

# THE QUIET WORD

September 2016 issue no 9



Meeting for worship

**GILDERSOME** Friends Meeting

House 75 Street Lane, Gildersome,  
Leeds, LS27 7HX

tel: 0113 2564944 or 07973 450368

Sundays, 10.45 am

**ILKLEY** Friends Meeting House

Queens Road, Ilkley, Leeds, LS29 9QJ

tel: 01943 600 806 or 01943 601181

Sundays, 10.30 am

**ADEL** Friends Meeting House

New Adel Lane, Leeds LS16 6AZ

tel: 0113 2676293

Sundays, 10.45 am

**CARLTON HILL** Central Leeds

Friends Meeting House

188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds,  
LS2 9DX

tel: 0113 2422208

Meetings for worship:

Sundays, 10.45 am

**ROUNDHAY** Friends Meeting House

136 Street Lane, Leeds, LS8 2BW

tel: 0113 2933684

Sundays, 10.45 am

**OTLEY** Friends Meeting

Gildersome 260th birthday celebrations

See inside - p13

1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 10.45

in The Court House, Courthouse Street,

Otley

usually in The Robing Room

Enquiries: 0113 318 8084,

dmr@cooptel.net

**RAWDON** Friends Meeting House

Quakers Lane, Rawdon, Leeds,  
LS19 6HU

tel: 07582 960092

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,



Alien invasion in Meeting for Worship?

See page 11

## ALSO IN THIS ISSUE

Leeds Area Meeting Coach Trip	3
Heritage Open Days	5
Quaker House Flats	6
Advices & Queries	7
Just sit back and relax – or take action now	8
All Change at Carlton Hill	10
Manequins	11
Leeds Pride	11
Ethical Money	12
Innovation through diversity	13
This Light that Pushes Me	14
Dignity in Dying	16
Reading QfP	16
Amnesty Concerts	17

Please send any submissions for Next month's issue of the Quiet Word to [quietword@leedsquakers.org.uk](mailto:quietword@leedsquakers.org.uk). The Quiet Word is available online from [www.leedsquakers.org.uk/activities/a-quiet-word](http://www.leedsquakers.org.uk/activities/a-quiet-word)

# EVENTS CALENDAR

@ denotes an event that is only open to those who attend Leeds Quaker meetings

Quaker Meeting for Worship at **all Leeds Meetings at 10.45am on Sundays**

Quaker Meeting for Worship at **Otley Court House held on 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10.45am**

Quaker Meeting for Worship at **Ilkley is held 10.30am on Sundays.**

## September

**Courage, Conscience and Creativity** at Leeds City Museum, Millennium Square - an exhibition that looks at Quaker war resistance in WW1 and peace activities then and now. (exhibition runs to the end of 2016)

**Thursday 1st 6pm to 7pm** Meeting for Worship followed by refreshments at Carlton Hill QMH

@ **Thursday 1st 7.30pm** special Leeds Area Quaker Meeting to look at the Leeds Quaker / Jewish dialogue statement.

**Sunday 4th 1pm to 4pm** Mindfulness in the Garden at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House - all welcome

**Tuesday 6th 7.30pm** Leeds Quaker **Bible Study Group** at Carlton Hill QMH looking at Samuel 1:16

**Thursday 8th 6pm** Leeds Dignity in Dying meeting at Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 10th** 10am Leeds Quaker Cycle Ride - all welcome

**Saturday 10th** 12 noon to 4pm Heritage Open Day at Rawdon QMH

**Sunday 11th 7.30 Rawdon QMH Amnesty Concert** The Cafe Band

**Sunday 11th 12 noon** to 4pm Heritage Open Day at Gildersome QMH - built 1756

**Sunday 11th 12 noon** to 4pm Heritage Open Day at Adel QMH

**Tuesday 13th** 6.15pm refreshments 7pm to 8.30pm **discussion Quaker Faith & Practice** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Thursday 15th** 2.30pm Meeting for Worship at Farfield Friends Meeting House - organised by Skipton Quakers

**Tuesday 20th 7.30pm** Leeds Quaker **Bible Study Group** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 24th LAQM Outing - Bentham and Kendal - all welcome!** See map for Kendal attractions

## October

**Courage, Conscience and Creativity** at Leeds City Museum, Millennium Square - an exhibition that looks at Quaker war resistance in WW1 and peace activities then and now. (exhibition runs to the end of 2016)

**Saturday 1st 2pm** memorial Meeting for Worship for Anna Needham at Carlton Hill QMH

**Tuesday 4th 7.30pm** Leeds Quaker **Bible Study Group** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Thursday 6th 6pm to 7pm** Meeting for Worship followed by refreshments at Carlton Hill QMH

@**Sunday 9th 1pm to 4.15pm Leeds Area Quaker Meeting to be held at Rawdon QMH.** Topic:

**Tuesday 11th** 6.15pm refreshments 7pm to 8.30pm **discussion Quaker Faith & Practice** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Thursday 13th** - Exhibition: the light that pushes me – Swarthmore Centre, Leeds.

**Saturday 15 10am to 4pm** Quakers in Yorkshire Gathering at The Mount School, York. Reports from The Mount and Bootham Schools and another topic to be decided.

