



# Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

April 2016

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

## Sali Money memorial lecture



Sali a long standing and highly valued member of CND and our local Treasurer for many years died on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015. After consultation with Sali's family, we felt it appropriate to mark the anniversary of her death by hosting a memorial lecture. We are very grateful that Dr Kate Hudson, CND General Secretary has agreed to give the lecture entitled:

***"Is there any place for nuclear weapons  
in the 21st century"***  
***All Welcome***

7.30 pm Monday May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Glastonbury secret meeting rooms  
9 Silver St, Glastonbury, Somerset BA6 8BS

## **Annual Report:** Bevis Miller.

### **Public Campaigning**

2015/16 has been a busy year for the group with numerous public activities. As with previous years we have taken our campaigning stall to both Glastonbury and the Tolpuddle Martyrs' Festival. At both events we received a lot of interest and at Tolpuddle, our stall was visited by Jeremy Corbyn. In August we marked the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima & Nagasaki with an exhibition and stall on

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# AGM

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cathedral green in Wells and the floating of 60 origami boats, carrying candles on the moat of the Bishops Palace. A vigil was also held at the Glastonbury Peace pole, supported by the Mayor of Glastonbury. Following a presentation by the group in September, Glastonbury Town Council unanimously approved joining Hiroshima's Mayors for Peace.

During August the group was invited to participate in the youth **National Citizen Service Training** held at Cannington College. Over 200 students participated in a mini research exercise about nuclear weapons and then debated whether Trident should be renewed. After a robust debate all four groups of students concluded that Trident should not be renewed.

In September we had a stall at Strode College Fresher's Fair and in January 2016 had a stall in the refectory for 4 days and made a presentation to the A level politics students. Also on September 21st we laid a wreath at the Harry Patch memorial to mark United Nations world peace day.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we supported Oxfam One World Fair by having a stall and on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we took the stall to the YMCA Mendip Action for youth October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our now traditional

annual Carol singing in December took place this year in Glastonbury and we raised £100 each for the charities, Children of Chernobyl and Doctors without Borders. The new year saw us prepare for the national Anti-Trident demonstration on 27<sup>th</sup> February, which involved street campaigning in Shepton Mallet, Wells and Glastonbury. We were very pleased to fill a 57 seater coach to the biggest CND event of the decade. In March the group also made a well-received anti-trident presentation to Wells Labour Party branch.

### Organisation

Very sadly this year two of our active committee members, Sali Money and Liz Ounsted died. Fortunately, we have recruited several new members and the committee has met monthly except for August, with at least 6

members in attendance. The group has reviewed its membership and improved communication, with nearly all now being contactable by e-mail. We also have developed our Facebook and website. Early in 2016 we organised our second “away day” training session for the committee and supporters, the output of which about Trident can be seen on our Facebook page. We have improved our campaigning resources by purchasing a 4x8 metre Marquee (which can be hired) and a computer projector for presentations. Unfortunately, Jane Abrahall our amazing secretary, was forced to resign in August due to ill health, but thankfully has made good recovery, but whilst still being a strong supporter, has decided to focus her energy on the Green Party. We wish her well.

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>	
<b>Membership</b>			Subscriptions	
1/5/15-20/4/16	cheques in £267		CND(incl.public liability)	200
	Standing Orders (to 1 <sup>st</sup> April) £1494	1761	CAAT	50
			World Disarmament	15
			Stop Hinkley	50
			Doctors without Borders	100
carol singing		165.13	Children of Chernoble	100
FIS 2015		500	Donation to Nat CND	500
			Seager Hall (for AGM 2015)	25
			+AGM expenses (incl train fare)	57
collection on Trident Coach		288.1	Coach for Trident Demo	618
Taken out of cash box		321	Stock for stall	507.11
			Trident Reports	60
			Trident quiz+laminates	77
			Hiroshima Leaflets	54
			Paper for Cranes + postage to Japan	20
			laminating,ink,paper,stamps	111.62
			Renovating stall	175.2
			Marquee	569.87
			Projector	219
<b>Total</b>		<b>3035.23</b>		<b>3508.8</b>
Bank Statement 30/4/15		4657.2	<b>Total Income minus expenditure</b>	<b>4183.63</b>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>7692.43</b>	Bank Statement 25/4/16	4183.63
			<i>Committed:</i>	
			<i>Donation to National demo</i>	50
			<i>Domain renewal</i>	16.78
			<i>Room Hire Glastonbury AGM + Sali's memorial</i>	90
			<i>Tolpuddle Martyr's festival</i>	205.00
			<b>Net Value</b>	<b>3821.85</b>