

OCTOBER 87

# CHAIN REACTION



Telford  
TANG  
 Anti Nuclear Group

# Newsletter

# Peace Alliance

## News



### Shropshire NFZ Safe

The Conservative group on the County Council have been trying to overturn the Shropshire Nuclear Free Zone policy. However at the last full council meeting it was agreed (narrowly) to continue as a NFZ and to pay £500 subscription to the NFZ steering committee (£900 had been proposed), so it looks as though the Nuclear Free Zone is safe for the moment.

Shropshire Peace Alliance News is available from Laurens Otter. Please send SAE.

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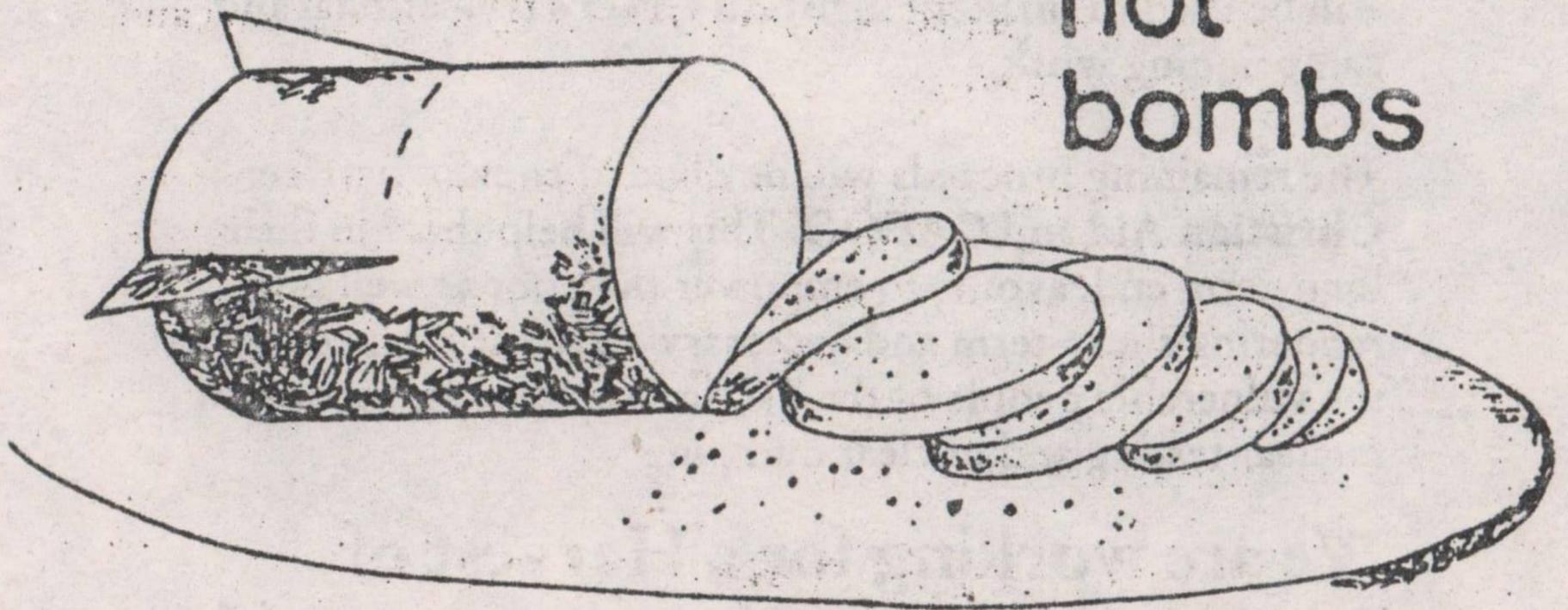
Shropshire Peace Alliance co-ordinator is Bill Westall. Any items of interest for a meeting or for an issue of SPA news should be sent to Bill at, 10 Kingswood Rd, Shrewsbury SY3 8UX Tel Shrewsbury 55311.

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# HARVEST of JUSTICE

## APPEAL

The  
hungry  
need  
bread  
not  
bombs



Proceeds towards the peace and justice work of  
Christian CND  
CAFOD (Catholic fund for Overseas Development)  
Christian Aid

# CHRISTIAN CND'S APPEAL



True peace, in the sense of the Biblical Shalom, includes social, political and economic justice and righteousness. Yet the massive arsenals of nuclear weapons on the one hand, and the millions of starving, diseased and uncared-for people on the other, show that values completely contrary to this have become paramount.