## Bentham Quaker Meeting House, Calf Cop, Low Bentham , North Yorkshire

O thou north of England, who art counted as desolate and barren,  
and reckoned the least of the nations;  
yet out of thee did the branch spring and the star arise  
that gives light to all the regions round about.

[Edward Burrough, 1655]



The history of Bentham Meeting House dates back to the earliest Quaker times. The area was visited on several occasions by George Fox's stalwarts Richard Dewsbury, Richard Farnsworth, Robert Fell and John Snowden and others.

By 1686 numbers of Quakers had grown sufficiently to purchase a barn and land at Town Head, Low Bentham, for £11

On the 2nd day of 3rd month, 1718, (Friends originally rejected the widely accepted names of the days and months as being derived, as they were, from the names of pagan gods), it was announced that Friends had purchased the estate of Calf Cop "to accommodate us with better conveniency than we have had hitherto".

This proved to be too small for growing numbers and in 1760 the original house was demolished and the materials used to build the new Meeting House which is still in use at Calf Cop. This was completed in 1768, the stone over the doorway, dated 1718, having come from the earlier building. Over this period the number of members in Bentham remained fairly constant at between 50 and 60. Numbers today are now down to less than 10.

The meeting house is a typical Dales building made of local sandstone, weathered with age, flagstone roof with wooden gutters, probably lead lined. Inside the meeting house is a simple design with cushioned benches with back rests on a wooden floor. To the left of the porch is a concession to modernism, a toilet and kitchen in what may have been the women's meeting area or stable. Above these two rooms is another floor used for storage, possibly a hay loft. The stairs are stone.



### High Bentham

During the mid 1800's numbers of Quakers in the area continued to grow and another meeting house was built at neighbouring High Bentham in 1868. This was in use until 1973 when it was sold to North Yorkshire County Council and is currently in use as a community centre.



See overleaf for details of the coach trip to Bentham and the Quaker Tapestry at Kendal

## LAQM Outing Saturday 24 th September 2016

### Coach Trip to Bentham and Kendal

*Including a visit to The Quaker Tapestry*



The Quakers are in stitches

**Itinerary** (approx. times):

Pick up points (with available car parking)

**9.00 am Carlton Hill**

**9.30 Adel**

**10:00 Ilkley**

**11:00 – 11:45** Drinks on arrival at Bentham QMH

**1:00 pm** arrive in Kendal. Before exploring the exhibition many of us may wish to eat lunch; either sandwiches we have brought or a bought meal in the café.

Once at the Tapestry Museum we will be welcomed inside the Georgian Meeting House (1816) by being treated to a short introductory talk about the tapestry project. In addition to over 70 embroidery panels there are activities for children, videos, audio guides, a café and a gift shop with lots of gift ideas including, of course, particularly good embroidery kits.

As one visitor said on Trip Advisor *"It is a wonderful lesson about Quaker beliefs and their achievements in many walks of life from banking, to business, to industry, science and their humanitarian work throughout the world."*

Within walking distance of the Tapestry, Kendal also offers: two museums, Abbot Hall Art gallery, a castle, a riverside walk, a parish church and lots of shops.

**4:00 pm** Set off back to Leeds, arriving home around **6:00 pm**.



A contribution of £10, £15, £20 or £25 is suggested to help cover the admission charge and the cost of hiring the coach and driver. Children go free.

There will be a toilet on board the coach.

**Book via your local meeting or ring/email Ray Middleton** (0113 2287181 or [home@raymiddleton.com](mailto:home@raymiddleton.com))

Sat 10th Sept.

## Leeds Quaker Cycle Ride to Rawdon starting at 10 am from Carlton Hill QMH

Enjoy a six mile all ability and child friendly cycle along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, followed by a relaxing drink stop and climb via 'green lanes' to the 1697 Rawdon Quaker Meeting for lunch at 1pm.

**Please note:** You are welcome to join or leave the ride at any point, however, participation is on the understanding that all riders must remain responsible for their own safety at all times. No need to book.



### Rawdon Quaker Meeting House

**\*built 1697\***

**Open Sat. 10 th Sept. 1pm to 4pm**

**All welcome –refreshments provided.**

**Also: Sunday 11 th Sept. 7.30pm** be thrilled by The Café Band with musicians from Opera North sharing their exuberant tastes and talents in aid of Amnesty International

Location: Quakers Lane, Rawdon, Leeds LS19 6HU



### Adel Quaker Meeting House

**\*built 1872\***

**Open Sunday 11 th Sept. 12pm to 4pm**

All welcome –refreshments provided

Location: New Adel Lane, Leeds LS16 6AZ



### Gildersome Quaker Meeting House

**\*built 1756\***

**Open Sunday 11 th Sept. 12pm to 4pm**

All welcome – craft activities, refreshments and 2.30pm talk

Location: 75 Street Lane, Gildersome LS27 7HX



Details of all of the above can found at

[www.leedsquakers.co.uk](http://www.leedsquakers.co.uk) and [www. heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

## Quaker House Flats



Quaker House is an L-shaped building on St Mark's Street, behind Carlton Hill Meeting House, and on the lower side of the shared car park.

There are twelve flats, in groups of four, on two floors around three communal hallways. Each flat is totally self-contained with its own front door to the communal hallway giving access to the street through a communal external door with a security panel.

