

Nottingham CND Newsletter Autumn 2008

White Poppies This is the time of year when we will be selling white poppies for peace. This year the money donated will go to the Destitution Fund of the Refugee Forum. If anybody can help sell poppies, or would like to purchase some, please ring me, Diane, on 0115 9812034. We have two stall dates on the Market Square - these are Saturday 1st November from 11.30, and Tuesday 4th November from 11.30. If you can come down and help, even for half an hour, it would be really good. If you know of any places which might be prepared to display the white poppies, please could you let me know so I can arrange for you to pick some up - thank you.

Nottingham CND 50th Anniversary Social Saturday 8th November This is a date not to be missed. Put it in your diaries now. We are having a social on Nov 8th from 7.30 to midnight at the Square Centre on Alfred St North, just down from the top of Huntingdon St, and next to BJM Flooring. We're having live music from Bronwyn Westacott, Pauline and Yvonne, Chris, guitarist and singer, The Ragged Ramblers, and we hope from Karly, singer-songwriter and Andy, who sings Beatles numbers. There will also be some readings from Jeremy and possibly myself. Food and drink will be provided, but bring your own alcohol. Suggested donation is £5.00 waged and the money raised will be going to the Destitution Fund. It should be a lively and entertaining evening - so tell all your friends.

Nottingham CND AGM Saturday 15th November 11.30 to approx 3pm at Queens Walk Community Centre. Refreshments provided. This is your chance to say what you feel Nottingham CND should be concentrating on - and your chance to stand for Branch Secretary!! The AGM will be followed by slides showing what activities we have been involved in over the last year. Do try your best to attend, and if you cannot make it and have any suggestions, please email them to me at d.h.lunz@btopenworld.com or ring me on 0115 9812034. I do hope to see you there.

Public Meeting on Nuclear Power - Speaker Bruce Kent On Tuesday 18th November Bruce Kent is due to talk to the Newman Association in St Barnabas Cathedral Hall at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Entry is free to Newman members but a small charge of £2 to £5 will be made for non-members. It should be an interesting meeting and an opportunity to see Bruce Kent and get involved with a different organisation. Do try your best to attend.

Activities around Rolls Royce If anybody wishes to send a planning objection to Rolls Royce regarding the proposal to build a new building, much larger on the old site and to continue to build nuclear engines in Derby please send your planning objection to Planning Officer, Julia Meehan, Regeneration and Community Department, Roman House, Friar Gate, Derby, DE1 1XB or Julia.Meehan@derby.gov.uk. I have all the details contained in an email and can pass them onto you. This is a very important campaign in our area as it is believed that some of the work relating to the Trident replacement is undergone at the Raynesway Factory and it is therefore very important to try and stop the development of a new factory on the site. [see below for further news]

Skills Day in London This is being held on Saturday 22nd November, the venue yet to be confirmed. The day will concentrate on how best to be effective on local campaigning and to exchange ideas on how to strengthen our skills and to discuss how best to move forward practically to raise public awareness around Nuclear Weapons, nuclear power and their effects.

It is hoped there will be several workshops and a chance for discussion with like-minded people from other parts of the country, making us realise we're not alone. It offers us a chance to exchange ideas and get fresh ones that have maybe not been explored in Nottingham. I do hope we can get some people to attend, as this is the first time I can remember we have an opportunity to get together to talk specifically on how to raise and strengthen our campaign locally. We will pay for travel etc. if you can make it. Do let me know as soon as possible and I will try and get more details from National CND

Yours in Peace - Diane (Nottingham CND Secretary)

From our Membership Secretary I've transferred the addresses onto a new computer. If I've made any mistakes would people let me, Margaret, know on 9202257 or emtuck@cooptel.net

CND National Conference 18th & 19th October Report by Ian Cohen

This year's National Conference was held in London at the University of Westminster. Policy debates included Trident, Missile Defence, NATO Expansion, Military Research Funding in UK Universities, Shifting expenditure from Nuclear Weapons to Social Care and Grassroots Campaigning.

There were also a series of workshop and open discussion sessions which enabled delegates to explore these and other issues in more detail, including one on opposing the use of Nuclear Power. In addition, Conference was addressed by 3 guest speakers:- Graham Bennett, Director of One World Action, spoke on the importance of campaigning for the implementation of the Millennium Goals on poverty and inequality. Dr Amrit Wilson, on behalf of the South Asian Solidarity Group, who spoke on the risks from the deteriorating relations between India and Pakistan, as a result of the US-India nuclear deal. Judith Le Blanc who is Co-Chair of United for Peace and Justice, a coalition of over 1400 local and national groups in the USA. She spoke about the opportunities and dangers for the future depending on the outcome of the US elections including a detailed analysis of where McCain and Obama both stand on nuclear disarmament as well as Iraq, Afghanistan and the War on Terror.

Overall it was a very thought-provoking two days which gave delegates a feeling that there are real possibilities of changes internationally - which will lead to significant progress at the Non-proliferation Treaty Review Conference in 2010.

Rolls Royce campaign updates Further info from Zina Zelter

We have now formally got a name - the Power Through Wind not Weapons campaign. We also have a website (www.windnotweapons.co.cc) which is brilliant.

About the planning application Rolls Royce Raynesway have in to rebuild the nuclear fuel manufacturing plant and nuclear test reactor on the same site which is on a zone 3a flood plain:

1/. The planning meeting to decide this application will be on the 6th Nov. If you haven't got round to objecting to this application yet, please do it now! So long as it's in your own words, it doesn't matter how short or simple the letter is, but you need to get it in by the 3rd November at the latest as they won't accept any more after that. [For details on how, see Diane's section above]

2/. We have a petition for Derby dwellers to sign about this.

3/. We are trying to go door to door in the 1km around the factory to get signatures for that petition, but we only have until the 3rd to do this. If you are willing to do an hour or two, please get in touch with me Zina (0116 253 1649) or Dorothy (01332 727237).

4/. There will be a Candlelit vigil on the Derby Council House steps, Corporation St, on 3rd November, 4.30-6pm. Bring a candle in a jar and lots of friends! We need to show the planning committee that there is real local opposition to this factory being rebuilt.

For more information go to the website (address above), or ring me, Zina, on 0116 253 1649.