

Salisbury CND's year 2020

As with everyone, much of our activity has switched to online. Our website has never been busier, as we have sought to keep our members up to date with the latest News and Events. Below you can see a glimpse of October's entries! Click on this link to go to the website: <https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

GOOD NEWS

On 24th October there was some good news at last about the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons**, informally called the ban treaty. This treaty, adopted with the approval of 122 countries at the United Nations in July 2017, forbids anything and everything related to nuclear weapons, including their development and possession. But to enter into legal force, the treaty needed ratification by at least 50 countries. It achieved that mark on October 24, after Jamaica, Nauru, and Honduras deposited the 48th, 49th, and 50th ratifications in rapid succession over the course of several days. Accordingly, the treaty will become official international law 90 days hence, on January 22, 2021.

But the treaty is not binding on countries that have not yet ratified it - visit the website and , and all the nuclear weapons countries remain in unanimous opposition and have boycotted the entire process of negotiating the treaty from the start. In fact, just days before Jamaica, Nauru, and Honduras acceded to the treaty, the United States took the unusual step of urging other countries to withdraw from it.

In some ways, the ban treaty has already made its mark as more and more countries commit to never building nuclear weapons. In 2017, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, ICAN, won the Nobel Peace Prize for its key role in bringing the treaty into existence. So what happens now? Even supporters of the treaty have modest expectations about the effects of its entry into force. In a forthcoming interview that will be published in a special 75th anniversary issue of the *Bulletin*, Beatrice Fihn, ICAN's executive director, said, "Obviously it won't have a direct, immediate sort of change on the situation in the world, but it's a starting point for moving toward nuclear disarmament.... Implementing the treaty, in many ways, it's just building normative pressure, building financial pressure through divestments."



News Items

Title	Posted
Two key questions about North Korea's new missile	26th October 2020
Dear "President-elect Biden"	26th October 2020
The science is in: Nuclear is out	26th October 2020
U.N. nuke ban treaty to take effect in Jan., Japan in dilemma	25th October 2020
Now that nuclear weapons are illegal, the Pacific demands truth on decades of testing	25th October 2020
Scientists welcome key milestone for nuclear weapons ban treaty	25th October 2020
Nuclear weapons treaty: Campaigners hail new era for nuclear disarmament	25th October 2020
A message from Kate Hudson	25th October 2020
UN: Nuclear weapons ban treaty to enter into force	25th October 2020
Salisbury CND summary of recent activity for National CND	24th October 2020
Chance to catchup on the webinar "Debunking the Myths of Small Modular Reactors"	24th October 2020
Elimination of nuclear weapons at the very latest by 2045	24th October 2020
Watch the debate concerned with Dumping contaminated mud from Hinkley Point	24th October 2020
Webinar on the US Elections:Prospects for War and Peace	24th October 2020

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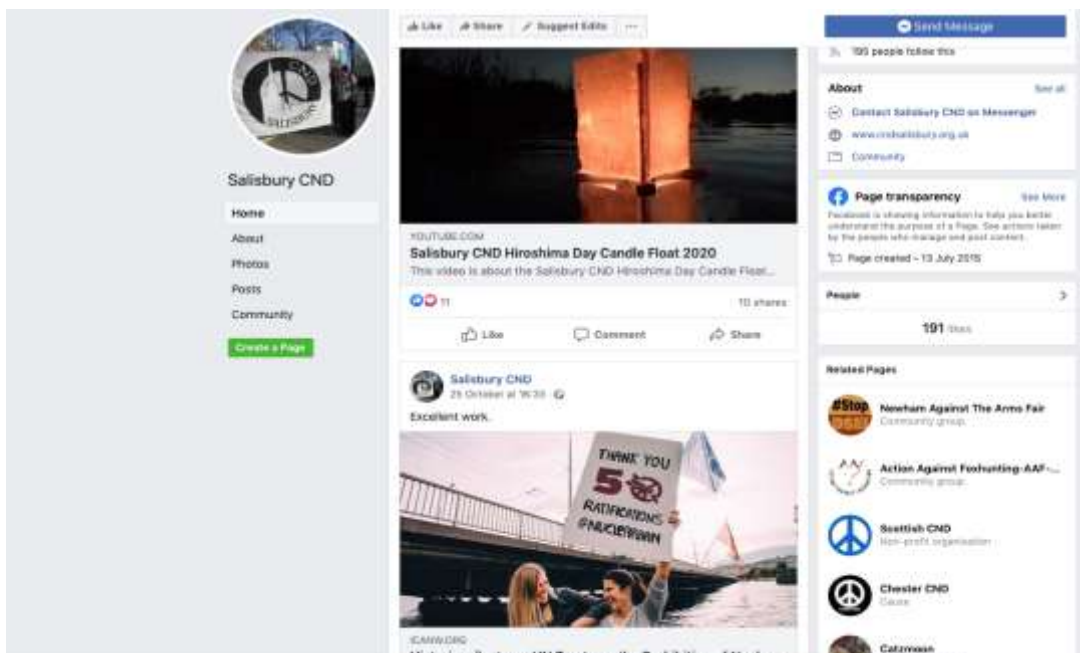
Events

Event Title	Event Date	Location
The Spy Cops Bill: An Attack on us all - Online Rally	22nd October 2020	Internet 7pm
Webinar on SMRs (Small Modular Reactors)	21st October 2020	Internet 19:00
US Elections: Prospects for War and Peace	20th October 2020	Internet 19:00 BST
GN Panel at Space Education Conference	15th October 2020	Internet 6:20pm - 7.30pm BST
Nuclear Weapons and Disarmament: What does the future hold?	14th October 2020	Internet 14:00 - 15:30 BST
CND Conference	10th October 2020	Internet October 10 and 18th
Keep Space For Peace event	10th October 2020	Internet 2pm
On-line Event at Menwith Hill, England	10th October 2020	Internet 2pm BST
World Says No War on Yemen	8th October 2020	Internet 6:30 pm
Global Network leaders discuss 'Space domination' during Keep Space for Peace Week	8th October 2020	Internet 3pm BST
Keep Space for Peace week. CND Webinar	3rd October 2020	Internet 14:00 BST

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We also have an active **Facebook** page; do pay a visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/Salisbury-CND-1614288368842343/timeline/>



We were determined to stage a significant event to commemorate the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. We made a film of our candle float this year, in place of our normal public event.

We were honoured to have a personal letter from the Mayor of Hiroshima which was incorporated into our film. You can see the 10 minute film on YouTube: just Control+ Click on the last (third) photo below:

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Control+Click on the photo above to watch the Candle Float film on YouTube.

THANKS

Many thanks to National CND, ICAN, The Nuclear Information Service, Stop the War, and all the other organisations that have enabled this potentially difficult period to be so active.