



# Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases

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*Raising public awareness, scrutiny and accountability of US Visiting Forces and their Agencies in the UK and world-wide*

**Brief look at local, national and international news:**

## Dear friends

Since the last newsletter, supporters of CAAB have had three meetings at the Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House in Leeds, spending time working out what issues we want to focus on, given the changes that have happened in CAAB. For example, we hope to educate ourselves more thoroughly on the relevant issues and how to research them.

We have continued the peaceful weekly Tuesday evening demonstration at NSA Menwith Hill, wanting to know even more about what's going on there today, and to challenge, amongst other things, the perverse use of resources which places like Menwith Hill represent.

By demonstrating at NSA Menwith Hill, we are also challenging the inappropriate use there, by the Military of Defence Police and North Yorkshire Police, of legislation – to prevent the stopping of cars, a legitimate form of protest. The events that led up to this were described in our last newsletter (No 59 Spring 2016). A more detailed account of the case follows.

Thank you to those who came to the Independence from American Militarism demonstration on Saturday 2 July 2016 and made it so interesting and encouraging. Read on for a more detailed account of the day and personal contributions from some of the speakers and musicians. We are so grateful to all those who worked so hard to

organise the day – and to others who continue to support CAAB in so many different ways.

Do come along to the Tuesday evening demonstration any week 6:00-7:30 pm when you can do so. On Tuesday 4 Oct, we are planning a demonstration with speakers and music to mark Keep Space for Peace – an international call by Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space ([www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org)) for a week of protests against the militarisation of space. Our demo follows on from **CND's demos at USAF Croughton and 'RAF' Fylingdales on 1 Oct 2016, 12-3pm.**

Please also contribute your ideas and advice to our **next meeting on Saturday 17 September, again at the Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House in Leeds at 2 pm. You will be very welcome! Thank you for all your support.**

**KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE  
ANNUAL DEMONSTRATION IN  
KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE WEEK**

**Tuesday 4 October 6:00-7:30 pm  
Main Gate NSA Menwith Hill  
Speakers, including  
Dave Webb, Chair CND,  
and music - with Catherine Warr  
and others**

**It is impossible to produce a newsletter of 8 pages giving anything but a taste of the huge and complex issues to do with US hegemony, US military policy and the US military industrial complex. For more information, go the CAAB website at [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk). Opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the author of the article. They are not necessarily the opinion of CAAB as an organisation. We are always pleased to receive constructive comments and suggestions.**

'I watched a nuclear, chemical and biological weapons exercise as I sat by Indigo Gate one night. Lights flashed, klaxons screamed and US soldiers off-base streamed through the gates before they were locked – them inside, us outside. I was watching a rehearsal for the end of the world and found myself reciting Psalm 23 . . . [I found that] perhaps we were the hands and feet and voice of God and it was up to us to change the world around us, carefully, deliberately, step-by-step.'

Anni Rainbow, 2001, quoted in *Faithful Deeds: a rough guide to the Quaker peace testimony* (Quaker Books: 2002)

## HARROGATE JUSTICE CENTRE: R. V. LINDIS PERCY

Our last newsletter (No 59 Spring 2016) reported how, on 8 March this year at the weekly Tuesday pm demonstration at NSA Menwith Hill, Lindis Percy (until January 2016, joint coordinator of CAAB) was arrested under section 35 - use of Dispersal Powers - of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (ABCPA) 2014. At the time of her arrest she was demonstrating in the way previously agreed with North Yorkshire Police (NYP) and the Ministry of Defence Police (MDP) and implemented over the previous two years. She was later charged and bail conditions were imposed: not to go within 50m of the Main Gate.

This was the first time this law had been used by the NYP and the MDP at Menwith Hill and represented a betrayal of trust built up over the previous three years, following eight years of struggle. Although the ABCPA has a clause which allows peaceful assembly, Lindis writes: **'The use of Dispersal Powers by the Ministry of Defence police affects us all and seriously undermines Articles 10 and 11 of the Human Rights Act 1998 - as well as other matters of law.'**

The case has become more and more complex and fraught with difficulties. In March this year, the bail conditions meant that Lindis was put in a very unsafe place (by the MDP) in the roads outside the base.

