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MONTHLY MEETING

Faringdon Peace Group will be very pleased to welcome you to our September meeting. Did you know that nuclear weapons travel up and down our roads about once a month, between Aldermaston and Scotland. They often come very close to Oxford, on the A34, and have been known to break down. Recently part of the convoy got lost and had to turn round in Faringdon!

Find out more on
WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER

when Peter Burt will talk about 'Nukewatch: Tracking Nuclear Weapons On Our Roads' but not only on the roads, but also in the air and when they go to sea.

On Zoom at 7.30pm Link will be sent.

THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

Since we last held a meeting in the Quaker Meeting House, there have been some major alterations in the Garden Room. Decorating and replacing most of the outdated furniture has increased the useable space for meetings. So, two things arise from these - apart from hoping that you like it - there is still work to do, and as a regular user, might you be prepared to offer a little manual labour? Also, the room is now much more lettable, so please do consider hiring it for any other meetings you might be involved with. Jenny : 01367 240929

STOP THE WAR'S 2023 AGM SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

**Join us in Central London to help decide
Stop the War's priorities for the coming year**

We will be joined by Clare Daly MEP, Mick Wallace MEP, Alex Gordon RMT President and Claudia Webbe MP, in addition to hearing from StW Convenor Lindsey German, our Chair Shelly Asquith and Deputy President Andrew Murray.

The AGM is where our Steering Committee, Chair, Convenor and Treasurer are all elected and where our policy and campaigning priorities are discussed and decided. With the ongoing bloodbath in Ukraine and the increasingly dangerous risk of escalation, this discussion could hardly be more urgent.

If you want to be part of StW's decision making process get your tickets now. Please go to the Stop the War website to register

All Stop the War members, along with delegates from local groups and affiliates, are entitled to attend and vote.

Local Stop the War groups are entitled to send four delegates and other affiliated organisations can send two delegates; we encourage you to try and make sure a full delegation is elected. Please speak to Jennie.

**Registration opens at 10.30am.
The AGM opens at 11am. Do join us.**

We hope you can make it!

FARINGDON QUAKER MEETING CELEBRATES 350 YEARS THIS YEAR

Please join the Quakers over the weekend of 30th September/1st October for Open House, exhibitions, talks, and *free* teas and coffees all day on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

ITEMS FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

jennyridd@yahoo.co.uk by 25th Oct please

A letter from GREENPEACE

Are you sick of getting poorer, whilst companies trash the natural world and line their pockets from our inflated bills? Tired of politicians choosing the interests of big business over ordinary people?

The wildfires in Greece, sky high energy bills, our struggling economy and the NHS on its knees - these aren't crises, they're scandals and are a political choice.

We have the solutions to fix all these issues now, and they all revolve around taking stronger action to fight climate change. All that's missing is political leadership.

It's clear that politicians won't step up unless we make them. Elections remain one of our best chances to hold them to account. Ahead of the general election next year we have to demand better and show them there's a huge movement of voters calling for climate action. If enough people join this movement, political parties will be forced to champion green policies to win votes.

Will you be a fighter and add your name to thousands of others who are passionate about securing a liveable planet that the next generations can flourish in?

Most of us want the same things. Affordable, good quality homes and lower bills through cheap and clean renewable energy. Safer, quieter streets and cleaner air with reliable and accessible public transport. A safe climate and a country full of nature for young people to inherit.

Together we can make these a reality. This open letter is just the start of something much bigger. An unprecedented mass mobilisation campaign to recruit one million climate voters ahead of the general election. Through this we can ensure the next government, whoever it is, prioritises the health of people and the planet, not the profits of billionaires.

It's time to demand action from political party leaders, can you quickly sign the letter on their webpage now?

Karen has drawn my attention to this organisation

WAR RESISTERS' INTERNATIONAL

War Resisters' International (WRI) works for a world without war. We are a global pacifist and antimilitarist network with over 90 affiliated groups in 40 countries. We remain committed to our 1921 founding declaration that

'War is a crime against humanity. I am therefore determined not to support any kind of war, and to strive for the removal of all causes of war'.

All wars, including wars of 'liberation' and 'humanitarian military intervention' are used to serve some power - political or economic interest. All war leads to suffering, destruction, and new structures of domination.

What we do

WRI is primarily a network of organisations, groups and individuals. We facilitate mutual support, by

- Linking people together through publications, events and actions
- Initiating nonviolent campaigns that actively involve local groups and individuals
- Supporting those who oppose war and who challenge its causes
- Promoting and educating people about pacifism and nonviolence

From the WRI office in London, we run three programmes of work that are important to the network. They are The Right to Refuse to Kill Programme, the Nonviolence Programme, and Countering the Militarisation of Youth.

Do you share our vision of a world without war?

Are you part of a pacifist or antimilitarist group and would like to affiliate to WRI? Get in touch!

Can you help with translation?

Sign up for email updates

War Resisters' International relies on your support. To support our work, visit:
<https://www.wri-irg.org/en/donate>



From Burma Campaign UK

ROHINGYA GENOCIDE ANNIVERSARY

25th August (the day I am writing this) is the sixth anniversary of the Burmese military offensive against the Rohingya people of Burma. The military offensive, mostly targeting children, drove around 800,000 Rohingya into neighbouring Bangladesh.

Combined with Rohingya who had fled previous attacks, there are now more than a million Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh.

They live in squalid camps, surrounded by barbed wire fences, without proper housing, sanitation, food, medical care and education. There is no prospect of them returning home soon.

How has the British government responded? It has cut aid to Rohingya refugees, mostly children, by 82%.

Now Rohingya children face ration cuts and health problems caused by malnutrition that will last the rest of their lives.

Email the British Foreign Secretary, calling on him
to reverse aid cuts to Rohingya refugees.

The government of Bangladesh is deliberately making the life of Rohingya refugees as unbearable as possible to try to deter more refugees from coming and force existing refugees to return to Burma, even though it isn't safe to do so.

It's an inhumane policy for refugees who have already had unimaginable experiences.

Please email the government of Bangladesh calling on them
to change their brutal policies towards Rohingya refugees.
(Go to the Burma Campaign UK website)

