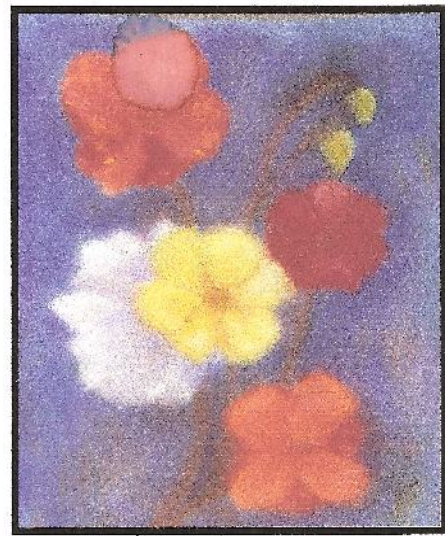


EXHIBITION
&
Sale of Paintings



*Work by
Bedford Court
Art Group*

Free Admission

Light Refreshments

*Tours of
Bedford Court Available*



***Saturday & Sunday - November 21st & 22nd
10.00 am to 12.30 & 2.00 to 4.30 pm***

Bedford Court Residential Home
Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 4EJ
Tel: 0113 259 3800



Rawdon Amnesty Series - 2009



All events will take place at the Rawdon Quaker Meeting House.
Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International.

Jane, Marion and friends Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm

Come and hear the lovely voice of Jane Anthony, accompanied by Marion Raper, who offer us a captivating evening (with friends) of some of their favourite songs from around the world.

Three Cheers for Christmas Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm

Theatre of the Dales presents a triple bill to raise the spirits with their own special versions of *Mak The Sheep Stealer*, *Ahmal* and *The Night Visitors* and *A Christmas Carol*.

Bradford Music Club Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm

Members of Bradford Music Club, who share their love of music in an informal setting, devote their last meeting of the year to our series for Amnesty. Here they give us a taste of their wide variety of talents. New members always welcome.

Leeds Area Meetings in 2010

Sunday 14 th February	Carlton Hill
Saturday 13 th March	Ilkley
Sunday 9 May	Rawdon
Sunday 11 July	Gildersome
Sunday 12 September	Carlton Hill
Sun 10 October	Roundhay
Saturday 11 December	Adel

Sunday Meetings will begin at 1.15pm after a communal meal starting at 12.15pm. Please bring your own lunch.

The Saturday Meeting in March will begin at 2pm (with tea at about 4.40pm)

The December meeting starts at 3.30pm followed, as in recent years, by a tea and social evening. This will be Adel's first time of hosting the December Meeting – in future hosting of the December event will rotate around the various Meetings in the area.

January Meetings of Quakers in Yorkshire

The rota agreed by Area Meeting for future QIY Meetings in Leeds

	<i>2009 2013</i>	<i>2010 2014</i>	<i>2011 2015</i>	<i>2012 2016</i>
<i>Door keeping & welcome drinks</i>	Adel	Roundhay	Rawdon	Carlton Hill
<i>Lunch</i>	Rawdon	Ilkley	Carlton Hill	Adel
<i>Tea</i>	Roundhay & Ilkley	Carlton Hill & Rawdon	Adel & Roundhay	Ilkley & Rawdon
<i>Child care</i>	Carlton Hill	Adel	Ilkley	Roundhay

Quakers in Yorkshire Conference at Glenthorne

Tongues on Fire

the relationship between spirituality and language

led by Harvey Gillman

20-22 November

Sometimes it feels as if the language of religion has lost its relevance. A totally secular world view, however, seems limited and soulless. How then can we find a language which respects both the search for communion and the need to communicate with those around us?

This will be a tentative and exploratory weekend to which all explorers are welcome.

Fee £ 104.00

contact 01539-435389 for booking and to check availability

Woodbrooke-on-the-Road workshop

Managing Conflict: creating harmony and deepening relationships

Carlton Hill Meeting House

9:30 to 4:30 - 28 November

The event is free and open to all within the Area Meeting.

To book your place, please contact

Barbara Parry 0113 2503867 or inform Robert Keeble 0113 2422208.

Autumn Leaves

Dear Friends as I write from my sick bed after the best part of two weeks with a chest infection I have listened to much debate on the radio about Afghanistan. I also watched the service at the Cenotaph. This morning at 11 o'clock 91 years ago the guns of the great war, the war to end all wars fell silent. Sadly, as we know that hope never came true as war after war has happened since. All with the same results. Broken lives, broken hearts, shattered landscapes and shattered trust in our broken humanity and each other. I don't know the answer to this, or if there even is one except to be reminded of something my Mother used to say.....If those who caused wars had to fight in them then there wouldn't be any wars.....Maybe some truth in that as world leaders are always well protected from the effects of their decisions. So here is my poem called autumn leaves then back to my rest...