Three of the four one-bedroom flats are rented from the Joseph Rowntree Housing Trust and two are currently occupied. The other one-bedroom flat and the eight two-bedroom flats are purchased leasehold. Some of the flats are occupied by Quakers.

At present there are for sale:

- \* a one-bedroom ground floor flat
- \* a two-bedroom flat, also on the ground floor and
- \* a two-bedroom flat upstairs.

All look onto the shared garden with lawn, bench seats, and mature plants.

Each flat has its own front door, with a keysafe. Internally there is a system to call for help, via a pendant and/or a pullcord. Heating and hot water are from individual gas boilers with outside meters.

A service charge covers building insurance and maintenance, water rates, window and hallway cleaning, and some gardening provision.

The flats are close to several bus routes into and through the city centre and south, and out to Headingley, Horsforth, and Skipton, to the north.

There are small local shops, pubs, cafes and University facilities nearby, with open green space on Woodhouse Moor Park, and the hidden and pleasant St George's Fields. Leeds has many other large green spaces, Art Gallery, Town Hall and other concert venues, libraries, museums, theatres and cinemas, as well as large shopping areas. Quaker House is a pleasant and surprisingly quiet place to live, and Carlton Hill Meeting is lively and active, and very conveniently close.

Quakers already here would welcome others.

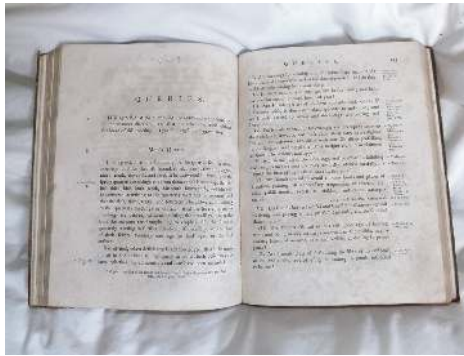
If interested now, or for the future, please contact Una Parker (0113) 244 5454. We want to refresh the waiting list of people who might wish to live here. When a flat is available we have two months, (before estate agents are involved), to find a Quaker/attender who has reached the age of sixty and wishes to come at that time. Then we contact the people interested in living here, in order, from the earliest date of application. Please apply soon to join the list, (before you are sixty, or after).

Una Parker

*Secretary Quaker House Residents Association*

## Advice and Queries – a rich pedigree

On a recent visit to Edward Starkie's (of Adel meeting) antique shop at Knaresborough, Edward showed an 1822 edition of 'Minutes and Advices' ie the forerunner of our present day Quaker Faith and Practice.



precept to train up their children, servants, and those under their care, in religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession, in the frequent reading of Holy Scriptures, and in the plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel?

The 1822 edition is the 'updated' version of the 'new' 1802 book which had become very outdated in only 20 years – somethings never change it would seem! Some of the headings are different now – Days and Times, Grave Stones, Militia, Ministers, Temperance, Mourning Habits, Slave Trade, Tithes etc.

Under the 'Queries' chapter, there are queries for different types of Quaker business meetings, whereas we now have one combined 'Advice and Queries', the main difference being that in 1802, there were separate Men's and Women's business meetings, and that some friends gifted in ministry were appointed as 'Ministers' and often travelled great distances as part of their ministry. Some of the queries are repeated and some are unique to each type of meeting. These are some of the examples from 1802:

### Men's Queries:

1 Are meetings for worship and discipline kept up, and do friends attend them duly, and at the time appointed; and do they avoid all unbecoming behaviour therein?

5 Are friends just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements; and are they annually advised carefully to inspect the state of their affairs once in the year?

8 Are friends faithful in our testimony against bearing arms, and being in any manner concerned with the militia, in privateers, letters of marque, or armed vessels, or dealing in prize-goods?

### Women's Queries:

2. Are friends preserved in love towards each other; and are they careful to avoid and discourage tale-bearing and detraction?

3. Do friends endeavour by example and

5. Are friends careful to avoid all vain sports and places of distraction, gaming, excess in drinking, and other intemperance?

8. Are the necessities of the poor among you properly inspected and relieved; and is good care taken of the education of their offspring?

### Queries for Meetings of Ministers and Elders

1. Do any friends travel, from or among you, in the work of the ministry, without certificates from the monthly meetings to which they belong, or against their advice?

3. Do any overcharge themselves with business, to the hinderance of their service?

4. Are they preserved in love and unity with each other, harmoniously labouring for the advancement of truth, and the spreading thereof?

6. Is care taken tenderly to admonish such a appear inconsistent, in ministry or conduct?

### General Advices

The Queries chapter also include a section on 'General Advice' which is introduced as "It is agreed, that the following advices be read at least once in a year, in the men's and women's quarterly and monthly meetings, and in preparative meetings."

### Friends are advised:

1. To observe due moderation in the furniture of their houses; and to avoid superfluity in their manner of living:

4. To endeavour to make way for their servants to attend meetings, and to encourage them therein:

6. To make their wills, and settle their outward affairs, in time of health:

7. To refrain from being concerned in lotteries: which this meeting considers as a species of gaming.

8. Finally, it is recommended that all friends watch over one another for good; that when occasions of uneasiness first appear in any, they may be treated with in privacy and tenderness, before the matter be communicated to another.....And friends everywhere are advised to endeavour to maintain "the unity of" the Spirit in the bond of peace"

### **Advice to Ministers and Elders:**

3. Let all ministers be careful how they enter upon disputed points in their testimony....

4. Let all be cautious of hurting meetings by unnecessary additions towards the conclusion, when the meeting was left well before.

