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ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ARE UNACCEPTABLE

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A Prospect of Peace?

Only a few weeks ago, we feared the worst – a missile attack on Syria followed by Only a lew weeks ag-hostilities involving neighbours and even, possibly, involving a nuclear-armed Russia and others.

But after the failure of the House of Commons to vote for military action, the risk of direct foreign intervention in Syria's civil war has lessened and, unbelievably after over 30 years of mutual pariah status, talks are taking place between Iran and the USA on a wide range of disputed issues.

This is not because the warmongers have had a change of heart - it is because of the inability of the governments of Britain, France and the USA to persuade their public opinions that yet another military 'adventure' should be undertaken.

This is why the cosmetic Russian alternative of removing Syria's chemical weapons by

peaceful means had to be accepted.

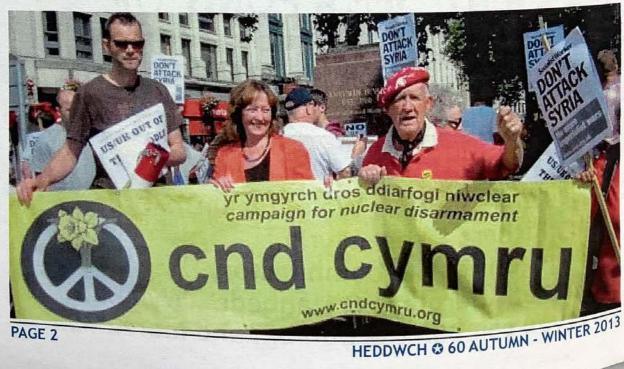
But it also sets a precedent. Why only Syria? Israel is heavily armed with WMD - including phosphorus that has been used in Lebanon. If Syria may be disarmed in this manner, why stop there? So talks are now in progress about Iran's nuclear ambitions - much to the dismay of Israel whose anxiety about Iran becoming a 'normal' state, instead of a 'pariah', is palpable.

This change of tone by the USA coincided with a highlevel nuclear disarmament conference in New York, where an overwhelming majority of the nations of the world supported calls for the complete elimination of all nuclear weapons. At this important UN-sponsored forum, the warmongers (led by Britain, France and the USA) found themselves increasing isolated.

Their joint statement (in support of their retention of nuclear weapons) merely underlined their isolation. Moments such as these come but rarely in human history. It is reminiscent of the Reagan-Gorbachev cooperation that slowed the Cold War after Revkiavik.

If the peace movement here is able to respond by preventing Trident replacement, this will be our moment in history.

John Cox



Bruce Kent in Wales

Not one, not two but at least three visits from Bruce Kent are planned during the next 6 months.

Bruce has long said that he feels like an honorary Welshman. In Tregaron last year he spoke movingly at the Henry Richard commemoration and this summer was an honoured guest at the Street Choirs Festival in Aberystwyth. Even (or perhaps especially) if you have heard Bruce speak about peace, conflict and the abhorrence of nuclear weapons, you won't want to miss him. He must have inspired so many of us in towns and communities across Wales since the 1980s. Our promise to you - he's better than ever these days.

Bruce writes:

'It seems that we, as a country, are moving towards replacing – at vast expense – 'our' present Trident submarines and their murderous missiles and warheads with a new generation, planned to last for another 30 years.

Despite majority public opinion against, there is no clearly articulated political opposition to replacement, except from CND and other disarmament groups. So the Government is just attempting to go ahead with its project through a series of small steps – all of which will make it very difficult, if not impossible, to

say NO when a vote comes in 2016. Yet many groups and organisations strongly oppose the cuts that will make humanitarian work of all sorts so much more difficult. We are supposed to 'be in this together'. We are not.

The cuts will hit the poorest hardest. But the connection between the £100 billion to be spent on Trident replacement and these savage cuts is not being made even by charities and NGOs that work in hardest-hit sectors. Nor is any link being made with Britain's obligation to negotiate the elimination of all nuclear weapons.

If Trident is replaced in any shape or form, other countries will take the message from us that we think nuclear weapons improve our security. It's an open invitation to get their own. It's hypocrisy to say we can have them but they can't.'

Should you miss Bruce in Llandudno or Cardiff this November – he'll be returning to Haverfordwest and Swansea in March!



BRUCE KENT
is speaking in Llandudno
on November 2nd and at
two venues in Cardiff on
November 13th.
In March 2014 he
will be speaking in
Haverfordwest and
Swansea.

All are welcome. For details see page 23.

an the Bomb!

The British Trident nuclear weapons system is still there – based only 25 miles from the The British Trident nuclear weapons you want to be shown that the street of Glasgow (that's everyone's back yard). When we go shopping, travel anywhere, centre of Glasgow (that's everyone's back yard). When we go shopping, travel anywhere, save our pennies or pay any taxes - have no doubt - we are footing the bill.

Trident consists of 4 nuclear powered submarines, 1 constantly on patrol, each armed with 8 Trident nuclear missiles, each missile carrying up to 5 warheads. Each warhead has an explosive power of up to 100 kilotons which can deliver a nuclear blast 8 times the power of the atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, killing an estimated 240,000 people from blast and radiation.

Trident - still there, still immoral, wasting resources and polluting, internationally illegal, a monstrous threat to every living thing and to cap it all, still costing the British taxpayer over £2billion a year.

What's more, both the Conservative/Liberal Democrat Coalition Government and the Labour Party opposition are keen to replace Trident with new nuclear weapons.



As a new term in the Westminster Parliament gets underway, it is time too for us to renew our lobbying with vigour, intelligence and passion. Apart from supporting all anti-cuts groups and People's Assembly initiatives and writing regularly to your MP calling for the cutting of Trident, ways and tools to further the campaign include:

- Ask your MP to sign Early Day Motion (EDM 150) Time to Cut Trident which calls on the Government to cancel plans to replace the Trident nuclear weapon system, arguing the case on both security and spending grounds. So far, the only Welsh signatories are Mark Williams (Ceredigion), Jonathan Edwards (Carmarthen East & Dinefwr), Elfyn Llwyd (Dwyfor Merionnydd) and Paul Flynn (Newport West) - who deserve our thanks: EDM campaigning made easy: http://act.cnduk.org/lobby/70
- See 'Nuclear weapons: Write 'em off' Correspondence Support Network (page 5).
- Get involved: come along to CND Cymru meetings, and any of Bruce Kent's talks in Wales - this Autumn and next Spring (see page 3).
- Arrange a speaker in your town, school, college or group - CND Cymru may well be able to help!
- CND Cymru leaflets and briefings are available (see page 24). Send them out with your Christmas cards! (contact info@cndcymru.org)
- CND petition: Time to Stop Trident http://tinyurl.com/b8u3vqu paper copies: t: 0207 700 2393 e: enquiries@cnduk.org
- Give a CND Cymru membership as a 'Peace on Earth' gift this Christmas (contact the Membership Secretary see Contacts page 24).

