

# 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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Friends Meeting House  
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Meetings for worship:  
Sundays, 10.45 am

**ROUNDHAY** Friends Meeting House  
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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

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**RAWDON** Friends Meeting House  
Quakers Lane, Rawdon, Leeds,  
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,

## RECENT EVENTS



Carlton Hill Quakers taking a stand on Clean Air Day



Gildersome Scarecrow Festival

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## Deadline for August issue

**Monday 23rd July**

early, due to YMG

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# Diary

## July

**Saturday 1st** 10am to 12noon Leeds Light Group at Carlton Hill QMH

**Tuesday 4th** 12noon to 2pm Unity Lunch - organised by Leeds Chaplaincy

**Thursday 6th** 7.30pm – 9.00 pm Leeds Area Sustainability Group

**Saturday 8th** 10am to 12noon Campaign Against the Arms Trade workshop at Carlton Hill QMH

**@ Sunday 9th** at 1pm **Leeds Area Quaker Meeting at Gildersome QMH;**  
possible topic: **BYM**

**Monday 10th** 7.30pm - Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship talk 'Faith and Refugees in Leeds'

All welcome

**Saturday 15th** 10am to 4pm - Quakers in Yorkshire at Malton QMH

**Thursday 20th** 7.30pm – 9.00 pm Leeds Area Sustainability Group

**Sunday 23rd** 7.30pm Rawdon QMH Amnesty Concert

**Saturday 29th to 5th August Yearly Meeting Gathering**

to be held at the University of Warwick, Coventry

## August

**Saturday 5th** 10am to 12noon Leeds Light Group at Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 12th** 10am to 12noon Campaign Against the Arms Trade workshop  
at Carlton Hill QMH

**Friday 14 - 20** Bamford Quaker Retreat: Mowing the Meadow

**Sunday 20th to 27th** Yorkshire Friends Holiday School for those aged 13 to 18

**Saturday 26 - 4th Sept** Bamford Family Summer Camp



Clean Air Day 15th June 2017

## What happens to our black bin waste?



Fifteen members of the Leeds Area Sustainability Group paid a visit to the newly built Waste Recovery Centre in Leeds to find the answer to this question. We travelled in three electric cars and proudly parked in the three bays reserved for electric vehicles. We were able to recharge the vehicles whilst we visited the plant.



The building itself is a landmark in Leeds, being over 30 metres tall with an immense living green wall on the south side, facing the road. It is home to countless insects, bees and birds. With the aid of a Public Finance Initiative it was built at a cost of £174M and started operating on 15th Nov 2016, three months ahead of schedule. It is run by the French environmental services company Veolia on a twenty-five year contract. The company specialises in waste disposal, water supply, energy supply and public transport. (Veolia is the majority owner of Transdev who run Harrogate and Keighley buses and Coastliner buses. They also have a major stake in SNCF, the French railways, and in Eurotunnel)



We were met by an official from Leeds City Council who proudly announced that Leeds aspired to become a zero waste city by 2020! (Highly unlikely, since the current recycling figure for the city is only 37%). However, this new plant completely eliminates the need for landfill. Literally everything that leaves the site is sold for another use.

Approximately 80 tonnes of black bin waste is delivered every day and initially this is screened to remove all metal, ferrous and non-ferrous. Much of the recyclable plastic can also be screened out, as can a lot of the paper and card. All screenings are sorted and sold to H W Martin in Dewsbury Road, who also handle all the council's green bin collections.

The residue is fed by conveyor to a huge furnace which consumes it at well over 850 degrees centigrade. The flue is heavily filtered so that all that is emitted into the atmosphere is water vapour. The contents of the filters can be used for other purposes. The ash from the furnace is sold to produce breeze blocks, glazed tiles and aggregate for road building.

The furnace heats a boiler to produce steam which is used to drive a turbine to provide 11MW of electricity per hour. This, they claim, over the year, is enough to keep 22,000 homes going with all the electricity they need. There are now plans in hand to utilise the excess heat for a district heating scheme but this has yet to come to fruition.

The whole scheme is run by 56 staff working in shifts to keep it running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. One of only ten similar plants in the country, it is rated third for efficiency and output, Bristol coming out top with Newcastle second.

This proved an extremely informative visit and we look forward to further developments in the Leeds area.

## **Carlton Hill and Leeds Citizens**

Carlton Hill meeting is a member of Leeds Citizens. Leeds Citizens is an alliance of organisations working together for the common good of the people of Leeds. Organisations involved include mosques, churches, synagogues and schools, among others. Issues that Leeds Citizens has worked on recently include poverty, public transport, and welcoming refugees. The three main areas of campaigning at present are the living wage, opportunities for young people, and mental health.

Before the general election Leeds Citizens sought to arrange meetings with the election candidates in the various Leeds constituencies. I live in Leeds Central (in Beeston), and was pleased to be able to be involved in a meeting that was arranged with Hilary Benn. We took the opportunity to talk to him about the three current Leeds Citizens campaigning issues. Someone spoke about the living wage; members of a Muslim youth group spoke about opportunities for young people; and I spoke about mental health. We asked Hilary Benn if he would be willing to have a further meeting with us after the election, within the next few months, about these issues. He seemed receptive to this idea.

For me, at least two points are worth emphasising from this experience about the way Leeds Citizens works. First, there is an emphasis on building relationships, including relationships with politicians. Second, the way Leeds Citizens operates can help to overcome barriers and suspicion, can help to strengthen community cohesion. The members of the Muslim youth group who spoke at the meeting about opportunities for young people were articulate and, I think, effective. I think Hilary Benn was impressed by what they had to say, - probably rather more impressed than he would have been if I, for example, had been talking to him about opportunities for young people.

In future there will be opportunities for people from Carlton Hill to be involved in Leeds Citizens, in work on the chosen campaigning issues and in choosing issues for Leeds Citizens to work on later.

Anyone interested in this, who has any questions or who would like to get more involved, should talk to Pauline Leonard or myself.

*Mark Woodhead, Carlton Hill*

### **A Message from Finance & Property Committee**

Hi Friends,

Whilst we sort out a successor to Dyslexia Action as our tenant, there is an opportunity for short-term contract parking at the Meeting House – daytime Monday-Friday (or possibly Saturday). This may be of interest to you or your colleagues especially if you work at one of the Universities or LGI.

The cost is £60 per month, let on a monthly basis.

Please put the word around, and direct any interest or enquiries to myself  
at [andy@andybeck.org.uk](mailto:andy@andybeck.org.uk)

Andy Beck

Finance & Property Committee

## 30th Anniversary of Carlton Hill



Thirty years ago, the finishing touches were being made to the 'new' Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House. Carlton Hill friends are now planning to mark this anniversary, however, it is important to remember that thirty years ago, all was not well with the meeting due to two unexpected deaths shortly before the opening. One of these was that of June Lodge, who at the age of twenty four, sadly took her own life. June was a young artist and poet; the first poem in her book, 'The Essence of my Life' is titled Life:

Round the bend and over the hill,  
Where is this life leading me to?  
Pushed and pulled against my will,  
The noon tide pulls me through

Pulls me through life's stormy waters,  
Drags me through the even hour,  
Rocky bed, tempestuous waters,  
Lays me down, my resting bower.

Will I cry for nought?  
Will my labours be in vain?  
Will I die a lonely death?  
Or, through dust, remembered?

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The Essence of My Life by June Lodge  
was published in 1998 by LodgeBooks ISBN 0953241807.

It is currently listed by Amazon as unavailable. Second hand copies may be available.

## Consensus?

I have commented at various times on the way Quaker names, phrases, and expressions have been shortened, re-written or mis-quoted, thus completely changing their meaning.

