

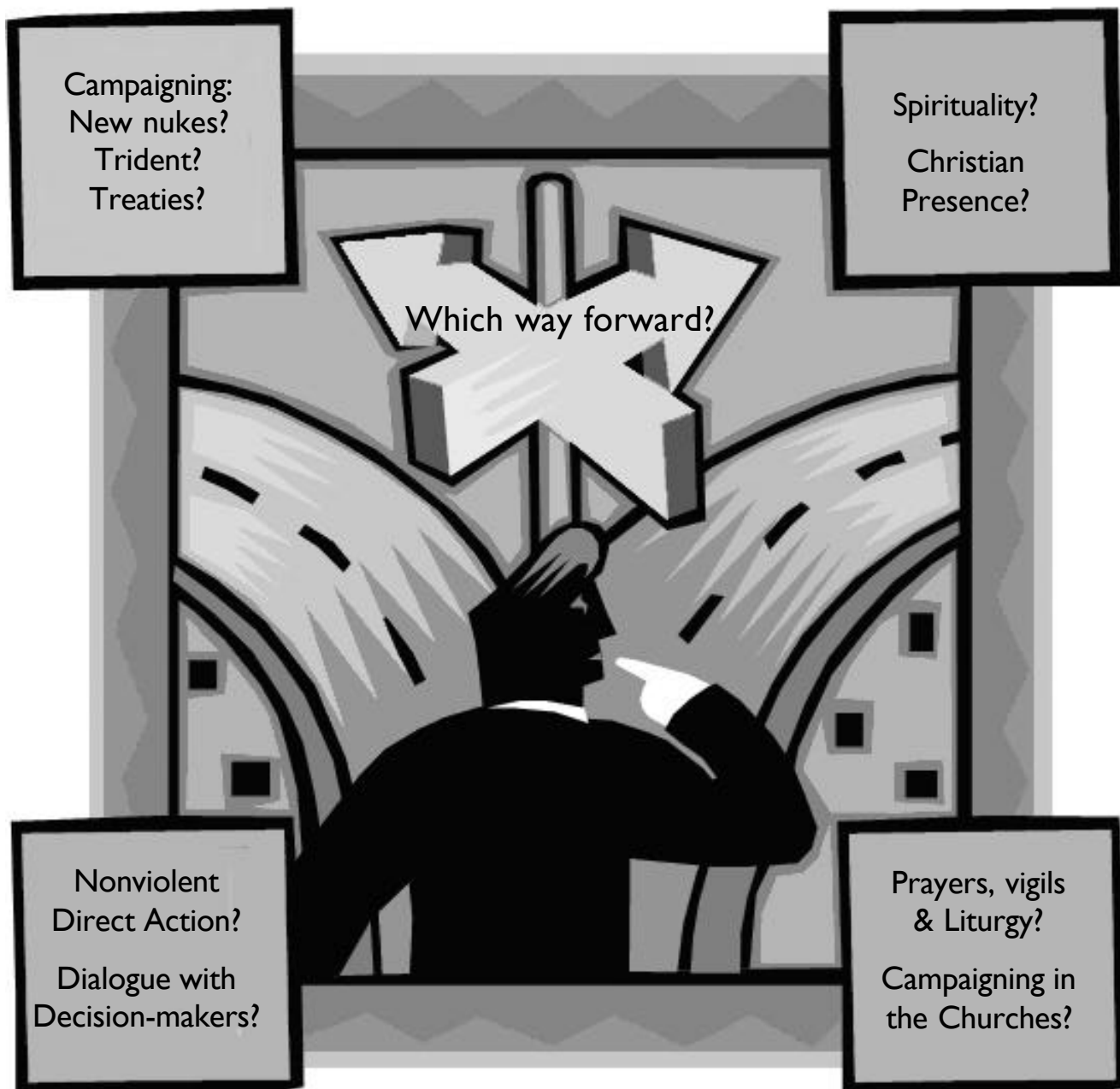
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Big Blockade at Faslane; Hiroshima & Nagasaki Days;

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Editorial

Where do we go from here?

We are coming to the end of a summer when the issues of violence and non-violence have needed to be addressed by everyone. The readers of Ploughshare have already seen that there are no violent solutions to the world's problems and the rest of the population have been asking questions about the causes of terrorism and whether the Iraq war has made it more likely; did the bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki take more lives than they saved and how can we live together respecting each other as members of different ethnic groups; is our violent plundering of the world's resources affecting the future of our children and the greed of the rich countries making life in the hungry world more difficult. It has been a difficult and anxious period and we need to look forward with hope and confidence in the possibility of change.