*Those of us with a recognition of our collusion with such selfishness and greed, and with a vision of a better world, aim to reverse the momentum towards death and destruction. To this end, two-thirds of the income from this Harvest Appeal will be used to further Christian CND's educational and campaigning work.*

The remaining proceeds will be divided equally between Christian Aid and CAFOD. This will help them in their long-term endeavours to empower the poor as well as in rendering short-term and necessary assistance, especially to the vulnerable people of the Pacific Islands - the victims of nuclear testing and nuclear dumping

**We are working for a Harvest of Justice and Peace. Please Support this work by donating to this Appeal.**

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I/We want to help bring in a Harvest of Justice and Peace and enclose our donation.

Cheques payable to Christian CND Harvest Appeal.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- TUE, 6th October..... 'In the Shadow of War'  
a film by Christian  
Aid on Nicaragua. At  
the Quiet Room Y.M.C.A.  
Wellington. 7.30p.m.
- WED. 7th October..... TANG business meeting  
16, Linley Drive,  
Stirchley, Telford.  
7.30p.m. ALL WELCOME.
- WED. 14th October..... Chain Reaction Meeting  
College Farm House  
Mill Lane Wellington  
7.30 p.m.
- SUN. 18-24th October..... One World Week poster  
exhibition. The Mall  
Telford Town Centre.

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WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

ONE WORLD WEEK INTERNATIONAL EVENING

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE PLUS STALLS  
AND DISPLAYS. SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.

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- WED. 4th Nov..... TANG AGM. Dawley  
Christian Centre 8.00pm.  
See newsletter for  
details.
- WED 11th Nov..... Vietnam-Aftermath &  
Potential cause of War.  
Y.M.C.A. Wellington  
7.30p.m.

## NUCLEAR FREE ZONE LOCAL AUTHORITIES

### CONFERENCE LEEDS 10-11TH SEPT

I went as a representative of the Wrekin District Council and found the most interesting parts of the two day conference were group discussions and full plenary sessions on 'Publicity and the Law', "Legal aspects of civil Defence", and "disposal of Nuclear Waste".

Councillor Margaret Crompton from Humberside described the joint campaign against Nirex and nuclear dumping. Two particular problems were raised including the significant problem of deciding what should be done with the present waste because even if we achieved a halt to the nuclear industry today there will be waste which requires disposal.

On Civil Defence (protection) many authorities with policies of minimal compliance with the law now face a difficulty with Central Government demanding the preparation of plans by October 1st. To carry out a thorough task will require many hours of work gathering and collecting information. The most important contribution N.F.Z. authorities can make is to keep the public fully informed and avoid a conspiracy of silence as is practised by Government and M.O.D.

Some concern was expressed about the effects of the new Education Bill when the 'core' curriculum is defined and imposed by the Conservative Government.

For more information about the N.F.Z. campaign contact Paul Wolfe 22 Chapel Street, Dawley tel 501218 or Simon Taylor, 9, Incline Coalport tel 680050.

# TANG AGM

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On Wednesday November 4th TANG will hold its Annual General Meeting at Dawley Christian Centre, High Street, Dawley. 8.00p.m.

## AGENDA

### REPORTS

- (a) Secretary's ;
- (b) Treasurers;
- (c) Chain Reaction Editors  
( & membership secretary's )
- (d) Press Officers report
- (e) Litt. Sec.'s report;