We call ourselves Quakers, yet this was a derogatory term applied to us by a judge. We are often referred to as “The Society of Friends” or, possibly slightly better, “The Religious Society of Friends.” But friends of what or who? Everybody? Strictly, we are the Religious Society of the Friends of TRUTH. The truth that we live by our faith. By waiting in “the light” of the Lord the truth will be shown to us.

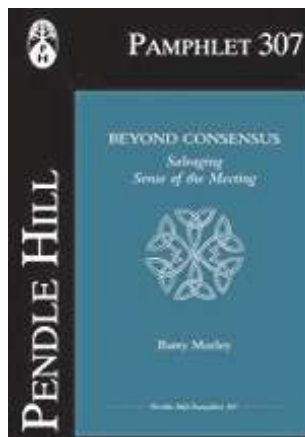
We started from a very strong Christian base and a firm belief in the teachings of Jesus. However, over the years and the centuries this has become somewhat diluted and we have become much more tolerant of people who do not accept Jesus as their guide. Our book of discipline is now simply called Quaker Faith and Practice but until just a few years ago it was Christian Faith and Practice.

We have changed our way of thinking, our way of identifying ourselves. Does this also affect our decision making? I believe it probably does. I have heard it said many times that our process is consensus. But it should not be. Consensus is a mental process, a wilful adjusting to other people’s views, a giving way to a certain extent. Almost willing ourselves to reach a decision. A Meeting for Business is also a Meeting for Worship and exactly the same criteria apply. Personal ego and personal desires have no place in a Meeting for Business. What we should be looking for is the sense of the meeting, opening ourselves to being guided by “the Light”, to sitting in unity in the Presence of the Lord, being guided, not by our own thoughts and desires but by the will of God, an exterior all-encompassing to force. We need to allow ourselves the time to work through the process. Any Meeting for Business controlled by the clock risks corruption of the process.

Barry Morley\*, in his book “Beyond Consensus”, writes, “Whether we wish to admit it or not the Sense of the Meeting is the Quaker equivalent of the Christian Holy Communion. We absorb and are absorbed by the Light. We reach, if only momentarily, that place beyond time where we taste tranquillity. We have slipped beyond issues and answers to a place where peace and love are the same words.”

Pete Redwood

\*Pendle Hill Pamphlet No 307 Beyond Consensus – Salvaging the Sense of the Meeting by Barry Morley. He is concerned by what he calls “Doughnut Quakerism” by which Quakers devote themselves to Quaker values and concerns but diminish the spiritual core from which those values and concerns originally emanated. This is one of the recommended reads in preparation for Yearly Meeting Gathering.



## **An appeal from Arthur Pritchard and the Junior Holiday Committee**

Dear Friends,

I would be extremely grateful if you could do anything you can to get this message out across Quakers in Yorkshire...

Can you help us give young Yorkshire Quakers aged 7-12 a weekend away together this autumn?

Quakers in Yorkshire Junior Holiday Committee are urgently seeking to co-opt committee members and recruit volunteers to help us run a weekend for children at Fanwood Campsite, in the Spen Valley, on 27th-29th October. We need Friends who are happy to help organise (planning, keeping records, being on the end of a phone during the event, etc) and don't want to come for the weekend... and Friends who are happy to come for the weekend and don't want to help organise... and if anyone is happy to do both, so much the better!

This event has been provisionally booked and advertised, but it won't go ahead unless we can secure more promises of help. Junior Holiday weekends away are greatly enjoyed by the children - and the volunteers!

Please contact Rachel Muers on [rachel@crojack.org](mailto:rachel@crojack.org) if you can help or if you want to know more.

And please circulate this message to anyone you know who might be interested.

Thank you!