In this issue you will find an account of our 'Futures Day' when a group of members came together to look at new ways and a new focus for our campaigning. There was no feeling of despair there or a lack of enthusiasm.

In December we will celebrate our 45th Birthday. Anniversaries usually mean looking back and we hope you will bring photographs and memories, but we will also be looking forward and deciding together what should be the focus of our campaign for the next year or two. We must be aware of the new replacement for Trident and not forget that the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty is still in place so our Government must be held to account.

We are producing a colour booklet on the result of the Countdown Campaign and what happened in New York as a thank you to all of you who participated with prayer, action and donations. This will be available at the AGM and Party. Do come - it won't be a celebration without you!

Patricia Pulham

CCND's Treasurer Neil Berry is pictured here with the new addition to the Berry family - little Marcello, who was born on 11 July - a baby brother for Juliana. Our love and congratulations to Neil and Angela with kisses for Juliana and Marcello.



Some were up at 4am or earlier. The coaches began leaving Glasgow at 5am so as the mist was lifting from the Scottish lochs and hillsides, the gathering at Faslane began.

By 8am there were enough to block the access to the R.N. base on the Clyde at all gates - North Gate, South Gate, and the oil depot.

As usual, the main clergy and ministers' presence was at the North Gate. Here it was that members of Iona community joined us. At 11.30am, we had morning worship lead by Norman Shanks, followed by songs, including one written and sung for the occasion by Kathy Galloway (leader of the Iona Community). This was followed by a celebration of the Eucharist in which all were invited to share. By this time the midges had gone and the sun shone on us all.

The backdrop to this worship, in addition to the police, and the barbed wire protecting the Trident submarines and their crews from our dangerous influence, was a multi-pedalled bicycle which, it turned out, carried a generator for the sound system. This lent necessary amplification to those who led us in prayer and song. Meanwhile the clowns went on clowning, the dancers went on dancing, the geisha girls (eight of them appropriately dressed and made-up) continued their silent walk in single file, bowing and smiling with joined hands to anyone who caught their eye, the Adoman affinity group¹ went on proclaiming.

There was much music, from a capella women's voices to amplified rock, and much rhythmic drumming. But the only Buddhist monk in monastic robes at



the North Gate did not carry any instrument this year. Perhaps other monks or nuns were at the other gates but I did not leave my post to look.

Hazel Barkham - a URC minister who, like me, is a member of Christian CND and Clergy Against Nuclear Arms - helped me hold the CCND banner, which was

photographed many times. The media were well in attendance. I had four interviews, but near me Bruce Kent attracted many more reporters, gaining attention to what he had to say for press, TV and radio. As always, Caroline Lucas, Green MEP, was present with us.

The word went round about 8.15am that the police did not wish to make arrests.²

This was a surprise to me, considering the line of 40 minibuses on the hill above, and the very high numbers of Strathclyde police, this year supplemented by the West Midlands force, no doubt because so many Scots police were at Edinburgh or Gleneagles. Many who were with us in our witness had come by coach direct from the making Poverty History events the day before.

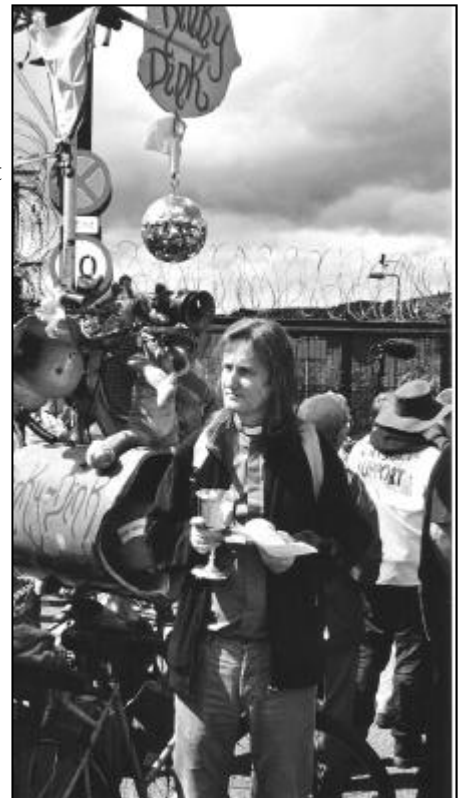
To make poverty history we must make war history. As one banner in Edinburgh had it, 'Poverty=War=Poverty'.³ By our successful and totally peaceful blockade of the Trident base we emphasised the illegality, immorality, irresponsibility and irrelevance of the 24 hour deployment of these evil weapons by our government. May the day come soon when we need to make this witness no longer.

