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## Military Spending / Overseas Aid and Ukraine

A day before Starmer's visit to the White House, he reacted to Donald Trump's demand that we increase military spending, by slashing our overseas aid budget.

### **CND General Secretary Sophie Bolt responded:**

"Starmer's announcement to increase military spending to 2.5% by 2027 – an additional £13.4 billion annually – at the expense of overseas aid, reflects a Trump-style of international priorities: driving war and militarism whilst abandoning inter-

national obligations to halt global hunger and climate devastation. It represents a much more dangerous and damaging role for Britain in the world.

The spending announcement has clearly been rapidly organised ahead of Starmer's meeting with Trump on Thursday. Nailing his colours very firmly to the Trump mast, Starmer reasserted Britain's special relationship with the US, and pledged to increase military spending to 3% of GDP after the next election.

These increases are to fund a reckless war drive that risks plunging Europe into decades-long confrontation with Russia, whilst ratcheting up nuclear tensions globally.

Presenting Britain as the European leadership in NATO, Starmer reiterated his so-called peace-keeping operation in a post-settlement Ukraine. In it, 30,000 European troops would be deployed to Ukraine, underwritten by US military might should the ceasefire collapse. The plan has failed to win unity across Europe."

You can read Sophie's blog in full at

<https://cnduk.org/starmer-drags-britain-deeper-into-war-drive/>

### **White House visits**

As we now know, Starmer's visit was considered to have been quite successful, paving the way for President Zelensky's visit the following day, when it was hoped that in return for a minerals deal USA

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# Kingston Peace Council/CND Annual General Meeting

We held our 2025 AGM on 11 February at the Kingston Quaker Centre. It was the first in-person meeting that we had held since before the Covid pandemic.

The treasurer reported that income in the last year was up compared with the previous year, because of a generous donation, and that more than made up for the loss of income from the normally profitable Ham Fair, which we were prevented from attending, and New Malden Fair which didn't take place. Expenditure was lower than in the previous year, partly due to having produced fewer newsletters. White poppies are a big expenditure but, it was agreed, are worthwhile.

The review of the year's activities served as a reminder that although we are a small group, we have maintained a number of core activities throughout the year and actually managed to achieve quite a lot (see previous newsletters!).

Gill was re-elected as Treasurer/Membership Secretary, but no nominations were received for the posts of Chair or Secretary so the work for these will continue to be shared. Others were willing to continue in their roles: Fundraising co-ordinator Maggie Rees; KPN editors Rosemary Addington, Phil Cooper, Gill Hurl; Literature

Secretary Rosemary Addington; Press Officer Phil Cooper; Stall Organiser Angie Cooper; Schools Liaison Officer Mary Holmes. Gill continues to look after the website until a new Webmaster can be found. Offers of help with all these jobs would be welcome!

It's likely that our campaigning this year will particularly focus on preventing US nuclear weapons from coming to RAF Lakenheath, Suffolk; on raising awareness of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki; on contributing to the protest against this year's DSEI arms fair in September; and, sadly, on the ongoing struggle for justice for Palestinians.

After the business meeting, we enjoyed a screening of *Nowhere to Hide*, a delightful short film by KPC member Claire, made in 1985 for Channel 4, but still relevant today. It featured Ann Thomas, a bus driver in the South Wales valleys, campaigning for nuclear disarmament in her everyday life and work – explaining the issues to her colleagues and passengers. The film shows how a busy working wife and mother, with little spare time, can still effectively get the message across. Claire introduced the film and was warmly thanked at the end of it.

## A conventional view on ditching nukes

New technology could have such an impact on nuclear 'deterrence' theory that modern conventional weapons could replace them. This was the topic for a recent online discussion hosted by world affairs organisation *British Pugwash*.

Speaker Professor Tom Sauer, professor of International Politics at the University of Antwerp, said the long-held notion that nuclear weapons had a stabilizing effect on international behaviour was being disrupted by emerging technologies. These included the potential use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the development of conventional weapons, such as hypersonic missiles that could have a strategic role. Such weapons were very fast, manoeuvrable, could be autonomously controlled, space-based, and were far more destructive than hitherto, even armed with non-nuclear munitions.

"They are a more credible deterrent because they are not so catastrophic," he suggested.

