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An extract from Pauline Brind's report on a gathering of Friends in Wales on 25th February 2017

The speaker during the afternoon session was Jane Laxton, from Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture. This was an essentially uncomfortable session, but a most thought-provoking one. Jane had based her talk on a series of written questions that she had placed round the room. These were not intended to test knowledge, however, but rather to provoke reflection on our attitudes towards torture: what constitutes torture, and what its definition, purpose and effects are. It was a painful conversation, but it is crucial for us to be aware of what goes on.