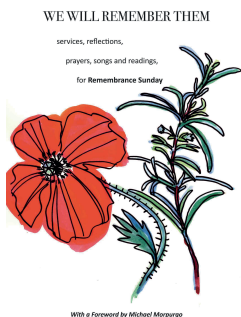


Make the most of your two freebies!

This bumper issue of *Abolish War* comes with two freebies, plus instructions on how to use them! The first is a copy of the Preamble to the United Nations Charter. Read it - then pass it on to your local school or library to help spread the word. The second is *A Little History of MAW*. We thought you would like to read about how far we have come. Again you could pass it on after reading to encourage other people to join our cause.



■ Are you planning a Remembrance Day event this year? We can help with that. Our Remembrance Day booklet, *We Will Remember*

Them - services, reflections, prayers, songs and readings - is available, priced just £3, at [http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/store/p27/We Will Remember Them.html](http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/store/p27/We_Will_Remember_Them.html)

Why not take the opportunity to stock up on postcards also? <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/store/c9/Postcards.html>

For electronic versions of this newsletter email Gillian Hurle, gill.hurle@abolishwar.org.uk

The next edition of *Abolish War* will be available on November 1.



Join the union

Philip Jennings, General Secretary of UNI Global Union - the global trade union for the service sectors - representing 20 million workers, will give the annual MAW Remembrance Lecture. His talk, *Freedom from Fear: Unions for Peace*, will take place at the Imperial War Museum, London, at 3pm on Sunday, November 12. All welcome for this free lecture.

Summer's here – time to take action to promote peace

MAW is calling for a summer of action from members. Chairman Tim Devereux, said: "In many ways there has never been a better time to make the case for peace and peaceful co-existence, so why not start local and do what you can for the cause?"

Here are 10 things Tim suggests you can do:

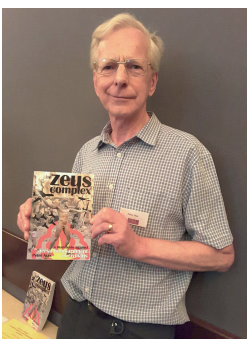
- 1 Wear your Abolish War badge
 - 2 Choose a favourite anti-war quote and use it as part of your email signature
 - 3 Write to your local newspaper pointing out that cuts to local hospitals and schools could be reversed by cancelling Trident
 - 4 Research the history of conscientious objectors in your area and highlight people who said "No" to war
 - 5 Encourage younger people to get involved in local actions
 - 6 Run a MAW stall at any community event, fair or festival
 - 7 Donate peace books to your local library or school library
 - 8 Protest about the Government's DSEI arms sales fair in September (see page 4)
 - 9 Support campaigns by like-minded organisations
 - 10 Display the UN Charter at home or in a community centre
- We would also like to hear YOUR ideas - let know what you have planned.

Movement for the Abolition of War Annual General Meeting

11.15am, Sunday,
November 12, Imperial
War Museum, London

Including: chair's report,
election of committee
members and officers and
open discussion forum.
Details of those standing in
the elections will be available
on the MAW website from
mid-September
www.abolishwar.org.uk

If you would like to
nominate someone to stand
for the committee
(nominees must be MAW
members) or if you cannot
attend the AGM but have
any suggestions or
concerns you would like
raised, contact us by
Wednesday, November 1
via our website
(abolishwar.org.uk) or in
writing to 11 Venetia Rd,
London N4 1EJ.



Peter Nias, with his book, *The Zeus Complex, A manifesto against the aerial bombardment of civilians*. Ask a local bookshop to stock it!



■ Oscar and BAFTA-winning actor - and committed peace campaigner - Sir Mark Rylance was a speaker and performer at the London commemoration of International Conscientious Objectors Day in Tavistock Square. Along with actor Patrick Walshe McBride, Rylance read a sketch written by Juliet Rose featuring reflections of World War I soldier and poet Siegfried Sassoon. Nick Jeffrey, who resisted the US Vietnam draft, also spoke at the ceremony. Music was led by MAW committee member Sue Gilmurray. Valerie Flessati, Sir Mark Rylance and Bruce Kent, pictured above.

