



Campaign *for the* Accountability of American Bases

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Dear friends

Greetings and hope for 2006. We write this latest newsletter at the start of the New Year – as always full of hope and determination; hope that this year will bring sensible decisions and that the follies of last year are not repeated; and determination to make sure that the aims and objectives of CAAB are persistently raised and pursued. That is certainly what we have in mind! But so far, it's not looking too good...

Last year, many revelations came to light – the National Security Agency spying on US citizens (with unprecedented legal action to impeach George W Bush).

They call them 'rendition' flights – people being flown to Eastern European countries to be tortured – at US bases unknown and unnamed. Tenacious people are working on this to reveal what has been going on – hidden, horrific and happening now.

Now into 2006, with the complex issue of Iran and nuclear power developing into a possible attack by Israel (in the guise of the US) in the Spring sometime.

Here at home nasty new legislation came in with the chiming of the New Year – in the form of the Serious

Organised Crime and Police Act 2005; giving the police sweeping powers. Almost unnoticed and tacked onto this obnoxious Act is a Statutory Instrument quickly 'made' and 'laid' before Parliament which makes trespass on Crown Land a criminal offence. The majority of the list of 'designated sites' are US bases and ones which CAAB has given attention to for many years (listed in this newsletter); yet another version of criminalising trespass coupled with new Military Land byelaws at many US bases. Since when was walking on the land of our birth a 'serious organised crime'?

Who are the people who make these decisions – behind closed doors, unaccountable and mostly faceless?

One think of light however is that a US service man, who is detained for allegedly raping and killing a Japanese woman has been handed over to the local authorities by the US. This was completed in unprecedented time and almost definitely

because of the outrage of the local people who demanded that this person should be handed over.

However this catalogue of bad things happening all round the world and at many different levels only makes us stronger and more determined.....it's too serious not to be... ..for anything built on shaky ground usually comes tumbling down.....

HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

- [Planned programme for US Space Tracking and Surveillance System \(crucial to 'Star Wars'\)](#)
- [New Military Land byelaws coming in at Fylingdales and other bases](#)
- [Feelings run high at Mildenhall over sale of land to the US Visiting Forces](#)
- [Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 – threat to peaceful protest](#)

AROUND THE BASES

NSA/USAF MENWITH HILL (near Harrogate, North Yorkshire)

Space Tracking and Surveillance System (STSS)

In 1997 Menwith Hill was designated one of the European Ground Relay Stations for the US Space Based Infra-Red System (SBIRS) part of 'Star Wars' - now renamed STSS.

The Missile Defense Agency is pursuing the Space Tracking and Surveillance System program as a space-based sensor component of the Ballistic Missile Defense System.

Overview

- Two research and development satellites will be launched into Low Earth Orbit Ground Orbit in 2007.
- A Ground Segment will be developed to operate the satellites. This Ground Segment will be designed for reuse with subsequent research and development satellites.
- The Block Space Tracking and Surveillance System will demonstrate the key functions of a space based sensor, passing missile tracking data to missile defense interceptors with the accuracy and the timeliness necessary to enable them to successfully intercept missile targets.
- Lessons learned from the on-orbit operation of the Block 2006 demonstration satellites will provide a sound foundation to proceed with the fielding of an operational constellation beginning in the 2012 time frame.

Block 2006 Program

- The Block 2006 demonstration satellites consist of refurbished hardware originally built as flight demonstration satellites. Integration and testing of the hardware is proceeding on schedule and cost.
- Two satellites will be launched together on a single Delta II launch vehicle in early 2007.
- The Space Tracking and Surveillance System ground station will become operational approximately one year ahead of the launch date, allowing adequate time to train operators. Ground software development is proceeding ahead of schedule and under cost.
- The ground segment will communicate with the missile defense Command, Control, Battle Management and Communication system.
- The Space Tracking and Surveillance System will perform on-orbit testing of sensor

performance against ground targets, airborne targets and short and long range ballistic missile targets. Following system performance check-out, the space-based system will continue to participate in Missile Defense Agency flight tests.

- The Block 2006 satellites are expected to be available for two to four years after launch.

