



Peace campaigners must get active!

Many thanks to Caroline Lucas, MP, who delivered the MAW Annual Remembrance Lecture, with an inspiring talk entitled *Active Remembrance and Waging Peace Together*.

Among the audience was a young man, Shaan, aged 15. He said: "I think the lecture was an honest insight by an honest politician looking at the current, chaotic state of politics and what we should do to bring change into the world of politics for the good of society."

Ms Lucas finished her authoritative lecture saying: "Remembrance needs to be something we actively do; it needs to be something we do that changes what we do next." Watch out for details of the 2019 lecture, coming soon!

■ Audience member Shaan is pictured with MAW committee member Heather Speight.

■ Caroline Lucas is pictured above right with our President Bruce Kent and our vice-chair Tim Devereux.

MAW focus on militarisation and the environmental risk

We're pleased to announce that a MAW Conference focusing on militarism and the environment will be held in June. It is now 50 years since the Apollo 11 moon landings. When the astronauts looked back home, their comments highlighted the beauty and fragility of planet earth - our common home. How petty and stupid humankind's divisions on earth, wreaking destruction and involving mass slaughter, appeared from a distance.

With our increasing knowledge of climate change, the vulnerability of 'Spaceship Earth' and the essential unity of all its inhabitants has become more obvious. Yet the means of destruction proliferate and resources are squandered in preparing and waging ever more destructive wars. The conference aims to illuminate the connections between militarism and the environment, so we can see where best to focus activities to wage peace and protect ourselves and our planet.

MAW will also launch an essay competition for teenagers with the theme "*Walking on the moon, still warring on earth.*"

What is the significance of the moon landing for world peace? A dream as old as humanity and which, for a long time, was held to be beyond its grasp, was realised when people started believing it could be done and made a determined effort to make it happen. Is the abolition of war, another old and cherished dream, beyond our reach?
Date: Saturday, 29 June 2019, Venue: NEU HQ, Mander Hall, Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London WC1H 9BD.

Making the most of library space

It's never too soon to start planning Remembrance Day events. Take some inspiration from this display at Stroud Green & Harringay Library in North London.

It highlights First World War Conscientious Objectors in the local area and was put together by one of the librarians with support from members of Haringey First World War Peace Forum.



Bristol Conference

A Peace History Conference, *Commemoration, Conflict & Conscience*, will be held in Bristol from 27 – 28 April. It will focus on everyday lives and is the culmination of year-long project looking at hidden stories of the First World War.

More information from www.everydaylivesinwar.herts.ac.uk/cccl

For an electronic version of the newsletter email Gillian Hurle, gill.hurle@abolishwar.org.uk
The next edition of *Abolish War* will be published on May 1.

This year's Pugwash Conference offers an impressive line-up

The Pugwash Peace & Disarmament Conference, organised by Student/Young Pugwash UK (part of the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs) will take place on February 23, 10am - 5pm) at SOAS, London, WC1H 0XG. Registration, priced £5 for tickets, is via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pugwash-peace-disarmament-conference-the-annual-conference-of-syp-uk-tickets-52604267781>

The conference will consider cutting-edge issues in nuclear weapons policy and emerging technologies, as well as the

underlying political dynamics that influence them.

The panel includes Fabian Hamilton MP (Shadow Minister for Peace & Disarmament), Peter Jenkins (former UK Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency) and Dr Heather Williams (Lecturer in Defence Studies).

The full list of keynote speakers and the workshop presenters can be seen here -

<https://britishpugwash.org/sypuk2019/>

The conference is open to all and MAW members are encouraged to attend.

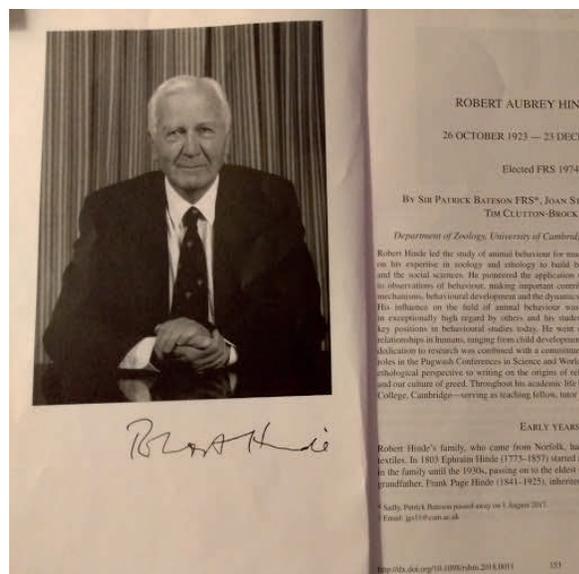
Musical way to raise funds

The Musicians for Peace and Disarmament Chamber Orchestra, conducted by its patron, Jane Glover CBE, will hold a concert on Thursday, 25 April, 7.30pm at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London. The programme will include Mozart's Serenade in B \flat and

the Symphony No 35 by the same composer. The interval speaker will be Fabian Hamilton, Shadow Minister for Peace and Disarmament.

