



EXETER CND NEWSLETTER



FALL IN BEFORE THE FALL OUT!

A National CND march and rally will hit London on Saturday October 24th. We hope that all members of Exeter CND will be there together with friends, family, banners and pets(!)

The plan is for everybody to assemble on VICTORIA EMBANKMENT between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 midday. Between these times, the various regional groups will set off for HYDE PARK. The South West regional group will leave at 11.30 a.m.

TRANSPORT

A choice of transport is available on October 24th.

- (i) By Train: Tickets -£6 return for adults & £4.50 return for children.
Leave St. David's 6.45 a.m. - Arrive Paddington 9.30 a.m.
Leave London 6.10 p.m.
- (ii) By Coach: Tickets - £4.80 for waged persons and £3.20 for unwaged persons.
Leave Exeter Coach Station 7.00a.m.
Leave London 6.30 p.m.

Tickets will be available from your area group co-ordinator, from the Shop and from Chapter and Verse Bookshop, Princesshay. All enquiries to Dave Patterson (71012).

N.B. It is vitally important that those people organising the transport know as soon as possible how many seats on the train and coaches to book. Therefore please contact your area group co-ordinators NOW to let them know which tickets you want and how many.

Area group co-ordinators should contact Dave Patterson (71012) to give him approximate details of transport requirements for their group by 26th September if possible.

OCTOBER EVENTS

A mass of events have been organised both before and after the London demo on October 24th. For details please see DIARY.

In particular a leaflet has been prepared and printed for mass distribution throughout the whole of Exeter. This leaflet will also include a programme of October events.

It is planned to distribute this leaflet on the morning of Sunday October 11th, so please leave this time free to do your bit.

Leaflets will be available for distribution from area group co-ordinators. Remember this campaign can't succeed without your help!

RTA'S RUMBLINGS

National CND is making massive efforts to re-organise itself to adapt to being the major movement it now is. They are in need of funds, not only to cover the cost of the October Demonstration, but because they have already grown out of the 11, Goodwin St. office and are hoping to find some way of expanding. Those of you who are not already National members as well as local group members, might consider becoming so - if you can afford it - to swell the membership figures (which still don't include local members) as well as the funds. Sanity has improved out of all recognition and we are increasing our order, so there should be plenty in the shop from October onwards.

A sub-committee has submitted a report to National Council proposing changes that would make CND more representative and encourage devolution of funds and organisation. It also proposes that 'Area' campaigns be promoted within the regions and that National Council should be held quarterly and extended to include Area representation (5 per region). A good example of a developing Area campaign is the increasing cooperation between East Devon Exmouth, Exeter and Chagford which is proving mutually beneficial.

The Schumacher Society lectures this year have as their theme 'Peace is possible'. They will take place in Bristol University Union on 7th November. Tickets at £2 or £3. Details available from the CND shop.

Letter from Edward Thompson, August 1st:

"Just a line to say how much I enjoyed Saturday and how honoured I was to be made 1,000th member. I didn't really have a chance to tell you what a fantastic achievement it is to have got to the 1,000 figure. You must be one of the first, if not the first, place outside the three or four great cities that has done this. Let's hope other places follow your example."

We had a series of bland replies from the B.B.C. to letters written about their treatment of "our 1,000th member" in relation to the Dimbleby Lecture, apologising for an administrative error and assuring us that there had been no external pressure.

On a personal note:- I returned from a welcome holiday to find, to my great delight, (but no surprise) that Exeter CND had run quite happily thank you without me! Thanks to all concerned, particularly Janet, Graham, Walter and Barry. An increasing number of people are coming forward not just to help, but to take responsibility.

On October 1st, I shall be leaving Exeter for E. Berlin, as a member of Women for World Disarmament whose founder President, Mrs Tacolin-Morris is taking a small party of women to the G.D.R. We shall be attending some official functions, but most of our time will be spent talking to women in E. Berlin, Weimar and Dresden, building friendships and making links. I have already met some of our hosts at a U.N.A. reception here in Exeter and know them to have a very real concern for peace. On the 8th, Mrs Tacolin-Morris and I go to Prague to an International Women's Conference on Disarmament. I hope to make a full report of my visits in the November Newsletter.