Block 2012 Program

- Beginning in 2012 the Missile Defense agency will field a constellation of operational STSS satellites to enable global missile tracking.
- The Block 2012 program is in the initial planning stage, with prime contractor award anticipated in late 2006 or early in 2007.
- Block 2012 satellites will use the same infra-red and visible sensor types as the Block 2006 satellites. Improvements will be made in satellite life time producibility and ability to process and communicate missile tracking data to interceptors

[Missile Defense Agency Fact Sheet – September 2005]

Registering and enclosing the base: The base was voluntarily registered by the Ministry of Defence as 'RAF Menwith Hill' in the Land Registry office on 29 September 2004. A copy of the registration was produced by the Crown Prosecution Service in the pending appeal by Anni (see below).

The land was formally the copyhold of the Manor of The Forest of Knaresborough – ancient times. Certain parcels of land however are 'saved to the lord by the 12th Schedule of the Law of Property Act 1922' and excepted from the registration.

We have been reporting in the newsletters how the base has 'developed' over the years. Now this ancient land is almost entirely enclosed under the command and control of the US Visiting Forces – more weld mesh fencing, coils of razor wire and more and more CCTV cameras.

Planning Applications since last newsletter:

PA No: 6.90.262.B.CROWND – Erection and replacement of Building 36. [08.12.2005]

PA No: 6.500.178.A.CROWND - Erection of Sportsfield scoreboard. [08.12.2005]

PA No: 6.90.171.E.CROWND - Installation of 2 x Floormounted Lights to illuminate Flagpoles. [08.12.2005]

PA No: 6.90.170.B.CROWND - To allow the extended siting of Temporary Buildings (portacabin and storage container) to rear of Building 11 (MOD Police Agency) from 30 November 2008 to 30 November 2011. [17.11.2005]

Arrests and court: Since the last newsletter there have been several arrests which happened after Anni and Lindis's case in Harrogate Magistrates Court (see CAAB Report 162-165 on website). Lindis was arrested on 4 October by PC Parry for allegedly obstructing the highway during the weekly Tuesday evening demonstration. She was taken to Skipton Police Station and speedily 'reported with a view to prosecution' and released. She has sent two letters to Simon Osler (CPS) asking him what action, if any he intends to take.

Leeds Crown Court 11 Nov 2005: This case had been moved from York to Leeds Crown Court because there is inadequate disabled access to York Crown Court. The appeal, brought by Anni against conviction and sentence (s.69 'aggravated trespass' - Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) was due to be heard on 11 November 2005.

The case had been listed for one day and special attention and notice had been given to the court (by the Defence and Prosecution) for CCTV video equipment to be in court. In a tedious and frustrating morning, we waited for nearly two and a half hours while two cases were heard before Anni's case and a TV monitor was supplied.

At the end of the morning when it became clear that there was insufficient time for the case to be heard, James Stewart (Judge hearing the appeal with two Magistrates) adjourned Anni's appeal until the New Year - 3 February 2006. He clearly showed his displeasure at having to do this and apologised to Anni in particular by saying several times that he was 'extremely sorry' for the inconvenience caused by the 'mess'. He said that this mess did not give a good impression to the general public. There was no time for this case to be heard today as the hearing would either have been too rushed or part heard. He was keen that there was plenty of time so that justice could be done.

Anni was arrested at the regular Tuesday CAAB demonstration at NSA Menwith Hill on 30 November 2004. The case revolves round the issue of a 'yellow line' painted on the road to the main entrance to the base.

The appeal will now be heard at Leeds Crown Court on 3 February 2006 at 10.30 am. Anni would welcome quiet support for this important case.

York Crown Court – 16-18 November 2005: PC McMullan was flown over from Jordan to give evidence (presumably at public expense) for this case. Lindis was appealing against 5 convictions and sentences (electron tagging and eight week curfew) for 'obstruction of the highway' (one) and four convictions of 'obstruction of an officer in the execution of his duty' – see CAAB reports 180-182. Scott Wolstenholme (Judge) sitting with two Magistrates heard this appeal.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the US Government and the Ministry of Defence Police (as they were before they became an Agency) was submitted to the court. This was a cosy agreement signed in 1989, which shows that the Ministry of Defence Police are in the pay and under the control of the American authorities.

