

Back page

SOCPA UPDATE

The Department of Justice, under Jack Straw, has this month published *The Governance of Britain Draft Constitutional Renewal Bill*, the first section of which would repeal sections 132 to 138 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA). It is these sections that restrict the right of protest in the area around Parliament.

Hip-hip-hurrah!

The decision to abolish these sections of SOCPA is perhaps unsurprising as the law has proved totally unworkable and has attracted widespread condemnation. Maybe it also had something to do with Mark Thomas's campaign to bring many MPs to justice for their inadvertent infringements of SOCPA.

However, before you get too excited, it looks likely that the government is now going to try to restrict our right to protest across the country by requiring demonstrators to give notice of all demonstrations, as currently required only for processions under the Public Order Act. They call it 'harmonisation'. Watch this space very closely.

Ownership etc.

All articles in this newsletter are 'copyleft' unless stated otherwise - they may be reproduced for non-commercial purposes without further permission. Please credit the author and WPJN. If you wish to reproduce any article for commercial purposes, prior agreement must be obtained.

The articles in this newsletter represent the views of the authors and not necessarily the agreed views of WPJF as a whole.

Wrexham Peace & Justice News is printed by Hywel Evans in Denbigh: 01745 812570.

Wrexham Peace & Justice Forum

Phone: 0845 330 4505
(local rate)

Email: wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com

Mail: WPJF, PO BOX 661,
Wrexham LL11 1QU

Website: www.wpjf.org.uk

Back issues of WPJN are on our
website in pdf format.

Our e-groups:

(1) For announcements, diary dates,
minutes etc.:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrexhamagainstar/>

(2) For wider discussion about issues,
actions and so on (plus all the above):

<http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/wpjf.discuss>

This newsletter was compiled by volunteers
and is supported by donations.

Editor: Genny Bove

Thanks to Janet Tyrrell for proof-reading.

**Contributions for inclusion in the next
issue should reach us by Friday 6 June.**

Wrexham Peace & Justice Forum
is an independent, non-party political
organisation. Our vision is of a just and
peaceful world. We are a broad-based
forum open to all who share our vision,
making a difference globally and locally
through sharing ideas and information,
raising awareness and campaigning.

RECOMMEND A FRIEND!

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE WPJN?

Complete and return this form to WPJF, PO Box 661, Wrexham LL11 1QU.

Please make cheques payable to *Wrexham Peace & Justice Forum*.

Please send WPJN to my friend. I enclose an (optional) donation of £ _____

Their name _____ Date _____

Their address _____

Postcode _____ Recommended by _____ (your name)