

Nottingham CND Bulletin for Spring 2012

Happy belated New Year, 2012. Sadly it does not look to be a positive new year with the prospect of massive cuts in public expenditure, both in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire County Council, forcing many organisations either to close completely or to be drastically curtailed in their availability and support for the people in our region. Jobs, education and health are being put at risk when our government seems quite happy to replace Trident, which would cost over £100 billion, and to date they have no interest in scrapping nuclear weapons. Nottingham group, together with the rest of CND, are putting our energies into campaigning for No to Trident replacement. National CND has produced some postcards which need to be sent to MPs, calling for the cut in Trident. We are having our first stall for 2012 on Tuesday 13th March, so we hope to encourage as many people as possible to send the cards off before the budget on March 21st - so do please try your best to come and help if you are not already busy.

Peace Supper Meeting on Syria on Thursday 22nd March

This is being held at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street. There will be a shared supper at 6.30 followed by the meeting at 7.30. This should be a really interesting meeting as members of the Syrian Community are coming to give the talk.

May Day 2012

Thanks to Darren Glebocki of Notts TUC for the details below. Nottm CND may have a stall at the Saturday 5th May event.

1) May Day Social Event: Friday 27th April, at the Polish Eagle Club, Sherwood Rise, Nottingham, NG7 6JN (Just off Mansfield Road A60). The social will start at 7:15pm until midnight. Live music and food. Tickets are £5 per person (reduction for unwaged/minimum wage).

2) May Day March & Rally: Saturday 5th May.

At the Forest Fields, off Gregory Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 6ND. Assemble at 10am, March due to start at 10:30am - Rally in Nottingham Market Place (Speakers Corner).

Main speakers: Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary, Alan Meale, MP for Mansfield, Lee Barron, CWU Regional Secretary. There will be other speakers from local unions, and local campaign groups.

Nottingham Green Festival Sunday 10th June

Luckily we are going to have a Green Festival this year. It will be held in the Arboretum from 12 – 6pm. Hopefully we will have our usual tombola - unless, of course, people are fed up with it!! We will be setting up at about 10ish but exact details are to follow as nothing has been fully discussed. I will need items for the tombola, so please donate any unwanted gifts etc. The weather should be brilliant ... so please make a note in your diary and come down and help. Thanks.

Margaret Tuck

Since the last bulletin, our Membership Secretary, Margaret Tuck, has passed away after a long illness, on January 8th. She was a staunch supporter of CND and always ensured that the membership for the local group was up to date. She could always be relied upon to help out wherever she physically could and she was a true inspiration to myself and others, and often offered me advice and support, when needed, regarding CND in Nottingham. She was definitely one on her own and her honest and forthright personality is missed already as a CND supporter and also a friend.

Stall Dates for 2012

Tuesday 13th March (Market Square) 11.00 onwards

Saturday 14th April (Sherwood) from 10.30 onwards

Saturday 12th May (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 23rd June (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 21st July (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 18th August (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 15th September (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 27th October (Sherwood) from 10.30

Tuesday 6th November (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Saturday 8th December (Market Square) 11.30 onwards

Please note this is our main public face for campaigning against Trident and all nuclear weapons - so please, if possible, come down and help. Stall dates might have to change but hopefully these are the dates and we will be out so long as it is not raining etc and I am not alone. Thank you. If you can help on the stalls etc it would be lovely to hear from you. My phone number is 0115 981 2034, and my email address is d.h.lunz@btopenworld.com I do know that some members are physically unable to help on stalls due to health etc. and I do understand that they have a genuine commitment to CND.

Yours in peace

Diane Lunzer

Secretary.