



# DERBY AMNESTY

Amnesty International (AI) Derby and District Group Newsletter

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## Flag Day in September great need for helpers!

The Flag Day this year is Saturday, September 28th, between 9am and 4pm. We know that the more helpers we have, the more money we make, so please give an hour or so of your time to hold a tin in the town centre.

The collection HQ for picking up cans will be the Central URC church office, as usual. This is in Becketwell Lane, down the side of the old Debenham's building, between Debenham's and Boots. We are also grateful for any donations. To offer help or donations, please see the slip below, or phone 01332 766536.

Anne Feist



## Diary Dates . . . Diary Dates . . . Diary Dates .

Group Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Friends Meeting House (FMH), St Helen's St. Derby All welcome.

- 1 - 19 Sep Everyday** 10:00—4.00pm **Life Lines**—Banks Mill Studios  
Solo Exhibition of textile and mixed media art  
50% of any sales to AI
- Tue 10 Sep** Group Meeting 7.30pm FMH
- Sat 14 Sep** At Home with the Quakers—many groups, lots to see and do. All day Café. Friends Meeting House.
- Sat 28 Sep** Flag Day City Centre. See article on left for details
- Tue 8 Oct** Group Meeting 7.30pm FMH
- Tues 12 Nov** Group Meeting 7.30pm FMH
- Sat 7 Dec** Greetings Card Campaign and letter-writing for prisoners. St Peter's Centre Derby 10.00—4.00
- Sat 5 April** Bumper Book Sale Guildhall Clubroom Derby.  
Books needed, we can store! Contact Anne Feist

## Life Lines Exhibition. 1 – 19 September. Banks Mill Studios 71 Bridge Street. Derby DE1 3LB.

### Art to be sold for Amnesty International.

We do hope all our supporters will spare a little time to visit the Studios at the Banks Mill Studios to view the work of Mig Holder.

The exhibition of textile and mixed media art using recycled materials, will be open daily 10am – 4pm between Sunday 1st September and Thursday 19th September.


There will be some Amnesty International (AI) information available and if anyone would like to be present for an hour or so to chat to people about AI please contact Carol, 01332 558998.

Read Mig's story overleaf.

### Life Lines


Solo exhibition of textile and mixed media art using recycled materials by Mig Holder

Sunday 1st to Thursday 19th September, every day 10am – 4pm



**This exhibition is in support of Amnesty International - 50% of all sales will be donated**

For more information contact <http://www.migholder.co.uk> or [migholder@hotmail.com](mailto:migholder@hotmail.com)



**Reply Slip Amnesty International Flag Day, Saturday 28th Sep 2013 9 am – 4.00 pm.**  
**Meet at Central URC church office, Becketwell Lane**

I am able to help with the Flag Day and can help between ..... and .....

I am unable to help at the Flag Day but enclose donation of ..... (Cheques to Amnesty International)

Name.....Address.....

Email ..... Phone .....

Please return by Sat. 21 Sept. to Anne Feist, 3 Willson Ave, Littleover, DE 23 1DB. Phone D 766536 or email: [anne.feist@ntlworld.com](mailto:anne.feist@ntlworld.com)



## Book Sale raised £100 more than last year!

The book sale this year raised £712.12 on the day and £59.75 from further sales, making a grand total of £771.87.

This was about £100 more than last year, which is good news. However, we can't be complacent - as it's not as much as the year before that.

We had loads of really good books, but we need more customers.

Next year's sale is on April 5th.

*Please put the date in your diary, tell everyone about it and bring along your friends.*

## Quaker Day to promote Community .

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 4pm. Friends Meeting House, St. Helen's Street, DE1 3GY**

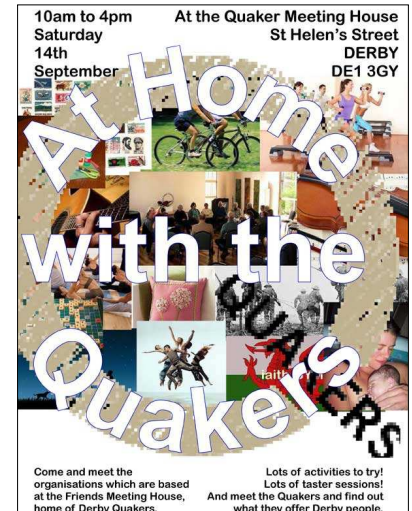
Many groups, including the Derby AI group, use the Friends Meeting House for their meetings and activities.

The Quakers have organised a special day 14<sup>th</sup> September, when 16 groups will be present to explain to people what they do, invite them to sample activities, and possibly join them in the future.

Apart from AI there will be a great variety of things on offer ranging from the UA3 Music Group to the Astronomical Society. The Kaleidoscope Choir will sing at 2pm (and invite people to join in).

There will be an All Day Café serving simple food at reasonable prices. Do drop in and see how much there is going on in Derby!

If you would like to help with our stall please contact Carol D 558998.



## Art to be sold for Amnesty International.

**Life Lines Exhibition. 1 – 19 September. Banks Mill Studios 71 Bridge Street.**

Mig Holder, (who some of you may know as Millie) has, as you will read, been a long time supporter of AI.

She has often been seen on Derby streets on Flag Day or writing letters during our December Campaigns.

We are extremely grateful for her generous offer of donating half the income from sales to help the work of AI. Mig, in addition to her major pieces, is producing some postcards of the work so there will be something affordable for most budgets.

Mig writes:

*"Sometime in the Spring of 1961 I was sitting, aged 12, cross-legged at the front of our school assembly at my grammar school in Hackney, inner London. Usually the Headmistress addressed the school but today it was our maths teacher. She told us that her husband, along with nineteen other lawyers and academics, had just written a letter to the Observer newspaper protesting about the oppression, imprisonment and torture of individuals across the globe. These people had been detained and abused merely for expressing their beliefs on politics or religion and a letter writing campaign was proposed to support "prisoners of conscience".*

*The maths teacher was, of course, called Mrs Benenson, and her husband, Peter, was the founder of Amnesty International 52 years ago. So I must have been among the first people who heard of the new organisation – and I have been a supporter ever since!"*

*So it gives me the greatest pleasure to dedicate my solo exhibition Life Lines to Amnesty and donate 50% of all sales to AI work. I do hope you'll be able to drop in."*

