

MARK CURTIS

PUBLIC MEETING - WED. 24th SEPTEMBER

MARK CURTIS' new book is entitled:

Web of Deceit: Britain's Real Role in the World, and is published by Vintage (£7.99).

We are very pleased that Mark has agreed to speak at our September Public Meeting.

In **Web of Deceit**, Mark Curtis challenges the idea that British Foreign Policy is benevolent and promotes democracy, peace and human rights. In fact, Curtis argues, Britain supports terrorism, makes a habit of violating international law, and systematically misinforms the public about its policies and intentions. Curtis uses well-documented evidence including formerly classified government files to support his position, and analyses not only Britain's role in recent conflicts, but also in conflicts and atrocities stretching back over decades.

For example, Curtis examines how Britain was implicated in the slaughter of a million people in Indonesia in 1965; in the eviction of the inhabitants of the island of Diego Garcia so it could be used for military purposes; in the overthrow of the government in Iran; in the 1994 Rwanda genocide.

Curtis writes: "The task of any independent historian is to reconstruct real-life history, to rescue it from a self-serving web of deceit," which is exactly what he has done in his book. Don't miss hearing Mark Curtis' talk on Sept. 24th.

BACKGROUND ABOUT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING IN NEXT ISSUE.

WITNESSES FOR PEACE

PUBLIC MEETING - WED. 22nd OCTOBER

We welcome MATT ROBSON of the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) to speak at our October Public Meeting. EAPPI is one of several organisations working in the occupied areas of Palestine:

- **monitoring and reporting violations of human rights and international humanitarian law.**
- **supporting acts of nonviolent resistance alongside local Christian and Muslim Palestinians and Israeli peace activists.**
- **offering protection through nonviolent presence.**
- **engaging in public policy advocacy.**
- **standing in solidarity with the churches and all those struggling nonviolently against the occupation.**

The EAPPI volunteers are drawn from churches and ecumenical organisations worldwide. Once volunteers have completed their work in Palestine, they then tour their home country speaking about their experiences and reporting on what life is like for ordinary Palestinians and Israelis in the occupied territories.



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