So passed the 4th July. And nobody mentioned American Independence Day!

David Platt.

Notes

1. Barbara Sunderland's affinity group.
2. There were at length two arrests for unavoidable reasons. Both the actions and the arrests were totally non-violent.
3. This was made for the Movement for the Abolition of War. It may be borrowed from MAW by request (020 8347 6162). It measures 8x4 feet.



London commemorated Hiroshima Day in the usual way in Tavistock Square. Pictured right are Revd Elaine Dando of St Pancras Parish Church with Jeremy Corbyn MP (picture by D Rothwell).

The event was organised by Hamstead CND and London Region CND.

Below are two poems, one by David Krieger, President of Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, and the other by the winner of the Peace Poem competition sponsored by the Mayor of London and CND.

See page 10 for more photos and a report on the Hiroshima Day Commemoration in Coventry.



Hibakusha Still Live on Earth

Hibakusha
still live
on earth

their soft
voices
of forgiveness

testimony
to our human
spirit

they bow deep
thanking us
for listening

to their
sad and painful
stories

Some day
the last Hibakusha
will take

a last breath
and be
no more

but their pain
and their stories
will live on

David Krieger
President, Nuclear Age
Peace Foundation
www.wagingpeace.org

Peace

Everyone knew what day it was,
Everyone could see the world shut-
ting down,
And although all the shops and banks
were closed,
All were calm

Everyone knew what day it was,
And for the first time in centuries
none cared about money
No one cared about debts and
mortgages and wills and contracts
And all were calm

Everyone knew what day it was
And although no one knew what
happened next
No one knew whether apocalypse
waited for them behind the sunset
Or whether the pearly gates were
waiting for them to grace their
doors
Or if there was anything at all
Yet all were calm

Everyone knew what day it was
And although many knew they had
not fulfilled their dreams
They were with their families, talking,
laughing, sitting
And all were calm

Everyone knew what day it was
And as the sun began to finally climb
down from its pedestal
And as the shadows lengthened on
the pavements
People knew it was the end
Yet no one said "what if..." and no
one said "I wish..."
And all were calm

Everyone knew what day it was
And the children, this once were
allowed to stay up
And the adults, this once, allowed to
be children again
And all were calm

Everyone knew what day it was
And as the darkness took over the
skies
And the wind and the rain stopped
And the rivers and the seas ceased
movement
All noise diminished
There was a light
And then there was peace
Peace.

Joanna Small, winner of the Peace
Poem competition 2005



Church of England Synod

I arrived at the venue at set up with leaflets and a couple of panels of CND's Hiroshima exhibition, which looked very good. After obtaining a pass I went to the Synod building and introduced myself to Alistair Calcutt, and went around with the Hiroshima Statement and petition forms. First I met an observer from the Moravian Church who took a form away for his fellow Moravians, and a vicar who took a form for his congregation to sign. After that, no joy until lunch time. I did listen in to some of the Synod debate that morning.

After lunch (due to ignorance of the correct procedure I obtained some delicious free food!) I went back to the Synod building and collected some more signatures. At 3pm Alistair appeared, saying I should not be doing this inside the building (there had been complaints) and I was banished outside. I did say to Alistair that the area we had been given was rather out of the way, but to no avail. However, I did quite well outside the entrance and it was cool and shady. I packed up at 4.30pm. Total results: signatures 20, refusals 27.

I only recognised one Bishop, who took a statement away but did not sign. I distributed a few in this manner. Most of the usual arguments/excuses for refusing

to sign came out - it hastened the end of WWII, kept the peace for 40 years, kept us safe during the Cold War, we are disarming, rogue states run by madmen ... one person said "I'm a friend/supporter of Bush". One man said "I am glad you are doing this" and there were interesting conversations.

Doubts about the value of this exercise; if the rules are obeyed and one stays outside the gathering and has a stall where it was on Saturday, the impact is very small. No signatures were collected there and few, if any leaflets taken. I did leave some yellow leaflets in the Laity boxes for various dioceses. If one is prepared to stand and collect signatures or distribute leaflets outside, this gathering is hard work. But there were sympathetic supporters. Other conferences I have attended have made good provision for fringe groups (if that is what we are). It would be nice if Synod were more accommodating in this respect.

I did speak to the Archbishop of Canterbury and gave him a copy of the statement. I did not ask him to sign as I thought this would put him in a difficult position.

