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## Ukraine, nuclear risks and the UK's lower-yield capability

*This is an extract from an article written by David Cullen, Director of the Nuclear Information Service (NIS), in light of current fears about Russian nuclear use in the Ukraine conflict.*

President Biden's citing of the Cuban Missile Crisis in early October, along with its 60th anniversary shortly afterwards, has again raised fears that the Russian invasion of Ukraine could lead to the first use of nuclear weapons in war since 1945. There is no doubt that the material support of Ukraine by NATO brings the two sides closer to conflict than at any time since the Cold War.

The nuclear use scenario widely regarded as most likely is the use of so called 'non-strategic' or 'tactical' nuclear weapons by Russia to try and force compliance or negotiations after it had suffered military setbacks. Such an act would be in keeping with the 'escalate to de-escalate' strategy that many Western analysts have claimed is part of Russian doctrine. That

claim is contested, not least by Russia.

The likelihood of Russia using a lower-yield weapon in those circumstances rests on the fundamentally unknowable intentions of President Putin. The debate, in truth, boils down to a character assessment of Putin and the prior assumptions that are brought to bear on that assessment.

### Russian lower-yield weapons

Both of the common terms for these weapons are problematic, given that all nuclear weapons use can be regarded as strategic, and in the scenario under discussion they would not be deployed to give a tactical military advantage, but for a strategic purpose. Aside from generally having lower yields than the average yields of strategic weapons, what tends to distinguish them is the shorter range of their delivery systems. As the yields are still orders of magnitude higher than conventional weapons, the term 'low-yield' is also misleading.

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### KPC/CND meetings

Until further notice we shall continue to hold our monthly meetings online. However, members have shown a preference for these being held on the second Tuesday of the month, instead of Wednesdays as previously. Please contact [gill@gillhurle.plus.com](mailto:gill@gillhurle.plus.com) for joining instructions.

We are sorry that this excludes members without internet access.



This is the last issue of Kingston Peace News in 2022, so

*We wish the best to all our members and readers for the festive season!*



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# CND News

## Stop US nukes coming to RAF Lakenheath, Saturday 19 November

CND is organising a protest at RAF Lakenheath against the return of US nuclear weapons, after having postponed the planned protest from September due to rail strikes.

The US withdrew its nuclear weapons from Lakenheath in 2008 after more than 50 years of US nuclear weapons deployment in the UK. Lakenheath was used to store USAF nuclear gravity bombs. The facilities to do so are still intact.

In 2015 Lakenheath was selected to host the F-35A, the new generation of United States nuclear-capable fighter-bomber aircraft in Europe. The first of them arrived there in December last year.

The revelation of the return of US nuclear weapons to Lakenheath was announced in April by Hans Kristensen, Nuclear Information Project Director at the Federation of American Scientists (FAS), after having analysed a US Department of Defence document.

Arms Control Association Director Daryl Kimball believes it is 'an early sign that the US and Nato are preparing to engage in a protracted and maybe heightened standoff with Putin's Russia'.

The British government is working hand in glove with the US on Ukraine. Boris Johnson's recent announcement of increased military assistance to President Zelensky, including the supply of offensive weaponry, is stoking the fires of a potential nuclear war that could stretch across Europe and beyond.

We want Britain to back negotiations, not escalate the war.

## Transport to Lakenheath

London CND has booked a coach leaving at 10am from opposite Embankment Underground station. It will drop people off very close to RAF Lakenheath around 12:30pm. Protests from 1 to 3pm will involve speeches, music and creative actions. The coach will then return to Embankment arriving back about 6pm. Return cost: £22 (standard rate), £30 (solidarity - help to cover the costs of this action). Book at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/443979162627>

## CND AGM and Policy Conference

This year's Conference took place on 8 October. Resolutions passed can be viewed here: [cnduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CND-Conference-2022-adopted-resolutions.pdf](https://cnduk.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/CND-Conference-2022-adopted-resolutions.pdf)

## Urge your MP to help prevent a nuclear war

We are closer to nuclear war than we have been for decades - and the risk is increasing by the day. What are our political leaders doing to stop that happening? They know the terrible facts about nuclear weapons - but they pursue policies that make the unthinkable ever more likely.

CND is asking supporters to write to their MP, to tell them we want action to prevent nuclear war.

