



# Campaign *for the* Accountability of American Bases

**Local, National and  
International news**

**No. 32: September 2006**

## *Dear friends*

*In the early hours of 1 August, Anni Rainbow's eldest son Matthew was severely injured by a mortar attack in Basra. Matt died soon afterwards from the injuries. He had served in the British Army for 11 years, he was on his third tour of duty in Iraq and was due to return to the UK the following week. He leaves his wife Abby, and children Ethan and Libby (3 years and 16 months). It is desperate for any parent to lose a child, (whether civilian or military). It is doubly dreadful for Anni, given that she is a pacifist, a Quaker and has campaigned tirelessly for many, many years against war, weaponry and violence as a means of settling conflicts. Such pathos and the irony of this dreadful news happening to Anni escapes no-one.*

*Anni would like to thank everyone so much for all the messages, cards, flowers and help given to her since Matt's death.*

*The aftermath of invading Iraq gets more and more dangerous. However there is little mention of the word 'occupation'; whether it be by international leaders, politicians or the media round the world; the emphasis is on the 'war against terrorism'.*

*We suggest, the fact that there is an occupying force in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine or the Lebanon could be one of the deep felt reasons why the US Visiting Forces and their allies (main player being the UK Government) are so hated by some of these countries. The hydra head of the terrorist factions*

*keeps on growing; and despite one being cut off another appears.*

*Where is the sense of the US and UK governments offering aid when it was these two governments who supported the Israelis in the devastation of the ancient civilization of Lebanon? Blast and then rebuild.....*



Independence FROM America - 4 July 2006 – courtesy of Indymedia

*Why do the US and UK governments think that they can defeat the Taliban in Afghanistan when a super power like Russia (as it was then) tried to occupy, failed and had to withdraw. Afghanistan has a long history of attempts at 'occupation' and change by foreign forces.*

*If the outcome of the Second World War had been different we would have been urged to resist any 'occupation' by a 'Visiting Force'. The US Visiting Forces in the UK occupy and control many bases in this country, unaccountable, putting all our security at risk and out of control. What we must perhaps do now is contained so vividly in the Judgment of the Nuremburg War Crimes Tribunal 1945 (quoted over the page) – civil disobedience.....*

**CAAB is deeply opposed to and does not condone any form of violence. There are alternatives to violence.**

# AROUND THE BASES

## NSA/USAF MENWITH HILL (near Harrogate, North Yorkshire)

**Reminder of developments:** Nearly \$41.7 million is being spent at RAF Menwith Hill, England, on a new 131,000-square-foot “sensitive compartmented information facility,” which will replace a handful of existing buildings. According to the project funding request, this year’s funds will be used to build about half of the building, with fiscal ’07 funds being used to finish the facility. [*Stars and Stripes: 04.01.06*]

### Weekly Tuesday evening demonstrations:

Thank you to everyone who made sure the demonstration happened every week during the month of August – special thanks to Peter Pollard. The American base at Menwith Hill is a place where it is possible to come and protest very visibly. The base plays many important and significant roles in the American domination and occupation of many parts of the world.

#### IMPORTANT QUOTE

From judgment: The Nuremburg Charter 1945

*“The very essence of the Charter is that individuals have international duties which transcend the national obligations of obedience imposed by the individual State. He who violates the laws of war cannot obtain immunity while acting in pursuance of the authority of the State, if the State in authorizing the action moves outside its competence under international law.”*

Nuremburg War Crimes Tribunal 1945

**Meeting at Harrogate Police Station:** We have reported many times the difficulties we have experienced with the ‘policing’ by the Ministry of Defence Police Agency (MDPA) during the Tuesday night demonstrations. Finally Christine (CAAB Treasurer) and Lindis met Aubrey Smith (Chief Inspector North Yorkshire Police) and Tony Penfold (Chief Inspector MDPA) on 21 June. It was agreed by the officers that it would be permissible for every third/fourth car to be stopped by protestors for a moment holding banners/the upside-down US flag – this they thought was reasonable. However a letter was subsequently received from Aubrey Smith to say that it had been brought to his attention (‘during research’) that a ruling in York Crown Court went against what was agreed. It was curious however as Tony Penfold would have been fully aware of this

but at the meeting he said nothing about a ruling. We hope to have another meeting sometime soon.

**New lighting at Main entrance:** This planning application was passed on 18 August 2006 by Harrogate Planning Department. It is for 8 lamp posts at the main entrance and car park. On the face of it not an important application, however CAAB has continually raised the question of bad lighting (among other safety issues) at the Tuesday evening demonstration. The MDPA, who ‘police’ the demonstration always insist that they are there for our ‘protection’.

