

# *The Quiet Word*

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‘Shot at Dawn’ Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum

## **Dates and Events**

**Sunday Meeting for Worship** 10:45 at all Leeds Meetings except Ilkley which is at 10:30am .

**All welcome to Leeds Area Quaker Meeting** at Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, LS2 9DX on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February** at 1.15pm.

Programme

10.45 worship with Carlton Hill Friends and 12.30pm shared lunch

1.15 Worship

1.30 Workshop : **Leeds Quakers and World War One Centenary**

2.45pm Break

3.00 Business

4.15 Tea with Carlton Hill Friends

**February:**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6pm to 7pm Meeting for Worship followed by 7pm refreshments and 7.30pm film/discussion Carlton Hill QMH**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb Leeds Area Quaker Meeting 1.15pm Carlton Hill QMH**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Otley Meeting for Worship at Otley Court House**

**Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> Christian Ethics in Contemporary Life 7.30pm**

The second in **Concord's** series on ***Ethics and Morals***, given by Dr Albert Jewell at Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House, Woodhouse Lane LS2 9DX

**Thursday Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 6.30pm refreshments 7pm to 9pm Leeds Citizens meeting with Leeds Quakers at Carlton Hill QMH. (see details)**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10am to 4pm ...Or Whatever You Call It.** Quakers naming the Mystery workshop, Carlton Hill QMH (see details)

**March:**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 8am to 10am** –help Carlton Hill Quakers give away 1000 fairtrade bananas outside the Quaker Meeting House – supporting Fairtrade

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Leeds 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Fairtrade city**

Leeds will celebrate its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Fairtrade city with a party in the Civic Hall opened by the Lord Mayor of Leeds with a Fairtrade Cake competition judged by the Lady Mayoress, awards for birthday cards and t-shirt designs, visit from Fairtrade Banana grower, songs from local school children, games for youngsters and sharing the Fairtrade cakes! Space limited; to book your place contact [Hannah@leedsdec.org.uk](mailto:Hannah@leedsdec.org.uk) by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> Baha'i Rites of Passage 7pm**

The last in **Concord's** series on ***Rites of Passage*** given by Dr Hamed Pakrooh at Carlton Hill QMH

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am for 10am till 1pm 'Aspects of Reformative Justice'** by Martin Wright, Director of the Howard League. Arranged by Leeds Quaker Criminal Justice Group – all welcome. Venue Carlton Hill QMH.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.45am All Aged Otley Meeting at Otley Court House**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March Leeds Area Quaker Meeting** at 10:30am at Gildersome QMH with business as led, then 1.15pm afternoon topic: Leeds Quaker Concerns including *Leeds Citizens*

Yearly Meeting Gathering  
2 to 9 August 2014



Bookings at <http://quaker.org.uk/>

**Welcome to the February Quiet Word** – this is a ‘light’ edition prepared by myself as LAQM co-clerk, as Ben Wood, our newsletter editor has now moved to Manchester to take a post at the University. This edition consists of the ‘normal’ range of information about events and activities that various people have asked the LAQM clerks to publicise. It lacks articles of a deep reflective and spiritual kind that Ben was so good at both sourcing and writing – we will miss him! The cover photo is from our LAQM coach trip to Staffordshire in September 2013. I look forward to seeing Friends on **Sunday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>** at LAQM at Carlton Hill when our topic is looking at how Quakers were affected by World War 1 and our response to the centenary (I have included information about AWE with this in mind). Contributions for our March Quiet Word, which will be again produced by myself, should be sent to me by 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. at [robertkeeble@hotmail.com](mailto:robertkeeble@hotmail.com) nb at our LAQM in March, we will be reviewing the future of the Quiet Word.

**YFGM Gathering (Young Friends General Meeting) 14–16 February 2014, Manchester Meeting House** Aged between 18–30ish? Then join us for our next YFGM Gathering. Newcomers are welcome! YFGM is the national organisation for young adult Quakers in Britain who get together for social and spiritual gatherings. Visit [yfgm.quaker.org.uk](http://yfgm.quaker.org.uk) for details.