The Junior Holiday committee

### **Meeting Meat at the Meeting**

*"Quakers are all about inclusion and diversity – accepting everyone. However when it comes to food it seems that vegetarianism is the only option. I was told that this was decided a few years ago. I simply want to suggest that all food should be allowed at Carlton Hill gatherings. I know that there are vegetarians/vegans in the community for many different reasons. There are others who cannot follow these diets for different reasons. Rei Yasushi cannot tolerate the amount of fibre and dairy involved in these diets. There are people who don't get the nutrition they need from these diets. These people are not catered for in these gatherings. I noticed at the last shared gathering that the young people took a lot of food onto their plates but left a lot. They need to be educated about food, all food, so that they can make their own choices. This should be the Quaker way, I believe. Finally again, all I am asking for is that all food be allowed. As Quakers I hope that we all try to make the right choices, thinking about sustainability and the environment when we eat. I think that by allowing all foods we acknowledge that. Which types of diets are the right ones for the planet? That's not a simple question."*

*David Garfield and Rei Yasushi, Carlton Hill Meeting*

To allow meat at our community gatherings or not? A very controversial issue that does not offer an easy solution. In common with the majority of meetings across the country Carlton Hill Meeting and Leeds Area Meeting do not allow meat or meat products to be served at our gatherings. So what is the foundation for this ruling?

Britain Yearly Meeting signed a covenant with the World Council of Churches in Vancouver in 1983 called the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. This was updated and re-affirmed 2003.

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The wording of the covenant gave a new prominence to the doctrine of creation and the opportunity to re-affirm our faith, beginning with God as Creator. It also highlighted the damage being done to the environment and the threat posed to the survival of all life, animal and human. This has prompted many churches, including many Quaker meetings, to look at the ethics of intensive animal farming and the wholesale production of meat generally.

*“As a Religious Society of Friends we see the stewardship of God’s creation as a major concern. At its root it is a spiritual and a religious crisis. Our adoption of the WCC concern for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation grows from our faith and cannot be separated from it. It challenges us to look again at our lifestyles and reassess our priorities.”* London Yearly Meeting 1988

*“...as the mind was moved to love Him in all His manifestations in the visible world; that as by His breath the flame of life was kindled in all animal and sensitive creatures, to say we love God ....and at the same time exercise cruelty towards the least creature ....was a contradiction in itself.”* John Woolman 1772.

*“If it is right that we should show love and compassion for people, surely it is right that we should extend our love and compassion to animals, who can feel fear and experience pain in much the same way as humans. They may not be able to speak, but we can certainly see fear in their eyes and demeanour.”* Quaker Faith & Practice 25.06

*“It is more than ... growing organic vegetables or riding a bike to work. It is a renovation which will change everything: the way we do business, the way we eat.... And the way we worship God.”* Quaker Faith and Practice 25.14

In 2011 Britain Yearly Meeting signed the Canterbury Commitment to become a truly sustainable society, both meetings and individuals. But we are reminded that *“this action must flow from nowhere but love.”*

It is recognised by every single environmental organisation that the commercial production of meat by current methods is one of the major causes of global warming. Added to this the medical profession has issued a number of reports in recent years stating that as a nation we eat far more meat than is healthy for us. It is considered to be one of the major causes of obesity and the advice handed out by the NHS and by the Diabetic Association if you become diabetic (one of the side effects of obesity) is to adopt a vegetarian diet. It is estimated that if the average meat eater suddenly gave up meat completely they would reduce their carbon footprint by nearly twice as much as giving up the car! They would also loose weight! A recent survey by the Living Witness Project of a number of Quaker meetings showed that, of those surveyed 70% had either reduced their meat consumption or recently given up eating meat and that nearly 90% had changed their shopping habits to buy local, organic and seasonal.

