

events 14 october – 1 november

Event details are correct at time of printing – phone organisations to confirm

friday 14 october

Arna's Children

Film telling the story of a Palestinian theatre group that was established by Arna Mer Khamis in Jenin and shows suicide attackers in their childhood. Palestine Solidarity Campaign 7.30pm Reading International Solidarity Centre (RISC), 35-39 London St **donations** & ☎ *Zainab Khan 07941 022047*

The Spectre of Climate Change

A seminar with speakers Rev Prof Ian James and Prof Chris Garforth, University of Reading, and Dr Martin Hodson, Oxford Brookes University. Caversham One World Week Group 7.30pm Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Rd **£2 inc fairtrade refreshment** & ☎ *Martyn Allies 947 2007*

saturday 15 october

Indian Dussera Festival

Fun fair – Food – Fireworks, celebrating Dussera with ceremonial burning of the effigy of Rawan (the evil King of Lauka), symbolising the victory of good over evil. Reading Hindu Temple 4-9pm Rivermead Fields, Richfield Ave **donations** & ☎ *Mr Luxman Chouhan 07715 609349*

Indigenous art – contemporary traditions from Australia and beyond

Day school will bring historical and cultural background to the Aboriginal Australian including dot painting. Also other contemporary artistic traditions emerging around the world, particularly from the richly diverse traditions of Africa. School of Continuing Education 10am-4.30pm Building 24, University of Reading London Rd Campus (next to Royal Berks Hospital) **£28/£23concs** & ☎ *Karen Brown 378 8347*

Salsa and Merengue Party Night

Come to dance or listen to the salsa music, meet people and make new friends in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. Avoid wearing trainers if possible. 8pm classes for beginners and intermediate; 9.30pm party **£7/£6concs; party night half price with RIF leaflet**. & ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

sunday 16 october

Tropical Spectacular

A celebration of music and dance from Africa to the Caribbean. A full night of music and dance tracing the roots of some of the world's most influential music across the Atlantic. With Abdoul Davis, a musician/dancer from the Gambia who will be playing djembe and dancing the Wolof dance, mbalax, and Yanisel Zapata and Julio Flometi (Yoruba and Cuban dances). Plus belly dancing from Ali and a selection of boleros from Carlos Miguel. A night not to be missed. 8pm Rising Sun Arts Centre (RSAC), 30 Silver St **£5** ☎ *Larry 986 6788 or Sheila 07734 839264*

Promises, Promises

Singaround theme night. Readifolk Singers 8pm Clifton Arms, Gosbrook Rd, Caversham **£1** & ☎ *Una Waters 948 3145*

Salsa/Merengue Dance workshop

Two left feet and no sense of rhythm? No problem! With special class for absolute beginners followed by salsa dancing. Red Hat Salsa 7-10pm classes; 10-12.30pm dancing Jongleurs, 110 Friar St **£6/£5concs; first workshop free with RIF leaflet** ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

Guy Davis

Traditional and contemporary blues accompanied on guitar harmonica, and banjo. Black History Month 7.30pm 21 South St **£10/£8concs** & ☎ *bookings 960 6060*

monday 17 october

Fair Trade Tour

Successful acoustic singer-songwriters Rob Halligan and Gareth Davies-Jones are teaming up this autumn to promote fair trade. They will be touring the country with their songs from the heart. 7pm Global Café 35 London St & **£5** ☎ *Leslee Hopper 958 6692/958 3555*

Will Peak Oil trigger economic and ecological crises?

Presented by Naresh Giangrande with questions. Peak Oil is the point in time when extraction of oil from the earth reaches it highest point and begins to decline. Find out what this means for people and the planet. Green Party 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Rob White 0798 5923938*

tuesday 18 october

Salsa and Merengue Dance workshop

No sense of rhythm? No problem! With a special call for absolute beginners. Red Hat Salsa 7pm beginners; 7.30 other levels; 9.45-11pm free salsa/merengue dance RISC, 35-39 London St **£6/£5concs first workshop free with RIF leaflet** & ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

wednesday 19 october

60 years of UNA

Presentation on 60th Anniversary of United Nations by Deirdre Mc Connell, Director of an International human rights non-governmental organisation. UNA Reading RISC, 35-39 London St **£1/free concs** & ☎ *N Sidamparappillai 942 9467*

True Food Promises!