At the first hearing on 7 April, Lindis entered a plea of not guilty. Very few documents were disclosed by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS). The magistrates directed the CPS to produce the documents and CCTV evidence within 28 days and a three day trial was fixed for 14/15/23 September 2016. Lindis submitted a Defence Statement to CPS and Court

and successfully argued the removal of the bail conditions – to enable her to protest. However, at a spontaneous protest on 15 April, she was again arrested under the ABCPA. She was charged and bail conditions were again imposed: To only protest behind the barriers at the Main gate and Nessfield gate at RAF Menwith Hill (of course, Menwith Hill is not under the control of the RAF!).

In court on 19 May, it was stated that the two charges were to be combined to be heard together at the three day hearing in September. Still no disclosure of documents: the CPS informed the Magistrates, on 19 May, that she had been instructed by the MDP that all papers and CCTV had been posted two days before. They had not arrived and have never arrived.

When at the weekly Tuesday pm demonstration on 24 May as a Legal Observer and not as a demonstrator (so not in breach of the new bail conditions), Lindis was informed that there had been a 'corporate decision' (involving Chief Inspector Wilson of the MDP and no doubt the American authorities) that her 'mere presence' meant that she was a demonstrator: if she did not leave she would be arrested for 'breach of bail'. The MDP had clearly decided to add another bail condition (without going to the court to apply for it).

In court on 12 July (at an application for an Intervention hearing and variation of bail by Lindis), she was finally handed a bundle of papers. Some of the long awaited disclosures, over a week late, were casually handed over by the CPS (Agent) when she was addressing the court.

But still no disclosure of CCTV. The Prosecutor told the court on 12 July that the CCTV belonged to the Americans and that it was 'up to the Americans whether the CCTV was released'. There have always been difficulties obtaining CCTV evidence at Menwith Hill. It belongs to the American authorities, is in American format and they will not release it unless ordered by the court. However this is a case brought by the MDP in an English court and the CCTV should be produced.

What is happening in the management of the court progress and preparation for the trial with these two cases is history repeating itself. In 2013, in a previous case arising out of Menwith Hill, Lindis also had great trouble getting CCTV. The case was heard by a District Judge (DJ). After an application by Lindis for a Directions hearing and her arguing successfully that the CCTV evidence might be helpful to the court, the DJ agreed and ordered the CPS to produce the CCTV. Eight MDP officers and one NYP officer were cross examined and, with the help of the CCTV evidence, the DJ found there was 'no case to



**FROM: Natalie Laing, Director RAF Menwith Hill**

I would like to extend my deep thanks to you for the professionalism you have displayed in dealing with the adjustments to how we police the Tuesday night protest. I know that in the long history of the CAAB protesting at Menwith, CAAB has engaged in protest activity designed to frustrate both you and the population across base.

Regardless of the conditions or the CAAB's behaviour, we have always been able to count on you to hold the line and represent RAFMH and your parent organisation with the utmost fairness, dignity and adherence to UK law.

The recent changes to the methodology of how we police the Tuesday night protests have, of course, provoked pointed responses from the CAAB. While no-one assumed this would be an easy task, your organisation (from the top down) responded by utilising all the resources available to make it happen.

Your innovation created a plan which allowed the protest to occur with the same level of visibility, while reducing the risk to base personnel and protesters alike.

Your partnerships with North Yorkshire Police and the larger Ministry of Defence Police organisation provided the necessary legal framework, which allowed for your strategy's eventual approval by all parties involved.

Finally, your dedication led you to enact this solution with the full knowledge that there would be resistance to its implementations. It is for these reasons that I, on behalf of the Senior Leadership Team and the employees of RAFMH, extend a hearty thank you to the men and women of the MDP. Thank you and keep up the good work!

answer'. In her summing up the DJ was highly critical of the way the MDP had conducted themselves in court.

Lindis has always been interested in the law and in using the law to challenge abuse and misuse of the law and to effect change. She has been very successful with High Court authorities being made - to be used by everyone - and is defending herself. We thank her for her persistence on our behalf. We also thank those who have been supporting her in court.

