



West Midlands

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Mailing

September – October 2022

Join us at these events:

Lakenheath 17th September – all day, with speeches between 13.00 – 15.00

National CND has called another demonstration at Lakenheath airbase (nominally RAF but actually operated by the United States Airforce) on Saturday 17th September.

We have every reason to believe that, after a gap of 13 years, nuclear bombs have either been sent to Lakenheath or will be located there in the very near future.

More information on Lakenheath and why we believe that nuclear bombs are, or soon will be, located there can be found at <https://cnduk.org/lakenheath/>

This link also gives information on what you can do to oppose this even if you cannot go to the demonstration.

Croughton 1st October 12.00 – 15.30

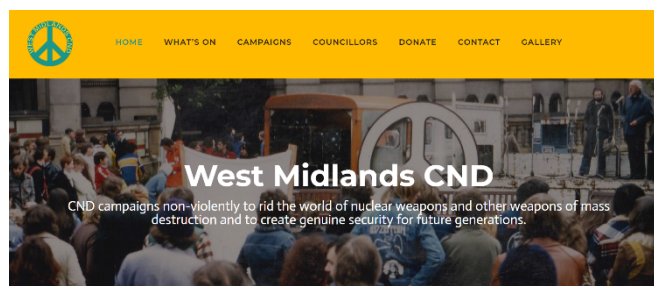
As part of 2022's Keep Space for Peace week, join this march and rally at USAF Croughton, with guest speakers **Paul Mobbs** (Croughtonwatch); **Dave Webb** (Global Network) and **Tom Unterrainer** (CND Chair).

This major US communication and intelligence base supports space communications, data links, military drone information, bomber guidance, missile defence, diplomatic communications, and command and control functions. It is a key link in the 'chain' controlling US operations across Europe, Africa and the Middle East,

RAF Croughton is at NN13 5XP on the B4031, around 10 miles south-east of Banbury.

Please contact WMCND (details below) for information on how to participate in either of these events.

Have a look at our lovely new WMCND website where you can find information about upcoming events and campaigns. In the "Gallery" section there are some photographs from this year's Hiroshima Memorial Day event in August, as well as an archive of photos going back over 40 years.
<https://wmcnd.org.uk/>



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BITS FROM ABROAD

Germany should contribute towards the costs of France's nuclear arsenal as the threat of nuclear war with Russia looms over Europe, German political veteran Wolfgang Schaeuble said. "Now that Putin's accomplices are threatening a nuclear strike every day, one thing is clear to me: we need nuclear deterrence at the European level as well," Schaeuble, a former finance minister who has served as a member of the German parliament for five decades, told the Welt am Sonntag newspaper.

Reuters 23rd July 2022
<https://reut.rs/3Qlxnpr>

The United Nations Secretary General has delivered an ominous warning of the current state of the world. Antonio Guterres said we're edging worryingly close to nuclear oblivion and has called on nations to chill out a little. He said we're currently at a stage of 'nuclear danger not seen since the height of the Cold War'. The Secretary General added that we are 'one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation'.

Unilad 2nd Aug 2022
<https://bit.ly/3pl6NX0>

ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons) is reporting regularly on the NPT Review Conference on its website. You can find their reports and press releases at [ICAN - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons \(icanw.org\)](https://www.icanw.org/)

They write:

*Even before the NPT RevCon started, it was clear that the nuclear-armed states were **violating the treaty**, but didn't want a big deal made out of that. In the past weeks, we've seen a lot of countries trying to mask irresponsible behaviours behind frankly insane statements such as **US'claims** that theirs are "responsible" nuclear threats. We've also faced serious efforts to keep civil society voices out of the room.*

You can follow their regular updates at <https://twitter.com/nuclearban>

Read the latest CND national magazine here:
<https://bit.ly/3dz9Ecd>

FROM THE MEDIA

Glasgow City Council is 'not informed' when a nuclear weapons convoy passes through city. The convoys - which can contain as many as eight nuclear warheads - pass through Glasgow on the M74 and M8 as they travel between the Atomic Weapons Establishment Burghfield near Reading and RNAD Coulport on Loch Long.

Glasgow Live 27th July 2022
<https://bit.ly/3C50GxP>

Editorial: When the most senior figure in Britain's defence and security establishment warns of the increased risk of accidental nuclear war, the rest of us should pay attention. Even today, when security chiefs speak more often in public than they once did, they still ration their pronouncements. So when the UK's national security adviser, Sir Stephen Lovegrove, speaks in Washington about a breakdown in communications with Russia and China causing an enhanced risk of "rapid escalation to strategic conflict", as he did this week, those words should be taken very seriously indeed.

Guardian 28th July 2022
<https://bit.ly/3ArOUMR>

Nuclear weapons: At a glance. Commons Library briefings on the policies, capabilities and programmes of the nuclear weapon states. They should be taken as correct at the time of writing, and will be updated periodically.

House of Commons Library 29th July 2022
<https://bit.ly/3K04dza>

The US has lost at least three nuclear bombs that have never been located – they're still out there to this day. How did this happen? Where could they be? And will we ever find them?

BBC 4th Aug 2022
<https://bbc.in/3pmYx92>

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TRIDENT AND RELATED NEWS

Campaigners have again released photographs of a Ministry of Defence convoy on the M6 – something they say ‘terrifies’ them. Members of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament say they believe trucks making up the convoy were transporting nuclear warheads. The route they take uses the M6 through Cheshire, Warrington and St Helens to and from the atomic weapons establishment in Berkshire and the Trident nuclear weapons system base at Coulport, in the West of Scotland. The convoy is believed to have been parked at Weeton Barracks, near Kirkham in Lancashire, on the night of Monday, July 25, after passing through Cheshire on the M6.

