

## **Nottm CND - April/May 2008 Newsletter on Forthcoming Events**

First of all I apologize for the fact this is yet another newsheet rather than a bulletin - but we felt it more important that members are aware of what is happening in Nottingham and have a chance to participate. Hopefully we will get a bulletin out next month. Articles on CND's 50th Anniversary and our local event will appear in this next bulletin.

We are looking to have a social event to mark 50 years on August 9th - so keep that date clear in your diaries!!!

There will be a **public meeting** on Thursday May 1st at the New Mechanics, 3 North Sherwood Street at 7pm with speakers **Moazzam Begg and Amdani Juma**.

Moazaam Begg was one of nine Britons held without trial at Guantanamo Bay where he was interrogated more than 300 times during his detention and was subjected to death threats and torture. Amdani Juma is from Burundi and is a volunteer at the Nottingham and Notts Refugee Forum. He spends a lot of his time helping other people, but now the Home Office have refused to grant him indefinite leave to stay. This is despite the fact that he would be in great danger if he had to return to Burundi.

This is a meeting not to be missed.

### **May Day 3rd May 2008**

This year the event is being organized by the Refugee Forum and is being held at the Brewhouse Yard in Nottingham. We are having a stall there and as per usual I would like as many volunteers as possible to help run it. The stall needs to be set up from 10.30am. There is a march from the Brewhouse Yard starting at 12 noon and going to the Market Square and returning at about 1pm. Hopefully a Samba Band will be leading it as this attracts a lot of attention. It would be good if I can get volunteers to carry the banner and to carry the message that CND is in its 50th year for peace. The march will be followed by speeches, stalls and music and aims to finish at around 4pm.

### **Green Fair on Saturday 10th May - All Hallows Church Hall, Lady Bay**

Nottingham Green Party are holding a Green Fair on Saturday from 10 - 2pm. They have asked us if we would like to have a stall at the event. In order for this to happen I do need people to help to set up and run it and I feel it would be a real shame if we cannot be there. I unfortunately have to work so couldn't get to the end. If anybody feels they can help please let me know. I am contacting the Faslane 365 group as one or two active members live in the area.

### **Green Festival - Sunday 25th May, Arboretum**

Yes - the time of year has come round again and let's hope we have glorious sunshine and the event is a real success. As normal, unless anybody has any really good ideas we will be having a tombola - but it would be good to have a 50 year theme to go with it. If anybody has any unwanted presents etc in good condition we are looking for some. Volunteers are needed for the day but please: no more books as we have stacks of them. We will be setting up from 10ish and the event goes on till 6pm. Volunteers are especially needed to help set up and to dismantle at the end of the day.

### **The War Game - Broadway Cinema, Friday 30 May 9pm**

One of the most controversial films ever produced, The War Game, directed by Peter Watkins in 1965, deals with the aftermath of a nuclear strike, and was immediately banned by the BBC as an 'artistic failure.' It's significant and shocking still, due partly to the unflinching black & white realism of Watkins' cinematic style. Years after its making, it became known for showings up



and down the country by peace groups - in fact an early CND book of campaign ideas was called 'What do we do after we've shown the War Game?' This showing is preceded by Watkins' 'The Forgotten Faces'(1960) an 18 minute reconstruction of the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

#### **East Midlands CND Event and AGM, 21st June - 12 - 3pm**

The event this year is being held at Queens Walk Community Centre in Nottingham. Here you will have the chance to see a DVD following the events of last Summer's 'Footprints for Peace' Walk from Dublin to London. The DVD shows the highlights of the epic walk organized by Kerry Ann and Marcus from Australia linking the mining of uranium in Australia to our Nuclear Weapons and Nuclear Power systems. Their route took them through many places including Faslane, Filingdales, Menwith Hill, Raynesway in Derby and Aldermaston. Many CND members have already seen the DVD and feel it is really well put together and shows the links really well and also how well the message was conveyed during their walk. Please do try your best to attend. We will be providing refreshments beforehand.

#### **Stall Dates for 2008 outside the Council House**

Please put these dates in your diary and if possible try and come down to help on the stall. This is our public face in Nottingham and it is important we hold these stalls to say we have been here for 50 years and we are not giving up the cause to get rid of nuclear weapons and all the evil that surrounds them.

The stalls usually run from 11.30 to 2ish depending on the weather and volunteers.

#### **Stall Dates are:-**

**Saturday April 26th,  
Saturday May 17th,  
Sunday June 22nd,  
Saturday July 19th,  
Saturday August 16th,  
Saturday 13th September,  
Friday 31st October,  
Tuesday 4th November  
and Tuesday 2nd December**

Please do not hesitate to contact me especially if you are able to help on any of the above events. We cannot run any of the above without some of your support. If you are unable to help it is always really useful to get letters etc in the evening post as they are often published and read by a large audience. You can also contact me on my mobile or you can email me on [d.h.lun@nottinghamcnd.org](mailto:d.h.lun@nottinghamcnd.org) or you can email me on [diane@nottinghamcnd.org](mailto:diane@nottinghamcnd.org) and I have got callback.

Yours in peace

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