**Court:** Anni’s appeal against her conviction and sentence at York Crown Court was deferred again because of the sad news about her son and because she was readmitted to hospital on 13 September.

**Harrogate Magistrates’ Court:** Lindis is on trial 18,19 and 21 September 2006 for two alleged offences of ‘obstruction of the highway’ at Menwith Hill in January during the Tuesday evening demonstration. She was charged, arrested another time and later received a summons. The summons came four months after being ‘reported with a view to prosecution’.

### Planning Applications since last newsletter:

Unusually there have been no Planning Applications (to date) since May 2006. However there are plenty of developments going on – refer to CAAB website: Planning Applications page.

**Review of Military Land Byelaws:** We have covered this issue for many years. Many of the Military Land Byelaws are apparently up for review on the pretext that they are ‘out of date’..... ‘Presently under the provisions of the Military Lands Act 1892 (s14), the Secretary of State for Defence is empowered to make byelaws to regulate the use of land being used for military purposes. Many of these byelaws date back to the early part of the 20th century and do not reflect subsequent changes within the Department, changes of use within sites or the impact of recent legislation, such as the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – refer to Defence Estates website:

<http://www.defenceestates.mod.uk/byelaws/Internet/Intro.html>

RAF Menwith Hill (second set of byelaws) for example were brought in in 1996 after a challenge to the validity in the High Court in 1993. Not byelaws that ‘date back to the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century’ and so these particular byelaws do not square up to the apparent reason for having a look at them. Perhaps the reason is that these byelaws are invalid?

**Email from Lindis to Defence Estates Team dated 07.09.06:** Dear Team I see that your website has not been updated since March this year.

Would you please let me know what was the outcome of the proposed new byelaws at Aldermaston and also if there are any plans for any more proposed new byelaws. I would be grateful also if you would publish any correspondence that was received by the Team during the 'consultation' period concerning these byelaws.

#### **Response from Defence Estates Team dated 11.09.06**

...The replacement Aldermaston Byelaws are awaiting Ministerial Authority to release the public comments and MOD responses. Ministerial signature is also awaited. You will appreciate there may be additional delay due to the recent Ministerial changes.

In respect of other sites all MOD Byelaws are being reviewed and as soon as we can confirm the start of the public consultation period for individual sites these will be added to the website.

Byelaws Review Team

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Tel: 01252 361986

#### **Demonstration: 'KEEP SPACE FOR PEACE'**

Saturday 7 October 2006 12 md-5ish – Missile Defense – 'A Star Spangled Nonsense' – part of an international week of protest called for by the Global Network Against Nuclear Weapons and Power in Space – see CAAB website for details. Please come and please dress accordingly! SAY NO TO 'STAR WARS'.

#### **'RAF' FYLINGDALES (near Pickering, North Yorkshire)**

**Arrest:** Lindis was arrested on 27 May 2006 at Fylingdales for alleged suspicion of criminal damage to a byelaws sign. She was later released from Scarborough Police Station without charge. There has been a long history of abuse and manipulation of the Fylingdales byelaws over many years by the MDPA and the Crown Prosecution Service. We have reported on this in previous newsletters. The abuse continues.

#### **Planning Applications since last newsletter:**

There have been no new planning applications since the last newsletter in May.

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#### **USAF FAIRFORD**

**(near Lechlade, Gloucestershire)**

**Action against illegal war in Iraq:** The trial of Margaret Jones and Paul Milling finally comes to court after a lengthy legal process. which went to the House of Lords. The appeal was dismissed. Their actions were in response to the pending illegal invasion of Iraq.

Previously Lindis was found not guilty of s.68 'aggravated trespass' (Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994) when she hung an upside-down US flag with the words 'THE WORLD ROGUES - GWB and FRIENDS' on the under carriage of a B-52 bomber. Eight B-52s had landed that day (3 March 2001) before taking off to Iraq laden with munitions – see CAAB Report page on website.

#### **USAF MILDENHALL/LAKENHEATH (near Bury St Edmunds/Brandon, Suffolk)**

**Weapons to Israel:** Peace camps were set up in protest at planes being allowed to land, carrying arms on route to Israel at Prestwick, Mildenhall and Brize Norton.