The court decided that the Order by Roy Anderson (District Judge at Harrogate Magistrates' Court) that Lindis was to be tagged and curfewed was 'disproportionate' and that she had a right to protest. She was instead given a 'conditional discharge' for 12 months. The tribunal reduced the costs ordered by Roy Anderson to £800 and imposed a further £800 on Lindis for the cost of this appeal. They reserved their Judgement as to their reasons for coming to this decision until a later date.

Richard Wright informed Scott Wolstenholme that the Defence would now be considering an appeal by way of 'case stated' to the High Court London.

Reserved Judgment of Appeal: This was delivered at Coverdale House (Family court hearing centre in Leeds) on 8 December 2005. What was interesting about the Judgement was what was not included. The tribunal found that 'the appellant's right to demonstrate does not include the right to stop moving vehicles on the highway. The police are entitled, in the interests of road safety, to prevent the appellant from hindering the free passage of vehicles; they are not obliged, in upholding her right to demonstrate, to compel motorists to stop in order that the appellant can transmit her message to them'. They upheld the convictions of 17 August, 26 October and 30 November 2004 and dismissed one other. See website for Judgement.

The right to effective protest: As a result of the Judgement by Scott Wolstenholme, the Ministry of Defence Police Agency who 'police' the Tuesday evening demonstration (clearly under strict orders) have changed their tactics and policy.

Since just before Christmas, they adopted an aggressive, and we say unreasonable, manner. They

can now 'warn' up to three times if any alleged obstruction of the highway takes place and then arrest. Any slight narrowing of the exit is now seen to be an obstruction of the highway.

We have requested several times to meet with David Long – Superintendent Ministry of Defence Police Agency (MDPA) at Menwith Hill. So far this request has not been forthcoming.

Arrest and charge: At the Tuesday evening demonstration on 10 January 2006, Lindis was arrested (after one alleged 'warning') for an alleged 'obstruction of the highway' and s.24 of PACE (as amended by the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005). She was later charged at Harrogate Police Station and released with bail conditions. An application for a variation of these conditions has been made.

Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005: On 1 April 2006 trespassing on 'designated' Crown Land will be a criminal offence, with the possibility of a fine and/or 51 weeks imprisonment if found guilty. We are researching the law at the moment. The list of bases included in this draconian Act are:

Her Majesty's Naval Base Clyde
Northwood Headquarters
RAF Brize Norton
RAF Croughton
RAF Fairford
RAF Feltwell
RAF Fylingdales
RAF Lakenheath
RAF Menwith Hill
RAF Mildenhall
RAF Welford
Royal Naval Armaments Depot Coulport
Sea Mounting Centre Marchwood

'RAF' FYLINGDALES **(near Pickering, North Yorkshire)**

Correspondence re new byelaws: For many years the MDPA have refused to discuss anything about the Military Land byelaws at Fylingdales and other bases where there are byelaws. New byelaws are to be brought in because the old ones are invalid.

The police are aware that the byelaws are invalid and to get round this they have used 'aggravated trespass' section 69 instead. This draconian law can be thought of as a form of control ie 'bail conditions' and has often been used against protesters over the years. There is a long history of deeply concerning manipulation and abuse of these laws by the MDPA

We have had an ongoing correspondence with the MDPA and the RAF authorities concerning the issue of the Military Land byelaws for several years now.

Dear Ms Percy

Thank you for your e-mail dated 25 Nov 05 regarding our Byelaws.

In response to your questions I can advise that the responsibility for the signs pertaining to the 'RAF Fylingdales Byelaws' rests with the Station Commander and Defence Estates. The drafting of the new byelaws, for RAF Fylingdales, is currently ongoing at Defence Estates and that the consultation process will commence as soon as the MOD is content that the draft document is acceptable for submission to relevant authorities. The consultation process will include the public and will allow local residents the opportunity to raise any concerns/objections. Unfortunately, the MOD is not yet in a position to give an 'exact date' when this consultation process will occur. With regards to the validity of the 'RAF Fylingdales Byelaws (1987)', they are valid and will remain in force until they are revoked by new byelaws. I trust this information addresses your questions satisfactorily.

