

CADFA notices 3rd January 2011



Twining visit to Palestine

and **April twinning conference** –
at Easter, late April. Let us know if you are
interested in joining the trip.

Save the date (and save up)

We're on the last box of **CADFA calendars**
– They are big (A3) and well-made with
lots of room to write – Attractive and well
printed and £10 each, but you can have
two for £16 (collect or it is plus p and p) –
Order now while stocks last (really!)

And we have to do another order of our
women's book 'Stories from our
Mothers' as we are sold out! So we are
renewing our pre-publication offer – 10
for £50 – if you do it before we order...
Let us know quickly please! (If you've
already told us don't worry, will get them
for you) This is half price, as they are £10
each.

We also have a VERY FEW of the Stories
from our Mothers **film** at £8.

We are also out of **Palestinian olive oil**
and will be restocking soon. Some of you
have asked about 5 litre tins. We have to
buy these in fours – we cannot afford to
buy them and not sell them- so do let us
know if you want one: we'll go ahead in
fours (only).



SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL FOR CADFA –
AND VERY SPECIAL – will take place on
Wednesday May 18th.

Baroness Jenny Tonge and the Association of
the Palestinian Community are organising a
fundraising dinner for CADFA at the Attlee
Room, **House of Lords**. We can guarantee that
the plans being made for music etc will ensure
it is a very special occasion. It is also going to
be very expensive – it is a way to raise funds –
and it will also have very limited space. (It is
not a huge room). If there is any chance of
your putting your pennies (pounds actually)
together to help us keep going in this way, do
check your diary and get ready to book right
away when details are announced (should be
soon).

NEWS FROM ABU DIS/ PALESTINE

Child prisoners – There are currently sixteen
child prisoners from Abu Dis inside Israeli jails
– We welcome your support for the child
prisoner campaign.

Sound bombs thrown by Israeli soldiers into
Abu Dis Boys' School yard on 29th
December (you will have emails that tell you
more about this)

← These two boys from Abu Dis are now
both in prison (both aged 15).

On Thursday 30th, many people were held for hours and beaten at a military checkpoint put up by Israeli soldiers in the middle of Abu Dis.

Violence is continuing all over the West Bank.
 A woman demonstrator was killed in a Bil'in protest against the Wall on 31st Dec – She was killed by poison tear gas. Her brother was shot last April, also on a non-violent demonstration against the Wall.
 Today a young man in Toubas (Jordan Valley) was shot by Israeli soldiers. The Israelis who shot him gave the excuse that he was armed. He was carrying a coca cola bottle.

Settlements are extending.



Abu Dis prisoners – poster from a demo last week.

NEWS FROM DAR ASSADAQA

Two CADFA volunteers are currently in Abu Dis helping with English classes and other things (collecting stories etc – hope to see them soon on the blog). We welcome applications from people who would be interested in helping in this way in the future.



Dar Assadaqa children playing - December 2010

At Dar Assadaqa community centre, women's and children's projects continue. Children are starting a new environment club which we hope will link to work we want to do in the summer with children in Camden – probably focusing on water.

Dar Assadaqa women during domestic agriculture course, December 2010

CADFA will shortly be advertising for some interns to work in Camden – Please ask for further information.



NEW YEAR NEW EFFORT

In 2011 Camden Abu Dis hopes to

- Go on working on human rights issues in Palestine with Camden teachers and schools. We are distributing our books and films and organising a visit to Palestine in April for a teacher from each of the nine Camden schools now linking to Abu Dis schools.
- Run a project for women following on from the amazing Stories from our Mothers project - this time focusing on Jerusalem.
- Raise money for a 6th visit of Palestinian children to Britain, probably to do more film work with Camden young people and this time to focus on issues of water.
- Continue with our child prisoner campaign and our monthly human rights reports and raise urgent action cases when needed.
- Work across the community in Camden - Run visits to Palestine - support the diabetic programme in the Camden Clinic in Abu Dis - find volunteers to go to Palestine -help the Dar Assadaqa Community Centre.
- Work with and help support the other groups in the Britain Palestine Twinning Network who share our aim of promoting human rights and international humanitarian law through building links with communities in Palestine...
- And much more.



Pics from our Human Rights concert in December

HELP PLEASE



Our bank account details are

- Co op Bank
- Sort code 08-92-99
- Account Name Camden Abu Dis Friendship Association
- Account Number 6518 0334

Can you help?

Can you pass this to your friends - please?
Would you do it today?

Do send us (or ask your friends to send us)
an email to tell us if you have set up a
standing order.

Thank you.

We need your help, because it is a struggle to keep going. We are wasting so much time in chasing uncertain funding applications when there is urgent work to do.

If everyone who said 'you are doing a good job' could make us a small monthly standing order, we could survive through co-operation and do so much more.



New year - new effort!

Hoping it brings good news for
Palestine and for you personally

HAPPY NEW YEAR!