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TRIDENT

Decision Time 2016

STOP TRIDENT

Join us at a CND anti-nuclear weapons demonstration in London in February!

In anticipation of the final 'Main Gate' decision about Trident Replacement, it is important to say 'No' to Westminster Government plans to buy a new nuclear weapons system at a current estimate – and rising – of £167 billion. Should the Government bring the decision forward it will be our chance to protest – or celebrate in the wake of their decision.

For your 2016 diaries – the date is February 27th!

The majority of the British people, including the rank and file of Scottish Labour, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn, Nicola Sturgeon SNP, Leanne Wood Plaid Cymru and Natalie Bennett Green Party oppose nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons do not keep us safe; potential nuclear accidents and radioactive pollution from their manufacture and deployment put us in greater danger. Their existence makes us all a target for terrorists. Their acquisition, operation and eventual decommissioning divert resources from



essential spending and the ethos surrounding them distorts international relations.

Let's get the message out from Wales loud and clear that we don't want Trident and we don't want any new nuclear weapons.

Join us in London on February 27th to say:

**STOP TRIDENT
and NO TRIDENT REPLACEMENT!**

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We will include it all on our CND Cymru facebook page.

Labour Gets Going Against Trident

Change is in the air. The election of Jeremy Corbyn as Labour leader has opened up a number of exciting new possibilities – not least that the party might adopt a policy of opposing weapons of mass destruction, in line with the platform on which Jeremy was elected and what is almost certainly the view of a majority of party members and supporters.

British Labour

That almost happened at the main party conference in Brighton. Jeremy made it clear in media interviews beforehand that he wanted a debate on Trident replacement at the conference, with the aim of committing the party to opposing Trident replacement and to

establishing a Defence Diversification Agency to address the employment consequences.

It is not the case, as some of the media reported, that the conference voted not to debate Trident. What actually happened was that delegates were balloted at the start of conference to prioritise four policy areas for debate and that the foreign and defence policy area narrowly missed out, coming fifth out of eight options. Had the ballot outcome been different, then there is a strong likelihood that the composite motion opposing Trident replacement (largely based on a motion from Swansea East CLP) would have been passed, as it had the support of Unison, the CWU, UCATT, the rail unions and probably more than half of the constituency parties.

Welsh Labour Grassroots

Notwithstanding the missed opportunity at conference, Jeremy announced a major national debate on the issue of Trident and among the first to respond was Welsh Labour Grassroots – the organisation of the left and centre-left within the Labour party in Wales. Following our AGM in Cardiff we held a rally, supported by Labour CND, on the theme, 'Labour rejects austerity – Trident next?' The event was chaired by Cllr. Sue Lent, deputy leader of Cardiff Council and a longstanding peace campaigner, and heard from a line-up of senior party figures: the new Shadow Welsh Secretary, Nia Griffith; the health minister, Mark Drakeford; and the Cardiff North AM, Julie Morgan; as well as John Cox of



CND Cymru, who himself recently joined the Labour party. The speakers set out clearly and forcefully the moral, political, financial and strategic case against Trident replacement.

Scottish Labour

Since then, we have had the historic vote at Scottish Labour conference on 1 November, which saw

70% of delegates vote, against the opposition of the Scottish leadership, for a motion covering similar ground to the one that would have been discussed in Brighton, had there been a debate. This is all the more significant because, before the general election, some within Scottish Labour argued that to oppose Trident replacement would "play into the hands of the SNP" (not an argument that made much sense even then).

It is unlikely, unfortunately, that delegates at Welsh Labour conference February will have the opportunity to take a position on Trident, as the rules prohibit voting on anything not within the remit of the National Assembly. But the debate will certainly continue, in Wales as elsewhere, and the pressure for Labour to change policy continue to grow.

Darren Williams, Labour CND Wales

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Labour CND has announced a conference in London on 30th January 2016 to discuss the Labour Party approach to Trident and foreign policy in the light of the election of Jeremy Corbyn. The conference will include sessions on trade unions and Trident, foreign policy and parliamentary campaigning on nuclear weapons. <http://tinyurl.com/phlm7tw>
www.labourcnd.org.uk
Please book in advance.