AI and computing power, referred to as Big Data, were threatening to render submarine-based nuclear missiles and intercontinental ballistic missiles vulnerable to attack. This in turn meant they were being placed on a higher alert status which could lead to their pre-emptive use by a nation that felt its nuclear forces were under threat. This undermined the so-called stabilizing effect of adversaries possessing nuclear weapons. What were the solutions to this developing issue? he asked. It was not realistic to expect AI and new technologies to be banned or even limited. A suggestion being discussed was to switch from reliance on nuclear weapons to strategic conventional weapons systems, changing the emphasis from nuclear brinkmanship to credible conventional deterrence.

Modern weapons systems could provide a nation with effective means of retaliation that could

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## Lakenheath Peace Camp

Kingston Peace Council/CND is a member of the Lakenheath Alliance for Peace (LAP), a coalition of groups that is dedicated to preventing the return of US nuclear weapons to USAF Lakenheath. <https://lakenheathallianceforpeace.org.uk/>

**There are monthly vigils at the gates, and LAP is organising a Peace Camp at the base from Monday 14th to Saturday 26th April.**

They say “We have a lovely camp site all to ourselves but the address will only be given out to people who have signed up on-line and have told us the dates they are coming. The costs of the camp are £10 per night for each person staying at the camp and a little more for those wanting space in a yurt. Food is provided on a donation basis – just think what you usually pay for food per day from home. We can find homestays with local people for those not able to camp. Free transport will be provided between the campsite or accommodation and the gates of USAF Lakenheath base. To discuss access needs please email [wellbeing@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:wellbeing@extinctionrebellion.uk) or contact 07773 193704.”

There will be a programme of events at the base during the Peace Camp:

### **Wed 16 April Choirs Day**

Come and sing in protest for peace with Seize the Day, Robb Johnson and other performers.

### **Thur 17 April Greenham Common Women**

Women who protested at Greenham in the 1980s are now protesting at the return of US nukes to Lakenheath. Leafletting and outreach in Brandon

in the morning and events at the base in the afternoon.

### **Fri 18 April Climate Day**

Making the links between militarism and climate before it is too late.

### **Mon 21 April War Crimes and Genocide Day**

Solidarity groups will gather to protest at Lakenheath involvement in war crimes being committed by US/UK/NATO forces and its military support enabling Israel to commit Genocide in Gaza.

### **Tue 22 April Democracy Day**

MPs, Councillors, and other political representatives will speak out against nuclear weapons, giving interviews and showing their solidarity with LAP.

### **Wed 23 April Faith Day**

Leaders of different faith communities will come together to keep a vigil, pray and conduct a multi-faith service at the gates of Lakenheath.

### **Thur 24 April International Peace Conference**

US determination to maintain its global domination – by military, as well as political and economic means – has brought death and destruction, environmental degradation, and impoverishment to countless millions across the planet.

### **Sat 26 April Blockade USAF Lakenheath, from 12noon at the main gate**

London Region CND is organising a coach to Lakenheath for the blockade. There will be an Eventbrite link for the coach booking on the LRCND website from Mon 10 March, with an unwaged/low wages rate, a standard rate, and a supporting rate. See <https://www.londoncnd.org/>

## Military Spending / Overseas Aid and Ukraine

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would provide some form of security assurances against further Russian aggression. But the shocking scenes at the White House Oval Office put an end to those hopes.

After the European summit on Sunday 2 March, Keir Starmer announced that Europe must ‘do the heavy lifting’ but still hoped for a US ‘backstop’. He said that the Leaders would unite around a four-step plan which they would formulate and present to Trump, in the hope that he would back it. This would involve all members taking responsibility, and ramping up spending on defence.

Of course, we all want peace, and over the last three years NATO has been prepared to fund Ukraine’s push back against the Russian incursion, without making any positive efforts to sue for peace. So Trump’s intervention may have been a positive step. But it is not at all clear what his strategy is (if indeed he has a strategy) in his conversations with Putin, who after all has made it clear that he believes that Ukraine should, from a historical perspective, be part of Russia. Trump said he believes that Mr Putin can be trusted to keep promises, but no one else believes this, which is why a security backstop from the US is needed.

