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Trident: The Quiz



How much do YOU know about Britain's nuclear weapons system?

1. How much does Trident cost the people of Britain per minute?

a) £5707

b) £570

c) £57

2. How many people could the British Trident nuclear arsenal kill?

a) 3 million

b) 32 million

c) 320 million

3. For how many years could the the £100 billion earmarked for Trident replacement fully fund all A&E services in Britain?

a) 4

b) 40

c) 20

4. How many jobs could be created across Britain if the Westminster Government chose to invest £100 billion in green & social infrastructure?

a) 20,000

b) 2,000,000

c) 200,000

Answers on page 2

Yes or No Trident Still Must Go!

Britain has possessed nuclear weapons for over 50 years. Drastic cuts in spending on health, education, pensions and disability benefits continue, yet the government still plans to replace Trident at a cost of over £100 Billion. Britain and the world should be freed from the fear of these immoral nuclear weapons. Trident must be scrapped and our resources used to fund genuine human need.

Scotland

Only a few months ago, all eyes, especially those of progressive and radical anti-nuclear weapons campaigners across the world were fixed on spotlight Scotland.

It may not have been the result we hoped could bring about British nuclear disarmament and set an example to other nuclear and nuclear aspiring states worldwide but peace campaigners of course, are never despondent.

The continued politicisation of many Scots is enviable. The Referendum campaign itself and Scottish CND's sterling work in making the link between a 'Yes' vote and scrapping Trident, and the effect this will have on the next Westminster elections has yet to be seen. It has certainly affected the ongoing

debate about the 2016 decision on whether or not to replace Trident with a new updated nuclear weapons system.

The energy of the 'Yes' campaign itself gave new life to the work to remove Trident from Scotland accompanied by a heightened concern about the costs and risk of basing nuclear weapons on the Clyde. Opposition to Trident was shown to be even stronger than support for independence.

At a post-referendum Trident Ploughshares blockade of the Trident submarine base at Faslane, activist Brian

Quail stated that the result of the Referendum does not mean a continuing 'UK' policy of relying on weapons of indiscriminate slaughter.

He said On the contrary we know that the vast majority of Scots, including those who voted No, reject Westminster's plans to replace Trident, as do a simple majority of people across Britain.

Your 2015 Don't Replace Trident Vote

The Government elected next May 7th will preside over the Trident replacement vote in Parliament in 2016.

A 'Rethink Trident' campaign has been launched in London to place the £100bn+ replacement of the Trident nuclear weapons system on the agenda for the Westminster election in May 2015.

As resources for health, education and welfare are slashed, we must let those who aspire to represent us in Westminster understand that there is strong opposition to any plans to waste over £100bn on new nuclear weapons.



Archbishop of Wales Barry Morgan has joined this alliance, he said, replacing Trident cannot be justified morally, strategically or financially. We can't argue against possession of nuclear weapons in other countries if we continue to invest in our own.

**Trident:
The Answers**
1(a). 2(c). 3(b). 4(b).



TRIDENT NEWS

Children in Wales, has reported that amongst many other poverty-related problems, one quarter of households in rural Wales this year are surviving on incomes of less than £10,000 a year. The Welsh Government and Unitary Authorities are being forced to make cuts in public services and the NHS, Social Services and Education are suffering.

All this while the current Westminster Government finds the resources to fund brand new, more lethal weapons of mass destruction.

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www.rethinktrident.org.uk
Always mention Trident Replacement and its cost in any discussion you may have with prospective parliamentary candidates:

- Scrapping Trident and cancelling any replacement would save us over £100bn. A small amount of this invested in development of renewable energy technology would create

real and sustainable jobs.

- Scrapping Trident would also honour Britain's pledge to disarm under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), setting an example by pointing the way to a safer world where disagreements are solved without resorting to violence and bullying.

Top Down Action at the UN

New Zealand Ambassador Dell Higgle read a statement 'condemning unreservedly the use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances'.

It was signed by 155 nations at an October UN meeting. She said: *It is in the interest of the very survival of humanity that nuclear weapons are never used again, under any circumstances.*

The catastrophic effects of a nuclear weapon detonation, whether by accident, miscalculation or design, cannot be adequately addressed.

All States share the responsibility to prevent the use of nuclear weapons, to prevent their vertical and horizontal proliferation and to achieve nuclear disarmament, including through fulfilling the objectives of the NPT and achieving its universality.

Britain was not a signatory to this statement.

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See Dell Higgle's whole statement
<http://tinyurl.com/qhhag5v>

Replacement Costs

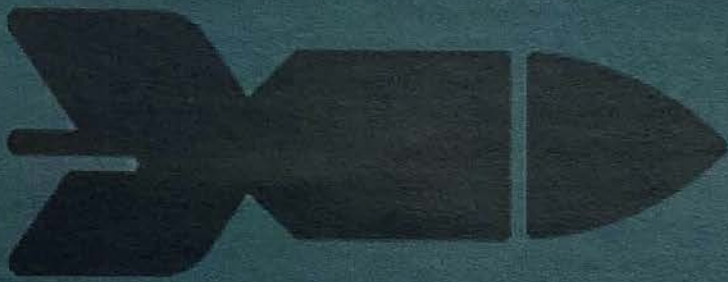
Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) estimated lifetime costs of Trident replacement assuming 25 year life plus extra 5 years in-service with new Babcock PWR3 reactor design.

£100 billion: Includes additional cost (minimum of £12 billion) of the Nuclear Warhead Capability Sustainment Programme (NWCSPP) at AWE Aldermaston/Burghfield. ▶

It doesn't matter where you are in the world
NUCLEAR WEAPONS
make everyone
LESS SAFE



ANY USE WOULD BE CRIMINAL



► These figures are at 2012 prices and do not include future inflation or the unknown costs of radioactive waste storage into infinity.
www.rusi.org/trident

No Discussion

Britain may be poised to quietly ratify the US-UK Mutual Defense Agreement (MDA) without debate.

This would make Britain even more dependent on US expertise for any Trident replacement programme. The MDA was first signed in 1958 and terms are reviewed and renewed by both governments every decade.

