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Meeting for worship

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Sundays, 10.45 am

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Meetings for worship:
Sundays, 10.45 am

1st and 3rd Thursdays, 6.00pm

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LS19 6HU
tel: 0113 250 4904
Sundays, 10.45 am

LEEDS UNIVERSITY
Tuesdays, 1.05pm
In Claire Chapel, The Emmanuel Centre
which is alongside the main entrance to
the University of Leeds Campus opposite
the Parkinson Building (with the white
clock tower).

Organised by the Leeds Universities
Chaplaincy

Bedford Court
First and third Wednesdays,



The Arms Fair in London



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Deadline for November issue
Sunday, October 29th

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Diary

October

Thursday 5th 2.30pm Leeds Quaker, Richard Levitt talks on 'The Limits of Protest' at Abbey House Museum Book your place at <https://whatson.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/Abbey-House-Museum-events.aspx>

Thursday 5th 6pm to 7pm Midweek Worship followed supper and then a sustainability meeting to which all are invited at Carlton Hill QMH

Friday 6th 7pm - Quaker Workshop at Central Leeds (Carlton Hill QMH) - '**How can we become more welcoming?**'

Friday 6 - 8th Bamford Quaker Retreat: Meditation and Qi Gong

Saturday 7th 11am to 4pm Peace and Green Fair at Central Leeds (Carlton Hill) to mark the first 30 years of the 'new' Meeting House. To include Peace and Sustainability stalls, talks, apple pressing and the official unveiling of the Leeds Peace Pole at 3.30pm Saturday 7th 3.30pm Leeds Peace Pole unveiling by the Mayor of Leeds at the Central Leeds (Carlton Hill QMH)

@ **Sunday 8th at 1pm Leeds Area Quaker Meeting** at Rawdon QMH; topic: 'Sustainability and Spirituality'

Thursday 12th 6pm to 7pm Midweek Worship followed supper at Carlton Hill QMH

Tuesday 17th 3.30pm 'Stop the War' a talk by Stephen Johnson at Abbey House Museum. Book your place at <https://whatson.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/Abbey-House-Museum-events.aspx>

Wednesday 18th 7.15 for 7.30pm Annual Leeds Peace Service at Leeds Civic Hall

Thursday 19th 6pm to 7pm Midweek Worship followed supper and then a sustainability meeting to which all are invited at Carlton Hill QMH

Saturday 21st 10am to 4pm - Quakers in Yorkshire at Bootham School, York includes 2pm talk by Kevin Bales on Contemporary Slavery ?

See <http://www.example.com> https://www.ted.com/talks/kevin_bales_how_to_combat_modern_slavery

Sunday 22nd 9.30 am to 11.45am optional '**Extended Meeting for Worship**' at Central Leeds (Carlton Hill QMH) with entry at 9.30am, 10am and 10.45am preceded by a breakfast at 9am.

Sunday 22nd 12.30pm 'welcome lunch' at Gildersome QMH - everyone is welcome!

Sunday 22nd 7.30pm Rawdon QMH Amnesty Concert

Thursday 26th 10am Visit to Leeds Green Bin Recycling Centre, leaving Central Leeds (Carlton Hill QMH) by electric car at 10am - booking essential - ring Robert Keeble on 0113 2422208

Thursday 26th 6pm to 7pm Midweek Worship followed supper at Carlton Hill QMH

Saturday 28th Annual Outing - 2017 destination is Halifax. Meet 10:10am at Leeds Train Station - booking essential - ring Robert Keeble on 0113 2422208



September has been quite an eventful month. We had barely recovered from Yearly Meeting Gathering before the Arms Fair in London was upon us. It met with a massive protest which Quakers nationally helped to organise, and at least 8 Friends were arrested, including our own Richard Levitt.

Fracking has commenced at Kirkby Misperton in Ryedale despite a total condemnation by local residents, local Quakers, and the local authority. Once again, police presence has been totally out of proportion, and a number of arrests have taken taken place.