6. Men and women are cautioned against travelling as companions in the work of the ministry: avoid all occasions of offence.

8. Let none run, in their own wills, to disturb or interrupt any people in their worship; or presume to prophesy, in their own spirits, against any nation, town, city, people or person.

9. Let ministers, when they travel in the service of truth, be careful not to make their visits burdensome, or the gospel chargeable.

11. Let ministers and elders be careful to keep their whole conversation unspotted, being examples of meekness, temperance, patience, and charity.

12. And lastly, as prayer and thanksgiving are an especial part of worship, they must be performed in spirit and in truth, with a right understanding and seasoned with grace....

*Robert Keeble*

---

## **Just sit back and relax - or take action now**

*As to our own planet which God has given us for a dwelling place, we must be mindful that it is given in stewardship. The power over nature that scientific knowledge has put into our hands, if used in lust or greed, fear or hatred, can bring us to utter destruction. .... Many of our resources – of oil, of coal and of uranium – are limited. If by condoning waste and luxury we overspend the allowance God has given us, our children's children will be cheated of their inheritance. Limited too is the annual bounty of nature. The material foundation of our life is the tilling of the earth and the growing of food... We must conserve the goodness of the soil and not exploit it.*

The above minute was sent to Meeting for Sufferings in 1957 by Norfolk, Cambridge and Hunts Quarterly Meeting.

In 1975, London Yearly Meeting (as it was then) wrote the following minute:

*We live in a part of the world where the dominant motivation is material self-interest, justified by the concept of personal freedom.*

*In these circumstances, the rich get richer and the poor, for the most part, become comparatively poorer. This offends our moral sensibility and, at the practical level, the process of material growth cannot in any event go on indefinitely. We must find some way in which we in the West can change our dominance in setting the style of the world's living from one motivated by self-interest into one in which material resources are made available according to need.....What are we doing to proclaim our joyful acceptance that our living standards are going to have to drop; what are we doing to join with other Christians and concerned fellow-citizens to proclaim the vulgarity of our affluent style of living; what are we doing to find ways of influencing the way in which our fellow-citizens think and act, be they our neighbours or elected and appointed representatives, to recognise the need for change?*

Again in 1988 London Yearly Meeting wrote:

*Our planet is seriously ill and we can feel the pain.....Our earth needs attention, respect,*



*love, care and prayer.....the power to act is God's power which is mediated through each of us as we give and receive support one from another. We can all listen if we will to the sounds of the earth, tuning into it with joy.*

Nearly 30 years on and nothing has really changed in improving the situation – or in galvanising Friends to take action. Why are we so laid back about this?

Globally 2016 has been the hottest year ever since records ever began. We have seen temperatures in excess of 50 degrees centigrade in Delhi. Alaska, the coldest place on the planet, has seen temperatures 6 degrees above normal and 2 degrees above the warmest ever recorded.

Chinese scientists have been monitoring the glaciers high up in the



Himalayas for the past 50 years<sup>1</sup>. Over that period they have observed a

gradual increase in the rate of melt during the warmer season. They are now finding carbon deposits on the glaciers which can only have come from the burning of fossil fuels elsewhere in the world. This year they were alarmed to find that the rate of melt far exceeded anything they have so far witnessed. They have estimated that if that rate of melt continues in future years, within 5 years the glaciers will be gone. This will be a catastrophe of proportions the world has never known. The glaciers feed three of Asia's most important rivers: the Ganges, the Indus, the Brahmaputra. They also give rise to numerous other rivers. The immediate effect of glacier melt is flood, which has already been felt this year in the valleys of these rivers, but the long term effect is that without the glaciers the rivers will dry up. A huge area relies on the irrigation these rivers provide to sustain life. Large tracts of Asia will become desert. The world will have a refugee problem which it will be unable to cope with.

Global warming is a peace issue as well

as an environmental one. The above scenario could clearly escalate into a peace issue. The war in Syria was also exacerbated by drought. In 2014 Syria suffered severe drought which caused hundreds of thousands to flock into the cities in search of food and shelter<sup>2</sup> The government was totally unable to handle the situation and Islamic terrorists capitalised on it.

Throughout Africa social unrest and violence are also caused directly by the effects of climate change.

Friends - climate change, global warming, call it what you will - is very real and is accelerating year by year, and we, each and every one of us, with our affluent lifestyles are the cause.

Why are we not holding the big, polluting corporations to account? All those companies that are bank-rolling and supporting the frackers, the oil drillers, those that still want to exploit the coal mines, the nuclear industry (it may be clean at point of use but the production of the fuel is far from carbon free, equally the disposal of the waste). And what about the motor industry and our own city council with policies to encourage even more cars into the city by building ever more car parks and totally ignoring park and ride? Or FirstBus Leeds replacing its fleet of hybrid low emission vehicles with conventional diesels on the grounds of financial cost?

As Yearly Meeting's minute of 1975 questioned:

\*What are we doing to proclaim our joyful acceptance that our living standards are going to have to drop?