Please support CND Cymru!

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Nuclear Weapons: 'Write'em off'

Suppose you get a reply from a Ministry to your carefully crafted letter - about Trident maybe. Surely, the Minister or official should have had to think about this one.

Off-the shelf answers will not do. But that's just what you usually get - the creaky story about living in uncertain times, and how we must maintain a 'credible' nuclear capability.

We're not asking much. We don't expect a sudden conversion to sanity. We just want considered replies to considered questions or observations. At least this can provide a basis for discussion. Letters to MPs can yield helpful and thoughtful replies. But too many are dismissive and irrelevant.

The words 'nuclear' and 'weapon' provoke an automatic reflex - a stock reply regardless of what was actually written. You're not alone. Have a look at our new website,

Nuclear Weapons: Write'em off:

(peacebourne.webplus.net/CSW). If you are tiring of banging your head against official brick walls it provides a Support Network.

There is news of MPs' Parliamentary activity about nuclear weapons, and a record of correspondence with constituents. There are suggestions for ripostes to the most common defences of nuclear 'deterrence'.

Write'em off is a network, not just an information hoard. We are building a systematic record of correspondence and explore ways of putting pressure on MPs and ministries to reply more effectively. It needs your information about MPs and your experience of letters to and fro. There is a discussion forum you can feed your ideas into –

especially about countering pro-nuclear arguments.

Whenever you send in correspondence, by email or post, it will be logged and tailor-made suggestions will be made for how to develop the correspondence.

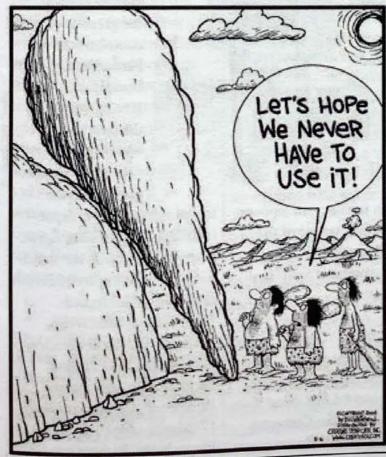
> George Farebrother, INLAP/World Court Project UK

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Parliament opposes war -**Henry Richard Lives!**

Tony Simpson was moved to put 'pen to paper' on hearing the results of the August 29th emergency debate on Syria in Westminster.

The recent defeat of a government motion to launch bombing attacks on Syria was momentous. The fact that a majority of MPs from all parties voted against the Prime Minister in response to huge opposition to war in the country probably reflected the widespread reaction to war after Tony Blair's duplicity over Iraq. The stand taken by Cameron and his Foreign Secretary William Hague was demonstrably without public support. Labour Leader Ed Milliband was forced to change his approach 24 hrs before the vote.

Arbitration

Few commentators will have noted that historically this vote realised the long held efforts by Welsh pacifist MP Henry Richard of Merthyr Tydfil (1812-1888) to ensure that one day, Parliament would control the executive and prevent war. On 8 July 1873, 140 years earlier, Richard had won a motion proposing the establishment of a permanent system of arbitration1. In the 19th century the idea of referring international conflicts to a third party was PAGE 6

virtually unheard yet Richard eventually won support in parliament. But Henry Richard soon realised he needed to

go much further - to oppose the prevailing power of the Prime Minister, his cabinet and government to decide to wage war.

Democracy

After the recent vote against the government, an emboldened Ed Milliband won an assurance from Cameron that he would not overrule

parliament by recourse to the arcane Royal Prerogative. He was right to do so since this anti-democratic power is still

around. Henry Richard was well ahead of his time when he suggested the use of the Royal Prerogative by the Prime Minister was 'a mischievous fiction.' Henry Richard's last parliamentary motion was arguably one of the greatest ever contributions to Parliamentary democracy. Having witnessed thirty seven wars waged by successive British governments

including current 'hotspots' including Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran (Persia), Syria, etc which still suffer the impact of British imperialism he argued: 'That, in the opinion of this House it is not just or expedient to embark on war ...without the knowledge and consent of Parliament'. Commons debate 17th March 1886 Remarkably, Richard lost by

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only six votes (115 to 109)
quite possibly because some of
those who voted against were
not in the chamber to hear his
persuasive speech. Countless
futile wars could have been
avoided if Henry Richard, the
Welsh Apostle of Peace had
won. He ended his speech by
stating – 'Let the men that make
the quarrels be the only men to
fight', a view echoed by my
mother and the late Harry
Patch in his book 'The Last
Fighting Tommy' 2.

Never give up

At times it seems that peace campaigns face insuperable odds from the pro-war lobby. No doubt there will be further developments on the civil war in Syria by the time that this is published; but whatever happens something very important happened on August 30th 2013. The people stopped a government intent on going to war, if only for a time. Let us ensure we build on this achievement and eventually make it a permanent commitment. As I once heard Bertrand Russell say in Harlech 'we must one day abolish war, or it will abolish us.

Tony Simpson, Honiton Pensioners for Peace

1. For a fuller account see Gwyn Griffiths 2012 Henry Richard, Apostle of Peace and Welsh Patriot 2. Richard Van Emden with Harry Patch 2007 The Last Fighting Tommy: The Life of Harry Patch, The Oldest Surviving Veteran of the Trenches

Dirty Washing

Unitech Services in Crumlin, Ebbw Vale washes radioactive laundry from across Britain. It has a contract with the nuclear reprocessing site at Sellafield.

Natural Resources Wales, the regulatory body responsible for water pollution has recently been working with school children on a 'Yellow Fish' campaign to raise awareness that, 'anything going down drains will ultimately end up entering watercourses and the sea'.