Fracking licences have now been granted for South Leeds, and there have been reports of interested companies carrying out covert surveying prior to licence approval.

On a more peaceful note, on Sunday 24th September, Carlton Hill hosted the musical 'Longing, Belonging and Balfour' which was attended by over 50 people. We look forward to the Amnesty International concerts taking place at Rawdon Meeting House.

I have been delving into my archive of studies of George Fox over the past 20 years and make no apology for using some it in this issue.

Pete Redwood, Editor

Carlton Hill, Leeds Central Meeting

Job description for Part-time Creche Worker

Our Quaker meeting has a number of young children who require care and supervision so that parents are freed to attend Quaker meeting for an hour 10.45-11.45 every Sunday. At present, there can be 1-3 young children under 3 years but they do not attend every week. The creche worker will always be in a room with other Quaker children's helpers who are running a children's meeting and can give assistance as needed. We have a separate room for children's meeting with toys and other resources available. We can fund other things as required.

We are looking for a creche worker for 2 hours a week on a Sunday Morning 10.15 - 12.15 paid £25 per week. S/he will need experience of looking after children, and/or a childcare qualification (or working towards one). We will require an up-to-date DBS, and we will organise for this to be done if necessary.

The creche worker will need to be able to do the following:

- set up and put away a suitable creche environment
- plan activities on a flexible basis
- look after children aged up to 3 years
- communicate with the Convenor of the Children's Committee

We will interview candidates as soon as possible. The job will commence as soon as possible after this date.

If you are interested in this post, or wish to find out more about it, please email Clare Wigzell on clarewigzell@virginmedia.com or phone 0113 2284873.

Engaging with families

11th November at Friends House, London OR 2nd December at Lancaster Meeting House

An exciting free event bringing together Friends to explore how meetings can engage imaginatively with families and encourage them on their spiritual journeys.

This event sees the launch of a brand new resource - All are Welcome - developed with the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre that will be available to all meetings. All Are Welcome is a set of Advices & Queries designed to explore what is currently happening in your meeting, and to consider how you can develop as an all-age community.

Find out more contact cypadmin@quaker.org.uk 020 7663 1013

Major media companies are sidelining religious content.

Apple iTunes has just announced that it is removing all religious content from its lists.

Youtube was created as an independent video sharing site. It was acquired by media giants Google and today, if you wish to put a video online, Youtube holds a near monopoly. Google has recently announced that it is effectively preventing advertisers from using videos that Google disagrees with. It will now only display videos that are supported by advertisers, which means that you have to endure anything up to 2 minutes of annoying adverts before you can watch the video! The list of topics it disagrees with are: terrorism, overt violence - and religion. It does however allow war and military activity, and pornography.

Words of Wisdom from George Fox

WHEN the Lord first sent me forth in the year 1643, I was sent as an innocent lamb (*and young in years*) among (*men in the nature of*) wolves, dogs, bears, lions, and tigers into the world, which the devil had made like a wilderness, no right way then found out of it.

And I was sent 'To turn people from darkness to the light,' with which Christ, the second Adam, did enlighten them; that so they might see Christ, their way to God, with the spirit of God, which he pours upon all flesh, that with it they might have an understanding to know the things of God, and to know him, and his son Jesus Christ, which is eternal life; and so might worship and serve the living God, their maker and creator, who takes care for all, who is Lord of all; and with the light and spirit of God they might know the scriptures, which were given forth from the spirit of God in the saints, and holy men and women of God.

From The Collected Works of George Fox



Lately Quakers and the police seem to be coming together in a number of ways. At least eight Friends were arrested opposing the Defence and Security Equipment International arms fair (DSEi) this month while many Friends have brushed with the police at fracking sites around the country. Quakers have a long history of being involved on both sides of the law.

But in some areas of the country police are reaching out to faith communities with the establishment of a Faith and Community Officer. Does the West Yorkshire Constabulary in Leeds have such a post amongst their Community Support Officers? If not, should they? A topic for discussion and investigation.

