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*Christians working and praying for a nuclear weapons-free world*



Caroline Gilbert gives the Christian CND banner an airing at a rally at Bryant Park in New York

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Embassies Walk 2004**

**plus prayer diary, events and news**

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## Happy Birthday, NPT!

**O**ur NPT baby is now 4 years old and we celebrated with our annual Embassies Walk on 24th May. A full report will be in the next issue of Ploughshare Plus.

We are now entering the final year of our five year Countdown to Disarmament Campaign. Our aim to get the Nuclear Weapons States to keep their Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty promises has now been taken up by other organisations; CND, Pax Christi and Trident Ploughshares - the more the merrier and they will all help add to the pressure.

Caroline Gilbert and Claire Poyner have just returned from New York where they have been our CCND delegates at the NPT Preparatory Committee at the United Nations, (pages 4 & 5) and apart from lobbying diplomats there, have made contacts and gathered ideas that will help us highlight the NPT Review Conference in 2005. There will be activities during the next year that can involve every member; from prayers and petitions, church services and demonstrations, to an opportunity to take part in a People's Summit in New York in May 2005.

One of the requests that was sent to us in response to the Ploughshare questionnaire, apart from the suggestion for a youth section with no upper age limit ... (after all, Michael and I have just joined the YHA in our 60s so why not?) was to know how to contact Executive Members - and it might help you to know whom to contact if you know a little about them. We will focus on two members in each issue. This time it is the turn of our two newest recruits, Diana Casswell and Joe Sturge.

Diana comes from Lutterworth in the East Midlands. She is a member of the Church of England and has been invaluable in finding contacts for Churches Pack flier distribution in the Anglican Dioceses. Her son, Tim, designed the very attractive cover for last Autumn's Ploughshare. Diana is artistic too; several of the 'exec' are proud to display her plaque, 'Peace to All Who Enter' in their homes.

Joe is a Quaker and our link with the Society of Friends. He lives in Malvern, is a West Midlands representative for CND and serves on their finance committee. He brings an eye for detail and professional experience in publishing.

There are no Methodist or Baptist members on the Executive Council at present - perhaps this can be put right soon. On 19th June we will be holding our AGM at the London Mennonite Centre in Highgate and in this Ploughshare you will find a nomination form. Do consider putting your name forward. You may not feel you have many talents, but we can always find them!

*Patricia Pulham*

## Fiddler under the roof

Despite an appalling weather forecast and other gloomy predictions, a crowd of between 50-75,000 took part in the London demonstration on Saturday 20th March to mark the first anniversary of the war on Iraq. As before, the event was jointly organised by Stop the War Coalition, Muslim Association of Britain and CND.

We assembled at noon at Speakers' Corner in Hyde Park. Our Christian CND banner was rather dwarfed by many of the large colourful banners, but this had its advantages when we experienced very powerful cross winds during the march to Trafalgar Square. The theme this time was 'No more war - no more war lies' and some of the private placards were quite imaginative bearing in mind the recent toppling of the pro war Spanish government. One had pictures of Messrs. Bush, Blair and Aznar with the caption 'One down, two to go'. Another read 'The reign in Spain was ended by the sane', but the one which most amused our friends who saw the event on German TV read simply 'I can never think of a slogan!'

The march moved quickly as numbers were down on previous anti-war demonstrations. The organisation was good and the police unobtrusive. Trafalgar Square was crowded but the large display screen and good sound system ensured that most could see and hear what was going on.

By the time we arrived some of the speeches had already been given but we heard several including particularly good ones from Bruce Kent, Dr Caroline Lucas MEP and a Pax Christi representative whose name I missed.

But for me the highlight was the appearance of the great violinist Nigel Kennedy who said a few words and then played two solo violin pieces by JS Bach in memory of all the victims of war. It was very moving. By this time it had started drizzling but the canvas canopy safely protected Nigel and his Strad. Until then the weather had remained considerably dry so we had to put up our umbrellas for the rest of the afternoon, but the spirit of the crowd remained undampened.