Of the major supermarkets, where the majority of the population do their shopping, only the Coop guarantees that all its fresh meat is English. Waitrose is one of the few that sometimes sells organically produced meat, but not necessarily English. No supermarket sells locally produced meat – from within a 50 mile radius of the selling point. According to recent research by the Ethical Consumer magazine, the majority of meat sold in all UK supermarkets is factory farmed, produced by intensive rearing and forced feeding, with use of anti-biotics and feed-stuffs with a high level of pesticides. Waitrose, Coop, and Marks & Spencer have signed up to the Benchmark on Farm Animal Welfare which keeps an eye on how the major producers are looking after their animals. The other major supermarkets have not yet signed up to it. Many are using the Red Tractor logo which implies only that the absolute minimum standards are adhered to. The scheme is run by the National Farmers Union and the British Retail Consortium and has been criticised as being simply a paper exercise, guaranteeing nothing.



At a local level many intensive animal units have caused, and continue to cause, environmental problems. And according to the Department of Agriculture more than 62% of all crops grown in the UK are used for animal feed.

On the other side of the coin, according to Ayurvedic medicine, the ancient medicine of India, around 10% of the world's population actually need meat to maintain a healthy balance, whereas rather less than 10% have to refrain from meat completely to avoid medical problems. For the remainder, some 85% of the world's population, they could quite happily live without meat – as far as their medical constitution is concerned.

Food and diet are very personal concepts and each person has different ideas, based on what they like, how they feel and how a particular food makes them feel, and indeed on how they were fed as a child.

To view the topic from a sustainable point of view all the recommendations are to ensure that, in the first instance, you reduce your intake of meat, and to ensure that what you do eat is produced sustainably, preferably by organic methods, asking the question "How has this animal lived and how has it died?" Ensure that you buy from a local producer to avoid food miles and the heavy carbon footprint associated with that. Much of the above also applies to the purchase of vegetables. Ready-meals, whilst convenient are best avoided since they are generally produced from the cheapest possible ingredients, usually imported, and containing additives in the form of preservatives and flavour enhancers.

For our community meals should we insist on being as sustainable as possible and avoid meat as a matter of principle? Or should we accept that some Friends have a problem with vegetarian food and we allow any food at our table. Does this then mean we forget about trying to be as sustainable as possible?

We seek unity, and we must be ready to let go of our expectations and assumptions. If we seek a sustainable community it has to be inclusive, seen as normal, and justified. It is up to the Meeting to decide.



Phil O'Hare welcomes Kate Scott into membership



Sally Read , newly transferred from Harrogate meeting and Andrew, welcomed into membership at Leeds Area Meeting in May

## From the Fairtrade Foundation

Dear Friends,

Sainsburys have started a pilot to cease having Fairtrade tea and start an inferior scheme of their own.

The Fairtrade Foundation have said that they will not support Sainsburys in this as it will seriously disempower the producers and farmers working with the company, and thousands of African tea producing farmers and organisations have signed an open letter to express their deep concern.

Fairtrade Foundation have started a petition at <http://tinyurl.com/yblwunhp> to show Sainbury's how many people are opposed to this proposal.

Sainsburys seem to respond quickly if you message them via their Facebook page too – this is well worth doing to illustrate the strength of feeling against their proposals. The open letter, from the Tea Producer Representative of East and Central Africa and Southern Africa networks of Fairtrade Africa, can be found here: <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Media-Centre/News/May-2017/Open-letter-to-Sainsburys-from-Fairtrade-producers>

The Fairtrade Foundation hope to persuade Sainsburys to change their mind but if Sainsburys continue with these plans the Foundation will launch a full media campaign.

Thank you for your help

Mark Dawson, Coordinator Fairtrade Yorkshire

Editor's note:

I have always maintained that the multiple supermarket model is the most un-ethical way of doing business, based as it is on the pursuit of ever increasing profit. Now, to reinforce this view, Ethical Consumer has recently conducted a survey of the major companies based on environmental responsibility, purchasing policy (Fairtrade, ethical sourcing etc), whether or not they consider human and animal welfare in their stocking policies, whether they pay the UK Real Living Wage and whether they advertise in newspapers like The Sun, The Daily Mail and the Daily Express, which have been shown to favour race hate articles. Plus three or four other headings. Out of a possible 20 points The Coop came out top but still only managed a score of 5.5. Sainsbury scraped in with just 3 (before they announced that they were abandoning Fairtrade) whilst Tesco and Asda faired very badly in every section. Asda scored zero. On the subject of the Real Living Wage, both Aldi and Lidl pay this, but all the others only pay the statutory minimum.