# The Doomsday Clock Statement

Founded in 1945 by Albert Einstein, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and University of Chicago scientists who helped develop the first atomic weapons in the Manhattan Project, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists (BAS) created the Doomsday Clock two years later, using the imagery of apocalypse (midnight) and the contemporary idiom of nuclear explosion (countdown to zero) to convey threats to humanity and the planet. The Doomsday Clock is set every year by the Bulletin's Science and Security Board in consultation with its Board of Sponsors, which includes nine Nobel laureates. The Clock has become a universally recognized indicator of the world's vulnerability to global catastrophe caused by man-made technologies.

On 28 January 2025 the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists made the following statement:

“In 2024, humanity edged ever closer to catastrophe. Trends that have deeply concerned the Science and Security Board continued, and despite unmistakable signs of danger, national leaders and their societies have failed to do what is needed to change course. Consequently, we now move the Doomsday Clock from 90 seconds to 89 seconds to midnight—the closest it has ever been to catastrophe. Our fervent hope is that leaders will recognize the world's existential predicament and take bold action to reduce the threats posed by nuclear weapons, climate change, and the potential misuse of biological science and a variety of emerging technologies.”

The full statement can be viewed at <https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/2025-statement/>

*On 6 February an article was posted by Medea Benjamin and Nicolas J. S. Davies on the website <https://worldbeyondwar.org/doomsday-clock-needs-adjusting>*

*This is a summary of the article:*

This year's Doomsday Clock Statement landed like a damp squib in a Trump-swamped corporate news cycle on January 28th. The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists only moved the hands of the Clock forward by one second, from 90 seconds up to 89 seconds to midnight, which must have come as a relief to the few members of the public who heard about it. But this minimal advance in the hands of the Clock was a strange and misleading

op-line for the Bulletin's actual Doomsday Clock Statement, which was brimming with extremely dire warnings that deserve far greater official and public attention.

This disconnect is deeply troubling. If the positioning of the hands of the Clock does not accurately reflect the seriousness of the dangers it represents, then the powerful symbolism of the Doomsday Clock is lost, undermining the very purpose for which it was invented.

The threat assessments in the 2025 Clock statement begin with the warning that the war in Ukraine “still looms over the world,” and that it “could become nuclear at any moment because of a rash decision or through accident or miscalculation.” It was this danger of escalation to nuclear war over Ukraine that led the Bulletin to move the hands of the Clock forward by 10 seconds in January 2023, from 100 to 90 seconds to midnight. Since then, the U.S. and NATO have blasted through every self-imposed “red line” designed to prevent that, providing Ukraine with tanks, F-16 warplanes, long-range missiles, and approval to use them inside Russia as well as in Ukraine.

The Clock Statement then addresses other global threats. The strange decision to only advance the Doomsday Clock by one second appears to be a hedge against the possibility that all current trends - the danger of escalation to nuclear war over Ukraine, the crisis in the Middle East, the Climate Crisis, biological threats and disruptive technologies - will continue, but that, by some miracle, none of them will actually succeed in destroying us all in the next few decades. This could leave BAS in the embarrassing position of a Chicken Little predicting a calamity that has not come to pass, even as the hands of the Doomsday Clock appropriately advance to within a few seconds of midnight.

This way of thinking defeats the very purpose of the Doomsday Clock, which is to raise the alarm with policy-makers and the public about the dangerous course we are on. The existential dangers we face are only too real, and the failure of our public and private institutions to address and resolve them is the most egregious and potentially suicidal failure in the history of our species.

## Palestine Solidarity Campaign AGM, 2025

*Carol Clisby reports on the PSC AGM, held on Saturday 1st February*

**Louise Regan** began by itemising the dead and injured in the West Bank and Gaza and condemning the complicity of the UK Government, continuing to supply Israel with weapons even after the ICJ rulings. The only light has been the flowering of global solidarity.

**Ben Soffa** talked about the huge increase in PSC's membership - now 300,000 - and there are now 95 branches round the UK, with a consequential increase in PSC's income, allowing more staff to be appointed and more campaigns to be undertaken.

**Ben Jamal** referred to the last march in London and the problems with the Police, and reiterated that marches must not be stopped and PSC must not be silenced. It must work harder than ever on BDS campaigns and on Israel's expulsion from the UN/FIFA etc.

**Omar Barghouti** talked about the awful situation in the West Bank, but also commented on the many Israelis who have left the country and the dire state of the Israeli economy.