Discharges from the nuclear laundry are being poured into the sewer system that enters Cardiff East Treatment Works. We were informed that 'Discharge only occurs after treatment of the water in accordance with accepted best available techniques (BAT), this removes the bulk of the radioactivity'. The whole story has yet to be told.



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Write to your AM, asking if they can explain what happens to the radioactive contamination. When removed from garments, radionucleides should be contained and isolated from the environment. Find out more about Sellafield's Dirty Laundry: http://tinyurl.com/p3nvroj

Wales Peace Institute

The work to set up a Wales Peace Institute has reached an exciting new stage.

After four years of deliberations, The National Assembly Petitions Committee has agreed to recommend that the National Assembly should support the concept of Wales having its own Peace Institute, comparable with those of Flanders, Catalonia and elsewhere in Europe. The detailed recommendations are

expected to be made public in November and a debate in the National Assembly will follow shortly after (perhaps in the New Year).

The next edition of heddwch will report on this debate and the decisions taken by the National Assembly - and the next stage of the campaign.

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More from CND Cymru Vice Chair John Cox - see Contact details Page 24.

Closing Brawdy as a Military Base

Brawdy military base (now known as Cawdor Barracks) in Pembrokeshire is to be closed.

First built in 1944, it has been used by the army, airforce and the navy. In 1974 an adjacent site became United States Navy submarine tracking station, known as US NAVFAC Brawdy. This was the scene of many demonstrations, protests and peace camps in the 1980s. The US site was closed in 1995. The RAF withdrew in 1992. The site has been judged as 'not fit for purpose' for the electronic warfare specialist regiment currently based there and they will be moved to St. Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan.



Hiroshima & Nagasaki Remembered

The 68th anniversary of the US deliberate targeting of nuclear weapons on civilian populations in 1945 was commemorated across Wales this August.

CND Cymru called upon the British Government to make a commitment that British Government will neither use, threaten to use, nor develop any new nuclear weapons, and will take immediate steps for their abolition. This includes, as a first step the scrapping of plans to replace the ageing Trident nuclear weapons system.

CND Cymru Vice Chair George Crabb commented: 'Nuclear weapons in no way inspire reconciliation and understanding, address the causes of conflict or offer security from climate change, drought, poverty or injustice across the world'.

One group visited the site where Llandrindod CND has planted commemorative trees for over 30 years. In Newport, Paul Flynn MP joined with others by the lake in Tredegar Park. In the streets of Cardiff, Côr Cochion sang 'Lullaby of Oleander', written by a Hibakusha (bomb survivor). Côr Cochion member and CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies said later: 'as we were singing, a young Japanese mother sent her two young children to put some money in our collecting box. She then called me over and asked if her two beautiful children could join us for a photo....We will never give up the struggle to eliminate the evil of nuclear weapons, and to create a nuclear free world."

In Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire Peace Groups held a stall and exhibition on the streets, followed later that evening by the floating of 68 candlelit paper boats on the Western Cleddau.

Cymdeithas y Cymod with Cytun, organised a religious service at the National Eisteddfod in HEDDWCH © 60 AUTUMN - WINTER 2013 Denbigh.



The Effects of Nuclear Weapons

A new CND Cymru bilingual briefing is now available.

This sobering look at the consequences for all life on the planet of the use of nuclear weapons is a useful source for campaigners and for school and college students and anyone who wants to know what our political leaders are seriously prepared to consider as acceptable.

Available now from CND Cymru.

See page 24 for details

Photos:

Cardiff - Côr Cochion Commemorates the deliberate dropping of US nuclear weapons on the civilian populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.



Temple of Peace 75

The Temple of Peace in Cardiff was opened on 23rd November 1938.

Lord Davies gifted it to the Welsh people as a memorial to men 'from all nations who gave their lives in the war that was to end war'.

Davies was actively involved in the search for stable international order through the League of Nations and the League of Nations Union. In a letter of 1943, he asked 'what doth it profit a nation if it gains the whole world and loses its own soul?'

Lord Davies hoped that The Temple of Peace would act as a symbol and focal point for Welsh concerns for future international peace. The Temple is built from materials from various countries, emphasisng the international nature of the work carried on inside the building.

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A day of celebration is planned for November 30th. Amongst many other events, the public are invited to a special session of Cardiff Philosophy Café 'The Road to Peace - Without or Within?' exploring different views on the nature of peace, and ways of achieving it. This will be followed by the **CND Cymru Annual Business** Meeting at 4pm in the Temple of Peace (Members and invited guests only). Peace75 details t: 029 2022 8549 e: peace75@wcia.org.uk

Drones at Llanbedr

Cymdeithas y Cymod has launched a strong protest against the recently announced extension of the Drones test flights to Llanbedr Airfield.

The Dwyryd a Glaslyn Branch are planning to raise awareness locally of the implications of this development on local tourist and marine jobs for the sake of a few, if any extra full time long-term jobs in Llanbedr. If the extension of the testing from Aberporth to include Llanbedr goes ahead, more drones will be flying across Cardigan Bay. In addition to the cruel reality of having even more remote killing machines 'practising' over parts of Wales, maritime pleasure and fishing activities might well be disrupted and the sound of the Drones flying along the Cambrian coast could deter tourists.

A public meeting is being arranged with speakers from Aberporth who will share their experience of living near the Drones airfield and of local protests.

Cymdeithas y Cymod is also calling for an international treaty to ban the use of robots in warfare. The fact that the beautiful Cambrian coastline will now be used from Aberporth to Llanbedr to fly and test these Drones makes Wales part of a killing system which extends to Afghanistan and beyond.

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Contact Arfon Rhys t: 01286 830913 e:arfonr@yahoo.co.uk Details about the meeting to follow when available. Watch dronecampaignnetworkcymru

Edwina Hart and her Drones

QinetiQ*and Llanbedr Airfield Estates have signed an agreement to fly drones (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or UAVs) out of Llanbedr Airfield in Gwynedd from 2014 'in support of both Civil and Defence related opportunities'.

