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LOOSENING THE NOOSE: HOUSING AND LAND

SQUATTING & RESQUATTING

Squatting fills a gap left by developers, landlords and property owners. Of course, not all of these people can be expected to maintain their buildings to a standard fit for rent at all times; which is why other people can and should make good use of their properties in the mean time. Whether to provide a social function or purely for residential purposes; whether out of a genuine love of squatting, student accommodation or a stop-gap between more permanent solutions – squatting is necessary, and legal. The Advisory Service for Squatters is on hand to help with legal situations arising from squatting. They also provide printable Section 6 documents (the section of the Criminal Law Act which states the legality of occupation), notes for new squatters and also publish *The Squatter Handbook*. www.squatter.org.uk

There is also another ASS guide which might interest existing squatters which seeks to bust the myths that circulate concerning the legality of re-squatting a place. It's too long to print in full but the skinny is that it is completely legal to do so, under the right circumstances. An ordinary possession order (and not the nastier Interim Possession Order, IPO) itself doesn't get you evicted, it tells you to leave. If you don't, you're very naughty and the 'owner' is entitled to issue a warrant of possession which is the piece of paper which triggers off the bailiffs. The 'owners' have 3 months to do this from the date of the possession order. Once they have issued a warrant, they have 12 months to use it. The basic rule is that once the owners have got the place back the possession order is dead; the possession order has been satisfied and no warrant can be issued.

Be mindful when trying to re-squat a building though, as a place where squatters have recently left and the building is left unsecured is probably in the queue for bailiffs to evict. When they come they will evict whoever is there; it doesn't matter that you're different people from those who were taken to court as a possession order operates against the place, not against particular people.

There's more to it than that - you will have to contact the ASS to get the full article - but if it's an IPO that is successfully served then it's a criminal offence for you to go back there within 12 months of the date of service of the IPO.

ADVERSE POSSESSION

We have run a Rupture guide on this in the past. Despite rumours, it is still a viable way of claiming property – it merely takes a lot of work and you will also find yourself up against property

developers, who surely use some of the same techniques to get their mitts on cheap land and properties.

The short version is that you find a property or area of land which you believe to be unregistered, or where the owner cannot be found. Investigate it thoroughly, using private investigators if necessary, to be sure there is no current owner, or that they cannot be found. That lucky? Excellent, now begin to use the property in some way. This includes storing things, living there, renting it out, growing plants etc. All the time you need to be visible as 'the owner' and act accordingly. If you can continue this for 12 years you can then apply to the UK Land Register and ask for a First Registration, or in the case of a lost owner, claim Possessory Freehold. This is only half the way to full ownership, or Absolute Freehold. That takes a further 12 years, though after the first half you have pretty much the same rights as an absolute owner and can even sell the land at full whack.

The map search facility, and obviously the Registry documents themselves, from the Land Register are invaluable for the initial stages of investigation. www.landregisteronline.gov.uk

MOORING

House boats are one way of unplugging and avoiding many of the taxes and restrictions imposed on land-lubbers. The best option to avoid having to pay for permanent marina mooring is to apply for a Continuous Cruiser licence. This means you supposedly have to move every two weeks from your temporary moorings – though this is down to the local waterways staff. The price for a CC licence depends on the size of your boat and you can apply through www.waterscape.com

PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND SELF BUILD

Planning permission is needed for all forms of development, which includes the construction of buildings and change of use of the land. Agriculture and forestry are not regarded as development, even in an urban situation, but the construction of agricultural buildings is. A conventional application for planning permission is made to the local planning authority of the local council. An application is likely to cost £190, but some are cheaper. You will be dealing with one planning officer who is assigned to your case, but if you face opposition to your proposal then it will go to a planning committee. If a planning authority has reservations about a development, but is not fundamentally opposed to it, it may pass it but impose certain conditions.

It's a common misconception that mobile

homes don't require planning permission. Exceptions to this include while you are building a house or if it is being lived in seasonally or occasionally by agricultural workers. If a mobile home is occupied without permission for 10 years then it's too late for the council to take action against it and you can apply for a certificate from the council that establishes its use as lawful.