**Aleida Guevara** (Che's daughter) referred to the fact that Israel has been trying to eradicate the entire Palestinian people and take over the whole of their land, since 1948. Cuba is one of the few countries that has broken off all relations with Israel as a result of its actions.

**Budoor Hassan**, Amnesty's representative in Jerusalem, spoke about her organisation's role in documenting the destruction of Gaza.

Speakers on the guest panel talked about the progress made by artists, musicians and students etc. in pressurising their organisations, universities etc., to divest from supporting Israel - defence companies are now apparently having recruitment difficulties, as a result of these campaigns.

**Bell Ribeiro Addy**, MP for Brixton, encouraged us all to keep on writing to our own MPs, to keep marching in spite of Police harassment and to pressure the Government to relax entry rules for relatives of UK residents, living at present in the West Bank and Gaza.

## The Palestine Youth Orchestra

With all the terrible reports coming from Palestine, it is good to hear some good news.

The Palestine Youth Orchestra (PYO) was created in 2004 by the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music (ESNCM) with the vision of bringing together young Palestinian musicians from around the world. Today the orchestra has established its position as a quality national youth orchestra on a par with similar ensembles worldwide.

The PYO comprises young musicians of Palestinian origin residing around the world who are between 13 and 27 years of age. It has toured in Europe and the Middle East, at venues including the Royal Festival Hall in London, Het Concertgebouw in Amsterdam, Tivoli Concert Hall in Copenhagen, the Grand Théâtre de Provence, Megaron Musikis in Athens, Teatro San Carlo in Genoa and the Royal Opera House in Muscat, as well as leading festivals such as the Ravello and Florence festivals and ISME 2016.

PYO musicians meet annually for a one-week residential course followed by a concert tour. From year to year, a different country is chosen for the residential course and the orchestra invites, alongside the young musicians of Palestinian origin, 10 to 15 young guest musicians from music institutions or youth orchestras of the hosting country.

The PYO has partnered with various international orchestras and conservatories.

Conductors who have directed the PYO include Sian Edwards, Tom Hammond, and Nicolas Simon. Among the distinguished soloists that have performed with the PYO are Marcel Khalife, Dima Bawab, Ahmad Al Khatib, Reem Talhami, Rim Banna, Alexander Suleiman, and Saleem Abboud Ashkar.

The PYO is dedicated to promoting the work of Palestinian and Arab composers, alongside well-known standards of the Western symphonic repertoire.

## Raid on Educational Bookshop branches in Jerusalem

At 3pm on 9 February 2025, Israeli police raided the Educational Bookshop in East Jerusalem and arrested owners Mahmoud and Ahmad Muna. They were handcuffed and taken to prison. Hundreds of books were confiscated. Mahmoud and Ahmad were detained for two days on charges that their books were causing “public disorder”.

They were forbidden to speak to each other or to return to work for twenty days – all this despite the lack of evidence to support the vague accusations against them.

This illustrates that the Israeli government is intensifying its campaign against Palestinian culture and free speech. More information: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/feb/10/israeli-police-raid-jerusalem-bookshops-and-arrest-palestinian-owners>

## The beach on the Med is soft and sandy

*Michael Rosen read his poem outside the US embassy at the rally at the end of the march on Saturday 15 February:*

The beach on the Med is soft and sandy  
The airport nearby is cheap and handy  
The clouds in the sky are far and few  
It's cocktails time in a room with a view.  
It's always good to have ideas and plans  
and no one here has blood on their hands.

There are pics of old Gaza on the hotel wall  
we bought an Arab rug in the shopping mall  
we came out here for a wedding celebration  
What we see is quality regeneration.

It's always good to have ideas and plans  
and no one here has blood on their hands.

The people here are doing things properly  
I myself deal with land and property  
I reckon this place is gonna be great  
for people like me who are in real estate.  
It's always good to have ideas and plans  
and no one here has blood on their hands.

If you buy right now, you'll make a killing  
Out at sea, they're gonna start drilling  
The clouds in the sky are far and few  
It's time for cocktails in a room with a view.  
It's always good to have ideas and plans  
and no one here has blood on their hands.

*Michael Rosen is Professor of children's literature in the Department of Educational Studies at Goldsmiths, University of London.*

## Ditching nukes

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reduce overall destruction, or collateral damage, not to mention the scope for escalation into a civilization destroying conflict.