Welsh Government Economic Minister Edwina Hart said that she sees it as an important step forward as 'Llanbedr Airfield has the capacity to significantly increase Wales' capability in the UAS arena and its strategic importance was acknowledged by the Welsh Government when it was included within the boundaries of Snowdonia Enterprise Zone'. Plans are allegedly afoot to fly drones from Newquay Airport Cornwall and Plymouth in Devon.

*QinetiQ is a British multinational defence technology company.

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Unhappy with these developments? Write to your AM and Edwina Hart and let them know! See more: http://tinyurl. com/nw4eefz and/or visit dronecampaignnetworkcymru

Dragons visit AWE Burghfield

On October 3rd around 50 activists from Wales blockaded the Main Gate of the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) Burghfield (Berkshire, England).

Campaigners called for Trident to be scrapped and plans to replace it to be abandoned. Activists - from across Wales were accompanied by three beautiful big red dragons.

CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies reports:

The Welsh Blockade of **Burghfield AWE turned out** to be one of the highlights of the year.

After a night and not much sleep at the Friends Meeting House in Reading, we were up at 5 am and off to the nuclear bomb factory at Burghfield. As we arrived at the main gate, hundreds of vehicles were queuing to enter the evil bomb factory. Karen Jenkins and I with our handcuffs and tubes and chains successfully dodged the police. We threw ourselves into the middle of the road. We quickly handcuffed our hands through an unbreakable tube and chained ourselves to Jan Jones from Swansea, making it impossible for the police to remove us individually from the road.

The police immediately closed the road. Angie set up tables, chairs and a posh two person settee in the middle of the road. Cakes and jellies were laid out,

and within half an hour the protest party was in full swing.

As three large dragons danced rings around the police, the beautiful Welsh singing set the scene for one of the craziest. most enjoyable and successful blockades ever. After a while, the MOD police had sent for expert officers with saws and bolt cutters. We had succeeded in disrupting the work at Britain's number one bomb factory.

Tea and cakes were offered to the bewildered police. We bombarded them with kindness, gentleness and most of all, with wonderful Welsh singing.

One of the high profile police officers told me that they had never seen anything like it in their lives. Senior police officers dithered about whether to move in, but in the end they gave up.

It was a wonderful example of what the power of song and non violent direct action can achieve. Yes, the protest was one big enjoyable picnic, which even the police finally half-heartedly joined in. But

one of the craziest, most enjoyable and successful blockades ever.?

our objective was serious: to disrupt the manufacture of nuclear weapons and to send a powerful message to all the warmongers and arms dealers, that we will never, ever give up the struggle to free our world from the evil threat of nuclear weapons.

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The Dragon day action was part of an on-going 'ActionAWE' (Atomic Weapons Eradication) - a grassroots peace campaign dedicated to banning and eradicating nuclear weapons and to halting nuclear warhead production by the Atomic Weapons Establishment nuclear bomb facilities at Aldermaston and Burghfield.

Particular thanks to Marie Walsh, Angie Zelter and all who took part. To be involved in future direct actions please contact CND Cymru.

We'd love to hear from you!



End Drone Terror Killing

Over 100 people of all ages met with bright banners and placards, at the entrance to ParcAberporth, Ceredigion on September 9th.

They were there to protest against the part that Wales is playing in the development of 'remote killing machines' or drones. The protest and vigil was organised and supported by Drones Network Cymru and other local and national individuals and organisations

from across Wales.1

They had come from far and wide because they understood that drones. operated in the same way as computer war games, make war more dangerous and more likely.

Poems and Songs

Rod Jones of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign talked about the effect of drones on civilian populations in Palestine. Movingly, others read out the names of some of the hundreds of children already deliberately killed by drone attacks. Songs were sung by Maggie Nicols, Street Choirs PAGE 12

Côr Gobaith (Aberystwyth) and Côr Cochion (Cardiff). Poemsby local poets and Waldo Williams' Y Tangnefeddwyr were read.

Speakers described the horrors of this particular form of remote warfare, conducted like 50 employed on site and three quarters of the business units remain empty.

A 500 square mile drone testing airspace over parts of Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Powys has been permitted by the

> Civilian Aviation Authority. Qinetia is currently testing and teaching 'Watchkeeper' drone targeting and surveillance use to the British army as well as those from overseas.

Military drone manufacturers are looking for civilian uses

for remote sensing drones to expand their markets and this includes the use of drones for domestic surveillance. Drones will no doubt make possible the dramatic expansion of the surveillance state. With the convergence of other technologies it may even make possible machine recognition of faces, behaviours, and the monitoring of individual conversations.



a computer game. But this is no game; the victims are real people and there is no 'reset' button, Mark Williams MP (Ceredigion) sent a message of support to the protest.

Targeting and Spying

ParcAberporth was built in 2003-4 as a testing site for drones. It cost the tax payer over £21million. 1000 jobs were promised; today not even

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ABERPORTH PROTEST

A Sustainable Future?
On the same day of the protest at Aberporth, Drones were being highlighted at

an armaments marketing 'fair' in London.2 **Economic Minister Fdwina Hart** had visited the arms fair, praised Welsh marketing of military drone technology and is actively promoting drone development in Wales.3 Those present at the Parc Aberporth protest had turned out

because they are concerned that the acceptance of drone warfare could make war more likely in the future – if perpetrators believe it will be 'less dangerous' for its own combatants.

Jill Gough of CND Cymru wondered how our Assembly

Government could square the Assembly's aspiration for a 'Sustainable Wales' with the development of weapons of

ParcAberporth

war. Speaking at the protest she said: 'It beggars belief that anyone could be under illusion that activities here are of any genuine benefit to the civilian populations of Blaenannerch, Aberporth, Cardigan, Ceredigion; Wales or anywhere in the world.'

1. Including Bro Emlyn Peace and Justice Group, Palestine

Solidarity Campaign, Pembrokeshire Peace Group, Cardigan and North Pembrokeshire Amnesty International, War on Want, CND Cymru, Bridgend CND, Cymdeithas y Cymod, Aberystwyth Peace and Justice Network and Cymdeithas y Cymod. 2. 'Defence and Security Equipment International' (DSEI) weapons conference. The largest arms fair on the planet.

3. http://tinyurl.com/nbqryjd



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Talk to others about the issue, contact your AM to tell them that the sustainable, fair and just Wales we voted for should not send a Welsh Government Minister to London to do the dirty work of arms companies and with our money. Wales can do better than develop military technologies which would not create real wealth; only shame and horror.