Attempts to stifle debate about the renewal of the MDA are not new. *A debate on the renewal of the MDA would be used by some as an opportunity to raise wider questions*

concerning the possible renewal of the nuclear deterrent ... and our obligations under the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, noted a 2004 internal MoD briefing to Labour defence ministers.

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Has your MP signed EDM 153 Debate on US-UK Mutual Defence Agreement? Check here: www.parliament.uk/edm/2014-15/153 which calls upon a proper debate to be held. www.writetothem.com makes it easy online

Don't Bank on the Bomb

Global financial institutions made an estimated \$402 billion available to nuclear weapons producers in 2014.

This report published by International Campaign Against

Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) and Dutch peace organization PAX, identifies 411 banks, insurance companies and pension funds with investments in 28 companies involved in the production, maintenance or stockpiling of nuclear weapons. In Britain, the most heavily invested banks are Royal Bank of Scotland and Barclays. Some financial institutions are recognising the stigma associated with nuclear weapons as can be seen by changes in policies prohibiting or limiting investments in the industry in the past year. Based on the evidence in the report, activists worldwide are calling on financial institutions and governments to stop these risky investments into weapons of mass destruction once and for all.

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To pressure your bank, or to find out more, read the Report: <http://www.dontbankonthebomb.com>

NFLA

Presentations from the November Nuclear Free Local Authorities Seminar held in Cardiff are available on the NFLA website

www.nuclearpolicy.info

These include Secretariat Sean Morris - update on recent NFLA actions and the NFLA report local authority energy policy; Brian Jones, CND Cymru - report on his Fukushima Study Tour and Tim Deere-Jones, independent marine pollution consultant - on Hinkley Fuel Element Debris (FED) waste concerns.

WALES ROUND UP

International Peace Day in Wrexham, Aberteifi and Aberporth

Not really a Peace Day – more of a very long weekend between 19th and 22nd September.

In Wrexham, a public event was held in the city centre launched with a minute's silence for world peace, a circle ceremony and a service for those of all faiths and none. Peace activists, well wishers and the general public spent the afternoon together celebrating in peaceful community with live music, poetry and various shared activities.

Wrexham mayor Alan Edwards read a poem he had specially composed for the event. Stalls and exhibitions covered issues of anti-fracking, anti-war, anti-nuclear, the arms trade, Gaza and Chelsea Manning solidarity; with a wide selection of banners and peace flags on display and workshops for all.

The Annual Schools Peace Day followed, involving 7 Wrexham schools. Students participated in workshops on issues such as Militarism

and Young People, Ethical Dilemmas in Warfare, Women and Children in Afghanistan, Conscientious Objectors in WWI, and Dealing with Negative Feelings. Speakers also addressed health & social care and public service students on peace and conflict issues.

Organiser Genny Bove said *This year as always, the event was put together with purely voluntary effort and goodwill by ordinary people seeking to build a better world from the ground up. Looking outwards from Wrexham, peace is in short supply.*

As the situation across the Middle East continues to deteriorate and western military intervention for which there is no legal basis serves only to spread the wars, more ordinary people will be killed, maimed, displaced, traumatised and more hatred and extremism will ensue. Action for peace is needed now more than ever.

As Mahatma Gandhi said: 'There is no way to peace; peace is the way'.

Draping Drones

As people across the world marked the UN International Day of Peace (21st September), over 150 people from across south and mid Wales gathered at ParcAberporth.

The event, brainchild of wonderful local woman Kate Sherringer, took the form of a symbolic 'Drape the Drones' and 'Wool against Weapons' action. Kate, family, friends and CND Cymru supporters had spent much of the year knitting in preparation. The call was for an end to all militarism, and a halt to plans to spend £100billion of taxpayers' money on replacing Trident – the British nuclear weapons system.

Speakers at the event were united in their condemnation of war-mongering.

Jill Evans MEP said: *War technology, of course, changes constantly but what does not change is the use of our country to test and practise for war. Aberporth is where drones have been developed for a multimillion Ministry of Defence programme - not a fact we can be proud of.*

Jim Scott of the Green Party emphasised the damage caused to the environment caused by militarism he said: *...technology is being used by governments and big oil companies to control and exploit vulnerable regions in the world, perpetuate instability* ▶



Genny Bove

WALES ROUND UP



► and war, and disconnect us from the act of killing by conducting it remotely. We must redress and reverse the environmental damage caused by this approach before it is too late.

Sue Lent of Cardiff City Council, a long time campaigner for peace and justice said that she and her family had been visiting Wales for decades on holiday but had always considered the military sites near Aberporth as a blot on the landscape which spoiled an otherwise exceptionally beautiful area.

CND Cymru National Secretary Jill Gough said:

We want Ceredigion, and the rest of Wales to be part of the solution – not part of the problem.

Here, where people are forced to use food banks and to seek help to pay energy bills, while £billions is spent annually on armaments, it is time to reconsider our priorities.

Music from Côr Gobaith (Aberystwyth), St Dogmaels Community Choir and Côr

Cochion Caerdydd, and moving poetry by Paul Hawkes and Dave Rendle, Katy Beddoe and Patrick Dobbs was followed by a moving reading of the Waldo Williams poem Y Tangnefeddwyr by Megan Williams. Roads were closed as 2 km of locally knitted rainbow scarf was unrolled around and across the entrance to ParcAberporth, the roads and adjacent roundabout and those present stood in a very moving two minutes silence, to remember all victims of war.

The day had been preceded on September 20th by a colourful and musical lead-up street event outside Cardigan Guild Hall.

White Poppies

Vigils and peace ceremonies took place in Narberth, Aberystwyth, Newport and Knighton this year as white poppy wreaths were placed on, or beside town monuments.

White poppy wreaths were laid by Aberystwyth Town Council, Aberystwyth Peace and Justice Group, Côr Gobaith and Women in Black at a special event following the main red poppy ceremony at town war memorial. Unfortunately, a few hours later, the white poppy wreaths were removed and thrown in a bin.

Local peace campaigners led by Côr Gobaith and Women in Black replaced the wreaths in a second ceremony a few days later. The group now intends to use the incident to inform people further about the meaning of the White Poppy.

