



A Community Newsletter for:

KINNERSLEY-SARNESFIELD-LETON- NORTON CANON- BROSBURY
STAUNTON-ON-WE-MORNINGTON-ON-WE-MORHAMPTON

THE DISAPPEARING FARMS

A RESPONSE

THE destruction of the wild life habitat is obvious and regrettable but there is greater cause for concern in the development of the Collective Farms.

This is an Eastern Block concept where the 'thinking people' behind the Russian Revolution thought they could banish hunger by putting the land into collective farms organised by book-learned agriculturists. Their huge tracts of land were to be worked by the original peasants who would be given much improved living standards and security whilst being, of course, denied the right to choose how to work the land that bore them.

This remote control farming (plus peasant resistance to being treated as factory fodder on the land) combined to make the collective farm dream a comparative failure. Luckily their leader Khrushchev, - himself a child of the soil, - saw what was wrong. The land workers were given individual plots to work in their spare time. Yields rose. China has seen a similar recovery and now the parts of Black Africa, which followed the original bad collective policy, are doing the same.

Meantime here in Britain, farming entrepreneurs are turning to our own open spaces, and creating little farming colonies of their own where they are the figure heads. They are trying to overcome the problem of replacing the 24 hour day, 7 day week vigil of the stock farmer by injections of drugs to restrict the time for mating and birth to an 8 hour day, 5 day week.

In all this, many of our young men and women are being deprived of using their inborn loyalty in the land and also to the life which it supports. How soon will we be following once again in the wake of the despised communists? It looks as though it will be soon.

Gwen Turvill

PLEASE NOTE THAT COPY FOR THE JULY ISSUE OF SIGNAL SHOULD ARRIVE AT
OWLS END, WORTON CANON NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, 7TH JUNE 1984.

THOSE POWER CUTS

READERS may remember the 'Ballade of Interrupted Power', which appeared in the March issue of 'Signal' as a more or less facetious comment on the frequent electricity power cuts which were occurring in the district at that time.

A copy of the issue was sent to the Shrewsbury Head Office of the Midlands Electricity Board and, in a letter to 'Signal' dated March 23, the Engineering Manager detailed the reasons for the supply interruptions. They were as follows:-

17 November 1983
18 November 1983
2 February 1984
8 February 1984
29 February 1984

Swan in line
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Cause unknown
Tree in line during severe gales
Primary circuit failure affecting
all south Shropshire and West
Herefordshire.

In addition to the above extended interruptions there may have been several minor interruptions due to transient faults being cleared from the system.

The engineering manager confirms that the area is scheduled for refurbishment and maintenance during the year 1985/86 but he points out that the majority of the above faults were outside the direct control of the Board and would probably have occurred even if maintenance had just been completed. He adds that prior to 1985 the Board intends to fit some new items of circuit monitoring equipment to the particular line which supplies this area, and these will enable a more rapid identification to be made of any faulted section with subsequent improvement in restoration of supplies.

HAVING PROBLEMS WITH YOUR CAR?

Bad starting?
High petrol consumption?
Poor performance?
Not charging?

You require a

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ELECTRO-TUNE

MOBILE CAR CLINIC
MOCCAS 415

I COME TO YOU!

CORRECTION

Dear Editor

May I point out a slight error in the article in last month's 'Signal' about low flying aircraft.

It is not the Leominster Town Councillors who are involved in the Nuclear Bunker Scheme mentioned, but the Leominster District Council and in the event of a nuclear attack the bunker would be occupied by the Officers of Leominster District Council and not Councillors.

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