Trident Opposition: in the Public Interest

A direct action in your own area. Trident Ploughshares' latest campaign is encouraging groups around England and Wales* to initiate a private prosecution against the Secretary of State for Defence for conspiring to commit a war crime.

The aim is to bring the crimes constituted by Trident and its potential renewal before the domestic courts; securing a judgment that will lead to the ending of these crimes through the disarming of the British nuclear weapons system.

The threat of Trident replacement, the growing demand by non-nuclear states across the world for genuine disarmament, and the increased sabre-rattling by nuclear powers, makes this an opportune moment to begin a fresh challenge to the British criminal stance.

Straightforward

You, your group or friends can get involved together. A carefully phrased letter to the Secretary of State for Defence asks him to sign a declaration

affirming that he will not use Trident in ways that would contravene international law. To make it as easy and cost free as possible a very simple introduction to PICAT (Public Interest Cases Against Trident) and supporting documentation is available (as below). A fuller explanation of the process can be found through the link below or contact Angie Zelter.

Signatures

Joint initiator of the campaign Angie Zelter says: "In my own area, on the borders of Wales, it was very easy to find around 60 people to sign the letter.

At the same time, to save work I collected signatures as 'Informant Prosecutors' for the next stage. This helps show that there is public concern that the courts should examine this issue. When we go to the local court some of these people may well be willing to come along to witness the events there."

More = merrier

Whatever the outcome, the action itself done across Wales –

with accompanying press work – will inform local people of the arguments for and against British nuclear weapons.

In addition, the legal system will have to deal with the multiple attempts to get the courts to examine the legality of Trident.

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There are Magistrates Courts in Aberystwyth, Blackwood, Brecknock, Bridgend, Caernarfon, Cardiff, Carmarthen, Haverfordwest, Llangefni, Merthyr Tydful, Mold, Pontypridd, Rhyl, Swansea and Welshpool.

Supporting documents to be personalised for your area and group available here: <http://tinyurl.com/pn3gbgb>

To chat about the campaign or ask for any more details or for clarification or help please contact Angie Zelter: picat@tridentploughshares.org t: 01547 520 929.

*In case you wondered: the Scottish legal process is different in this context.



TRIDENT

Scotland – in tune with the times

On November 1st the Scottish Labour Party voted to adopt a policy of opposition to Trident Renewal.

Two days later in Holyrood, the SNP presented a motion on 'Welfare not Warfare' which noted the rising cost of Trident renewal and how it could be better spent.

The Labour Party amendment about a defence diversification agency was accepted by the SNP. 32 Labour

MSPs (as well as Greens and Independents) then voted with the SNP to make it 96 to 17 in favour.

The Green/SNP amendment concerned withdrawing from NATO and it was good to have that in the debate too although it was rejected.

Kezia Dugdale, Scottish Labour leader and until now pro-Trident voted for the motion. Only one Labour MSP - Jackie Baillie from Dumbarton

- voted against along with the Tories and Lib Dems.

BBC Scotland report with an excellent snippet of an interview with Eric Wallace (Trident Ploughshares). The report starts after 5min 27seconds:
<http://tinyurl.com/o58b3u8>

A full transcript of the debate:
<http://tinyurl.com/osuhy4h>

Now if only this could be spread further south and west.....



Onward in Gwent

As the date of the critical Parliamentary Main Gate vote on whether to renew Trident approaches, CND Cymru took its anti nuclear message to the streets of Blackwood.

It was a busy shopping day as we pinned our banners to the hoardings and set out petitions and leaflets. Many people stopped to look and talk, and some lively discussions took place about the insanity of spending £100 - £167 billion on a weapon that can never be used.

Accompanied by Côr Cochion's songs of peace, over 500 leaflets were handed out.

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If you or your group are interested in street leafleting in your area, CND Cymru can supply bilingual petitions, leaflets and stickers.

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HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI

'Byth eto! Never again!'

70TH ANNIVERSARY HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI



Haverfordwest

Hiroshima and Nagasaki were remembered with the message 'Never Again' in Haverfordwest on August 6th.

The moving and poignant afternoon and evening event organised by Pembrokeshire Peace Group was attended by around 200 people. Buddhist Choir Many Treasures Chorus with their Tshirts emblazoned with 'Trust through Friendship - Peace through Trust' serenaded campaigners and supporters with their fabulous music for the first time at this commemoration.

