

# WREXHAM NEWS

## PEACE & JUSTICE

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### WJPF PUBLIC MEETING FOR NOVEMBER - OWEN HARDWICKE SPEAKS ON THE MOVEMENT FOR THE ABOLITION OF WAR

The speaker at our public meeting in November will be local veteran peace campaigner Owen Hardwicke, who will talk about the Movement for the Abolition of War (MAW).

MAW argues that war is not defensible on humanitarian, economic or environmental grounds. On humanitarian grounds, MAW points to the plight of civilians caught up in conflicts, who suffer both directly from the violence and indirectly from the disruption to normal life, food supplies, services and physical and social infrastructure. On economic grounds, war is expensive and military spending diverts resources away from other, more socially useful, expenditure. As for the environment, the Movement points out that munitions can destroy vegetation and habitats and are often left lying around, sometimes unexploded, post-conflict.

MAW believes that "conflict resolution can offer much better value for money" than war. Violent conflict can be prevented, but opportunities to defuse potentially violent situations are often missed.

The Movement aims to promote a culture of peace in the following ways.

- Education for peace, human rights and democracy.



*Owen Hardwicke speaking in Wrexham in Feb '03*

- Countering the adverse effects of globalisation.
- Advancement of the sustainable and equitable use of environmental resources.
- Eradication of colonialism and neo-colonialism.
- Elimination of racial, ethnic, religious and gender intolerance.
- Promotion of gender justice.
- Protection and respect for children and youth.
- Promotion of international democracy and just global governance.
- Proclaiming active non-violence.
- Elimination of communal violence at the local level.
- Enlistment of world religions in transforming the culture of violence into a culture of peace and justice.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **WPJF STALL IN WREXHAM TOWN CENTRE on SAT. 8th NOVEMBER**

White poppies for Remembrance Day will be on sale and we will be collecting signatures for Landmine Action's "Clear-Up" petition (see pg 9 inside). From 11am.

#### **WPJF PUBLIC MEETING on TUES. 11th NOVEMBER**

7.30pm, Quaker Meeting Hse, Holt Rd, Wrexham.

#### **Remembrance Day Lecture**

**SPEAKER: OWEN HARDWICKE on  
THE MOVEMENT FOR THE ABOLITION OF WAR**

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