

## ELCND Annual Report 2009

Our AGM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and following this, two branch meetings were held on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> April, all chez Michael and Ewa Hindley

Two branch meetings were held on Wed 24<sup>th</sup> June and Wed 5<sup>th</sup> August chez Carolyn Eastwood in Earby

A branch meeting was held on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Open Door Centre in Colne where David Penney is on the committee. Branch meetings were also held on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> November and Tues 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Open Door Centre

Through the year information was sent to ELCND supporters in May, July, August, September and October by use of email and Royal Mail. Invitations to the 2010 AGM were sent to all ELCND supporters and also to all National CND members living in the BB postcode area.

**Individual members have taken many independent actions in support of the aims of ELCND. These are too numerous to list.**

**The following is a resume of the group's activities.**

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May                      May Day Rally in Townley Park, Burnley**                      It is the third time that we have attended the May Day Rally in Burnley. It is organised by the Trades Union Council. Several members walked from the Town Hall with members of the East Lancs Clarion Choir. We had a stall with a display of photos and literature in the community tent. We obtained signatures for No to Trident Replacement / Yes to a Nuclear Weapons Convention.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> July                      Independence FROM America Demo at Menwith Hill**                      The third time that several of us have attended this annual demo organised jointly by CAAB and Yorkshire CND. This year we were photographed with Clare Short, Independent MP, who gave an excellent speech. The photo was published in the Accrington Observer.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July                      Demo outside Accrington Town Hall**                      We had a stall where we obtained signatures for No to Trident Replacement / Yes to a Nuclear Weapons Conv'n.

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> August                      Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemoration in Burnley**                      This was the first commemoration held by ELCND. It was attended by a dozen supporters and members and was held at the Peace Garden outside the public library. We took our banner and displayed NO MORE HIROSHIMAS and had a short commemoration. More signatures added to the No Trident Replacement petition.

**Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August                      Charity Market in Gt Hwd**                      It is the second year that we have taken our banner and the PEACE flag to this event. We had a stall with leaflets and a display of our recent activities. More signatures on the petition.

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> October                      Keep Space for Peace Demo at Menwith Hill**                      Just two of our members braved the inclement weather at this event organised by CAAB

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> October                      Meeting held by Stop the War Coalition in Blackburn Library.**  
David Penney spoke from the stage. He gave a good rationale of why we should bring our troops out of Afghanistan, from a CND perspective.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> October                      "Troops Out" Demo outside Accrington Town Hall**                      This was held in support of the national demo that was held in London on the same day against our troops being in Afghanistan. The stall was decked out with STOP THE WAR and TROOPS OUT posters and we obtained signatures on the Stop the War petition.

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> November                      1st Planning Meeting of the new Cumbria and Lancashire Region**  
This was held chez D and J Allwright in Lancaster. It was attended by 3 of our members. The Regional Campaigns Worker for National CND came up from London to attend and she also attended a meeting about the Heysham power station on the following day.

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