Regards,
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Alleged 'warning', arrest, detention and charge: On 5 November 2005, Lindis was issued with an alleged 'warning' notice by a MDPA officer - not to return on land at RAF Fylingdales within three months (s.69 'aggravated trespass' - Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994).

Lindis was eventually arrested at Fylingdales on Saturday 7 January 2006 for allegedly being in breach of the s.69 notice. She was denied bail and was detained in custody at Scarborough Police Station over the weekend. She appeared before Scarborough Magistrates on Monday morning and was released on conditional bail - 'not to go within one mile of RAF Fylingdales perimeter fence except on 4 March 2006 for the purpose of going directly to and from and attending the Quaker Meeting for Worship on that date'.

Planning Applications since last newsletter:
There have been no new PAs since the last newsletter.

USAF MILDENHALL (near Lakenheath, Suffolk)

Local Council to sell land for base housing:

Feelings ran high at a Forest Heath District Council public meeting on Tuesday 10 January 2006. Councillors confirmed that they have agreed to sell 100 acres of council owned farmland for the building of more than 440 base houses.

The Ashwell Property Group has been commissioned by the USAF to construct the build-to-lease homes. They are currently in discussion with Suffolk County Council to sell the council owned land for this development.

Local residents are concerned that the 'c' road the land is on will be unable to cope with extra traffic and about safety issues regarding a local school. They also suspect that proposed occupants of the of the new housing will actually work at USAF Lakenheath, causing 1000-2000 extra journeys through the village.

The local community have formed the Save Western Mildenhall campaign and will be lobbying local Government in an attempt to halt this development. [A local resident alerted us to this].

3rd [US] Air Force's flag is furled as

commands officially merge: The Air Force furled the flag of its historic 3rd Air Force during a ceremony in England on Tuesday as part of a move to merge major commands in Europe and streamline contingency planning.

The inactivation of the unit at RAF Mildenhall marks the beginning of a new headquarters based at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.....[Stars & Stripes, European Edition, 02.11.2005]

USAF CROUGHTON (near Brackley, Northants)

The MDPA have now established an office at this base – perhaps reflecting its importance. The senior officer is Eileen McAdam (Sergeant) with a staff of 11 colleagues.

Following the report in the last newsletter when Lindis was violently arrested and detained by the US Visiting Forces at this base, she was soon notified by the MDPA that she did not need to attend Northampton Police Station. She was informed that there would be 'no further action'. She is in the process of applying under the US Freedom of

Information Act for various documentation concerning this 'incident'.

SELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: Sir Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what authority UK military police forces have in United States military bases situated in the United Kingdom. [35459]

A: Mr Ingram: *The UK military police have lawful authority to arrest an individual suspected of a criminal offence if that person is subject to UK military law. The power is set out in the Service Discipline Acts. The United States visiting force is not subject to the Service Discipline Acts.*

Under Article VII of the Agreement regarding the Status of Forces of the parties to the North Atlantic Treaty (SOFA), the United States visiting force stationed in the United Kingdom have the right to police the premises which they occupy and may take all appropriate measures to ensure the maintenance of order and security on such premises. Where there are no United States policing and security forces present, or a significant threat exists from demonstrator activity, the United States forces have agreed that the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) can undertake the policing task on their behalf.

The MDP is a statutory British police force with constabulary powers as defined in the MDP Act 1987, as amended by the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001. Although the MDP can exercise these constabulary powers, incidents solely involving United States visiting force personnel and associated civilians will normally be handled by the United States authorities in accordance with SOFA. [14.12.2005] [we will be contacting Menzies Campbell about this reply]

Q: Sir Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether United Kingdom security services personnel have travelled in an aircraft used for the purpose of an international rendition. [36443]

A: Mr Straw: *It is not the Government's policy to comment on intelligence matters. [12.12.2005]*

Q: Sir Menzies Campbell: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on how many occasions and at what locations officials in the United Kingdom security services have questioned individuals who have been subject to an international rendition or other involuntary transfer by United States officials. [36444]

A: Mr Straw: *It is not the Government's policy to comment on intelligence matters. [12.12.2005]*

