

Autumn Diary of Events

Monday 8 October

6.15pm

Wrexham

Peace & Justice Forum

Planning Meeting at Quaker Meeting House, Holt Rd, Wrexham.

For dates of future meetings, call 0845 330 4505 or email wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com

Monday 8 October

Assemble 1pm

Trafalgar Sq, London

National Demo - Troops Out

Demonstrate for troops to be returned from Afghanistan and Iraq on the day MPs return from their summer break.

For more info, see

www.stopwar.org.uk

Tel: 0207 278 6694

Thursday 11 Oct

8pm

Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold

John Pilger Film

"The War on Democracy"

with discussion and a glass of wine afterwards

Tickets £4.50

Box Office: 0845 330 3565

Possibility of lift-share from

Wrexham. Call Genny on

0845 330 4505 or email

wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com

Thursday 18 October

8pm

Shotton Lane Social Club

A Charter for Women

Organised by Deeside Trades Council - first in a series of meetings around a Charter for women: women at work; women in society; women in the labour movement.

For more info, call

Glyn Davies: 07949 273770

Possibility of lift-share from

Wrexham - contact details as

for 11 October.

Saturday 20 October

From midday

Clwyd Theatr Cymru, Mold

Celebration of 25 Years of

Cymru Cuba

Free entry to daytime event from 1-6pm.

Salsa 8pm, tickets £10/£7

Full details on page 9.

Saturday 10 November

All day

Bradford Peace Museum Trip

Organised by Oswestry

Coalition for Peace.

Bus tickets £12

payable in advance.

Free entry to museum.

N.B. Museum has 60 steps

and no lift.

For more info.

call 01691661793 (eves)

or 01691 65052.

Monday 12 November

6.15pm

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Wrexham.

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Wednesday 21 November

7.30pm

Friends Meeting House

Oswestry

Talk by Wendy McCartney

of Military Families

Against the War

Oak Street, Oswestry.

Organised by Oswestry

Coalition for Peace.

To keep yourself informed

of diary dates, visit

www.wpjf.org.uk or join one

of our email lists

(details on back page)

3 Things to Do in a Spare Moment

Order some Smiley Sun Anti-Nuclear stickers



These instantly-recognisable yellow and red 12.5cm diameter stickers from the 1980s have been reprinted and are available in English and Welsh from the Welsh Anti-Nuclear Alliance at £5 inc. p&p for 24. Order from George Crabb, WANA, Flat 1, Woodstock House, High Street, Cowbridge, CF71 7AF. Cheques payable to **George Crabb**.

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Buy a white poppy for peace

The white poppy was conceived by the Women's Co-operative Guild in 1933. Members of the Guild were themselves the wives, mothers, sisters and lovers of men who had died and been injured in World War I. They were only too well aware of the likelihood of another war, and chose this symbol for peace 'as a pledge to Peace that war must not happen again'.

The poppies are available at £3 for 5; £6 for 10; 12.50 for 25 and £40 for 100 (plus £2 p&p) from:

Peace Pledge Union, 1 Peace Passage, London N7 0BT.

Tel: 020 7424 9444 or order online:

www.ppu.org.uk

In Brief...

A selection of short items with links and other contact details to follow up

Musicians

Against Nuclear Arms

by Owen Hardwicke

What do you suppose links:

John Williams, Michael Berkeley, Billy Bragg, John Dankworth, Sir Colin Davis, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Mark Elder, Cleo Lane, Jessye Norman, Sir Neville Marriner, Colin Matthews, Peggy Seeger and Roger Vignoles?

All musicians, yes, but all of them are among an even longer list of patrons of the organisation Musicians Against Nuclear Arms (MANA). Members are provided with a delightful occasional newsletter, and the details of the wonderful public concerts - mostly in London and Oxford - which are of the highest quality. In the interval there is always a short talk from a well-known public activist. MANA is affiliated to The International Peace Bureau, to CND and the Movement for Abolition of War and can be contacted at **71 Greenfield Gardens, London NW2 1HU**. Email:

admin@mana.org.uk.

Iraq Refugee Crisis

Amnesty International, in a new report *Millions in flight: the Iraqi refugee crisis*, has condemned the international community for failing to respond adequately to Iraq's spiralling refugee crisis and leaving the main host countries, Syria and Jordan, to shoulder responsibility.

Amnesty: www.amnesty.org

Britain, which is jointly responsible for the refugee crisis, holds Iraqi asylum seekers in appalling conditions in immigration prisons. What may at first appear to be a 'voluntary' repatriation is often a desperate bid for freedom by a traumatised asylum seeker following a long period locked up in a detention centre with no hope of release. At the time of writing, forced removals to Iraq from the UK are about to recommence after a gap of more than six months.

London Detainee Support Group:
www.ldsg.org.uk

Deaths in Custody

The *Forum for Preventing Deaths in Custody* has calculated for the first time the numbers of people dying each year in custody in the UK - in psychiatric detention, prisons and police stations. The total is around 600. About a third of these deaths are not from natural causes, while in prisons alone nearly half of all deaths are from non-natural causes. 68 men and 7 women have apparently taken their own lives in prison this year, higher than the figure for the whole of last year (men) and equal to the figure for the past two years combined (women). Penal reformers have cited prison overcrowding as a major contributing factor. The prison system is clearly not working and many offenders could be given non-custodial sentences, but the proposed government solution is more of the same, with plans to provide a further 9,500 prison places and the possibility of a new prison to be built in N. Wales. Meanwhile, Pauline Campbell of Malpas, whose daughter died of a drugs overdose in Styal prison in 2003, is being taken to court over a protest outside a jail. Pauline campaigns against poor conditions in women's prisons.

www.preventingcustodydeaths.org.uk

www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk

Rivers of blood at DSEi arms fair

Martin Newell and Zelda Jeffers of *London Catholic Worker* poured 'Rivers of Blood' and staged a die-in at the DSEi Arms Fair in London last month. Martin Newell said: *'The rivers of blood that flow around the world start here... This is the price of our privileges and prosperity. The guns and weapons sold here are used by the powerful to kill and exploit and intimidate the poor and powerless.'* Full report on DSEi week of action:

<http://www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2007/09/381048.html>

New Labour - From Fabians to Failures

Read about the Roman general Quintus Fabius Maximus, the Fabian Society which is named after him, and how New Labour has exploited Fabius' strategy, in this article by Bovlomov, available online or by sending an sae to **WPJF, PO Box 661, Wrexham LL11 1QU**, marked 'Fabius'.

'The Fabian Society was formed in 1884; an association of British Socialists advocating the establishment of democratic socialism by gradual reforms within the law... The society named itself in honour of Quintus Fabius Maximus, a Roman general up against Hannibal and his Carthaginian armies... Fabius' tactics... were never to confront his enemies in a direct battle, but to keep to the high ground and only descend to harass and annoy them, by cutting off supply routes, and so on. Thus, by attrition rather than by direct confrontation, a victory could be achieved.

'Let's not waste any time wondering whether New Labour has good policies. Instead, we should wonder why... they need to introduce them behind a smokescreen of deceptions, outright lies and denials. These, however, are true Fabian principles in action. Ministers never face an argument head-on, but harass and annoy us with leaks, rumours, announcements, denials, denials of denials; statements of impenetrable jargon, of mind-watering banality, and of plain idiocy. It is easy to imagine Quintus Fabius organising a raiding party to leak a policy document to the enemy, who are gathered in the valley, before retreating back up the mountainside to deny all knowledge of its contents. How is the enemy to react? Is this a policy or is it not? What precisely do they mean?'

www.bovlomov.com/conspiracy1.htm