### ELECTIONS:

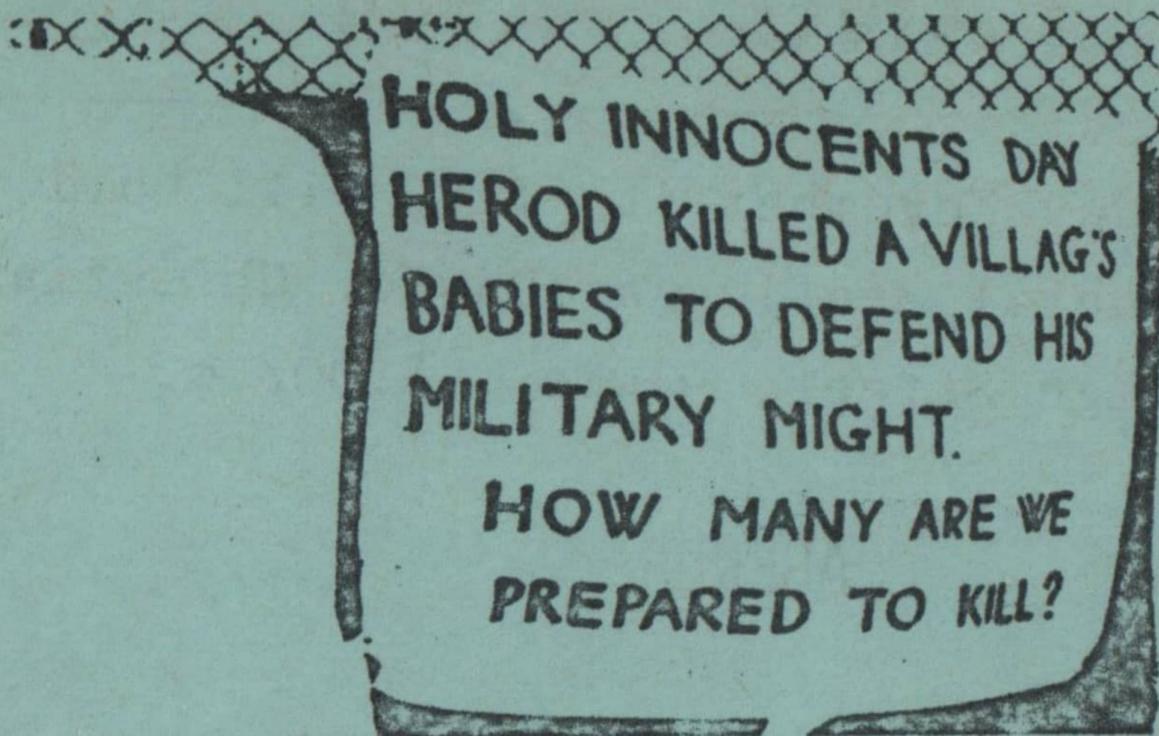
We rotate the Chair, but nominations are needed for secretary, Treasurer, Chain Reaction Editor, Press Officer and Lit. Sec., and Campaign against the Arms Trade contact. We would also like to have a Trade Union secretary and a Green contact.

*Banners*

### PRIORITIES FOR 1988

MANDATING DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE.  
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AND IDEAS FOR THE YEAR  
AHEAD, SO PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO ATTEND.

## Holy Innocents Day, December 28th



This is the day in the Christmas season when we recall Herod's massacre of the innocent children of Bethlehem. Such violence continues today and all too often it is the children who suffer. The poor of the world, the victims of nuclear testing in the Pacific, the casualties of war ... and in the event of nuclear war there will be no room for the little children in the bunkers of the powerful. Christian CND is calling for actions and worship services, vigils and leafleting on this day to draw attention to the suffering that would be caused to the innocent should nuclear weapons be used, and the suffering that is caused today through the development and testing of nuclear weapons. We hope particularly to draw attention to the futility of so-called 'civil defence' and hope that where possible activities will take place at bunkers, regional seats of government etc. Christian CND will be producing a resource pack, with information, worship and vigil ideas etc. This will be available from the Christian CND Office, cost 50p (Please send large SAE).

There will be a Christian CND action and

worship service at the bunker at Corsham (near Bath) on December 28th. Details are still be finalised, so please contact CCND for full details.



*" Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.  
We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,  
tied in a single garment of destiny"*

*Martin Luther King Jr*

*Letter from a Birmingham Jail.*

**You are invited to the first**

**CANA Public Lecture**

**STAR WARS:  
Safeguard or Threat?  
A Christian Perspective**

**by**

**Rowan Williams  
Professor of Divinity, Oxford**

**at**

**3.00pm, 24 October 1987  
Coventry Cathedral**

**Sponsored by Clergy Against Nuclear Arms**

**For more information and leaflets contact:  
Revd John Macdonald Smith  
38 Main Rd, Norton, Evesham, Worcs, WR11 4TL**

## Prosecution tries to silence activist

Katya Komisaruk, the US disarmament activist who destroyed Trident navigation equipment at Vandenberg Air Force base, California, in June (see *PN* August 14), is facing an attempt by the prosecution to silence her. Katya's trial begins on September 29, and she faces a sentence of up to 20 years in prison for what has been named the "White Rose" action. Prosecution lawyers want to prevent Katya from mentioning motives, ethics or international law during her trial.