For the first time, Knighton Action for Peace & Justice gained permission to place their wreath in memory of all victims of war after careful and interesting negotiations with the Town Council and British Legion.

Camilla, of Knighton White Poppy Group commented: *I was greatly encouraged to have such support from the Council – several people spoke strongly of their horror at the deaths of women and children in war. Obviously, people had taken notice of our tributes to Gaza even though nothing had been said. Never at any point did anyone say they were against our peace vigil; the issue was where to do it.*

We feel also that we have started a real dialogue with our local British Legion too. New generations think differently to their predecessors.

Moreover, there is a political issue: the support the Legion gives to ex-soldiers should in fact be coming from the Ministry of Defence, who instead, wash their hands of soldiers once they leave the army. So even the military are feeling the brunt of austerity.

We hope that a white poppy vigil for peace will become an annual event, and that eventually, white poppies will share a space on the memorial steps beside the red poppies.

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The message of the White Poppy has further to go. For the whole Knighton story contact Camilla or Angie: 01547 520 929 or see 'note' on CND Cymru facebook page. To support Côr Gobaith please contact Pat Richards: patriciarichards42@hotmail.com



Kites and Songs not Drones

On the first ever Global Action Day against the Use of Drones for Surveillance and Killing (October 4th), campaigners in over 40 countries took part in simultaneous creative direct actions.

In Wales, peace campaigners met on Poppit Sands in Pembrokeshire and also in the Hayes, Cardiff to give public voice to a demand that governments and other institutions stop funding, producing and acquiring military drones; stop enabling them through infrastructure 'investment' – as has the Welsh Government at ParcAberporth, and at Llanbedr.

On Poppit Sands, kites were flown into the clear blue sky above the Teifi estuary. Kite flying is a popular national sport in Afghanistan; 80% of drone strike victims so far have been Afghans.

Flying kites is a show of solidarity to all people who live in fear of these remote spying and killing machines.

Israeli El-Bit/French Thales designed Watchkeeper Drones, are being developed and tested for spying, surveillance and target acquisition over mid Wales.

The unmanned planes fly from ParcAberporth in Ceredigion, over north Pembrokeshire,

Carmarthenshire and to the military training ranges on Mynydd Epynt in Powys.

Welsh taxpayers also fund the development of armed drones being operated in the east of England.

In Cardiff, Côr Cochion (Cardiff Reds Choir) sang songs of peace in the Hayes. They were joined by others to protest at Barclays Bank, which invests in the Israeli arms company Elbit Systems Ltd.

Choir member Wendy Lewis said: *Drones have been used extensively in Gaza against the defenceless civilian population. Barclays Bank has the blood of more than 400 children killed in the August bombing of Gaza, on its hands.*

Inside the bank, a letter of complaint was handed to the manager and the choir sang:

***Barclays are funding the arms trade!
That's how they keep profits high
Profit they put before people
They don't care how many die
Plenty of things need investment
Hospitals, schools and much more.
People must come before profit
Tell them to stop funding war!***

WALES ROUND UP

Killing Machines at Llanbedr

More Welsh land and airspace to be used to practice killing, this is how Cymdeithas y Cymod, the Fellowship of Reconciliation responded to the news that Llanbedr Airfield (near Harlech) is now officially open for military drone use.

Following Qinetiq and Llanbedr Airfield's announcement that the airfield is open for business to test flight operations of Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (drones) Cymdeithas y Cymod called protests at Llanbedr and at ParcAberporth.

Photographs of those killed by drones were tied to Llanbedr perimeter fence. At ParcAberporth protestors held mock gravestones bearing the names of drone victims.

It is said that drones will arrive at Llanbedr in 2015 after a 90 day period that will establish a 'segregated airspace' to link Llanbedr and ParcAberporth.

We are worried that Wales is being used more and more as a practice ground for killing, commented Anna Jane of Caernarfon, ...with Epynt, Valley, Aberporth and now Llanbedr, the name of Wales will be associated with an intense training ground for killing techniques.

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Please Join the Campaign to Stop the Drones at Llanbedr! Door to Door Leafletters and others needed in Gwynedd to get involved to stop this outrage.

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Beautifully plain and purled 'Wool against Weapons' in Knighton

Wool not Weapons

After 'knit-ins' across the country – notably Knighton, Gumfreston, Aberystwyth, Machynlleth, the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli and Llandeilo – as well as the world, knitters with Wool Against Weapons unrolled the whole 7 miles of knitted pink Peace Scarf on August 9th (Nagasaki Day).

The event took place between AWE Aldermaston and AWE Burghfield and aimed to draw attention to the Governments proposed £100bn plus spend to renew Trident.

Some of the scarf was later used at the Drape the Drones at Aberporth. After a further action in London in January 2015, the scarf is to be remade into blankets for humanitarian aid.

Poetry for Peace in Cardiff

At a brilliant street event, poets and readers including Julie Pritchard, Tim Richards, Des Mannay, Patsy Lingley, Jack Collins, Patrick Widdess, Katy Beddoe, Rosie Gleeson and Sue Hamblen read their own and classic poetry of war and peace in Cardiff shopping centre on Remembrance Sunday.

Organiser Adam Johannes said: *We recall the 'winter soldiers' who crossed a river of fire from unthinkingly obeying orders to becoming active agents of social change – soldiers of conscience such as poet Siegfried Sassoon who hurled his medals into the River Mersey to protest World War One and Joe Glenton, the*

first serving British soldier to go to jail rather than return to Afghanistan.

It is now one hundred years since the opening guns of World War One, the war supposed to end all wars.

Today we are at war again and the bombs we drop on faraway lands explode into our own society with rising racism and islamophobia, and a bonfire of civil liberties.

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To get involved in similar future events in Cardiff contact Adam Johannes: thomas_muntzer_cardiff@hotmail.co.uk also see facebook page No Glory in War - a Poetry Protest

NUCLEAR POWER

Wylfa: News from PAWB (*People Against Wylfa B*)

PAWB is proud to have worked happily with CND Cymru for many years, and we look forward to the time when we no longer need to do so – as our aims will have been realised! Sadly that doesn't look likely for some time.