*Bob Russell*

## Aldermaston March

On Good Friday, the Aldermaston Marchers set off from Trafalgar Square and arrived at AWE Aldermaston on Easter Monday.

Waiting at the site of Britain's nuclear weapons establishment, CCND members prepared to present a workshop on the NPT and some street theatre involving submarines being 'converted' into more useful objects.



There were around 70 NGOs from all over the world at this year's PrepCom -the largest ever group at the NPT. One of the bigger NGO delegations was from Mayors for Peace.

Not much of any importance happened from the delegates side - much of the usual accusations and blah blah. From the NGOs side though it was useful.

For a start the NGOs got to give an extensive presentation, taking up all of the Tuesday afternoon. Some would say too extensive. There was considerable support for the Mayors for Peace initiative, this originating from the Mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, both of whom were in attendance.

Some interesting points were raised from the chair of the PrepCom Mr Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat from Indonesia - more civil society involvement is needed! NGOs involved in campaigning on the NPT need to network with similar organisations in other countries, need to engage (well, try!) the public in all counties, but especially the Nuclear Weapons States, to let their governments know that we have had enough of their "disarmament yes, sometime, in the future" nonsense and do it now! As the representative of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War said, "you are running out of time!"

One change in this year's PrepCom was an increase in the sessions NGOs were permitted to sit in on. A story went round that the South Africans had insisted that NGOs be allowed access to all rather than some of the written statements. The US retorted, perhaps with sarcasm, "we may as well let them attend all the sessions, then." The South Africans replied "That's a good idea, we hadn't thought of that", so the chairman said "OK, the NGOs get to sit in on all sessions for the rest of the week, any objections? No? OK, next!" Don't know how true this story is but it's a good one!

As well as attending PrepCom, Caroline and Claire attended the Abolition 2000 AGM, a public 'town' meeting in a church hall and an anti-war/nuclear disarmament rally in Bryant Park. The rally was jointly organised by Abolition 2000 and United for Peace & Justice, one of the main American anti-war organisations.

Anyone interested in reading more should look at [www.reachingcriticalwill.org](http://www.reachingcriticalwill.org) for some rather more technical information on how the PrepCom went. Many of the usual organisations, BASIC, Acronym, CND, will also have opinions and in-depth analysis.

*Claire Poyner  
May 2004*



Anti-war and disarmament rally in Bryant Park.  
All New York photos by Claire Poyner



We will all put the flags out the day all countries abandon all weapons of mass destruction

### Quotes from 2004 PrepCom

“The achievement of nuclear disarmament is not an option, but a legal obligation established in the NPT. Equally, the indefinite extension of the Treaty in 1995 did not equate to indefinite ownership of nuclear weapons.” *Mexico on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition.*

“Nuclear Disarmament is the sole way to preserve humanity from annihilation.” *Algeria.*

“After all, the Treaty can only be as strong as our will to insist that states comply with it.” *USA.*

“So long as the countries of this region face the Israeli nuclear threat, backed by a blanket endorsement of a single nuclear power,

the issue must be addressed by the strengthened review process of the NPT.” *Iran, on implementing a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone in the Middle East.*

“...we must abandon the traditional approach of defining security in terms of boundaries - city walls, border patrols, racial and religious groupings. The global community has become irreversibly interdependent, with the constant movement of people, ideas, goods and resources. In such a world, we must combat terrorism with a security culture that transcends national and political borders - an inclusive approach to security based on solidarity and the value of human life. In such a world, nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction would have no place.” *Tariq Raul of the IAEA.*

### Next year's Review Conference

Christian CND's idea for a multifaith service in a prominent New York church was quite well received and Caroline made contact with several people from various denominations to enlist their help in achieving this goal. In particular, the Loretto Nuns were very keen, and the contact Caroline made two years ago resurfaced and invited Caroline to speak at a meeting on sustainability. In doing so, Caroline then got to meet Rowan Williams' UN representative Archdeacon 'Tai' who promptly offered us use of a desk and computer in her office.