Katya intends to base her defence on Common Law and the Nuremberg Principles, which forbid genocide. The long-established "defence of necessity" holds that it is right to commit a lesser crime to prevent a greater crime or greater harm. Thus, it is legally correct to destroy a weapon which could lead

to the greatest harm of all—nuclear war—and to interfere with one's government when that government is committing a crime. The US constitution states that the government is bound by international laws—such as the Nuremberg Principles. If the US government is breaking such laws, then it is the right of citizens to interfere.

If Judge Rea agrees to the prosecution's motion to limit Katya's testimony, then she will be prevented from raising these arguments before the jury. As we were going to press Judge Rea was considering the motion. The White Rose Support Collective is asking people to write to Judge Rea care of their office at 1716 Felton Street, San Francisco, CA 94134, USA, to tell him how they feel about the prospect of Katya going to prison.

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### THE ORDAINED PEACE ACTIVIST



Alfred Willetts has been active within the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament since the early days of CND, particularly with the NVDA wing.

On December 10th Alfred will be in Telford talking about his work within the peace movement and the role of Christian peace making in the campaign.

7-30

Dawley cc

# TELEVISION PICTURES

A head of state claiming to work for  
peace

Arming a nation to the teeth  
(Is your temper rising?  
Hypocrite, you think)

Guardians of the Law  
Laying about with riot control  
sticks  
(Feelings of hate?  
Pigs, you grind out)

An army at its practice range  
Devastating a beautiful land  
(Violent reaction?)  
Bastards, you shout)

Friends, we must explore a different  
way

OR

When all our cherished hopes seem  
gone

Kill - kill those hateful ones  
Is what we'll roar

Doreen McCann

DIALOGUE & RESISTANCE (SUMMER 87)

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" I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask,

' Mother, what was war? "

Maria Montessori

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**TANG BONFIRE**

★ **PARTY** ★

**FRIDAY 6TH NOV**

★ **8.00PM.** ★



Why not join TANG at its bonfire party on Friday 6th November at 23 Saxon Court, Leegomery Telford. Adults £1 Children 50p.

PLEASE BRING ALONG EITHER FOOD OR FIREWORKS.

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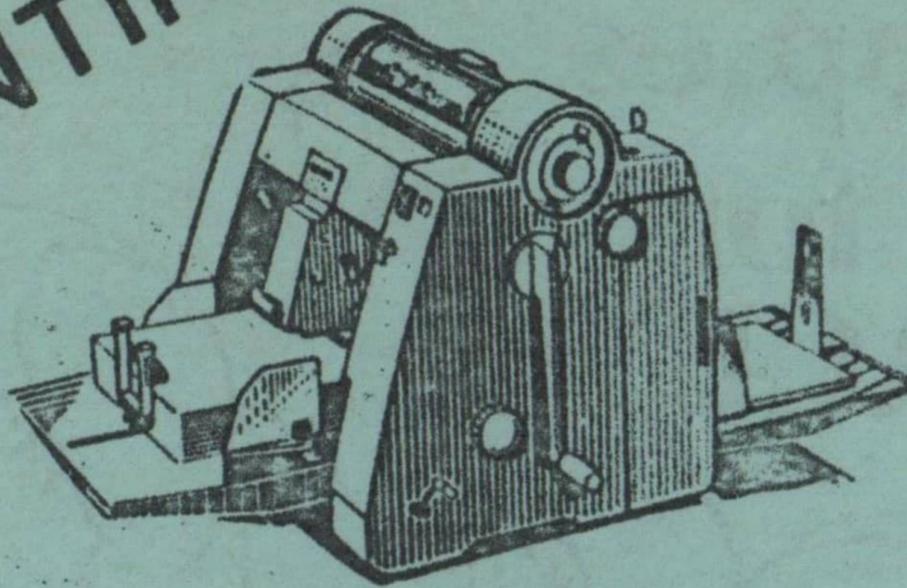
"THE OVERWHELMING PRIORITY TO DO AWAY WITH NUCLEAR ARMS HAS NOT YET PENETRATED THE COLLECTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS OR CONSCIENCE OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC...

NUCLEAR WEAPONS MUST NOT BE JUST LIMITED, THEY MUST BE ELIMINATED."

Rev. Maurice Mc Crackin  
Community Church of Cincinnati.

PRINTING

DESIGN



LAYOUT

## LEARN NEW SKILLS

How would you like to learn the above skills,  
well you can.

TANG needs person/persons to become part of the editorial group of Chain Reaction and to help in the production of our monthly newsletter.

Training on how to use printing facilities available at Dawley Resource Centre.