Keep in touch with the campaign and further events: see CND Cymru & Drone Campaign Network Cymru / Rhwydwaith Ymgyrch Dronau Cymru facebook pages; Bro Emlyn for Peace & Justice www.bepj.org.uk www.dronescymru.wordpress.com and/or m: 07810 566 919 e: info@cndcymru.org



Waste Dump Cumbria

To build new nuclear plants, the Westminster government needs first to decommission the old ones.

It could then be seen to have 'solved' the radioactive waste problem. To them, 'decommissioning' means dispersal to landfill; recycling radioactive scrap metal; 'evaporating' the waste into thin air and geological disposal. Law has been changed, allowing re-categorised 'exempt' nuclear waste to be dumped into landfill. Radiation Free Lakeland in Cumbria is calling for the reversal of the 'exempt' law and for the nuclear industry to immediately stop producing more radioactive material and to contain the waste. There are plans to bring the only radioactive scrap metal yard in Europe to a Business Park near Workington in Cumbria. Taking high level nuclear waste



from inside the core of Britain's nuclear reactors and burying it in a deep hole 1000m deep x 25km square is the 'preferred option' of the Westminster government.

Nuclear reactors planned for sites such as Hinkley and Wylfa would produce 'higher burn-up' spent fuel even more dangerous and difficult to deal with than from existing reactors. Following intense lobbying by campaigners, Cumbrian MP Tim Farron has written to DECC and DEFRA asking for the 'exempt' law to be annulled. Watch this space...

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...and see http://tinyurl.com/ndztyoc and http://tinyurl.com/py4c78v

Lib Dems vote to keep Trident

Scottish CND supporters organised a rally at the September Liberal **Democrats Conference in** Glasgow.

They aimed to encourage delegates to back a 'Scrap Trident' amendment. As it happens, Liberal Democrats voted 322-228 against the amendment. Arthur West - Chair of Scottish CND commented: 'While we are very disappointed with the outcome of the conference debate, it is obvious that there are many Liberal Democrats who support scrapping Trident and ridding the country of the scourge of nuclear weapons'.

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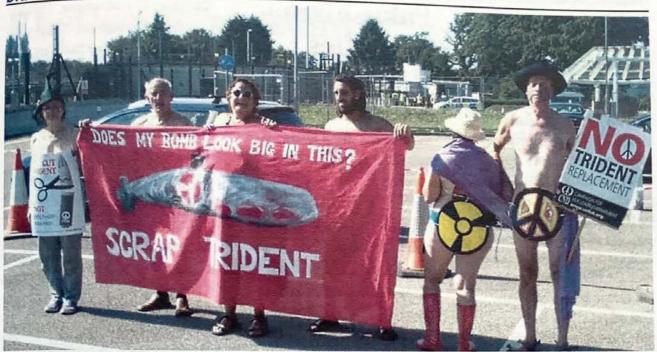
The three Liberal Democrat MPs in Wales (Mark Williams

- Ceredigion; Roger Williams
- Brecon and Radnorshire and Jenny Willott - Cardiff Central) have all expressed support for our work nuclear disarmament. MPs need our support too: http://tinyurl.com/plxeexe

Scotland Yes -Trident No

In September Trident Ploughshares activists demonstrated their support for Scottish Independence especially given the role it would play in nuclear disarmament.

Against the backdrop of Edinburgh Castle during the YES Campaign Rally and March, wearing tabards that read TRIDENT NO on the front and SCOTLAND YES on their backs about a dozen activists sang their hearts out to the tune of Bin the Bomb as thousands of pro-independence marchers passed on the Bridges. Speaker after speaker at the Rally re-iterated the message that an independent Scotland will be free of nuclear weapons. A banner announcing the message TRIDENT NO -SCOTLAND YES was dropped from a second floor window on the Royal Mile as thousands gathered at the outset of the



Trident Ploughsharing Continues

A Disarmament Camp was set up outside AWE Burghfield in Berkshire between August 26th and September 7th.

At one point 95 were camping there and many visiting and staying locally. Campers explained to the police that they had a right to peacefully protest, and that the real crimes were taking place inside AWE Burghfield, where the building of new nuclear warheads was a breach of the Non-Proliferation Treaty and

that the maintenance of the current warheads was illegal too as they were of a size that could never be used in accordance with international law.

A local Anglican Minister visited for prayers for peace and disarmament and people in Burghfield village itself offered help and support. During one blockade, the base was completely locked down for several hours as the police struggled to cut out the protesters. Activists

were charged with highway obstruction. Those arrested accepted the hospitality and sanctuary of a local Catholic monastery.

The final day was spent in Reading with a street stall handing out lots of information and knitting more of the pink anti-militarist scarf: www. woolagainstweapons.co.uk. Trident Ploughshares and AWEAction send a big thank you to all who took part and supporting local people. http://tinyurl.com/qf3pe4y

Trident NO!

The majority of Scots do not feel threatened by the possibility of Russian, North Korean, Iranian or Chinese attacks.

A poll commissioned this summer by Wings over Scotland and carried out by Panelbase. com has revealed once again it has been shown that a majority of people in Scotland consider the British nuclear arsenal to be a worthless expenditure which fails to deliver on its claimed purposes.

http://tinyurl.com/qc4rk9m



Ieju

The persistent nonviolent resistance to construction of a provocative naval base on the South Korean 'Island of Peace' and **UNESCO World Heritage** site Jeju continues daily. Long-pending prosecutions of activists constantly come to trial in often protracted process of sporadic hearings and testimony. Many sentences include high fines, suspended jail terms and probation. The stand-off at the construction gate continues on a daily basis, where some engage in ritual bows, a daily Catholic mass is held, artists decorate the road, gate and high walls, and police remove blockaders when convoys arrive to enter and leave the site. Overhead, ten police television cameras are constantly observing the peace-keepers' presence at the gate, and the comings and goings of residents of Gangjeong, the village neighbouring the base. Villagers have always considered themselves the guardians of the unique and sacred lava rock coastline being defiled for the base.