In the question-and-answer session that followed the presentation a principle concern was that reducing the destructiveness of ‘deterrence’ would lead to more, not fewer, conflicts.

Prof Sauer agreed that this was indeed a possible outcome of switching from nuclear to conventional. But, he added, there were already major wars ongoing despite some of the nations involved having nuclear arsenals. “You might have smaller, conventional wars but no chance of nuclear annihilation,” he said.

If nuclear armed countries were ever to rid themselves of nuclear weapons in favour of a new generation of conventional arms a number of conditions needed to be met:

- 1) There must be universality of agreement among all nuclear-armed states
- 2) There must be proper verification
- 3) There must be a sanctions regime for those who attempted to cheat
- 4) There must be a broadening of the UN Security Council membership
- 5) There must be a change in the global collective security regime because as long as the United States was able to intervene anywhere in the world there was a problem

In response to a question on whether there was a cost/benefit consideration in switching from nuclear to conventional deterrence Prof Sauer said it was a myth that nuclear weapons were a cheap option. The US spent \$5 trillion on its nuclear forces, France and the UK each spent 10% of their defence budgets on nuclear weapons that were effectively useless.

He said perhaps a time for nations to have a serious re-think on nuclear versus conventional would be once the Russia-Ukraine conflict came to an end.

Phil Cooper

**“We must not forget that by creating the American atomic base in East Anglia, we have made ourselves the target and perhaps the bull's eye of a Soviet attack.”**

*Winston Churchill, commenting on the Attlee government's decision to give the US Air Force facilities in Britain, 15 February 1951*

# Illegality and complicity with war crimes in the UK Foreign Office

*This is an extract from an article in The Guardian*  
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/feb/09/all>

My name is Mark Smith. I am a former diplomat and policy adviser at the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). I spent my career working in the Middle East directorate and serving in the Arab world. As a lead officer on arms sales policy, I was responsible for assessing whether the UK government's arms sales adhered to legal and ethical standards under domestic and international law.

In August 2024, I resigned over the UK government's refusal to halt arms sales to Israel amid the bombardment of Gaza. This decision followed over a year of internal lobbying and whistleblowing. My resignation made headlines, and weeks later, the new Labour government announced it would finally suspend arms sales to Israel. While this was welcome, it came far too late. Israel has continued to commit atrocities in Gaza as the UK stands by, unwilling to act.

My time at the FCDO exposed how ministers can manipulate legal frameworks to shield "friendly" nations from accountability. What I witnessed was not just moral failure but conduct that I believe crossed the threshold into complicity with war crimes. My role was to gather information on the conduct of foreign governments involved in military campaigns, particularly regarding civilian casualties and adherence to international humanitarian law, then to advise ministers on whether continued arms sales were lawful.

The UK's legal framework is clear: arms sales must cease if there is a "clear risk" that weapons could be used to commit serious violations of international law. Civil servants are bound by a strict code of impartiality, requiring us to produce neutral, evidence-based advice. Any attempt to alter or manipulate this advice for political convenience is not just unethical – it is unlawful.

However, during my tenure, I witnessed senior officials under intense pressure from ministers to skew the legal assessment. Reports were repeatedly returned to me with instructions to "rebalance" the findings – to downplay evidence of civilian harm and emphasise diplomatic efforts, regardless of the facts.

The most concerning example of this manipulation occurred during my work on arms

sales to Saudi Arabia amid its military campaign in Yemen. In a high-level meeting with senior officials, including legal advisers, it was acknowledged that the UK had exceeded the threshold for halting arms sales. Yet instead of advising ministers to suspend exports, the focus shifted to finding ways to "get back on the right side" of the law. The UK was ultimately forced to suspend arms sales to Saudi Arabia after losing a judicial review brought by civil society organisations. But instead of learning from this failure, the government responded by changing the law to make it harder to challenge arms exports in court. A year later, arms sales to Saudi Arabia resumed.

While the Saudi case was alarming, what I witnessed regarding UK arms sales to Israel was even more concerning. When I raised questions with the FCDO about the legal basis for our arms sales to Israel, I was met with hostility and stonewalling.