There are certain exemptions from the requirement for planning permission laid out in The General Permitted Development Order (GPDO). These can include putting photovoltaic tiles on your roof, installing a biomass boiler or a combined heat and power unit. Installing a ground source heat pump often involves excavating a large area which requires planning permission. Wind turbines, depending on their height and location, or any energy installation located away from your dwelling may also need permission. There are some schemes which can provide funding towards renewable energy technology, check with the Energy Saving Trust. You can have a bore hole drilled for domestic water supply without a licence. It probably won't be cheap (it depends on the geology, depth needed to drill etc.) but it will free you up for water bills, and being reliant on money-grubbing water boards who will find themselves increasingly subject to seasonal fluctuations.

A possible cheap method of constructing a dwelling or studio is the recycled use of converted shipping containers. There are a few examples in London and elsewhere of whole blocks being built from combining many containers, though you still need planning permission for any development involving containers. You might find the planners in urban areas to be more forgiving; and they have the advantage of recycling the multitude of containers left over from the days of more freight shipping. www.tlio.org.uk/chapter7/index.html
www.energysavingtrust.org.uk

If you are up for proving your mettle and are thinking about going the whole hog with a self-build project from scratch then you can find lots of info on the pros and cons and what you are up against here:

www.ebuild.co.uk

www.thehouseplanner.co.uk

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HOUSING CO-OPS

Once registered, a housing co-op can lease or buy properties, and then rent them, either wholly or as flats/bedsits/rooms, to its members - who pay rent to the co-op, which is their landlord. It empowers the members of the co-op to take control of their housing situation and cut out traditional landlords and stick firm two fingers up to the developers. The rules of

a housing co-op differ from a workers co-op but excellent help and support can be had from the Catalyst Collective; including draft copies of the documents needed for registration.

www.catalystcollective.org

COUNCIL LISTS

As councils continue to sell off most of their properties to keen developers it will be harder and harder to get on the list for a council property. You will need to provide proof of living in the borough you want to live in, or historical/

family ties to the area. As it will take a long time it can be worth starting the process of getting onto a list, just in case something goes awry in the future with your housing situation. Obvious priority gets given to vulnerable people, the sick, those living in bad conditions, homeless people, single mums etc. The forms can be found on local authority websites.

MORE NEXT MONTH - SEND IN AMENDMENTS + SUGGESTIONS!!!

Le Crunch Bunch

They have Sky News on in the kitchen where I work (in The City, where I look forward to seeing long, glum or panic-stricken faces first-hand) and for the first couple of weeks this month it has been like watching the Final Scores on Grandstand. 'Oooh', I think as I makes my cups of tea; what internationalist (yes, you can't deny it) con-blob-ulate corporation of thieves has gone down the toilet today? It makes for entertaining viewing, even though the mainstream media continue to scapegoat bankers alone and not the disgracefully inhuman economic system they are a part of. The slimey wankers that proliferate the city banks and trading rooms are easily detestable targets for public anger though they, like everyone else, are small-fry working for bigger fish (though they get annual bonuses in excess of some people's wages).

Eventually there will be no more room for evasive tactics of media to sidestep the real issue - that capitalism benefits only a diminishing few and leaves everyone else running round cutting each other's throats, in the true spirit of The Game. The perverse nature of this as a proposed workable system is highlighted by all of the panic-selling going on in the world's financial markets; if any of these corporations truly believed in Capitalism then they would actually be working together, staying calm and intelligently making efforts to crawl out of the excremental quagmire they have put themselves in.