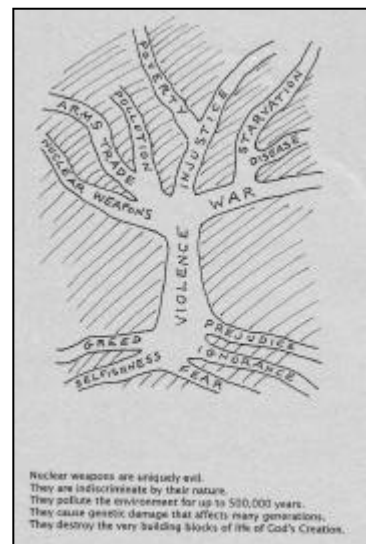
Coral Hallums

"We are the stewards of Creation" NJPN conference at Swanwick



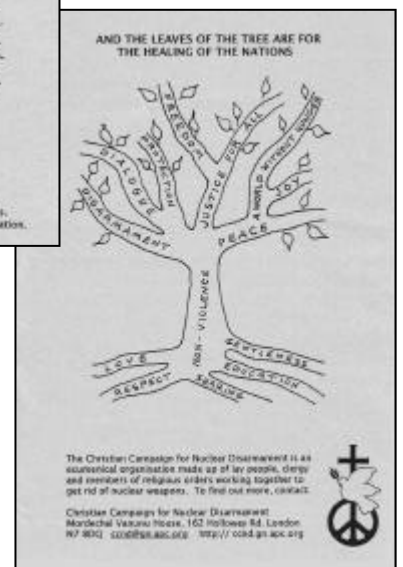
Patricia and Michael Pulham took the Hiroshima Exhibition for display at the National Justice and Peace Network conference which took place between 8 - 10 July at Swanwick.

New CCND leaflet



"And the leaves of the Tree are for the Healing of the Nations".

A new leaflet designed by Michael Pulham showing a tree of life. Contact us for copies.



Weapons in Space

To the United States Space Command, Space is the “fourth medium of warfare”. Space is becoming an increasingly important tool for modern warfare. Some want space weaponised too. Efforts are ongoing in the USA, India and China to develop space weapons, such as space-based lasers, breaking the Outer Space Treaty and turning space in to a battlefield. The US is talking about “dominating space” and “fighting in and from space”. At present there are no weapons in space but within months that may no longer be the case.

There is a treaty that bans some space weapons but not the latest types being developed. Most of the world including the British public wants new rules to ban space weapons before it's too late.

More information from:

CND, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8BR

Yorkshire CND, 22 Edmund Street, Bradford, West Yorkshire, BD5 0BH. tel: 0845 458 3315 e-mail info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk <http://cndyorks.gn.apc.org/>

Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space PO Box 652, Brunswick, ME 04011 USA

www.space4peace.org/

Missile Defence Working Group: www.mdwg.org.uk/

Know your enemy:

Vision 2025: www.au.af.mil/au/2025/ We were not able to access this website as we went to print. This is the infamous “Vision 2020/2025”

The Heritage Foundation: www.heritage.org

The Project for the New American Century: www.newamericancentury.org/

What you can do

- ✍ Sign the petition calling for a new ban on space weapons. Contact CND for copies or see the website.
- ✍ Read the CND report “Fighting for Space”.
- ✍ Write to your MP.
- ✍ Come along to the events and demonstrations around the country for “Keep Space for Peace Week”. More details from CND and Yorkshire CND.

Millenium Summit +5

In September 2005, the United Nations will hold a high level plenary meeting -- also referred to as a summit -- to review the implementation of the Millennium Declaration (2000), and the integrated follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields. Member States at the summit will also deliberate the Secretary-General's report – released in March 2005 – on the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and issues of peace and security, as well as UN reform. See www.un-ngls.org/MDG/unaction.htm

Meanwhile 7 countries including the UK, have got together and agreed on a statement on nuclear disarmament (extracts below):

“...we the Foreign Ministers of Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Norway, Romania, South Africa and the United Kingdom have agreed on a number of critical steps forward in the field of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation. We hope that these may contribute towards constructive debate and a strong outcome for the 2005 World Summit to be held in New York this September....

“All states must take a strong stand on non-proliferation and disarmament, and reaffirm their commitment to the Treaty's mutually supportive rights and obligations....

“Finally, we believe that general and complete disarmament is a global responsibility. We recognize that the only full guarantee against the use of nuclear weapons would be complete security of nuclear materials and a world free of all nuclear weapons.”