Music, talk, delicious food, speeches and meeting up with old friends and campaigners was rounded off by a dusk procession to the riverbank and the floating of candle boats down the Afon Cleddau.

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to keep informed of future Hiroshima / Nagasaki Commemoration events – or for help with your own event, please contact CND Cymru

Roath Park, Cardiff

The 70th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki was marked at Roath Park Lake on August 9th.

A procession with banners and posters walked slowly from the clock-tower to the waterside, and threw petals in memory of the hundreds of thousands of innocent victims of the nuclear age.

Remembering the obscenity of the attack on Japan's civilian population, speakers highlighted the gross folly of renewing Trident nuclear missiles.

Those present were reminded that: 'Nagasaki, like



Hiroshima, is now a peace city, pledged to the mission of world peace. There is hope in this – that the two epicentres of such horrific devastation and suffering 70 years ago, are now epicentres of peace.'

The message resounded loud and clear from all vigils in Wales as across the world: 'Byth eto! Never again!'



Newport, Gwent

At Tredegar Park near Newport Gwent, over 50 took part in a commemorative event with poetry, words and music. Flowers were floated on Tredegar Park Lake.

They heard Paul Flynn, MP for Newport West, a message of solidarity from Hiroshima, readings, and songs from Frankie Armstrong and Côr Cochion.

REVIEW

Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War

Susan Southard's new book is a powerful reminder of what is at stake in a nuclear age.

Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War takes us on the astonishing journeys of 5 survivors; all teenagers at the time of the bombing.

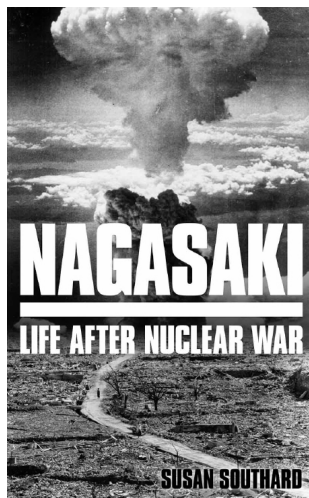
From 1945 to Nagasaki today, we watch them and hibakusha (Japanese nuclear bomb survivors) across the city navigate an uncertain future with chronic injuries, acute and late-onset radiation-related illnesses, social stigma and haunting fears that their children and grandchildren would inherit genetic disorders.

The survivors' goal: To ensure that Nagasaki remains the last atomic-bombed city in history.

On August 9th 1945, the USA deliberately aimed a 5 tonne plutonium bomb at the small coastal city of Nagasaki as Japan's leaders were already preparing to surrender.

The explosion itself killed over 74,000 people immediately, wounding over 75,000. With searing heat and an annihilating force that defies imagination,

the blast tore through factories, shops, and homes, carrying unprecedented levels of radiation that penetrated the bodies of people and animals.



Huge tracts of land and water supplies were contaminated. For survivors who barely escaped death, their lives as hibakusha had just begun. Over the past 70 years, survivors and their descendants have continued to fall ill and die from the effects of that US bomb. These moving, personal testimonies

to the consequences of nuclear weapons use are timely. Seventy years on, Trident replacement is debated in Edinburgh and Westminster and we still hear that 'nuclear weapons keep us safe' and that nuclear weapons 'help project UK power across the world'.

Here is a book that reminds us that all governments sanctioning possession and potential use of nuclear weapons have felt obliged to deceive their own people. Myths, lies and secrecy seem to have seeped easily from the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. US policies have kept the suffering of the victims hidden, in both in their own country and across the world.

If 'those who fail to learn from history, are doomed to repeat it', it is clear that this history book of primary sources should be essential reading.

It is a book for us - to remind us why we do what we do, and more importantly for our elected representatives and governments. Employment in producing, maintenance, training and deploying

these nuclear nightmare obscenities to put in the hands of those we don't necessarily trust is not a 'job creation project' we want, need or dream of.

Jill Gough

Susan Southard
Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War

ISBN9780285643277 £20.00



NUCLEAR POWER

It is a Good Morning, Campers!



Solidarity with Fukushima evacuees

An extraordinary event took place between 24 -26th August on land beside the Wylfa nuclear power station site, on the north coast of Ynys Môn / Anglesey.