An account of the Green Cross visit to Japan follows (pages 10 and 11). PAWB's representative was Dr Carl Clowes, and he arranged the 'Welsh crew' for the journey – namely Brian from CND, Malcolm from Greenpeace and Selwyn from Cymdeithas yr Iaith. This was Carl's second visit to Japan – last year he visited with his son Cian Ciaran (Super Furies). The desperation of the situation in the Fukushima district has created a deep impression on all of them. How can Hitachi, owners of Horizon who want to build Wylfa B, justify bringing their technology to Anglesey, when they were partly responsible for the Design of Fukushima? And further that Japan has banned the building of any more nuclear plants?

Horizon is currently holding a 'consultation' in which they claim that to want the public's opinion on their plans. When PAWB members asked where the waste was to be stored, the answers were very hazy. This is a fake consultation. It is a statutory one, and is an obligation, but the company need not take any notice of local opinion if they can provide reasons. Alan Rayment, Horizon's CEO, admitted this fact at a Labour Party Conference meeting a



Cymdeithas yr Iaith Cymraeg

few years ago. We do however understand that some of the locals at Cemaes are belatedly realising what a huge effect the station would have on them.

There was an entertaining incident when a squad from Cymdeithas yr Iaith, with myself amongst them, attended the consultation at Caernarfon. As it was Halloween day, what could be better than an invasion of zombies?! It is satisfying to report that Horizon's staff had no idea how to react, neither did the two pleasant police officers present! Selwyn told them in no uncertain terms about the Fukushima visit. The circus is on You Tube: <http://tinyurl.com/ptf85v9>. (Your correspondent doesn't wear a pink wig every day!)

By the time you read this Jonathon Porritt will have been to Menai Bridge on 19th November by invitation of PAWB giving a talk entitled 'The Energy Revolution Coming Your Way – And It's Not Nuclear! PAWB is very proud that such a prominent figure in the green movement is willing to support

us. We hope to open some hitherto closed minds.

One new cloud has appeared over the horizon. PAWB has just learned that a recent meeting held in Bangor discussed the idea of a 'Small Modular Reactor' at Trawsfynydd. This idea shows how weak the Welsh Government and our local politicians are. A number of local nuke backers were there, such as Energy Island Supremo John Idris Jones. We now believe that PAWB should extend its sphere of operation, and to this end we will discuss the matter with friends in Trawsfynydd.

Robert Idris

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Keep in touch with the campaign please. Be sure to let your AMs, MPs and aspiring MPs know how you feel – don't let them think that no one cares enough to contact them on the issue!

See www.stop-wylfa.org & facebook page: *Stop Wylfa - No Nuclear in Wales*

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Fukushima three and a half

In October, *CND Cymru Vice Chair Brian Jones* took part in a Green Cross Study Tour to witness the consequences of the Fukushima nuclear accident of 11th March 2011, along with three other representatives from Wales: Dr Carl Clowes (PAWB), Selwyn Jones (Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg) and Malcolm Carroll (Greenpeace Wales). The party of 34 people from 13 different countries, including an English MEP, Canadian MP, a Swiss National Councillor and 6 journalists, visited Tomioka, Koriyama and Fukushima City (10 km, 55 km and 70 km from the disaster site respectively).

Brian Jones writes about his visit:

Tomioka, once a settlement of 16,000 people, is now a ghost town. Here, the effects of the tsunami are clear to see, as many parts of the town remain untouched since the tsunami struck. Evacuated on 12th March 2010, it is now designated as part of Contaminated Area 2, where preparations for resettlement are on hold, but it is planned to lift the exclusion zone in the long term.

The estimated yearly radiation dose in contaminated area 2 is between 20 and 50 millisieverts (mSv) – before the accident, the official Japanese safe level of radiation was 1mSv/year; it has since been temporarily raised to 20 mSv/year. Former residents are allowed to visit their homes during daytime, but are not allowed to stay overnight.

Contaminated Area 3, which contains the reactor site itself, has an estimated yearly radiation dose in excess of 50 mSv – and the exclusion zone will be maintained until further notice, which is government-speak for at least 100 years.

We were able to talk to refugees from Tomioka who were now housed in a 550-household temporary pre-fabricated housing site in Koriyama. They talked movingly of abandoning fourth generation homes, and not wanting to return to them *because I don't want to live somewhere where my grandchildren won't be able to visit*; most of the delegation was close to tears as we learned how the disaster had affected, and continues to affect, ordinary people.

Although Tomioka town's tsunami escape plan meant that all but 18 people survived the tsunami, there have been over 300 'disaster related deaths' (suicides, strokes, etc, mainly amongst the elderly – it's too early for cancer deaths caused by the accident) amongst the former residents of Tomioka since the evacuation. At the other end of the age spectrum, childhood thyroid cancer rates are currently approximately 150 times the pre-accident level.

Perhaps most shocking, given that Japan is one of the



The Welsh crew, Malcolm Carroll, Selwyn Jones, Brian Jones & Carl Clowes

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If years after the accident

Soil is 'decontaminated' by shovelling it into black bags



richest and most technologically advanced countries in the world, is that in many ways they are still in 'fire-fighting' mode. The main priority seems to be trying to ensure that things don't get any worse: although they've *nearly finished* removing fuel rods from reactor 4, there are parts of reactors 1, 2 and 3 where the radiation levels are so high that no-one has been inside them since the accident, and only now are they conducting feasibility studies

for sending remote controlled robots in to get information on what the situation actually is inside these reactors.

Asked when all the fuel rods would be removed from these reactors, we were told *perhaps 30 years*.

Soil is 'decontaminated' by shovelling it into black bags, which are then grouped together, covered with a plastic sheet, and left for the radiation to decay over time. One large store of radioactive soil is right

behind the sea wall, which was overcome by the tsunami. New soil *from somewhere else* is brought in to replace the soil that has been removed.

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All four of those from Wales who took part in this tour are willing to speak in more detail to groups. If you would like one of them to come and talk to your group, contact Brian Jones e: brian.jones@phonecoop.coop t: 01792 830 330

Fukushima: Tsunami damage



NO TO NATO

Saying No to NATO in Newport



Anti-NATO Groups and individuals from Wales, Britain and across the world are to be congratulated.

