**Independence from America Event**

5pm to 8pm on 4th July 2023

Kettlesing Layby on the A59 near Menwith Hill.

**Programme**

5pm **Welcome**

5.15 Independence from America Declaration to be read by Moria Hill and Peter Kenyon

5.20 Handover of letter for Base Director

5.25 **Peter Burt of Drone Wars**

 Previously Director of the Nuclear Information Service. Now with Drone Wars UK he works on issues relating to artificial intelligence and autonomy and their role in the future development of drones.

 Pieces in the jigsaw: Menwith Hill, drone strikes and global imperialism.

5.45 **East Lancs Clarion Choir**

6.05 **Prof Fiona Macaulay** from Bradford Peace Studies

 Fiona Macaulay is Professor of Gender, Peace and Development at the Department of Peace Studies and International Development, University of Bradford, where she is also Director of the Rotary Peace Centre. Her research is mainly on Latin America, human rights, justice and democracy, and how women’s movements influence change.

 Security forces and secrecy: Learning from women’s campaigns for state accountability around the world.

6.25 **Foxwoodpanyard** – Steel Band

6.45 **Beau & Slick** – Satirical Cowboys

7.05 **Prof Dave Webb, Yorkshire CND**

Dave Webb is chair of Yorkshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and chair of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space. From 2010-2020 he was chair of National CND and retired from Leeds Beckett University in 2012 where he was a Professor of Engineering from 2003-2010 and then Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies until 2012. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society.

 Menwith Hill and the leading role in star wars.

How the UK is assisting the US military in their stated aim to dominate outer space. Menwith Hill is an important part of US/UK collaboration in collecting data for surveillance and tracking and targeting space objects (along with the powerful radar at Fylingdales). The war in Ukraine has demonstrated how important space assets are in conflict and Menwith will be playing a key role.

7.25 **Microphone Jack,** performance poet

7.45 Open Mike

8.00 Thanks for coming and safe home.

*Available for most of the time: refreshments either from MHAC or Chalky’s Burger Van, reports, newsletter, CND and MHAC merchandise.*

You can find out more about the Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign on the website: <https://themhac.uk>

You are welcome to come to the weekly Peace Witness at the Nessfield Gate of the Menwith Hill Base on the B6451. This is held on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Enquiries about the Independence from America Event can be made by email to: mail@themhac.cuk or by telephone on 07760311406.

