



Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

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

Come and join us

Carol Singing

December 19th

Glastonbury High St,
in aid of Children of Chernobyl and
Doctors Without Borders.



Peace Education

Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group is dedicated to reaching out to young people, to raise their awareness about disarmament and to the Anti-Trident campaign.

We have a very constructive relationship with Strode College, Street. We participated in their Freshers Fair in September, where we talked with about 80 students, and a few staff. It was clear that the majority of the young people we talked with had not heard of CND. The great outcome of the day was, now they all have!

In January 2016 we will set up our stall in the refectory for a whole week and take a lesson for the AS level Government & Politics group (MSCND & PG welcomes bookings like this).

One World Fair, Wells Town Hall, October 10, 2015

We again participated in this lively event with our stall joining many other local activism groups. We talked with more than 60 people raising awareness of the issues of peace, disarmament and particularly the Anti-Trident campaign. A very enjoyable and worthwhile day.

CND AGM and Conference, London, 17 and 18 November, 2015

Three members of MSCND & PG attended as delegates. It was an interesting 2 days enabling us to learn about issues, gain ideas for campaigning, and meet and talk to a diverse group of campaigners from all over the UK. The highlight was working with the students who are revitalising Youth and Student CND - a very capable and energising group! The main message was one of optimism. The Parliamentary vote on Trident renewal is coming up in 2016. Due to Jeremy Corbyn and to the SNP, this issue is receiving the public attention that it needs, paving the way for a very active campaign to come.

Update on Glastonbury Festival 2016

If you wish to work for Festival Information Services at Glastonbury Festival this year, please note that the application form will as usual be posted

on our web-site around the end of January and can be downloaded from <http://www.midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk/contact/>.

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.

Following 2015 success Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group will again have a campaigning stall at the festival, run from Thursday to Sunday. The main priority will be to promote the NO TO TRIDENT campaign.

Harry Patch

On United Nations International Day of Peace we laid a white poppy wreath on Harry Patch's memorial on September 21st.



Hiroshima and Nagasaki

We tried out our new marquee (now available for hire) at this year's event and were able to display both the exhibition, our stall and involve youngsters in making Peace Cranes.



On the 6th August we held a very well attended memorial by the Bishops Palace moat and floated 70 candles to mark the 70 years since the dropping of the first atomic bomb. Short speeches from members of the group, Michael Eavis, Alison Gibson (Deputy Mayor Wells), Tim Knock (Red Brick building and Hiroshima Peace flame) and Morgana West (Glastonbury Unity Flame).



In Glastonbury Saturday August 8th a group met by the Glastonbury Peace pole. An Oration was given by Denny Mitchell Mayor of Glastonbury and her deputy Jon Cousins.

Tolpuddle 2015



A highlight of the summer was our annual stall at the Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival in Dorset. Our stall was supported by our Vice President Jeremy Corbyn along with many positive responses from the public.