

On April 16th Nottingham CND welcomed **Bruce Kent** to the Nottingham leg of his nationwide tour campaigning for No Trident Replacement. During the daytime we held a stall in the Market Square, where Bruce attracted quite a lot of interest. Passers-by recognised him and what he stands for. He and Ross got the message across with the use of a loud hailer. In the evening we held a public meeting at the Friends Meeting House which was attended by at least 60 people. The meeting's main aim was to make people aware of the total waste of over 100 billion pounds it would cost to replace and maintain Trident - and the vast amounts of money it is costing us to keep the nuclear weapons we already have.

From this meeting it was decided to carry on with the campaign to make more people aware of the human atrocities nuclear weapons cause if they were used again - and how much better the money could be spent. It has also been agreed to encourage people actively to participate to say No to Trident, by writing or sending a special postcard to their MP. The card asks where they stand on the issue, and states the sender would not vote for them at the next election if they support retention or replacement - as the money needed to replace Trident could be much better used for health, better education, housing, jobs and lots of other services being cut drastically, affecting the vast majority of the population.

Remember Hiroshima 1945: Vigil outside the Council House, Tuesday 6th Aug. from 12.30 - 1pm. Stall from 11.30

On August 6th Nottingham CND will commemorate Hiroshima Day outside the Council House at 12.30. Each year we have highlighted the effects of nuclear weapons and the devastation caused when the atomic bombs were dropped in 1945. Do try to turn up. Placards will be provided, but please bring any displays that you think are appropriate. **Note** - this year we will also run a stall from 11.30 - so please come down and help.

Vigil Outside Raynesway Derby, Tuesday 6th Aug. from 3 - 5pm

At 3pm Nottingham CND, together with peace activists from Derby and the East Midlands, will gather outside Rolls Royce Raynesway, Derby to remind passers-by of the devastation that can be caused by nuclear weapons. Raynesway houses the complex at which the nuclear reactors and fuel rods are made which power Trident subs. We will catch the Rainbow 4 bus at 1.40pm from Broad Marsh.

Nottingham Green Festival Sunday September 1st

Luckily we are going to have a Green Festival this year, it will be held in the Arboretum from 12 - 6pm. We hope to have our usual tombola - unless, of course, people are fed up with it!! We will be setting up at about 10-ish, but exact details are being discussed. I will need items for the tombola, so please donate any unwanted gifts etc. It would be good, too, if we could get help with our CND stall as well, as this is a good opportunity to encourage people to fill in postcards for us to give to their MPs. The weather should be brilliant so please make a note in your diary and come down and help. Thanks.

Stall Dates for 2013

Tuesday **6th August** from 11.30 outside Council House ... Saturday **31st August** from 11.30 outside Council House ... Saturday **28th September** from 11.30 outside Council House ... Saturday **26th October** from 10.30 in Sherwood ... Tuesday **5th November** from 11.30 outside Council House ... Saturday **30th November** from 11.30 outside Council House

National CND Conference - Liverpool on October 12th and 13th. If you are interested in going, please let us know. Expenses will be paid for. This is a good opportunity to find out what is happening nationally, to participate, and to feel part of the same organisation.

I do hope to see you at least one of the events and thank you for all your support in the past. I do know that some of our members find it difficult to get out, but I do know that your commitment to nuclear disarmament has not diminished. To get full, up to date information on what is happening, both in the East Midlands and nationally, it's well worth looking at the CND East Midlands website. If you can help in any way, please phone me on 0115 9812034, or text me on 0797 5854 466, or email me at d.h.lunz@btopenworld.com.

Yours in peace
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