Q: Mr Ancram: To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs whether UK Government officials have discussed with the US Administration the use of EU airspace for the purpose of the extraordinary rendition of those accused of terrorist activities since 11 September 2001; and if he will make a statement. [33818]

A: Ian Pearson: *We raise a range of issues with the United States Administration on a regular basis. The Government are aware of media allegations about "extraordinary rendition" operations allegedly conducted by the US authorities, and my right hon. Friend, the Foreign Secretary, has written to the US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on behalf of EU Partners. [05.12.2005]*

[We have not sent lists of suggested PQs to Norman Baker MP while Parliament has been in recess over the Christmas period]

ALL THINGS US

UK ignores 'torture flights' says minister:
THE government has admitted to turning a blind eye to United States' "torture flights" operated by the CIA through British military airfields.

In a controversial operation, known as "extraordinary rendition", the US intelligence service routinely transports people it accuses of terrorism to sympathetic countries in the Middle East and North Africa. There, it is alleged, they are tortured.

The detainees are flown on privately-registered jets, which frequently make refuelling stops at airports in Britain. The CIA "ghost flights" have also called at RAF bases including Northolt, north of London.

Now the Ministry of Defence has admitted that when the US planes call at British military bases officials ask no questions about who is on board.

The confirmation came in a written parliamentary answer from Adam Ingram, the armed forces minister, which was published yesterday.

"Where aircraft transit through military airfields, to refuel for example, and passengers do not leave the airfield, the MoD records the names of the pilot and aircraft owner, but does not record the details of passengers," Mr Ingram wrote.

His answer was given to Sir Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat deputy leader, who said the UK

should have no role in the "illegal and immoral" practice.

While rendition flights have sparked protests from several western European governments, Britain is not alone in still allowing refuelling stops: several eastern European nations remain happy to let the CIA use their airports and bases. *[James Kirkup, The Scotsman – 19.11.2005]*

Australia gets access to US spy data: Australia has accessed US spy satellite data through a research program that cost a modest \$2.1 million over nine years, the Government has revealed.

It relates to the new US Space Based InfraRed System (SBIRS) network, set up to provide advanced warning of ballistic missile launches.

If Australia ever developed a missile defence system, SBIRS would provide vital early warning of any missile attack plus information of missile proliferation within the region.

In an answer to a question on notice from Labor MP Daryl Melham, Defence Minister Robert Hill detailed Australian involvement in SBIRS, successor to the innocuously named US Defence Support Program (DSP) which was commissioned in 1970 to provide early warning of Soviet missile launches.

"Since 1996-97 DSTO (Australia's Defence Science and Technology Organisation) has assisted in maintaining full knowledge of SBIRS as a capability for detecting Australian targets of interest," Senator Hill said.

"To help sustain full knowledge and concurrence, DSTO developed a special purpose processor.

"This processor is able to accurately geolocate and display Defence Support Program data on a background map and contains some DSTO-developed prototype target detection and tracking algorithms."

SBIRS was started in 1995 to provide an advanced space-based capability to detect and provide early warning of missile launches.

It will comprise six satellites in high orbit, 24 in low orbit plus ground stations, including Australia's Pine Gap *[and NSA Menwith Hill]* which formed an important link in the DSP program.

Like many advanced defence programs, SBIRS has experienced cost over-runs - it's now worth an estimated \$US10 billion (\$13.26 billion) - and delays with the first of the high satellites not expected to

enter service until 2007.

In August 1995, former Labor defence minister Robert Ray revealed initial details of what was then described as a modest initial program of Australian research activities in conjunction with the US Ballistic Missile Defence Organisation.

Senator Hill has now revealed Australian spending on SBIRS started at \$24,280 in 1996-97, averaged over \$200,000 a year since then and was ongoing.

But he refused to reveal more about the research.

"With regard to other research and development work performed by DSTO in relation to the US Defence Support Program and SBIRS, that program work is classified," he said. *[The Australian 23.08.2005]*

RP [Republic of the Philippines] threatens to bring custody issue to international court:

Should the US government refuse to hand over four American soldiers accused of rape in Subic, the Philippine government will bring the case to the International Court of Justice, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez on Wednesday said.