Months of planning and organising resulted in a panoply of protest events in the weeks leading up to and during the NATO Summit which was held at the Celtic Manor Hotel outside Newport. Included as part of

protests were demonstrations, music and poetry, direct actions and a delegation to the Summit with messages of peace and disarmament from ordinary people. Counter Summits were held in Newport and in Cardiff.

Inside the 'security' fences, the NATO Summit agreements themselves were chilling to hear, as NATO leaders agreed a plan

the official 'withdrawal'.

Both excellent Counter Summits called for NATO to be abolished and replaced with a system of common collective true security (not defined as militarism or international bullying) and disarmament. It was agreed that the international peace movement should continue to protest against the NATO policy of confrontation, militarisation and further enlargement.

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Thanks to all who organised and took part in the No NATO events.

A new Newport CND group has since been set up. More information from John Minnion t: 01633 211 368.

To keep in touch with ongoing Anti-NATO events, see 3 facebook pages: No NATO Newport No NATO Cardiff & No to War - No to NATO



NO TO NATO NATO in Newport Snapshot

CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies writes:

As the day of the NATO summit drew near, the Household Cavalry, air force, police and special branch descended on Newport. It was to be a fun family day, with displays of NATO's murderous weapons and machinery of death, a food fair with a NATO theme, and Red Devils fly by. But Côr Cochion, CND Cymru, Palestine Solidarity and the Stop NATO / NoNatoNewport campaigns were there, calling for the money spent on endless wars, to be invested instead in our Health service, schools, and jobs....

The military band passed by, and we followed them across to the Riverfront where the dignitaries were having a reception. There we were met by the grotesque sight of children being lifted on to army tanks and looking through machine gun sights. "If we don't stop NATO wars, these kids will be the next war's cannon fodder", we said. We stood beside the tank with our posters, attached a peace sticker to its front, and continued to sing our songs of peace while the band played a bizarre mixture of Abba songs and marches.

The police threatened to move us, but we stood our ground.



No2NATO No2Barclays

D Murphy from Swansea was one of 4 protestors who, in September superglued herself to a Newport Barclays Bank desk as part of a campaign aimed at persuading Barclays to stop investing in Israel's largest military company, Elbit Systems Ltd.

In November, the 4 were found not-guilty of aggravated trespass.

The action had involved a group of protestors laying on the floor covered in fake blood and the distribution of protest literature. The Judge said that as protestors were glued to the desk before being asked to leave by police, it was not possible for them to do so.

D Murphy said: *It just shows that peaceful protest is still allowed in this country. I would encourage others, if they feel strongly about something, to take direct action.*

According to the UN, during July and August 2014, at least 2,104 Palestinians were killed as Israel carried out 'Operation Protective Edge' in the Gaza strip.

A spokesman for Barclays Bank defended the fact that Barclays invests in Elbit Systems as the shares were of a very small number.

The Watchkeeper Drones (used by the Israeli Defence Force under the name Hermes 450) being 'tested' at ParcAberporth in west Wales were designed and sold to the MoD by Elbit Systems Ltd.

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TO WAGE PERPETUAL WAR.
SAVE DEMOCRACY
CUT NATO**

EISTEDDFOD 2014



CND Cymru had a successful week at the Peace Tent in the Eisteddfod in Llanelli this year.

Wool against Weapons knitting and actions was focused on our Pabell Heddwach throughout the week. The scarf was displayed across the field on Hiroshima Day. The stall was also the setting off point for the Long March to NATO at the end of the week.

In addition to these events, signatures were collected on the No Trident Replacement petition, information given out, discussions held with visitors, and funds raised by the selling of badges, car stickers, postcards, jewellery and fair traded goods.

Groups volunteered to staff the stall for one day each. This worked very well, and we would

like to thank Medi James for her initiative, Llinos, Jen, Mari, Pat, Enid, Dafydd, Gill, and Branwen who all helped during the week.

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If your group, or you and your friends, would like to volunteer to staff the CND Cymru stall at the Meifod Eisteddfod in 2015, then please contact Brian Jones swansecnd@phonecoop.coop



The Past and Future of Peace

The Welsh Centre for International Affairs has received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a new project, Cymru dros Heddwch / Wales for Peace.

This four-year project will explore how Wales has contributed to the search for peace over the 100 years since the First World War.

It aims to engage 100,000 people in discovering, sharing and learning from the peace heritage of Wales and those individuals and organisations whose stories remain largely untold. History will then be linked with today's

conflicts and people's current views on achieving peace. There will be opportunities for individuals and communities to get involved in interactive events, volunteering opportunities, and the chance for all to share family or community stories about peace.

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To get involved

t: 029 2022 8549

e: centre@wcia.org.uk

or see www.wcia.org.uk/walesforpeace.html

ACTION

Burghfield Lockdown - Stop Trident

Monday 2nd March 2015, starting at 7am at AWE Burghfield

All are invited to a mass nonviolent blockade of the 2 gates at AWE Burghfield to peacefully but effectively disrupt the construction of nuclear weapons, and get in the way of the preparations for Trident replacement.

Burghfield Lockdown is taking place at the beginning of a month of action at the Atomic Weapons Establishments called 'Act, Speak, Vote = Disarm!' and is an opportunity for us to put nuclear disarmament high up

on the political agenda for the May 2015 general election.

£Billions are already being spent upgrading Burghfield AWE and pre-empting Parliament's decision on Trident replacement in 2015.

AWE Burghfield works alongside AWE Aldermaston (they are only 7 miles apart) to build and maintain the nuclear warheads that are deployed on the Trident submarines.

Our Lockdown will demand that plans to replace Trident

are scrapped, and will call for a global ban on nuclear weapons!

Action AWE will host a convergence centre and can offer support before the action with forming affinity groups and nonviolent direct action training.

heddwch>action:

e: info@actionawe.org
mobilise@actionawe.org
contact Angie t: 01547 520 929
or see www.actionawe.org/BurghfieldLockdown
Briefing pack available soon.



World Court on the Case

In April the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) filed 9 Applications in the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the World Court, in The Hague.