TANG NEEDS YOUR HELP, PLEASE CONTACT PETER  
NIAS TEL 587532

# White Poppies for PEACE



## Peace Pledge Union for nonviolence

The white poppy as a symbol of peace began in 1933. It extended the narrow nationalistic and militaristic view of Remembrance to remembering all the dead in wars, irrespective of nationality, civilians as well as those in the armed forces; it is a reminder that unless we act now more will go on dying in wars of the future. Its use reached a peak in 1938 — and it has been used sporadically since then. Recently the Peace Pledge Union's promotion of the white poppies and of alternative Remembrance events has met with a great deal of interest and now the work is being developed and extended.

WHITE POPPIES AVAILABLE FROM BARBARA LAMPLUGH, 16,  
LINLEY DRIVE, STIRCHLEY, TELFORD. PLEASE SEND SAE PLUS  
DONATION.

# VISIT TO THE U.S.A.

This summer we visited America staying with family and friends in Virginia and Washington D.C. Many of the views that we held about America before going were unfortunately confirmed.

America is a very materialistic society, in which ownership of a car is not only necessary but essential. To be without your own transport contributed to the isolation and alienation that of many sections of society feel. There is little or no public transport except in the larger cities. The quality of television programmes was extremely poor and coverage of world affairs both on television and the newspapers lacked balance or was limited.

The size of America is perhaps the single most impressive factor and that as a nation it is youthful, with a blending of different national cultures still taking place. This feeling is exciting and generated an atmosphere of growth and development with a future of great potential. Visiting America has enabled us to place in perspective our own nation and developments in this country. The erosion of public services and the desire for material wealth undermines a sense of community care and only contributes to the isolation and despair that many people express.

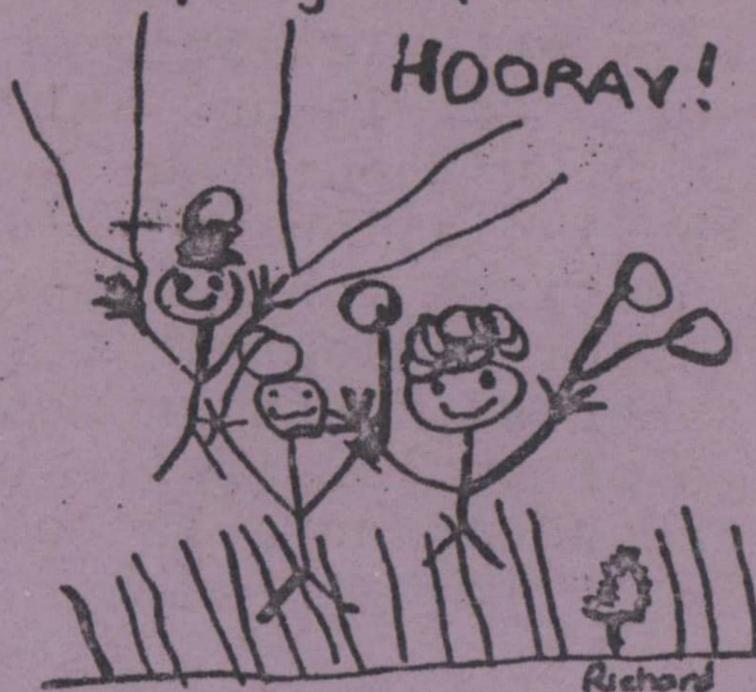
We did not have many opportunities to discuss issues concerning the nuclear arms race, Third World issues, international relations but American people seemed no different to any other nationality in that many were concerned, interested and wanted to find out more. They have many of the same fears for the future as people in Europe. I think that one of the most constructive actions we could take is to make contact with a group or individuals to inform them of our views

about world peace and just as important listen to them. So how about it - could TANG make contact with a group in America?

Paul Wolfe

The day we got rid of the bomb!

HOORAY!



**Doth never prosper ?**

Treason doth never prosper,  
for what's the reason,  
For an it prosper,  
none dare call it treason,

(Anon, 15th or 16th century.)

As the Spycatcher saga goes on and the television programmes wobble on the edge of making a direct accusation against the Thatcherites of having gained their power by treasonably procuring government servants to destabilize a government; while writers to the press try to pretend that Wright is the only person to blame, & a former Lord Chancellor tries to laugh it off saying that the MI5 & 6 men/women involved were "more asses than criminals"; the old jingles truth is amply demonstrated.



DISPLAYS

STALLS

"DANCE

MUSIC

DRAMA

FOOD

# INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

ALL SAINTS CHURCH STIRCHLEY

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER 7.30 P.M.

