



# Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

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## AGM

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May,  
Globe Inn, Priest Row Wells at 7.30 pm.

### Annual Report:

#### Public Campaigning

This year has seen a number of successful campaigns, some new and some older ongoing projects. It would take too long to name them all, but we continued to have an effective presence at Glastonbury Festival as well as the Tolpuddle Matyrs Festival. The stall being run solely by volunteers, all of which worked hard to spread our message of Peace. We commemorated Hiroshima and Nagasaki as we have done on previous years. This year, our Hiroshima exhibition has been improved so that it can be lent to other groups and displayed more easily. A vigil was also held at the Glastonbury Peace pole, supported by the Mayor of Glastonbury.

We have made increased effort this year in working with other groups to spread the message. We have been round several organisations in the area with our projector and presentation to talk about CND. It is clearly becoming a very helpful resource for us and a good, practical investment. Finally it is encouraging to note we have gained several new members who are active and come along to meetings. While it is understood not everyone can make meetings it is great to see some new faces and be inspired by the new ideas and enthusiasm they bring with them. 2017/18 has been a busy year for the group with numerous public activities



On Friday 3rd November, we held an evening reception with the Mayor of Glastonbury to commemorate Glastonbury's ongoing commitment to the Mayors for Peace which is an international organisation of cities dedicated to the promotion of peace that was established. There are now 7453 member cities across the globe and Glastonbury is one of them.

On September 21st we laid a wreath at the Harry Patch memorial to mark United Nations world peace day.



In October we supported Oxfam One World Fair by having a stall and our now traditional annual Carol singing in December took place and we raised £241.39 for Oxfam

## Peace Education

The group's work with young people has continued mainly through our strong link with Strode College. On September 6, 2017, we again had our stall at the College Freshers' Fair. From the many conversations we had with the students who stopped at our stall,



more and more young people have heard of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and more and more of them agree with our purpose and aims. We have booked for the next Freshers' Fair, which will be on September 5, 2018.

In November, 2017, our annual session with the Strode A level Government and Politics group took place, taken by Bevis. We plan to continue this connection as well.

In addition, we spent another successful week in the College refectory. From February 19-23, 2018, we were there with our stall and materials. Our aim was to raise awareness, and have discussions, on 3 themes –

- The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CND
- The positive nuclear disarmament news from the last year – ICAN winning the Nobel Peace Prize and the 2017 United Nations Treaty for Nuclear Disarmament
- Current events, especially the relations between the US & North Korea, the US & Russia, and the potential new arms race. What are the peaceful solutions?

The group has re-established contact with the Sidcot School Centre for Peace & Global Studies, and we are looking forward to working with students there and to participating in their events.

## Exhibition at Wells & Mendip Museum

The exhibition 'The Challenging Road to Peace Since World War I' will be on display at the Museum from June 21 to July 28. MSCND & PG have organised this, and we are grateful to Tavistock Peace Action Group for this loan. The exhibition will link to the Museum's own exhibition, 'Wells Remembers,' and will present further concepts & ideas, including the peace movement at the time of WWI, and issues to do with world peace ever since. The Museum is very glad to have this addition to their own display.

## Launch of our new Website

Early in 2018 we launched our new website : please have a look.

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## Future Activities/campaign stalls

- **International Workers Day May 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Wells Recreation Field Bishops Barn
- **Challenging Road to Peace June 21-28<sup>th</sup>**  
Wells Museum
- **Tolpuddle Festival 20-22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018**  
<http://www.tolpuddlemartyrs.org.uk/festival>
- **Hiroshima Day Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Wells Cathedral Green, stall & exhibition
- **Hiroshima Day – Monday August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
candles floated on Moat Bishops Palace Wells
- **Nagasaki Day Wednesday August 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Glastonbury Peace Pole
- **Harry Patch memorial and UN International Day of Peace Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>**  
outside Wells City Museum

For more information on any of these activities please contact:

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