#### **USAF CROUGHTON (near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire Brackley, Northants)**

**Violence in February at Croughton:** For the background to this case please refer to CAAB website under CAAB Reports. A hearing for the trial of Lindis has been fixed for four days starting on 7 November 2006. The trial will probably be held at Northampton Magistrates' Court before a District Judge (to be confirmed). We are having difficulties obtaining disclosure of documents despite the directions of the District Judge. We would very much welcome quiet support in the court.

**US Bases in the UK:** Tax breakdown by facility: Of the four services, the U.S. Air Force is responsible for the majority of the \$2.1 million the U.S. government pays the British Ministry of Defense for America's 42 bases in England.

Taxes on RAFs Mildenhall, Lakenheath and Fairford total more than 700,000 pounds (\$1.3 million) a year. The military pays the tax — used to fund local services such as police, fire and garbage collection for off-base renters and property owners — so individual servicemembers don't have to.

RAFs Mildenhall and Lakenheath are home to the majority of the approximately 9,600 American airmen in the U.K.

On the other end of the spectrum, several Air Force properties cost the U.S. military less than 1,000

pounds (\$1,800) a year in taxes. They include: An antenna site at Hemel Hempstead: 974 pounds (\$1,762). A forward scatter station at Maidstone: 469 pounds (\$849). A wireless station at Watlington: 919 pounds (\$1,662). Property owned by the U.S. Navy incurs the second-largest amount of taxes, nearly 200,000 pounds (\$362,000) in 2006.

As for facilities in London, taxes on RAF St. Mawgan, home to the Navy's underwater-listening outpost, total 101,000 pounds (\$182,810). The Navy pays nearly 40,000 pounds (\$72,000) for government buildings at Pinner, RAF West Ruislip and a building at 2 Providence Court in Grosvenor Square.

The U.S. Army, meanwhile, pays the least, and the tax bill is expected to decrease next year with the decommissioning of RAF Hythe.

Taxes on the Yorkshire-based RAF Menwith Hill, an Air Force-operated base that is home to a National Security Agency surveillance station, totaled 88,000 pounds (\$159,000), nearly 90 percent of the Army's bill.

The situation differs for troops in other parts of Europe.

U.S. forces in Germany and Italy lease base properties free of charge, but the individual servicemember is not exempt from property tax on residential property, according to Julio Hernandez, spokesman for the Installation Management Agency-Europe. However, servicemembers living in property owned by the German government are spared the tax.

"Real estate taxes for German government-owned family housing which is made available for U.S. use are paid by the German government," Hernandez wrote in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes.

"The German government expects to be reimbursed once the family housing is released from U.S. control and returned to the German government." [*Bryan Mitchell, Stars and Stripes UK weekly edition, Wednesday, August 23, 2006*]

### **USAF WELFORD (near Lechlade Gloucestershire)**

**A case of invalid byelaws:** After endless Case Management hearings and prevarication by the Crown Prosecution and the MDPA, Peter Burt let us know the result of their case – alleged offences under the Welford byelaws.

Peter wrote: I'm pleased to tell you that the case against Juliet, Anna-Linea, and myself under the Welford byelaws was thrown out by the District Judge in Newbury [Magistrates' Court] with no case to answer on Friday [4 August 2006].

The judge decided that as the map which was presented to him as being part of the byelaws was separate from the byelaws document itself with nothing to show what it was or where it had come from, the byelaws could not be proved. The map should be an integral part of the byelaws but as it was not there could be no case against us. [CAAB advised].

### **SELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** (Parliament in recess during the summer)

#### **RAF Menwith Hill/Fylingdales**

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many (a) US military personnel, (b) US contractors, (c) US civilians, (d) UK military personnel, (e) Ministry of Defence Police Agency personnel, (f) GCHQ employees and (g) UK civilians work at (i) RAF Menwith Hill and (ii) RAF Fylingdales. [76294]

**A: Mr. Ingram:** As at 1 June 2006 the figures for RAF Menwith Hill were: 484 US military personnel; 538 US contractors; 458 US civilians, of which 243 are US Department of Defence civilians; 11 UK military personnel; 161 Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency personnel; I am withholding the number of GCHQ employees in accordance with Government policy of not commenting on intelligence matters; and 231 UK civilian personnel work at the base.

