

GETTING OUR FACTS STRAIGHT: PART II - Real News in Journals and Magazines

There are all sorts of publications which report on peace and justice issues. The journals and magazines I've reviewed are just the ones I happened to have to hand at the time I needed to write this! Please send in reviews of your favourites (or of your favourite alternative news sources on the web - see last newsletter), to share with other people.

Peace News: *quarterly, 44 pages, £12pa, 5 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 9DY.*

This magazine covers peace issues worldwide, but selects one issue for in-depth coverage each quarter (recent topics include Non-Violent Resistance, and North-East Asia). Then there are news and current affairs items (although necessarily not always very new because of the infrequency of publication), "Comment", (a selection of articles from various contributors), and an excellent section called "Tools", which ranges from potted histories to campaigning ideas. There are also "Reviews" pages, (books, videos, CDs etc.), and "Events and Campaigns" pages which contain detailed listings. I rate this magazine very highly. It's packed with news, background information and ideas.

Non-Violent Action: *monthly, 12 pages, £6pa (£5 with Peace News), address as above.*

This is "the monthly from Peace News". Production is more basic but the content is good. This newsletter-style magazine tends to contain reports on peace actions mainly but not exclusively in this country, including local stuff. Our occupation of Ian Lucas' office was reported, for example. There are also longer articles, letters and events listings.

Heddwch: the magazine of CND Cymru: *quarterly, 16 pages (bilingual Welsh/ English, making a total of 32 pages), free or donation, 72 Heol Gwyn, Yr Alltwen, Pontardawe, SA8 3AN.*

This is peace news from a Welsh perspective. It's great to read about all the wonderful peace campaigning which is going on across Wales, and what I really like about it is that there's a sentence under almost every article, entitled "heddwch action", which outlines ideas for getting involved, doing something about an issue, and so on. That's a great idea. There are useful lobbying contact addresses and diary dates too.

SEReN: Socialist, Environment, Republican News: *monthly, 8 A3 pages, some articles in Welsh, min. donation £5 for 5 issues, PO Box 661, Wrexham, LL11 1QU.*

SEReN is a new monthly independent newspaper for Wales. The intention is to produce SEReN weekly if funds allow. The paper covers a wide range of stories from a socialist perspective, recent articles addressing issues such as the war with Iraq, the Firefighters' dispute and proposed sale of council houses to private landlords. Highly recommended!

CAAT News: Campaign Against Arms Trade magazine: *bi-monthly, 16 pages, £1 per issue, but the suggested subscription is £12 - £22 per year for individuals, Freepost, LON6486, London, N4 3BR.*

CAAT is a coalition of groups and individuals working towards the ultimate abolition of the international arms trade. The magazine contains articles which expose the hypocrisy of our government (and others) in encouraging sales of arms to regimes which have been condemned by these same governments for human rights abuses, for example. Packed full of "useful to know" facts about arms deals, the magazine also contains reports on actions, such as protests outside Arms Fairs; campaign ideas; a diary of meetings and protests; and an invaluable Parliamentary section called "The Arms Trade in the Corridors of Power."

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AN ALTERNATIVE PAPER FOR WREXHAM?

Are you interested in helping to produce and distribute an independent newspaper for Wrexham, with a radical/environmental/peace/community action agenda? If so please get in touch with Genny or Tim at the addresses above.

"All wars are wars among thieves who are too cowardly to fight and who therefore induce the young manhood of the whole world to do the fighting for them." *Emma Goldman 1917*