During a three-day protest camp organised by PAWB (People Against Wylfa B/ Pobl Atal Wylfa B) a twinning ceremony was held to express solidarity between the people of Anglesey (population 70,000) and the Japanese people (about 160,000) evacuated from their homes following the ongoing Fukushima nuclear disaster, which began in 2011.

A moving video message was sent from a Fukushima resident (<https://youtu.be/BN8jYPPrMXU>), along with other messages of support from Japan, CND Cymru, Greenpeace and many other organisations.

No-nukers take their message to the gates of Wylfa

The protest camp, occupied by about 30 people was visited by the police of course and by over 100 supporters, some from as far away as Hartlepool, Germany, Ireland, Hinkley and Bristol. Many thanks in particular to the lively crew from South West Against Nuclear and to campaigners from Mid-Wales.

Very importantly, support was expressed by a range of local residents. Neighbouring farmer Richard Jones, Caerdegog, a stalwart opponent of Horizon Nuclear, loaned a trailer for use as a kitchen.

After the speeches, excellent music sessions and tasty food came a chance for a useful exchange of perspectives from the various groups present. There was also leafletting in Cemaes, Tregele, Llanfechell and Amlwch.

Horizon Nuclear 'whistling in the dark'

On day 2 a packed public meeting was held in Cemaes village hall. Sean Morris of the Nuclear-Free Local Authorities Association highlighted the inadequacy of nuclear crisis management and evacuation procedures.

Selwyn Jones spoke of his experiences visiting Fukushima with the Green Cross International's 2014 delegation, and as a member of Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg

addressed the likely linguistic and cultural impact of a Wylfa B. Dr Iain Fairlie, an expert on the effects of nuclear radiation, spoke in more politically direct terms than usual, leading on the theme of 'Why Horizon Nuclear is whistling in the dark'.

His upbeat message was that Hinkley C had already hit the rocks and that in his view the whole much vaunted nuclear renaissance was fatally holed below the waterline.

Heads in the sand

It has been commonly observed of late that politicians and the mainstream media are struggling along far behind the changing public and informed scientific and economic opinion.

Nowhere is this truer than on Ynys Môn, where many county councillors still have their heads buried in the sand, and where the local Labour MP and Plaid AM both follow pro-nuclear policies that are neither shared by their party leaders – nor by an increasing number of voters.

Phil Steele

WYLFA-B (also known as Wylfa Newydd) is the two-reactor nuclear power station proposed for Anglesey.

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More information and to get involved <http://stop-wylfa.org>
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NUCLEAR POWER

Hinkley C – too expensive to meter?

This October has seen several brilliant protests at the nuclear site of Hinkley Point in Somerset – just 15 miles downwind from the coast of south east Wales.

As the Chinese President visited England, it had been revealed that the proposed French (EDF) and Chinese part-funded reactors would cost electricity customers as much as £20billion in subsidies. The Westminster Government had previously denied the possibility of any subsidy. £22bn compensation would also be payable to EDF and the Chinese government, should the plant be forced to close before the due date.

One windy day in July this year, 80% of Germany's electricity came from renewables. As the ad says, Vorsprung durch Technik: forward through technology.

White elephant

At a beautiful pop-up protest to 'bury the Hinkley C nuclear white elephant' on 9th October



Nuclear = looney

Witch Watch Full Moon monthly gatherings also take place by Hinkley Point.



speakers included activist Theo Simon, Molly Scott-Cato Southwest Green MEP, and Dennis Baupin, Vice President of the French Assembly.

Expensive road to nowhere

In the early hours of 19th October, one month after George Osborne announced China's investment in the plant, protesters built an anti-nuclear camp on a roundabout at the gates of the Hinkley C nuclear building site.

The roundabout was embellished by that famous white elephant and Chinese banners calling on the nuclear project to be abandoned.

After serving the Stop Hinkley group with eviction papers asking them to leave which of course they didn't, EDF realised that on this particular occasion with the ongoing #ChineseStateVisit and all of the talk about China's human rights records that it might not look too good for them evicting the protestors.

EDF then agreed that the protestors could stay 4 more days unless something changed... like an actual site visit from the Chinese President perhaps?

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This is not only in our backyard, it is on our front doorstep. To get involved, keep informed about the protests see facebook: StopHinkley
Witch Watch: women only events see facebook: witchwatchatHinkleyPoint

DRONES WATCH

Hellishcopters at Llanbedr

Military drone-testing began in May at Llanbedr, when an MoD (naval) large copter-drone was flown from the airfield.

One application for operation of these Rotary Wing Unmanned Aerial System (RWUAS) machines is known euphemistically as 'intervention'. The drone can be launched and landed on ships, and 'fitted with a comprehensive mission equipment package'.

This news will come as a surprise to local people and campaigners as well as to Llanbedr Airfield estate manager Jason Coleman who, in giving evidence at the Llanbedr Drones Protestors' court case in September was



Helicopter (RWUAS) drone on test at Llanbedr, May 2015

reported as saying that Llanbedr Airfield: 'had an agreement which allowed them to 'gather customers' to use it, but said he wasn't aware that 'unmanned planes or drones' were being used at Llanbedr'.

The RWUAS drone is being

developed and marketed by Italy based Finmeccanica - AgustaWestland.
<http://tinyurl.com/qx8kyqo>

Jill Gough

* Daily Post 17.09.15
<http://tinyurl.com/p2jj6e4>

Aberporth Watchkeeper Money Waste

Watchkeeper drones are 4 years late and have cost the British taxpayer £1.2bn.

That is £400million more than the public was initially told. In 2005, the MoD order for 54 battlefield Watchkeeper drones was hailed by ministers as an 'affordable solution'.

Then Secretary of State for Defence John Reid, informed taxpayers that Britain's biggest ever order for drones – would be 'key to battlefield surveillance of the future'. Please note: all surveillance drones are 'attack' drones when coupled with jet fighters, artillery, and ground to ground missiles.

As of October 2015, only 33 of the drone fleet have been delivered. 3 have been used on

active service and were among only 8 under Army control. By June this year, there were 21 at Parc Aberporth, where most remain boxed-up in MoD storage.

Drones at Aberporth still regularly fly around west Wales, with their foul buzzing noise, testing their targeting and surveillance equipment on communities below.

The Welsh Government has failed to own up to the fact that the £21million of Wales' public money spent on infrastructure at Parc Aberporth employs only a maximum of 30 (full and part time) and that only sporadically

depending on whom they are training. Some of these are not even based in Wales at all. Most business units still remain empty after 10 years. The Bureau of Investigative Journalism* has revealed that only 6 Watchkeeper 'pilots' are trained to fly the drones.

*<http://tinyurl.com/nmk58de>



Watchkeeper Drone WK450 as at Aberporth

For military intelligence gathering, surveillance of populations, target acquisition and reconnaissance.

Cost to taxpayer: £1.2billion
Training & testing from Aberporth and over Wales.

Watchkeeper cameras are capable of reading a playing card from 1,000ft.

Watchkeeper drone seen here flying over Aberporth beach.

DRONES WATCH

Llanbedr Four



Welsh anti-drone protestors were ordered to pay £565 each by Caernarfon Court in September.

The 4 women were also each given a 6 month conditional discharge. Anna Jane Evans, Sian ap Gwynfor, Awel Irene and Angharad Tomos had painted 'No Death Drones' and 'Dim Adar Angau' in four-metre-high letters across the runway of the WW2 airfield. It

had been announced earlier this year that military Watchkeeper drones were to be tested from Aberporth in Ceredigion via Llanbedr airfield. So far, that has not happened.

Jeremy Howitt of defence contractor QinetiQ (which tests and trains army drones and operators from Aberporth) recently described the Welsh coast as 'a great playground for developing applications'.

Thales Ten in Scotland

Links between Thales, Elbit Systems and the MoD were clarified in a Scottish court recently.

The Thales Ten trial left no doubt about connections between drone components manufactured in Scotland, and alleged war crimes in Gaza.

The group of 10 were in court for scaling onto the roof and blockading entrances to the Thales factory, in response to the war in Gaza. Components for Watchkeeper drones are manufactured at the plant. A banner hung from the plant read: 'Another Scotland is Possible: Stop Arming Israel'.



Another made the connection between the French arms company Thales, Israel's Elbit Systems and the MoD.