As of 1 June 2006 the figures for RAF Fylingdales were: One US military personnel; 20 US contractors; nine US civilians; 85 RAF personnel; 104 Ministry of Defence Police and Guarding Agency personnel; there are no GCHQ employees working at RAF Fylingdales; and 37 UK civilian personnel work at the base. [14 Jun 2006 : Column 1235W]

#### **RAF Fylingdales**

**Q: Mr. Hancock:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what recent discussions his Department has held with the US Administration on updating the radar complex at Fylingdales; and if he will make a statement. [77465]

**A: Mr. Ingram:** Since the Government agreed in 2003 to the US request to upgrade the early warning radar at RAF Fylingdales, officials have had regular and frequent discussions with their US counterparts about the progress of the upgrade; this continues to be the case. [16 Jun 2006 : Column 1524W]

## RAF Menwith Hill

**Q: Mr. Drew:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence by what mechanism the US authorities pay his Department's Police Agency for policing activities at RAF Menwith Hill. [223681]

**A: Mr. Ingram** [*holding answer 24 March 2005*]: The United States authorities pay for the Ministry of Defence Police Agency against bills raised on the Agency's behalf by the MOD Liaison Office at RAF Mildenhall. These bills are raised on a weekly basis and in arrears. At the end of each month, Mildenhall transfer the income from payments made by the US to the MOD Police Agency. Bills are based on the salaries of Agency personnel, both police and civilian, deployed to Menwith Hill and any other costs that are appropriate in accordance with the 1989 Memorandum of Understanding between the United States European Command (EUCOM), represented by the Headquarters Third Air Force, and the United Kingdom MOD concerning the role and responsibilities of MOD police deployed at bases occupied by United States Forces in the UK. [5 Apr 2005 : Column 1374W]

[CAAB has a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding 1989 mentioned above].

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how many people have been stopped and searched at RAF Menwith Hill by the Ministry of Defence Police Agency in each year since 2000. [76293]

**A: Mr. Ingram:** The details of how many people have been stopped and searched at RAF Menwith Hill jointly by the Ministry of Defence Police and North Yorkshire Police (NYP) are set out as follows. Such data is not held prior to September 2001. [20 Jun 2006 : Column 1712W]

	<i>Stops</i>	<i>Searches</i>
September 2001 to 22 December 2003	236	210
23 December 2003 to 22 December 2004	571	220
23 December 2004 to 13 December 2005	959	419
14 December 2005 to 14 June 2006	344	92
Grand total	2,110	941

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence how much has been spent on security patrolling of the roads around RAF Menwith Hill by the Ministry of Defence Police Agency in each year since 2003. [76295]

**A: Mr. Ingram:** The approximate totals spent by the US authorities on security patrolling of the roads around RAF Menwith Hill by the Ministry of Defence Police are set out in the table on a year by year basis: 15 Jun 2006 : Column 1385

	£
2003-04	531,000.00
2004-05	560,000.00
2005-06	608,000.00

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## Renditions

**Q: Mr. Tyrie:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs pursuant to the Answer of 8 May 2006, *Official Report*, column 55W, on rendition, since what date the Government has expected a state to seek permission for each individual rendition flight through UK airspace and UK air bases, including overseas territories. [71485]

**A: Dr. Howells:** I refer the hon. Member to the answer I gave him on 18 April 2006, *Official Report*, column 88W, and to my right hon. Friend the then Foreign Secretary's (Mr. Straw) written ministerial statement of 20 January 2006, *Official Report*, columns 37-38WS. The expectation that a State will seek permission reflects an aspect of the principle of State sovereignty over territory, which is a longstanding principle of international law. The findings of the review of the Government's files back to 1997, which were summarised in the then Foreign Secretary's written ministerial statement, demonstrate that this has been a consistent requirement; that it has been made clear to the United States authorities; and that they have sought such permission.

[Recently George W Bush finally admitted that there were such CIA 'rendition' camps but denied that torture was practiced. Instead he referred to 'vigorous interrogation'].

## Diego Garcia

**Q: Jeremy Corbyn:** To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs what recent discussions she has had with the US Administration on its lease of Diego Garcia; and if she will make a statement. [72981]

**A: Mr. Hoon:** My right hon. Friend the Foreign Secretary of State has not had recent discussions with the US Administration on the international agreement entered into by the UK and the US in 1966. There is no lease.

