



Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

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<http://www.midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk/>

Public Meeting NO TO TRIDENT RENEWAL

WELLS MUSEUM 7.30PM

SAT 23RD MARCH 2013

ALL WELCOME

SPEAKERS:

TESSA MUNT MP

Member of Parliament for Wells Liberal Democrats elected to Parliament in May 2010. Parliamentary Private Secretary to Vince Cable in March 2012. Longstanding supporter of CND.

Professor Dave Webb,

Chair of National CND, Convenor of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, and Professor of Engineering and Director of the Praxis Centre at Leeds Metropolitan University. He has been widely published on issues surrounding missile defence and the weaponisation of space, giving expert evidence to various bodies including the European Parliament

Call to members

We need your help!!!

publicising this meeting by leafleting etc Wells, Glastonbury, Shepton Mallet and Street. Contact 01749 870078 or bev.miller@bristol.ac.uk

Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group Carol singing in Wells December 22nd in aid of Wells YMCA homeless projects and The Julian Trust night shelter (Bristol). £100 was donated to each of these organizations.



Update on Glastonbury Festival 2013

If you wish to work for Festival Information Services at Glastonbury Festival this year please complete the application form on our web-site (<http://www.midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk/>).

To qualify you need to be a member of either Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group or another local CND group or National CND. The deadline for submissions is 31st March, and while early applications will not be given preference, those received after the deadline are unlikely to be successful. As for the previous Festival, there will be a requirement for all Info volunteers to receive appropriate training.

In addition this year Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group will have a campaigning stall at the festival. The aim being to run the stall from Thursday to Sunday. The main priority will be to promote the NO TO TRIDENT campaign.

If you can help please get in touch – bev.miller@bristol.ac.uk or 01749 870078.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Annual General Meeting

Monday 20th May

SEAGER HALL, UNION STREET
WELLS, SOMERSET, BA5 2PU

7.30 pm.

**Time to Scrap Trident:
Stop fooling with nuclear
weapons**

**Protest at AWE Aldermaston
12 noon to 2pm
Easter Monday 1st April**

This year on April Fools' Day, we will be going to Aldermaston to highlight our opposition to Britain's Trident nuclear weapons system – because that's where the nuclear bombs are made. We'll be saying Scrap Trident and cancel plans to replace it. We'll be gathering around the base in our thousands with music, colour, and speeches.

This is vital as we head towards the 2016 decision point on whether or not Trident should be replaced. Vast sums of money are being poured into developments at Aldermaston, even before any decision is taken on Trident.

The total cost of a replacement for Trident would be over £100 billion. Think what else that could be spent on! We say it's time to scrap Trident, and on April Fools' Day we'll be telling the government to 'stop fooling with nuclear weapons'!

The Aldermaston event will launch the national Scrap Trident tour through April and beyond. CND Vice-president Bruce Kent will be touring the country, campaigning to Scrap Trident. Currently it is planned that Bruce as part of the tour will speak locally in Bath and Bristol. We also hope to host a press conference for him with Tessa Munt in Wells on 4th April.

If you are interested in transport from Wells, Shepton Mallet or Glastonbury please contact

secretary@midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk

Hiroshima Day Wells Cathedral

Saturday August 3rd:
CND Stall on Cathedral Green.

Tuesday August 6th,
Reception in the Wells Museum at 7.30 pm to view an art exhibition (Strong Children) and hear a talk on Fukushima by the artist Geoff Read. His work as a co-artist aims to give children experiencing difficult circumstances - of any kind - a way of expressing and communicating their thinking and feeling to a wider audience. At the time the triple disaster of 11th March 2011 struck he had been living in Fukushima prefecture with his 8-year-old son for two years. Strong Children is a continuing collaborative art project.
<http://strongchildrenjapan.blogspot.co.uk>

Following the reception we aim to float 68 origami boats on Bishops Palace moat to commemorate the 68 years since the first atomic explosion Hiroshima in 1945.

Crispin Aubrey

Crispin Aubrey, the journalist, author and campaigner, has died of a heart attack aged 66. on 28th September 2012. He made an enormous contribution both nationally and locally, specifically he was spokesperson to the Stop Hinkley Campaign. Mid-Somerset CND & Peace group were honoured to have worked with him at last year's Llama Festival. For a full obituary see
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2012/sep/30/crispin-aubrey>

Please note

- 1. This is the last Newsletter that will be sent to you through the post. In future they will be distributed solely via the website and e-mail, unless you have contacted the secretary and asked to have it sent to you.**
- 2. Membership subscriptions are due by 31st March, if you pay annually and not by standing order.**