## WELL DONE, AND THANK YOU?

We note with concern the letter above from Natalie Laing - the previous US Director of Menwith Hill - in the June 2016 magazine of the Ministry of Defence Police (*Talk Through*, Issue 131,p.31).

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/537896/TT161\\_for\\_web.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/537896/TT161_for_web.pdf)

Shorter link: <http://bit.ly/2bsDpuc>

We particularly note the way in which the US Director identifies herself with the policing of the

demonstration and very much regret the attitude she expresses towards our protest. We would welcome the opportunity to explain our aims and methods more clearly to the new US Director, Miriam Garrant.

## UPDATES ON HOW THE INCREASED US MILITARY BUDGET AFFECTS US

In our last newsletter, we reported on the US's proposals to increase, dramatically, its military presence outside its borders. Reporting on the recent NATO summit in Warsaw, Dave Webb, CND Chair, describes how other NATO countries are also increasing their spending on forces near Russia's border ('No to war - no to NATO', *Campaign*, August 2016, p. 3, <http://www.cnduk.org/cnd-media/campaign-magazine>). Dave Webb writes: 'Russia has also repeatedly expressed concern about the undermining of its deterrent capabilities due to NATO's missile defence system. Further developments were announced at Warsaw, with NATO claiming the system is needed to counter threats from Iran and North Korea.'

On 12 May, a land-based missile defence station in Romania was activated 'which will form part of a larger and controversial European shield' ('US activates \$800m missile shield base in Romania', BBC 12 May 2016 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-36272686>, shorter link: <http://bbc.in/2b0GnSa>

For those of us challenging the development, use and accountability of US intelligence centres, particularly worrying is Dave Webb's assertion that: The possibility of NATO taking collective military action is greatly increased through its recognition of cyberspace as 'an operational domain'. Thus cyber-attacks can potentially trigger a military response. This is particularly worrying because of the difficulty in determining the source of cyber-attacks and technical evidence of them is rarely shared or clarified.

Apparently, 'a real increase of 3% in defence spending by European NATO members and Canada

is expected’.

**Dave Webb is speaking at our ‘Keep Space for Peace’ demonstration on 4 October 2016. Come along and hear him explain the NATO proposals in more detail!**

## **CIVILIAN DEATHS FROM US DRONE STRIKES AND AIR STRIKES: SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE IN TRANSPARENCY?**

On 1 July, the US administration published figures claiming that, during President Obama’s administration, it had killed between 64 and 116 civilians as well as between 2,372 and 2,581 ‘combatants’ in drone strikes and air strikes - just in countries with whom the US is not at war, for example, Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia. But signature strikes – against those who simply appear to have terrorist habits – will continue. This estimate is much lower than those produced by independent researchers such as the US Council of Foreign Relations and the London based Bureau of Investigative Journalism which has published a map showing where reported air strikes and drone strikes have taken place. However, because the US director of national intelligence has not revealed the locations of air or drone strikes which they have assessed, because of ‘diplomatic sensitivities’, the BIJ finds it impossible to check the DRI’s figure (<https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/2016/07/21/infographic-cias-drone-war-pakistan/>), shorter link: <http://bit.ly/2bGSObK>.

## **PROTESTS AGAINST EXPANDING AMERICAN BASES AROUND THE WORLD**

### **In Germany - Ramstein**

CAAB circulated a petition, initiated by Roots Action, calling for the closure of Ramstein US base. At the time of going to press, this petition has gathered 20, 983 signatures (goal 25,000). Add your own name if you haven’t already done so. [http://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=12254](http://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=12254) Shorter link:

<http://bit.ly/29xTtcj>

### **In Japan - on Okinawa**

On 19 June, tens of thousands of demonstrators gathered for a rally against the presence of the US military. Read more about it: ‘Protesters gather for anti-US military rally in Okinawa’

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-36569669>, shorter link:

<http://bbc.in/1ScaVy0>

A series of major rallies have taken place opposing US Marine helipads construction in the pristine Yanbaru forest, Takae, Okinawa, with protestors gathering

from all over Japan. In July the Japanese government deployed 500 riot police to forcibly remove anti-US base protesters who were staging a peaceful sit-in, blocking heavy machinery from entering the forest tracks and preventing road construction. There are now simultaneous sit-ins at various locations and construction continues to be delayed.

