# Amnesty International Southend Group

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## October 2018 NEWSLETTER



## SATURDAY 15th DECEMBER 10:00am – 1:00pm

Balmoral Community Centre
Salisbury Ave, Westcliff SS0 7AU
Send a message on behalf of
somebody whose human

rights are abused or denied

## **AMNESTEA**

Friday 9th November 3:00pm - 6:00pm at Joyce's, 1 Tyms Way, Rayleigh SS6 8DG Tea/Coffee, Cakes, Scones, Jam & Cream. Small Bring and Buy Table

Our Next Group Meeting is at 7:30pm

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November,** at The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU

#### LETTER-WRITING ACTIONS

Please write to your MP about the **BRAVE** Campaign - or email him or her using the form on the AI UK website. Also, please write to the President of China either directly or via their UK Embassy on behalf of **Wang Quanzhang** & **Jaing Tianyong**; and to the Head of the Judiciary in Iran via their UK Embassy on behalf of **Zeynab Jalalian**.

Details including addresses and guidance on what to say on the **Group website**.

### Amnesty International Southend Group Notes of meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at The Balmoral Centre Westcliff

#### **Present**

Martin, Doug, Dave, Andrew, Steve, Muriel & Mike

#### **Apologies:**

Tricia, Erika, Audrey, Joyce

#### From the last meeting:

The final total for the sponsored walk on 26th August was £280.

#### Letters and Petitions.

We wrote letters (5) and sent an e-mail to our MPs about the BRAVE Campaign; to the President of China (5) via their UK Embassy and 2 direct, on behalf of Wang Quanzhang & Jaing Tianyong; and to the Head of the Judiciary in Iran via their UK Embassy on behalf of Zeynab Jalalian. Details of these actions can be found on the front page of the Newsletter and on the Group website.

#### **Secretary**

The AI UK Local Groups mailing included more about the BRAVE Campaign, an action about the Human Rights Act and some details about WfR 2018.

#### **Treasurer**

The bank account stands at £469.22.

#### Fundraising/Publicity

Joyce Harris is holding an Amnestea on 9<sup>th</sup> November – see front page. Please support it. We discussed publicity for the WfR event on 15<sup>th</sup> December. As there is going to be a focus on women this year we decided to try to contact some local women's groups. We shared out the various groups and organisations we'll try to contact and will bring contact details to the November meeting when we'll write to them all.

#### **AOB**

Mike and Mu reminded everybody that some of the Group equipment and materials they store in their spare room will have to be found a new home or homes as the room will have to revert to a bedroom. It was agreed that the various items would be shared out between us. Mike will prepare a list of what they need to move out, we'll agree who'll have what at the November meeting then share them out at after the WfR event.

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Mike Pregnall

Group Secretary 01702 204748

PROTECT THE HUMAN www.amnesty.org.uk Southend Group meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm, at The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea SS0 7AU