

# Chain Reaction

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The production of Chain Reaction has been falling on the shoulders of fewer people to write and print for some time now.

It was decided at the last TANG meeting to try to overcome this problem and also to encourage other groups and individuals to contribute articles. So for the next issue of Chain Reaction each group will have the opportunity to fill a quarter of an A4 page (more if you need it). Please could your articles be pre-typed if at all possible using a clear black ribbon on columns  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide maximum. This will allow easy pasting up and clear copying on the electrostatic stencil. If you are unable to type any contribution, please send in the handwritten items.

Also, please list the date, time and venue of particular events and meetings during the time up to the end of the month, plus a contact person.

Let one of the people listed overleaf have it by the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (when the production takes place).

This will hopefully result in Chain Reaction being more representative of its readership.

## Upper Heyford Blockade

A specially trained group of ten people from the Telford area is going to help blockade the Upper Heyford Nuclear base in Oxfordshire on Tuesday 1st June and some are going prepared to actually blockade the gates and some are in the support group. The latter are people whose job is to supply food and also inform the contact person in Telford. (Joe Spiteri 52433) if any arrests are made.

## Church and the Bomb

Another church is about to debate the unilateral issue in June. This time it is the Methodists. There is a much greater chance of this unilateralist report being adopted than the Church of England one. However, the official resolution to be presented to the Methodist Conference calls for a freeze on nuclear weapons. There are unilateral amendments expected to this motion.

Together with the United Reformed Church's debate this week and the Christian CND service inside Upper Heyford nuclear base, Christian voices are being heard and counted.

## Trade Unions and C.N.D.

Two unions have just produced proposals for the alternative use of resources now spent on weapons. The Society of Civil and Public Servants had their ideas drawn up by their Ministry of Defence section who said that military spending is too capital rather than labour oriented.

The Transport and General Workers' Union proposals involve the conversion of some of the arms industries towards socially useful production. This will be debated at the delegate conference in July. Perhaps this is something that we in Telford can investigate with our two particular defence-related establish-

## One World Week

Plans for a series of events have been discussed at meetings held at Stirchley All Saints Church. The week falls on October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> and offers an opportunity to take part in an occasion when people will be celebrating the unity of the World and understanding the reasons for injustices. Some of the plans include a vigil for peace, film and discussion, musical/dance celebration, theatre and rich / poor meal event. Displays will be placed in libraries and the Town Centre. Also discussion has taken place concerning the involvement of schools in considering the issues of peace and development. The next meeting takes place at All Saints Stirchley on 15th June at 8.00p.m. Anyone is welcome.

# DIRTY TRICKS IN BROSELEY ELECTION

It was saddening, though perhaps not unexpected, to meet the underhand tactics of the M o D being used at such a low level as a Parish Council election. There were eleven places to fill on Broseley Parish Council on May 5th, and of the seventeen candidates, seven were CND members. The possibility of a majority of the council being in favour of abolishing their beloved Emergency Planning Committee so frightened and enraged the local Tory candidates that they issued a last-minute attack on CND, distributing in certain areas of the town a letter of half-truths, innuendo and deceit. The suggestion that some candidates were wicked extremists threatening the welfare of the people of Broseley was obviously aimed at creating fear in the older and more traditional voters in the town, and the carefully planned distribution supports this idea. There was an additional suggestion that the electors need not botherto exercise their democratic rights to the full by using all their votes. Sadly, the dirty tricks seem to have worked. Although there are now three CND members on the council instead of one, the three Tories sit there too.

WELFARE  
NOT  
WARFARE !

Contact person for those going to Upper Heyford on June 1st is Joe Spiteri  
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WAR IS ♂  
MENSTRUAL ENVY  
Dates

Broseley CND group meeting 4th Thursday in each month. Duke of York 8.00p.m.  
25th June Saturday Broseley CND Bar-B-Que  
35 Simpsons Lane, Broseley.  
31st May, Tuesday Christian CND meeting.  
Methodist Church Wellington 7.30p.m.

TAKE TOYS THE  
FROM THE BOYS



As part of International Women's day for Disarmament, women from Telford held a demo in Ironbridge and were also in Wellington centre with literature and information.

The Ironbridge women draped a banner over the bridge reminding people of the threat of war. They also did some street theatre and sang peace songs.

There was a small counter demonstration by members of the Young Conservatives, who told the press that they were "Youth for Multilateral Disarmament".

## DEFENDING OUR FREEDOM

In Poland 90% of us would not allow ourselves to be fingerprinted. Our first experience with "freedom" in the West is that we are fingerprinted all the time.

Solidarity activist in-exile  
California.

The BBC has been crowing about the accident, (or perhaps heroic act,) which has caused a Russian Radio newscaster to applaud Afghan resistance fighters. It is to be noted that no BBC staffman ever showed similar courage in opposing the Falklands War, nor British acts in Northern Ireland. Perhaps the punishment in the USSR is less.

# HELP!

TANG urgently needs help to distribute leaflets throughout Telford during the weeks before the General Election. All help would be very welcome.

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