

Nottingham CND Bulletin for October to December 2013

This newsletter is regularly sent to members of Nottingham CND. This particular issue is being distributed also to Nottinghamshire members of National CND, to whom our special greetings! When you can, say hello at one of our stalls. You would also be most welcome at any of the gatherings below.

Postcard Campaign - No Trident Nuclear Weapon Replacement

The Nottingham CND postcard campaign aims to persuade as many people as possible to sign. We will send each completed card to the relevant MP. The postcard points out that Trident's cost of 100 billion pounds can be much better spent on health, education, housing etc and that we want to know where the MP stands on the situation - with the threat of losing our vote at the next election if they are in favour of Trident replacement. We have been out with the postcards now on four separate occasions, twice in Nottingham and once in Bulwell and Arnold. I feel that we have had a positive effect, with people talking to us about Trident as well as signing the postcard and petition, and taking our literature. I hope to get the postcards out to more areas - but I do need volunteers.

White Poppies

Yes, the time of year has come around again when Nottingham CND seeks donations for white poppies. This year the money collected will be going to the Nottingham Refugee Centre for their destitution fund. I have bought 600 poppies from their makers the Peace Pledge Union and have about 150 left over, so if you know of any outlets which might take some, please let us know - and if possible take them round. The outlets we have up to now are: The Alley Café near the Square, Broadway Cinema in Hockley, Roots Foods in Sherwood, The Crocus Café in Lenton, Friends Meeting House, Cawley House near Canal St and The Refugee Forum, Alfred St. We will also be having our stall out in Nottingham and Sherwood. If you know of anybody who wants a poppy and who cannot get to the outlets, please let me or Jeremy know.

Beyond Forgiving

Nottingham Interfaith are showing a film with this title at the Islamic School at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd October. The subject is South Africa - it will be followed by a discussion led by a panel of experts, so it sounds worth going to.

East Midlands CND AGM - Saturday 9th November

12.30-4.00 at Unitarian Great Meeting Chapel, Leicester

Please see the notice distributed with this bulletin for further details. I will hope to catch the 11.30 train which arrives in Leicester for around 12.20.

Nottingham CND AGM - Saturday 23rd November

The AGM will be from 12.30pm at Cawley House, which is at the bottom of Cliff Road. At the AGM we aim to have a good discussion on how best we can move forward the Scrap Trident postcard campaign - as well as discussing activities around the forthcoming commemorations to mark the 1914-18 war, trying to

counteract the jingoism put out by the mass media. As usual we will elect the new committee, so if you are willing please feel free to stand. Many thanks to all of the outstanding committee - I have appreciated all of your help. After my decision to stand down last year, we had no takers ... so after very careful consideration I felt it was really necessary for Nottingham to keep going, promoting scrapping of all nuclear weaponry, however if anybody is interested it is always good to get a fresh approach. Food and drink will be provided prior to the AGM and if you want to bring any, that would be great.

Nottingham Stall Dates

Saturday 26th October from 10.30 in Sherwood,

- near Co-Op closest to Winchester St (postcards/poppies)

Tuesday 5th November from 11.30 outside Council House, Slab Square - right lion (postcards/poppies)

Saturday 7th December from 11.30 outside Council House ditto.

End of Year Vigil – Tuesday 31st December

Nottingham CND will be holding a vigil from 12.30 outside the Council House, to remember and reflect on what has happened in 2013 and to hope for a more peaceful 2014. Please do join us and bring along any placards/banners which you might feel are appropriate. Do also pass on these details to anyone who might be interested. We will be bringing the postcards and leaflets to encourage people to sign. I do hope that you have a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Yours in peace

Diane Lunzer on behalf of Nottingham CND

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 for some of our members it is difficult to get out but I also know that your commitment to nuclear disarmament has not diminished. Letters, emails etc to the media are always a good way to voice your opinion and they do reach a lot of people - as well as putting MPs on the spot. If you can help in any way, please contact me on 0115 9812034 or email me on d.h.lunz@btopenworld.com If you want to keep up to date on what is happening please visit the East Midlands CND website which is really worth seeing. Please let me know if there are any events that are relevant so they can be publicised. Thanks.

EAST MIDLANDS CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT



**To: National CND Members living in the East Midlands and members of CND
Groups affiliated to East Midlands CND**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 9 November 2013 at 12.30 pm

Unitarian Great Meeting Chapel, 45 Bond Street, Leicester, LE1 4SX

*All members of national CND & local groups affillated to East Midlands CND are invited to
our AGM (agenda overleaf) from 12.30 -1 pm followed by lunch and*

Public Meeting at 2pm

Surveillance, Spies and Secrecy

Showing the documentary film: 'The Hill'

**about the activities at US Spy base at Menwith Hill in Yorkshire
presented by Viv Carnea, activist from the Peace Camp at Menwith
followed by open debate with Penny Walker, one of the 'Waddington Six'
arrested in the Drones protest at RAF Waddington in Lincolnshire**

*(Unitarian Great Meeting Chapel is in East Bond St., looking out onto the new Highcross
Bus Station & is opposite the Tax Offices. There is limited parking in a car park just next to
the chapel and a multi-story car park for the High Cross shopping centre next door. By
rail: turn right out of the railway station, cross the road on the first crossing; go straight
on down Granby Street; continue down the pedestrian precinct to the Clock Tower;
branch leftish down Church Gate; left at crossroads behind back of the shopping centre on
St Peter's Lane; East Bond Street is on your right and the chapel is immediately visible on
the right. Approximately 10 minutes walk from the station.)*

East Midlands CND Annual General Meeting

12.30 – 1pm 9 November 2013



Agenda

- 1. Welcome, Introductions, and apologies for absence**
- 2. EMCND Coordinating Group Elections:
National Council delegates (3)
Coordinating Group Members**
- 3. Minutes of last AGM on 29/10/12 and matters arising**
- 4. Report of Co-ordinating Group & from CND Annual Conference**
- 5. Finance Report/Presentation of Accounts**
- 6. AOB (Including arrangements for next Co-ordinating group meeting)**

EMCND Co-ordinating Group consists of 3 delegates to CND National Council from the region & 4 elected representatives from Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, and Leicestershire & Rutland. Anyone else willing to help the group may be co-opted onto the Group at the meeting.

To stand for election you must be a member of East Midlands CND, either through membership of an affiliated group or of national CND, and live in the relevant area. You should be prepared to attend Co-ordinating Group meetings about four times a year and be interested in campaigning for CND.

If you wish to stand for election please send or email your name, address and contact details with a brief statement to the secretary at the address below or bring to the AGM on 9 November.

East Midlands CND Co-ordinating Group

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For more information about EMCND & local campaigns see website: www.emcnd.org.uk