

REMEMBRANCE...

I want to tell you of a dream that came to me one night;
I dreamed I saw a monument, an arch of purest white,
The purest, whitest arch atop the longest marble wall;
I saw when I moved closer that it bore no words at all.

I heard a sound behind me; as I turned, I caught my breath;
I saw a hooded figure and I knew that it was Death.
"Do you like my piece of sculpture? Let me tell you what it's for;
It's just one more memorial to those who die in war.

It's just one more memorial, like those in every town;
Once a year, you honour them; you stand with heads bowed down
In remembrance of the sacrifice of those who won't come back
From Paschendael, Gallipoli, Vietnam and Iraq.

And so," he said, "this monument; as yet it bears no text;
A monument remembering the war that's coming next.
You'll come here and you'll read the names and touch the ones
you know;
If ever you remembered... ..you'd never let them go.

Look beside the wall; see, there's a mason standing by
To carve the names of sons and daughters sent away to die.
If ever you remembered, he'd not carve 'lest we forget'...
If ever you remembered; but you've not remembered yet."

I woke and Death was gone; and I swore that very night
That I would build a monument, an arch of purest white;
The purest, whitest arch atop the longest marble wall;
And strive for all my life to see it bears no words at all.

Les Barker (www.mrsackroyd.com)

... AND CHARADE



DIARY DATES

WPJF Meeting

NEW VENUE* *NEW FORMAT

Wednesday 4th October, 6-8pm
Friends Meeting House, Holt Rd, Wrexham
Topic for discussion: Israel, Palestine, Lebanon
and the Boycott Israeli Goods Campaign

Viva la Revolución

A celebration of solidarity with Latin America

Saturday 7th October from midday
Solidarity Salsa from 8.30pm
Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold.
Conference free; salsa £10 (£7 unwaged)
To register, call: 01745 813402
or email: davidjones@btinternet.com

Piece of Peace Meeting

For young people who want to work for peace

Saturday 7th October
Near Penrhyndeudreath, North Wales
**Also, in Oct/Nov: 3 days of peer education
workshops for young people on themes of
peace, trade, climate change and HIV**
For more info, contact Luci: 01654 703684
or email: luluthesheep@hotmail.com

Faslane 365 nvda training

**Nonviolent direct action training for those
taking part in Faslane 365 blockade**

Saturday 28th October, 9.30am-5pm
Friends Meeting House, Dean Street, Bangor
More info from: bangorpeace@dslw.net

No More Fallujahs

**Weekend of nonviolent resistance
to the occupation of Iraq**

Saturday-Sunday 28-29 October
March from Northwood and Peace Camp in
Parliament Square. More info opposite

WPJF Meeting

Monday 13th November 6-8pm
Friends Meeting House, Holt Rd, Wrexham
Topic for discussion to be decided

Faslane 365 Wales blockades

Mon 13- Wed 15 November
Faslane Naval Base, Scotland
To join the North Wales blockade, contact Phil
Steele: phil_steele@btinternet.com

Brize Norton - National Demo

Saturday 2nd December
Assemble 12 noon in Carterton.
RAF Brize Norton is the base used to ferry British
troops to Iraq and Afghanistan and US bombs to
Israel (during its recent attack on Lebanon).

WPJF Meeting

Monday 11th December 6-8pm
Friends Meeting House, Holt Rd, Wrexham
Topic for discussion to be decided

For more info about WPJF events, call: 0845 330
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REMEMBER FALLUJAH... AND RESIST



In November 2004, the US - with British assistance - launched a massive assault against the Iraqi city of Fallujah, almost totally destroying it, killing hundreds of civilians, forcing tens of thousands of people to flee their homes, and using white phosphorus - a substance that burns down to be bone - as a weapon.

Since then, at least 21 other Iraqi towns and cities have been, and continue to be, attacked by US forces. Evidence of atrocities by US-led forces, such as the recently exposed massacre in Haditha, continues to mount. Join events to remember Fallujah on 28th and 29th October.

On Saturday 28th, there will be a peace journey on foot from the UK's military nerve centre at Northwood into central London (meet 11am at Northwood tube station).

On Sunday 29th, there will be a 24 hour peace camp in Parliament Square to demand an end to the occupation. Assemble at 12 noon. Please note that taking part in an 'unauthorised demonstration' within the 'designated' area 1km around Parliament is a criminal offence under SOCPA (see page 11) which carries a maximum fine of £1,000. The event will begin with Milan Rai and Maya Evans reading out the names of 100 Iraqis who died as a result of US/UK military action in Iraq - one year after their arrest and subsequent prosecution and conviction under SOCPA for doing this at the Cenotaph. Both Maya and Milan are appealing against their convictions.

WPJF is sponsoring and decorating a tent for the peace camp.

For more information, see:
www.rememberfallujah.org

GREENWASH: UPDATE ON McDONALD'S

From the Greenpeace web site (www.greenpeace.org.uk)

In an historic deal that has impacts far beyond the golden arches and into the global agricultural market, McDonald's is now the leading company in the campaign to halt deforestation for the expansion of soya farming in the Amazon.

Thanks to enormous pressure from the thousands of emails and letters sent to their European headquarters by you, our supporters, McDonald's has agreed to stop selling chicken fed on soya grown in newly deforested areas of the Amazon rainforest...

"When we were first alerted to this issue by Greenpeace," said Karen van Bergen, vice president of McDonald's Europe, "we immediately reached out to our suppliers,

other NGOs and other companies to resolve this issue and take action. We are determined to do the right thing together with our suppliers and the Brazilian government, to protect the Amazon from further destruction."

You could be forgiven for thinking that McDonald's has seen the error of its ways and is now an ethical company, but before you all rush out and buy yourselves a Happy Meal, reflect for a moment on some of the company's other policies: McDonald's pays low wages and offers poor working conditions; discourages unionisation amongst its workers; removes wealth from local economies worldwide; uses factory farmed animals for its meat products; continues to offer food which is basically unhealthy; creates mountains of rubbish. Also, workers in a Hong Kong factory which makes toys for McDonald's recently rioted over long hours, poor pay and appalling working conditions which violate China's labour laws.

Why it is OK for us to eat meat:

According to the **Holy Bible**
 (Psalms 8:6)
 God made us to have dominion over the beasts of the field, the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea.