

# THE QUIET WORD

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Meeting for worship

**GILDERSOME** Friends Meeting  
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Sundays, 10.45 am

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**ADEL** Friends Meeting House  
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Meetings for worship:

Sundays, 10.45 am

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Sundays, 10.45 am

**OTLEY** Friends Meeting

Gildersome 260th birthday celebrations

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1st and 3rd Sundays each month at 10.45

in The Court House, Courthouse Street,

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usually in The Robing Room

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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,

**DEADLINE FOR  
MAY ISSUE  
Monday 24th April**



The great Fairtrade Fortnight banana give-away.  
Keith, Audrey, Catherine, Tracey and Richard outside  
Carlton Hill Meeting House

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# Diary

## April

**Saturday 1st 10am to 12noon** Leeds Light Group 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

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm** **Leeds Area Sustainability Group**, Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 8th Book Launch** 'Hidden in Plain Sight' a day at Airton QMH. Seeker: Paul Parker in the afternoon

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

**Friday 14th to Monday 17th** 10.30am Meeting for Worship 11am Hot Cross Bun Coffee Morning at Carlton Hill QMH

**Friday 14th to Monday 17th** QiY Easter Settlement 'Towards Quaker views of Education'

**Tuesday 18th 7.30pm** Leeds Quaker **Bible Study Group** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Thursday 20th 6pm to 7pm** Meeting for Worship followed by refreshments at Carlton Hill QMH

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm** **Leeds Area Sustainability Group** Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 22nd 10am to 4pm Kindlers Workshop** at Carlton Hill QMH - Our life is love and peace and tenderness Nurturing our Meetings. A workshop based on Advice 18.

**Saturday 22nd 10am to 4pm - Quakers in Yorkshire at Harrogate QMH** Topic: **Sustainability**

**Saturday 22nd - Otley Green Fair** - please support the otley Quaker stall

**Friday 28-1 May** Bamford Quaker Retreat: **Hun Yuan Qi Gong**

## May

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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm** **Leeds Area Sustainability Group** Carlton Hill QMH

**Wednesday 3rd 6pm refreshments 7pm start Quaker Quest at Carlton Hill QMH**

**Saturday 6th 10am to 12noon** Leeds Light Group at Carlton Hill QMH

**Tuesday 9th** 6.15pm refreshments 7pm to 8.30pm **discussion Quaker Faith & Practice** at Carlton Hill QMH

**Wednesday 10th 6pm refreshments 7pm start Quaker Quest at Otley Courthouse**

## Forced Migration: Seeking a Quaker Response

Sixteen Friends from Leeds Area Quaker Meeting met with Timothy Gee and Tilly Goodwin from Friends House at Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House on Tuesday 28 February 2017. The event was requested by Tilly and Tim, as part of their 'Forced Migration Threshing Tour'.

After a shared meal, our visitors heard what work Friends in Leeds are doing for asylum seekers and refugees in this area – an impressive range of involvement including Solace, LASSN (Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network) and PAFRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers). We heard of grace hosting (temporary accommodation in private homes), the 'INN Churches' scheme (overnight accommodation in church premises), work with City of Sanctuary, mentoring refugees into employment, teaching English at home and providing 'life bags' which include essentials like toiletries.

Meeting for Sufferings has recognised significant concern among Quakers to do something and centrally want to complement what is already happening. Tim is consulting Friends throughout the country to gather concerns and ideas which will hopefully lead to a Quaker project at national level offering more support to those affected by forced migration. Tim explained this term as being obliged to leave home because of war, political danger or famine, for example. He asked us six questions to respond to in our final worship sharing:

1. What is not being done that needs doing (or needs doing more)?
2. Which of these things are Quakers particularly well placed, willing and able to do?
3. Who are the partners with whom Quakers could work?
4. How can we ensure this programme works 'with' not 'for' forced migrants?
5. How can we ensure that our programme offers a systemic critique?
6. How can a QPSW (Quaker Peace and Social Witness) programme at a national level build on and support the lived experience of Friends working in their localities?

He presented some ideas or 'routes' that have been suggested so far:

1. Peace scholarships
2. Psychological support
3. 'Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Britain and Ireland'
4. 'Houses of Hospitality'
5. Sanctuary Everywhere

Some of the main concerns Friends raised in worship sharing were: treatment of asylum seekers in detention centres and the sudden end of financial support when a decision is made. It was also felt that while there is much that Friends can do at a local level, the pressure to change policy needs a national voice which could well come from Britain Yearly Meeting.

When Tim's threshing tour is over, he will prepare a report and specific proposals to take to QPSW. We look forward to hearing what comes out of this work, which hopefully will come to fruition by September of this year.

*Pat Gerwat, Area Meeting Co-Clerk*

As a follow up to the above, I spoke with Tim Gee at the QPSW Conference (see report later) and he added that some of the Quaker Schools had embraced the idea of scholarships to asylum seekers but as yet none of Yorkshire schools - The Mount, Bootham or Ackworth - had taken up the idea. Also, that whilst there are quite a number of Quaker properties around the country capable of offering retreats for asylum seekers, so far only Charney Manor, near Wantage in Oxfordshire, had responded with a positive offer. Hopefully more will come forward.

*Pete Redwood*

## Asylum Seeker Support

Can you or someone you know drive a 17 seater mini-bus?



The Quaker Community at Bamford have offered to host a visit from Leeds asylum seekers to give them a break from the city and enjoy days in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside.



We need a volunteer who is confident handling a seventeen seated mini- bus to take the asylum seekers and their children to Bamford the morning of Tuesday 4th July, stay and drive to places nearby and return late afternoon on Thursday 6th July.

If you can help please contact Pauline Leonard on **0113 2786 351**

or email [pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com](mailto:pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com)

Also, if you know an asylum seeker who would enjoy participating in this event pass their name and details to Pauline.



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## Leeds Citizens

At the end of 2016 Carlton Hill Quakers agreed to join Leeds Citizens and on 28th February.

Mark Woodhead, Andy Watson and I attended the Leeds Citizen Delegates Assembly at Oxford Place.

It was a very mixed group of over 100 people from many different areas of Leeds and we heard examples of successful action taken since 2015. Members of the Beckhill Estate united with Stainbeck Primary School to improve their local area – reducing litter, getting a playground cleaned and equipment mended, street lights fixed to improve safety. Another group had tackled poverty in families of the lowest paid council workers and in negotiation with Leeds City Council had persuaded them to raise their pay from £6.50 an hour to £8.25 an hour.

Delegates then voted on issues to take up in 2017.

- A Leeds Citizens group has negotiated for eight people to be trained in supporting those across the city with mental health issues. The campaign aims to have one such person in each GP's surgery.

- A campaign to reduce poverty among working people by encouraging more Leeds businesses to pay the living wage.

- Urging local firms to offer work experience to young people.

There will be a launch of New Action Teams on Thursday 30th March and it will be hosted by the Leeds Muslim Youth Group, Ahlulbayt Cultural Centre, 35 Hanover Square LS3 1BQ.

*Pauline Leonard, Carlton Hill*

## Courses at Woodbrooke



Woodbrooke  
Quaker Study Centre

Quaker Peace Witness Across the Centuries : what can we learn from our past and where do we go from here?

Friday 19 May 2017 - Sunday 21 May 2017

Led by Brian Phillips, human rights practitioner and educator

Further details: <http://tinyurl.com/ktms2vb>



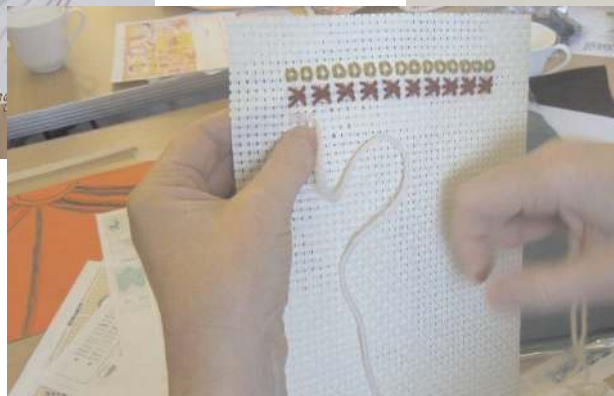
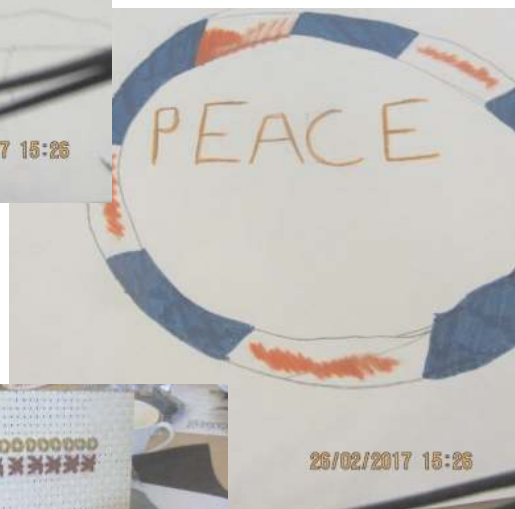
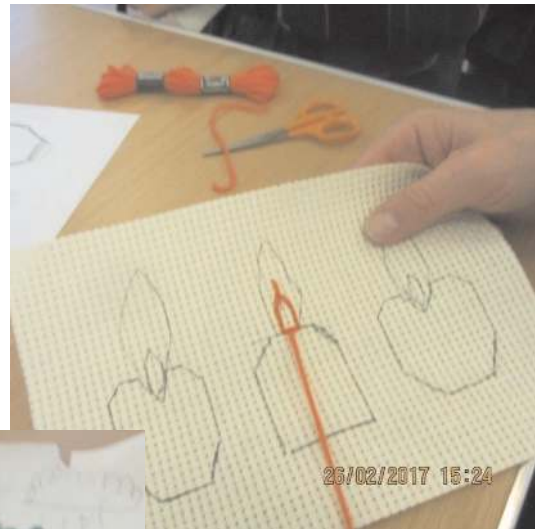
## Leeds Quaker Collage

This project, headed by Gill Brown (as artistic director), and Simon Kilner, was conceived as part of children's meeting but has evolved into an all age, all abilities concern.

The panels are designed to be small and portable so people can take them home or to other meetings. Each one is worked on pieces of cream Binca (an open weave canvas for cross-stitch work), 25 X 17.5 cm, landscape format, using wool, felt, buttons, acrylic paint etc. and can be sewn together to form larger pictures.

Meetings will be held at Adel on the 4th Sunday of the month during Children's Meeting. Before shared lunch. Adults and children welcome

For further details please contact either **Gill Brown** ([gill@cherrytreexs.co.uk](mailto:gill@cherrytreexs.co.uk) 07939535115) or **Simon Kilner** ([simonkilner@btinternet.com](mailto:simonkilner@btinternet.com)) 07939041636)





## Take action on fracking at Pendle Hill, Lancashire, Saturday 6th May 2pm

Pendle Hill Quakers invite you to join them in taking action on fracking. In 1652, founder of Quakerism George Fox climbed Pendle Hill in Lancashire. There, he had a vision of "great many people to be gathered", a moment of deep inspiration for his ministry.

Today, Pendle Hill is in the midst of areas licensed for the exploration of shale gas, commonly known as Fracking. This link shows the areas affected:

<https://drillordrop.com/lancashire-licences/>

Pendle Hill Friends invite you to join them for a 'Meeting for Witness' at 2pm on 6th May 2017 on Pendle Hill to bring attention to the injustice of fracking, and call on those in power to ban it.

There is parking at Barley village for access up the steep end. It is anticipated that for those unable to climb up Pendle Hill, which is very steep and challenging, there will be a Meeting for Worship in the car park.

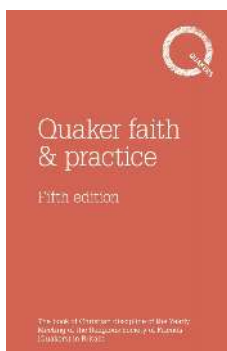
Website link re event and Fracking: [http://pendlehillquakers.org.uk/?page\\_id=606](http://pendlehillquakers.org.uk/?page_id=606)

A short video about the event - <https://vimeo.com/201869254>

Quakers response to fracking: <http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/sustainability/fracking>

*"Many of us have experienced a Quaker Meeting for Worship on a hill, in a hotel lobby, under the stars; it is often on these occasions, with others, that the silence can surprise and the Spirit can burn even more brightly"* from a participant at a Young Friends Meeting, quoted in *Living Your Beliefs - an Exploration of the Faith and Practice of Quakers* published by Britain Yearly Meeting in 2016

### What have you learned from the process of reading Quaker faith & practice?



The Book of Discipline Revision Preparation Group invite feedback from all those who have been reading our current book – whether you have formed a group, read it alone, raced ahead or are taking it slowly. There is only one question: what have you learned from the process of reading Quaker faith & practice? Your comments will inform the process of discernment about whether it is time to revise our Book of Discipline, which Yearly Meeting will probably consider in 2018.

Please submit via the online form: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ReadingQfp](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ReadingQfp). Or by post to: Michael Booth, Recording Clerk's Office, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ.

## A Sustainable Future for Kirkstall Valley



Kirkstall Valley Development Trust is one of Leeds most ambitious community driven projects. It was set up in 2016 and is owned and run by its members

The aim is to develop a learning and leisure park over 200 hidden acres of inner Leeds and to refurbish two heritage mills that lie at its heart to create workspace for sympathetic small businesses, a flexible community space, exhibition and events space, plus public cafe/bar.

Working with Leeds City Council, University of Leeds, Leeds Beckett University, the Centre for Alternative Technology (Machynlleth, Wales) and local community groups to create a Centre for Future Cities (CFC) which intends to be a genuine partnership space bringing together different sectors. It will focus on key areas of city life that need to be, and are being, transformed: transport, energy, food and nature, housing and work. It will do this by:

- Providing real world opportunities for research and learning from an early stage in development
- Co-creating and sharing knowledge and understanding between different groups – communities, enterprises, policy makers, researchers, learners
- Being an exemplar of sustainable good practice in urban scale developments
- Recognising challenges, evaluating and adapting

Phase 2, the launch of the Centre for Future Cities took place at the end of March 2017. The opportunity is open to invest in shares plus the chance to keep up to date with latest developments

Check out the website <https://www.kvdt.org.uk/> for more information

### **Do you have some expertise in safeguarding/ social work?**

We are looking for a Quaker to help us review our Safeguarding Guidance Notes and Information Sheets for Meetings (there are about 20 of these).

Given the need for professional insight we would be willing to pay a fee for this work so that we can attract the right person. The task would ideally be completed by the end of November 2017.

If you would like to know more about the task please contact Gill Sewell, Ministry & Outreach Officer (safeguarding adviser): [gills@quaker.org.uk](mailto:gills@quaker.org.uk), 020 7663 1017.



## **QPSW (Quaker Peace and Social Witness) Spring Conference.**

About 100 representatives from all over the British Isles gathered at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick, near Derby on the weekend of 24-26 March 2017.

As always with Spring Conference it is aimed at newly appointed Meeting Representatives and those wishing to find out more about the work of QPSW, as well as appealing to “veterans” like myself.

The conference covered such a wide field that it will take several articles to adequately pass on the information gleaned. In this short summary I can only skim the surface and give a flavour.

The conference started with an answer to the perennial question “What is QPSW?”

QPSW is one of the two bodies within Britain Yearly Meeting that helps to shape the policies and the work of Quakers in Britain. The other body is Quaker Life, dealing with the spiritual side of our life. QPSW employs 24 paid workers many of whom are only part-time, some for just a few hours a week. They work on many fronts but all interlinked – the Eccumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), Peace Issues and Education, Disarmament, Economic Issues and Equality (or should I say Inequality), Sustainability including Climate Change, Fracking, Divestment (of investment in the fossil fuel industry), Crime and Community Justice, Forced Migration, Turning the Tide (teaching a non-violent response to violence). Also they work closely with the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in Geneva.

Several workshops and drop-in sessions were held to help everybody meet the staff and get a flavour of the work they do. For me the most effective workshop was an Open Space where everybody was given the opportunity to field a question for discussion. Similar topics were then merged to provide half a dozen discussion groups. I joined what turned out to be largest. We started with the question “How do we get more young people to join Quakers?” but this developed into “How do we get anybody to join?”, “Who are we?”, “Why are the charismatic groups more effective than we are at getting young people?” etc. etc. We finished up with more questions than answers but it made for a very lively discussion, one that we could have continued well beyond our allotted time.

As always I walk away from these conferences inspired to get on and do something – to make a difference. Inspired to “go out into the world and breathe life into my beliefs” or in the words of George Fox “to be patterns and examples in all countries, places, islands and nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.”

In our closing session we were left with two very poignant analogies:

Quakerism is like an oak tree. Its branches are the Quaker Meetings, the leaves its individual Quakers. The leaves are nurtured by the branches and by the tree, and eventually the leaves fall to nurture the tree and its branches. The tree never stands alone but is surrounded by other trees, some smaller, some larger – the other communities around which we also interact with and help to nurture. And the group of trees is but a small part of the wider forest – the rest of the world – with which we also interact and help to nurture.

The second analogy concerned the placing and removing of stones. If we place a stone on a river bed, no matter how small that stone is, it will affect the flow of the river. Similarly if we remove a stone, it could have disastrous effects in how it affects the flow of the river. Any change we make will have an effect on something. Be very careful how you make those changes and think them through as carefully as possible. Even then be aware that some changes may have unforeseen and un-intended consequences. Global corporations and governments take note!!!!

*Pete Redwood, Carlton Hill*



## A "First-timers" impression of the Conference

The QPSW Spring conference was my first ever event of this type, and I found it a very useful and interesting experience. The workshops I attended were both informative and inspiring, and contained lot of ideas which I hope we can put into practice in the future.

The militarisation workshop explored the rising tide of militarism in both society and schools, and what we can do to either halt it or balance it out with more peace education in schools and the wider public consciousness.

The economic workshop was discussion based and explored what would be needed for an economy in which the Quaker testimonies could flourish. Of particular use and interest to me was the information on the peaceworkers scheme, in which a year's work placement is available in NGOs like CAAT and Amnesty, and which I hope to be accepted onto when I finish my Peace Studies degree.

The atmosphere was friendly and welcoming, and there was a feeling of togetherness when we had sessions with everyone involved. One highlight was the viewing of the film 'We Are Many', which covers the massive public response all over the world to the start of the Iraq War and the founding of the Stop the War Coalition.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable and informative experience and I hope to go again next year.

*Catherine Warr, Carlton Hill*

## A Letter from Glenthorne

Dear Friends,

I am sitting in the garden room typing this. I can hear a great tit calling (teacher teacher) and the fluid notes of the song thrush singing in the garden. The snowdrops have been out since we opened at the beginning of February and the daffodils will be coming soon. Of course we are hearing the woodpeckers during the day and the tawny owls at night, along with some oyster catchers from time to time!

We have some sad news and some happy news. The sad news is that we lost our gardener Alex towards the end of last year. He had been with us for 30 years and was in the gardens here just a day before he died, aged 85. We miss him. The good news is that we now have two red squirrels regularly in the garden. The first one appeared the day after Alex's funeral (It's the one with the light tip to its tail below) and so we have called him/her Alex.



We also welcomed our new gardener Tim, who lives nearby.

Everything is starting to come alive after the winter and the mowdies (moles in Cumbrian) are throwing up lots of new earth hills in the fields. That restless urge to get walking and let the views from the hills take you out of your self is getting stronger again; a chance to see the constantly changing natural beauty that somehow imparts its energy to us, whatever the weather. Yesterday I was able to go over to Glenridding and walk up Glenridding Dodd and into the snow on Sheffield Pike with stunning views along the length of Ullswater and across the Far Eastern Fells.

We have an even bigger programme of Special Interest holidays to offer: you can join Barbara Windle as she takes a fresh look at Wordsworth and the deep places or come with Margaret and to deepen our connections with the natural world. You might be attracted to an exploration of Mysticism and the Quakers with Jan Arriens and Maggie Taylor Saunders or finding out more about Quakers with the Quaker Quest team. Perhaps you always wanted to

learn to paint and draw: Keith Ward will help you (an illustrator with Warner Bros).

Have a look on our website (<http://www.glenthorne.org>) to see the 30 courses we are offering this year. Towards the end of the year you might like to play with Alec Davison and Tony Biggin of Quaker musical fame or approach the cloud of unknowing with Jennifer Kavangh. And if you have any Scottish connections then don't miss spending time with author Alastair MacIntosh in deepening a sense of meaning and direction in life.

Of course you can just come and enjoy being looked after here by us for a good rest and time out in beautiful and romantic surroundings. Paul our chef continues to make sure you eat great food. Laura will give you a warm welcome, while Shirley our housekeeper keeps everything spotlessly clean for you!

I am around if you want to chat about Quaker things, walking and wildlife or life in general and I will happily put aside an hour to listen to deeper things if you would like.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Best Wishes from all of us.

*Terry Winterton*

*Friend in Residence Glenthorne*



Adel and Area Meeting visit to Glenthorne  
Photos by Robert Keeble

## Peace Witness

The Northern Friends Peace Board held its most recent meeting at Bolton Meeting House on Saturday March 4th. This presented a dilemma for me – should I attend the NFPB as your newly appointed Leeds Quaker representative, or should I enjoy a full and relaxing weekend at Glenthorne Quaker Guest House at Grasmere with Adel Friends? I decided to do both!

I had a fantastic weekend in the Lake District at Glenthorne and a wonderful trip to Bolton where I met with some 40 Quakers from across 'The North'.

This was my first visit to Bolton and I was very impressed with the well-designed Meeting House. Highlights included our lunch hour walk into the town centre where we held a mini 'NHS NOT TRIDENT' peace witness on the town hall steps.

The afternoon started with our traditional 'members Forum' which is an opportunity for all present to share what has or is about to happen in their local areas. For example, Darlington Quakers are involved in a new 'White Rose' peace group which has been created in response to extreme right wing groups in the area and have linked to Darlington Meeting in Maryland, USA. I was able to inform friends that Carlton Hill Meeting House is about to become the new home of the Leeds Peace Pole.

In the main afternoon session, we heard about the QPSW (Quaker Peace and Social Witness) one-year peace worker programme which places about three Quaker financed Peace Workers with different peace organisations every year. Hannah Larn, who is one of the present peace workers, told us about her own experiences. She clearly enjoyed her training which consisted of a week at both Woodbrooke and Friends House. She is now at the Tim Parry and Jonathan Ball Foundation for Peace centre in Warrington. The Peace centre was established following the IRA bombing in Warrington that killed two young boys (hence its name). Work at the centre focusses on Prevention, Responding to Violence and Relief. Hanna told us of her surprise at being asked to manage a 'boy band' as part of her new role – the band tours schools and promotes a peace message. She is also helping with a Conflict Resolution Project in Liverpool which is using the Meeting House there, and she is arranging a Young People's Peace conference.

Our Final session was with Tim Gee and was on Forced Migration – this was a repeat of the session that I did with Tim in Leeds only a few days before, so I gave my apologies and left early – I was very lucky to get back to Glenthorne just in time for afternoon tea and the penultimate slice of cake!

Glenthorne, for those that don't know, is a magical place and on this occasion I had my first ever red squirrel sighting, but not just one, there was another and another..... by the end of the weekend, I think we had all seen at least one of the squirrels, apart that is, for Pat Gerwat, our new Area Meeting Co-Clerk – she kept looking and none came..... (thankfully, Pat did see one just before we left to return to Leeds). Another highlight for me was an early morning run, slip and slide to 'EasdaleTarn' which I managed to do before breakfast on Sunday.

*Robert Keeble*





## Thoughts on a growing problem

At a recent Leeds sustainability Group meeting we raised the question of population growth, increasing numbers of older people, and the thorny issue of the safe, ethical and environment friendly way of saying goodbye to departed ones.

Leaving the last point aside for the moment, I am concerned by the problems caused by an ever increasing population and society's apparent inability or appetite for dealing with it.

China tried a draconian method of population control and was forced to abandon it because it had the wrong effect. Looking at this country, most responsible couples practice some form of birth control, but what about the many immigrant families whose culture dictates that they have many children?

The immediate question is where do we house them when they grow up? The Margaret Thatcher government of 1979-80 made sure that everybody was given the "right" to own their own homes, allowing people to buy council houses, and other rented property. Properties sold on the open market are free to reach whatever the highest bidder is prepared to pay, which invariably bears no relation to the true bricks and mortar value of the property, and gives rise to property speculators buying to sell again for profit.

Popular fashion decrees that each young adult aspires to move away from the family home and set up on their own. In many other cultures this pattern does not exist. The implication for the UK is there is simply not enough land to carry on building stand-alone properties.

In today's culture flats are seen as second best but really are an effective way of making the best possible use of the limited space we have available.

Our present government is not willing to interfere with "free enterprise". But the question is: do we carry on allowing developers to gobble up all our green spaces building the sort of property that generates the highest profit; or do we pass greater control to our local authorities to dictate what type of property is built, where and for how much it can be sold.

On the question of an ageing population: do we carry on as we are – doing everything possible to prolong our lifespan; or do we set a reasonable lifespan, and then admit that after that, nature takes its course. We are the only species on the planet that interferes with that process.

Let the debate continue – on both fronts. Perhaps it is a topic for Area Meeting to discuss.

### LEEDS REPAIR CAFE 2017

SATURDAYS 12-4PM

1ST APRIL, 3RD JUNE, 5TH AUGUST, 7TH OCTOBER

Bring along your broken items and our skilled volunteers will work with you to do their best to repair them - for free! Computer, electrical, jewellery, sewing, household, toys and general repairs will be available.

Nothing to repair? Join our friendly team of volunteers and help fix instead!

To maximise your chances of getting your item fixed get in touch 10 days before the event - with photos and symptoms via Facebook.

WHERE TO FIND US: EBOR COURT SKINNER STREET LEEDS LS1 4ND (NEAR CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL)

Find us on Facebook at [Leeds Repair Cafe](#)



## A LOW CARBON QUAKER COMMUNITY? IS OUR FAITH DEEP ENOUGH?

In 2011 Britain Yearly Meeting committed to creating a low carbon, sustainable community of both Meetings and individuals. Quakers in Yorkshire, at Harrogate Meeting House on Saturday April 22nd, will ask the question “What progress have we made in the past six years and what do we plan both for our own lives and for Quakers as a whole in the next few years to realise that low carbon, sustainable community”



Scientists estimate that unless we manage to control global mean temperature rise to below 2 degrees before 2030, the prospects for the human race look very bleak. Ideally our maximum safe target should be just 1.5 degrees. To achieve this we have to drastically reduce our use of all carbon generating technology – NOW - primarily our use of fossil fuels.

Jonathan Dale, Swarthmore lecturer and author, with considerable expertise in low carbon living, will lead the morning session and members of Huddersfield and Leeds Meetings will conduct workshops to help us examine our lifestyles in the afternoon.