The 'wall of peace' - an initiative started by students from Heidelberg, Germany. The wall will be at the Review Conference next year

At the Abolition 2000 AGM on 2nd May it was agreed to support a church service and several people volunteered to get together to word a A2000 petition, based on the CCND petition which you will have received already.

Other ideas were enthused about - several of the Christian contacts were keen on a 'rolling fast' and a constant vigil outside the UN building.

We aim to keep in touch with these contacts and remind them of what they said they would do!

It is quite widely recognised by now that a so-called 'war on terror' is a non-starter. Some have perceptively suggested that 'war is the terrorism of the powerful, while terror is the war of the powerless'. Anyone who has been in an active war-zone, or on the scene of some vicious explosion, knows something of the meaning of terror. We might hope that people of Christian faith would be among the first to outlaw war but history shows that has not been so. We are more certainly in agreement in condemning terrorism, but usually fail to make any comparison between the instant drama of explosions, and the long drawn-out cruelty of degrading poverty, malnutrition and preventable disease. Do not both deserve the name of terror?

As for war, including the 'total war' of modern times, we have grown up through the centuries with what they call 'just war thinking', as though there was possibly something identifiable as a 'just war' to be discerned. More correctly the rationale is about 'the strictly limited justification for the participation of a Christian in a restricted use of military action', but that sounds a bit clumsy. Most Christians still seem to think that you can be a combatant even in total war. The pacifist stance, when not entirely rejected as idealistic, is regretfully seen as only the negative refusal to participate, when it really is a rejection of any 'justification'.

An extraordinary realisation came to me recently at the end of an evening's seminar I attended in the heart of Westminster between professing Christians from many traditions. The participants included theologians, moralists and historians as well as church leaders, and former Foreign Office and Ministry of Defence officials. The discussion was erudite and humane as we explored the need to update 'just war thinking' to take on board the current issues of 'just intervention' and pre-emptive military action. My realisation was that not once did anyone refer to the life and words of Jesus. It was as though the discipline of peace-making, so sharply proposed in the beatitudes, and the repeated call to the challenges of reconciliation and forgiveness, had no relevance to the behaviour of nation-states. We seemed to imagine that the power of institutions, albeit led by powerful individuals, could over-ride the hesitations and moral standards of those who had to undertake military violence.

Strangely enough, acts of terrorism are breaking this open a bit. Our response to them

brings us down to individual people, however centrally and ideologically organised and controlled. We are quickly forced into asking 'Why do they act like this?' Peace-making begins with looking for reasons, which may be more easily discerned here than in examining the actions of state governments. Like it or not, some people lump us all as guilty of the criminal social, economic or political oppression which has been the pattern of most western/northern colonialism and capitalism. Reconciliation begins when we help others to see some degree of humility and sorrow on our part as well as a keenness to campaign on behalf of such a huge proportion of humankind. We seek forgiveness as much as we offer it to terrorists, because to be forgiven is to be different. It is not enough to make a firm purpose of amendment; we must be active to repair injustices.

For this we need the power to be gentle which can only come from our identification with the lonely victim of Good Friday. For the Christian there is no enemy out there. The enemy is within, in our failure to be attentive to Gospel values, and to be sufficiently alert for justice and peace everywhere.

*Owen Hardwicke*

Owen Hardwicke was ordained in 1954 at St Mary of the Angels, Canton, Cardiff. Owen comes from a Landaff family and had been a parishioner of St Mary's since 1946. He has served as Bishop's secretary and as parish priest of Ruabon, Llay and Welshpool. In his retirement he works from the Wrexham Peace & Justice Centre with the Sisters of La Sainte Union.



**Law not War!****The 3rd Treaties Day School  
Oxford 28 February 2004**

Over 70 people turned up at the Oxford Union to hear a variety of speakers discuss how international law can, if given the chance and sufficient support, prevent war, and nuclear war in particular.

There are treaties designed to prevent war, and agreements made to abolish nuclear weapons. Successful treaties made in the past have outlawed the production of chemical and biological weapons. There is no reason why the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty cannot do the same for nuclear weapons.