For the full statement contact the office or go to: www.reachingcriticalwill.org/political/1com/1comindex1.html#M5

www.un-ngls.org/MDG/unaction.htm

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Trident replacement

Britain's Trident submarine nuclear missile system costs us around £1.5 billion every year. The four submarines are based at the Clyde Naval Base in Faslane, 30 miles from Glasgow. A nuclear-powered Trident submarine is out on patrol, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, ready to fire sixteen nuclear-armed missiles. Each submarine carries up to 48 nuclear warheads, each one with a destructive capability approximately seven times greater than the Hiroshima bomb.

The Labour Government has indicated that a decision whether to replace the Trident nuclear weapons system is likely to be made in this Parliament (i.e. before the next General Election in May 2010 at the latest). This was first announced in the Defence White Paper of December 2003.

There has already been some discussion in the press about it, with both Michael Portillo and the late Robin Cook expressing doubts about whether a replacement is necessary, but the government will almost certainly want to have as little debate as possible.

What you can do

You can write to the Rt. Hon James Arbuthnot, MP, Chair of the Defence Select Committee, House of Commons, London SWA 0AA.

Please congratulate James Arbuthnot on his appointment as Chair of the Defence Select Committee, and ask that:

- ✉ the Committee conduct an inquiry into whether Trident should be replaced;
- ✉ the inquiry consider evidence from a broad range of opinion, including Non-Governmental Organisations;
- ✉ the Committee recommend such an important decision should follow a full parliamentary debate.

If the Committee does conduct an inquiry, a future letter can suggest points for written submissions.

If you think it appropriate, please send a copy to your MP. Send copies of any replies you receive to us!

Rolls Royce: The Power behind Britain's weapons of mass destruction

What is wrong with Rolls Royce Raynesway?

Rolls Royce Raynesway, near Derby, makes the nuclear reactor rods for Britain's Illegal nuclear weapons system Trident. Without this fuel, Trident submarines cannot move and so are unable to threaten the world.

Trident is illegal under international and British law because:

- ✉ Nuclear weapons are uncontrollable: both damaging future generations, killing civilians and military personnel alike, and contaminating the whole world, not just the areas in which they are used.
- ✉ The British governments use and threat of use of WMD is a crime under the Geneva Conventions and under many other international laws.
- ✉ Our continued possession and recent threats to use Trident encourage other countries such as North Korea, to develop their own nuclear weapons. It also undermines the international treaties which are designed to prevent nuclear proliferation.

Rolls Royce should:

- ✉ Stop making Nuclear fuel rods
- ✉ Divert their nuclear expertise into the safe decommissioning of nuclear facilities
- ✉ Focus on other, non nuclear, areas of manufacturing.

What you can do:

- ✉ Write to your MP asking them to stop the breaking of International law and to support getting rid of the UK's nuclear weapons.
- ✉ Come to the public meeting on 22 October in Derby, see below.
- ✉ Find out more from Trident Ploughshares Trident Ploughshares, 42-46 Bethel St, Norwich NR2 1NR tel: 0845 45 88 366. www.tridentploughshares.org or from CND: www.cnduk.org

On 22 - 24 October there will be a *Rolls Royce Blockade*. Leafleting in town during the Saturday, public meeting Saturday night, non-violence training Sunday, blockade Rolls Royce Nuclear Factory Monday. More info: derbytp@peacepages.co.uk phone 0845 330 3877 www.derby.peacepages.co.uk.

In the future in each issue of Ploughshare we hope to focus on a particular corporation involved in the nuclear arms industry.

This is your chance to act locally!

Let us know of your local companies involved in the nuclear industry and we will feature them in the newsletter and encourage others to get involved.

What? Where? How? When? Why? Who?

The 'Futures' workshop day, 'Where do we go from here?' worked around these questions and many ideas were put forward. We didn't find answers to them all. This is where you come in. Do you agree with the list of suggestions below or do you have other ideas? We'll send out a questionnaire with Ploughshare Plus so that we have some concrete proposals to discuss at the November AGM, but you don't have to wait till then. You can write or email the office now if you prefer.

We were all anxious not to lose the skills and contacts we had acquired during the Countdown Campaign, but also wanted to emphasise our basic case, particularly in the Churches and among young people. (Could we have a younger version of the Churches' Pack?)

There was a general wish to have a visible Christian presence, liturgy etc. at other peace demonstrations and to produce leaflets to appeal to people in other interest groups as well as having our own regular events.

Some ideas for a focus: broadening our campaign and linking it with other issues, emphasising UK defence policy, eg replacing Trident, weapons in space, bombs stored at Lakenheath, nuclear power and its links with WMD, disarmament treaties.