Tickets, priced £20 (concs £15) can be booked online at www.mpdconcerts.org or you can pay on the door.

All proceeds from what will be a wonderful evening of music will be donated to the peace movement.



■ A 24-page biography of Robert Hinde (1923-2016), a former President of MAW, has been issued by the Royal Society and includes details of his life and work and involvement with MAW.

■ The MAW website itself is another good source of books and material - check out <http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/resources.html>

MAW members make the case for peace through visits, talks and more

MAW members have been busy offering their services around the country – so get in touch if you would like to hear from us. Our President Bruce Kent received the usual warm welcome from people in Durham

recently when he took part in an evening meeting and also found time to visit a local school. MAW Member Heather Speight says: “It was a splendid morning at our local school with the whole sixth form and then other year groups. They loved him.” Gill Hurle, pictured, was a key player at the November Remembrance Events at Friends House, London, and did good



business with our stall. Check out our website. We have a range of materials for groups and individuals -

www.abolishwar.org.uk

Finally, many thanks to the Hastings Against War group for a donation we received after the group borrowed MAW's copy of *A Bold Peace*, which tells the story of Costa Rica's search for world peace through demilitarisation. Over 70 years ago, Costa Rica became one of the only nations in the world to disband their military and to redirect national resources to education, health and the environment.

The film features former presidents, Costa Rican government officials, academics, journalists and citizens of Costa Rica.

The Hasting group reports that the screening was a great success with a round of applause at the end.

If any other groups would like to borrow the film please get in touch with Hilary Evans - hilarymevans@btinternet.com

● **The Campaign Against the Arms Trade is turning its attention to the oppressive extent of militarisation on many campuses and resisting its further encroachment.**

Check out CAAT's website and see how you can help – www.caat.org.uk

● **As well as CAAT, CND - www.cnduk.org - is, of course, a perennial source of inspiration.**

Rotblat's legacy on show in Vienna

Visitors to Vienna can spot a picture of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Sir Joseph Rotblat, founder of the Pugwash organisation - and founder of MAW of course - at the city's Peace Museum, www.peacemuseumvienna.com/ Sir Joseph participated in the Manhattan Project because he believed that the only way to stop the Nazis using an atomic bomb was for the Allies to threaten retaliation. He resigned in 1944 as a matter of conscience when it became apparent that Germany was not going to be able to make a



bomb. He then devoted his life to radiation medicine and to the abolition of nuclear weapons and of war itself.

Windows for Peace at the Peace Museum showcases influential figures who devoted their lives and careers to peace and tolerance. Read Sir Joseph's 2002 MAW Remembrance Lecture at http://www.abolishwar.org.uk/uploads/1/6/6/2/16622106/rotblat_2002.pdf



Prof Rogers will find routes to peace at Leeds lecture

Professor Paul Rogers of Bradford University and the Oxford Research Group - and a good friend to MAW - will give the inaugural lecture of the Leeds International Peace Lecture series. This will take place in the Banqueting Suite, Leeds Civic Hall, Calverley Street, on Tuesday, 5 February at 7pm.

Over the past 30 years, Leeds has organised an international peace lecture in memory of the former Swedish Prime Minister, Olof Palme, which concluded with the 30th anniversary lecture given by Caroline Lucas MP. Other lecturers in this series included Senator George Mitchell, Sir Patrick Stewart, John Hume, Lisbeth Palme, Professor Johann Galtung and

the former International Development Minister, Clare Short.

Now Leeds City Council, Leeds Beckett University, Leeds Peacelink Group and Mayors for Peace decided to start a new series of international peace lectures.

Professor Rogers will talk on *Routes to Peace in an Uncertain World*.

He is a global expert on international security and has recently published a book offering an overview of 50 years of intensive work in this area. As we face a year with lots of serious international concerns, Prof Rogers will look at positive ways to deal with some of the great problems and issues that beset our world.

■ Congratulations to Manchester City Council which has passed a resolution to support the Nuclear Ban Treaty, the first European city to formally endorse the TPNW and ICAN's cities appeal.

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.

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Concord films with a view

Concord Media, an educational charity founded over 50 years ago, has a library of anti-military DVDs. Its website can be seen at www.concordmedia.org.uk. If you want to view before buying you can see three minute extracts of most of the films for free, then rent the whole programme for just £1.50 (plus p&p) or buy a DVD outright (prices vary).

More information at sales@concordmedia.org.uk www.concordmedia.org.uk

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