So, with Bruce Kent in the chair, the assembled peace activists, plus one or two academics heard the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor Patrick Stannard, welcome the day school to Oxford. We noted that Oxford have recently re-joined Nuclear-Free Local Authorities after a brief lapse.

Rebecca Johnson of Acronym gave an overview of nuclear weapons treaties. Sian Jones from Aldermaston Women's Peace Campaign discussed recent developments at AWE Aldermaston and why we should be concerned.

Stewart Kemp from Nuclear-Free Local Authorities gave us an introduction to the Mayors for Peace initiative. A specific proposal was made to ask local authorities to hold events to draw attention to the Review Conference in 2005, perhaps in August 2004, although forthcoming elections may cause problems with getting support for this.

Patrick Lamb from the 'Counter-Proliferation Department' at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office gave the government line. On being asked 'what is effective for your point of view?' Patrick replied that sackfuls of letters make the government sit up and take note, but that standard letters often get standard replies. He stressed the importance of dialogue; meetings with MPs or civil servants.

After an hour of more of discussion and questions, many of them directed at the man from the ministry, unsurprisingly, there followed lunch in the Union bar and a chance to network.

The afternoon session included some brief introductions to the workshops. In addition, Clare Prangley from Pax Christi gave an overview of church statements on nuclear weapons. It seems that the churches have moved firmly in the direction of approval for nuclear disarmament. Vijay Mehta gave us some thoughts on the role of the UN in peace-making initiatives. Dominique Lalanne introduced the Anglo-Franco initiative to start dialogue for a proposed Anglo-Franco nuclear disarmament. George Farebrother talked about World Court Project's lobbying of MEPs.

Caroline Gilbert got 8 minutes on Oxford local TV, on the community events slot, and actually got to say the words 'Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Article VI, Review Conference 2005 and Mayors for Peace'. It went out live on the Monday and was even repeated the following day. One of the Oxford organisers was contacted by the local papers, and it was listed in local papers events pages. As well as the regular CCND and Oxford CND mailings, the local secondary schools were leafleted, though it is doubtful whether any attendees originated from that mailing. Leaflets were circulated amongst the local churches and the UNA sent out some of the publicity leaflets as well.

The next Treaties Day School is in London on 6th November.



**W**hy did the United States go to war on Iraq? Was it oil, a perceived threat to the stability of the region or the settling of old scores? Perhaps one day we shall know. More pertinently why did Britain join in so readily? We shall probably never know because Britain is more secretive. The likelihood is that we were determined to follow the US in whatever military action they intended, but were keener to ensure the cloak of legitimacy. Two items were necessary for this:

- A second UN Security Council resolution following on from resolution 151 clearly authorising the use of force. The arm twisting and 'Old Pals Act' were expected to achieve this but for once they failed.
- The discovery of WMD and delivery systems. It was assumed that these would soon come to light once Dr Blix and his 'bumbling' team of UN inspectors were out of the way, but they didn't.

In the absence of these, the British Government in particular has had to fall back on some questionable justifications for the war and as time goes by Tony Blair's credibility is being ever more undermined. It is asserted that no second resolution was needed to make the war legal and that the toppling of Saddam Hussein's ghastly regime was justification enough. Was it?

The UN came into being with the clear aim of saving future generations from the scourge of war and to put in place structures so that nations could live together in peace and tolerance and respect for human rights. In general terms the UN Charter forbids nations from taking military action against another member state. Disputes and aggressive actions that threaten peace must be dealt with by the Security Council. They alone have the power to authorise such military action as is necessary to restore the peace. The exception to this rule is the right of self defence which is carefully defined and such action can only be until such time as is needed for the Security Council to take over. There is a provision for pre-emptive action by a threatened state (and its allies) where all efforts to avoid conflict have been taken but an attack seems imminent. A more recent argument concerns intervention for humanitarian reasons but as yet there is no general agreement.

Therefore, the toppling of Saddam, however desirable, was not a legitimate reason to go to war. Nor

did Iraq pose any immediate threat to neighbouring states and certainly not the USA or Britain. It comes back to whether there was sufficient legitimacy for this war contained in the earlier Security Council resolutions going back to the Gulf War, especially relying on resolution 1441.