The date set for construction to begin was 6 August, Hiroshima Commemoration Day.

What’s happening at Takae - guide.

<http://nohelipadtakae.org/Takae-handout-english-final.pdf>

### **Joint Urgent Statement Opposing the Construction of US military helipads around Takae**

<http://www.foejapan.org/en/aid/160730.html>

### **And in Sicily**

The final satellite in the MUOS Constellation (Mobile User Objective System) was launched on 24 June; however an undisclosed anomaly halted the orbit raising, forcing transfer manoeuvres to be halted. The US Navy has now declared the primary orbit-raising system to have failed, and the satellite currently stranded. MUOS 5 was/is to provide Ultra High Frequency communications services to the US military and was/is the in-space spare satellite for the MUOS constellation’s four primary satellites.

### **The satellites generate global coverage for a military cellular network allowing the exchange of mission data almost anywhere around the world.**

The first four MUOS satellites are currently in use supporting operations via their legacy payloads - MUOS 1 over the Pacific, MUOS 2 the Americas, MUOS 3 the Atlantic and MUOS 4 the Indian Ocean. Each satellite’s signal will always be connected with two of the four ground stations (Hawaii, Niscemi in Sicily, Kojarena in Australia, and Chesapeake in Virginia US), giving a second option if the signal from one of the satellites is lost, reducing the risk of a sudden interruption.

The ground station in Sicily was impounded for sixteen months by order of the Regional Administrative Court and could not legally be used. Thanks to the efforts of those opposing the presence of MUOS in Niscemi it was found that the law which states that any plans to build in a protected Nature Reserve must be debated in parliament had been bypassed during the construction permit process. On the 5 August the Catania Court of Review ordered the release of the station, a decision described by the NO MUOS legal team as a very worrying and serious judicial error. (For further information visit: <http://nomuos.org/en> - the website of NO MUOS.)



## 2 JULY CELEBRATIONS - IN FINE BUT WINDY WEATHER



**Maisie Adam**

The annual Independence from America demonstration is held each year at Menwith Hill to coincide (this year approximately) with Independence Day in the USA. This year, the demonstration was ably compered by the Leeds stand-up comedian and writer, Maisie Adam, and music was provided by the protest singer and song writer Catherine Warr and the East Lancs. Clarion Choir. Speakers included Michael McGowan, Dr Marcus Papadopoulos, and members of Veterans for Peace: John Boulton, Norman Lynch, George Brown and Ryan Hall.



**East Lancs. - Clarion Choir**

**SOME PERSONAL WORDS . . . FROM THOSE WHO HELPED TO MAKE THIS SUCH AN ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRING DAY FOR US - THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

Unfortunately, because of constraints of space, we are unable to publish in full here the words very kindly contributed by some of the speakers and musicians. Do please read their complete contributions on the CAAB website ([www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk)) or contact Sarah at 64 Magdalens Road, Ripon, HG4 1HT for paper copies.

## MICHAEL MCGOWAN, FORMER LABOUR MEP AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE CAMPAIGNER



**Mike McGowan**

In a powerful statement of solidarity and support for Jeremy Corbyn for his work for world peace and for refugees, Mike McGowan described the election of Jeremy Corbyn, a life-long campaigner for peace and for refugees, as an historic opportunity for Britain and the world, saying that it should be a matter of universal celebration, and an opportunity not to be wasted but to be taken forward in the interest of all who share our planet.

Michael McGowan is a trustee of the Leeds project PAFRAS, Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers, and has worked along with Jeremy Corbyn with refugees from the Western Sahara who live in exile under canvas in the Sahara Desert. He served as President of the Development Committee of the European Parliament, is a member of the Foreign Affairs and Human Rights committees of the parliament, and Whip of Labour MEPS.

## **DR MARCUS PAPADOPOULOS, PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF POLITICS FIRST WRITES:**



**Dr Marcus Papadopoulos**

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year, I was privileged to give a speech at the main annual demonstration of the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases outside RAF Menwith Hill, a vast base housing a United States Air Force contingent and radar domes operated by the National Security Agency.

The landscape of Menwith Hill could not be more picturesque, with magnificent looking hills and valleys that seem, to the human eye, to extend forever. It would seem that man has not yet descended on what is one of the most naturally stunning parts of Britain.

