

CamSAW

Cambridge Students Against the War

LENT Term Card

- **Thurs 1 Jan**– Pledgers’ meeting; 7pm, erasmus room, Queens’. Contact Josh: jmr59
- **Sat/ Sun 18/19 Jan** – Disrupt the Masters of War – protests at Northwood military base, London. Contact Nick: npg20
- **Sunday 19 Jan** – CamPEACE film: ‘promises’ (about israel and palestine), St. Paul’s church, 12.30pm. Followed by food and discussion. Cost £3 + food. Contact: janet.walker3@ntlworld.com
- **Tues 21 Jan** – CND lobby of parliament. Contact Dan: do227
- **Sat 25 Jan** – anti-war street theatre in Norwich. Contact Dan: do227
- **Sat 1 Feb** – Cambridge StWC march. Contact Dan: dhm26
- **Mon 3 Feb**– Lakenheath action, organised by LAG. Contact Alistair: alistair.harley@free.fr
- **Sat 15 Feb**– Stop the War Coalition London march. Ten million people in actions across Europe! Buses will be going to London from Cambridge. Contact Dan: dhm26
- **Mon 24 Feb**– trial of the ‘CamSAW 2’ at Horseferry magistrates’ court, London. Contact Josh, jmr59

In addition, there are regular events to attend:

- Women in black vigils every saturday, 1–2pm, market square (in front of guildhall). Women only, please wear black. Contact ali.draper@cantab.net
- Planning meetings usually every tuesday at 8pm, locations vary. Contact Mike, mhl24.
- Lakenheath vigils. A vigil at Lakenheath air base on the first Wednesday of every month. Contact Alistair at alistair.harley@free.fr

What Happened in Michaelmas Term?

Some of the highlights of Michaelmas term included:

- **Sat 28 Sep:** CamSAW students joined 400 000 others in London for the national demo against the war. This was one of the largest peace rallies since the seventies.
- **Thurs 31 Oct:** A rally and a vigil in association with CamPEACE were followed by a CamSAW occupation of the Qinetiq material science labs. This protest against university contribution to the war effort drew some 230 students and formed part of a National Day of Action against the war with events around the country.
- **October 2002:** A response to Security Council Resolution 1441 was debated in parliament at the end of October 2002. This resolution regarded the reinsertion of weapons inspectors into Iraq and possible triggers to war. CamSAW organised a fax campaign targetting MPs around the country resulting in questions being asked in parliament.
- **Mon 2 Dec:** Fifteen Cambridge students were arrested with others in Whitehall for a lie down ‘die-in’ protest against the war. This event came at the end of a substantial programme of non-violent direct-action training, undertaken by CamSAW. The event received national media attention.
- **Thurs 12 Dec:** Eight CamSAW ‘weapons inspectors’ inspected the weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons, at nearby Lakenheath air base. The perimeter fence was scaled and a banner hung. Early Day Motion 435 from our national parliament was signed by 24 MP’s and commended the weapons inspectors for the job they’d done. This weapons inspection was followed up by another in early January at Feltwell military base.