The 1966 Exchange of Notes between the Government and the Government of the United States provides that the islands of the British Indian Ocean Territories, including Diego Garcia, shall be available to meet the defence needs of both Governments for an initial period of 50 years, i.e. until 2016, and continuing thereafter for a further period of 20 years unless terminated by either Government at the end of the initial period. [25 May 2006 : Column 1997W]

## European Anti-missile Site

**Q: Mr. Hancock:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what plans NATO has to install an anti-missile site in Europe; what discussions he has had on this matter with (a) the USA, (b) Poland and (c) the Czech Republic; and if he will make a statement. [76610]

**A: Des Browne:** NATO is currently examining the implications of a feasibility study into ballistic missile defence for alliance territories and population centres and as yet no plans have been developed or approved. I have not discussed the implications of the study with my counterparts in the USA, Poland or the Czech Republic. [14 Jun 2006 : Column 1234W]

*Since the 'Answer' the Czech Republic government have indicated that they would be willing to allow interceptor sites. There is public opposition however.*

## US Missile Defence Agency

**Q: Mr. Gerald Howarth:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence (1) how many UK personnel are attached to the US Missile Defence Agency; [86666] (2) how many US personnel are attached to the UK Missile Defence Centre. [86667]

**A: Des Browne:** The US and UK have been exchanging personnel under the terms of the Strategic Defence Initiative Memoranda of Understanding since the 1980's. Four US

personnel Defence Science are currently seconded to the UK, two in the Missile Defence Centre, and two in Missile Defence Centre sponsored posts in the and Technology Laboratory. Four Ministry of Defence personnel are currently seconded to the US Missile Defence Agency. [25.07.2006]

## Theatre Missile Defence

**Q: Jim Cousins:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence when he expects to decide on the need for theatre missile defences; and what expenditure on research and technology appraisal of such defences has been incurred. [75255]

**A: Des Browne:** NATO Heads of State and Government agreed at the Istanbul Summit in June 2004 to the principle of NATO Theatre Missile Defence (TMD) and the Alliance has since embarked on a programme to acquire a TMD capability to protect deployed forces by 2010. The United Kingdom supports this NATO programme. UK national expenditure on research into ballistic missile defence is now focussed on longer range threats, and expenditure since 2004 has totalled some£8.1 million. For detailed information on expenditure prior to 2004, I refer my hon. Friend to the answer which my right hon. Friend, the then Secretary of State, gave to the hon. Member for Hereford (Mr. Keetch) on 19 January 2004, *Official Report*, column 918W. [7 Jun 2006 : Column 627W]

## UK Bases

**Q: Norman Baker:** To ask the Secretary of State for Defence what rules govern the use of UK bases at (a) Diego Garcia and (b) RAF Fairford by the United States to launch military action against a sovereign state. [85506]

**A: Des Browne:** The presence of the United States Air Force at RAF Fairford is, as with all bases made available to United States visiting forces in the United Kingdom, governed by the NATO Status of Forces Agreement 1951 and additional confidential arrangements.

Her Majesty's Government have to be fully consulted and agree before any UK-based US forces are deployed operationally. The Joint Churchill-Truman Communiqué of January 1952 stated:

“Under arrangements made for the common defence, the United States has the use of certain bases in the United Kingdom. We reaffirm the understanding that the use of these bases in an emergency would be a matter for joint decision by H. M. Government and the U.S. Government in the light of the circumstances prevailing at the time.” The use of the US military facility at Diego Garcia is governed by an Exchange of Notes between the US and UK which requires the US to seek prior approval for any operations that they wish to undertake from Diego Garcia. [18 July 2006 : Column 353W]

## MISSILE DEFENSE

[an interesting analysis]

### A Star Wars Failure

The missile defense system, known as "Star Wars," doesn't work well under a barrage of rockets, according to a recent failed project. Since future battles aren't likely to involve one-time shots of large missiles, the system's protective value must be seriously questioned.

As reported recently in The New York Times, the latest failure was a joint effort by the United States and Israel to develop a laser weapon to destroy incoming Katyusha rockets, the same weapons that Hezbollah now is using to pummel Israel. The Times reported that the two countries quietly shelved the experimental weapon last September after spending more than \$300 million on it.

The newspaper quoted military experts including Penrose C. Albright, a former Pentagon official who helped initiate the project. He said it could work under certain conditions but not so well under "salvo or cloudy conditions." Salvo is what Israel faces now, and the troubled defense system wouldn't have been much good against Hezbollah's rockets. Other objections to the laser system were its mounting cost (billions more dollars to deploy many units along the whole Israeli border), its bulkiness (the size of six city buses), development delays, and safety considerations. Leaking valve sometimes released toxic fluids. Dr Albright, now a defense consultant in Washington, told The Times: "There's not much you can do against rockets, except to control the launch area or go into shelters."