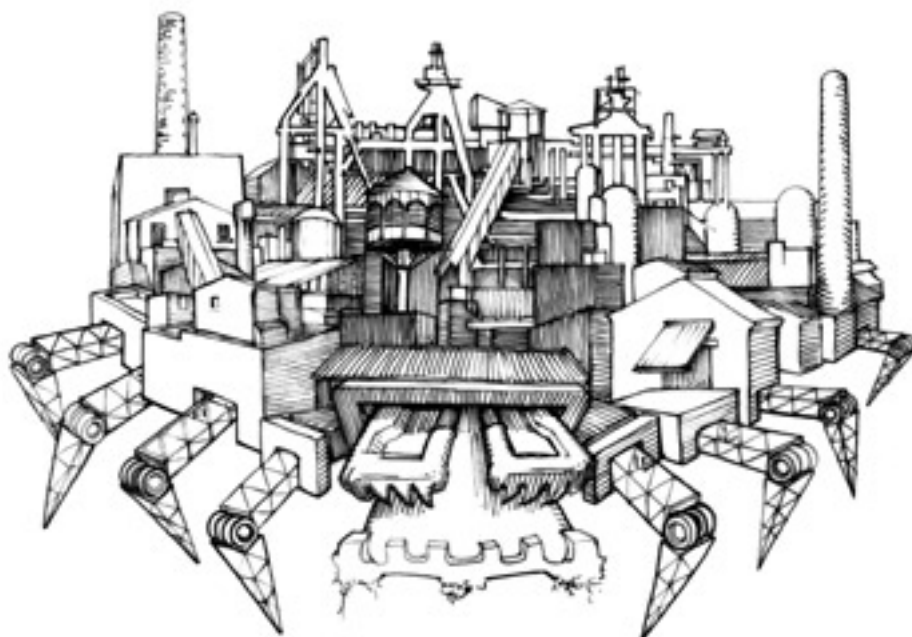
The situation is made worse among mere mortals as after years of globalisation, speculation, hedge funds, investment banking, insuring the uninsurable and maintaining the flow of invisible, liquid capital - all underpinned by like, totally not learning from the economic mistakes of The Big Crash at the end of the 1920s - your average Jo is expected to cough up some extra dough to smooth over the gaping cracks. Taxpayers' money is used to bail out the banks (as if the London O-limp-dicks wasn't a thorny subject already) and council tax will go up in areas where dim-witted local councils sent various chunks of the council coffers over to Iceland, and

probably other foreign financial institutions soon to bite the bullet. Yes, the public money bailout has actually roused some public anger, but most people aren't in a position to refuse paying tax simply on the basis that it is woefully misspent; for fear of losing their home and not being able to afford rising food and fuel prices.

I personally believe that a global meltdown - yes, even one which adversely affects every man, woman and child on Earth - is the only way to stir some motherfuckers from slumber. If we face an impending collapse we also face an impending wave of change. Life will be forced to return to being about real things; objects with value, equal trading and a discarding of this fictional system of numbers. Some of us have resisted it well enough for most of our lives but we have no real future unless everyone else joins us. True enough it also provides opportunities for even more extreme neo-liberalism, or the far-Right, to seize power as the fickle masses look for a new system to channel

themselves into (hey, why not just have celebrities run the country?) but that's just something else we might have to contend with. On the positive side it will mean less manufacturing (and hopefully less production of poorly-thought-out crap; it litters the planet as it is), less consumption in general and more thought given to what the fuck we think we are playing at with the way we spend our time on this planet.

Most importantly of all, we will have a sharply rising number of empty buildings to squat and reclaim for parties, housing and social centres. Along with what we can only hope will be a downturn in regeneration, rabid developments and tossy apartment blocks we should see a return to the good-ol-rave-days of yore. It's no small surprise that UK rave culture ballooned in the early 90s when the last real economic recession here held its grip. It's just a shame that recently (a tear rolls down the writer's cheek) we lost one of our raving home in the, now Olimpified, Hackney Wick industrial zone of East London. Well, we still have Acton; and hopefully new areas of economic-rave-growth yet to be unfurled.



I think I need a longer tape measure...



THE CORE

We're working on the basis that 2 + 3 doesn't equal 4, it actually equals mushrooms. There is a qualitative change of direction or a critical turning point in the course of events.

Like when DJs put two records together and take risks with the process, they don't know what's going to happen and neither does the crowd. Something that isn't on either record emerges and it amazes you, surprises you into a new way of thinking and feeling; and the sharp ones leave the venue and go and apply the newly-discovered version of what's possible to anything.

Everything about electronic dance and direct action can work on this principle. At their best, the people and the actions are innovating every aspect to leave behind the horrors of so-called solid reality, the reality where people are killed to put profit before life itself. The planet gets destroyed and people get habituated into thinking that's okay. So you need something that isn't compromised to inspire a little hope and show the way. During long years of hopelessness and feelings of powerlessness, music can help you keep your head above water until the connection is made. The

Shape of Nature kicks in, and you go on a mission of positive collective action. Once you've tasted freedom, you want more - you'll do pretty much anything not to get trapped in sick again.

