



**Salisbury CND**  
**Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament**  
**Newsletter - December 2020**  
<http://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

**Greetings from Salisbury CND. You can make a difference** - together we can help work for a safer nuclear-free world for the future. Visit the Salisbury CND website (address above) for information on **events, news and links to other campaigning organisations, etc.**

Our **Facebook** page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salisbury-CND/583212191799930>. Special thanks to Lopy for updating this regularly. Please circulate this information around your friends and contacts as widely as possible.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Artists Against War - Christmas fundraiser for Stop the War: Friday 11th December, 7.00-8.30pm - online**

2020 has been a topsy turvy year, to say the very least, and another casualty of its fluctuations is Stop the War's annual Christmas fundraiser dinner. But fear not, **Artists Against War** are bringing the fun directly into your homes by gathering a host of great artists and speakers together to raise our voices against war and bring some festive cheer to the table whilst doing so.

The event will include an auction, hosted by NEU Gen Sec and marvellous auctioneer Kevin Courtney, and a number of other surprises! All funds raised will go directly to **Stop the War's Winter 2020 Appeal** so go to <https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/events/230-artists-against-war> to buy tickets for £5, £10 or £25 to take part in the online festive fun, exactly two weeks before Christmas.

#### **National CND's End of Year Quiz! - Thursday 17th December, 7.00-8.30pm - online**

Join CND and guest hosts Baroness Jenny Jones and Tom Unterrainer (CND Vice-Chair) for a relaxed **end of year quiz**. 2020 has been such a strange year, but you can take part in a festive quiz online, with the opportunity to catch up with a few familiar faces, and a chance to win some prizes! To register your place, just go to: <https://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk/events/239-cnd-end-of-year-quiz>

#### **Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty comes into force on 22nd January 2021 !!**

Now that 50 countries have ratified the **UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW)**, it will **come into force on 22 January 2021**. Another 84 have signed, but not yet ratified the Treaty. Only those countries which ratify the **TPNW** are bound by the Treaty. This is the first legally binding agreement to prohibit **nuclear weapons**, with the goal of leading towards their **total elimination**.

The TPNW coming into force is of course very important for many reasons, some more obvious than others: for example, **investment by company pension funds** in companies involved directly or indirectly in the nuclear weapons industry should become "**controversial**" as such companies would be in contravention of a global Treaty; this may hopefully dissuade pension funds from investing in them and divesting from existing holdings in such companies.

ICAN (International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons), CND, the Red Cross, and many other special interest groups continue to **campaign to get more countries to sign/ratify**.

Back in 2017 the US, **UK** and France issued a joint statement indicating that they did not intend "to sign, ratify or ever become party to it". Perhaps now is the time to apply **moral pressure** on them once again, as they will all be acting in contravention of a global Treaty from 22nd January 2021. Sadly however, the pressure can only be moral not legal, until such time as the countries sign and ratify...

## **NEWS and REPORTS**

**Website:** Peter Gloyns has been monitoring national and international events closely (very many thanks, Peter) and is regularly adding much information to our **website - please visit it at:** <http://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

### **AGM 2020: held online 19th November 2020, via Zoom**

Whilst we'd prefer to be meeting face to face, the move to holding meetings via Zoom during the pandemic did result in a very good turnout for our AGM on 19th November. A copy of the notes of the meeting will be available via our website at: <http://www.cndsalisbury.org.uk>

Some of the matters discussed included:

- The request from **National CND** for help - they are now very short of cash to continue their campaigning. If you can help by donating, please visit: <https://cnduk.org/support-us/> or call their fundraising department on 07508 778 357 or 020 7700 2393, or send a cheque payable to CND to their office: CND, Mordechai Vanunu House, 162 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DQ.
- Still on the subject of funds, **Salisbury CND** has 33 members of which 23 have paid for 2020. More members would be good! We will be putting our bank details on our website, so people can renew that way if they wish. If you have any questions about membership or renewal, please contact **Peter Gloyns** on 01794 390482 or via email at [pgloyns@aol.com](mailto:pgloyns@aol.com). Thank you very much.
- Watch for discussion of 'small' nuclear power stations. They are NOT the answer. They may be 'small' but are still quite large, are less efficient, and have the same problems (decommissioning, waste, safety). They have to be sited close to habitation, so leaks/accidents are more dangerous.

### **National CND campaign to persuade local councils to become nuclear-free**

Campaigning for this continues, as towns and cities around the world – including Washington, Paris, Edinburgh and Oxford – are becoming Nuclear Ban Communities. The pressure is being kept up, locally and regionally.

- Write a letter to your local paper about the campaign and/or post about it on social media. The more attention the campaign receives, the higher the possibility of a councillor taking notice. So make sure you talk about it with your friends and neighbours, and encourage them to get in touch as well.



*Our website gives you access to a wide range of internet based events and many of us have found we have been able to attend a wider range of meetings during lockdown than we perhaps would have been able to in so called normal times. Our News section on the website is also updated regularly and has enabled us all to keep informed about current nuclear issues. It will be lovely to all meet up again in the future, but in the meantime, do keep a careful eye on the website!*

### **Government bringing manufacture of nuclear warheads back in house**

The government has claimed that bringing the manufacturing of nuclear warheads back in house will enable it to better “invest in technology”. Since 1993, the Atomic Weapons Establishment – which is responsible for developing, manufacturing, and managing the UK’s arsenal of nuclear weapons – has operated as a private company, under contract from the government. Hunting-BRAE held the contract until 1999, at which point a 25-year deal was awarded to AWE Management Ltd, a joint venture led by 51% shareholder Lockheed Martin, supported by Serco and Jacobs Engineering. Defence secretary Ben Wallace announced in parliament this week that, following a review, the “Ministry of Defence has concluded that AWE will revert to a direct government ownership model”. From as early as next summer, the nuclear agency will become an arm’s-length government body, wholly owned by the ministry.

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**2020 Subscriptions - please send to Peter Gloyns, Membership Secretary**

## **Salisbury CND Membership Form 2020**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Postcode:**

**Telephone:**

**Email:**

**May we send your Newsletter to you via email?**

**YES/NO**

**May we alert you to future events via email?**

**YES/NO**

**Subscriptions: Full Membership £8 per year, Concessionary membership £4 per year**

<b>Subscription</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Donation to Campaign funds</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>TOTAL PAYMENT</b>	<b>£</b>

**Cheque payable to "Salisbury CND" please**

**Send to: Salisbury CND, c/o Peter Gloyns, St Vincent, North Lane, Nomansland, Salisbury, Wilts. SP5 2BU. Or email to [pgloyns@aol.com](mailto:pgloyns@aol.com). Thank you!**

**If paying electronically, please use following details:**

Account Name: Salisbury CND

Account Number: 65212794

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Do send through your form!

**If you are unsure if you have already paid, just drop an email to [pgloyns@aol.com](mailto:pgloyns@aol.com)**