

Nottingham CND Newsletter for May - June 2009

Recent Events NO to NATO Event on the Market Square On April 4th Nottingham CND plus supporters gathered outside the Council House to say 'No to NATO'. We had a good supply of placards plus a banner which gave us high visibility. After standing outside the Council House for about half an hour we had an impromptu walk around the square where we attracted a lot of attention. The event was very worthwhile, especially as we managed to get a picture, plus reasons why we were there, in the Topper which is a free paper.

May Day Event Like most years we were blessed with good weather for the event on 2nd May. We used our gazebo for the first time at this event, which made us look more professional. A lot of postcards demanding MPs say 'No to Trident Replacement' were given out and we hope most people sent them to their MP. It was a good atmosphere and the march to the city centre and back to Brewhouse Yard did look quite impressive. [Latest news: the government has just bought 92 Eurofighter aircraft]

ASLEF Conference This is the first year that Nottingham CND has been asked to hold a stall at a Union Annual Conference. We attracted a good number of delegates to our stall to sign the No Trident Replacement petition and take postcards to send to their MP. They were also discussing issues, buying badges, taking other information and forms - and will, we hope, affiliate their local branches to CND.

Future Events Green Festival 31st May in the Arboretum Yes - the time of year has come around again, and this time we are going to have brilliant weather!!! The week before, on Saturday 23 May, we are not having a stall, as it clashes with the East Midlands Region CND meeting. Instead this will be a good opportunity to hand out flyers in the City Centre to encourage people to go to the Green Festival. If you can, be outside the Council House at 11 - thank you. At the Green Festival we are having a tombola and I do need items for it, so if you have any unwanted gifts or spare tinned food or wine etc please let me know. I am, as usual, looking for helpers for the day as we will also be running our own stall. Please try your best to come down and help - even if you can only make it for a short time. It is usually a really good atmosphere with plenty of stalls, music and other attractions and the Arboretum is a lovely place to hold the festival. I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Rolls Royce Raynesway Circus Demo 30th May 2 - 4pm Wear brightly coloured clothes and come and join us outside Raynesway in Derby where the nuclear reactors which power Trident (and their fuel rods) are made. This is a time we can be seen and also show that there is opposition to what is happening in Raynesway. We usually get there by bus so do contact me to find out which one we will be catching.

Fylingdales Demonstration 13th June There is going to be a National Demonstration at Fylingdales Radar base to say 'No to US Missile Defence'. We hope to join with Leicester CND to take a minibus up, but at present there are no definite arrangements. Please ring if you are interested in taking part. If you are prepared to take a car up, all travel expenses will be paid.

East Midlands CND AGM Sat. 27th June, 11.30 - 3.30, Queens Walk Community Centre, Nottingham This is an opportunity to come and have your say and also meet CND members from across the East Midlands. The meeting starts at 11.30 and will go on to about 3.30 with a lunch break. We hope to get someone from National CND to run a workshop in the afternoon following the AGM. Food and drinks will be provided. Do try your best to attend especially as it is being held in Nottingham and some of our members have a long way to travel.

- Stall dates reminders** 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 you can make some of these events and thank you for your support in the past. My phone number is 0115 981 2034 - or ring Ian Cohen (0115 922 4160) - we both have Callminder.

Yours in peace
Diane Lunzer (Secretary)