Their claim is that the nine nuclear-armed states have failed to comply with their obligations, under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and customary international law, to pursue negotiations in good faith for the worldwide elimination of nuclear weapons.

The substantive case against British Nuclear Weapons is certainly strong. The NPT speaks about implementation, 'at an early date' and the ICJ

has stressed that they must be brought to a conclusion. It is almost 50 years since the NPT was signed, yet there is little sign of the British Government pursuing the obligation *with all deliberate speed* as required by any solemn agreement.

Furthermore, Trident and its renewal, suggests every intention of retaining nuclear weapons well into the middle of the century.

heddwch>action:

This is a momentous development for World Court Project and you can help: (for more suggestions for action see www.peacebourne.webplus.net

1. Sign the petition to World Leaders <http://nuclearzero.org/> learn where you can also learn more about the case.
2. Write to congratulate the President of the Marshall Islands, Christopher Loek, and send Christmas Cards. President Loek, Office of the President, P.O. Box 2, Majuro, MH 96960, Marshall Islands e: rmiop.press@gmail.com
3. Write to your MP providing the information above asking him or her to send this on to the Foreign Office for comment. Please copy replies to George Farebrother geowcpuk@gn.apc.org

REVIEWS

Conscientious Objectors in Cardiganshire During the First World War

Michael Freeman

While most documents from Military Service Local and County Tribunals after conscription in 1916 were destroyed right across Britain, those from Cardiganshire survive.

It leaves the history of Conscientious Objection there more fully documented than almost anywhere else. This 44 page bilingual CND Cymru

Briefing (no. 6) relates how, in Cardiganshire at least 30 men at this time appealed to these Military Service Local and County Tribunals for exemption from combatant service on Conscientious grounds.

The stories are personal, in part showing great bravery and also tragedy. They inevitably involve aspects of contemporary Welsh and local politics.

At one point, the involvement of legendary, radical and anti-authoritarian T.E. Nicholas (Niclas y Glais), who was living in Cardiganshire at the time, is suspected in playing a part in the appeals of 4 Conscientious Objectors in Llanyby.

The briefing also discusses and in part illustrates the bilingual WW1 recruitment



posters of the time which subtly distort the use of the Welsh language to their own ends.

A very interesting CND Cymru Briefing.

From CND Cymru c/o Llys Blodau, Primrose Hill, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth SY23 3SE

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**"I cannot on
 CONSCIENTIOUS
 GROUNDS
 take up arms;
 and
 I cannot do
 ANYTHING
 which involves the
 TAKING OF
 HUMAN LIFE."**

JOSHUA DAVIES, PENLANSAR, TALAARH

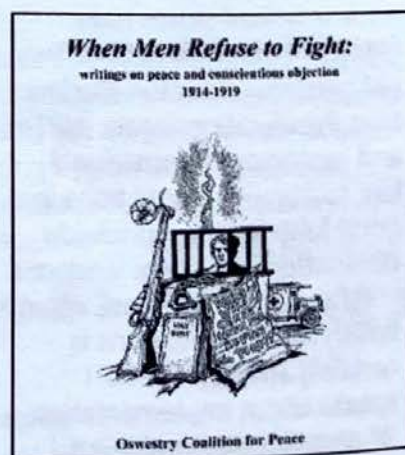
CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS IN CARDIGANSHIRE
 DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR
 MICHAEL FREEMAN

When Men Refuse to Fight Writings on Peace and Conscientious Objection Selected by Derek and Carol Williams

A moving, modest yet full to the brim anthology including correspondence and news items from the Oswestry and Border Counties Advertiser, statements made by imprisoned conscientious objectors as well as poetry and prose by others.

Inspiring.

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Here We Stand -

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Each of our readers can probably name many more women and men who would fit into this category of people living and / or acting 'in accordance with their deepest beliefs'.

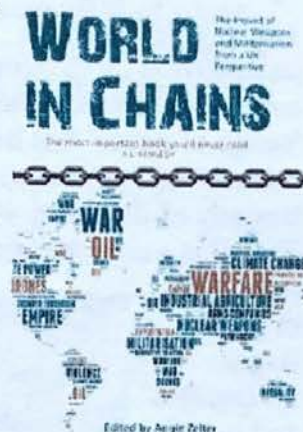
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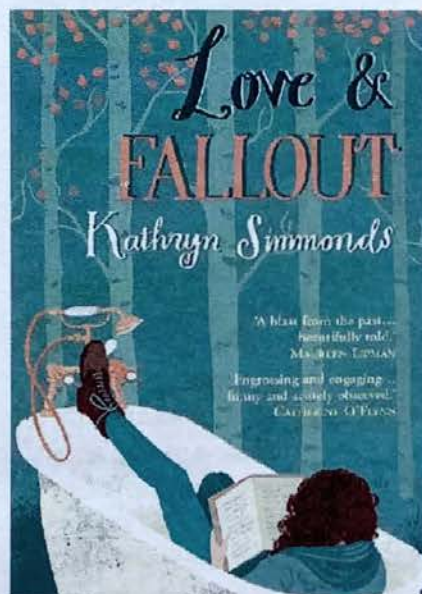
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Caneuon Heddwch – i gofio... 'y rhwyg o golli'r hogia'

This Welsh language compilation of 19 previously available Sain recordings of 'songs of peace' has been released to commemorate the tragedy of the 1914 – 18 War.

The CD is a collection of the

responses of various singer-songwriters and poets to the horrors and sadness of all war. Although the melodies

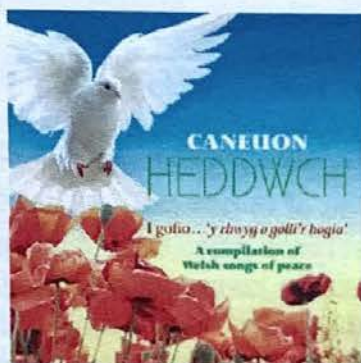
are often sweet, the words do not present an idealised picture but spell out the bravery and tragedy of the individual soldier, victim and conscientious objector.

The joined poignant voices of the choirs spell out the

powerful feelings of Waldo's *Y Tangnefeddwyr* and Williams Parry's ode to poet and WW1 victim Hedd Wyn.

