

Dear CND Supporter

You should have recently received an invitation to the 3rd AGM of East Lancashire District Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. This was held on 20th January 2010.

At the meeting we formally adopted our constitution. The accounts were presented and approved and the membership rates for 2010 were fixed. We elected our new chairman of the organisation – David Penney. We re-elected our treasurer, Peter Kenyon. We elected a secretary for the first time – Joan West.

Copies of the constitution and minutes of the meeting are available to anyone who wants to read them from Joan at joanew@btinternet.com.

We agreed to follow the plans for 2010. These were as follows

- i) to promote peace and multilateral disarmament through engaging in local activities through ELCND and through regional activities through the newly formed Cumbria and Lancashire Region of CND,
- ii) to lobby prospective parliamentary candidates and demand that the new government undertakes a comprehensive defence review immediately after the 2010 General Election.
- iii) to continue the No-Trident Renewal Campaign through engaging in local activities.
- iv) to promote Peace Education through National CND's Anna Liddle.

We agreed to put the following dates in our diaries for 2010.

Monday 15th February 2010 – from 7.00am and all day -Blockade at AWE Aldermaston. ELCND was represented at the blockade by our own Roy St Pierre, an untiring worker for peace, a member of Trident Ploughshares and a keen cyclist. You will find his website at www.roystpierre.com for action, photo gallery, quotes, ephemera, cartoons, follies, street art, plaques and cycling.

Saturday 27th February 2010 – Local Action. We will raise our banner in Burnley town centre. To start 11.00am at the bandstand. The purpose of the action is to obtain signatures on the No Trident Replacement Petition.

Saturday 27th March 2010 - Local Action. We will raise our banner at 11.00am in the centre of Nelson outside Pendle Rise and Woolworths. Again we will obtain signatures on the No Trident Replacement Petition. This petition has been ongoing since early in 2009 and closes on 31st March 2010

Monday 3rd May 2010 - May Day Rally in Burnley . March under our East Lancashire CND banner alongside members of the East Lancashire Clarion Choir. Meet at the Town Hall at 11.30am and march to Townley Park. There will be a CND stall all afternoon in the Community Tent at Townley Park. There will be speeches by local MP's from the stage and fairground stalls and rides.

Details to follow for.....(see second page)

First Saturday after the calling of the General Election – Local Action to raise public awareness of CND issues.

Sunday 4th July 2010 – Independence from America Demonstration at Menwith Hill by the A59 between Skipton and Harrogate. Walk round the base, enjoy the music and marvel at the glorious Yorkshire countryside.

6/7 or 8th August 2010 – 2nd Local Commemoration of Hiroshima Day.

We would like to see you at any of these events.

Please introduce yourself when you arrive or better still contact one of the following before the event to find out more about it and to ensure that we look out for you.

David Tel. 01282 870076 or mobile 0794 820 3836
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We are also asking everyone receiving this letter to be a part of the CND General Election Campaign in whatever way they can.

Simply write to your prospective parliamentary candidate at the local campaign office to inform him/her that you are a member of CND. Briefly inform him/her that you are against Trident Replacement and in favour of nuclear disarmament.

or

Post a letter to: CND Election Survey, 162 Holloway Road, London N7 8DQ

or

Access www.cnduk.org/election where you will find an easy way to identify who your candidate is and you will be provided with a “model email tool” that will help you to find the words you that you need to inform him/her of your views.

Or

Access the CND website at www.cnduk.org homepage and navigate to the election tab where you will find a lot of interesting information to keep you up to date.

Yours in Peace

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