Full details are available in the latest Quakers in Yorkshire newsletter:  
<http://tinyurl.com/nx5zw7q>

The morning starts at 10.00 and Friends are advised that there is negligible car parking available at the Meeting House. Where possible, Friends are advised to travel by bus or train. Further information on facilities: <http://yorkquakers.org.uk/harrogatequakerm.html>

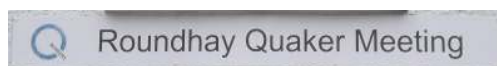


Can you place this mystery photo? Probably not, but it is from the NFPB archives and shows a NFPB Board Meeting in the mid 1970's at the Old Carlton Hill Meeting House – only one Leeds Friend is identifiable in the photo, namely Wilfred Hawkes, who was the last Caretaker at the old meeting house (back row 4th from left)



NFPB Peace Witness  
in Bolton -  
see page 11

The new wheelchair ramp at  
Roundhay Meeting House



The smart new sign



# Quaker Quest

Explore the Quaker Way

A series of introductory evenings in May 2017

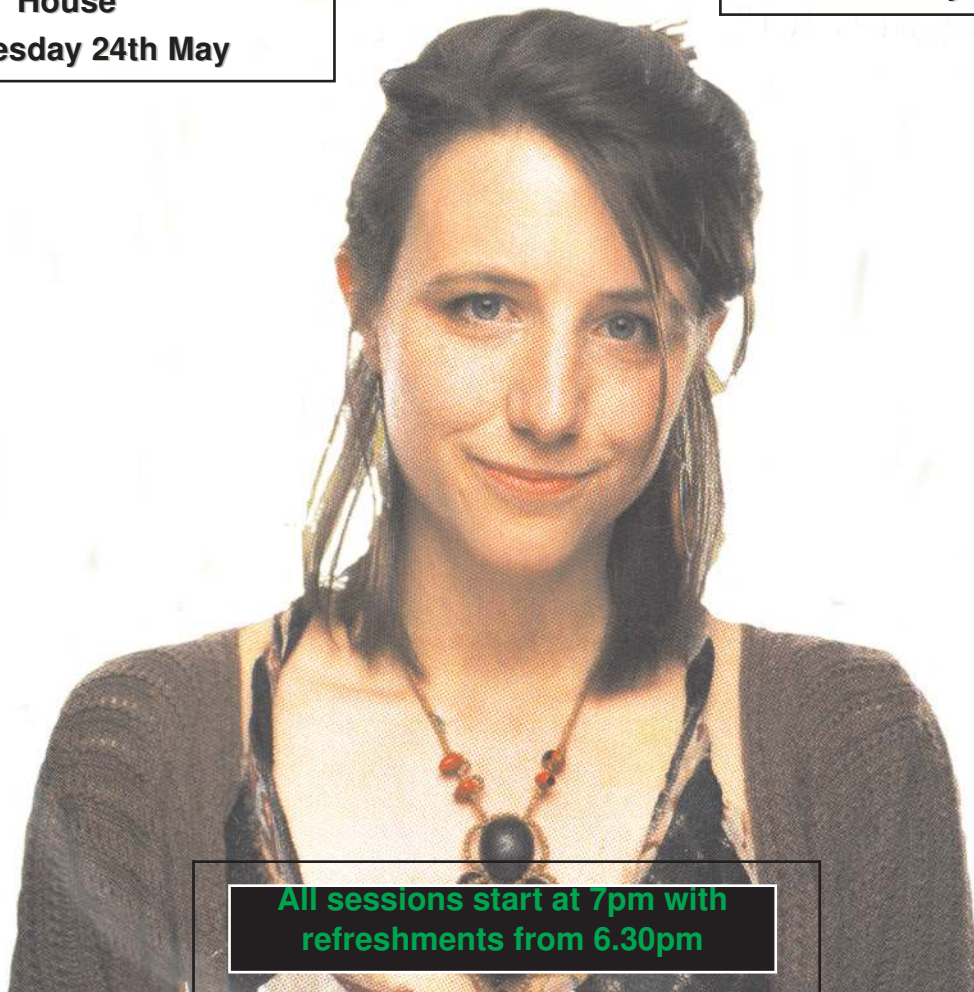
**Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting  
House**

**Wednesday 3rd May**

**Gildersome Quaker Meeting  
House**

**Wednesday 24th May**

**Otley Courthouse,  
Courthouse St, Otley  
Wednesday 10th May  
Wednesday 24th May**



**All sessions start at 7pm with  
refreshments from 6.30pm**