\*What are we doing to join with other Christians and concerned fellow-citizens to proclaim the vulgarity of our affluent style of living? Take a look at <http://tinyurl.com/zg35t6u> - Leeds Diocese Speak Up for Action on Climate Change or at <http://ecocongregation.org/>

\*What are we doing to find ways of influencing the way in which our fellow-citizens think and act, be they our neighbours or elected and appointed representatives, to

recognise the need for change? Take a look at <https://fossilfreewypf.wordpress.com/>

Let's examine our consciences and find how we can make a difference in the same way that we are with our Peace Campaigns.

**October 8th - 16th is the Climate Week of Action. The chance to make our voices heard.**

*Pete Redwood*

References: <sup>1</sup> National Geographic Magazine 2014, 2015, 2016

<sup>2</sup> National Accademy of Sciences [www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1421533112](http://www.pnas.org/cgi/doi/10.1073/pnas.1421533112)

## Paws for Thought



Do you keep a cat or a dog? You may wish to consider some research by the magazine The New Scientist.

They have estimated that the average sized domestic dog fed on commercial food and provided with all the usual doggy things, has a carbon footprint nearly twice that of a 4.6 litre Toyota Land Cruiser!

What about a pet cat? It has a footprint about the same as VW Golf. Both have a carbon footprint larger than the average Ethiopian human being!

Local authorities estimate that around 250,000 tonnes of dog faeces is deposited every year, around 4% of the total waste load. And that's more than that produced by throw away nappies!

## All change at Carlton Hill

Recent visitors to Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting will have noticed that builders have been transforming the upstairs 'Quaker Lounge' to make it a much better space for all to use. The 'dormer' type conversion means that the low ceiling has been replaced with a full height ceiling, modern insulating materials in excess of present day building regulations have been fitted to ensure that the room no longer gets too hot in summer and too cold in winter. There will also be new lighting, carpet, radiators, storage, tea point and book shelving. Whilst exterior work has now been completed, the final fitting out is due for completion by the end of September. Another recent change at Carlton Hill has been the addition of three new bike stands, so there are now nine bike stands and one tree to chain a total of twenty bikes. We now have more parking for bikes than for cars and look forward to the day when yet still more bike stands will be required!



## Mannequin's at Carlton Hill...

It would be difficult to miss the 'new' friends at Carlton Hill. Not all have found them welcoming and more than one has described them as 'creepy'.



For those that do not yet know, Robert Keeble and Richard Levitt have purchased eight mannequins from BHS (Robert's daughter, Tamar worked at the Leeds store until its closure in August). This resulted in the installation of an 'art work' in one of the rooms at Carlton Hill, namely the mannequin's holding a 'Meeting for Worship'.

On the first occasion, they were not dressed, and on the second, wigs were purchased and they were dressed in modern day Quaker clothing (what ever that is?).

On both occasions, friends were invited to experience the art work – for the brave, there was a few empty chairs made available to 'join' the 'worship'. What are they thinking? What are they doing? Are they tranquil, happy, sad, creepy?

One of the first friends to visit the art display, took a deep intake of breath and said 'Oh my God....Oh my God'. Quite simply, like marmite – some friends loved the display whilst other did not. If some unknowing visitor walked into our Quaker meetings without any explanation of our ways, what would they think?



Most people found the display challenging – why? Was it art, was it a Quaker Meeting? Those with thoughts of visiting Carlton Hill need not be concerned, as the mannequins have now been removed by Robert and now occupy his son's bedroom – needless to say, Robert's son got a very big surprise on his return home for a recent visit!

## Proud to be part of Leeds Pride 2016

'More noise, more people' is the best way of summing up Pride 2016. Friends from Carlton Hill have been supporting Pride in recent years and this year we felt confident with a good supply of 'Quaker' postcards and stickers. The weather was good and at the assembly point outside Leeds City Museum there was a building sense of excitement. The allotted hour of 2pm arrived, but for some unknown reason there was a good fifteen-minute delay. Then there was a big whoosh followed by an explosion of 'confetti' and it was off. Unfortunately, us Quakers were not alone in failing to get an official place on the parade, so with a number of other similarly inefficient church groups, we all decided that we would 'slip in' between the official Jewish and Muslim marchers and thus become a combined 'supper faith group'. With precision that even the military would be proud of, we bunched up behind the 'Some Christian's are Gay – Get over it' banner and in a flash we were marching with our Jewish and Muslim friends. There was a real carnival atmosphere throughout the whole of the parade route – it was very colourful, noisy and entertaining. We had a large banner 'Meet the



Quakers', but it was the stickers that won the day. People simply loved the rainbow Quaker 'Q' stickers and postcards, with about 1000 of each being given out along the route and at the stall that we shared with the Leeds Church Institute. Roll on Pride 2017 – it's a time to be proud of living in Leeds, to celebrate our multi faith, multi-cultural and divers city – please join with us next year!



## Ethical Money?

*"Are you honest and truthful in all you say and do? Do you maintain strict integrity in business transactions and in your dealings with individuals and organisations? Do you use money and information entrusted to you with discretion and responsibility?"*

Advices & Queries 37

John Wesley, Methodist leader and founder gave three choice phrases to his followers about money in his sermon "The Use of Money" (<http://tinyurl.com/gnfvqaz>):

**1. "Gain all you can** – but never at the expense of health or life."

**2. "Save all you can** – don't waste what you have gained."

**3. "Give all you can** – that others may also benefit from your diligence"

Quakers have an equally long tradition of fairness when it comes to money.