Sainsbury's is part owned the multi-millionaire Sheikh Abdulla bin Mohammed bin Saud Al Thani, head of the oil rich Gulf State of Qatar. And the State of Qatar has recently come under a boycott by the other six Gulf States for harbouring and encouraging terrorists.

For the full story on the Fairtrade Foundation visit the website - <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>



## Sustainability workshops at YMG

There are lots of sustainability-themed events at Yearly Meeting gathering on 29th July to 5th August at Warwick University. Some are listed here. For more details go to the Quakers in Britain website [www.quaker.org.uk](http://www.quaker.org.uk). There is not space here to list the full range of workshops addressing the New Economy, simplicity, and other themes linked to sustainability.

### Sunday

#### 14.30-15.30

- Our personal journeys with sustainability. Creative writing and drawing/art workshop. Stevie Krayer and Frances Voelcker, BYM Sustainability Group
- Quaker essentials for sustainability. Exploring our different ways into engaging with sustainability. Laurie Michaelis, Living Witness
- Sustainability: world family case studies. International visitors and others will share case studies on sustainability. Quaker World Relations Committee

#### 14.30-17.00

- The Kingdom of God. Experiential workshop, spending time outdoors. Ian Marshall, Living Witness

#### 16.00-17.00

- Developing a more just and sustainable society. North Wales Economic Justice Group
- Our personal journeys with sustainability. Repeated
- Quaker essentials for sustainability. Repeated

### Monday

#### 14.30-15.30

- Imagining pathways to a sustainable future. Laurie Michaelis, Living Witness

#### 16.00-17.00

- Choosing a sustainable future. Laurie Michaelis, Living Witness

### Tuesday

#### 14.30-15.30

- Having difficult conversations about climate change. Led by Martin Mansell and Laurie Michaelis, BYMSG

#### 16.00-17.00

- Having difficult conversations about climate change. Repeated

### Thursday

#### 14.30-15.30

- Working with others on sustainability. A facilitated conversation to share experiences. BYMSG.

#### 16.00-17.00

- Working with others on sustainability. Repeated

**Full details of other activities at Yearly Gathering can be found at**

*<http://quaker.org.uk/ym/timetable>*

## The Nine R's

Everybody has heard about the three R's - Reduce, Re-use, Recycle. Perhaps now is the time to consider expanding to NINE.

**Rejoice** – in all the good things God has given us for free.

**Refuse** – to believe the advertisers message

**Reduce** – the amount of stuff you buy (things you do, places you travel)

**Rent** – borrow or share instead of buying new

**Reuse**

**Repair** - try to ensure that your purchases are repairable should they go wrong. Then repair rather than replace.

**Recycle** – this is a last resort because recycling something still uses a lot of energy.

**Repent**

and again I say, **Rejoice!**

People were created to be loved.  
Things were created to be useful.  
The reason why the world is in chaos  
is because things are being loved  
and people are being used.

*Quote from the Dalai Lama.*



Plastic can be considered as the worst invention ever.

It does not break down. Never rots. Every scrap of plastic ever made still exists and in the last 10 years the world has produced more plastic than the entire output of the last century. The small amount that is recycled is simply made into a lower grade product. Plastic manufacture consumes 6% of the world's fossil fuels.

Turn away from plastic. Join a worldwide movement.

**Go Plastic Free for the month of July.**

Then consider avoiding plastic completely.