After all these years I'm still amazed by how light, tone, and rhythm can absolutely shake your world. Without free space it's very easy to fall into a mindset of thinking how other people want you to think. If everything's designed for you to just walk through like an actor on set with pre-written lines, pre-conceived emotions, well, that's wrong.

Free parties have always challenged the ownership of land and the usually dodgy purposes that ownership turns itself to. Community free space is accountable to everyone who uses it; if someone starts larging it and turning to the darkside, the vigilant people will try and see to it that no darkness gets manifested.

Against the culture of consuming, let's make a culture of creation, skill sharing and resistance; one that opens out into local communities, not closed in on itself and dying. Not lost on drink, drugs and distracted by the mainstream without doing the work to push things forward in light of what's actually happening and what possibilities are available to us. Team up and make it happen.

Squatting Around the World = Canada

There is no legal basis for squatting in Canada. "You're lucky if it's a couple of months. It's more like a couple of weeks," says Dan, a seasoned squatter. "There are absolutely no squatting rights in Canada, the cops just come and knock down the door." A Montréal city councillor shows the level of stupidity at work when she says: "It's an incivility to squat in an abandoned building. You're not supposed to loiter - there are regulations and by-laws. We have to respect people's living spaces, be they residential or business. If I own a building and it's not being used, it's up to me to decide if someone else can use it." Oh yeah, and "We live in a society that is structured, and we have to live with some conformity."

In 1990, six buildings in a row were squatted for ten months in one of Canada's first public actions. A film about the place and the eviction called 'The Beat of Frances Street' is available on torrents - www.mininova.org/tor/1415557. In recent years there have been a number of public squats which have brought together the two main contemporary reasons for squatting - homelessness and activism. Example are Montréal's Overdale squat (2001), to the Woodward's Squat in Vancouver (2002), the Infirmary Squat in Halifax (2002), the Pope Squat in Toronto (2002), the Seven Year Squat in Ottawa (2002) and the Water Street Squat in Peterborough (2003). These are squats organised by anti-poverty groups working to raise awareness of how much is empty and how little is being done to house people, and thus the squats themselves have a short life expectancy.

To take the Peterborough squat as an example, it was carried out as a public action by the Peterborough Coalition Against Poverty (PCAP). The building, a beautiful riverside property had been used as low-income housing until it was wrecked by fire. The group offered to repair the place and return it to the function of housing people - to their surprise, at first city housing officials welcomed the plans, but three weeks into the project the City Council voted to demolish the building instead. The squatters were evicted by tool-ed-up police thugs. Ironically, it cost the council \$8,900 to knock the building down - the scheduled repairs had a cost of \$6,900.

Next time - Australia

MUSIC REVIEWS

Dr. Bastardo - Death to All False Rave [Peace Off Ltd]

The Doctor is most definitely in, and is filling some tasty scripts. This relative newcomer turns dem amps up to 11 and brocks out the breakcore like there's no tomorrow. If you're some demented sludge-fund banker, fingers crossed you won't have one.

Various Production - Various Versus [Various Production]

The new album from this pair of schizo tunesmiths is split between their remixes of a varied roster of artists and remixes of their own work by the likes of Milanese, Zan Lyons and Rustie. On immediate listening it's apparent that some of the bods being remixed by VP aren't people I'd listen to, if I could avoid it, so it can make for difficult listening. That said, the quality levels are riding high on the beats and production.

Headhunter - Nomad [Tempa]

It could be seen as techno in a dubstep style; or dubstep in the techno realm.

Either way, that description should give you an idea of what to expect from this LP. It's deep and pretty minimal for the most of it with some nice tracks on there, but nothing that exciting.

Maga Bo - Archipelagos [Soot]

A very interesting release for fan's of dj/rupture's Soot label. Here, Arabian sounds and melodies flutter around moody grime/dubstep/hip-hop beats with the sounds-across-borders Soot feel being completed by the presence of North African MCs and vocalists on all the tracks. The producer is originally from the US, resident in Brasil, but musically somewhere not so easy to pinpoint.

Le Jad - Painful Epic EP [Peace Off Ltd]

Another month, another handful of top-notch ruffness from the PO camp. This EP is from a French producer who is more known for putting together new-school scratch vinyls which stand out for featuring abrasive electronic noises and drums. It comes as no surprise then that what you get here is twitchy but tight breakcore with an underlying hip-hop lilt. There's a couple of loops for the itchy of finger along with two full tracks.