**Online Quaker Forum** You will receive a warm welcome online at the Quaker Forum. The web address has been changed to [onlinequakers.org.uk](http://onlinequakers.org.uk). It’s now run voluntarily by its active members. Britain Yearly Meeting still provides the server and pays for technical support. Posts on the forum can now be read by guests. If you register and log on you can contribute to the interesting and in-depth conversations! If you have membership or technical queries please email [admin@onlinequakers.org.uk](mailto:admin@onlinequakers.org.uk). for a reply within two days.

**Children and families day** *Monday 7 April 2014, Friends House*

A great opportunity for children (0–18 years) with an accompanying adult, to visit and enjoy Friends House and to learn more about the work that goes on there. This could be a meeting excursion or a family day out. Adults will stay with children throughout the day. There will be a chance to hear about Quaker peace and social justice work, to visit and find out about the Quaker Library, to visit the Quaker Centre, with its bookshop and worship space, and to learn lots more about Friends House. There will be stories, activities and worship. Booking is required. [www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-family-day-april-2014](http://www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-family-day-april-2014)

**Trident Briefing** With a General Election set for 2015, now is when the policies that decide whether Britain replaces its Trident nuclear weapons are being set. If we don't want a new generation of nuclear weapons, we need to influence those policies. If you or your meeting have concerns about nuclear weapons, now is the time to write to your MP. A Trident Briefing pack is available from Friends House via your LM Clerks..



# Steiner Academy Leeds

The Steiner Academy Leeds has been in contact with the Leeds Area Quaker Meeting clerks. This is currently a development project and the school hopes to open its doors in September 2015. No matter whether you are a parent, looking for an educational alternative for your child, a teacher hoping to find new employment or a Leeds resident who would like to learn more about the project, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

The Steiner Academy Leeds aims to offer inclusive, creative and ambitious education for children from Reception to Year 11. Steiner education aims to develop the whole child and places special emphasis on creativity, free-thinking, problem-solving skills and self confidence. Through a balanced and motivational curriculum the children's emotional and social development are challenged and developed just as much as their academic skills.

See <http://steineracademyleeds.squarespace.com/> for full details.

# **CITIZENS** UK

There is a specially arranged meeting for Leeds Quakers to meet with a representative from Leeds Citizens to discuss the possibility of becoming a founder member of this new organisation.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm to 9pm (soup at 6.30pm)  
Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House**



Friends at Carlton Hill Meeting have requested that Leeds Quakers consider joining the new proposed *Leeds Citizens* which hopes to bring together churches, mosques and synagogues; schools, colleges, universities; unions, think-tanks and housing associations; GP surgeries, charities and migrant groups to work together for the common good. ***‘Community Organising is about building power and participating in democracy: being realistic in what we demand and winning key victories to improve the lives of communities across the country.’***



Amnesty International Leeds Group  
Refugee and Asylum-Seeker Subgroup



## P R E S E N T S

An evening of human rights films

A screening of the BAFTA-nominated

*I Am Nasrine*

with two short films on  
refugee and asylum-seeker issues  
and a short myth-busting presentation.

Wednesday  
19th February 2014  
7.00 pm



Free entry  
Donations welcome

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## ....Or Whatever You Call It.....