The Bush Administration is in no doubt although some American experts are, and our Government holds fast to its claim that the war was legal, apparently backed up by the legal opinion of the Attorney General. However, most international lawyers beg to differ and CND was involved with a legal challenge to the Government using material prepared by the group called Public Interest Lawyers together with submissions by Rabinder Singh QC and others. The actual legal challenge was an application to the High Court in November 2002 before the war started asking for a judicial review, but the judges decided that the English Courts could not interpret Resolution 1441 nor rule on an item of international law. However, a high powered Citizens' Inquiry and a BBC shadow judicial review both came down clearly on the side of the argument that the Iraq war was illegal as things stood.

All the papers concerning the legal inquiry, learned opinions, submissions for and against and the judgements have been collected together in a book 'The Case Against War' edited by George Farebrother and others. It is not an easy read - legal opinions never are - but very well worth the effort. Thanks to generous funding by a peace education charity the book is available at a real bargain price of £5 plus p&p. It can be obtained through [www.war.inquiry.freeuk.com](http://www.war.inquiry.freeuk.com)

*Bob Russell*



Bob and Enid Russell with the banner at a recent rally against the war on Iraq

## News from Wirral Christian CND

Tony Forder's group has been circulating papers on peace and justice issues to 100 church people and groups. Their covering letter recognises evidence of growing commitment to peace among Christians. Also, the indivisibility of peace and justice and an increasing recognition of this even in the political sphere.

The letter publicises the Non-Proliferation Treaty. It mentions our pack for the churches, 'Nuclear Weapons - what can Christians do?' and also two other items: 'The Moral Dilemma of War'; no. 13 in 'Peace in the 21st Century', which is published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation (phone Chris Cole on (0)1832 720257) - 'Real Change in Africa'; no. 12 in the same series.

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## Churches' News

Our pack for the Churches called 'Nuclear Weapons - what can Christians do?' is still moving. By the beginning of April, 14,000 of the A5 fliers had been distributed. The number of actual packs distributed was 375 (we only send out a pack in response to a personal request, usually from someone who has completed the slip on the small flier. This procedure ensures that the packs go to people with a definite interest and that the expense of producing them is not squandered.)

Many thanks to those who have assisted with distributing fliers. We can always do with more of you! We have now contacted the rest of the URC Synods, the Baptists Associations and the Methodist Districts.

Our Christian Petitions to the UN concerning NPT obligations: Many completed forms have been returned. Please keep this work going too. You can obtain extra forms from the office or the website.

Justice and Peace groups: is there a J&P group at your church? You might like to send us news about it. If there isn't one, we could supply some general ideas about starting one which you could pass on.

## Membership survey

Here is a summary of the results: general responses included, 'Broadly speaking I'm happy with the content of Ploughshare and thank you for the hard work you put in for us all' - 'I'm a loyal but discouraged member. I like Ploughshare.' - 'We think you are wonderful'!

- Q1 (Is the executive giving the membership what it wants?) No negative responses were received.
- Q2 (About things we could be doing) Again nothing, except the suggestion that contact details for members of the executive would be a help. (Page 2 refers to this.)
- Q3 (About the work of distributing fliers) This did not trigger any comments.
- Q4 (On a possible campaigning pack) Stimulated a request for material for a group.
- Q5 (On the 'lone ploughing of a furrow' à la Bob's recent article) One person certainly identified with this.
- Q6 (On having a youth section) Many must have enjoyed this one! 'Only if over 50s are accepted' - 'Depends on the upper age limit!'
- Q7 (About volunteering help) Both lack of time and other reasons came across.

Many thanks to everyone who responded! If you know any likely youngsters, how about giving them your copy of Ploughshare to read?

## Christian CND Annual General Meeting

19 June 2004  
London Mennonite Centre  
Highgate, London  
All welcome

**Embassies Walk 2004**

**A** rather depleted group of walkers this year, despite the fine weather. Nevertheless we were as determined as ever and had sufficient numbers to do our planned three separate walks.