The Book of Members (the “yellow” book) is being revised.

Have you recently started attending Meetings? (In the last 3 years)

Have you been an attender for some time but your details have changed?

Are you a member, but your details have changed since the last printing?

Have you become a member within the last 3 years?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions, then the compilers of the Book of Members need to know. Please contact your Overseer or Elder to find out how to make sure your details are brought up to date.

Inclusive Quakerism

In August, Yearly Meeting, the annual gathering of British Quakers, gave all Quakers in Britain an exciting challenge – for our meetings to be more diverse. Now I'm looking for suggestions on just how we can do that.

Following a three-year arc of living out our faith in the world, Yearly Meeting issued the following minute on diversity:

"We have heard the call to examine our own diversity, particularly in our committee and organisational structure, locally and nationally. Diversity has several key dimensions and more may emerge in the future. We ask Meeting for Sufferings to look at how we can remove barriers and actively seek wider participation in the full life of our meetings, paying particular attention to race and age diversity and to keep Yearly Meeting informed in their annual report."

Minute 38: Living out our faith in the world: working with others to make a difference

Meeting for Sufferings, the national representative decision-making body of British Quakers, will begin working on this in early October. As its secretary, I'll be helping Sufferings to plan what happens next.

Our faith in the future

We already know that this is a live issue. Inevitably, Quaker meetings are responding to changes in the world around us, as we experience economic inequality, changing demographics and new patterns of work.

Quaker meetings – and their local communities – are all different. We'll need to find ways to explore what 'diversity' means, and we'll probably find different types of diversity!

Some Friends have already been considering inclusion, and doing practical things. One meeting has a 'sliding scale' for its annual weekend away, so that those who are better-off pay more than students or those on low incomes. Another is experimenting with new ways of worship. Young Quaker groups organise meetings for worship at times that suit them.

An ongoing journey

We're not at the start of this journey. In 1986, the Quaker Women's Group gave the

Swarthmore Lecture. The experiences that some Quaker feminists shared in Bringing the invisible into the Light were not always comfortable but helped to shift perceptions and practice.

In the 1990s there was a 'Joint Working Group on Racism in the life of BYM'. It helped Quakers in Britain to explore racism and published useful materials.

In 1998, Young Friends General Meeting reflected on commitment and belonging in another Swarthmore Lecture.

In 2009, Britain Yearly Meeting committed to recognising and celebrating the equality of same-sex relationships in marriage.

Drawing on contributions from Quakers around Britain in 2015, Our faith in the future tells us that we want our meetings to be loving, inclusive and all-age.

BYM has offered programmes for children and young people for decades, as well as financial and practical support to Young Friends General Meeting. Recently, we've started to focus on young adults, particularly through Quaker Life's Engaging Young Adult Quakers project.

The road ahead

All of this continues to be a challenge and the road ahead will probably have unexpected turns. But many of us are excited about new possibilities to recognise God in each person, make the Quaker way open to more people, and even grow our Quaker meetings.

I invite you to share your ideas about how Quakers can explore these issues, and encourage others to do so. We'll need to learn from others, find allies and discover new tools. Do you know other organisations that have been through similar changes? What tools can we use? Whose skills and experience can we draw on? You can send suggestions and ideas to Meeting for Sufferings at: sufferings@quaker.org.uk.



Juliet Prager, Carlton Hill, Deputy Recording Clerk BYM

Marriage and Long-term relationships.

Marriage has always been regarded by Friends as a religious commitment rather than a mere civil contract. Both partners should offer with God's help an intention to cherish one another for life. Remember that happiness depends on an understanding and steadfast love on both sides. In times of difficulty remind yourself of the value of prayer, of perseverance, and of a sense of humour.

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An open meeting of Leeds Area Quaker Meeting Elders and Overseers.

