Very unfair Jublympics by Richard Tetlow.

Competing in 5 simple little competitions should have been a doddle: at almost 70 I'm fit and young still, but I didn't stand a chance. By the end of the races I was on my knees and had to crawl over the finishing line. I'd hopped over the finishing line with my chains first, first, but the organiser from the IMF- who to make it worse happened to be my wife - said she didn't see me win. How unfair was that? Every other time, the IMF and the 'rich countries' and the fat cat banker won. Of course they always started ahead, then physically obstructed us. So the rich got all the prizes, even on the clipped cathedral lawn.

It is not right! I grabbed the mic and told just that to everyone watching or passing by. Over 100 signed our petition to protest against the terrible injustice imposed on the heavily indebted countries we were representing. Some countries have been helped hugely by debt release. We're pleased for them, very. Now it is the turn of those still left behind to be given a chance to stand on their own two feet - without the chains of debt dragging them down, again and again.

Moseley Festival July 7

Birmingham JDC have booked a stall at Moseley Festival on the Alcester Road and need people to look after it and collect petition signatures for an hour or two between 10.00- 4.00pm.

Please contact Ruth Tetlow 0121 449 4892

JDC Birmingham Fundraising Summer Garden Party Sunday July 15

2 – 5pm: Ruth and Richard's garden, 26 Sovereign Way, Moseley, B13 8AT (if wet, in gazebo and conservatory.)

Helpers are needed to set up, to make and serve tea and cakes and look after stalls. Gifts are needed for the Tombola, bric a brac, plants, books and home made produce stalls. Please invite people who are not already linked to JDC.

Please ring Ruth Tetlow or ruthtetlow@btinternet.com to offer goods or help.
Ruth and Richard Tetlow walked 95 miles for JDC

We could not have chosen a better time to walk the West Highland Way than the last week of May. The sun shone on most of the 8 days. The views across Loch Lomond were breathtaking and the woods were a sea of bluebells. The wild places we crossed including Rannoch Moor and Glencoe, the route is very well marked so there’s no chance of getting lost and the hospitality along the way is warm and friendly. It was an effort to keep going for up to 15 miles a day, but worth it to feel so fit at the end - and well worth it to raise about £1,000 for JDC. If you want to sponsor us and haven’t yet paid, please send us the money by the end of June.

A Special Birthday Celebration
Saturday August 18th

3pm – 5pm at Hay Green Methodist Church Hall, Cobb Lane, Bournville B30 1QD.

John Nightingale invites you to join with him in celebrating his own personal 70th Jubilee, with tea. Robin Attfield, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Cardiff and writer on the ethics of the environment will give a short talk on: “The world we want to see.”

No presents please but donations welcome to Jubilee Debt Campaign, which is a charity. They can be made online [http://www.justgiving.com/jdc/donate](http://www.justgiving.com/jdc/donate). Donations of small cakes and fruit would be very welcome on the day.

There is plenty of parking but it may be a street or so away; please park carefully.

JDC Bring and Buy & coffee morning
Friday August 24

10am - 12 noon at Selly Oak Methodist Church, Langleys Road, B29 6HT.

Including allotment produce, jam, chutney, cakes and plants. All proceeds are in aid of JDC.

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