

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

AUGUST 2008

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Cheltenham: Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. Fifth Sunday shared lunch.

Thursdays, 12:30 to 1:00 Meeting for Worship, followed on First and Third Thursdays (7th and 21st) by shared lunch.

DIARY

(All of these meetings at the FMH unless otherwise stated)

July

Th 24 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Sa 26 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00
Th 31 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

August

Th 7 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 10 7.00 **Circle Dancing**
Th 14 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Th 21 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Sa 22 2.00 **Meeting for Worship** at USAF Base, Fairford, outside main gate, until 3.00.
Th 28 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour.
Su 31 11.30 **Local Meeting**, followed by Shared Lunch

September

We 3 2.30 **Peace Group** at FMH. All welcome
Th 4 12.30 **First Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Th 4 2.30 **Searchers** at Dorothy Colwill's home. Topic: "Thomas, again".
Tu 9 10.30 **Ecumenical Prayer Group** at The White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve
Th 11 12.30 **Thursday Worship** for half an hour
Sa 13 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Stroud Whiteway Colony Hall
Su 14 7.00 **Circle Dancing**
Th 18 12.30 **Third Thursday Worship** for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

Ecumenical Prayer Group

The **Ecumenical Prayer Group** will start a new cycle of meetings from Tuesday, 9th September, 2008.

It will be based on *Anthony de Mello's book called "AWARENESS"*. It is described as a best selling guide to the spiritual life and is established as a modern classic. We will share our spiritual insights from the book prayerfully.

We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting on 9th September, from 10.30 am to 12.00 for about twelve months at:

The White House, Gotherington Lane, Bishops Cleeve.

New members very welcome.

Jacek Weyers

Extracts from CADU News. Issue 28, May 2008 Campaign against Depleted Uranium, Bridge 5 Mill, 22a Beswick St. Ancoats, Manchester M4 7HR

What is CADU?.

“The Campaign Against Depleted Uranium is a small volunteer run group, based in Manchester which was set up in January 1999 to campaign for a ban on depleted uranium weapons. We are linked to both a European Network Against Depleted Uranium, and a global network opposed to DU. We produce a briefing pack, leaflets, and other resources. Groups and individuals affiliate to CADU and become part of this world wide movement to stop DU.”

CADU’s aims are:

- to fight for a global ban on the manufacture, export and use of depleted uranium weapons
- To fight for recognition by the MOD that these weapons are connected with illnesses among Gulf War veterans and civilians in Iraq and elsewhere
- To put pressure on governments who use DU to take responsibility for environmental decontamination or areas where it has been used.

The co-ordinator, Rae Street, referred to an Independent on Sunday booklet, “*The World of Robert Fisk*” where two pieces were filed in 2001: “These children had Cancer – now they are dead”, from Iraq, and “Sick, bleeding and losing nails; the girl who played with NATO uranium” – the hidden cost of the war in Bratunac (nr Sarajevo). The titles alone tell the story.

The lead report was on Britain’s Uranium Ammunition: Past its Use by Date. Between March 10th and 14th Ministry of Defence and defence research company QinetiQ renewed the test firing of DU ammunition at the Dundrennan firing range near Kirkcudbright, Dumfries and Galloway, southern Scotland.

There was fierce condemnation by Scottish Greens co-convenor Robin Harper MSP who said, “Depleted uranium shells leave behind the kind of pollution normally associated with dirty bombs, radioactive material that damages the environment and risks future health problems. There is no safe place to test these shells, and there is no appropriate battlefield to test them on either. The MoD should be ashamed of going back to Dundrennan with this discredited technology and should instead commit to the ban requested by the European Parliament.

The full eight pages of the CADU news lent to Chris Vyle by Eleanor Pratt are densely packed with information. Further details may be obtained from Chris. Chris Vyle

Notes from Local Meeting

September Local Meeting change of date: As Ann Caro would be unable to act as Clerk on 7th September, it was agreed to hold the Local Meeting on 31st August (5th Sunday) to be followed by a Shared Lunch.

Kitchen Committee: It was agreed that Margaret Sheldrick would convene the Kitchen Committee, and would seek three or four people to make up the group. Elaine Boulter and Nan Dower had already volunteered.

Collections Report: Philip Paull reported that we had agreed to send our Relief Action Fund plus a special collection to DORS, and £110.50 was sent on 1st June. Collections were taken in the second and third weeks of June for the Israeli Committee Against the Demolition of Palestinian Houses, and the total remittance was £106. John Cross