The failure of the laser weapon throws increasing doubt on the future of the entire missile-defense program originally started by President Ronald Reagan in 1983 and now expanded as a key feature of President Bush's defense plan. Experiments to hit a missile with a missile have failed repeatedly and when they did succeed it was only under contrived special conditions. Under operational conditions, defense systems would be confused by "chaff" that would look like additional rockets. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, a supporter of missile defense, strongly resisted efforts to require operational testing of the system.

Critics long opposed such schemes as threatening the uneasy Cold War standoff credited with keeping the United States and the Soviet Union from firing missiles at each other. Frances Fitzgerald, vacationing on Mount Desert Island, told the story in detail in her 2000 book, "Way Out There in the Blue: Reagan, Star Wars, and the End of the Cold War."

This "mutually assured destruction" may no longer apply against non-governmental entities like Hezbollah and al-Qaida, which have no country to lose.

A system that does not work well under a salvo of rockets or when it's cloudy doesn't provide much defense. [Tuesday, August 08, 2006 – Bangor Daily News Back].

**A 'meeting'.....like father – like son: 9 June 2006** Yorkshire International Business Convention in Harrogate North Yorkshire

Yorkshire CND were protesting outside the grounds of the Convention. It was a good demonstration. There were a lot of police about including police horses patrolling the outside. George Bush Senior was the main speaker at this event this year. He arrived at the Convention just before 3.30 pm, having stayed at Ridding Park hotel the night before.

Lindis was waiting inside the grounds, with the press to 'greet' him. While she was waiting inside the hall he was due to speak in, she was given a free glass of Pims no I courtesy of the Royal Bank of Scotland which she gratefully received. As the cavalcade bringing George Bush arrived, (consisting of four 'blackened-out window' cars with a bevy of CIA men accompanying) he stepped out of his vehicle and came down some steps to the main entrance hall.

Lindis quietly stepped out from the press ranks and barrier and stood peacefully holding an upside down US flag with the words 'BUSH OFF PLEASE' written on the flag. A CIA person came up to her but was not rough. As George Bush was coming down the steps Lindis was escorted off by several North Yorkshire police, including two officers from the Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) These officers had been present and near Lindis during this time.

Lindis was about 10-15 metres from George Bush as she was escorted away. As she passed him, she said, "Good afternoon Mr Bush" - he turned to her and she said "Your son is doing terrible things to the world". He replied, "I'm proud of what my son has done". Then Lindis and George Bush parted company.

Lindis was 'frog marched' off by a lot of police. She was not immediately arrested but put in a police van and taken to a 'prisoner' van parked within the grounds. She kept saying that she was not under arrest. The press were interested at this point. She was searched (despite not being under arrest) and eventually, after being told that she was not going to be arrested by PC Findlayson (CTU) the officer said that she was under arrest 'to prevent a breach of the peace'. She was not cautioned.

Lindis was kept in Harrogate Police Station under the instructions of 'higher authority' until George Bush had left. She was released without charge. The demonstration was entirely peaceful.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The CAAB newsletter gives a taste of the work we do and the information we have gathered - please refer to CAAB website: [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk)

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*Over the bleached bones and jumbled residues of numerous civilisations are written the pathetic words, "Too late." There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect. "The moving finger writes, and having writ moves on...." We still have a choice today: nonviolent coexistence or violent co-annihilation. This may well be mankind's last chance to choose between chaos and community.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr - American clergyman, civil rights leader and Nobel Peace Prize winner*

### **TALKS, WORKSHOPS AND INTERVIEW**

**Talks since last newsletter:** Quaker Quest at Carlton Hill Friends Meeting House, Addingham Monthly Meeting, Portsmouth and Southampton Monthly Meeting weekend

**Some of the interviews to press/media:** Stray FM, Radio Leeds, SKY TV, Yorkshire Post. BBC Look North, Calendar News.

### **SHAKING THE BUCKET**

Thank you so much to everyone who has given so generously in support of the work of CAAB. Your financial support means that we can continue the work of CAAB. If anyone would like to make a regular donation a Bankers Order form can be found on the CAAB website.

### **2006/7 QUAKER MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP**

**USAF Menwith Hill:** Saturdays  
7 Oct and 2 Dec from 2pm - 3pm outside the Main entrance  
Contact Anni: 01943 466405 or Lindis: 01423 884076

**'RAF' Fylingdales:** Saturdays (alternate months)  
4 November – 2007 6 January from 12pm - 1pm outside the Approach Road entrance to Fylingdales, near Pickering, North Yorkshire Moors  
Contact: Phone 01964 550410  
email [Chrisfellowes1@aol.com](mailto:Chrisfellowes1@aol.com)

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