From the choirs, the songs of Meic Stevens, Twm Morys, Dafydd Iwan and the rest, through to Karl Jenkins' *Benedictus* from *Armed Man*, *A Mass for Peace*, real stories of war are heard here whether from the mouth of the 'deserter', a description by a man who has seen his comrade blown up in Iraq or in the song about a victim of the struggles in the North of Ireland.

***Caneuon Heddwch* is available in your local Welsh shop; downloaded from itunes or ordered from www.sainwales.com e: ellen@sainwales.com t: 01286 831 111**



Voices of Conscience/ Lleisiau Cydwybod

These short films of personal experiences of war, conscientious objection and peace-making are accompanied by contemporary photographs and illustrations.

Much of the re-telling of the history of World War 1 has focussed on the dreadful numbers killed and injured, and on the experience of soldiers.

These moving films give a chance for ordinary people to tell their personal stories, of those who took a stand against war on grounds of conscience.

Each of the 6 films lasts less than 5 minutes and can be watched separately or as

a series. The stories can be watched in English or Welsh.

Accessible for all ages, the DVD is ideal for use in schools with Key Stage 2 and 3 and is accompanied by teachers' notes.

The recording and collation of these stories has been a South Wales Area Meeting project of the Religious Society of Friends.

Available online: <http://tinyurl.com/netu78b> as a single DVD plus notes, or from www.breakingbarriers.org.uk (with downloadable notes). Each school in Wales has received a free copy. Further copies £5.

e: info@breakingbarriers.org.uk

Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

We love receiving *heddwch* here in Canada, and so were disturbed to see the interview with (Labour Assembly Member) Mike Hedges on nuclear weapons. He falsely claims that North Vietnam was never threatened with nuclear weapons (when in fact the threat to drop nukes was part of under Nixon's 'madman' theory and the 1969 'November Ultimatum').

Indeed, the threatened use of nuclear weapons came into play as early 1946 by Harry Truman and has been employed many times since, as documented in Joseph Gerson's *Empire and the Bomb: How the United States Uses Nuclear Weapons to Dominate the World* (Pluto Press). Worse, though, was the concluding paragraph, a sort of realpolitik approach to nuclear armageddon.

Why upgrade Trident, Hedges asks, *when there are no circumstances we can envisage of using or threatening to use it?*

In other words, if there were an opportunity to use it, this line of argument could thusly follow, the investment could be worth it.

Why not simply say such weapons are indefensible on any ground whatsoever, and close the door on any semblance of rational debate over something that, like Nazi gas ovens, should never be open for debate in the first place?

Peace

Matthew Behrens
Homes not Bombs
Perth, Ontario, Canada

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If your group can afford a donation to help cover costs all well and good, but don't worry if you can't, just get those campaign ideas going and spread the peace!

Then all you have to do is take good care of it!

The PA System can be booked by contacting

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Lib Rowlands-Hughes

15th September 1918 - 2nd November 2014

Many of us across Wales – and wider afield will have been in contact one way or another, with Lib Rowland Hughes over the years. Indeed the CND Cymru part of the Welsh Political Archive includes boxes of her mailings to us – of cartoons, information and messages from decades of correspondence. Many of the cartoons included in the last 62 editions of heddwch will have come from Lib's collection. The world is certainly now emptier without this extraordinary woman.

Genny Bove expresses how many of us are feeling in response to the recent news of her death:

Elisabeth (Lib) Rowlands-Hughes, who died at her home in Llangollen, Denbighshire, aged 96, campaigned for peace all her adult life and was still doing so with her trademark good humour and enthusiasm until just a few weeks ago. I'm not the only person who is going to miss Lib's frequent phone calls to alert me to snippets of news or particularly good letters to the press,

the envelopes she filled with newspaper cuttings, articles she'd copied out by hand or photocopied, along with some great cartoons and the odd poem or political postcard. I think I had at least three such letters in the last month; in one of these - when I must have been ill - Lib tells me to *be a good girl and keep warm!* Lib was born at the very end of the First World War into a

family that included influential preachers and pacifists, was raised in the wake of this terrible conflict that claimed the lives of a whole generation of young men from all classes including four of Lib's uncles, and has died 100 years after its start. She had no time at all for the glorification of war and deplored the way this sombre anniversary has been exploited to drum up patriotic fervour



Genny Bove

APPRECIATION

and support for the latest round of warfare, which she opposed to the last.

Lib well remembered spending time with her older cousins, the Davies sisters at Gregynog, and with another member of the same family, the well known pacifist, peace campaigner and MP for the University of Wales George M Ll Davies.

An active member of the Peace Pledge Union from her late teens, Lib pledged to *renounce war, ... determined not to support any kind of war and... to work for the removal of all causes of war*, something she continued to do with impressive dedication and in her inimitable style for the next 75 years. In the 1950s, she was part of the movement that became CND and much of her activism thereafter focused on nuclear issues. Along with her cousin Gwen, Lib was a key player in the local peace groups that worked tirelessly at home and joined with others across the country to campaign for a nuclear free world, in all kinds of creative and imaginative ways. In 1982 at the announcement of the Nuclear Free Wales Declaration, Gwen and Lib went to the main roads on the English Border to erect *You are now entering Nuclear Free Wales* signs.

Lib engaged enthusiastically with anyone from any background who showed themselves to be at all open-minded and thus gained friends from all walks of life across the country and beyond, while

those who put power or privilege before common sense and decency were liable to find themselves on the receiving end of her tireless activism, from letters and phone calls to anarchic direct action.

When the stuffy Llangollen International Eisteddfod committee refused the peace group a stall because it was 'political', Lib and her friends set up in a back garden adjoining the Eisteddfod field and lured visitors through a gap in the hedge.

During the Snowball campaign in the 1980s, Lib was one of the activists who used the symbolic cutting of the fence of nuclear facilities such as Capenhurst to highlight nuclear issues. While the state achieved convictions on criminal damage charges after the plastic coating of single strands of wire had been pierced with such implements as blunt nail scissors, the clear winners were the anti-nuclear activists who raised public awareness across the country on the back of these ridiculous court cases.