The Foreign Office's handling of these issues is nothing short of a scandal. Officials are bullied into silence. Processes are manipulated to produce politically convenient outcomes. Whistleblowers are stonewalled, isolated and ignored. And all the while, the UK government continues to arm regimes that commit atrocities, hiding behind legal loopholes and public relations spin.

I followed every internal procedure available to me to raise my concerns. At every turn, I was met with delays, obfuscation and outright refusal to engage. It became clear that the system is not designed to hold itself accountable – it is designed to protect itself at all costs.

The UK's complicity in war crimes cannot continue. We must demand transparency and accountability in our arms export policies. Ministers must be held to the same legal and ethical standards that they claim to uphold. Civil servants must be empowered to provide impartial advice without fear of political interference, and whistleblowers must be protected, not punished, for speaking the truth.

The UK's closest ally now proposes the mass expulsion of 2.1 million people from Gaza and the demolition of one of the most densely populated civilian areas on Earth – this is ethnic cleansing. It is not self-defence – it is genocide. Do not allow ministers to trade human lives for political expediency. The time for accountability is now.

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## Dates for your Diary

**Sats 15 Mar and 5&19 Apr** 11am-1pm or 2pm KPC stall in Kingston Market Place. If you can help, please contact Angie on 020 8399 5537 or [angecooper47@hotmail.com](mailto:angecooper47@hotmail.com)

**Tues 11 Mar and 8 Apr** 8pm KPC/CND meeting via Zoom. For joining instructions contact Gill, [gill@gillhurle.plus.com](mailto:gill@gillhurle.plus.com) or Hilary [hilarymevans@btinternet.com](mailto:hilarymevans@btinternet.com)

**Wed 12 Mar** 5pm (UK time) Webinar with Nobel Peace Prize nominees Issa Amro and Jeff Halper. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/mrxk6vxc>

**Sat 15 Mar** 12noon to 4pm, National Demonstration for Palestine, central London. For info, see <https://palestinecampaign.org/events>

**Sun 16 Mar** 11am-1pm Unveiling of Brian Haw statue, made by artist Amanda Ward Culver, Tibetan Peace Garden in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, St George's Road, SE1 6HZ. Informal event with invited guests, speeches, music and the unveiling itself. RSVP via <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1246005428779>

**Tues 18 Mar** 7-8.30pm Panel discussion: America's disengagement from European Defence, Frontline Club, 13 Norfolk Place London W2 1QJ. Tickets from £5.94, <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1262294750579>

**From 27 Mar** Armando Iannucci and Sean Foley's adaptation of Stanley Kubrick's classic comedy *Dr. Strangelove*, starring Steve Coogan, will be showing at local cinemas.

**Thur 10 Apr** 7.30pm Concert for Peace, Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill, London N6 5HG, organised by Musicians for Peace and Disarmament. Julian Jacobson will play French piano music from the Belle Epoque. Interval speaker: Jeremy Corbyn MP. Tickets from £15. Book online at [www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk/frenchconnexion](http://www.lauderdalehouse.org.uk/frenchconnexion) or pay at the door.

**Mon 14 to Sat 26 Apr** Peace Camp at USAF Lakenheath. See page 3.

**Mon 21 Apr** 11am-4 pm KPC Easter Monday garage sale – see below.

**Sat 26 Apr** Lakenheath blockade. London Region CND is organising a coach - see page 3.

## Fundraising Sales

Maggie and Rosemary, our intrepid fundraisers, organise stalls at local fairs, hold garage sales, and attend numerous car boot sales. We are incredibly grateful for all their efforts, which last year raised £1,000, enabling us to make donations to various worthy causes.

**On Monday 21 April - Easter Monday - KPC will be holding a sale** in Maggie's garage in Lower Ham Road, Kingston, KT2 5BD (at the rear of 289 Richmond Road). It will be from 11 am to 4 pm and we shall sell second hand books, plants and bric-a-brac.

Donations of quality items of bric-a-brac would be very welcome – if you have suitable items, or are able to help on the day, please contact Maggie on 020 8549 0086 or [margaret@galdor.co.uk](mailto:margaret@galdor.co.uk)

We have had our application for a stall at Ham Fair this year rejected, but will continue to need items to sell at other sales. Because of the loss of this source of income we're always on the lookout for alternatives, so if anyone has suggestions, please let us know.