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For more information: visit www.savejejunow.org to send letters of support see (the wonderful) Nuclear Resister http://tinyurl.com/ozjoqnz . International supporters can also contribute to a fund to help pay the large fines imposed by the court. Visit www.bit.ly/JejuFines

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Fukushima – liabilities

It's no surprise really, but the nuclear industry has put its own interests and those of its shareholders above the people it is supposed to be serving.

A freedom of information request has turned up documents from 1960 that show nuclear companies pressured the Japan Atomic Energy Commission to

ensure their
exemption from all
responsibility for a
nuclear accident,
except in the case
of a deliberate act.
The Commission
was only too
happy to agree
as its documents
say: '...we decided
to delete 'gross
negligence' to not
make suppliers feel
uneasy'.

'Uneasy' is the way the Japanese people must be feeling when they see the size of the costs of the Fukushima disaster that they are now having to pay. It shows that the nuclear industry has never had any faith in the safety of its nuclear reactors; is an admission that nuclear power is inherently unsafe and that the nuclear industry is not able and willing to deal with a major accident. The owner and

operator of Fukushima, TEPCO, is unable to fund the clean-up. Fukushima reactor builders GE, Hitachi and Toshiba, have not paid a cent to help TEPCO and have done nothing to help the victims of the disaster. Japan's taxpayers are having to step in to pay the billions of yen needed to deal with the industry's gross negligence. Greenpeace Canada also has copies of letters written to Canada's government by GE Hitachi (GEH), Babcock and



Wilcox, and Westinghouse, also demanding indemnification from nuclear liability in the event of a nuclear catastrophe. It is we, the ordinary people living with nuclear power and all its dangers and who have its massive costs forced upon us, who need 'indemnification from nuclear liability'. This must stop. Right now.

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more information http:// tinyurl.com/q5bk2ae

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Rhythm Beats Bombs

In mid-August, over 750 people converged at the Büchel Air Force Base, Germany to condemn the retention of twenty U.S. nuclear weapons; retained in open violation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. 150 hearty war resisters blockaded all nine base entrances for 24 hours. It was the first time in 16 years of resistance to the base's use of US H-bombs by Germany's Tornado jet bombers that the compound had been completely closed to traffic by a protest.

Yet no arrests were made. The complicated blockade was named 'Instruments for Disarmament: Rhythm Beats Bombs' after the politically radical chamber orchestra and choir 'Lebenslaute' (life sounds).

Organised international teams took responsibility for the nine entrances. The 'Women's Resistance Gate', was overtaken by women from both Germany and Britain, the British visitors using some of their time to tell stories from Greenham Common in the 1980s. The mass action was aimed at reminding the German public prior to the recent general election, that although major political parties have all promised to see the US nuclear weapons withdrawn, none have yet to follow through. The shutdown also put Germany's Air Force on notice that public resistance to the

government's embrace of the Bomb is bold enough to put it in its place, restricted to base, at least for the weekend.

About 180 US nuclear bombs are still being stored in Europe. In 2009, coalition governing parties in the German government agreed to work towards the withdrawal of these nuclear weapons. This was strengthened by a parliamentary motion in 2010, supported by all parties. Despite these decisions, in May 2012 at the Chicago NATO summit, the German Government bowed to US pressure to allow modernisation and development of the B61 nuclear bomb.



Pitching for business

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The Labour Party website

Do you remember when political party conferences included meaningful debates about real policies? Today's tightly controlled media circuses and lobbying frenzies are indicators of the

vacuity and venality at the heart of our political system.

The sponsors of the 'Welsh Night' at Labour's 2013 Brighton conference were none other than our old friends Horizon Nuclear, So what? Well we need politicians who will scrutinise issues such as nuclear safety and cost fairly; I do not want to elect politicians who are in the pockets of the nuclear industry.

Still, the Tory candidate for the Ynys Môn Assembly by-election this summer says we have nothing to worry about. Rev. Neil Fairlamb said that he paid Wylfa a visit, and just by looking the management in the eye he could be sure of their sound judgement in calling for a Wylfa B. Those gasps in the audience must have been of joyous relief.

Oh, it was a right old mix-up, that election. Tal Michael for Labour was the most pro-nuclear and crashed at the polls. A lesson there. Anti-nuclear Liberal Stephen Churchman was standing for a pro-nuclear party and barely mentioned Wylfa B. Ardently pro-nuclear Rhun ap Iorwerth was standing for an anti-nuclear party, Plaid Cymru. As winner, he has at least said he will listen to



"..yes,the planet got destroyed, but for a beautiful moment, it made a lot of money for shareholders... 'Tsunamis like that don't

PAWB, which is more than his predecessor ever did. Anti-nuclear candidate Kathrine Jones was actually standing for an anti-nuclear party, Socialist Labour. Such consistency seemed almost

bewildering.

The need for political probity and independent, objective government is made absolutely clear by the Fukushima disaster, now in its third year. The situation in Japan is an appalling and perilous shambles and getting worse. happen here, say Wylfa

B supporters. No, but lax regulatory controls and unquestioning politicians do, and that was at the root of the problem in Japan. Nuclear is now plummeting out of fashion worldwide, but our politicians do not question why. They just go for

the sponsorship deal.

Philip Steele

heddwch>action:

The nuclear industry is fighting for survival. Without public subsidies currently planned nuclear power plants are not economically viable as their huge construction costs deter investors. EU tax payers are to be forced to step in and pay for nuclear power plants including Hinkley Point C in the UK and Temelin 3 and 4 in the Czech Republic. SIGN THE PETITION NOW and tell the EU Commissioners that you refuse to fund the next Fukushima. www.my-voice.eu HEDDWCH © 60 AUTUMN - WINTER 2013

Get Your Local Council to Join Up!

We need CND Cymru members and supporters across Wales to talk to their local councillors, particularly in the north, about joining the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) Welsh Forum.

At this vital moment in the nuclear weapons and nuclear power debates, the NFLA is the main local authority group in Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland (North and South) challenging the perceived 'need' for nuclear power and nuclear weapons.

Since NFLA was founded in 1980, it has played an essential role; informing and raising the concerns of local government on nuclear issues. It plays an important advocacy and consultancy role for member councils. As a strong advocate for renewable energy, it is respected nationally and internationally for its nuclear disarmament lobbying.

