



Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group
Monday 7th October 2024
7.30 pm, City Arms

1. Present: Bevis, Lee, Bea, Julia, Jacky
2. Apologies: Donnie, Nina, Paul, Helena, Rex and Quinn
3. Minutes of last meeting, 2.9.2024
Matters arising:
Strode freshers Fair: We made a contact with a teacher and she wants to be on the mailing list.
Action: Ask Donnie if she can establish whether we can restart talking to the students on the Politics course as part of their studies.

Committee approved decision to let the new organization 'Mendip Friends of Palestine' to organize the peace vigils and we will support and disseminate dates to our members.

Lakenheath: National CND are arranging a national protest at the site of Lakenheath sometime in November.
Action: Bevis will find out more details and forward the details.

Harry Patch Memorial event: About 10 people attended and we placed the white wreath and secured it to the stone of the memorial.

Guest Speaker: Sue Jones has recently spent 3 months in Jerusalem (not near Gaza) as an ecumenical observer and is happy to speak about her experiences.
Action: Bevis will contact her and see if she would be happy to speak to us at one of our meetings.
4. Treasurer's Report : Jackey reported that we have a healthy balance and that the £500 from the Festival has been rec'd.
5. Glastonbury update: Quinn feels that our presence at Glastonbury Festival can be enhanced and has researched and costed for a 7 meter high CND symbol that lights up at night, which could be placed at the top of the park area on the hill where it would be visible around the site.
Emily Eavis said that it was a good idea in principle but they are not yet at that stage of the planning for next year.
6. Future Activities:
Oxfam One World – Saturday 9th November in Wells Town Hall.
Action: Please contact Donnie if you can help at all on the day.

Frost Fayre – turned down but we are on the waiting list and/or can try the churches on the High Street to see if they can accommodate us.
Action: Julia awaiting a reply by email.

Carol Singing in December: We are going to raise funds for 'Medical Aid to Palestine' hopefully Saturday 21st December outside the Library in Wells.

Action: Lee will apply to Somerset District Council for the necessary permit.

7. Membership Drive: Nina and Paul will elaborate – postponed until next meeting in November

8. White Poppies are available.

Action: Bevis to email and tell whole membership

9. Position of chair – *Bevis offered to take on the role of Chair. Julia offered to send out the meeting reminder, agenda and previous minutes to assist Bea. Following discussion Julia's offer was accepted and it was agreed to continue with a rotating chairperson.*

Meeting agenda will be sent out by Julia *a few days before the meeting.*

Minutes to be sent out within 48 hours after the meeting. *Asap after the meeting.*

10. Any Other Business –_None reported

11. Date of next meeting – Monday 4th November, 7.30pm, The City Arms, Wells