet at their original location and in the end the police smuggled small groups of fascists through the back streets of south east London. There were over 4,000 police on the streets of Lewisham that day protecting the NF. This was also the first time that riot police had been deployed on mainland Britain. However, this was obviously not enough for the NF who later complained that they hadn't been given enough protection!

Over 10,000 people turned out to oppose the NF. Even before the NF found themselves on the wrong end of a hail of bricks, bottles and smoke bombs, they were visibly frightened by the massive numbers of anti-racists. Black, white and Asian youth

all came to fight the fascists. As the march moved slowly

through the streets, the fascists were getting hit from all sides. At one point the march was cut in half as anti-racists smashed through police lines and engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with the NF. The fascists were completely overpowered by the superior numbers of the counter-demonstrators.

The police had tried to defend the fascists and had failed. They tested new ‘crowd control’ methods and indiscriminately attacked the crowds of anti-racist demonstrators. However, the anti-racists refused to run and fought back. With a taste of their collective strength they smashed through the police and attacked the fascists with rage. Because of the large numbers of locals on the day, people used their knowledge of the back streets to out-smart both the police and fascists with surprise attacks. In the end, the NF march was dispersed without even completing half their march route!

The Battle of Lewisham showed the fascists that their presence would not be tolerated in our communities. More importantly, it showed us that none of these fascist muppets were the invincible street fighters they were stereotyped as. They were, and still are, a menace in our communities and not only should they be forcibly removed, but Lewisham showed that when we act together, they can be forcibly removed ★



MORE HOUSES... FOR THE RICH?

So construction of the Rotherwas Access Road has begun and is being funded in part by the sale of land for new homes. We wonder how many of these houses will be cheap and affordable or whether they, like so many other recent housing developments in the city, will be upmarket, over-priced properties with a price tag way out of reach of the average worker. Hereford's population is growing, and will continue to grow.

Yet serious investment in affordable housing for the working class is almost non-existent. Workers have the choice of worn-out old council houses and long waiting lists, through organisations like Herefordshire Housing, or overpriced accommodation from private landlords whose only concern is maximum profit with minimum effort.

So what about a third option, where housing is free, built and allocated according to need not profit, and managed by the tenants themselves free from landlords and local authorities: an unachievable dream? Perhaps, but only for as long as we put up with what we have now ★

HUMANS HAVE BABIES SHOCKER!

The large numbers of east European migrants coming to the UK is putting a strain on NHS antenatal departments, says a BBC report. Or rather, the NHS is under-staffed and lacking in resources and isn't able to cope with a change in population figures.

Years of privatisation and part-privatisation in the UK has meant hospitals are now businesses operating for profit instead of as a public service. In attempts to top up their already fat salaries, hospital bosses are constantly re-organising (downsizing), sacking workers, shutting down services and closing hospitals altogether.

Barely able to cope with providing a service for those people already alive, and unable to understand that populations change (humans reproduce, more humans come along – it's nothing new!), the media and state blame the apparent raging hormones of young and fertile east Europeans for the strain on the NHS. Oh course, British people never had children before the enlargement of the EU in 2004 so we shouldn't expect the NHS to provide such a service.

In reality, this strain has very little to do with immigration and very much to do with the actions of the Labour government and its (non-exclusive) habit for selling off anything that moves ★

ANARCHISM IS...

Anarchism aims to create a society without hierarchical authority. That means no divisions between rulers and ruled, workers and bosses, leaders and followers, order givers and order takers. It means decisions are made directly by those affected by them, not by authorities.

Anarchists seek freedom for all. Everyone should be free to determine their own destinies, limited only by the equal freedom of others. This freedom should be a real, actual possibility, not an abstract right.

Anarchists are opposed to patriarchy and to racism. A free society will not exist while women face fear, discrimination and dependence on men. Neither will it exist where people are judged because of the colour of their skin. Discrimination treats people as representatives of a stereotyped group, rather than free, unique individuals.

Anarchists are not opposed to organisation. Anarchy is about organisation. It is about voluntary co-operation between equals. We are opposed, however, to organisations based on authority and hierarchy.

Anarchists believe in the necessity of 'direct democracy'. Rather than taking the management of their own affairs away from people and putting it in the hands of others, anarchists favour organisations

which minimise authority, keeping power in the hands of those who are affected by any decisions reached. Instead of electing politicians to rule us, we can make our own decisions through face-to-face neighbourhood and workplace assemblies and voluntary confederations.

Anarchists seek the destruction of the State. The State centralises decision making power into the hands of a few, giving them the power to use violence to enforce their will. It separates society into rulers and ruled, and robs us of the freedom to control over their own lives. We will not be free while the State exists.

Anarchists seek an end to private property and state property. Of course, we recognise everyone has a right to personal possessions – we don't want to make our toothbrushes common property! Private property means the monopoly of wealth, the right to prevent others using it, whether you are using it or not. Property creates an authoritarian relationship between those who own the means of life, and those who use them but do not own them. We think that land should be managed by those who occupy or cultivate it. Houses should be managed by those who live in them, without having to grovel to landlords or local governments. Workplaces should be managed by those who work there, under the guidance of the wider community. In

short, "property" should be controlled by those who use it or are affected by its use. No one should "own" (i.e. control) land, housing and productive tools that they are not personally using – whether they are "private individuals" or government officials.

Anarchists are socialists. But we are libertarian socialists. For us, socialism means management of production by the workers themselves, not owners, bosses or government bureaucrats. Workplaces should not be controlled by private owners or by the state, but by those who do the work and by those people that are effected by the work. We should manage our workplaces without bosses, through workers councils - face-to-face meetings of the whole workforce in every factory, office or farm. These would collectively make all "management" decisions on a basis of one-worker-one-vote.

Anarchists take action in the here and now. We don't vote; we organise! We have as much freedom as we are willing to take. Only by taking direct action to change the world can a libertarian society be achieved. Anarchists are busy organising in their workplaces and communities, spreading our ideas and leading by example. We work to create the facts of the future, today, planting libertarian institutions like seeds within our authoritarian society ★



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