We met as usual in the Dick Sheppard Chapel in St Martin-in-the-Fields for a short service. A couple of the embassies asked to change the time of our visit so a bit of last minute rearranging went on before we set out for our appointments.

Most of the New Agenda Coalition embassies visited; New Zealand, Brazil, Sweden and Ireland, welcomed us and offered time to chat with a representative or counsellor. We were particularly impressed with the Brazilian counsellor who seemed completely 'on the ball'. The NAC embassy staff we met were all agreed that this year's PrepCom was very disappointing. Some commented that the activities of the Non-Nuclear Weapons States and the NAC in particular seemed a bit 'incoherent'. Most of the NAC embassies expressed appreciation of the efforts of NGOs.

The cake and letter were handed in to South Africa, Mexico and Egypt. Of the Nuclear Weapons States, Pakistan and China accepted our letter and cake and Downing Street allowed us to present the items to the post room. The MoD offered someone to come to talk with us but we were running late so we went on to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office where we

met two people from the 'Counter-Proliferation' department.

At Russia, we could not find the right door for hand deliveries and a surly security officer/concierge wasn't helping us so we decided to post the letter. And the US embassy, of course, is such a fortress no-one, not even an American citizen, can get near. The embassy is so cocooned from the public that one cannot even meet American security staff; British only. And no way were they accepting hand deliveries, even of delicious cake.

In comparison, the Israeli embassy was warmly welcoming! We had to provide three (and only three) names in advance, and these three had to bring passports to provide ID, go through an x-ray and be searched, also our knife to cut the cake had to be abandoned at the door, but we got in! Not only that, we had over half an hour with our contact who was very hospitable, provided coffee and biscuits and was most charming. This year's response was: "but what makes you think we do have nuclear weapons?"

At the end of the walks, most of us met up at the Lido Café in Hyde Park to compare notes, rest our weary feet and have a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

Full country-by country reports will be available from the office shortly.

**Church of England Synod****York****9th - 13th July****Christian CND will be there with a stall!****Lunchtime meeting planned -****Saturday 10th July****Please contact the office if you can help****All welcome!****Congratulations**

Our love and best wishes go to Nancy Zook and husband David on the birth of their daughter Zoe on 6 March - a bit early but she is doing well.



*Prayer Diary*

Throughout each month let us try to support peace actions with prayer. Let all our actions be prayerful actions.



**June**

Please pray for our Annual General Meeting.

**July**

Pray for all who work for peace and justice.

**August**

Remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki and those still affected.



**ALDERMASTON ALERT**

Should AWE prepare to build new nuclear weapons?

If your answer is NO, there is still time to OBJECT to the MOD's site development plan to build a huge LASER at AWE Aldermaston.

AWE says that the Laser is needed to test weapons' materials because underground nuclear tests are banned under the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

Objections: The visual impact of the proposed 26m high Laser Building is unacceptable;

Traffic impact in the one-year building phase will put people at risk of road accidents;

A new radiation risk should be legally justified;

The Laser facility should be subject to an independent Environmental Impact Assessment;

To prepare to design new weapons is contrary to the NPT and undermines the CTBT.

AWE developments are of national interest and should be subject to a Public Inquiry.

Address to write to: Gary Rayner, Planning Officer, West Berks. Council, Market Street, Newbury RG14 5DL.  
planapps@westberks.gov.uk

Closing Date: 16th June 2004

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- Waged, individual: £12 (£15 household)
- Unwaged individual £6, (£8 household)
- Group affiliation: from £10
- I/we wish to be a member of CCND
- Please send a standing order form
- I enclose a cheque/PO (payable to CCND) to include the following:  
membership: £.....  
donation: £.....  
TOTAL: £.....

Denomination/church position:  
.....  
(Optional)

- To help with local campaigning, I agree that my contact details can be passed on to other CCND members.

CCND will **never** pass members' details to anyone who is not a CCND member.

Name.....

Address.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Email:.....