A chance to use your consumer power to minimise your impact on people and the planet. Display of True Food Community Coop's ethical choices. Why not participate by pledging to regularly buy one more local, organic or fairly traded product. 5.30-8.30pm every 1st & 3rd Wed of month The Warehouse, Cumberland Rd & ☎ *Chris 0845 3308272*

Kicking Back: Indigenous Resistance

Around the world, indigenous people are resisting the onslaught of capitalism on their civilisation. This meeting will give an update on struggles in Chiapas, Mexico and West Papua, Indonesia and show how we can act in solidarity. Reading Anti Globalisation Collective 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **donations** & ☎ *Stuart 07833 758317*

Bombon el Perro

Optimistic road movie set in spectacular but poor Argentine region of Patagonia. The hero is Juan, a 52 year old out-of-work mechanic, who struggles to make ends meet selling handcrafted knives. When he hooks up with Bombon, a purebred Argentine dog, his luck seems destined to change for the better. 8pm Reading Film Theatre, Palmer Building, University of Reading **£3.50members/£4.50 non-members** ☎ *bookings 378 7151* e: *rft@reading.ac.uk*

thursday 20 october

Ashanti Bead Craft from Ghana

The fair trade World Shop welcomes you to an evening with John Haigh of Fiema who brings handcrafted beautiful beads for you to handle and buy. Video footage of Ghanaian beadmakers. Delicious fair trade snacks for you to try. 6 for 6.30pm World Shop, 35-39 London St **free/donations** & ☎ *Catherine Greatrex 958 6692*

Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC)

Invites you to come to their monthly meeting. PSC 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Paul Timberley 01344 455607*

friday 21 october

African Voices

Part of Black History Month. A chance to celebrate Africa's great diversity of arts, crafts, music and foods. Meet and talk to Africans from Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Gambia, Mali, Rwanda and learn about their perspectives. 3pm Yusupha Jawara workshop – design and make Bogolan mudcloth and find out about the symbolic relevance of this traditional Malian Art form. Friends of Mali *booking* ☎ *Bente 958 6692*; 6pm Join us for drinks, sample informally African food and talk to Africans who are presenting issues and information about their countries; 7pm The Young Face of Africa dance troupe (tbc); 7.30pm Talk and discussion by African's living here in Reading. Ending with performance by Abdoul Davis from Gambia with a spectacular display of djembe, tama (talking drums) and Wolof dance. Southern Ethiopia Peoples Action Group, RISC & Zimbabwe Group RISC, 35-39 London St **free/donations** & ☎ *Bente 958 6692*

100 ways to Make Poverty History

Book launch and book signing with author John Madeley, a well known voice on "Third world" issues. With observer status at the G8 Summit, he will feed back on recent developments arising from the G8 meeting and the UN summit meeting on the Millenium Goals. 7.30pm OXFAM Book Shop, 8 High St **free** ☎ *Vernon Welch 987 3163*

The Russian Spectacular

Featuring the World Famous White Russian Central Band with soloists from Bolshoi Opera and dancers from the Belarussian National Folk Dance Company. 7.30pm The Hexagon **£12.50/£11.50/£10.50 some concs** & ☎ *bookings 960 6060*

saturday 22 october

Millenium Development Goals

Short introduction to MDG from a seminar by World Bank economist Jeffrey Sachs and informal discussion with Reading Trade Justice Group. 11am-1pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Mark 07947 589199*

One Day for Iraq

11am Join us outside Reading Town Hall to petition for return of British troops; 3pm film screening of "The oil factor in the war on terror"; 4.15-6.15pm workshop on "How we failed to win the peace". We will look at the causes of the war on Iraq and the peacemaking; 7.15pm Rashad Salim will speak on the effect of using Uranium 235 weapons on the Iraqi people; 8.30pm traditional music with Iraqi musician, Mostafa. Peaceworks/Salaam RISC, 35-39 London St & **donations** ☎ *Manuella 967 1362*

sunday 23 october

Worship for the World

A Christian service of worship including prayers and hymns from around the world. All ages. 10.30am Park United Reformed Church, Palmer Park Ave **free** & ☎ *Robert Weston 926 5003*

Promises, Promises! Service

Join the international congregation at St Andrews for a multicultural service marking One World Week (crèche and children's group). 11am St Andrew's United Reformed Church (junction of Craven Rd & London Rd) **free** & ☎ *961 3906*

Check your Carbon Score

Come to our free climate gym where your personal trainer will take you through a computerised lifestyle carbon scoring check. Make a pledge to reduce your CO2 output and help stop climate change. The desired score is 2.5. Where will you score? Action videos, campaign information and refreshments will be available. Drop in anytime. Greenpeace 7.30-9pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Trish Whitham 0797916954*

Heroes

Singaround theme night. Readifolk Singers 8pm Clifton Arms, Gosbrook Rd, Caversham **£1** & ☎ *Una Waters 948 3145*