A message to Pennsylvania/Stoke Hill CND

Our membership has increased to 163. So, welcome to all the new members who have joined us in the summer, and hello again to everyone else. We shall be meeting once a month on the Tuesday of the week after each CND Council meeting. The next will be Tues. 13th October at 59 Rolleston Crescent (Dave Patterson's) at 8.00pm. We have decided to rotate round member's houses for meetings. If you miss one, please phone me on 37117 to find out the venue for the next.

Being such a large group we have to operate quite a complex communications network. Your newsletter will have been delivered by your "postman" - keep in touch with him/her over all arrangements.

This time we need your undertaking of help to deliver leaflets on Sunday 11th October - please confirm with your "postman". The more people prepared to help, the less walking we all do! Tell your "postman" also if you have a car and could help with transport.

We also need to know whether you will be using train or coach to get to London for the demonstration on October 24th. Give your postman your ticket orders please.

Jenny Smith.
Co-ordinator.
Tel: Exeter 37117

St. Leonards CND.

Terry Marsden, the co-ordinator for the St. Leonards group has changed address. She now lives at 61, Marlborough Rd., Exeter. Tel: Exeter 33117.

The Tiverton branch of Exeter CND has now got a regular time and place for its meetings. They will now be meeting every second Tuesday in the month at St. Peter's Church Rooms, Castle Street, at 8.00 p.m. starting in October.

...LUXULYAN...

Luxulyan is one of three sites being considered for the building of a nuclear power station in Cornwall. Nanskuve and Gwithian are the other two sites and all exploratory work has been completed at both sites.

On 13th May a recently formed action group - Luxulyan Against Nuclear Development (L.A.N.D.) - took over the site to prevent the exploratory drilling of the CEGB. The occupation is now in its 18th week.

Just recently L.A.N.D. won a great victory in court when the CEGB were trying to force the police to move them off. The judge ruled that since the occupation was both peaceful and legal there were no reasonable grounds on which to serve such an order. The CEGB have appealed the decision. Since there are now questions of civil liberties involved the appeal is to go before the highest appeal court in the land, bar the House of Lords. However, it could well end up there if the CEGB lose the first appeal and appeal again.

If CEGB win in the House of Lords it means changing the law to give them greater powers which will involve L.A.N.D. in a wider campaign.

Remember that if this power station is built, highly radioactive and dangerous waste will be transported through the Devon area by rail. This is apart from the close relationship between nuclear power and nuclear weaponry.

L.A.N.D. are now producing a newsletter and printing badges, posters etc. to inform and to raise money but this costs money. So please give if you can to the Anti-Nuclear Caravan, Lower Menadue Farm, Luxulyan, Cornwall. Also please go down if you can. They have camping facilities and you can call ahead to Lanivet 205 or St. Austell 850079.



After the summer break Youth CND is starting up again - the first meeting will be on Friday October 2nd at 7.30 p.m. at 50 Wonford Road, Exeter. All you enthusiasts (under 21) please come and help plan our autumn activities.

Secretary: Hilary Snowden.
tel: Exeter 78425.

CHRISTIAN CND

THE NAGASAKI VIGIL

Members of all the area groups of CND in the region managed to provide a continuous vigil at the Nagasaki cherry tree behind Dingles throughout Saturday August 8th in remembrance of the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki nuclear bombs. Members of Christian CND used the occasion to unfurl their very splendid banner for the first time and there was a good turnout at 11.00 a.m. to start the vigil. The muffled peal of bells of St. Petroc further added to the occasion. A Japanese tourist who happened the vigil in the morning returned in the afternoon accompanied by his large family and he took many photographs of what obviously seemed to him to be a note-worthy occasion. He was unable to express adequately his feelings in English but he clearly was moved. The focal point of the vigil, the cherry tree, is regrettably rather overshadowed by more vigorous shrubs and its little plaque quite hidden. The Council must be made aware of its existence and be encouraged to nurture it. The occasion probably would have benefited from the distribution of a leaflet. Many people were interested and impressed by the vigil and might well have joined us had they had more information.