As the likelihood of nuclear use continues to escalate, we must do everything we can to raise awareness of the catastrophe that nuclear weapons use would unleash. Everything should be done to pull humanity back from the brink.

Despite the claims of politicians, there is no way to be prepared for a nuclear attack. You have to stop it happening, and the only certain way to prevent the use of nuclear weapons is to abolish them for good.

Real global security means a commitment to peace, dialogue and disarmament. It also means putting pressure on politicians to address the real threats faced by our families and communities - economic hardship and the increasing impacts of the climate emergency.

Here is a model letter, but it is a good idea to incorporate your own wording:

*Dear (your MP's name)*

*The increasing risk of nuclear war threatens us all. The hands of the Doomsday Clock were already at 100 seconds to midnight, even before the Ukraine war, with the twin threats of the climate emergency and nuclear war.*

*The conflict in Ukraine has only worsened this existential nuclear threat: increasing threats of nuclear weapons use brings the ultimate catastrophe ever closer.*

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## Write to your MP

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*This is the most dangerous situation we have ever faced; many of us are terrified - but at the same time we want to do all we can to ensure we have a future, and we want to know that our government is taking action for peace.*

*Right now I believe the British government is only making the situation worse. The government is pushing the further military escalation of the Ukraine war; instead it must be pushing for negotiation and peace. If nuclear weapons are used, the Ukrainians will face destruction, and we will be next - make no mistake about it. And rather than increasing the UK's nuclear arsenal and massively increasing military spending, our*

*government should work for disarmament, alongside the global majority that seeks a nuclear weapons-free world.*

*At a time when so many British citizens are facing financial hardship and we are all experiencing the catastrophic climate emergency, it is even more shocking that billions of pounds are being channelled into weapons of mass destruction - and other methods of killing.*

*I am asking you to please use your influence to work for real global security - based on dialogue and negotiation, peace and disarmament. And I urge you to use your position to prevent nuclear war. We cannot delay, or it will be too late.*

*I look forward to discussing these matters with you as a matter of urgency.*

## Liberal Democrats and the TPNW

Phil Cooper wrote on behalf of KPC to Sir Ed Davey, Leader of the Liberal Democrats, earlier this year specifically requesting that his party send observers to the first Meeting of States Parties in Vienna in June:

*Dear Sir Ed*

*The First Meeting of States Parties (IMSP) to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, to be held 21-23 June in Vienna, will be a coming together of countries that have already banned nuclear weapons. Under the jurisdiction of the UN, they will establish a blueprint for a nuclear weapons-free world – a significant step forward for the Treaty.*

*A series of events will be held in Vienna in advance of the IMSP for NGOs participating in the conference together with an opportunity for parliamentarians and city representatives from around the world to meet and ensure that their experiences and views will be fed into the negotiations.*

*States that have not yet joined the Treaty are invited to attend as observers with no obligation – Germany and Norway have already indicated their intention to do this. This is a matter which the majority of countries of the world deem to be of existential importance – nation after nation is asserting its right to live in a world free of the threat of nuclear annihilation - and it is shameful that the UK Government is refusing to take any interest. We hope that opposition parties will take a more positive approach to this*

*major multi-lateral Treaty and we urge you to ensure a Liberal Democrat presence in Vienna.*

*The war in Ukraine has highlighted once again that these monstrous weapons are not safe in anyone's hands and the risk of direct confrontation between Russia and NATO raises the prospect of a nuclear Armageddon. The only viable way forward has to be a new common security framework and genuine agreements to reduce nuclear forces on all sides. As a nuclear armed state, the UK has a responsibility to at least listen to the rest of the world and recognise that inaction is no longer acceptable.*

*Consideration must be given to signing the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.*

*Phillip Cooper*

Other KPC members wrote in similar vein to their Lib Dem MPs Munira Wilson and Sarah Olney. No replies to these letters were received, so Phil wrote again in August:

*Dear Sir Ed*

*I'm writing to you as a follow up to a letter I sent you dated 31/05/22.*

*I did not receive a reply to my letter, and neither did members of Kingston Peace Council/CND who also wrote in similar terms as constituents of both Munira Wilson and Sarah Olney.*

*It is very disappointing not to have received any response from our local MPs on so crucially important a subject at a time when, by general*