Sixth Annual Celebration of Youth World Music and Dance

CultureMix Arts presents steel bands, Bollywood dancers, capoeira, cultural stalls along with a talent show, awards, demonstrations and an exhibition. Part of Black History Month. The Concert Hall, The Town Hall, Blagrove St **ticket price tbc** & ☎ *bookings 960 6060*

Salsa/Merengue Dance Workshop

(as Sunday 16) ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

monday 24 october

The World in Our Hands

Climate Change is affecting the whole world, this exhibition looks at the present and future affects of climate change on communities that have links with Reading. Launch party of exhibition and short talk. Rising Tide Education 7-11pm Global Café, 35 London St & ☎ *John Hoggett 941 5144*

Life in San Francisco Libre

Screening of contemporary video on Reading's twin town in Nicaragua. Followed by discussion. Reading San Francisco Libre Association 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Dave Ruddle 956 8453*

tuesday 25 october

Salsa/Merengue Dance Workshop

(as Tuesday 18) ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

wednesday 26 october

Peace Propaganda and the Promised Land

This pivotal documentary film on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict exposes how the foreign policy interests of American and Israeli political elites influence the US media and impact on news reporting. Bucks & Berks Palestine Solidarity Campaign 8pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Paul Timperley 01344 455607*

thursday 27 october

Our Global Commons

Activism and what it can achieve with Terry Wolford (Barnard-Broker Centre Foundation, part of 'Diverse Women for Diversity', active in Women in Black and participant in the World Social Forum in Mumbai) and Ricarda Steinbrecker (Econexus, genetic scientist active in the fight against Europe and the UK accepting GM foods and the appropriation of genetic material by multinationals. tbc 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Bente 958 6692*

Preparing for Peace

Brian Walker, ex-DG OXFAM, one of three Quakers who have spent five years asking experts (military, diplomats, academics etc) not whether war is immoral, but whether it works. Consensus: it doesn't. Reading Quakers 7.30pm Reading Friends Meeting House, Church St (off London St) **free** & ☎ *Paul Kingston 947 2460 www.preparingforpeace.org*

Berkshire Organic Group

Join BOG for their monthly meeting. 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Dave Bell 959 6758*

London Community Gospel Choir

Controversial, professional, energetic, inspiring and spirit-filled. There ain't no stopping them now! they will continue to go where angels fear to tread. Part of Black History Month. 7.30pm The Hexagon & ☎ *bookings 960 6060*

friday 28 october

Western Sahara: 30 years of broken promises

Western Sahara remains under Moroccan control, with UN promises of self-determination still unfulfilled. Local film-maker Simon James shows footage illustrating this injustice. Speakers include Gina Crivello, Oxford University, and Tim Braunholtz, Western Sahara Campaign. Amnesty International Reading Group 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **donations** & ☎ *Anthea West 979 8101*

Transport 2000

Join their regular meeting. 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St & ☎ *Nigel Rose 969 3195*

saturday 29 october

Green Economics Conference

Green economics: costing climate change and nuclear power and feminist finance. Reversing 10,000 years of patriarchy and accumulation. Poverty prevention with green solutions. Speakers include Profs Maria Mies, Mary Mellor and Priscilla Alderson, with Tony Juniper, Friends of the Earth and others. Green Economics Institute 10am-7pm; 9pm party RISC, 35-39 London St **£20, £3 drinks all day, £5 veg lunch** & book ☎ *07990 590463* e: *greeneconomicsinstitute@yahoo.com*

Black History Month – Ghana

AGM and promoting black and ethnic minority childrens' achivement. Talk on education. Cultural display of artefacts from Ghana. Reading Ghana Association 7.30pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Joseph Senyah 07889 976127*

sunday 30 october

Why we Fight

Film screening on forces that shape and propel American militarism? This award-winning film provides an inside look at the anatomy of the American war machine. Reading Peace Group 3-5pm RISC, 35-39 London St **free** & ☎ *Helen Chambers 950 9427*

George Papaugeris Concert

Singer and writer of songs with a message. Readifolk Song Club 8pm Clifton Arms, Gosbrook Rd **£4** & ☎ *Una 948 3145*

Green Economics

Dr Derek Wall, Goldsmiths College. Bring drinks and snacks to share. Reading Green Spirit 6-9pm RISC, 35-39 London St & ☎ *Brendan 959 9241*

Salsa/Merengue Dance Workshop

(as Sunday 16) ☎ *Sharon 966 8292*

monday 31 october

Halloween Party!

Come and practice diverse European Languages. Thames Euro Club RISC, 35-39 London St & ☎ *Laurence 0776 4976377*

tuesday 1 November

Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Lights

With songs of praise to Lord Ram with food and fireworks. 7-9pm Reading Hindu Temple 112 Whitley St **donations** ☎ *Mr Luxman Chouhan 07715 609349*

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