East Devon CND are holding a one day conference at King's School, Ottery St. Mary from 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on October 17th. Speakers will include the Bishop of Bath and Wells. Church leaders in the area, of all denominations, are being invited and the aim of the meeting is to encourage them to discuss their churches attitudes to the problem in a supportive atmosphere. Members of Exeter CND are invited to attend and those members of Christian CND who feel they could contribute in any way, particularly in discussion groups, are asked to contact Cathy Simmonds, Brookside, Fenny Bridges, Honiton. (tel Honiton 850615)

Many thanks to Sue Harper for designing (and also helping to sew) our new Christian CND banner. We think it maintains Exeter's reputation for eye-catching banners and we are looking forward to carrying it on the London march on October 24th.

Thanks are also due to all the people who supported our very enjoyable coffee-morning and cake stall in St. Stephens Church. There were lots of interested visitors and we raised almost £40. This will pay for the materials in the banner and also buy more books and leaflets for our literature stall.

Our next meetings are on MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th and MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th at 7.30 p.m. at 50, WONFORD ROAD when we will be discussing activities for the Week of Prayer for World Peace and we will have a full report on the Coventry Cathedral "Profess and Survive" Conference. We will also be making plans for all the Exeter clergy to be visited individually by C.CND members. The second meeting will be a "training session" aimed at equipping members with the necessary information and skills for speaking to Church groups.

Anyone who is interested will be welcome at both the meetings.

Secretary: Elizabeth Snowden.

Tel: Exeter 78425.

Graham's Gruntingz

We now have £1,500 in our accounts, most of which should be spent, and hopefully recovered, on the events happening in October. Following discussions with our Tax Inspector, it appears that we are liable as an "unincorporated association", to 40% Corporation tax on taxable profits (i.e. sum of income over expenditure) in any year (January to October). Donations are tax free, but the Inspector won't give a decision as to whether membership subscriptions are until after our first accounts are presented in January 1982. Our expenditure will therefore have to be arranged so that all our "profit" for 1981 is composed of donations to ensure that we don't pay tax this year.

Open - Air One day Rock Concert.

Despite repeated letters and phone calls to Exeter City Council, they turned down all sites I suggested for an event on August 29th, saying that none were suitable. I am now trying to find out whether they consider anywhere suitable - I suspect the answer will be no. Thanks to all those who offered their services, specially Brian Abbott and Ken Elliot, and we'll try again next year. Does anyone know of a friendly farmer/landowner who'd let us use a field or two for this? Please let me know - Graham Baker (59935).

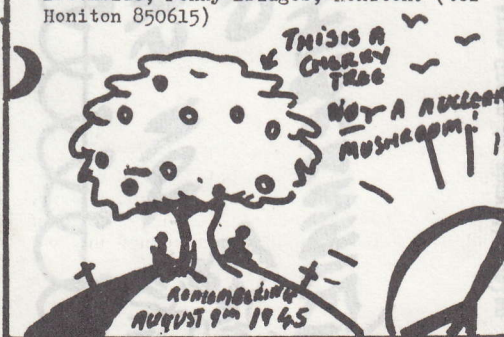
Neutron Bomb Meeting

An incredibly successful meeting on the Neutron Bomb was arranged, in less than 2 weeks, for August 25th in the Public Library. Over 220 people attended and heard speeches from Dr. J. Shepherd & Sir Richard Acland. We gained 10 new members and covered our costs all but for £10. More meetings will now be arranged.

The Shop

Newly joined members may not know of the existence of Exeter CND's own shop, at 4, New Bridge Street (down Fore Street towards Exe Bridge, on the left hand side past the Joke Shop). We sell CND literature, badges, T shirts, key-rings, stickers, writing paper, and hopefully soon scarves and sweat-shirts. It's open most days but more volunteers are needed to run it. Please contact Ruth Tyndall on Exeter 52581 if you can help at a regular time each week. We also sell members bric a brac on a 20% commission basis, or the whole cost if you're feeling generous - just take it down to the shop and price it up (no clothing please). An offer of a gas or electric fire for winter would also be appreciated. A lot of work has gone into making it a (relatively!) clean and friendly place - please pop in occasionally and encourage others to do the same.

SANITY the two-monthly newspaper published by National CND, is on sale in the shop for only 20p. It is exceedingly good publication and should be read by everybody to find out what is going on.



