

# Borders Amnesty Newsletter



## News from the AGM

At our April meeting it was agreed that, for the coming year only, we concentrate on a schools music project, funded by the £1000 Ella Stone bequest that the group received last year. The project will be led by Moira Walsh, Jane Pearn and Sue McLennan.

We will still hold the coffee morning in July and the Christmas greeting card campaign evening in November.

Moira and Felicity will arrange two or three ad-hoc campaign postcard writing sessions in cafés in the Borders over the year.

Moira Walsh is the group Secretary

William Windram continues as Treasurer

Felicity Burrows continues as Publicity Officer

Our thanks go to Jessamy Pears for all her hard work as Letter-Writing Co-ordinator over the past few years, and to Jane Pearn for her input as Secretary last year.

## Diary Dates 2013-2014

- **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Fundraising coffee morning - 10am to 12pm, Corn Exchange, Melrose

*If you are able to help at the coffee morning, please contact Moira or Felicity (contact details at the bottom of the page)*

- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** Greetings card campaign - 7.30-9pm, Ormiston Institute, Melrose
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014:** AGM - 7.30-9pm, Ormiston Institute, Melrose

## Website

Keep up to date with group news at  
<http://www2.amnesty.org.uk/groups/borders>

If there is anything that you would like to see on the website, please contact Felicity  
[felicity.burrows+amnesty@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.burrows+amnesty@gmail.com)

## Subscriptions

May 2013-2014 subscriptions are now due:

Please send cheques for £7, payable to Borders Amnesty, to William Windram, Waverley, Fordel Gardens, Melrose TD6 9SG

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## **Ella Stone Memorial Project**

This year we are concentrating on the Ella Stone Memorial Project.

Ella was a longstanding supporter of Amnesty and has bequeathed £1000 to the group. We are running a protest song competition in Borders schools, promoting the work of Amnesty.

**We are looking for your help to make this a high-profile event a success**, so if you can help in any of the following areas, please contact Moira in the first instance:

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- Contact with education professionals
- Contacts in the music world – for judges
- Help with talks in schools
- Contacts in the media to promote the event, etc.
- Publicising the event – design of posters, distributing publicity materials

## **Other News**

**The Peace and Reconciliation Garden** in Crookham is now officially open. The garden is part of the wider Flodden 1513 Ecomuseum to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the historic Battle of Flodden. Entry is free.

The garden is the starting point for the 1513 timeline, which continues into the church itself, and records significant events of peace and conflict which have occurred around the world since 1513.

Why not wear your Amnesty badge when you visit to show your support for peace and reconciliation?

### **The 2013 Pilgrimage for Peace and Economic Justice**

A primary aim of the 2013 Pilgrimage is to focus national public attention on the Government's proposal to spend up to £100 billion renewing the Trident nuclear missile system, while continuing to slash NHS, education and social welfare budgets, including vital financial support for some of our most vulnerable and disadvantaged people and communities across the UK.

The pilgrims will be passing through the Borders, staying in Newstead Village Hall on Wednesday 5th June and the Quaker Meeting House on Thursday 6th June. You are welcome to join them along the way, or you can offer support along the route by being available to pick up tired or injured walkers as they pass through your area. You can tell everyone you know about the Pilgrimage; it is open to all.

For more information and offers of help contact Kath McDonald 01896 82003

[www.justpeacepilgrimage.com](http://www.justpeacepilgrimage.com)

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