You will have heard about the recent sad death of peace campaigner Brian Haw. CCND’s Patricia Pulham met Brian at Holy Innocents in 2007 (photo this page). Brian’s campaigning was inspired by his Christian faith and he never gave up despite everything the government, police, and the weather threw at him. Only very serious illness prevented his being there opposite parliament as a constant reminder to the government.

**Write to your MP**

There’s a couple of EDMs concerning Brian Haw. One was tabled by Jeremy Corbyn: EDM 1945: PEACE AND BRIAN HAW. “That this House notes with sadness the passing of Brian Haw, whose protest camp in Parliament Square, initially against the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and then all wars, has stood for a decade and resisted all legal and political challenges to its existence; supports the principles behind the protest camp and regards its existence as a formidable example of the possibilities for peaceful dissent at a time when civil liberties are being eroded and military power is being employed over negotiated peace; further notes Mr Haw’s relentless discipline in ensuring that he be seen by hon. Members going about their business every day as a constant reminder of the consequences of their decisions for the lives of thousands of innocent people and subsequent generations; further notes the political inspiration that he was to so many, with his handcrafted placards about the innocent lives lost as a result of war; trusts that his inspiration lives on as an influence to those in Parliament who make the decisions, and to the public whose role it is to hold decision makers in Parliament to account so that they might work toward bringing about peace in their time; and calls for a fitting permanent memorial to be established in Parliament.”

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**Brian Haw**

7 January 1949 – 18 June 2011

Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day events across the country. See page 3 for details.
Dear Member,

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Your membership and support for the work of Christian CND is much appreciated and is, indeed, vital. We are having a Membership Drive and realise the best way to do this is through existing Members. Personal knowledge of persons likely to consider joining, combined with enthusiasm for the cause, means existing Christian CND supporters are likely to be ideal ambassadors.

We are asking if you would encourage someone you know to join Christian CND. To facilitate this we have enclosed an invitation form for you to give them.

If each member achieved just a single success, membership would double. There is only one form enclosed. Please could you try to make effective use of it? (If you want to make more copies of the form, please do so.) You might like to send back the completed form yourself. If so, do include your own name on the back. Thank you.

In Peace,

Your Executive.

PS The next issue of Ploughshare will come with a sheet listing many of the statements made by the churches against nuclear weapons. You can mention this to the person you talk to. The list can also be used as a small poster for a church notice board.

PPS The suggestion to have a Membership Drive was heavily backed in the wonderful response to our recent questionnaire to Members. The very heartening results were published in the last issue of Ploughshare and we would once again like to thank the overwhelming number who so positively engaged in that exercise.

Peace DVDs

We are hoping to get together a list of DVDs for loan to members. If you have any suitable DVDs or videos you would be willing to loan out (we could convert videos to DVD format) then please let us know.

Members’ questionnaire

If you still haven’t returned your copy of the questionnaire it’s not too late! We’d still be delighted to hear your views. We will be discussing your suggestions at our AGM on 24th September in London.

Annual General Meeting

All members are welcome to come along on 24th September from 12noon. The venue will be North London Buddhist Centre, 72 Holloway Road, London N7 8JG. It is just a few minutes from the CND headquarters. Please bring vegetarian (NO meat or fish) food to share for lunch.

Embassy visits

We recently visited the Swedish and Japanese Embassies, and the High Commissions of India and Pakistan. There will be reports in the next edition of Ploughshare.

CAAT Christian Network Day of Prayer

This year’s Christian Network Day of Prayer will take place on the eve of DSEi, one of the world’s largest arms fairs, and on a poignant date ten years from the attacks on the twin towers: Sunday 11 September 2011. Many will already be reflecting on the legacy of that day: two illegal wars, increased inter-community tension, and an increasingly militarised approach to security. Please put the date in your diary, and contact outreach@caat.org.uk or ring 020 7281 0297 to pre-order materials to encourage reflection in your Christian community.


Don’t buy it!

“Feeling the pinch? Why not buy a brand new Trident nuclear weapons system! Costing only £90 billion, these missiles are massively deadly, completely terrifying and can only be used if you are totally insane.”

The WMD Awareness Programme have produced three short films which were premiered at the Pyramid Stage at Glastonbury in June. They are spoofs on selling Trident and highlight the ridiculous and useless nature of the weapons and the waste of money. They are aimed at a younger audience who know little about the subject but who might be intrigued. You can view the films at http://www.dont-buy-it.org/ Pass it on!
6 August

WORLDWIDE. Hiroshima Day.