However, in the modern world, the whole question of finance is a complex issue. Our bank accounts, pension funds and investments make us all a part of the global financial system. Whether we have a little or a lot, what we do with our money matters. We can use our money as an important tool for positive social change, campaigning for fairer wages for workers or for a transition to a clean, renewable energy system. But how often do we bother to find out what "our" savings are being used for?

Between them, churches, congregations and individual believers in the UK own billions of pounds. Decisions about how this money is used can have a powerful impact but there is no single "right" answer when it comes to making decisions about ethical money.

Your Faith, Your Finance is a project developed jointly by Quaker Peace & Social Witness and the Ecumenical Council for Corporate Responsibility which helps to clarify some of the issues. Many ideas can be found on their website <http://www.yourfaithyourfinance.org/>.

Maybe now is the time to ask your bank, building society or investment advisor some challenging questions about how "your" money is being used and what ethical constraints, if any, they have built into their lending policies. Ethical Consumer magazine lists Cooperative Bank, Triodos Bank and Nationwide Building

Society as being the most ethical places to save and to bank. Cooperative and Nationwide also operate current accounts.

In 2013 Quakers agreed that our centrally held funds should not be invested in fossil fuel extraction companies. Divestment is one of the ways we are questioning the social and financial acceptability of fossil fuel extraction in the face of ongoing concerns about climate change. Many Quaker meetings and individual Quakers are now making their own decisions about divestment.

The government is pushing through worrying new plans to ban local councils from making ethical choices in their financial investments. A ban would reverse the many positive efforts of councils to move funds away from investments in the arms trade, Israeli settlement products, fossil fuels and other areas. In some cases the proposals even contravene the government's own advice.

Locally, we can all help by supporting Huddersfield Quaker Meeting and their campaign to persuade Bradford City Council to divest from fossil fuels in the West Yorkshire Pension Fund which it manages. Chayley Collis of Huddersfield Meeting writes:

*Research undertaken by the Carbon Tracker Initiative, has found that there are already five times more fossil fuel reserves than can be burnt if internationally agreed carbon emissions targets are to be met. In other words, up to 80% of known fossil fuel reserves need to stay in the ground to prevent catastrophic temperature rises. Our futures depend on investing in clean not dirty energy and we believe that it does not make good financial or ethical sense for the West Yorkshire Pension Fund to be investing in companies which are trying to extract even more unburnable oil, coal and gas.*

She is asking for support by signing the petition which can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/np3escw>

## **Innovation through diversity: Inclusion Conference 27 September 2016,**

1.00-4.30pm the Banqueting Suite, Leeds Civic Hall.

Leeds City Council is hosting “innovation through diversity”, an inclusion conference to mark Inclusion Week. This will be a celebration of the benefits that come from being a culturally diverse City and focus on the benefits of inclusion to both organisations and communities in Leeds. Tom Riordan, our Chief Executive will introduce the conference and speakers will include Cllr. Alison Lowe, and Sharon Watson, Artistic Director of Phoenix Dance.

Speakers will focus on the positive benefits gained from Inclusion and Diversity to organisations and the communities in which they work and live, and give some great examples of innovation through diversity.

You will have an opportunity to hear real life experiences from our living library whose stories will touch on different aspects of diversity and inclusion in Leeds. This will be a good networking opportunity for all participants, and information about services will be available inside the venue on the day.

If you would be like to know how to attend and get a ticket to this event please follow the link below to Eventbrite. If you have any particular requirements to assist your involvement in this event please let me know.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovation-through-diversity-inclusion-conference-tickets-26948620048>

*Paul Leahy*

*HR Strategy: Inclusion and Diversity*

### **Olof Paulme Memorial Peace Lecture**



Olof Paulme was Prime Minister of Sweden between 1969 and 1976 and again between 1982 and 1986. He was an avid supporter of non-alignment with superpowers and dis-armament and was a frequent critic of US and Soviet foreign policy. He resorted to fierce and often polarizing criticism in pinpointing his resistance towards imperialist ambitions and authoritarian regimes, including those of Francisco Franco of Spain, António de Oliveira Salazar of Portugal and Gustáv Husák of Czechoslovakia, as well as B J Vorster and P W Botha of South Africa. He was assassinated on 28th February 1986 but his assassin has never been found.

Leeds City Council and Leeds Beckett University host a joint annual Peace Lecture, named in memorial of Olof Paulme. 2016 is the thirtieth anniversary of his assassination.

This year's lecture will be given by Caroline Lucas MP, Chair of the Parliamentary CND Group on the **27th October 6.30pm in the Banqueting Suite, Leeds Civic Hall.**

The lecture is titled '**War and Peace in the Modern World**' and will consider the two major problems facing the world today - climate change and nuclear war. We now have the power to destroy so much but do we have the intelligence and the initiative to save ourselves and the planet? In this lecture, Caroline Lucas will focus on current and future global threats, alongside solutions that will help build up a more secure, stable world for all. She will talk about the threat posed by the ecological crisis in particular and set out what she thinks Britain's foreign policy ought to look like, including, of course, the issue of Brexit.