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**Liberal Democrats** – continued from page 3  
*agreement among experts, the world is in a more hazardous position in regard to the use of nuclear weapons than was faced during the Cold War.*

*Britain under the Conservatives has already, unilaterally, decided to increase the cap on the number of nuclear weapons it possesses in clear contravention to Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and now the new Prime Minister has made it abundantly clear – to loud applause among supporters – how prepared she would be to ‘press the nuclear button’.*

*When the war in Ukraine is being waged against a backdrop of Putin’s threats to use nuclear armaments and both Britain and the United States appear prepared to take the massive gamble that he will not resort to doing so even if endless supplies of advanced NATO weaponry pushes him to the brink of a humiliating defeat it is surely incumbent upon our political leaders to make their positions clear on so existential a matter.*

*We call for radical steps to get peace initiatives for Ukraine to be pursued with the same enthusiasm as arms sales have been hitherto, and to promote action to reduce the threat of nuclear annihilation that is growing by the day.*

*We would hope that the Liberal Democrats will be up to this challenge.*

*Phillip Cooper  
On behalf of Kingston Peace Council/CND*

Eventually Phil received a reply as follows:

*Dear Phillip Cooper,  
Thank you for writing to me regarding nuclear weapons.*

*Liberal Democrats seek to maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent while pursuing multilateral nuclear disarmament - continuing with the Dreadnaught programme, the submarine-based replacement for Vanguard, but procuring three boats and moving to a medium-readiness responsive posture and maintaining the deterrent through measures, such as unpredictable and irregular patrolling patterns.*

*I am concerned by the Government's move away from initiatives working towards global nuclear disarmament. The Government has recently reversed a commitment to the Liberal Democrats to reduce the stockpile of nuclear weapons, and*

*have instead decided to lift the cap on the UK stockpile of nuclear weapons to 260 warheads. I also condemn the reversal of a long-standing policy on transparency by deciding to no longer produce public figures on the operational stockpile, deployed warhead or deployed missile numbers.*

*The Government has also failed to inject new impetus into nuclear disarmament talks, including a worrying diplomatic drift over the Fissile Material Cut-Off Treaty and the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.*

*Thank you again for contacting me about such an important issue. Please let me know if there is anything further I can do to help.*

*With best wishes,  
Ed Davey*

As you will see, no mention is made by Sir Ed of the Meeting of States Parties or, indeed, of the Lib Dem policy on nuclear weapons in the light of the Ukraine War and the TPNW.

At our recent KPC meeting we agreed to try to arrange a meeting with Ed Davey to discuss the TPNW and Lib Dem policy. If you would like to take part, please contact Rosemary by email [Rosemaryadd@aol.com](mailto:Rosemaryadd@aol.com) or phone 020 8399 2547.

## Talking about peace

Since 2009, members of KPC have visited local schools to give assemblies on the theme of peace. Our visits stopped during Covid and for various reasons we didn’t write suggesting school visits this year. Perhaps one reason was because it seems so difficult to talk about peace in our current world.

However two schools asked if we would give assemblies in September which Maggie Rees and I did. We both felt re-encouraged by the experience. Getting people, especially young people, to think about peace is so important. So we will look again at the schools programme for 2023. It would be great to hear from any teachers or ex-teachers who would be interested in getting involved.

Mary Holmes

## Ukraine & nuclear risks

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Many of them are also more powerful than the 15kt bomb dropped on Hiroshima. As such, it is best perhaps to term them ‘lower-yield’ nuclear weapons. The P5 states have repeatedly committed at Non-Proliferation Treaty review conferences to unilateral reductions of ‘non-strategic’ nuclear weapons.

### NATO responses

Although the threats emanating from senior figures in Moscow appear to only countenance nuclear use in a retaliatory scenario, and despite there being no evidence of any practical preparations for a Russian strike, speculation in the press has revolved around Russia’s ‘escalate to de-escalate’ scenario and a possible NATO response. The position of the Biden administration has been to warn of the ‘catastrophic’ consequences of nuclear use, while refusing to commit to any specific response, in order to keep all their options open.

When discussing the UK’s lower-yield nuclear capability in 1996, a government minister raised the spectre that “a potential adversary could gamble on us not being prepared to use our full strategic capability in response to aggression”. The idea was that there could be no doubt about the willingness to use lower-yield weapons in such a scenario.