PARTIES + R + RADIO + PROTESTS +

Films every Monday @ Pogo Cafe, Clarence Rd, London E8. From 7:30pm, free (but donations are welcome). www.pogocafe.co.uk

16.10.08

FREE MIDDLE EAST TEK

In Jordan. Email: middleeasttek@gmail.com

18.10.08

STAND UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS FESTIVAL

Short plays, films, an exhibition, food and live music, plus the launch of a new book. 2pm – 8.30pm, £10/£5 concs. Waterloo Action Centre, London SE1.

www.aworldtwin.net/about/standup.html

18.10.08

LONDON ANARCHIST BOOKFAIR

Workshops, meetings, speakers, and many stalls. 10am – 7pm, by donation. Queen Mary and Westfield College, London E1 www.anarchistbookfair.co.uk

18.10.08

SIREN AND REKNAW

Punk/ska bands and a rave-up afterwards, Starts at 6pm - Sunday morning. Victoria pub, 177 Grove Street, Deptford, London SE8 www.reknaw.com

22.10.08

ROTORELIEFS

Rotoreliefs is a free networking platform oriented to promote independent artists and filmmakers. Further nights at this venue: 12 Nov, 14 Jan. Roxy Bar & Screen, 128-132 Borough High Street, London SE1 ILB

24.10.08

UNCUT RADIO STATION BENEFIT PARTY

Powered by Abacus and Disjunkt sound systems. Central London venue tbc 07835 175534 / 07974 892670

25.10.08

Rufnek Diskotek & Fire!! present MONSTER BASS

10pm – 5am. £7.50 advance/NUS, £9 others. The Black Swan, Stapleton Road, Bristol

31.10.08

THE BREAK!!! HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH

£10 tickets, more on the door. Friday 31st October. Clockwork. Bristol

31.10.08

EXPLODING CINEMA

No-budget cinematic oddities, plus the odd live act. £5 entry (no concs), doors at 8pm. The Half Moon Pub, 10 Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill, London SE24 9HU www.explodingcinema.org

31.10.08 – 1.11.08

MEANS TO AN END FEST

A European DIY fest to promote just that, held at the 1in12 Club in Bradford, the UK's oldest Anarchist Social Centre. 3pm onwards each day. The 1in12 Club, 21-23 Albion Street, Bradford. www.myspace.com/meanstoanendfestiva

01.11.08

SCUMOWEEN

The Squat Monsters Ball London venue tbc

01.11.08

RAVE OR DIE!

Dress up - no gore, no entry. £5 / £6 after midnight. The Redstar, Camberwell Green, London

02.11.08

ROTORELIEFS

Other dates at this venue: 7 Dec. Vibe Bar, The Truman Brewery, 91 Brick Lane www.rotoreliefs.com

05.11.08

CLASS WAR "BURN A POLITICAN" BONFIRE PARTY

Bring effigies of politicians and any loathed figures of authority. Get into the festive rebellious tradition and bring along fireworks and booze. London Fields, Hackney, London. From 7pm

06.11.08

MUTINY

Drum n bass and breakcore north of the border. 10.30pm – 3am. £3 b4 12, £5 after. Bongo Club, Holyrood Rd, Edinburgh.

09.11.08

LARC CINEMA CAFE

Remembrance Day Anti-War Special. 2 - 6pm www.londonarc.org

14.11.08

SUBLIMINAL DISCHARGE

10pm – 6am. £10 b4 midnight, £12 after. Jack's Nightclub, 7-9 Crucifix Lane, London, SE1 3JW

15.11.08

GENER8R

The mega-rave in a club returns to raise more cash for free-parties, yay! As usual, there's plenty of sound systems touching down. Lakota, Upper York St, Bristol

21.11.08

JUNGLECLONE

New jungle and breaks night from Dissident, Anticline and Life4Land. 10pm til 4am. £5 Advance/b4 11pm, £8 After. The Warehouse, Princes St, Bristol

OTHER SOURCES FOR LISTINGS:

Cheap/free things in London: www.freelondonlistings.co.uk

Other parties: www.headfuk.net/parties.htm
EU parties: shockraver.free.fr/infoparty23.htm

PARTIES + EVENTS

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