**Admission is free but you will need to register with Eventbrite before 26th September**

**<http://tinyurl.com/huls236>**

## This Light that Pushes Me

In 2014 Quakers in Britain launched an extraordinary book to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Rwandan genocide:

### **This Light that Pushes Me.**



The book features more than 20 peacebuilders from sub-Saharan Africa; all are Quakers or involved with Quaker work and all have experienced violence.

Using photographs and personal testimonies, *This Light that Pushes Me* traces the journeys that have transformed that suffering into a force for social change. Among the testimonies is this from Cécile Nyiramana from Rwanda who says:

*“Someone can’t forgive with a broken heart. We need first to heal our wounds... Then start the work of peace and reconciliation.”*

More than 40 peacebuilders in Africa offered their stories and conducted many of the interviews with one another. The stories were gathered and edited by Laura Shipler Chico, programme manager for Peacebuilding in East Africa for Quaker Peace & Social Witness, a department of Quakers in Britain.



*“Moving and extraordinary... These friends exhibit tenderness in both senses: carrying an acute awareness of pain and yet treating those around them with care and hope.”*

Peter Woodrow, Executive Director, CDA

*“Extraordinary accounts of people who experienced the worst that a human can do, yet turned their suffering into grace, forgiveness and healing. Each story is an inspiration.”*

Carolyn Hayman, Chief Executive, Peace Direct

The photographer, Nigel Downes says: *“I want people to look at these photographs and recognise something of themselves in them.”*



Speaking about the inspiration for the project, Laura Shipler Chico says:

*“Weaving throughout these stories is the belief that somewhere within our imperfect selves, however hidden under layers of grief, loss, tragedy, hurt, and disillusion, there is something good, something wise, something knowing. And it is this Divine kernel that pushes us to keep struggling to fix our broken world; to transform hurt and grief and the human lust for vengeance into something new, into a commitment to peace no matter the cost. This book invites us to do what the peacebuilders in this book have been striving to do for a long time: listen – with simplicity – for the truth. And when we hear it, let us walk side by side right into the heart of hurt, the deep and frightening darkness, and look for light.”*

The exhibition of photographs and stories from the book is coming to Leeds.

Carlton Hill Meeting outreach committee have booked the exhibition for 13th to 19th October. The venue is the café in the Swarthmore Centre in Woodhouse Square, Leeds. It will be open each day from about 9am till 9pm, 5pm at the weekend. You can find out more about the exhibition at <http://quaker.org.uk/our-work/international-work/this-light-that-pushes-me>

This is a great opportunity for outreach and to share information about Quakers involvement in peacebuilding in East Africa and elsewhere more widely. We hope to have a launch of the exhibition on Friday 14th October, details to follow. We also hope to have some other events about Quaker peacebuilding at the Swarthmore Centre while the exhibition is there.

It would be good to have Quakers present in the café while the exhibition is there to answer questions and give out

Quaker leaflets. If you would be interested and able to be there, please let Tracey Martin at [trracey@live.com](mailto:trracey@live.com) know when would be a good time for you.

The book, This Light That Pushes Me, is available from the Quaker Bookshop £8.00

---

## International Day of Peace, 2016

International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The United Nations General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

To mark this day, the Quaker Service Memorial Trust will be holding a Meeting for Worship on Wednesday 21 September at 2:30 pm at the Quaker service memorial which is located at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Further details about the arrangements for this event can also be found on the QSMT website: [www.qsmt.org.uk](http://www.qsmt.org.uk)



---

## Leeds Quaker remembering Hiroshima 6th August 1945 one Bomb 150,000 dead

A small number of Leeds friends assembled outside Leeds City Museum, the banner simply read: Leeds Quakers remembering Hiroshima 6th August 1945 one atomic Bomb 150,000 dead

---

## Donald Wood and the FAU

Have you seen the Leeds Quaker Exhibition at Leeds City Museum yet? This details the stories of Leeds Friends in 1916, their response to World War One and our present day Quaker Peace Witness in Leeds. One of the stories featured is that of Donald Wood who joined the Friends Ambulance Unit.

Donald Wood, who was a life long artist, is related to present day Leeds Quaker Edward Starkie. Edward has recently discovered a new photo of Donald proudly standing in his FAU uniform.

Part of the FAU story is that of the 'Ambulance Trains', with the unit running four trains during the war which transported half a million casualties. A full size replica of a WW1 'Ambulance Train' carriage, now forms a major new exhibition at the National Railway Museum, York.



---

## Have you seen the exhibition “**Courage, Conscience and Creativity**”

an exhibition which looks at war resistance in WW1 and peace activities then and now?

It's still on at Leeds City Museum, till December

## Dignity in Dying in Leeds

Do you live in Leeds or West Yorkshire? Are you passionate about Britain being a place where terminally ill people don't need to suffer needlessly? Do you want to see a safe assisted dying law in the UK? Are you interested in influencing local organisations and raising public awareness of assisted dying locally?

Then Dignity in Dying in Leeds needs you!

Join up with other like-minded, passionate individuals in Leeds and West Yorkshire and play a part to help make the choice of an assisted death a reality and end the needless suffering of the terminally ill. I'll be there too to talk about the campaign and answer any questions you may have.

