

# Quakers in Yorkshire

## Newsletter

including

news, views and events from

Local and Area Meetings

in Yorkshire,

and

programme for QiY meeting

at Huddersfield Quaker Meeting House,

on Saturday 16 April 2016

Activities for children and young people

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

[www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk)

**QiY NEWSLETTER.** Area and local meetings in Yorkshire are invited to send news of their interests and activities for inclusion in the QiY newsletter. The newsletter appears four times a year, to coincide with QiY's quarterly meetings, and information should reach the co-clerks (see contact details below) by the beginning of the preceding month. Deadline for July edition: 14 June 2016.

Paper copies of the quarterly newsletter, including the programme for each meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire, are sent to all local meetings. Please let the co-clerks know if your meeting needs more or fewer copies.

The newsletter is also sent out electronically to AM and LM clerks. If any Friend would like to receive additional copies in this way, please inform co-clerks of QiY.

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**Please take a look** at the new **Quakers in Yorkshire Website** *quakersinyorkshire.org.uk* which went live December last.

We have checked details as far as possible. If you see a mistake, especially about your meeting, please contact Chris Love, Co-Clerk, *chris234love@btinternet.com*

**The Quakers in Yorkshire calendar** was printed on the four middle pages of the January newsletter for you to pull out and keep. The calendar will not be circulated generally again this year. If you need a hard copy or would like to receive it by email attachment please contact *arthurpritchard@gmail.com* or 01484 684921

**Have contact details for your meeting changed?** Your QiY Clerks would be very glad to have updated email and telephone details of all 2016 Local and Area Meeting Clerks.

## **Remaining QiY meetings for 2016:**

**Saturday 16 July 2016** at Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley. There will be a presentation from Young Friends General Meeting and an afternoon of leisure activities. YFGM inform us:

"Young Friends are pleased to be invited to share with Quakers in Yorkshire some aspects from our community. We will present two current concerns: Mental Health and Mental Wellbeing and our concern against the Renewal of Trident Nuclear Weapons. We will also share our methods of teaching Quaker business method, which has received interest from older Friends throughout BYM. If time permits, we might even share a game!"

**Saturday 15 October** The Mount School, York. Reports and Presentations from the York Quaker schools; other topics to be announced.

## **Outreach Projects 2016**

Are you or your local meeting thinking of an outreach project in the coming year? Perhaps a Quaker stall at your local fair, an exhibition at a nearby museum or an enquirer's workshop? Quakers in Yorkshire have set aside a £10,000 budget to support outreach and in-reach projects over the year, and the Outreach Projects Committee warmly welcomes applications - more details and information can be found on the QiY website and from your local Area Meeting representative. Applications for projects of all kinds are welcomed and are only limited by your imagination!

Please contact: Annabel May, Clerk Outreach Projects Committee  
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## **Enlivening and Enriching our Meetings**

The Kindlers are offering a workshop with the above title to Yorkshire Quakers on Saturday 11th June (10.30 - 4.30) at Friargate Meeting House, York. We aim to get together as many people from the region as possible who are interested in how we can enrich our meeting communities, both during and beyond the hour of worship. There will be workshops in the morning on subjects like: using song, spiritual discussions, upholding/healing, the labyrinth, engagement with the world (politics etc.), and listening skills, and an afternoon based on approaches used by the Kindlers around the country. The day is being supported by the Quaker Life Network and there will be an opportunity to learn about the work of the Network from its co-ordinator, Oliver Waterhouse. Other sessions will be run by members of the Kindlers and other Yorkshire Friends. If there is a topic you would particularly like to see covered, let me know. We hope that eager Quakers from all over Yorkshire will come to meet others, exchange tips on enlivening Meetings, learn new skills and generally enjoy themselves. This is a free day thanks to the generosity of the Quakers in

Yorkshire Outreach Project Group. Come for the morning or afternoon or the whole day. More details will be available soon but put the date in your dairy now.

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### **A Man That Looks on Glass**

A new book by Derek Guiton has recently been attracting attention and is being considered, along with a paper by Diana Sandy, for consideration at a future gathering of Quakers in Yorkshire. *A Man that Looks on Glass* argues that the Quaker movement in Britain is in crisis. The main features of this crisis are growing secularisation, the emergence of incompatible belief systems and a readiness, in very many cases, to embrace ideology as a substitute for faith. Alongside this trend we have seen the rise of theologically-based 'special interest' groups with their own sectarian agendas and campaigning methods. The book is written from a Christian-universalist point of view and aims to counteract the gradual drift from traditional Quaker understandings of God towards a non-theist and humanist understanding. It challenges the supposed 'inevitability' of the non-realist and relativist philosophy underlying Quaker non-theism and makes a clear separation between 'seeker' or mystical non-theism and the humanist non-theism of Don Cupitt and David Boulton. Drawing on Charles Taylor's distinction in *A Secular Age* between 'the open and the closed reading of immanence', the book commends the 'open reading' as a minimal criterion for membership. It ends with a positive look at a Quaker *mystical theism* based on personal and corporate religious experience, and calls for a rebalancing of the immanence-transcendence debate in favour of transcendence.