It has always had a warm relationship with CND Cymru and other like-minded groups. NFLA is one of the most active local government organisations in the global membership of the Hiroshima-led Mayors for Peace as it seeks to influence the nuclear weapons debate.

As a source of top quality research, NFLA provides cogent examples of alternatives to nuclear power and effective strategies to reduce stockpiles and eliminate nuclear weapons. The NFLA is a major player in influencing the debate on the need for nuclear weapons, the concerns of the risks of low level radiation on health, the dangers of deep 'disposal' of nuclear waste. Their research provides Councils and the wider public with information on combating fuel poverty, renewable energy and energy efficiency initiatives and developing micro generation projects.

At one time, all Councils in Wales were strong members of NFLA (22 Councils in Wales voted to make Wales a nuclear-free zone in 1982), but local government reorganisation, election results and financial cuts affecting local government have had a detrimental on membership. A number of active members remain, such as Cardiff City Council and Caerphilly, Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and Torfaen Councils and a number of other Unitary Authorities across Wales remain supportive of NFLA aims and objectives. We need a stronger presence in North and mid Wales, particularly as one of its main aims is to raise concerns about pans for a new nuclear reactor at Wylfa.

Councillors from across the political spectrum in Wales aspire to a nuclear weapons free world and the phasing out of nuclear power in favour of cleaner, renewable alternatives. Our challenge is to encourage them to persuade their council to pursue such issues through the NFLA.

Sean Morris

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Encourage your local Council to become a NFLA member:

- identify councillors likely to be sympathetic to the NFLA
- encourage them to attend a NFLA meeting or get in touch with the NFLA Secretariat. NFLA policy briefings, newsletters and media releases can be found on our informative website www.nuclearpolicy.info
- Let us know when you attract any interest.
- 4. For further information please contact the NFLA Secretary Sean Morris

t: 0161 234 3244

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Courage is Contagious

Following the sentencing of the 25 year old Manning to 35 years imprisonment events of support took place across Wales as elsewhere.

Chelsea is reported as having said that from the beginning she sought worldwide discussions, debates and reforms about critical international issues. Only when people are given the actual truth, can they evaluate what is happening and can take decisions about what to do about it.

On the day of Manning's sentencing Genny Bove and others gathered at lunchtime in the centre of Haverfordwest, the town in which Bradley lived between 2001 and 2005 and where his maternal

family still live. That evening near Newport (Pembrokeshire) another event protested against the sentence but celebrated Bradley's actions and personal sacrifice. Supporters met in Queens

Square, Wrexham to hand out flyers for The Radicalisation of Bradley Manning (National Theatre of Wales) livestream (broadcast live from the Edinburgh Fringe every evening during August). There was positive feedback from people in town with many stopping to discuss the trial, sentence and likely appeals.

Genny Bove and Ciaron O'Reilly visited Bradley's family in Pembrokeshire. Genny wrote: 'we heard first hand how the whole family has been affected by the three year imprisonment, the torture, the trial and is now coping with the outcome and planning for the future. We heard about bad experiences at the hands of the media and others and about the family's efforts to keep in

political prisoner of conscience in the U.S. shouldn't be underestimated. The small things we can do to ease that journey will be much appreciated, but we should all be aware that the family is understandably cautious about outside contact, that trust is fragile and we need to offer any support sensitively and respectfully.'

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Donating to Manning's Welsh based family to defray transport costs of US prison visits is one way we can do something practical at home

to support Manning in iail in the US. Donate by making cheques payable to 'London Catholic Worker (Write 'Manning family support' on the back of the cheque); send to: Giuseppe Conlon House 49, Mattison Road London N4 1BG t: Ciaron 07 927 259

e: ciaronx@yahoo.com



contact and visit Bradley. To date they have done this without any outside help or support.'

'The devastating consequences of having a family member a

See Page 22 and ask your AM to sign a letter from Wales to President Obama requesting clemency for

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30 Years Singing!

Côr Cochion Caerdydd (Cardiff Reds Choir), have ever since raised their voices in song and campaigning for peace, freedom and justice. Many of us know the choir well, since where CND Cymru has been – so have Côr Cochion.

Their message and the music all entwined takes direct actions into a different sphere. Anyone who has sat in a blockade – or even police cell listening and joining in with other detained choir members along the police station corridors can vouch for that – and so could the police!

Côr Cochion sing regularly on the streets of Cardiff – and at events and actions throughout Wales, Britain and internationally. They continue to support people struggling and campaigning for basic rights. In 1995 the choir raised thousands of pounds so that CND Cymru could buy an ambulance, fill it with medicines and take it to children's hospitals across Chernobyl-contaminated Belarus.

To celebrate Côr Cochion's birthday, a wonderful festivity was held in Cardiff in September as a celebration of the campaigning which has seen an end to Apartheid in South Africa, to the Poll Tax and saw nuclear weapons leave Greenham Common.

The choir were joined by an enthusiastic number of supporters from many of the organisations they have supported, and tributes and contributions were heard from performers including Dave Burns, Côr Gobaith, Dafydd Iwan, Gwenno and The Lovely Wars. And of course - the choir sang.

CND Cymru was there – and will be there for the next party too (even if we have banned the bomb by then)!

Many Happy Returns to our sisters and brothers in Côr Cochion. Encore!

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New choirs members are always welcome. Rehearsals every Friday evening. Contact Wendy Lewis t: 02920 889 514 e: wendya.lewis@sky.com

CÔR COCHION CDS:

Best of Côr Cochion – solidarity songs from Africa, Latin America, Palestine, Wales, Ireland and other places (£10 plus £2 postage and handling).

Songs of Freedom – international songs of the Spanish Civil War (£12 + £2 postage and handling).

e: wendya.lewis@sky.com or www.creightonscollection. co.uk



Chelsea/Bradley Manning A Letter to Obama from Wales

Please ask your Assembly Members to sign an open letter to Obama calling on him to pardon Pvt. Bradley (Chelsea) Manning or commute his sentence to time served (already more than three years).

It is relevant that the appeal, organised along with Amnesty International and others should come from our National Assembly politicians, as Bradley (Chelsea) is of Welsh descent; lived here in Wales as a teenager, as do his mother and maternal family today. The 600 word letter to Obama says:

'You, yourself, have spoken of the debt we all owe to whistleblowers, and when, in 2009, your administration stated that 'such actions of courage and patriotism which can sometimes save lives... should be encouraged rather than stifled,'.