Lots of suggestions, few of which can happen unless some more members can give a little time to help in organising. Many of you have skills that would be very valuable to the movement. Some of you might be able to commit a short time to helping with one specific event in your own area or coming to a more central point (fares paid) occasionally.

At our autumn AGM we would like to choose a campaigning focus ... and know we have the people to help carry it out. WHO does what was the hardest question to answer. We know WHY Christians should be concerned about nuclear issues, we know HOW we should campaign, but without knowing WHO, we can't decide WHAT.

Patricia Pulham

Greenbelt 2005

My first ever Greenbelt - four days, bathed in sunshine, 20,000 people, a Peacezone which attracted an almost constant stream of visitors and generated much interest and discussion in peace issues, piles of leaflets and booklets taken awayI represented CCND as part of the Network of Christian Peace Organisations, who run the zone each year.

Being a newcomer, thus unable to make comparisons with previous years, I asked GB peacezone 'veterans' who all said the zone was much livelier than before. We were positioned in a busier, open 'thoroughfare' situation as opposed to a closed-off area in a 'cul-de-sac' with no passing traffic. The zone was like a three-sided room with open access along the front.

Two features no doubt drew people in - our tree sculpture, placed at the entrance, and the screen set halfway back in the zone, for powerpoint displays. People could read/listen to these from the entrance, so catching our message without even having to enter or engage.

In keeping with the festival theme 'The Tree of Life', our main feature was a beautiful white 'tree of violence and nonviolence', an approx 10-12 feet high model made of paper over bamboo, designed by Sheffield artist Jonathan Baxter. Children - of all ages! - were invited to draw around their hands and write on ideas

about the roots or fruits of violence (blue hands) or of nonviolence (yellow hands) These were pasted over the tree's roots and trunk, and hung across the zone. Groups of children were often sat around the table sticking and drawing, making 'peace cranes'. A special display designed for Greenbelt attracted much attention - thanks to David Gee and Jonathan for their work on this. Almost all the CCND literature went - thanks to Patricia for her custom-designed leaflet featuring a tree to express the CCND message. We had an A3 laminated panel as part of an exhibition outlining the work of member NCPO bodies.

For three evenings Sue Gilmurray and I led worship sessions. Before the last of these, Ciaran O'Reilly joined us to speak of his Pitstop Ploughshares actions with a DVD, which attracted many visitors.

Many GB visitors were entertained by our walking Fruit Tree, created by Norman Kember of Baptist Peace Fellowship. Norman and I regularly donned the costume and strolled the site advertising the Peacezone, and inviting people to add fruits of peace to the branches. These were paper 'fruits' stored in a hidden pocket in the costume, taken out for writing on and then tied on to the (real) leafy branches. I will not even begin to try and describe the costume - a picture will be provided for the next Ploughshare!

Christine Titmuss

Convergence and Confirmation from another Faith; Battersea Peace Pagoda 20th Birthday celebrations

Now that we have come to the end of our 5 year plan of action on the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty (NPT) with the May Review Conference in New York, we are looking around for the best directions for our efforts in the future; what is the way ahead for CCND? One way could be theology, a theology of peace and co-existence, including insights from other faiths. Does anyone remember the Canterbury Pilgrimage in the 80's and being called to the Hindu temple to receive blessings on our way? So I was especially honoured and delighted to be asked to speak at the Battersea Peace Pagoda on their 20th Birthday Celebrations on July 16th; particularly as it was from the Battersea Peace Pagoda that we had launched our Prayer Campaign on Hiroshima Day for the last year running up to the NPT Review Conference.

We see and hear Buddhist monks' and nuns' faithful witness against nuclear weapons at every demonstration, but I had not realised how absolutely central this is to their spirituality and world vision. I was strongly reminded of our old mission 'to speak truth to power'.

Here is some idea of the Senior Monk's address:

'The then City Council accepted Fujii Guruji's vow to abolish nuclear weapons of the world, and agreed on a peace pagoda's construction as a symbol of peace. This vow of abolishing nuclear weapons is a desire and mission of mankind, which the people of the world have to achieve.

If humanity is to survive peacefully, each of us

has to make a pledge to go against war, against supporting war and against killing people. Then we have to implement our pledge. Let us abandon an idea to retaliate against violence by using another violence. It is wrong to do so. In order to resolve problems including conflicts, we have to respect the others and persevere the process of talks, while not to press the others unilaterally by power.

Unprecedented natural disasters are occurring in many places of the world today. Earthquakes, tsunami, floods, typhoons.....Heaven is sending warning signs to humanity. We have to be humble and reflect on what we have done.