### The UK’s lower-yield capability

The evidence strongly suggests this took the form of a lower-yield variant of the UK’s main warhead with the secondary stage of the warhead having been replaced with a ‘dud’ component which had an identical size and weight distribution but did not detonate with an explosive yield.

The original intention appears to have been for the UK’s Vanguard submarines to go to sea carrying missiles with a range of warhead loads, including some loaded with the lower-yield warhead variant. This practice may have ceased by the 2010s, as the government published official figures for the numbers of warheads and operational missiles carried on each submarine. This would have limited the scope for carrying the extra missiles for a range of strikes, and at the

time government policy appears to have been guided by a genuine desire to reduce both overall and deployed warhead numbers.

The Government’s 2021 Integrated Review scrapped the disclosure of the number of warheads in the UK’s operational stockpile as well as the numbers of warheads and operational missiles carried on each submarine. While announcing the first increase to the UK’s warhead stockpile in decades, it claimed the government would maintain the “minimum destructive power needed to guarantee that the UK’s nuclear deterrent remains credible and effective against the full range of state nuclear threats”.

### Doctrine vs reality

In practice, looking at the scenario of potential nuclear usage connected to the Ukraine war, these lower-yield weapons represent a dangerous and unnecessary escalatory option for the US, and potentially also for the UK. Compared to a diplomatic or conventional military response to Russian nuclear use in the ‘escalate to de-escalate’ scenario, it is by far the most dangerous and least effective option. It is impossible to know how likely that scenario is, other than to note that the invasion itself was a reckless and self-defeating war crime. As such, we cannot completely rule out the possibility that Russia will carry out another in the form of a lower-yield nuclear detonation.

Unless that unthinkable event occurs, we also cannot know to what extent NATO’s lower-yield nuclear weapons have deterred or constrained Russian actions, as their defenders would claim. We do know for certain that their presence did not deter Putin from launching the invasion in the first place, however, and it seems inarguable that the unstable balance of collective nuclear insecurity was a causal factor in this conflict. As we contemplate the exact scenario that these weapons were designed for, they offer no meaningful reassurance of a safe resolution, only a horrifying step in an escalatory ladder that should be avoided at all costs. Given the additional risks of miscalculation or a misunderstanding on either side, the only responsible course of action is to put them immediately beyond use, followed by their speedy elimination.

*You can read the full article by David Cullen at [nuclearinfo.org/comment/2022/11/ukraine-nuclear-risks-and-the-uks-lower-yield-capability/](https://nuclearinfo.org/comment/2022/11/ukraine-nuclear-risks-and-the-uks-lower-yield-capability/)*

## Banks, Pensions and Nuclear Weapons: Investing in Change

The UN Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) now has 91 signatories and 68 state parties, which shows the strength of the growing movement rejecting these weapons.

Moreover, a PAX–ICAN report “Rejecting Risk: 101 policies against nuclear weapons”, published in January 2022, found that the number of financial institutions with policies excluding nuclear weapons is growing and many are citing the TPNW as a reason to reject investment in nuclear weapon producers.

Read about the report here:

[www.icanw.org/new\\_report\\_101\\_financial\\_institutions\\_have\\_restricted\\_investments\\_in\\_nuclear\\_weapons](http://www.icanw.org/new_report_101_financial_institutions_have_restricted_investments_in_nuclear_weapons)

But many banks and pension providers still invest in companies that produce these weapons. United Nations Association (UNA-UK) says that it’s time for financial institutions to join the international movement against nuclear weapons and invest our money where it is really needed. It is joining with the Nuclear Weapons Financing Research Group, a collective of faith groups working to move money out of nuclear weapons, in calling on financial institutions, starting with our banks and pension providers, to invest in change. As part of this campaign UNA-UK will be scrutinising its own finances and, where relevant, writing to companies they work with asking them to divest.

They encourage you to do the same.

**Take action - contact your bank or pension provider and ask them to get your money out of nuclear weapons.**

1. Find out how your bank is doing:  
<https://investinginchange.uk/what-about-my-financial-institution/>
2. Use the #InvestingInChange resources to contact your bank, by emailing, tweeting or writing to your bank:  
<https://investinginchange.uk/action/>
3. Get social: share ICAN’s ready-to-go social media materials to say  
#NuclearWeaponsAreBadForBusiness  
[divest.icanw.org/2022\\_total\\_day\\_socials](http://divest.icanw.org/2022_total_day_socials)

## COP27 and military emissions

COP27 is the 27th UN Climate Change conference and is being held from 6 November until 18 November in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt.