Sunday 19th November 1.30 pm

at Carlton Hill QMH, 188 Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9DX

During the last couple of years we have held several Meetings for Worship for the celebration of Marriage. During preparation for one of these the couple told us that they would of course expect the worshipping community, who witnessed their marriage, to uphold them as they went forward in their relationship. This led me to wonder how, as a Quaker community, we do in fact uphold the various marriages and relationships represented in our Meetings.

Do we feel that personal relationships are a private matter? Are there ways in which sharing our experiences may help other people? Have we experienced the support of Friends in our Meetings, and how has that happened?



Whether you're just embarking on a life together, or have lived together for many years; whether you're in a same-sex or a heterosexual relationship; whether you've gone through separation, divorce, or bereavement, or whether you are concerned with the emotional and spiritual needs of people in your Meeting (all of us?)

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS TIME OF REFLECTION AND SHARING.

An ageing population?

It has been said many times that Quakers are mainly of an older generation and that we really need an infusion of "young blood". However, the Office of National Statistics has just published its latest analysis which makes some sobering reading.

Whilst the UK population is expected to rise by something more than 0.7% per year over the next 20 years, it acknowledges that we are all living longer than ever. As a result the population of those over 80 is expected to grow by around 2.5% per year and for those who reach 100 will increase in numbers by a staggering 4.4%.

The question remains, where do we find the young people? The current birth rate for the UK is only about 40% of the projected population increase (immigration accounting for the remainder?). If these figures are correct, and over the past 10 years they have been surprisingly accurate, then we need to do some serious thinking about the shape our future Society.

Arrests made as Friends protest world's largest arms fair in London



A number of arrests were made outside the world's largest arms fair in East London, where many Friends were protesting. The arms trade has a devastating impact on peace, security and human rights. Many Quakers were aiming to stop the event from starting by blocking the entrance to the building.



Ellis Brooks, Peace Education Program Manager at Friend's House told reporters "We had held a one hour long Quaker meeting for worship outside DSEI today.



During that meeting for worship some people were sitting in the roads to praise God and share in worship, but for doing that eight Friends were arrested."



He defended the group's peaceful protest and said: "It is a personal witness against war and for a more peaceful world, and it is the way many things are changed, through direct action and through civil disobedience. We are founding members of Stop the Arms Fair which is a coalition of groups opposing DSEi in East London.

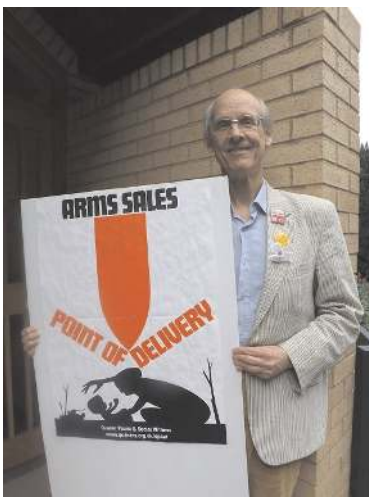


The aim is to build resistance to the arms fair through protest, lobbying, witness, creativity and prayer."

As reported to Premier Radio in London.

Photographs courtesy Robert Keeble and Huddersfield Quakers. The flags fluttering in the breeze were made by children of Carlton Hill Meeting

Martin Schweiger and Bridget Robson at the Dortmund Square, Leeds protest against the London Arms Fair



Richard Levitt, of Carlton Hill Meeting, appeared in court on 19/09/17 in London and pleaded not guilty and now needs to return again to represent himself on 4th October to receive a date for trial. All but 2 of the 17 peace protesters in court on 19th (against the London Arms Fair) pleaded not guilty. There was lots of support and solidarity.

Are you an activist? Quaker Activist Gathering 2017,

LIFT Islington, 45 White Lion St, London N1 9PW, (10 minutes walk from Kings Cross station)

Saturday, 14th October 2017 - 10:00 till 16:30

Quaker Peace & Social Witness is excited to announce the date of the fourth annual Quaker Activist Gathering, a day of workshops, networking and movement building. This will be a space for 100 Friends to meet, share stories and gain skills.