700 years ago, after seeing the then extraordinary natural disasters...Bodhisattva Nichirin wrote a book... in which he remonstrated with the then government and asked to adopt a righteous policy.

The Lord Buddha made a prophesy regarding the present time, in which he said we would face a threat of great fire. At the same time, the Buddha told he would leave a good medicine as a way of salvation for humanity.

A vow of non-killing is the prayer of Na-mu-myo-ho-ren-ge-kyo. When we keep the law of non killing, we may nurture a mind to hate nuclear weapons and reject war. Then human survival and prosperity may come to realise'

Caroline Gilbert

45th Birthday!

The Christian CND AGM and 45th "Birthday Party" will be at 10am on 10 December at Friends House, Euston Road, London

Got any memories, pictures, old copies of Ploughshare (really old we mean!), or other memorabilia?



Please share them! Send them in to the office (with a SAE if you want them returned) for display at the AGM.

And do come along!



Hiroshima 60 years on

I was a 12 year old schoolgirl in Wales when the atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on 6th August 1945, old enough to be glad that it brought the war to an end, too young to question or even to be aware of any need to question the morality of it. The war was finally over and that was good.

This 60th anniversary of the bombing and the end of World War II has had extensive coverage in the media. Even our own CCND Hiroshima Commemoration Service in Coventry Cathedral was briefly mentioned on ITV News and our friend and visiting speaker from Japan Yoshiatsu Takamura was interviewed.

The service itself, organised and presented by members of CANA (Clergy Against Nuclear Arms) was beautifully constructed and very moving. About 220 people were present. It began outdoors in the area between the old and the new cathedrals, the choir standing on the steps and their voices ringing out in the open air. We moved from there into the new cathedral where the service was led by the Rev Alan Race. The music - the choir singing, the organ playing, and the Buddhist chanting and drumming by the Venerable Handa - was really something special. The spoken word too was very challenging - readings, prayers, a theological reflection by the Rev Andrew Shanks and a message from Hiroshima from Yoshi Takamura. Yoshi was with us in 1995 for the 50th anniversary service in Westminster Abbey and it was great to have him with us again, still active in the struggle to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

Enid Russell

Donations - thank you!

Our thanks to those who donated some of their Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day collections to CCND - and those who sent a donation towards the cost of leaflets we sent them for events.

We are happy to send anyone leaflets (or CCND goods) for your meetings, stalls, vigils, church services etc.. Contact the office and we will send you what's available.

Finally - a request to all members to consider paying annual subscriptions by standing order - and those who already do so to consider increasing the amount if that amount has remained the same for many years. If you can afford it, £2 a month (for example) will make a great difference to our finances and enable us to plan



Laying of flowers at the Cherry Tree and the choir performing in Tavistock Square, London. Photos by Sam Akaki.



ahead, get leaflets printed in bulk or worry less about the cost of the venue for the AGM and so on. Contact the office for a Standing Order Form.

We depend on your support! Thank you very much.

Continue the struggle against nuclear weapons ... Remember the Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament when making or updating your will

We have recently received a small number of legacies. Why not help us continue our work and remember us in your will? We do not have charitable status (working for nuclear disarmament is not charitable apparently) but are definitely a not-for-profit organisation!

Prayer Diary



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

September: For moral values and integrity in political decision making. (Parliament is recalled. Trident is due to be discussed.)

October: For wise decisions at CND Conference. (One World Week occurs and the Week of Prayer for World Peace)

November: For all the victims of war.

December: For the world and peace for all its children. (Advent, Christmas and Holy Innocents.) For a successful Christian CND AGM. (This year is Christian CND's 45th Anniversary!)



Please also pray for CCND Exec member Barbara Sunderland (right) who is recovering from an operation. You can write to her c/o Biggleswade Hospital, Potton Road, Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 0EL

Obituaries

Joseph Rotblat

Joseph Rotblat, one of the great heroes of the Nuclear Age, died peacefully in his sleep in London on 1st September. We grieve his death, but are grateful for his life. Those of us who had the honor to meet him or know him remember his great kindness and his fierce intellect, both in the service of his passion to rid the world of nuclear weapons. He never stopped, never retired from his work for disarmament and peace.

We send our condolences to the families of the following CCND members who have died recently.

Mary Clare Edwards

CCND supporter Mrs Edwards from Swinton, Manchester, died in February 2005.

Eva Janet Manning

Miss Manning died in May this year.

Mrs N Larnar

Mrs Larnar of Lancing, Sussex, died this year.