'Whatever one's view of the appropriateness of the (then) 22-year-old's actions, it seems that Pvt. Manning was acting in good faith, prompted by conscience, and, as Amnesty International has said, 'trying to do the right thing – to reveal credible evidence of unlawful behaviour by the government.'

Because of his connection with our country, Bradley Manning's case has been a cause for concern here in Wales. Many people see him as a young person of principle and are troubled when they hear of his circumstances. Bradley's mother recently gave an interview in which she said she thought that she would never see her son again as she was too ill to travel and she feared he would spend decades in prison. Pvt. Manning and his family have suffered enough and as his lawyer states - the sentence is disproportionate to both the offence and the offender.

The easiest way to contact your AMs if you don't already have their email addresses is to use the 'write to them' website www.writetothem.com

The full text is available, along with a downloadable pdf file of the letter: http://tinyurl.com/ojwmect or t: 01978 757 489 e: vg@genny.force9.co.uk

Should CND Cymru have a stall at future Eisteddfodau?

CND Cymru has had a presence at the National Eisteddfod most years since the early 1980s.

In recent years, we have organised the Peace Tent, which we have shared with Cymdeithas y Cymod, PAWB, and other like-minded organisations. At the CND Cymru Annual Meeting, we will discuss whether or not we can continue having a stall at the Eisteddfod.

The main problem with having a presence at the Eisteddfod is the amount of volunteer time it requires: setting up

the stall, staffing it for eight days, and then packing it all up again at the end of the week. Despite appeals in the past for volunteers to help with staffing the stall, all this work has tended to fall on the same small group of volunteers. If we are to have a stall at the Eisteddfod, we really do need new volunteers with ideas and energy to make the stall a success.

Cost is another issue: all told, we are talking about approximately £1,000, which could well be spent on other

campaign activities. So the question arises - would our campaigning be more successful if the volunteers' time, and our money, was used in a different way? We will be discussing this at our Annual Meeting, but if anyone who cannot attend the meeting wants to express their views, please do so: e: swanseacnd@phonecoop. t:01792 830 330 or: Swansea CND, 72 Heol Gwyn, Yr Alltwen, Pontardawe SA8 3AN.

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DIARY DATES

November 1st 10.00am - 2.00pm

NARBERTH Car Park

White Poppy and Peace Stall

All money collected for Médecins

Sans Frontièrs. Organised by

Narberth Quaker Meeting and the

Pembrokeshire Peace Group

Contact - Malcolm & Anne Gregson

t: 01834 845 868

November 2nd 11.00am
NARBERTH Landsker Cross
Service of Remembrance for ALL
Victims of War
Narberth Quaker Meeting and the
Pembrokeshire Peace Group
Contact - Malcolm & Anne Gregson
t: 01834 845 868

November 2nd 2.00pm LLANDUDNO

St John's Methodist Church Hall, Mostyn St.

Bruce Kent : 'The case for scrapping Trident'

Contacts - Conwy Peace Group: chris_joney@hotmail.com or Carol Darbyshire conwypeace@ gmail.com See Page 3.

November 13th 12.15pm CARDIFF BAY

Senedd (Assembly Building) CF99
1NA Conference Room 24
Lunchtime meeting with Bruce
Kent 'Trident and Nuclear
Disarmament' hosted by the All
Party Group on Human Rights and
Peace and Bethan Jenkins AM. The
meeting is free and open to all, but
please contact Philippa Richards
t: 01639 643 549 in advance.

November 13th
CARDIFF Temple of Peace Cathays
Park CF103AP
6.30pm Peace Garden
Bruce Kent to lay a wreath on
the Conscientious Objectors'
Memorial.
Followed at 7.00pm by

Bruce Kent - Public Meeting in conjunction with Cardiff UNA Contact - UNA Cardiff cardiffuna@aol.com or CND Cymru 01239 85 11 88

November 23rd & 24th 10am - 4pm SWANSEA

National Waterfront Museum Swansea Green Fayre

The largest gathering of environmentally friendly products, information, groups and services in Swansea, including a Swansea CND stall. Contact - Brian Jones Swansea CND: 01792 830 330

November 23rd all day NEWPORT Pembrokeshire

Memorial Hall

Green Fair. A beautiful conflation of technology, craft, social, performance, discussion, good food & brilliant chats.

Contact - Vicky Moller t: 01239 820 971

November 30th Peace 75 11.00am – 4.00pm CARDIFF Temple of Peace Peace 75 Festival

Peace75 is celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Temple of Peace and Health in Cardiff. This festival will celebrate Wales' contribution to peace and help people to explore what peace means to them. The Temple was built as a memorial to people who gave their lives in the First World War, but also as a symbol and focal point for Welsh people's concern with international peace.

t: 029 2022 8549 e: peace75@wcia.org.uk http://tinyurl.com/ok8dop6

December 6th 1.30pm
CARDIFF County Hall - Atlantic
Wharf
Nuclear Free Local Authorities
Seminar. Nuclear security and

November 30th
4.00pm
CARDIFF
Temple of Peace
CND Cymru
Annual Meeting

All members welcome

Nominations for Chair, 4 Vice Chairs and motions invited for resolution

CONTACT - CND CYMRU NATIONAL SECRETARY

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proliferation, nuclear weapons and promotion of alternatives to nuclear power. Speakers to include Dr. David Lowry & Rebecca Johnson (ICAN)
Hosted by Wales Nuclear Free Local Authorities Forum. Further information & to register:
Sean Morris t: 0161 234 3244
e: s.morris4@manchester.gov.uk

ANY TIME 2013: More Chelsea Manning Actions are planned but not confirmed. Please see www. wiseupaction.info to organise or join in with solidarity actions.

FOR YOUR 2014 DIARIES: March 18th 2014 HAVERFORDWEST

The Picton Centre

Bruce Kent: 'The case for
scrapping Trident' Contact Pembrokeshire Peace Group
t: 01834 845 868malcolm.
gregson@littlewedlockgallery.co.uk

March 19th 2014
SWANSEA Friends' Meeting House
Bruce Kent: 'The case for
scrapping Trident'
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