- \* Avoiding products in plastic packaging (choose alternatives)
- \* Reducing where possible (opt for refills, remember your reusable shopping bags)
- \* Refusing plastics that escape as litter (e.g. straws, takeaway cups, utensils, balloons)
- \* Recycling what cannot be avoided

<http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

## Woodbrooke Course Faith, Peace, Power

Understanding violence, practising nonviolence

**Friday 1 – Sunday 3 September** | 20 places | £238 ensuite | £218 standard

Inspired by Diana Francis's 2015 Swarthmore lecture and the experience of three courses run by her and Steve Whiting in 2015, this course seeks to increase participants' understanding of what causes violence and the approaches that underpin nonviolent approaches to peace making. We will explore how our faith can support us in practising nonviolence and working towards positive peace.

Two further courses planned for 2018 will support participants to learn more deeply and identify practical ways of taking action.

**Tracey Martin** is a Turning the Tide facilitator and international development practitioner. She is on the QPSW Overseas Peacebuilding Sub-Committee.

**Ivan Hutnik** lived for twenty years in India, works as a consultant and coach and has trained as a psychotherapist.

Bursaries are available for this course. Please contact your overseer.

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### "Safeguarding. ".....

this is Everybody's business and responsibility.

LAQM Trustees have an agreed Safeguarding policy which is available on the web site for everyone to read. Please do take time to read it. A policy ensures that we are taking our responsibilities seriously. We have a duty of care to children, young people and vulnerable adults. Any adult can have a period of being vulnerable, perhaps during an illness, which can be temporary or may have long term needs. Having a good set of policies and procedures in place shows anyone who is interested that we are transparent and accountable. Decisions are agreed and not taken on a whim or according to personal preferences but after careful consideration and in line with agreed policies and procedures which anyone can see if they want to.

Friends house have now arranged for CCPAS, (Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service), to be responsible for processing DBS's Disclosure and Barring Service, for the Society. Each Clerk in our Meetings is the person responsible for helping you to do this, if you need one.

CCPAS have an excellent website which has lots of useful information and advice. It can be accessed at: [www.ccpas.co.uk](http://www.ccpas.co.uk)

CCPAS makes it very clear that safeguarding is not just for those that work with children and adults at risk, but is the responsibility of the whole Meeting and one of which we all need to be aware.

Thank you on behalf of the Safeguarding group.

*Liz Schweiger, Roundhay Meeting*

## **Stop the Arms Fair information and training day**

Carlton Hill Meeting House

**Saturday 8th July 10am to 4pm**

Find out how you can join others from across the country to stop the biggest arms fair in the world taking place in London in September. Arms dealers will be selling their weapons to buyers from across the world, including some with serious human rights problems and authoritarian regimes. You can go to London or take action closer to home. This is open to all and is also an opportunity for Leeds Quakers to hear about what Yearly Meeting is planning and how we can be involved.

If you are planning to come, it is helpful if you can let me know at [trracey@live.com](mailto:trracey@live.com)

*Tracey Martin*

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## **Help needed at Carlton Hill**

With several Friends going to Yearly Meeting Gathering, Carlton Hill is in desperate need of a couple of Friends to welcome people as they arrive for the regular Meeting at Carlton Hill on Sunday 30th July. If you are not going to YMG and would be willing to help, please contact Pete Redwood 0113 450 1183 or email [predwood@phonecop.coop](mailto:predwood@phonecop.coop)



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## **Eyewitness stories from Israel and the West Bank**

Margaret Goddard has recently come back from the West Bank

- What is daily life under occupation like
- What is the Israeli peace movement doing
- What can we do to promote a just peace in Israeli occupied Palest

Tuesday 25th July 2017

**Quaker Meeting House,**

Barnsley at 7pm

More information 01709 880635

[www.eappi.org/en](http://www.eappi.org/en)

It would be helpful if you could let us know you are coming (email [smctighe@cix.co.uk](mailto:smctighe@cix.co.uk)), but booking is not compulsory