If you want to help out or simply learn more about the campaign please join us for an informal get together on

Thursday 8th September from 6pm at: Friends Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, LS2 9DX

No experience necessary; just bring passion and enthusiasm! Share a cup of tea in good company and hear all about the latest campaign developments, success stories from other local campaigners, and share experiences with others locally.

Please do invite friends, family and colleagues and feel free to forward on this email to them.

Please kindly RSVP by emailing [francesca.hall@dignityindying.org.uk](mailto:francesca.hall@dignityindying.org.uk) or get in touch if you have any questions or special requirements

## Reading Quaker Faith & Practice



As mentioned in previous editions of Quiet Word, The Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group invites us all to read and get to know our Book of Discipline, Quaker Faith & Practice. They have recommended a reading for each month, and each month Carlton Hill Meeting has a study session. In September it is on **Tuesday 13th at 7.00pm** with refreshments beforehand, from 6.15pm.

The recommended reading this month is *Chapter 4: Area Meetings and Local Meetings* and *Chapter 1: Advices and Queries*.

The editor's choice:

4.32 *The membership of a local meeting consists of those on the area meeting list of members who are attached to that meeting. Meetings for church affairs should be held when most people can attend, non-members attending by permission of the clerk. Most meetings will encourage regular attenders at meeting for worship to participate in meetings for worship for church affairs on suitable occasions. Friends in membership of other meetings may be present, but should notify their presence to the clerk before the meeting begins, and, if drawn to speak, should be sensitive to the fact that it is not their own meeting. However, any Friends who have been accepted as sojourning members of the area meeting (11.27) are expected to share as fully as they are able in the life of their local meeting.*

*Local meetings are at all times subordinate to their area meeting.*

*Much helpful advice and experience in exercising the care of the worshipping community is found in chapter 10 Belonging to a Quaker meeting and in chapter 12 Caring for one another. All members should be familiar both with these parts of our discipline and with chapter 3 General counsel on church affairs.*



## **Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series ~ 2016**

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

Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International.

PLEASE NOTE VARIATIONS IN DAY (Saturday or Sunday) AND TIMING (King Lear begins at 7pm)

### **Celebrations of Shakespeare**

Saturday 7 May at 7.30pm

On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, acclaimed early music specialists Arioso (soprano, contralto and baroque strings directed by Martyn Hodgson) perform music from Garrick's celebrated 1769 Shakespeare jubilee concert at Stratford.

### **An Evening of British Music ~**

Sunday 29 May at 7.30pm

Virtuoso woodwind player Elizabeth Kenwood-Herriott (oboe, oboe d'amore, cor anglais) is joined by Dawn Lloyd (mezzo-soprano), Howard Clinkard (tenor) and Peter Reasbeck (piano) in songs and instrumental pieces by a variety of British composers from the 17th to the 20th centuries.

### **The Meltemi Ensemble ~**

Sunday 12 June at 7.30pm

A welcome return by Joanna Lewis (flute), David Baker (bassoon) and John Truss (piano), playing pieces by Beethoven (his own arrangement of his septet), Piazzolla and Fredrik Holme.

### **King Lear ~**

Sunday 24 July at 7.00pm (nb earlier start time)

Theatre of the Dales offers a powerful production of King Lear, in which refugees and vagrants set about to act the one play of Shakespeare that most mirrors their predicament.

### **The Café Band ~**

Sunday 11 September at 7.30pm

It is a real thrill to welcome once more The Café Band, musicians who take time off from their busy Opera North timetable to share their exuberant tastes and talents.

### **Stepping Out of Line ~ Sunday**

23 October at 7.30pm

This script-in-hand production with songs, performed by Sound Company Men's Choir (who gave us Friendly Fire last year), asks if there is a thread that connects social upheavals with the private and the imagined. And who, exactly, is the Caretaker?

### **The Musical World of William Shakespeare ~**

Saturday 12 November at 7.30pm

Music and musical quotes from Shakespeare and his contemporaries performed by Leeds Waits and Helen Atkinson (lute and voice), in renaissance dress and with reproductions of early instruments such as shawm, curtal, sackbut, hurdy-gurdy, cittern and tabor.

### **Greeting card campaign ~**

Sunday 13 November from 1 to 3.30pm

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.

### **Julian Cima ~**

Sunday 27 November at 7.30pm.

Julian Cima brings his superlative musicianship to piano music by Beethoven (including the Moonlight sonata) and pieces from Liszt's wonderfully evocative cycle, *Années de Pèlerinage*.

### **Bradford Music Club ~**

Sunday 18 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](mailto:barbaraparry@waitrose.com)  
or Diane Exley (0113 2502051) [edianex@btinternet.com](mailto:edianex@btinternet.com)

# Leeds Quaker Cycle Ride to Rawdon

**10am Sat 10th Sept.** Rawdon QMH will be open  
from 1pm to 4pm for



**10.00am Departure from Carlton Hill**

**QMH**

Enjoy a six mile all ability and child friendly cycle along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, followed by a relaxing drink stop and climb via 'green lanes' to the 1697 Rawdon Quaker Meeting for lunch at 1pm.

**Please note:** You are welcome to join or leave the ride at any point, however, participation is on the understanding that all riders must remain responsible for their own safety at all times. No need to book.