Sessions will explore a variety of topics, including resilience and burn-out, developing effective campaign messages, experimenting with new tactics. There will also be a session focusing on bannermaking and craftivism.

Includes a session with US Friend, activist, trainer and author, George Lakey

The event is free of charge, lunch will be provided and the venue is fully accessible.

There is still time to book. Online registration at <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/qag-2017/>

After the Gathering ends at 4.30pm, participants are invited to come along to the Quaker Bookshop at Friends House for the launch of George Lakey's new book, Viking Economics. The event is also free to attend.

New economy training weekend

Quaker Peace & Social Witness are excited to announce a free weekend training for Friends who wish to build an economy that puts people and the planet before profit. Over two days a group of 40 Quakers will:

Identify their collective strengths as changemakers

Make a project plan that considers the wider new economy movement

Gain insights and confidence that will inform their next steps

The training will be on **Saturday 18 November and Sunday 19 November**, at Manchester Friends Meeting House. 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

Find out more <http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/skilling-up-for-the-new-economy>

Are you interested in a change to a truly sustainable economy?

It's time to create an economy which is good news for the Earth and all its people. The Big Workshop will be a day building a faith-led movement for a truly sustainable economy. Let's do it together.

What role can faith communities play in creating a sustainable economy? At the Big Workshop we'll be exploring that question, and working together to build a faith-led movement for a new economy.

Joy in Enough: The Big Workshop

Saturday 18 November 2017

Victoria Hall, Norfolk Street, Sheffield S1 2JB

Find out more: www.greenchristian.org.uk/bigworkshop/

To book your place: <http://tinyurl.com/yb8bnwce>

To find out more about Joy in Enough: <http://www.greenchristian.org.uk/joy-in-enough/>

Carlton Hill Meeting House is 30 years old!



Carlton Hill 30th Birthday Cake is cut by Mary Rowntree, who as a child attended Carlton Hill Meeting (at the old building, now part of Leeds Beckett University Broadcasting House). Mary is being helped by Manni and Grace.



Andrew Medcalf outside Carlton Hill Meeting House with one of his photos – the photo exhibition on 8th and 9th September formed part of the celebration of 30 years of the ‘new’ Carlton Hill Meeting House and was recorded by MADE IN LEEDS TV. Note the ‘1987’ on the wall behind Andrew!

Carlton Hill Meeting was set out in the same style as the ‘Ole Carlton Hill Meeting House’ for the 30th Anniversary Meeting for Worship, which was followed by a lunch attended by 65 people.



This Teddy Bear that has been in the children’s cupboard for 30 years – donated to the meeting by Margaret Gravely.

Leeds MP Rachel Reeves signs a copy of her new book when she gave a recent lecture to the Thoresby Society at the Central Leeds (Carlton Hill) Meeting House. Her book is titled ‘Alice in Westminster – The Political Life of Alice Bacon’





An auspicious meter reading!

Friends,

No one is justified breaking the commands of Christ; no one is justified living in iniquity; and no one is justified in only professing Christ's words, and the prophets', and the apostles' words, and living out of their lives; and no one is justified living in the first birth and nature, and false faith and hope, which does not purify, as God is pure.

No man is justified not believing in the light, as Christ commands, but with the light is condemned; for the light is the condemnation of all those who walk contrary to it; therefore mind the power of God.

No man is justified, acting contrary to that spirit which convinces.

George Fox 1652



Richard Levitt at Abbey House Museum, visiting the new 'Protest in Leeds' exhibition for the first time. The exhibition has been supported by Leeds Quakers. On Thursday 5th Oct 2.30pm, Richard will be speaking at the Museum on 'The Limits of Protest' Book your place at <https://whatson.leeds.gov.uk/Pages/Abbey-House-Museum-events.aspx> Robert Keeble spoke at the Museum on 'Protest: doing the right thing' on Tuesday 26th September.

A Sustainable Society?