In September, 5 of the Thales Ten were convicted, and 5 acquitted of the crime of breach of the peace. Following previous Israeli attacks on Gaza, Scottish Minister for External Affairs, Humza Yousaf, had called on an arms embargo on Israel: 'The Scottish Government has demonstrated that we cannot stand idly by while innocent civilians are being killed. I am today, on behalf of the Scottish Government, calling for an immediate suspension of arms sales to Israel.'

Victory for English Drones Protestors

A drone manufacturer in England lost its injunction against protestors in October.

UAV Engines Ltd, owned by Israel's largest weapons company, Elbit Systems had hoped to block protests on its site.

The High Court after a judge ruled that an injunction imposed in June should never have been put in place.

The factory in Shenstone produces parts for drones which have been used for attacks on Gaza. Many protests have been held at the factory.

A spokesperson for the 'Block the Factory' protests said 'Elbit Systems and its arms factories should be facing a ban, not our protests.'

Today's decision will bring even more energy to our campaigning in solidarity with ongoing Palestinian resistance and for a two-way arms embargo on Israel.'

Protests and vigils have been held by anti-drone and Palestine solidarity campaigners at Shenstone since 2009. Staffordshire Police arrested 19 people following the protest at the UAV factory in July.

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Keep in touch with the campaign see / 'like' our facebook page: Drone Campaign Network Cymru / Rhwydwaith Ymgyrch Dronau Cymru; www.dronecampaignnetwork.wordpress.com

Ray Davies 1930 – 2015

A life in song and struggle

The life and commitment of our friend, comrade and CND Cymru Vice Chair Ray Davies was celebrated with songs and anecdotes at an event in the Temple of Peace, Cardiff in July.

A DVD of that memorable event is now available and includes a live recording of some of the songs from the many social justice, peace and anti-nuclear campaigns in which he was involved that he sang with Côr Cochion Caerdydd. The choir of course feature prominently on the DVD. Songs include 'Miners Lifeguard', 'Solidarity Forever', 'Nkosi Sikelele', 'The Wall', and 'Yma o Hyd'. There are also tributes from many others whose lives Ray touched.

The uplifting and inspiring speeches and songs on the DVD are not just about remembering Ray – although it includes some great story telling of his exploits over the years. They are a beautiful journey through the campaigning world of the past 50 or so years and a signpost pointing the way forward to where and how Ray would want us to take the struggle. Please do buy the DVD.

Proceeds from the sale of the DVDs will go to Red Ray's Lift appeal, to enable his beloved Bedwas Workmen's Hall to be fully accessible to all of the community.

Until 31st November, they are available at a special price of £6 (minimum donation) plus £1 p+p.

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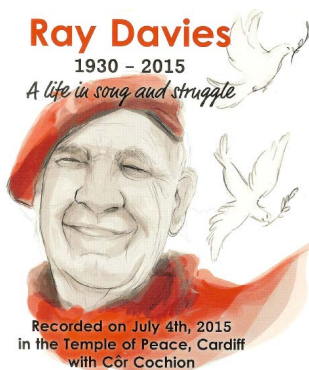
www.justgiving.com/bedwasworkmenshall

*'Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.'*

Ray Davies

1930 – 2015

A life in song and struggle



Alan Mackinnon 1946 – 2015

Alan was a Glasgow GP and a great campaigner.

As Chair and Secretary of Scottish CND for many years he campaigned for disarmament, peace and justice for over three decades. Alan coordinated protests and brought together representatives of civic society in Scotland to challenge the anticipated American response to 9/11. His personal political affiliation was to the Communist Party of Britain, but he drew together representatives of other political parties, trade unions and religious groups to work together for peace and nuclear disarmament.

In striving to build opposition to Trident, Alan mobilised public opposition and was a key member of the 2008-9 Scottish Government's Working Group on Scotland without Nuclear Weapons.

He took the platform for Scottish CND with Jill Gough of CND Cymru in a 2009 Dublin PANA: the Irish Peace and Neutrality Alliance Conference. Jill said 'Alan was a visionary and intelligent man; absolutely committed to the cause. He was modest, and had no desire promoting himself as any kind of leader or personality. We have lost a gentle, wise and strong comrade.'

ALAN MACKINNON

4TH AUGUST 1946 - 18TH SEPTEMBER 2015



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day events for Peace were held in several towns across Wales this year.