Please Return form to: Christian CND 162 Holloway Rd, London, N7 8DQ

Diary

**Thursday 17 June:** What future for the United Nations? The Erskine Childers Lecture 2004, with Jenny Tonge MP. 7pm at Friends House, Euston Road, opposite Euston Station. Info: 020 8399 2547.

**Saturday 19 June:** 19th Anniversary celebration of the London Peace Pagoda. 2 - 5pm. The London Peace Pagoda is in Battersea Park, London. Contact 020 7228 9620.

**Christian CND  
Annual General Meeting**

19 June 2004 at 10.30am  
London Mennonite Centre  
49 Shepherds Hill, Near Highgate Station,  
London  
All welcome

**Sunday 4 July:** 'RAF' Lakenheath: Peace Makers Ball! (Part of the Independence from American Bases Day). Organised by: Lakenheath Action Group. tel: 01508 550446. And at **MENWITH HILL**, The Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB) are organising the Annual Demonstration at NSA Menwith Hill, near Harrogate North Yorkshire. Independence FROM America. Come to 'THE UGLY BUG BALL'. Tel No. 01943 466405 or 01482 702033.

**16 - 18 July:** National Justice and Peace Conference: 'Bringing Forth the Kingdom: Love and Justice in a Broken World.' Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. Contact: 01483 894325.

**19-25 July:** Farnborough International arms exhibition. Info CAAT as above.

**6 August:** Hiroshima Day.

**9 August:** Nagasaki Day.

**12 September:** Racial Justice Sunday: 'One Race, the Human Race'. Free packs, prayer leaflets, flyers from Catholic Association for Racial Justice, 9 Henry Road, Manor House, London, N4 2LH, Tel: 020 8802 8080 email: info@carj.co.uk

**15 - 22 August:** Creation and Ecology: a Jewish/Christian/Muslim celebration. Three Faiths Summer School. £270 full board, limited bursaries available. Contact the Ammerdown Centre, Ammerdown Park, Radstock, Somerset BA3 5SW. 01761 433709, email website www.ammerdown.org

**27 - 30 August:** Greenbelt Festival, Cheltenham Racecourse. Greenbelt Festivals, All Hallows on the Wall, 83 London Wall, London, EC2M 5ND info@greenbelt.org.uk

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**10-17 October:** Week of Prayer for World Peace. Begins with the service of evening prayer in Westminster Abbey on 17th October at 3pm, with the Revd. Marcus

Braybrooke, President of the World Congress of Faiths. Week of Prayer for World Peace, c/o 23 St Andrew's Road, Montpelier, Bristol, BS5 6EG.

**Saturday 23 October:** Fellowship of Reconciliation's 90th Anniversary Celebration, including Alex Wood Lecture to be given by Andrew Bradstock. Cambridge. Details from office@for.org.uk or 01832 720257.

**Sunday 24 October:** LONDON. Inter Faith gathering at 3pm for prayer for peace at the Gurdwara Sri Guru Sing Sabha, Havelock Road, Southall, UB1 3AG. 5-10 minutes walk from Southall Station.

**24 - 31 October:** One World Week; OWW central office PO Box 2555, Reading RG1 4XW, Tel 0118 9394933 Fax 0118 9394936, OWW Wales Clare Sain Ley Berry, c/o Temple of Peace, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3AP.

**Saturday 6 November:** Treaties Day School at the London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London. Speakers will include John Simpson from the Mountbatten Centre at Southampton University, Regina Hagen from INESAP in Germany, Jean Marie Colline from Mouvement de la Paix and more. More details from CCND office later.

Regular events

Faslane Peace Camp, Shandon, Helensburgh, Dumbartonshire, Scotland G84 8NT. Contact: 01436 820 901.

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**Every Monday:** 5.30-7pm. Vigil outside Foreign Office calling for 'Justice not Vengeance'. Contact David 020 7607 2302.

**Every Saturday:** 12-2pm. Vigil on Kensington High St. calling for the release of Vanunu. Contact Campaign to Free Vanunu 020 7378 9324.

**2nd full weekend of each month:** Aldermaston Women's Peace Camp. Details: 07969 739 812.

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