



Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group

May 2015

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

AGM

May 18th at 7.30 pm
Seager Hall, Union St , Wells
(Next to Chamberlain St Car park)

Secretary's Report

At our 2014 AGM the following decision was agreed: "That our primary campaigning aim this year would continue to be the **Anti – Trident Campaign**". This would be through: taking the stall out to festivals and events; developing a Peace Education programme and our approach to young people; a competition to design a banner for Mid-Somerset CND & Peace Group; a Battle of the Bands to encourage young people to get involved via an activity that they find important, Drop Beats not Bombs

We also agreed to attend the One World Fair in Wells in October; follow up the Mayor's for Peace Campaign; continue with our annual events, Hiroshima and Harry Patch. Hold an event in September 2015 on the theme of the 'No Glory' Campaign, we decided not to put on public meetings on our own but to improve our communications with other groups and via social media, including improving links to relevant sites. Looking back on the year we have accomplished a lot on this list, what is missing from here, and currently taking up a lot of time and space is the General Election and putting the Anti Trident message into the debate.

Festivals & Events

We took the stall to Glastonbury Festival and also to Tolpuddle Martyrs Festival, from both these festivals we got good results, thanks to the Miller family for efforts here and all others who helped on the stalls, always very satisfying.

We had our annual Hiroshima stall on the Cathedral Green and floated candles on the Bishop's Palace Moat on August 6th.

We laid a white poppy wreath on Harry Patch's memorial on September 21st International Day of Peace.

We took our stall to the Oxfam One World Fair in October, this is going to develop into an annual event and makes a good link with other local campaigning groups in the area. In December we sang carols in Wells and raised £230 for Medical Aid to Palestine. In March on International Women's Day we had a stall at the Women of Wells event in Wells Town Hall, this is another event that plans to become annual and again it is an event that we can do easily and is worthwhile to be able keep the issue live.

Mark Thomas was a Strobe Theatre in March talking about his experience in CAAT and we leafleted people as they went in, again well received

In April we held a Hustings on the subject of Trident for all the local candidates. We did this in spite of being concerned about holding meetings!

This was a successful evening with over 50 people attending; we gave out over 1,000 leaflets, again a really worthwhile exercise

Peace Education

Donnie has worked hard on this theme this year and our relationship has developed well with Strobe College. The stall was in the Refectory for a week when we were able to talk informally to students about the Battle of the Bands competition and also the upcoming hustings event. We also spoke to a group of politics students on Pressure Groups, which was very lively.

Donnie is also forging links with Sidcot School, North Somerset and the National CND Peace Education Worker

Battle of the Bands & Poster Competition

This venture culminated in an evening of music at The Red Brick Building in Glastonbury and built links with local community organisations, Strode College music department, young people and their families. We distributed over 500 leaflets and contacted schools in Mendip and surrounding area. Over 100 people attended the final and our thanks to Seize the Day for headlining for expenses only, Dan Shaw & his Strode College students, Quinn Miller for the incredibly difficult task of herding young musicians and everyone else involved. Really difficult to judge the outcome of this but we spoke to lots of people, 'yes we are still here' and had conversations with young people about Trident, what it was and why we didn't need it, good evening was had by all. We had no response to the Poster Competition

Mayors for Peace

Susie Jones and Jane met Chris Briton the Mayor of Wells about this initiative, which is ongoing

Other events

We also attended the TUC Rally and annual CND Conference; Frome Festival event with 'No Glory' author Neil Faulkner; NATO summit Conference in Newport; Trident Demo in January; Fukushima to Hinkley Conference

Communication

We have a web site, Facebook presence and recently a Twitter account, these are informing people about what is going on, our press profile however needs reviving.

Finally

We have had an incredibly busy and productive year, and new people are coming to the planning meetings, however we need to be more accessible. Thank you everyone who has been involved it has been an excellent year, but we have to keep going!!!!

Jane Abrahall Secretary 28.04.15

Accounts 2104 – 2015

A more detailed breakdown of the accounts will be presented to the AGM and can be obtained from Jacky Carter (acting treasurer).

Income	£
Membership	2155
FIS donation	500
Carol singing	230.81
Battle of Bands	460
Stall income	257
Total Income	3602.81
Expenditure	
National CND membership	200
CAAT affiliation	50
Stop Hinkley membership	50
Donations	
Bus Anti-Trident Advert	250
CAAT donation	250
National advert	50
CND Donation	500
Donated to MAP (Carol Singing)	230
AGM 2014	78.9
Campaigning at Festivals	
Glastonbury	
Tolpuddle 2014/15	
Oxfam 2014/15	629.8
Battle of Bands	549.91
Hustings	141
Merchandise/Publicity	175.67
Travel	29.1
postage-admin	52.72
Total Expenditure	3237.1
Net balance	365.71
Opening bank balance	4211.49
Net Worth	4577.2