There has been much discussion in the media about the impact on the climate of carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels. But at the Kyoto climate conference in 1997 it was decided that there would be no obligation on countries to disclose military-related emissions, nor to include them in reduction targets.

Yet war itself contributes significantly to climate change through: building maintenance; ore extraction and manufacture of equipment and weaponry; massive fuel and ammunition use in trials and training, let alone warfare itself; and extensive rebuilding of devastated infrastructure.

Scientists for Global Responsibility (SGR) have done a lot of work on this subject and produced a new report launched at a COP27 webinar, see <https://ceobs.org/cop27-virtual-panel-discussion-the-military-emissions-gap-annual-update-2022/>

The website <https://climatemilitarism.org/> is a great archive of useful resources and includes a list of events related to COP27.

## The KPC website

We are very grateful to our member Charles, who has been doing a sterling job for many years maintaining our website <http://kpc.gn.apc.org> . He now wishes to hand over responsibility for it to someone else.

Are you a whiz at web management, or do you know someone sympathetic to our cause who would be willing to take this on?

We do not have many young members in KPC, and we would be interested to receive ideas about how best to communicate our message to younger generations. Do you know a young person who would be willing to advise us on this?

## Andrew Feinstein meeting

This was a very interesting meeting. Andrew compared some of the features of South African apartheid with the Israeli system saying that although they weren't identical, there is no doubt that Israel is an apartheid state. We are very grateful to Richmond & Kingston PSC for organising the event.

# Alarming increase in violence and movement restrictions in the West Bank

The following press release was issued by UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on 18 October 2022.

## **Statement by Lucia Elmi, acting Humanitarian Coordinator for the occupied Palestinian territory, on the alarming increase in violence and movement restrictions in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem:**

With at least 105 Palestinians, including 26 children, killed by Israeli forces, 2022 has been the deadliest year since 2006, on a monthly average, for Palestinians residing in the occupied West Bank, including East Jerusalem. The monthly average of Palestinian fatalities has increased by 57 per cent when compared with last year. Ten Israeli civilians, three foreigners and four Israeli soldiers have been killed by Palestinians from the West Bank in 2022.

Since the beginning of October alone, 15 Palestinians, including six children, have been killed by Israeli forces during search-and-arrest operations, exchanges of fire, or in confrontations between Israeli forces and Palestinians in the West Bank including East Jerusalem, often following settler attacks or incursions into Palestinian villages. In some instances, those killed did not appear to pose a concrete or imminent threat to justify the use of lethal force, raising concerns of excessive use of force.

In addition to this alarming situation, the United Nations is concerned about increasing movement restrictions. Earlier this month, after two Israeli soldiers were shot and killed at checkpoints in Nablus and East Jerusalem, Israeli forces imposed extensive movement restrictions, limiting access of many to health care, education, and livelihoods. In Shu'fat refugee camp, these restrictions have largely been lifted, but they remain in place in Nablus [*but see Update on Nablus*]. Huwwara, one of Nablus city's only access points, has also seen an increase in the severity and frequency of settler violence.

"The Israeli authorities have a legal responsibility to ensure the protection of all Palestinians," said Lucia Elmi, "This includes guaranteeing that any

measures taken do not affect people disproportionately".

De-escalation is critical to avoid further loss of life, protect civilians and ensure access to essential humanitarian services.

### **Update on Nablus**

On 3 November the Israeli army lifted the weeks-long lockdown on Nablus.

The sweeping closure of Nablus had restricted travel in and out of the city for around 200,000 Palestinians, disrupting daily life, the local economy and access to medical care and education.

### **On 29 October Palestine Solidarity Campaign (PSC) said:**

This last week we've watched on in horror as Israel has unleashed a new wave of attacks against Palestinians.

We've seen yet more brutal Israeli military invasions of cities across the West Bank - while armed settlers, in coordination with the Israeli military, have continued vicious attacks on indigenous land defenders.

Palestinians are rising to resist Israel's colonial violence through general strikes, civil disobedience, and confrontations with the invading Israeli occupation forces.

For over 74 years Palestinians have resisted Israel's oppression - and we continue to stand in solidarity with them in their struggle for liberation.

