



# Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

October 2017

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

ICAN - the global peace network - of which CND is a partner organisation, has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

At a time when the prospect of nuclear war seems closer than it has for a generation, the award of this prestigious prize is an essential recognition of the global majority against nuclear weapons - and the movement that has done so much to advance it.



## FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Dates for your diary. Please come and support us

### Saturday October 7th

OXFAM: One World Fair  
Wells Town Hall

### 7.30pm Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Glastonbury Town Hall  
Reception to mark anniversary of Glastonbury Council joining International "Mayors of Peace" initiated by Mayor of Hiroshima. We will be hosting a showing of an exhibition on Hiroshima.

**All Welcome**

### All day Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>

Glastonbury Frost Fayre – come and support our stall. Great Day out but wrap up warm.

### Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> 11.00 -13.00h

Carol singing in Wells outside the Library. This year in aid of Oxfam's work with refugees.

## Recent Activities

### Hiroshima and Nagasaki Anniversary August 2017



This year's Hiroshima commemoration was well received both during the day on Cathedral Green and at the evening vigil where we floated candles on the Bishops Palace moat.

In addition, some of our members supported Glastonbury council's commemoration of Nagasaki at the Glastonbury Peace Pole. This has become an annual event and this year Councillor Jon Cousins read out a message from the Mayor of Nagasaki.

## International Peace Day

We again marked United Nations International Peace Day by laying a wreath on Harry Patch's memorial. This year we were very pleased to get it reported in the Wells Journal



## We Survived the Glastonbury heatwave and Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival in 2017

Many thanks to all who worked very hard running our campaign stall. This is always one of our most useful activities, given we meet such a large number of potential supporters.

Next year there will not be a Glastonbury Festival, so we are looking for other small local events to take our stall. If you have any contacts/suggestions of alternatives, please get in touch.



## Strode College

On September 6, we again set up our stall at the Strode College Freshers Fair. We spent an enjoyable morning talking to more than 90 students, as well as teachers and people from other stalls; we sold quite a few badges as well.

To help us expand our educational reach beyond Strode, a member of our group has taken the national CND Peace Education training. As well as extending our own learning skills, this will give us access to resources and schools in the area.



## A level Politics Students

For the last few years we have been invited to speak to the politics students at Strode about the role of pressure groups and to support a debate on the pros and cons of Trident. We get a very good response and normally the students have strong articulate opinions. Luckily the majority reject Trident renewal. We are doing again this year in October.

**If you know of any group that is willing for us to come and talk about Trident, please get in touch. Last year we made a presentation to Wells Labour Party which was very well received and provoked much debate.**

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