ADVENTURE DIARY - (REASONS NOT

TO HIBERNATE)

WED. 14th
Thompson Twins Concert at the University.

War Game showing in Exmouth Methodist Church Hall, Rolle Street. 7.30 p.m.

SAT. 17th
4th Hall Repertory Company to give a performance at St. Lukes, Heavitree Road. 7.30 p.m.

Conference on the attitude of the Church to Nuclear Disarmament. Kings School, Ottery St. Mary. 11am to 4pm.

SUN. 18th
East/West Accord Committee.
Admiral John Marshall Lee, Arthur Macy Cox (New York Times journalist),
Martha Daniels (expert on Trident), are speaking at St. Georges Hall, Exeter at 7.15 p.m.

MON. 19th
"Students Against Nuclear Energy".
John Shepherd to talk on "Cruise Missiles, the Neutron Bomb and the Nuclear Arms Race". Nelson Mandela Room, Devonshire House, Exeter University at 1.15 p.m.

TUES. 20th
Potion Girls & European Theatre of War to give a concert at St. Georges Hall Exeter. 7.30 p.m.

THURS. 22nd
Barn Dance at Broadclyst Village Hall featuring Hips and Haws. 8.00 p.m.

MCANM to show the Helen Galdicott video. Venue to be announced.

War Game to be shown at Seaton Town Hall. 7.45 p.m.

Film Show including "Attention" and "Paul Jacobs & the Nuclear Game". St. Matthews Hall, Topham. 8.00 p.m.

SAT. 24th
NATIONAL CND DEMO. IN LONDON.

TUES. 27th
War Game to be shown in Dranscombe Village Hall. 7.30 p.m.

WED. 28th
Public Meeting at Chagford, Jubilee Hall. 7.30 p.m.

FRI. 30th
Folk Festival featuring Leon Rosselson, Miles Wootton. Community Centre, St. David's Hall, Exeter. 8.00 p.m.

WDC presents "Peace Child: A Celebration for Peace". Royal Albert Hall, London 8.00 p.m.

SAT. 31st
Silent Peace Vigil. Exeter Cathedral 12.00 to 2.00 p.m.

NOVEMBER

SAT. 7th
Schmacher Society Lectures. "Peace is Possible". Bristol University Union.

FRI. 13th to SUN. 15th
National CND Conference in London.

SEPTEMBER

SAT. 19th
West Somerset CND March and Rally in Taunton.

THURS. 24th
"Students Against Nuclear Energy".
Roger Greenough to talk at Exeter 6th form college. 12.00 p.m.

MON. 28th
Christian CND meeting. 50, Wonford Road. 7.30 p.m.

OCTOBER

FRI. 2nd
Youth CND meeting. 50, Wonford Road. 7.30 p.m.

MON. 5th
Exeter CND Council meeting. 7.30 p.m.
The Black Horse, Longbrook Street.

WED. 7th
Public Meeting on the Medical Consequences of Nuclear War. Queen Elizabeth School, Crediton.

SUN. 11th
Mass leaflet drop.

THURS. 13th
Tliveron Area Group meeting. St. Peter's Church Rooms, Castle Street, 8.00 p.m.

Pennsylvania/Stoke Hill Area Group meeting. 59, Rolleston Crescent. 8.00 p.m.

East - West Peace People

In the January 1981 issue of the "New Humanist", in an article entitled "Humanism and Peace" by Georgina Coupland, mention is made of a little known peace movement, East - West Peace People. The basic idea behind EWP is that people, not governments, will eventually bring about friendship and peace between East and West, and is attempting to reach behind the Iron Curtain to where the people of the East are waiting for just such a move from the West. Apart from their specially prepared leaflets with their message of friendship and peace, they have drawn up a Peace Charter, and people everywhere are being asked to note that one of the leading EWP committee members is Alexander Shtromas, himself an ex-Russian dissident, giving credence to the whole East - West idea. The secretary of EWP is Peter Cadogan, General secretary of the South Place Ethical Society.

Anyone interested should write, and I suggest you enclose an s.a.e. about 6" x 9" to: The East-West Peace People

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London,
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