BROMLEY. Vigil outside The Churchill Theatre, Bromley 12.00 - 3.00 pm. Organised by Bromley and Beckenham CND. anncgarrett@yahoo.com


CHICHESTER. Commemoration: 10.30 am to 4.30 pm Chichester Cathedral Lawns. Stall and silent vigils at each hour. Please wear black. We'll be warning about the dangers of nuclear proliferation and collecting signatures to CND's petition 'Scrap Trident'. Contact Midge on 01243 783153 or vida.henning@ntlworld.com

COVENTRY. 5pm. Chapel of Unity Coventry Cathedral. Please join us for a service of reflection: with music, religious and secular readings and silence. We will also make Japanese Origami Paper Cranes of Peace. Everybody is welcome. We hope you will also join us to talk and share refreshments in the grounds beside the chapel after the service. Info from Dr Madeleine Sharp on 02476 414512.

KEIGHLEY. Vigil. 8am - 9am. Town Hall Square. Contact: Sylvia email robinandsylvia@apl.com Tel.01274 824271.

LANCASTER. Lancaster District CND stall in Lancaster Market Place between 1 and 4pm.

LIVERPOOL. Commemoration in the Peace Garden, St John's Gardens (behind St George's Hall) at 11am. With Lord Mayor. Music, poetry speeches to be arranged. Merseyside CND: 0151 702 6974 mcnd@care4free.net www.mend.org.uk


SALISBURY. Candle Float on River Avon from Fisherton Bridge to Crane Bridge, 8.45pm, organised by Salisbury CND. Wheelchair accessible. Info: 01722 321865, www.cndsalisbury.org.uk.

Hiroshima/Nagasaki Day Liturgy

CCND is producing a Liturgy pack suitable for Hiroshima and Nagasaki Day Commemorations. Please contact the office for a copy.

30 July:  East London Against Arms Fair Musical Protest. 2pm-5pm ExCel Centre, Western entrance just off Custom House Docklands Light Railway station. Cancel the arms fairs! More supporters (musical and non-musical) needed. See the ELAAF website for more information.

3 August:  Clarion Events organise the DSEi Arms Fair. We will be holding a monthly vigil at 86 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8QQ. 12-2pm  londoncaat@riseup.net 

6 August:  Hiroshima Day. See page 3.


26-29 August:  Greenbelt Festival at Cheltenham Racecourse. Music, poetry, performance and prayer - plus the Peace Zone co-ordinated by Network of Christian Peace Organisations. 020 7374 2760 boxoffice@greenbelt.org.uk http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/


13-16 September:  Defence & Security Equipment International (DSEi) Arms Fair. Day of Action on Tue 13 Sept and more details p2. Campaign Against Arms Trade, outreach@caat.org.uk 020 7281 0297  www.caat.org.uk


21 September:  UN International Day of Peace. Joe Jenkins, Peace Tax campaigner, will show his film 'Just war,' followed by discussion, is there such a thing as a just war? 7.30 pm, Railway Club, Barton Road, Hereford. 01432 342 623. Car parking adjacent, no facilities for wheelchairs.

21 September:  Uniting for Peace discussion for UN International Day of Peace: Peace, Conflict, Development and Environment. With Rt. Hon. Hilary Benn MP. At Friends House, 173, Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ from 06:30pm to 08:30pm. Info: Vijay Mehta, 97 Commercial Road, London E1 1RD. vijay@vmpeace.org 07776 231 018.

24 September:  Christian CND Annual General Meeting. All welcome. See page 2.

24 September:  Nonviolence, a dangerous idea. Turning the Tide in collaboration with Huddersfield Quakers and other local peace and justice groups are hosting a series of workshops called 'Nonviolence for a Change.' This is a training programme for people with some experience of working with others to address injustices and make changes. You can sign up for the whole course, or just dip into the sessions that interest you. This course tends to be oversubscribed so get in touch as soon as you can. The fee is £350 for the year; £35 per workshop, and concessions and payment plan options are available. Venue is Friends Meeting House, Church Street, Paddock, Huddersfield, HD1 4TR. For more applications materials and more information see our website: www.turning-the-tide.org Or email: denised@quaker.org.uk stevev@quaker.org.uk Or call: 020 7663 1061 & 1064 Wheelchair accessible.

2 October:  International Day of Non-Violence (Gandhi’s Birthday). http://tinyurl.com/2fe2wx

3 October:  Blockade at Hinkley Point. Sign one of the pledges at http://stopnewnuclear.org.uk/plf Email: campaign@stopnewnuclear.org.uk http://stopnewnuclear.org.uk

15 - 16 October:  CND Annual Conference. Conference and a Day of Action at Menwith Hill on Sunday 16th October. Conference at Bradford University Student Union, Student Central, University of Bradford, Richmond Road, Bradford BD7 1DP. Registration will be from 9.30-11am and the AGM and Conference will take place between 11am-6pm. Transport will be available for the Day of Action at Menwith Hill on the Sunday, with activities taking place at Menwith Hill between approximately 12.30-4pm (returning to Bradford by approximately 5.45pm), 020 7700 2393. 