ADMISSION FREE

participants include

Telford West Indian Association

Brookside Amateur Dramatic Society

"Gospel Messengers" (New Testament  
Church of God)

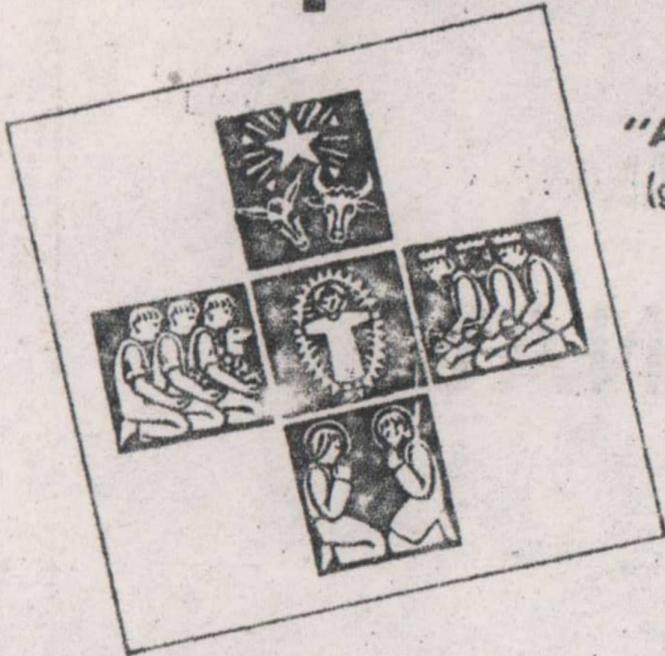
First Stirchley Brownies

Lyn Bradfield

ONE WORLD WEEK 18-25 OCTOBER 1987

# GREETINGS CARDS

## from three Christian peace organisations.



**"Adoration"**  
(green on white)



**"Lion and the Lamb"**  
(dark turquoise on white)



**"Russian Mother and Child"**  
(blue on white)



**"Nativity"**  
(black and white, maroon surround)

Size of cards - 6" x 4 1/4", blank inside.  
Cards sold in packs of six with envelopes.  
Price: £1-00 add 15% of cost for postage.

(Black letters)

NAME  
ADDRESS

No. of packs	Title	Cost
	<b>"Lion and the Lamb"</b>	
	<b>"Nativity"</b>	
	<b>"Adoration"</b>	
	<b>"Russian Mother and Child"</b>	

Return form with cheque/postal order to the organisation of your choice.

**Christian CND**, 22/24, Underwood Street, London, N1 7JG.

**Fellowship of Reconciliation**, 40, Harleyford Road, London, SE11 4AW.

**Pax Christi**, St. Francis of Assisi Centre, Pottery Lane, London, W11 4NQ.

Cost £

Post

Total £

# VISIT LIGHTMOOR NEW COMMUNITY?

The Lightmoor New Community has an 'Open House' on the first Sunday in the month for any visitors to come and see what is going on. The next such day is Sunday 4th October in the afternoon.

Of specific interest to young people wishing to set up their own business is a workshop on the Lightmoor site. Space in the workshop can be rented, and is only for unemployed young people. Do you know of anyone who might be interested? Details from the Community at any time.

These and other facts were discussed at the TANG-organised meeting recently to promote Shropshire Green Week. The Lightmoor Community have a video film of their village and would be happy to show it to local groups.

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## ++++++TANG Meeting++++++

TANGs next business meeting will be on Wednesday October 7th at 16, Linley Drive, Stirchley, 7.30 p.m. We will be discussing National CND Conference, TANG AGM, Christian Peace Making public meeting and other local and national events. ALL VERY WELCOME.

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# JOIN TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR GROUP

I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN TANG. PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED  
MY SUBSCRIPTION: £3.00 waged  
£1.50 unwaged

I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL NOW BE PUT ON THE MAILING  
LIST FOR "CHAIN REACTION", THE NEWSLETTER OF TANG.

BLOCK LETTERS PLEASE

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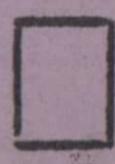
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TEL.....

Signed.....

Date .....

IF TICKED SUBSCRIPTION DUE



\* send subscription payable to TELFORD ANTI NUCLEAR  
GROUP to:

LAURENS OTTER, COLLEGE FARM HOUSE MILL LANE,  
WELLINGTON, TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE.