However, man has, in fact, descended on the area around Menwith Hill, and it quickly becomes apparent to an observer that he or she is, indeed, in the twenty-first century. Because this beautiful area is eclipsed by 33 radar domes operated by the NSA, contained in 2.21 km<sup>2</sup> of land, enabling the US Government to eavesdrop on any country in the world. It is believed that those radar domes can carry out two million intercepts an hour. While Menwith Hill is, officially speaking, a British military installation, the reality is that it is a potent tentacle of the US Government which has been used to extend American political, economic and military hegemony across the world, especially over the last twenty-five years. And in doing so, that tentacle has helped to destroy or paralyse numerous countries, causing tens of thousands of civilian deaths. That macabre list includes the former Yugoslavia, Iraq, Libya, Syria and Ukraine.

A sad and depressing fact about the reality of Menwith Hill is that its malignant nature (and even its very existence) is not widely known amongst the British public. (The same can, of course, be said of the other US military installations across the UK, such as RAF Lakenheath and RAF Croughton.) Few UK citizens are aware that countries have been, and are continuing to be, devastatingly targeted by American military installations operating on British soil. And few Britons are aware that because of those actions, British security and stability, itself, is being jeopardised. Furthermore, that threat to security and stability is being, literally speaking, paid for by the British public, as the servicing of all US installations in the UK falls, in part, to the British Government, meaning the British taxpayer. The irony could not be more saddening. Not one penny of taxpayers' money should be spent on the installations.

The 2003 US-led invasion, and subsequent occupation, of Iraq, was facilitated, to a large extent, by Menwith Hill having provided, amongst other things, intelligence information necessary for the invasion: the positions of Iraqi army formations, movements to and from Iraqi military bases and conversations between senior Iraqi political and

military leaders, for instance.

In 2011, British and French military intervention in Libya, on the side of Islamist forces fighting against the Libyan government of Muammar Gaddafi, could only have happened with Menwith Hill's participation, having provided the British and French air forces with the whereabouts of Libyan military divisions and having provided to US battleships locations of where to fire their cruise missiles at in Libya.

The above cases [there are many others in Dr Papadopoulos chilling article] are just some examples of the catastrophically dangerous role that Menwith Hill plays in the world. And all of the above cases have resulted in making this world a very, very dangerous one – from side-lining international law, to turning countries into failed or impoverished states, to supporting organised crime and religious extremist organisations (resulting in inevitable consequences for ordinary people in Europe and the Middle East, for example), to provoking Russia, a military and nuclear superpower, which is very well aware of the activities of Menwith Hill, contributing to Britain being on Russia's radar, both literally and metaphorically speaking.

## VETERANS FOR PEACE MEMBER JOHN BOURTON SAID:



So why are we here today? Well I'll start with my own story.

Back in 1972 when I was 21, in the middle of the so-called Cold War, I was sent on a Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Warfare course at Winterbourne Gunner, near Porton Down in Wiltshire. The course taught us to plan for Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical warfare back in the days of our so-called defence policy of Mutually Assured Destruction aka appropriately MAD. MAD was based on the notion that if 'They' bombed us, we could bomb them back. An eye for an eye. You destroy us and we'll destroy the world in retaliation.

We played war games and with special templates, algorithms, tables and weather forecasts we plotted



nuclear strikes on the UK and the likely consequences in terms of damage and downwind radiation. As we know now from Chernobyl we had no real idea of just how far and for how long radiation could travel and persist. But in our war games North Yorkshire was always a 1st likely target. Why? Because of the US bases here, in particular Fylingdales and here at Menwith Hill. The US early warning system based in the UK was designed to warn the Americans that ICBMs were headed for them. Note they weren't there to defend us and in fact made us a certain 1st strike target to knock out the American early warning system. Would we have been a target if they weren't here? You may well ask.

The Cold War is over, though the US are doing their level best to re-ignite it and present Russia as a real threat again. The ring of NATO bases surrounding Russia is in fact aggressive, not defensive and if Putin is paranoid who can blame him? And Fylingdales and Menwith Hill are still here and still make us an early target in any world conflagration.

