



Amnesty International Guildford Group

January 2011

Summary Report of Activities 2010

Monthly Meetings

Second Monday of every month, 7.30 pm, St Nicholas Church Rooms, Bury Street.

- February* **Business and Planning Meeting**, with report on S. E. Regional Conference
- March* **International Women's Day.** *Speaker:* Houzan Mahmoud, co-founder of the Iraqi Women's Rights Coalition, and London representative of the Organisations for Women's Freedom in Iraq
- April* **Pre-Election Hustings** with candidates: Anne Milton (Con), Sue Doughty (Lib.Dem), Tim Shand (Lab), John Morris (Peace Party), Mazhar Mansoor (UKIP)
- May* **Report on AIUK 2009 Annual Conference**, followed by Guildford Group AGM
- June* **Refugee Week.** *Speaker:* Celia Clarke, Director of Bail for Immigration Detainees, spoke on the "OUTCRY" campaign to end detention of immigrant children
- July* **Business and planning meeting**, with retirement presentation to Harold Hillman, Amnesty member since the early 1960s and former Guildford Group Chairman ►►
- September* **Business and planning meeting**
- October* **Meeting cancelled**
- November* **Development and Human Rights in Africa.** *Speaker:* Group Treasurer Philip Strudwick talked about the dissertation he had just completed for an MA in Human Rights
- December* **Greetings Card Event** (see next page)



Sessions with speakers are always followed by a brief business and planning meeting.

Monthly Letter-Writing Sessions

*Last Saturday of the month (except August and December),
Café-Bar of the Electric Theatre.*

Members and friends meet together every month to write letters in support of political prisoners and other persons at risk.

Other Events

January 30 **AIUK South East Regional Conference**, Haywards Heath

April 9-12 **AIUK National Conference and AGM**, Warwick

May 17 **Palestine Monologues**. Play reading by the LynchPin Theatre Company.
Electric Theatre.

May 22 **Street Stall and Collection**
Guildford High Street

July 11 **Amnesty Window** ▶▶
in St Nicolas Church. Inauguration of an Amnesty display in one of the church windows, asking parishioners to pray for and write to an Individual at Risk each month.



October 22 **Guildford Book Festival: Amnesty Event**. John Kampfner, Chief Executive of Index on Censorship and former Editor of the New Statesman, spoke about his new book "Freedom for Sale".

December 6 **Annual Social Evening and Greetings Card Event** ▶▶
at the Electric Theatre, with readings from "Another Sky" by the LynchPin Theatre Company. 319 cards were written and sent to political prisoners and others at risk across the world.