Effective solidarity with the Palestinian struggle means taking action.

*Here's one action you could take:*

### **Tell Barclays to stop banking on apartheid!**

Barclays Bank invests over £1 billion in companies supplying Israel with weapons and military technology used in armed violence against Palestinians, including in the recent military invasions.

***Write to the bank's senior management and demand they halt ties with Israeli apartheid.***

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## Dates for your Diary

**Sat 12 Nov 2pm Nuclear Risks in the Light of the Ukraine War,** Movement for the Abolition of War's Annual Remembrance Lecture, given by Kate Hudson, General Secretary CND. Free live event at Welsh Church of Central London, 30 Eastcastle Street, Oxford Circus, W1W 8DJ and also on-line. Details: <https://abolishwar.net/nuclear-risks/>

**Sat 12 Nov 10.30am-4.30pm Future War: The Shape of Things to Come conference,** Birkbeck University of London, Malet Street, WC1E 7HX Organised by CND and Drone Wars. Details: [cnduk.org/events/future-war-the-shape-of-things-to-come-cnd-conference/](http://cnduk.org/events/future-war-the-shape-of-things-to-come-cnd-conference/)

**Sat 12 Nov 4pm GMT** International Peace Bureau and CODEPINK will share experiences from the first week of COP27, including the range of civil society activities in the Green Zone, established connections between peace and climate, and what to expect for the second week. Register at [www.bit.ly/COP27LIVE2](http://www.bit.ly/COP27LIVE2)

**Sat 12 Nov 9.45am-5.15pm Trade Union Solidarity with Palestinian Workers,** Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WC1H 9BD. PSC Conference for trade unionists wanting to further their solidarity work with Palestinians living and working under occupation & apartheid. £18 or £14 PSC members & concessions, to cover lunch and refreshments. Pre-registration essential: [palestinecampaign.org/events/tu-solidarity-with-palestinian-workers/](http://palestinecampaign.org/events/tu-solidarity-with-palestinian-workers/) or 'phone: 020 7700 6192.

**Tue 15 Nov 12 noon GMT Emissions and Spending.** Deborah Burton will share the results of Tipping Point North South's official COP side event, including launching of a methodology around counting of military emissions. We will also discuss a newly-released briefing on military spending and explore the COP's Blue Zone. Registration: <https://www.bit.ly/COP27LIVE4>

**Sat 19 Nov CND Protest: Stop US nukes coming to RAF Lakenheath,** see page 2.

**Sats 19 Nov, 3&17 Dec 11am-2pm KPC stall in Kingston Marketplace.** If you are able to help, please contact Angie on 020 8399 5537 or [angecooper47@hotmail.com](mailto:angecooper47@hotmail.com)

**Sun 20 Nov 6pm Streams Of Consciousness,** recital by Aleksander Szram and Wissam Boustany in support of PalMusic UK and The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music, St Mary's Church, Twickenham TW1 3NJ. Tickets: £15 (concessions), £20 (standard rate), £30 (with donation) plus booking fee. See <https://www.palmusic.org.uk/news-events/>

**Wed 23 Nov 5pm ICAHD Webinar,** Exploring the Palestine issue with Andrew Feinstein in conversation with Jeff Halper - part 2. Register at [us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZqcOyopjsuGtLrru9MevvqBa570Om31NO5](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZqcOyopjsuGtLrru9MevvqBa570Om31NO5)

**Thur 24 Nov 7pm online Rethinking Energy Security: How can the UK achieve a just and peaceful transition?** Speakers include Dr David Wearing of Sussex University, Sam Mason of the PCS Union, Brook Dambacher of Uplift, and Paul Rogers as chair. Organised by *Rethinking Security*. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/460137522717>

**Thur 8 Dec 7-9pm online Stop the War's annual Festive Fundraiser:** anti-war entertainment hosted by the fantastic Steve Parry, with Mark Rylance, Stella Assange, Alexei Sayle, Claudia Webbe, Don Biswas, Lindsey German, Shareefa Energy and more, and auction hosted by Kevin Courtney. Tickets (£6 to £25): <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/461647739817>

**Tues 13 Dec 8pm KPC/CND meeting via Zoom.** For details contact Gill, [gill@gillhurlle.plus.com](mailto:gill@gillhurlle.plus.com)