“Sustainable” and “Green” are two buzz words that are bandied about these days, mostly without any real meaning behind them. They are used as advertising slogans. Indeed the term “Green” was just that – invented by an advertising agency to portray something supposedly “environment friendly”. Green is a colour, nothing more, and when used to advertise something, it really has to be questioned to decide how exactly the item is “better for the planet”. In most cases the term is purely “greenwash”.

Similarly with the term “sustainable”. It comes from the Old French word *soustenir* – *sous* - under or underneath, and *tenir* - to hold. In other words to hold from under, to uphold.

But what exactly are we trying to uphold? In most cases it seems, to maintain the current lifestyle, but just tinker around at the edges.

*“We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world.....”
Advices and Queries 42.*

“The LORD owns the earth and all it contains, the world and all who live in it.” Psalms 24

If we are serious about following out Quaker beliefs and the Christian tradition on which it is founded, then we should be examining our own lifestyles very closely because it is the so-called “Western” lifestyle that is the cause of most of the problems in this world. We, each and every one of us, are to blame, not the advertisers or the manufacturers, who are simply taking advantage of our gullibility.

The act of walking into a supermarket supports the every system that has caused so much damage to the environment, from excessive packaging which cannot be disposed of (every ounce of plastic ever produced still exists in some shape of form in our environment) right through to excessive transportation of goods, to the debatable practice of forcing producers to accept lower prices, which has a detrimental effect on workers and on environmental controls.

Every time we get into a car we are causing pollution which is affecting everybody we drive past, from exhaust pollution to particle pollution from tyre friction on the road, to damage of the road surface itself. Plus the global warming effect caused by the manufacture of just about every item that we take for granted in our 21st century world.

“I will punish the world for its evil, and wicked people for their sin (said the Lord).(Then he) stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook kingdoms.” Isaiah 13 and 23

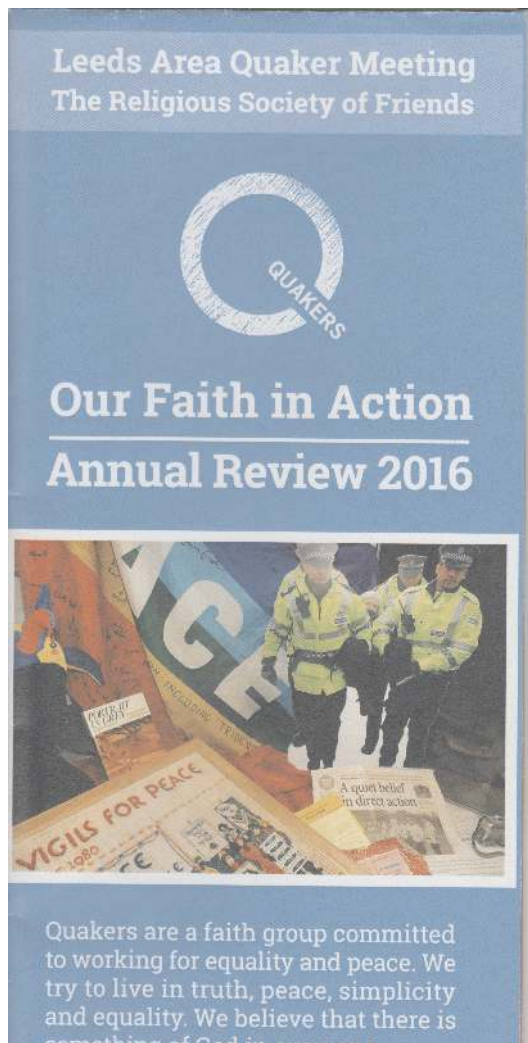
The prophet Isaiah was known for his extreme criticism of society as he saw it but have we seen his prophecies come true in the past few weeks? Scientists already agree that global warming increased the ferocity of the storms, gave rise the earthquakes in Mexico and caused the floods in Asia. Global warming caused by our lifestyle.