Lorna Paulin

Lorna Paulin of Bengoe, Hertford, died in January this year.

Alan Murray

Alan Murray died in March this year. After his retirement, he became involved in Peace groups locally, and one of the organisations closest to his heart and thinking was Christian CND. His Christian beliefs were behind his lifelong commitment to world peace.



How to join CCND Annual membership subscriptions are:

- ☞ Waged, individual: £12 (£15 household)
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- ☞ Group affiliation: from £10
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19 September - 21 October: Exhibition: Manchester: 25 Years of Working for a Nuclear Free Future. Manchester Central Library, St Peter's Square. Contact: Nuclear Policy and Information Unit, Manchester City Council, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 3NY Tel.: 0161 234 3244 Email: c.frisby@manchester.gov.uk Web: www.nuclearpolicy.info

Wednesday 21 September: International Day of Peace. See Peace One Day: www.peaceday.org

Saturday 24 September: March for Peace and Liberty. National Demonstration in Central London - 1pm. Jointly organised by CND, the Muslim Association of Britain and Stop the War Coalition.

25 September: Demo at USAF Lakenheath. Contact 01508 550446 or e-mail info@lakenheathaction.org

Saturday 1 October: "Paying for War: Paying for Peace." Conscience Annual Event. Organised in conjunction with the Scottish Network for a Civilian Peace Service. St John's Church, Princes Street, Edinburgh. Registration fee: £6.50 includes lunch. Contact Conscience, 1b Waterlow Road, London N19 5NJ, 0870 777 3223, info@conscienceonline.org.uk

1 - 8 October: Keep Space for Peace week. www.space4peace.org/ or Yorkshire CND: info@yorkshirecnd.org.uk or visit: www.yorkshirecnd.org.uk

Thursday 6 October: Public meeting on the Weaponisation of Space with special guest speaker Bruce Gagnon Co-ordinator of the Global Network Against Nuclear Power and Weapons in Space. 7pm, Cross Street Chapel. Organised by Greater Manchester & District CND as part of the international Keep Space for Peace week.

15 - 16 October: CND Annual Conference. Look out for the CCND Workshop on Campaigning in the Churches and other Faith Communities! Venue; Old Cinema, University of Westminster in Regent Street, London. www.cnduk.org

17 October: Malmesbury Christian Justice and Peace Group Annual General Meeting. Guest speaker Bruce Kent. 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church, Malmesbury. All welcome. Contact Rev Sidney Hinkes, sidney@fish.co.uk 01666 825249.

Wednesday 19 October: People's Summit for Departments of Peace Open meeting 7pm Grand Committee Room, House of Commons, London. More information: mail@ministryforpeace.org.uk

22 - 24 October: Rolls Royce Blockade. Leafleting in Derby during the Saturday, Public meeting Saturday night, Non-violence training Sunday, Blockade Rolls Royce Nuclear Factory Monday. More info: derbytp@peacepages.co.uk www.derby.peacepages.co.uk/phone 0845 330 3877

23 - 30 October: Week of Prayer for World Peace. For

information and prayer leaflets contact the London Inter Faith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road, London NW6 6RG. There will be an inter faith gathering at the London Fo Guang Temple, 84 Margaret Street, London W1W 8TD on **23 October** at 3pm. Tel 020 7636 8394, email: ibpslondon@hotmail.com

23 - 30 October: One World Week. "Promises, promises - make poverty history". <http://www.oneworldweek.org/> PO Box 2555, Reading RG1 4XW Tel 0118 9394933 Fax 0118 9394936 e-mail enquiries@oneworldweek.org e-mail scotland@oneworldweek.org

24 - 30 October: Disarmament Week. www.un.org/depts/dhl/disarmament/index.html

24 October: UN Day - 60th Anniversary.

Saturday 5 November: MANA Concert for Peace. St James's Church, Piccadilly, London W1 7.30 pm. Info from MANA Administration, 71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU. 020 8455 1030.

Sunday 13 November: Remembrance Sunday. Amongst the events will be Movement for the Abolition War annual peace lecture at the Imperial War Museum. Guest speaker will be Martin Bell. See <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/events.shtml> for more details.

18 - 19 November: Peace Direct Link Group Conference, Rugby. More details to follow. Francesca@peacedirect.org Peace Direct, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4JX Tel: 0845 456 9714.

Saturday 19 November: Movement for the Abolition of War AGM, Vaughan House, London. 020 8340 6639.

10 December: CCND Annual General Meeting and 45th Anniversary Celebration. Friends House Euston Road, London. Guest Speaker: Bruce Kent. All Welcome.

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