

DIARY DATES

WPJF won't be idle over the Summer, and although some of us will be away in July and August, we'll be back in time to produce the next newsletter for the beginning of September. We have a planning meeting in August (see below) and plans for a benefit gig in the Autumn and for more speakers, as well as actions to respond to unfolding events. For any last minute actions, see our web site at www.wpjf.org.uk or subscribe to our e-group and have messages delivered direct to your computer. To join, send a blank email to:

wrexhamagainstwar-subscribe@yahoo.com

or send a message to: wrexhamsaw@yahoo.com and we will subscribe you.

EVENTS LISTING

Sunday 4th July, from midday

www.caab.org.uk

Menwith Hill US spy base, North Yorks.
Independence from America Demonstration.

Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July

CAMPACC: www.cacc.org.uk Tel. 020 7586 5892
Events in London to demand justice for the detainees in Belmarsh, Guantanamo & Abu Ghraib.

Saturday 17th July. afternoon and evening

Borders Peace & Justice Network, Tel. 0845 458 2981
Llanfyllin Public Institute.
Various events and speaker Kevin Williams (see p.5).

Saturday 31st July, from 4pm

Oswestry Coalition for Peace "Peace Musicale"
Westbourne Hse, St. Martin's Rd, Gobowen.
Tel. 01691 650527 for directions. Bring food to share and a chair. Musical contributions welcome!
Collection for Youth Aid Iraq.

Wednesday 4th - Monday 9th August

Earth First Summer Gathering in the East Midlands
"a place to share skills and ideas on direct action for people & planet". www.earthfirstgathering.org.uk.

Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th August (tbc)

Oswestry area (venue tbc) Tel. 0845 458 2981
Peace Picnic to commemorate Hiroshima & Nagasaki.

Monday 9th August (tbc)

Wrexham Peace Garden next to Waterworld (tbc).
Event to commemorate Hiroshima & Nagasaki
Tel. 01978 312375 nearer the time.

Tuesday 10th August, 6pm

WPJF Planning Meeting
Basement, 35 Kingsmills Rd, Hightown, Wrexham.

Friday 27th - Monday 30th August

www.reclaimthebases.org.uk

Bluebell Wood, AWE Aldermaston, near Reading
Reclaim The Bases summer camp 2004 : Skill-sharing, workshops, NVDA, anti-militarism, military bases and legal issues with a focus on practical actions.

THE CIVILISED WORLD

How goes the war on terror, George?
Is Al Qaeda under control?
Does the world know peace, freedom and justice?
I think I'd say "No" on the whole.

In the days after 9/11,
The goodwill of the world was yours;
I might have opened a dialogue;
I might have pondered the cause.

I might have considered the issues,
Asked what the solutions might be.
Beating the crap out of everybody
Never occurred to me.

Justice had to be done;
George, who made that attack?
I think we know they were Saudi;
Let's invade Iraq.

Well, they showed no respect for the United Nations,
Only contempt for that forum;
You can't keep ignoring the UN like they did;
George, we showed 'em the way to ignore 'em.

But Iraq has now turned against us;
I suppose it's what you'd expect;
Beating the crap out of everybody
Tends to have that effect.

There were links with Al Qaeda, you told us;
Iraq? Not a chance, we said; never;
But thanks to your tactical awareness, George,
You might just have pushed them together.

Remember the day the war ended?
George, it just seems to drag on;
But we're going to liberate these people
If we have to kill every last one.

How shall we win hearts and minds?
Don't tell me, George; I think I know;
Beating the crap out of everybody;
I think we should give that a go.

Bomb the hospital, shoot the ambulance driver;
Knock the neighbourhood flat.
It's a good job that they aren't real people;
You can't treat real people like that.

Why not stop selling arms round the world;
Change the whole scheme of world trade;
Take a fresh look at Israel and Palestine;
It's not what you want, I'm afraid.

We could build a new world based on justice,
Do things according to law;
Beating the crap out of everybody?
It hasn't solved problems before.

How goes the war on terror, George?
It's a war, George; can anyone win?
The world needs peace, freedom and justice;
It's a long road; but why not begin?

Les Barker, 2004
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