How can we change our lifestyle to live more in tune with our Quaker beliefs, within the framework of the society we find ourselves in? It is a challenge, but one we must all face up to.#

Pete Redwood

Area Meeting on Sunday October 8th at Rawdon Meeting House will be on the subject of **“Sustainability and Spirituality”**.

As Arctic regions heat up, the permafrost which covers 25% of the Northern hemisphere is releasing large amounts of organic matter including methane and CO₂, both powerful greenhouse gases. If there is insufficient action to control man-made emissions, the thawed permafrost could cause 1.7 degrees of global warming plus any unforeseen positive feedbacks. Yet if all countries were to meet the climate goals agreed in Paris, permafrost losses could be stabilised by mid-century.



What canst thou say?

Two new books by The Friend tackle this enduring challenge to Friends.

In 'Quaker renewal' Craig Barnett asks: 'What does it mean to be a Quaker today?' This collection of essays explores possibilities for spiritual renewal, new life and creativity in the Religious Society of Friends.

In 'Gleanings' Laurie Michaelis asks: 'What is Quaker about our commitment to sustainability?' In thoughtful and reflective essays he explores his personal response to one of the major concerns of our time.

These new titles join Harvey Gillman's 'Words', published last year, in which he explores whether we can still use religious vocabulary creatively and imaginatively in a world caught between religious literalism and secular indifference.

All three books are available by mail order directly from The Friend for £5 each plus postage (£1 UK or £2 overseas per copy).

Buy three or more books for free UK postage – one of each or mix and match!

Please email subs@thefriend.org or call 0207 663 1178 to order.

In Friendship,

Ian Kirk-Smith (editor of The Friend)

What has Area Meeting done in the past twelve months?

Get your copy of "Our Faith in Action - Annual Review 2016" now from your Meeting House.

The Great File Give-Away

When our previous tenants left Carlton Hill, they left behind a mountain of loose-leaf folders and sleeve inserts. Our Outreach Committee decided to give them away to students (with a flier inside, telling them about Quakers) as they begin their new term.



Preparation



The Give-Away - in the rain! To be repeated on a drier day.

Longing, Belonging and Balfour, the musical, was staged at Carlton Hill on 24th September. It was attended by more than 50 people



The cast spent the night in the Meeting House before making their way to the next venue



The mammoth cleanup after the show

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series ~ 2017

at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House,
Quakers Lane, Rawdon LS19 6HU.

Admission Free. Donations accepted for Amnesty International.

Stepping Out of Line - Sunday 22 October at 7.30pm

This script-in-hand production with songs, performed by Sound Company Men's Choir, explores protest movements of the past led by "troublemakers" or "freedom fighters", depending on where you're standing.

Words, Women and War (forgotten female voices of the Great War) - Sunday 12 November at 3pm

Presented and performed by Irene Lofthouse, invites you to explore the hidden histories of women who experienced WW1 as volunteers, workers, poets and writers, and to discover the impact the war had on their lives.

Greeting card campaign ~ Sunday 26 November from 1 to 3pm.

An opportunity for you to send messages of support to prisoners of conscience around the world. Contact information, cards and writing materials provided, along with coffee, tea and cake.

Bradford Music Club ~ Sunday 17 December at 7.30pm

We end the series with our traditional musical contribution from this warm-hearted, multi-talented club. The club always welcomes new members, both performing and non-performing. Further information from: Barbara Parry (0113 2503867) barbaraparry@waitrose.com or Diane Exley (0113 2502051) edianex@btinternet.com



Una Parker enjoys a celebration drink (a non alcoholic bubbly) to mark the new UN ban on Nuclear Weapons – the treaty opened for signing on 20th September and should soon be ratified.

Peace and Green Fair

Saturday 7th October

11am to 4pm

Quaker Meeting House

188 Woodhouse Lane,

Leeds LS2 9DX

(opposite Leeds Uni. Mechanical Engineering)

Leeds Peace Pole to be unveiled by Leeds Mayor at 3.30pm

Attractions include:

Apple pressing – bring some apples!

Workshops

Stalls

Food

Music

Free Entry

