

Hastings Local Meeting contribution to Quaker Week in October will be a Study Day - *Towards a Compassionate Response to the Israel-Palestine Conflict*. Our two speakers have spent years in Israel and the West Bank with the Christian Peacemaker Team (<http://www.cpt.org>) in Hebron and with the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel <http://bit.ly/2bOK01D> Rather than blaming one side or the other, they reflect the longing on both sides for peace and reconciliation. How can Quakers best support these impulses and bring hope to the two traumatised communities?

Join us on Saturday 15th October, says John Lynes; You'll see the conflict through fresh eyes.

"When people come... and drink tea with me, and listen, it gives me power to stay."

Sabri, local contact

TOWARDS A COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE TO THE PALESTINE-ISRAEL CONFLICT



A Study Day in the Quaker Meeting
House

5 South Terrace, Hastings, TN34 1SA

**10:30 for 11:00 am, ending at 3:30
pm**

Saturday 15 October 2016

**Speakers: Alwyn Knight & John
Lynes**

Entrance free. All welcome
Bring sandwiches

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SEAM - Report of Trustees for Second Quarter of 2016

Forwarded by Bill Penn

The trustees met on 30th April and 4th June. Following views expressed expressed at Area Meeting a simplified cash collection policy and procedure was developed.

Following the receipt of much delayed advice from Friends Trusts Ltd, the draft Charity Commission scheme was finalised. This will have the affect to combining all the local meetings, meeting houses and burial grounds into a single charity.

Finance

Trustees continued to keep the state of the whole Area Meeting's finances under review. Work on the 2015 accounts was nearing completion so that the deadline for submission to the Charity Commission of 30th October should be achievable. The review of investments and financial controls was ongoing but had resulted in the drafting of a revised investment policy.

Risk

The risk register was kept under review. The attention of Area Meeting had been drawn to the fact that the Safeguarding Coordinator was unable to fulfil all the roles of the post as provided for in the Safeguarding Policy, however it appeared that this problem had not been satisfactorily addressed.

Employees

Volunteer resident friends had been appointed to serve in Lewes. The self employed status of the children's worker at Lewes had been clarified. The 2% pay rise for the cleaners at Hastings and Eastbourne had been actioned.

Bexhill

The quinquennial survey had been done and the report was awaited.

Lewes

The Premises Committee had kept trustees fully informed concerning their work.

Eastbourne

Local Friends had arranged exterior redecoration. The ongoing problem of damp ingress in the meeting room had been thoroughly investigated and it was hoped that a lasting solution could be implemented.

Herstmonceux

A survey of Friends Cottage had been carried out to try to get to the bottom of the damp problems; the report was awaited. As was reported at Area Meeting, work with Wealden District Council and our letting agents had been ongoing with a view to leasing 1 Penn Cottage to the Council to enable them to house a refugee family there.

The quinquennial survey was being considered by Herstmonceux Friends.

Uckfield Local Meeting presents

***“Franz Schubert:
The Piano
&
The Power of Friendship”***

**An informal, informative talk
with
Dr Graham Griffiths, piano**

***Schubert surrounded himself with a great variety of talented artists, poets and musicians whom he considered essential to his life and his creativity.
He loved his friends more than his own family.***

**Saturday, 17 September 2016 at 2.30 p.m.
The Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield
Tea at 3.45 p.m.**