

QUARTERLY MEETING: QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE

16 April 2016



Huddersfield Friends Meeting House Church St, Paddock, Huddersfield HD1 4TR

Theme: The New Militarism

PROGRAMME

10.00 Coffee or Tea on arrival

10.30 Meeting for Worship

11.00 Testimony

11.05 Welcome to Huddersfield and appointment of elder

11.15 Performance of *Over the Top* by Journeymen Theatre
Written and performed by Lynn and Dave Morris, *Over the Top* was commissioned by West Midlands Quaker Peace Committee in response to the increasing influence of military values in everyday life, especially in education. Ex-Education Minister Michael Gove expressed a wish to see a 'military ethos' in all schools. As has been

demonstrated recently by Gove's successor, Nicky Morgan, this policy is still being pursued and if anything, is being 'upped'.

12.15 Responses to the play and discussion

12.40 Notices

12.45 Lunch (bring your own, drinks provided)

There will be displays of material from QPSW, Veterans for Peace and from Northern Friends Peace Board. Philip Austin the Board's Co-ordinator will be on hand to answer questions.

14.00 Nominations and appointments



14.15 Sam Walton, QPSW Peace & Disarmament Programme Manager, will give a brief introduction to militarism and why it's a concern for Friends. He will draw on his report ***The New Tide of Militarisation*** to show that a key strand of current policy is the militarisation of education.

14.20 Isabel Cartwright, QPSW Peace Education Programme Manager, will show how such schemes as Troops to Teachers and the spread of Cadets to state schools and colleges are a serious

challenge. She will urge us to support others, especially those who can speak from experience of the, such as Veterans for Peace UK.

14.25 John Bourton of Veterans for Peace will introduce this group's work and speak briefly about their concerns. He will show the mind-set of military training and what it involves, drawing parallels with 'radicalisation'. He will introduce a film made by QPSW, planned as a hook to get people talking about militarisation...

14.25 Showing of video: *The Unseen March*

14.45-15.25 Workshops

1. Veterans for Peace: hear from members of veterans for peace and their journeys from the armed forces to peace activism. VfP will share with us what they're doing to challenge militarism and how we might be able to help.
2. Peace Education: participate in a workshop with Isabel Cartwright, and engage with some peace education materials and approaches used with young people.
3. Taking Action: join Sam Walton, who will further explore militarisation and action that you we take to challenge it.

15.30-15.45 Plenary and brief feedback from each Workshop

15.45 Closing minute and final notices

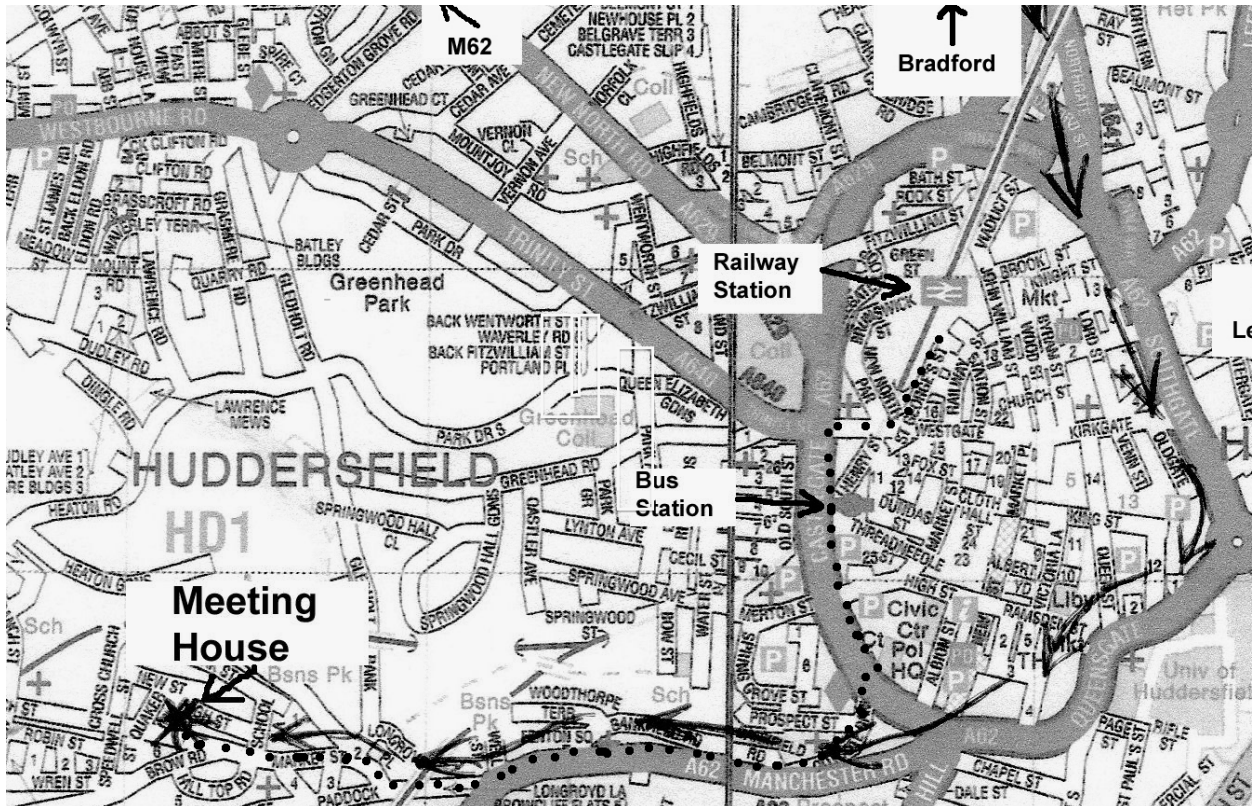
16.00 Tea and departures.

Directions to Huddersfield FMH, Church Street, Paddock, HD1 4TR

The meeting house is about 1.5 miles from the railway and bus stations. Car parking in meeting house grounds, on Church Street adjacent and on Cross Church Street above the MH. Bus 301/302 from Huddersfield bus station every ten minutes to Paddock Junior

School. Walk on to Church Street and turn left. The meeting house is opposite a block of flats. If you are unable to manage to walk or get the bus, we can arrange to pick you up at the station. Please contact Mike Glover on 01924 492169 or jmg.glover@gmail.com

The dotted line shows the best route for walkers.



Children and young people under 19 are most welcome to attend

Quakers in Yorkshire meetings. Huddersfield Local Meeting plans activities including **Kites not Drones** workshops. Please let Jane Wood know:

If possible, text Jane (07952 810814) with names and ages of children you would like to bring to the event, or email enquiries@quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

Name badges: Sticky labels provided for you to write your name on: if you already have a name badge, please bring it and wear it!