Supporting Nuclear Ban Treaty takes us towards a better world

As a schoolboy in August 1963, I was camping with fellow scouts, on our First Class hike. We had a little transistor radio and, in the middle of a field in Sussex, heard the great news that the Partial Nuclear Test Ban Treaty had been signed. I remember being mightily relieved – good news, less than a year after the Cuban missile crisis had the world teetering on a nuclear knife-edge. Recently, news of the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty, sealed on July 7, was not the main headline of the day. (Was the nation still reeling from news of flying ants at Wimbledon?) The Treaty prohibits the development, testing, production, stockpiling, stationing, transfer, use and

threat of use of nuclear weapons. While 122 states voted in favour, 69, including the UK, boycotted the negotiations. From September 20, nations can sign up; then, the Treaty 'shall enter into force 90 days after the fiftieth instrument of ratification'. Our Government says it will not sign, ratify or ever become party to the Treaty. Tell your MP what you think and encourage friends and social media contacts to do the same! (www.theyworkforyou.com) MAW supports the UN Nuclear Ban. It is a step on the road to a nuclear free globe, and takes us closer to a world without war - a wonderful legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Tim Devereux

PEACE
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CONFERENCE

Thought-provoking talks a highlight of peace weekend

Thank you to everyone who attended - and organised - this year's highly successful Peace History Conference in London which had the theme of Protest, Power and Change. The talk by author Frank Cottrell-Boyce on Erasmus was particularly well-received.

As well as a host of fascinating

presentations on the day, some participants also enjoyed a walk along the London Peace Trail the day before. People also had the chance to see *This Evil Thing*, a powerful play written and performed by award winning actor and writer Michael Mears.

Look for our 2018 dates, coming soon!



Bruce Kent's jumper is a star exhibit at the IWM's Peace exhibition (until Aug 28)



Michael Mears (left), Frank Cottrell-Boyce (bottom left) and Pat Gaffney (below)



■ Everyone welcome at *The Business Plan for Peace: Making Possible a World Without War*, a lecture by Scilla Elworthy, followed by a discussion and presented by The Martin Ryle Trust and Conway Hall Ethical Society (Conway Hall, 25 Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL.) Dr Elworthy, a renowned peace expert, will offer insights into the forces driving conflict and how these can be countered. She will present a costed business case for peace. The event will take place on Monday, 2 October, 7.45pm (doors / bar open from 7pm). Tickets via Eventbrite priced £12/£7. The venue is wheelchair accessible and more information is available from conwayhall.org.uk

Youth travel bursary offer

MAW Youth has a bursary offer for people (under 30) to travel to attend ForcesWatch's "Take Action on Militarism Day" (<https://forceswatch.net/>) on October 21 in London. £300 has been put aside for up to six participants. Payment will be made retrospectively on provision of a travel receipt. Email eevans298@btinternet.com if you would like to attend the event, giving a brief paragraph outlining your interest and an estimate of your travel costs. The action day is a joint venture between Forces Watch and Quaker Peace and Social Witness and will include tips and ideas for action to challenge militarism in society.

LOVE YOU
MAW

■ Check out this lovely card sent to MAW committee member Heather Speight by her son. We approve of the sentiment!

Two-year plan to raise profile and forge links

After a recent campaign weekend, MAW is setting out ambitious plans for the next two years including the 2018 centenary of the end of the First World War. As well as our usual annual events - the Remembrance Day Lecture and the Peace History Conference - we are planning to raise our profile, forge links with similar organisations and offer bursaries for young people to get more active. MAW member Bruce Kent said: "All of this takes money. We are

asking members if they can donate to help us take our programme forward. Please consider making a regular donation to MAW or a one-off gift. As well as a regular gift, you could also become a life member. At £100 it's a really generous way to support our work while enjoying your four issues of *Abolish War* each year. If you can help please consider making a regular donation to us or make a one-off gift. Cheques (made out to MAW) can be sent to our Treasurer, John Dowbekin, 6 Castle Rd, London NW1 8PP.



MAW committee member Heather Speight is pictured at the recent Durham Eco-Festival where she reports a roaring trade in MAW badges and some quality conversations!

■ The international weapons industry plans to set up shop in London at a huge arms fair - the DSEI from September 4 -11. The weapons sold will fuel death, destruction and injustice across the world. A week of action to disrupt the fair has been planned - find out more here: <https://www.stopthearmsfair.org.uk/>

The Movement for the Abolition of War – join us, or renew your membership

We aim to create a world where war is no longer seen as a way to solve a problem; where it has ceased to be an option; where conflict resolution means resolution. Working through education and dialogue, nationally and locally, we have the tools, skills and laws that we need, but we also need you - ordinary people can help us realise our goal, the abolition of war.

To join MAW or renew your membership, complete this form or download the membership and standing order forms from our website at <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/join.html>.

Send the completed form (and cheque if applicable) to: Movement for the Abolition of War, 308 Walton Road, KT8 2HY

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Words of peace at Robert's farewell

The Memorial Service for our late President, Robert Hinde, held at his college, St John's, Cambridge, was a moving occasion, with wonderful music and fine contributions. Bruce Kent quoted Robert's words: "When people recognise the futility of war, it will cease to be seen as a sensible way to settle disputes. But the abolition of war needs action. There are too many people who are against war but do nothing about it. Everybody cannot do everything, but everyone can do something."