



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Bromley & Orpington Group

September 2012 Newsletter



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COME TO OUR NEXT MEETINGS

Tuesday 11 September

Tuesday 2 October

Tuesday 13 November

Campaign Roundup

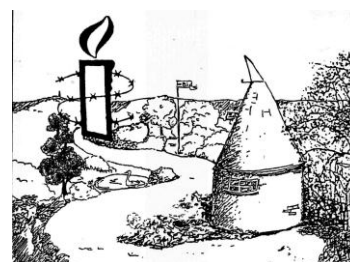
*** please note date* Speaker – 'No Sweat' exploited labour**

Activity to be confirmed

Vicki Morris of 'No Sweat' will speak on
"Sweatshop Exploitation – Global Reality"
Tuesday 2nd October 7.30pm
All Welcome

22nd Sevenoaks Sponsored Walk: 16th September 2012

Included with this Newsletter is a sponsor form for the forthcoming **Sevenoaks sponsored walk** which takes place on Sunday 16th September with walks of 3, 6 and 11 miles through glorious Kent countryside. We would love friends to come along on the day where single donations or bulging sponsor forms are equally welcome. Ted will once again lead us on the long walk, departing at 10.00am from Buckhurst car park, Suffolk Way. To **donate food**, or **help out at the car park** on the day please contact Neville. Please also consider sponsoring Neville and Ted who will be doing the long walk.



Group Finance

Balance brought forward	£1,081.59
Income	£280.65
Expenditure	£38.00
Balance at 14 th August	£1,324.24
CHANGE	£242.65

Income included private donations of £70 and BLT income of £190.64 (including raffle proceeds of £70.64). It was agreed that a donation of £820 would be made to Amnesty, bringing our 2012 total so far to £1,570. We noted that the fee for the hire of our premises is to increase to £6.50 per hour.

Annual London Street Collection

Saturday 13th October 2012

We urgently need collectors for an hour or so to

"Rattle a tin for Amnesty"

Please contact Margaret on 01689 854094

Bromley Little Theatre: All My Sons

We were treated to a searing performance of Arthur Miller's first play, All My Sons at Bromley Little Theatre on 12 July and in the process raised £881 for Amnesty, including £70 in the raffle. We are once again enormously grateful to Bromley Little Theatre for giving us this charity performance which delighted and moved in equal measure a near full house.



Monthly Letter: Colombia

Our monthly letter for September is addressed to the President of Colombia



regarding allegations of extrajudicial killings, recriminations and acts of violence against human rights defenders. In particular members of MOVICE (National Movement of Victims of State Crimes) have been targeted in order to silence them from taking part in campaigns to address human rights violations. The head of one farming community was killed in May 2010 and other members intimidated. We urgently request inquiries into the violence against human rights campaigners and an end to intimidation and violence against them. Please address,

sign and post the attached letter which will cost 87p to post.

Amnesty at the Movies: Friday 23rd November

We will be showing **The Corporation** on Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm at our usual venue. Winner of 26 international awards, **THE CORPORATION** explores the nature and spectacular rise of the dominant institution of our time. Thought provoking and witty, if you missed its theatrical release, now is the time to catch it on Amnesty's (relatively) big screen. Suggested donation of £2 and refreshments will be provided. Doors open at 7pm.



Burma: No Political Prisoner Left Behind!

August is usually a quiet time for Amnesty, with no monthly pack. We therefore decided to support the Burma Campaign's 'no political prisoner left behind' action. With international business swooping into Burma as sanctions are eased (Coca-Cola is to re-enter Burma after a 60 year absence), there is a risk that the continuing imprisonment of political prisoners will be conveniently overlooked. Although signs are encouraging, Burma is far from being a fully realised democracy and the campaign highlights the continuing imprisonment of hundreds of political prisoners. In July a further 25 were released, including three featured by the Burma Campaign. We wrote to William Hague, urging pressure on the Burmese government to continue to reform and release all political activists held solely for their peaceful opposition to the Burmese junta. A current case being featured is that of **Zaw Zaw Aung** who is serving two terms of eight years and life for political activism. You can take part at www.burmacampaign.org.uk

We will be taking part in the Hayes Free Church Christmas Tree Festival which runs from 30th November until 9th December at Hayes Free Church, 111 Pickhurst Lane Hayes. A full programme of festival events can be viewed on the church website. The chosen festival charity this year is the cancer unit at the PRU.

Present on 14th August: David Howkins, Shirley Henderson, Joan Williams, Rene Eastwood, Waltraut Gilchrist, Margaret Coppard, Pamela Smith, Ted Burke, Eleanor Ivens, Gladys Edmonds, Simon Nash, Patrick Nield, Patricia Eastaugh and Eve Fisher. Apologies: Neville White, Patsy Paine, Wendy Simmons, Chris Purnell, Vivien Glanz, Patrick McDonnell.

Meetings are held in the Wesley Room, Orpington Methodist Church, Sevenoaks Road, Orpington commencing at 7.30pm. **E-mail** aibromley@btinternet.com **website:** www.amnesty.org.uk/bromley

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