The Tories are currently in disarray over Brexit and I have read that they are likely to bring forward the vote on renewing Trident in order to unite the party and cause further disruption in the Labour Party. (AFTERNOTE: and of course this is exactly what they did!) Especially as Jeremy Corbyn has been one of the few party leaders honest enough to say that he would not press the nuclear button even in retaliation, so blowing apart the whole MAD construct. In truth, I cannot imagine any sane leader ordering the firing of Nuclear weapons as a retaliatory act - but I wouldn't have put it past Margaret Thatcher or Tony Blair!

Not surprisingly, basic infantry training conditions basic instincts:- the normal response to danger is Fight or Flight but the army trains you to follow only the first response: Fight. Aggression is encouraged and compassion dismissed as a weakness. We become skilled at ways of harming people. In order to do so, we learn to hate 'Others', be they another regiment, another service, civilians, foreigners and so on. The army call it regimental tradition and building team spirit but we call it developing gang culture.

VFP offers a unique perspective in that we have 'been there and done that' and we see it as our duty to spread the truth and combat the lie that soldiering is a noble calling that deserves public support. Violence is said to be the last resort of the exhausted mind, or an extension of policy by others means. We live in a warmongering country where military spending escalates, arms companies are one of our largest export industries, and a political willingness to use force, whether drones, bombs or boots on the ground, is now often a 1st option, not a last. And we are now international aggressors, not defenders. War

is not a solution to the problems of the 21st century. We are proud to stand in solidarity with CAAB. Thank you for inviting us.

For more information go to our website: [www.vfpuk.org](http://www.vfpuk.org).

## JANET RUSSELL WRITES FOR THE EAST LANCs. CLARION CHOIR

East Lancs. Clarion Choir were pleased to participate again in the celebration of a hoped for Independence from American Militarism this year. In the five years plus that we have attended, we have heard some great speakers and listened to some wonderful music.

The issue of this American base connects with so many other issues in society, not just about war, the arms race, about spying and whistleblowing, but also about injustice, power imbalance, and inequality in our society. When East Lancs. Clarion Choir puts together a set of songs for this event, we try to make some links with all the issues that have been occupying our minds since the previous year, and with songs we have sung for various campaigns we have supported in the previous months.

For the past two years I have enjoyed reading out the declaration [attached with this newsletter], along with Peter Kenyon, and this year David Hedley, and the assembled company. It is an honour to be asked to do this, and I know that all the members of East Lancs. Clarion Choir, including Moira Hill, who also read the declaration for two years, are fully behind the statements it makes. Here's to the 2017 Declaration of Independence Day at Menwith.

## CATHERINE WARR, SINGER AND SONGWRITER:



Catherine Warr

I was glad to offer some entertainment during the event. People often forget the power of music: all through history it's been a medium for political and social self-expression and change. I believe that we are all given certain abilities and skills which aid us best. I have one thing – and that is a love of music and song, and a desire to share these songs with whoever may listen.

In the words of the Quaker Stephen Grellet, “I expect to pass through this world but once Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any fellow creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.”

## BARBARA PENNY: AMERICAN DRIVER IN COURT

The driver who deliberately drove at and knocked down Barbara Penny on **11 August 2015** during the Tuesday evening weekly demonstration (see Newsletters 58 Autumn 2015 and 59 Spring 2016) is in Leeds Crown Court on 9 January 2017 for a 5 day hearing. He is pleading NOT GUILTY to causing grievous bodily harm. Her case for compensation also still continues. Barbara is doing well, she says, but she will have to wear a compression stocking for the rest of her life and is still in some discomfort. She continues to come to the Menwith Hill base for the Quaker Meeting for Worship on the first Saturday of every other month but does not feel up to coming to the weekly Tuesday evening demonstration - she is reminded almost daily of her traumatic experience whenever she crosses the road. We send her our very best wishes and love.

The picture shows Brigid-Mary Oates on Tuesday 12 July 2016: how many more days are now left for Obama to close Guantanamo Bay US facility?

**MONEY MATTERS:** There are several ways of supporting CAAB financially (CAAB website). **Postage has gone up again. It would be really helpful if more people would consider getting the e-version of this newsletter.**

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