Supported by the Gerald Hodgett Award and the University of Leeds Postgraduate Impact Fellowship. **Quakes naming the Mystery** – a workshop by Rhiannon Grant about how Quakers talk about God based on her PhD work. Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House. **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2014 10am to 4pm**, bring a packed lunch and pen. Booking is essential and £3 required. see <http://orwhateveryoucallit.wordpress.com/>



**Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations**  
Accountable to Britain Yearly Meeting Trustees, the Quaker Committee for Christian & Interfaith Relations is responsible for keeping Britain Yearly Meeting informed of the various movements towards inter-church co-operation and opportunities for interfaith dialogue, and for responding on behalf of the Yearly Meeting so that Friends' views on issues of faith and order are represented to other churches and communities of faith. (*Quaker faith & practice* 9.13)

### Report on QCCIR conference, "Faith: what's God got to do with it?", 25<sup>th</sup> January 2014

This was a very full day with a lot to take in, even for those of us well-versed in the subject. In the morning, we heard presentations from David Boulton, Philip Gross, and Rex Ambler – the first two representing non-theist viewpoints, and Rex speaking from a more general and historically informed Quaker perspective. The presentations were long and we had little silence between them; we also didn't have a chance to respond until the afternoon. They all spoke well, and I found Philip's presentation especially good, perhaps because I relate well to his poetic way of speaking. His talk, in both content and method, were well able to support David's claim that speech about God should be understood metaphorically rather than literally. The talks were recorded and will be made available online for those who are interested.

In the afternoon, we spent some time in small groups, mainly in worship-sharing, which was very interesting; it was good to hear responses from others, especially those who, unlike me, had found the content of the presentations surprising. We finished with a plenary session in which some questions, submitted anonymously in advance, were addressed by the panel. Of this, the one which stood out to me was the response to a question about whether non-theists would like us to remove language about God from our book of discipline: both David and Philip were very clear that on the contrary, although they have a different understanding of it, they like and use such language and wish to keep it.

Rhiannon Grant

## **Action AWE nonviolent direct action training day - Leeds**



**8<sup>th</sup> March, 10am-5pm, at Quaker Meeting House,  
188 Woodhouse Ln, Leeds LS2 9DX, UK**

A day of training for taking nonviolent, direct action. Meet new people, learn about nonviolence, tactics for blockading, legal information, working in groups, keeping calm under pressure and the campaign to end nuclear weapons production at Aldermaston and Burghfield AWE.

All welcome, no experience necessary and the training will be of use to those interested in taking nonviolent direct action with other campaigns. Bring some money or food to share for lunch!

E-mail [mobilise@actionawe.org](mailto:mobilise@actionawe.org) to book or for more information.

*Action AWE (Atomic Weapons Eradication) is a grassroots campaign of nonviolent actions dedicated to halting nuclear weapons production at the Atomic Weapons Establishment factories at Aldermaston and Burghfield.*

**[www.actionawe.org](http://www.actionawe.org)**





# wool against weapons

**9th August 2014**

A day of creative and direct action with  
7 miles of knitted wool power!

Power to the yarn bomb revolution!



Between now and August 2014 we will be creating a 7 mile long knitted peace scarf to stretch between Atomic Weapons Establishment sites at Aldermaston and Burghfield, Berkshire, where nuclear weapons are made.



Pick up your needles and crochet hooks and help us to protest in a pink, powerful and pro-active way to say **No!** to more nuclear weapons in the U.K. We are asking you to knit a metre of our scarf!



Join us on the 9th August 2014 for a fantastic day of guerrilla wool-fare



The Government will decide on whether to renew the contract for Trident in 2016. Come together as a nation of knitters who don't want over £80 billion spent, in this time of recession, on more weapons of mass destruction - people, not weapons!

## **We need you right now!**

If you can knit or crochet a meter or two of this amazing pink peace scarf, then please check out our website for details of how to get involved or contact:

**Knitted pieces to measure 60cm x 100cm in any glorious shade of pink!**

[www.woolagainstweapons.co.uk](http://www.woolagainstweapons.co.uk)

This project is part of **Action AWE**, a UK based grassroots peace campaign dedicated to banning nuclear weapons [www.actionawe.org](http://www.actionawe.org)  
**Supported by CND**

