

At the vigils we display banners attached to the Green Park fence opposite the Japanese Embassy and attached to railings opposite the TEPCO offices' entrance. We also distribute leaflets to passers-by and visitors to the Embassy and TEPCO, offices to updating people on the current situation at Fukushima and calling for an "End to Nuclear Power in the UK" and "No Fukushimas Here".

These vigils took place weekly until the Covid pandemic struck in 2020. We then suspended them during the height of the pandemic and then resumed them vigils at frequencies of every other week in view of falling numbers taking part and later reduced them to one a month. This year we have reduced to only every other month.

**We would very much welcome new anti-nuclear faces at these vigils!** This year the vigils will be held from 11am to 12.30pm outside the Japanese Embassy and from 1-1.30pm outside the TEPCO offices, currently 14-18 Holborn, very near Chancery Lane tube station.

The dates will be the last Fridays of May, July, September and November, that is on May 30, July 24, September 25 and November 27. (If you wish to attend the TEPCO vigil only please contact us beforehand as TEPCO is soon to move from its current offices and at present we don't know where to.)

## **PETE WILKINSON** (21/11/1946~21/1/2025)

Obituary by Wilks, published in *Together Against Sizewell C* newsletter. Edited version.

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the sudden, tragic loss of Pete Wilkinson. Pete had been chairman of *Together Against Sizewell C* (TASC) for many years and only in the last year had he taken a slight back seat due to the devastating flood to his home during the October 2023 floods.

The sudden, untimely death of Pete has left those who knew and worked with him shocked and desolate. A force of nature has left

the stage, and without doubt, the planet has lost one of its toughest and most tenacious defenders.

Born in Deptford in south-east London, Pete's early years were happy and memorable. He hit his teens as Britain began a transformation from the war years to what became known as the Swinging 60s. In a politically and socially volatile era, many young people were convinced they would die as the result of a nuclear war and young Pete became actively anti all things nuclear.

He also co-founded *Friends of the Earth* and a few years later was appointed as one of the five members of the *Greenpeace International* board of directors. Pete led seven Greenpeace voyages to the Antarctic, to protect not only the wildlife but the continent itself, contributing hugely to the worldwide ban on mining in the Antarctic – "We forced the Antarctic Treaty nations to agree to a mining ban for 50 years and a World Park status for an entire continent."

His autobiography, *From Deptford to the Antarctic*, is a fascinating insight into the man himself and his life's work.

Pete adored his family. Gaye and their two girls provided strength and support that enabled Pete's searchlight to shine out and show the truth. He was a thorn in the side of parts of Government and various large corporations and he did not suffer fools gladly.

Pete never stopped working tirelessly on behalf of the environment. In recent years he has helped and supported TASC through his knowledge, contacts and leadership, whilst simultaneously working on other projects, the problem of low-level radiation being a particular cause. Tributes are pouring in and as one said, 'Pete was a lion of a man with a grade 'A' bullshit detector'. We will all miss him enormously.

Together Against Sizewell C.

**DAVE DANE** (7/3/51-9/1/25) Obituary by Martyn Lowe.  
Edited version.

Dave Dane was a *Greenpeace London* activist through which I got to know him. He became a member of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and went on to teach at a further education college in Haringey.

He was also a key figure within the London Anarchist Forum, active in his trade union, and in the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)

He was well-read and had a wide-ranging knowledge of ancient history, radical history, trade unionism, and coins. His other great interest was playing chess which he continued to do until very recently.

Dave had a wonderful way of making various political points via his slogans on demonstrations. Examples: outside Australia House at a demonstration about the building of the Franklin Dam - "Damn the Dam." Then while outside the French Embassy on the subject of Nukiller Bomb Tests at Muraora Atoll - "No more banging in the Pacific."

Having known spycop Bob Lambert as Bob Robinson when he infiltrated Greenpeace London, Dave joined a group of activists who outed Bob at a conference which was being held at the TUC building in Bloomsbury. He helped distribute leaflets to those attending even handing Bob himself one!

Eight years ago Dave became a paraplegic and ended up in a care home due to medical negligence for which he won a court case.

(Martyn Lowe is a long-time activist member of *Kick Nuclear* and both he and Dave took part in our weekly vigils outside the Japanese Embassy)

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## INVITATION TO FUKUSHIMA 14TH ANNIVERSARY ASSEMBLY, 11/3/2025

Every year Kick Nuclear has organised an anniversary assembly on March 11, to mark the disaster at the Fukushima nuclear power station disaster in 2011 that involved the melt-down of three reactors.

This year we will hold an assembly with lights outside the Japanese Embassy, at 101-104 Piccadilly W1, from 5-7pm. (The nearest tube station is Green Park. When you come out of the station turn in the downhill direction down Piccadilly and you will come to the Embassy.)

The assembly will consist of speeches, poems and music and Buddhist chanting by the Rev. Nagase and Sister Maruta.

**All anti-nuclear people welcome to join us and to speak too if they wish.**

## REGULAR FRIDAY VIGILS

Since August 2012 Kick Nuclear has held regular Friday vigils outside the Japanese Embassy, followed by ones outside the Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s London offices, currently in Holborn. TEPCO are the owners of the Fukushima Nuclear Power Station.