Most notable perhaps was the first event held in Aberystwyth jointly with the British Legion.

Many congratulations to Aberystwyth Peace and Justice Group who negotiated with the British Legion in advance to achieve this breakthrough.

White poppy wreaths were laid by The Aberystwyth Town Council, Aberystwyth Peace and Justice Group, Women in Black, Côr Gobaith and The Society of Friends (Quakers).

At sculptor Howard Bowcott's beautiful Landsker Cross in Narberth, Pembrokeshire Peace Group laid white and red poppy wreaths at a well attended gentle multi-faith remembrance of all victims of war.

They remembered not only the military but civilians who lose their homes, livelihoods and families, refugees forced to flee, those whose lands are polluted by militarism and war preparations and victims living in a society which appears to accept that violence and the threat of mass murder is acceptable.

At all events, war was certainly not glorified. Cerwyn Davies of Cymdeithas Waldo Williams read Waldo's 'Cofio' and 'Tangnefeddwy'r'. Simon Thomas AM supported the event.



Aberystwyth ▲

Narberth ▼



Welsh Peace Archives

**The late David (Dai) Morris
MEP was CND Cymru Chair
1990 – 2001.**

The South Wales Miners' Library has recently donated some of his papers to the Welsh Political Archive at the National Library of Wales. Dai's papers reflect his tireless campaigning for nuclear disarmament and peace, aid to developing countries, animal welfare and devolution.

Life long campaigners Thalia and Ian Campbell of Pembroke have also added to the Campbell collections already held by the Welsh Political Archive. These donations include material relating to the Labour Party, the peace movement, CND, the environment, feminism and Greenham Common protests and commemoration.

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The Welsh Political Archive was set up in 1983 to co-ordinate the collection of documentary evidence of all kinds about politics in Wales. It collects the records and papers of



political parties, politicians, quasi-political organisations, campaigns and pressure groups; leaflets, pamphlets, ephemera, posters, and photographs. There is already a CND Cymru section in the Welsh Political Archive. Stories can be lost forever! Don't throw any campaigning material away. Contact the Archive:
Rob Phillips 01970 632 984

North Wales - Syria : Goodwill, Solidarity and Friendship

A new Wales / Syria support group has been set up in North Wales.

The group is planning a calendar of events which will offer practical support to the displaced peoples of Syria, celebrate Syrian culture, examine the history behind current events, analyse and discuss the politics - and look to a better future. It is hoped that this will be a practical way of embracing the only values that will prevail against the barbarities of (so called) ISIS, against state terrorism, bombs and international power games.

Those involved include Muslims (including local members of the Syrian community), Christians, humanists, secularists and activists.

heddwch>action:

All are welcome to be involved.
Contact Phil Steele:
e: phil_steele@btinternet.com
t: 01248 490 715

Indian Anti-Nuclear Activity

Pradeep Indulkar worked in the Indian nuclear industry for 11 years.

He left his job as a mechanical engineer after witnessing so many of his colleagues suffering from health problems. He recently toured Europe showing his two films:

'High Power' is a documentary showing the effects of the Tarapur nuclear power station, on India's west coast, on the local population and ecology. This film won a Yellow Oscar at the International Uranium Film Festival, Brazil in 2013, and has been widely screened internationally.

'Jaitapur Live' documents the People's Movement against the proposed new build of six European Pressurised Reactors in Madban, South West India. These nuclear reactors, designed by Areva and to be built by EDF, are exactly the same as the reactors proposed for Hinkley C, across the Bristol Channel from Swansea.

heddwch>action:

If anyone would like to borrow DVDs of these films, please contact
swanseacnd@phonecoop.coop

DIARY DATES

November 28th 1pm

ABERYSTWYTH

People's Climate March

During this weekend, people around the world will take to the streets calling on leaders at every level of government to commit to 100% renewable energy – not nuclear. On November 30th, world leaders will meet in Paris to start negotiating the next global climate deal. (COP21 – the 21st Conference of Parties).
<http://tinyurl.com/qyx64rp>

November 28th 1.30pm onwards

CARDIFF meet at Callaghan Square

Pedal for the Planet: Mass Bike

Ride followed by a rally at the Senedd. Cycle from the Square to the Senedd. Rally on Senedd steps: 2.00pm – 3.00pm Bring bikes & banners - a family friendly event. If you don't wish to cycle welcome cyclists at the Senedd - 2pm!
<http://tinyurl.com/qj6qaw2>