I only knew Lib after all this, in the final decade of her life. Lib made herself known to me, like many others, after I had a letter printed in the local paper and she got hold of my



Dai Owen

phone number and called to introduce herself. I'm so glad she did. Chatting to Lib on the phone or when I visited her now and again was an education and her ability to place current events in their historical context invaluable. With their shared love of fossils, Lib also struck up quite a friendship with my partner Alan. We visited together one afternoon after a walk up Dinas Brân where Alan had found a small trilobite which he pulled out of his pocket to show Lib. She was delighted at the unintended gift, clutching it to her chest and saying *Oh, Thank you! Thank you!* We didn't have the heart to ask for it back.

We're going to miss you, Lib.

A Celebration of Lib's life is planned - to keep informed about details please contact CND Cymru.

DIARY DATES

Every Friday 12.30pm

CARDIFF behind Central Market

Food not Bombs - free food for anyone who wants it.

Food Not Bombs shares free vegan & vegetarian meals with the hungry in over 1,000 cities around the world every week to protest war, poverty & the destruction of the environment. Facebook: *Food Not Bombs Cardiff / Bwyd Nid Bomiau Caerdydd*

Until March 30th 2015

BANGOR 1st floor, Main Arts, Bangor Uni. LL57 2DG

'The Great War'/'Y Rhyfel Mawr'

Includes display on conscientious objectors & another on War Poets.

Until April 20th 2015 10am - 4pm

OSWESTRY - Visitor & Exhibition Centre, Church Terrace, SY11 2TE

'Dead Men Talking' Exhibition Oswestry Coalition for Peace.

Art & writings on the effects of war on humans. Including graphic war-time correspondence from Wilfred Owen to his Mother. A message of hope: if ordinary people will exert their will for peace, so it will come.

Oswestry Coalition for Peace
t: 01691 662 753

December 11th 7.00 - 9.00pm

NEWPORT Emlyn Room, Newport Centre, Kingsway NP20 1UH.

Newport CND Planning Meeting

To discuss January 24th NHS NOT TRIDENT action & Stand-Up Against Trident, a fund raising event in May-June 2015.

t: 01633 211 368 m: 07899 997457
e: johnlminnion@ntlworld.com

December 15th 6.30pm

BANGOR Tap & Spile (near the pier) Bangor & Ynys Môn Peace & Justice

Christmas Get-Together

Croeso i bawb / all welcome.
e: mail@bangorpeace.co.uk

December 20th 7.00pm

BETHESDA - Neuadd Ogwen. Ffordd Bangor, LL57 3AN

Bethesda 2 Bethlehem

With web-link Q & A direct with

Bethlehem (behind the Wall). Submit questions at facebook event page. Music from Banda Bacana, & Hot Dawg Assassins Art exhibition: 'Engedi Arts on Tour'. Donations at door (or £10 with

'Heddwch' compilation CD). In aid of GREAN Palestine project - helping rebuild Gaza sustainably.

January 12th 7.30pm

ABERYSTWYTH Morlan Centre, Queens Road SY23 2HH

The World is my Country: exhibition & talk

Gabriel Carlyle & Emily Johns on the individuals & groups opposed the First World War. Based on posters by Emily Johns on display Jan 7th -14th.

January 24th 11.00am - 1.00pm

NEWPORT Royal Gwent Hospital, Cardiff Road (Main Entrance)

NHS NOT TRIDENT Vigil with Placards

t: 01633 211 368 m: 07899 997457
e: johnlminnion@ntlworld.com

January 24th 12.00 - 3.00 pm

LONDON

Wrap Up Trident - The Peace Scarf Goes to London

Joining up the Palace of Westminster, Whitehall, the MoD & Foreign Office, with Parliament Square where a Rally will be held. All very welcome! British CND in London is mobilising coaches & activists.

Contact Rebecca e: rej@acronym.org.uk also information@cnduk.org
t: 020 770 2393

For transport from the Carmarthen / Swansea area, please contact Brian Jones e: swanseacnd@phonecoop.coop
t: 01792 830330

February 25th 7.00pm

ABERYSTWYTH Morlan Centre, Queens Road SY23 2HH

Joyeux Noel: Film & Discussion

An interpretation of the impromptu truce between the soldiers in WW1 when they temporarily abandoned their arms & put their differences aside. Morlan & Aberystwyth Quakers Admission: £3 www.morlan.org.uk

March 2nd 7.00am onwards (for month)
AWE BURGHFIELD

Lockdown/Stop Trident - Blockade

An open-ended event launching a month of sustained daily action at the Burghfield nuclear weapons factory in Berkshire. See page 15. Transport from the Carmarthen / Swansea area, please contact Brian Jones

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Knighon area: Angie Zelter

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www.actionawe.org/burghfieldlockdown

March 7th

LONDON

Demonstration for Action on Climate Change

Including of course - an anti-nuclear bloc. www.campaigncc.org

March 11th

EVERYWHERE

Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster - 4th Anniversary

For events in north Wales see facebook *Stop Wylfa No Nuclear in Wales*

March 14th 12.00pm

LONDON assemble Hyde Park Corner

March: Remember Fukushima

from past the Japanese Embassy & Tokyo Electric Power Company offices to Westminster. Rally in Old Palace Yard.
e: david.lrcnd@cnduk.org

March 21st

GLASTONBURY Red Brick Building Mid Somerset CND & Peace Group

The Battle of the Bands. With Seize the Day. Win a recording session!

Entries by January 1st
secretary@midsomcnd-peacegroup.org.uk

March 28th

GLASGOW

Scrap Trident Rally & March

www.scraptrident.org
e: tp2000@gn.apc.org

April 11th

FASLANE

Blockade of the Trident Nuclear Base

Details yet to come. Let's make the news - plan to be there!
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e: tp2000@gn.apc.org

April 17th - 19th evenings & Saturday & Sunday Matinée

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The Trial Of Hermann Ethé by Tom Stoppard

Theatre Louche in a brand new play by Tom Stoppard about Herman Ethé. Born in Prussia, he had been a much respected lecturer at Aberystwyth University but during WW1 his family were driven from their home by an anti-German mob. www.louchetheatre.com
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