*They fought and fell like autumn leaves in the springtime of their lives
And the truths the human heart perceives the spoken word belies
As they walked across to their destiny over shell holed muddied fields
For Kaiser King and country believing right would be their shield*

*And though the years have travelled through the matrix of time and space
A simple white stone cross still marks their resting place
But as for any lessons learnt alas I fear not
With our lust for war still strong as ever then what future have we got.*

Paul Martin Emery

**Leeds Homeless Memorial Partnership
cordially invite you to a
special screening of Ken Loach's Film**

Cathy Come Home

on

9th December 2009

at

5:30pm for 6:00pm

Room RB313 The Rose Bowl,
Waterhouse Lane Entrance

Bill Killgallon will speak at this event and the evening will also have a special message from Ken Loach as well as a two-minute silence to remember the homeless who have died.

There will be food, tea and coffee.

All are welcome

John Arnison

LAQM Trustees

Alias Property & Trust Funds

Grants made at their meeting in November

Requester	Purpose	Amount requested	Amount granted	Fund from which it is to be paid
Simon On The Streets	Contribution towards salary costs of a Homeless Support Worker.	£1,200	£1,200	Friends Action on Poverty.
Leeds MIND (Dove Project)	“Funding Pot” for course fees, travel costs, books and electrical equipment.	£1,000	£1,000	Friends Action on Poverty.
Keighley Voluntary Services (KVS)	Maintain an office in Ilkey to support voluntary and community groups.	£1,000	£1,000	Leeds Carlton Hill Friends Trust Fund.
Braithwaite & Guardhouse Community Association	Contribution towards the costs of providing seated exercises and complementary therapy for older people.	£ 750	£1,000	Friends Action on Poverty.
Musical ARC	Support for a group of Leeds Based musicians with physical and sensory disabilities. Need help in making special or adapted instruments.	£ 500	£ 500	Friends Action on Poverty.

Friends may be especially interested to see how money is being used from Friends Action on Poverty. The more Friends can contribute the more we can do to help worthwhile activities addressing poverty in and around Leeds.

Martin Schweiger

A thought for the day

Be nice to your enemies. After all, you made them.

Personal Narratives

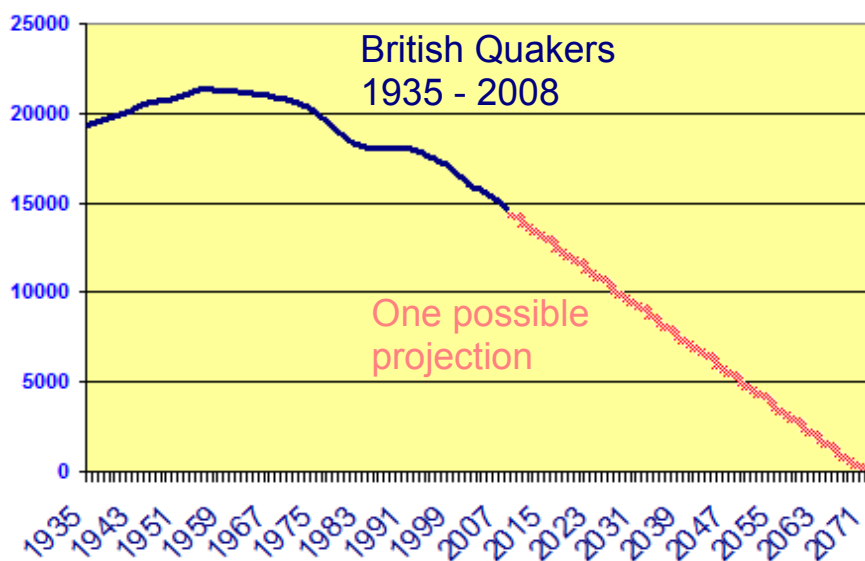
Graham Lawton had a story to tell. Graham, an Attender at Rawdon Meeting, is a Police Officer. Two years ago, as part of his job, he had to close down a house used to sell 'crack'. This resulted in a family with 5 children, two of whom were handicapped, being rendered homeless, with all the attendant problems that brings. Graham persistently raised his concerns and eventually a new and better system was put in place.

Telling his story had been his key to getting things changed, as he explained to Friends at Carlton Hill Meeting. Now Friends have our turn to help change the criminal justice system by telling our stories. The Crime, Community and Justice Group* (CCJG) has launched a campaign to find out exactly how sentencing – be it imprisonment or community service, has affected the perpetrator, their family, friends, community; similarly for the victim, for the sentencer, for anyone who has been affected in any way by the repercussions of a sentence. This might be emotional, physical, financial, job, life-style, any manner of means. By collecting these Personal Narratives the CCJG will accumulate enough stories to give them a view of the reality of sentencing. This they will be able to utilise in their approach to Government consultations and in supporting the work of those campaigning for change.

If you know of anyone, not necessarily a Quaker, affected by sentencing (including any positive responses) and would be willing to participate by 'collecting' that story then please either contact the CCJG administrator Paula Harvey on paulah@quaker.org.uk (02076631036) who will send you the requisite booklet or contact Phil O'Hare philomena.ohare@btinternet.com for more details. All the information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality; the story teller will remain anonymous and identifying particulars will be changed if the stories are published in any form.

* The Crime, Community and Justice Group is a national Quaker organisation of about eight people representing a variety of aspects of the Criminal Justice System. Their remit is to seek ways of making the system more humane.

Leeds Quaker Criminal Justice Group
October 2009



“Lies, damned lies, and statistics”

Comments anyone?