November 28th 2pm

SWANSEA The Environment Centre, Pier Street, SA1 1RY

Film: The Age of Stupid

Tickets £5 – if you are unable to pay contact Emergence 07555 984986. Please bring a picnic lunch. Tea and coffee on sale.
www.emergence-uk.org/#coming-up

December 1st 6pm for 6.30pm

CARDIFF The Abacus, Wood Street

United in Anger: A History of ACT UP Cardiff People's Assembly Monthly Film Night . World Aids Day Special. Followed by discussion.

<http://tinyurl.com/pvswm3c>

December 2nd 7pm

CARDIFF Temple of Peace

The Sustainable Development

Goals & the Paris Climate Summit

Professor Susan Baker, Professor

of Environmental Social Science at Cardiff University, & King Carl XVI Gustaf Professor of Environmental Science (Sweden) To coincide with the Paris Climate Summit. All Welcome. Organised by UNA Cardiff

December 3rd morning

CARDIFF Park Inn Hotel, Mary Ann Street

Policy Forum for Wales: Priorities for the energy sector in Wales - investment, infrastructure & devolved powers. Contributors to include nuclear industry representatives. Guest speaker: Edwina Hart AM, Minister for Economy, Science & Transport . Please come along to the gentle & welcoming street vigil outside: Contact CND Cymru: see page 16
<http://tinyurl.com/pykqq8f>

December 5th 2pm

SWANSEA Volcano Theatre, 27-29 High Street, SA1 1LG

Film: This Changes Everything

As above see November 28th.

December 13th 11am - 3pm

CARDIFF Temple of Peace

Celebrating Human Rights Festival

Activities for all ages. All Welcome.

January 22nd – 23rd

Trident Replacement:

Constituency Lobby

Please book to meet your MP in their local surgery to keep up the dialogue and pressure for an anti-Trident vote. We are currently expecting the parliamentary vote to take place after the May elections, but remember - it could happen at any time, so we need to be active now.

February 10th 7pm

CARDIFF Temple of Peace

The Welsh Response to Refugees

Rev. Aled Edwards of Displaced

People in Action & Cytun (The Welsh Council of Churches). All Welcome. Organised by UNA Cardiff

February 27th 12noon

LLUNDAIN/ LONDON Hyde Park Corner

Stop Trident! Decision Time 2016

Demonstration organised by British CND, supported by CND Cymru. See page 2

August 1st – 8th

ABERGAVERN

Pabell Heddwwch - ***The National Eisteddfod of Wales***

Help from Welsh speakers & learners needed!

Contact Brian Jones: see page 16

Margaret Innocent

'Our beautiful, fiery Margaret' (as described by Beaty Smith) of Côr Cochion Caerdydd has died following a short illness.

Margaret was usually on the streets and protests singing with the choir. At a wonderful celebratory event, Cor Cochion sang Dros Cymru'n Gwlad and concluded with a rendering of The Red Flag sung by all present. ***Margaret will be sorely missed.***



Eisteddfod 2015

CND Cymru and Cymdeithas y Cymod were joined in Y Pabell Heddwch this year by 'Wales for Peace'.

It is hoped that this arrangement will continue for the next couple of years. The week was marked by events to mark Hiroshima Day, a launch of a book covering the history of the first 100 years of Cymdeithas y Cymod and meetings on peace education and the Welsh Peace Academy.

There seemed to be increased interest in nuclear issues. CND Cymru sold plenty of CND Cymru badges and stickers and almost ran out of all the leaflets and pamphlets that we had – including PAWB's new leaflet on the links between nuclear weapons and nuclear

power stations. Many thanks to everyone who helped run the stall:

CND Cymru members Monica, Medi, Llinos, Jen, Dalewen and Nesta Wyn, and PAWB supporters Robat, Gwyn, Dylan, Efa, Sioned, Emyr, and Non.

heddwch>action:

Without volunteer helpers a CND Cymru stall at the Eisteddfod would be impossible. To volunteer for the 2016 Eisteddfod in Abergavenny, then please get in touch with Brian Jones
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