# Quakers in Yorkshire Easter Settlement 2014

**18 – 21 April 2014**

## **Theme: Appreciating Friends**

**Keynote Speakers: Wendy Hampton & Ben Pink Dandelion**



**Easter Settlement** is a gathering for Friends, attenders and inquirers of all ages at Cober Hill Guest House, Cloughton, Scarborough from Friday 18 April – Monday 21 April 2014

### **What is Easter Settlement?**

Easter Settlement provides an opportunity for us to strengthen our spiritual base as part of a wider Quaker family. The weekend programme is a mixture of reflection, discussion, worship and fun. Dancing, crafts, walking and singing together are also ingredients of the gathering. Single people and families, those new to the Society of Friends and established Settlers are all made welcome.

**Each Settlement has a theme**, delivered during “sessions”, which is introduced by a main speaker or speakers. This year the theme is ***Appreciating Friends*** and our speakers will be **Wendy Hampton** and **Ben Pink Dandelion**. Wendy and Ben are members of Pendle Hill Area Meeting.

Wendy convenes Elders and Overseers and Ben serves as part of the Clerking Team. Ben has worked at Woodbrooke for over twenty years, Both Wendy and Ben are keen to help nurture our local worshipping communities.

There will be opportunities throughout the weekend to reflect on what the speaker has said, to share personal ideas and experiences with others and to consider how what we have learned might influence our everyday lives.

**Every Settler is part of a Home Group** which gives everyone the opportunity to get to know a small group of people rather better and perhaps to feel able to share experiences in a way which many might find difficult in the full gathering.

### A typical day at Easter Settlement

- Early morning activities (optional) followed by breakfast and a short **Meeting for Worship**. This is followed by a **session** which lasts until coffee break at about 11am.
  - **Home Groups** may occupy the time from coffee until lunch and after lunch there is **free time**. Settlers may use this opportunity to explore the area, independently or on guided walks, to share skills and interests, to continue discussions, to knit companionably or to relax, read or sleep until tea time.
  - After tea there is another **session** and then the evening meal.
  - In the evening we have **social time** and a variety of activities will be on offer.
  - The evening ends with the **Epilogue**, a period of reflective silence, lasting for about fifteen minutes, introduced by a reading or some music.
- In addition to this there are poetry reading groups, hymn singing early on Easter Sunday morning, an Easter Egg Hunt, the group photograph and whatever other activities Settlers feel able to offer.

**On Sunday morning** there are no sessions and Settlers can attend Meeting for Worship, either at Cober Hill or at Scarborough Meeting House.

### Accommodation

Bedrooms at Cober Hill have en-suite bathrooms. The rooms are situated either in the main house or in the nearby Joseph Rowntree building. Older children and young people may share a room with their family or with others their own age.

Food at Cober Hill is good and plentiful and those requiring special diets will be catered for so long as enough notice and information about what is needed is given to Cober Hill.



Information and booking by 14/03/14 at [www.quakersinyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.quakersinyorkshire.co.uk)

## To Let: Quaker Cottage, Quakers Lane, Rawdon



**TO LET:** from Easter 2014 a very attractive, well-maintained C18 stone-built cottage situated in the pleasant area to the north west of the city of Leeds and within the boundary of the Meeting House grounds.

The cottage is fully centrally heated and comprises two bedrooms, a bathroom and toilet with shower, living room and kitchen/dining room with walk in pantry. There is a small garden with workshop to the front of the cottage and access to the Quaker Meeting House grounds through the pantry. On street parking is available opposite the cottage.

The property is suitable for an individual, a couple or a family with one or two children. It is close to local shops, bus stops and very good primary and secondary schools. The rent will be £550 pcm. Postcode LS19 6HU

The deadline for applications is: **Friday 28 February 2014**

Enquiries and Applications to: Diane Exley (Rawdon Meeting) at 156 High Street, Yeadon, Leeds LS19 7AB or [edianex@btinternet.com](mailto:edianex@btinternet.com)