St Helens Star 4th Aug 2022

<https://bit.ly/3K4yXiH>

Britain’s lead Vanguard-class Trident nuclear submarine has returned to service after a costly seven-year maintenance period. CND General Secretary Kate Hudson said the return of HMS Vanguard to service – overdue and overbudget – proved how much of a colossal waste Britain’s Trident nuclear weapons are: “Once again we see public funds disappear into the black hole that is Britain’s nuclear weapons cycle, with little or no scrutiny. ... We call on the UK government to scrap Trident, and start investing in the people of Britain instead.”

CND 19th July 2022

<https://bit.ly/3dAkS0j>

Social Solidarity is mightier than any nuclear weapon

An encouraging article from The National, 11th August 2022

<https://bit.ly/3AD4nK1>

New Report from BASIC

In June 2022, BASIC held a roundtable with **Russian experts** to discuss risk reduction and crisis de-escalation in general terms. The roundtable discussed the nature of political and military escalation, NATO-Russia relations, non-proliferation and arms control.

[Report: Risk Reduction And De-Escalation - BASIC \(basicint.org\)](#)

NUCLEAR POWER

Norfolk Chambers of Commerce chief executive, Nova Fairbank, welcomed the news that the [Sizewell C] nuclear power station has been given the go ahead. She said that the site will not only create jobs during construction but also provides potential for businesses through the supply chain. Companies will also be able to apply for contracts in catering, security and cleaning, she added.

Eastern Daily Press 24th July 2022

<https://bit.ly/3dxvE7s>

The involvement of Barrow and West Cumbria in the movement of spent nuclear fuel from Japan for reprocessing now stretches back a half-century. News of a major contract was announced in The Mail, on May 15, in 1968. James Fisher and Sons, the Barrow shipowners, have been awarded a contract by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority to carry irradiated nuclear fuel from Japan to Britain. "The fuel will be processed at Windscale atom plant for the recovery of valuable residual contents."

NW Evening Mail 29th July 2022

<https://bit.ly/3SQGy8D>

Bangor University, and NNL, the UK’s national laboratory for nuclear fission, have today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that will see them work together to advance education and research in the field of nuclear energy, including skills and training for the nuclear industry. They will also work on joint research projects and share access to infrastructure, facilities and equipment that will advance nuclear technologies.

Wales247 1st Aug 2022

<https://bit.ly/3dvrgWA>

A DISCHARGE of steam at 10am on Monday (August 1) visually signalled the switching-off of Hinkley Point B nuclear power station after 46 years. The release of the steam, which was no longer needed to drive the turbine to generate electricity, could be seen for miles around the site. Hinkley B first produced power when Abba’s Mamma Mia was at the top of the charts in 1976.

West Somerset Free Press 6th Aug 2022

<https://bit.ly/3Qwdlc0>

What's On

September-October 2022

The next **Mailing** is due to be sent out at the end of October.

The **WMCND AGM** will be held by Zoom on **Thursday 22nd September at 7pm**. The meeting will begin with a presentation by the Bishop of Coventry, the Revd Christopher Cocksworth, followed by questions and discussion. Please e-mail wmcndall@gmail.com for the zoom link.

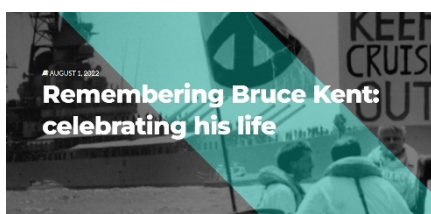
Hereford Peace Council – AGM to be held on Monday, September 5th, 11.00, Friends Meeting House, King Street, Hereford.

Leominster Community Centre – weeks beginning 12th and 19th September: exhibition on the development of nuclear weapons and the protests against them.

Malvern Churches Justice and Peace group Prayers for Peace, 12 noon on 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays), Lyttleton Well Prayer Room, Church Street, Great Malvern.

For all current CND campaigns and activities, go to
<https://cnduk.org/>

Our WMCND website has been re-vamped and updated! Have a look here:
<https://wmcnd.org.uk/>



Online exhibition

<https://cnduk.org/remembering-bruce-kent-celebrating-his-life/>

Noticeboard

We were sorry to hear of the death of Julia Larden, a long-standing member of WMCND and campaigner on nuclear issues both within



Hall Green CND and her local Labour Party. In spite of her illness, she remained active to the last, taking part in our recent zoom meetings and encouraging her

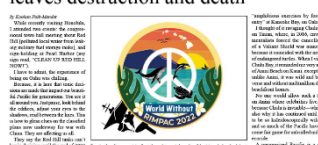
Labour Party branch to support the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). She will be sorely missed.

The Space Alert Newsletter #42 is now available:

<https://bit.ly/3w7phya> Alert-42.pdf

Space Alert!

Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space
Militarization of fragile Pacific leaves destruction and death



Battle in Space – not a good idea

The latest monthly space video for the Global Network is now on YouTube. Near the end of the video hear the words of Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell on the severe implications of war in space. He was speaking in 1989 at a protest organised by the Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.

You can watch the video here: <https://bit.ly/3QivgaY>