*A Man that Looks on Glass*, Feedaread.com, £7.99 exc. postage or from the Quaker Book Centre. For a sample extract go to:

<https://www.feedaread.com/books/A-MAN-THAT-LOOKS-ON-GLASS-9781786102324.aspx> All profits to Quaker work.

### **History of Airton Meeting**

Airton Friends would like to produce a booklet on the history and architecture of our Meeting and meeting house, both of which are ancient and interesting. Most of the text for a circa 25 to 30 page a5 booklet is complete and the remainder will be soon. Is there an experienced Friend who is willing and able to assist us with editing, page make up, and publishing advice? If so, please contact Laurel Phillipson (Clerk, Airton Local Meeting) tel. 01756 753965 or [dw.l.phillipson@btinternet.com](mailto:dw.l.phillipson@btinternet.com)



**Book Launch: *Assisted dying – a Quaker exploration***

Leeds Area Quaker Meeting invite you to Roundhay Quaker Meeting House, Leeds LS8 2BW on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 12 – 3pm

**Programme:**

**12 noon Lunch** with Clerk/facilitator: Stevie Kraye (Southern Marches Area AM). Guest speakers will include Alison Leonard.

**1 pm Lunch** will be provided

**2 - 3pm optional Workshop:** Three contributors to the book will speak: Quentin Fowler, Rosemary Daley, Martin Schweiger

**RSVP:** Paul Henderson: Tel. 01943 8307688 or [henderson\\_eed@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:henderson_eed@yahoo.co.uk)

## **Adam Curle Peace Conference**

5-6 September 2016, University of Bradford

### ***Peaceful Relations and the Transformation of the World*** *An Academic-Practitioner Dialogue on Peace in the 21st Century.*

The 4th July 2016 marks the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Adam Curle, peace scholar, Quaker activist international mediator and Founding Chair of Peace Studies at Bradford. To mark the occasion, Bradford's Peace Studies Division is hosting the Adam Curle Centenary Symposium. Academics and practitioners around the world are invited to a dialogue on peace in the 21st Century in the light of Curle's philosophy and practice.

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## **Quakers in Yorkshire Junior Holidays 2016**

This year's holidays are now open for booking! We're going to:

**Barmoor**, Yorkshire Moors – 2 nights. Friday 24 to Sunday 26 June (7 - 11yrs).  
£45 (£40 second child)

**The Old School House, Robin Hood's Bay**, Yorkshire – 4 nights. Mon 22 to Friday 26 Aug (8 - 12yrs). £95 (£90 second child)

*Our short adventure breaks for young people aged between 7 and 12, from Quakers in Yorkshire area, are a chance to meet and get to know one other, and spend time away from their family in a Quaker group.*

Local and area meeting clerks have further details about these events and information can also be found at [quakersinyorkshire.org.uk](http://quakersinyorkshire.org.uk)



## Pictorial map of Yorkshire General Meeting



Most Friends will be familiar with the splendid image of Yorkshire General Meeting prepared by John Blamires for the first Yearly Meeting Gathering held at Bradford in 1991. The map is A2 size and printed on good quality cream paper. Bradford Meeting are offering Yorkshire Friends copies of this for their meetings, or for individual use.

Copies will be available at April's meeting and we will accept donations for Northern Friends Peace Board (at least £1). If you are unable to attend next month and would like a copy, please contact Sylvia Sheard 01422 205709.

### Might you help Cober Hill?

We are seeking to appoint new Trustees for the Cober Hill Charitable Trust, and new Directors for Cober Hill Limited. Might you be willing to offer service in one of these ways? Whilst the roles of Trustees and Directors are quite distinct, both have an important role in sustaining and developing Cober Hill in the years ahead.

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For further details, and an application form, please contact either Lyndsay Chamberlain, General Manager, at Cober Hill, Newlands Lane, Cloughton, Scarborough YO13 0AR: [Lyndsay.chamberlain@googlemail.com](mailto:Lyndsay.chamberlain@googlemail.com) or the Chair of Directors at [michaelsturge@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:michaelsturge@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Special Exhibition at University of Leeds**

#### **ON CONSCIENTIOUS GROUNDS: OBJECTION AND RESISTANCE IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR**

One hundred years ago, the British government introduced conscription. Organised by members of the University's *Legacies of War* centenary project, thought-provoking exhibition explores what happened when able-bodied men refused to fight in the First World War. It presents the first-hand experience of the men and their families and friends, through letters, artwork, diaries, postcards and personal items.

The political background to their beliefs is shown through Government documents introducing conscription and the reaction to it from pacifist organisations. Various wartime roles offered conscientious objectors ways of serving their country that did not involve fighting. The display also highlights the public reaction to the men who refused to take part in war.

Weekdays from 1 February - 30 July 2016. Main (Parkinson) Building, University of Leeds, Woodhouse Lane, Leeds.