At the same time, Manila could apply diplomatic pressure to the United States by recalling the Philippine ambassador in Washington DC, he said, adding: "I don't know what else can we do."

"The only way to emphasize on this is probably to recall our ambassador in Washington DC like what we did when Singapore hanged Flor Contemplacion," he said, referring to the diplomatic row following the 1995 hanging of the Filipino domestic helper convicted of murder in the city state.

"Recalling the ambassador is part of a democratic and diplomatic way of showing displeasure that is normally being done," Gonzalez told reporters.

The Department of Foreign Affairs sought physical custody of the servicemen on November 16 but the US Embassy has yet to reply to its request. The four US Marines, charged with raping a 22-year-old Filipino woman on November 1, have remained in the custody of the US Embassy.

The rape allegedly took place on November 1 shortly after the Marines joined large-scale joint exercises with their Filipino counterparts in Subic, a former American Naval base northwest of Manila.

"By insisting on physical custody and by demanding for it will prove that we want to assert our sovereignty especially on criminal cases and maybe

that will prove our manhood in the international community," Gonzalez said.

Malacañang on Monday also vowed to uphold the country's sovereignty in the case even as it downplayed the possible souring of bilateral ties with Washington, saying the case "should not be a test of our time-honored friendship with the United States."

Gonzalez gave assurances that the Department of Justice would support Olongapo City Regional Trial Court Judge Renato Dilag in seeking Philippine custody of Keith Silkwood, Chad Carpentier, Daniel Smith, and Dominic Duplantis.

"We will support his desire [for custody]. It is really a question of how to effect that kind of a position vis-à-vis the Visiting Forces Agreement," the justice chief said.

The US invoked the VFA -- a treaty that gives a certain degree of immunity to American soldiers taking part in joint maneuvers in the Philippines -- in keeping custody of the Marines.

Lead state prosecutor Prudencio Jalandoni had said that the warrants and subsequent arrests of the US soldiers would be "assertions" by the court of its jurisdiction over the case and the accused.

Malacañang had said the warrants of arrest for the accused soldiers would be served soon. *[Philippine Daily Inquirer, 04.01.2006]*

[There would be a similar situation in the UK should a serious alleged offence take place by a member of the US Visiting Forces. The US authorities take control and should a case ever come to court a Certificate of Immunity would be entered. There is no legal remedy for the UK citizen in a case like this. We may cover this issue in the next newsletter concerning a case involving Lindis in 1995 at USAF Mildenhall].

TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND INTERVIEW

Talks (since last newsletter):

Scholes Quaker Meeting House

University of the Third Age, Easingwold

Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House

York College of Law

Croughton 'Keep Space for Peace' demonstration

York Monthly Meeting – Criminal Justice System

Some of the interviews to press/media since last newsletter:

Lindis interviewed by Yorkshire TV for third programme of 'My Yorkshire'
Lindis interviewed by Calendar News
East Coast Radio
York Radio
Independent documentary for SKY TV re ASBOs
Anni and Lindis interviewed by Media students

2006 QUAKER MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

USAF Menwith Hill: Saturdays (even months) - **2006** - 4 Feb; 1 April; 3 June; 5 Aug; 7 Oct and 2 Dec - from 2pm - 3pm outside the Main Entrance.
Contact for Menwith Hill: Anni: 01943 466405 or Lindis: 01482 702033

'RAF' Fylingdales: Saturdays (odd months) - **2006** - 7 Jan; 4 March; 6 May; 1 July; 2 Sept and 4 Nov - from 12pm - 1pm outside the Approach Road Entrance at Fylingdales, Near Pickering, North Yorkshire Moors.
Contact for Fylingdales: Phone 01964 550410 e-mail Chrisfellowes1@aol.com

USAF Croughton: Contact Rachel and Paul Milling
email: paul@milling.freemove.co.uk
USAF Fairford: Contact: Sue Fleming - 01285 641340

SHAKING THE BUCKET

Having just typed CAAB's Statement of Accounts for 2005, I'm once more reminded of how grateful we are to all of you who so generously contribute by Bankers' Orders. This regular source of income means that the vital work described in this Newsletter has a sure footing. Thank you again. With bright hopes for the future. **Christine Dean (Hon. Treasurer.)**

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