

# Nottingham CND Newsletter for March-April-May 2009

First of all, can I apologise for not getting a newsletter out sooner this year. But considering the weather we have had recently I have a suspicion that not many people would have felt like being on a stall outside for an hour or more!! We are, however, still active and I do hope that you can get involved with some of the stalls and activities which are happening in and around Nottingham.

**Public Meeting Thursday 26th March - Solidarity With Gaza, End The War On Terror - Bobbers Mill Community Centre, 512 Berridge Road West, Hyson Green, NG7 5JU**

The meeting is being organised by Nottingham Stop the War, supported by all the Nottingham Mosques and Nottingham CND. Speakers - Ken Loach, Film Maker and Activist - Ishmael Patel, Friends of Al Aqsa, - Alan Simpson MP - Chris Nineham, Stop the War.

**G20 March in London 28th March - Coach Organised by Unison - Ring 0115 8475457 - Coach Organised by the Trades Council - Ring Richard Buckwell 07940952825**

There is going to be a TUC organised March through London as part of a global campaign to challenge the G20 ahead of their summit on 2nd April. This is when Leaders and bankers from the world's biggest economies will be meeting to discuss how to respond to the global financial crisis. It's our chance to say jobs, tackling poverty and climate change and no more nuclear weapons are our priorities, and it's time for a new start. Coaches are free for Unison members, £10 for anyone else, Trades Council coaches are £10 waged, £5 unwaged.

**G20 March in London 1st April - Coach Organised by Stop the War - Ring Tasib 07970893981**

This March is being organised jointly by Stop the War, CND, Palestinian Solidarity Campaign and British Muslim Initiative to challenge the G20 leaders and Obama in particular as they assemble in London to: Get the troops out of Iraq & Afghanistan, End the siege of Gaza - Free Palestine, Create jobs not bombs, Stop arming Israel, Abolish all nuclear weapons. Coach tickets cost £16 waged £8 unwaged.

**No to NATO - International Demonstration in Strasbourg**

On the 4th April NATO will be holding its 60th anniversary meeting in Strasbourg. International demonstrators of Anti-war and Anti-nuclear groups from across Europe are meeting to protest and demand the dissolving of NATO. The reason, they say, for its formation in the first place was because of the so-called threat of the Warsaw Pact, but this was dissolved in 1991. Far from NATO thinking along the same lines, they have in fact expanded. The demonstration will be calling for the end of nuclear weapons and NATO's aggressive military adventures.

Anyone interested in going to the demonstration can book a ticket from National CND. Their Telephone no is 0207 278 6694. Coaches will be leaving London at 9am on the 3rd April and coming back from Strasbourg on the 5th April. The cost is £70 plus a £3 booking fee.

**Local Nottingham Protest Saturday 4th April**

For all members who cannot make Strasbourg we are having a local protest outside the Council House to highlight the aggressive stance that NATO holds. The event will be from 12.30 to 1.30pm. We will have information to give to passers-by and a statement which can be read easily. If we do have plenty of people we hope to walk round the square so that we are more visible. Do try your best to come and inform anybody who you think might be interested - I know it is not Strasbourg but we can still make an impact locally. If anybody can think of any slogans which can be put on placards, please give us your ideas.



### **May Day Saturday 2nd May**

We will be holding May Day in the Brewhouse Yard, by Nottm Castle from 12 - 6 pm (gates open 10 am) This year it's being organised again by a group associated with the Refugee Forum. There will be a march, stalls, speakers & music. We'll have our stall there so please help out if you can. Please contact us for more information nearer the time.

### **Green Festival Sunday 31st May**

Yes ... it's this time of year again, and no, it is not going to rain this time!!! Nottingham CND will be having a stall. I say this every year, but unless anyone has any alternatives to tombola we will have one again. We have a few gifts left from last year, but do need some more if we are to go ahead with it, and yes, I do need helpers. Pass the word round and let's make it a real success.

### **Fylingdales US Missile Defence Protest- Saturday 13th June**

CND Nationally are organising a day of action at Fylingdales and want as many people as possible to protest. As yet, we have not yet discussed this, but hopefully we will be able to organise a joint coach and leaflets etc.

### **Stall Dates for 2009**

Below is the list of stall dates for 2009. All the stall this year are on a Saturday but we have 3 stalls in Sherwood. It would be great if you can help out at one of the stalls, as these are one of our most public faces. Please ring me if you have some time. All help is appreciated. My phone number to help on the stall or to get involved in the events above is 0115 981 2034

### **Dates for stalls**

Nottingham - March 28th 11.30 - 2pm  
Sherwood - April 25th 11.00 - 1.30pm  
Nottingham - May 23rd 11.30 - 2pm  
Nottingham - June 20th 11.30 - 2pm  
Sherwood - July 18th 11.00 - 1.30pm  
Nottingham - August 8th 11.30 - 2pm  
Nottingham - September 12th 11.30 - 2pm  
Nottingham - October 31st 11.30 - 2pm  
Sherwood - November 7th 11.00 - 1.30pm  
Nottingham - December 5th 11.30 - 2pm

I do hope to see you at at least one of the events, and thank you for all your support in the past. I do know that for some of our members it is difficult to get out, but I do know that your commitment to nuclear disarmament has not diminished.

The event we held in Nottingham for the 50th anniversary of the setting up of CND at the Square Centre was a big success and thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen. The musician, food and venue were brilliant, and we managed to raise £162 on the night for the asylum-seekers' destitution fund plus a further £146 from the white poppy sales.

Diane Lunzer (Secretary)