



Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

Including

News, views and events from
Local and Area Meetings
in Yorkshire,

and

programme for QiY meeting
At Christchurch, Ilkley
on Saturday 16 July 2016

Activities for children
and young people

Come and bring a F/friend!

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Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter July 2016

All Yorkshire meetings are invited to send news of their interests and activities for inclusion in the QiY newsletter. The newsletter is published four times a year, ahead of QiY's quarterly meetings. Contributions should reach the co-clerks (details below) early in the preceding month.

NB Deadline for October issue 14 September 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 electronically to AM and LM clerks. If any Friend would like to receive copies in this way, please inform the co-clerks.

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Quakers in Yorkshire Website

quakersinyorkshire.org.uk went live in December 2015. Please let the clerks know if you see any errors relating to your meeting.

Have your meeting's contact details changed? Your QiY Clerks always need up-to-date email and telephone details of local and area meeting clerks. QiY does not receive personal details from other parts of the RSOF: under Data Protection this information must come from you individually. Please contact Chris Love, Co-Clerk, *chris234love@btinternet.com*

The Quakers in Yorkshire calendar

The calendar will not be circulated generally again this year. For a hard copy or an email attachment please contact *arthurpritchard@gmail.com* or 01484 684921

Final meeting of QiY in 2016:

Saturday 15 October at The Mount, York.

In the morning we will receive presentations and reports from the York Quaker schools. We are delighted to announce that in the afternoon **Stephen Pittam** will speak on the **York Human Rights City Network**. This is a plan to establish York as the first Human Rights City in the UK. We hope that Stephen will also talk about his other current and past activities, including his work in Northern Ireland and his overriding concern with social justice, peace and human rights.

Outreach Projects 2016: REMINDER

If you or your Local Meeting plan an outreach project in the coming year - a Quaker stall at a local fair, an exhibition or an enquirers workshop, Quakers in Yorkshire have funds set aside to support outreach and inreach projects. The Outreach Projects Committee warmly welcomes applications: see the QiY website for details, or contact Annabel May, Clerk to Outreach Projects Committee happyquaker2015@gmail.com

Advice on outward affairs: Knit for Peace

Area meetings are asked to bring to the attention of members 'their responsibility for the right ordering of their outward affairs, of keeping their financial affairs in good order, and of making and revising their wills in time of health.' (QFP 4.19) Your legal adviser will also ask you 'Have you made a lasting power of attorney?' My industrious paralegal is encouraging folk to knit Twiddlemuffs (yes, that's what they are called!) to help dementia sufferers in hospital or care homes keep their hands busy. Never heard of them? Simply Google: Twiddlemuff Pattern - Knit For Peace.

Talking Friends

Recordings of Quaker periodicals are made by Quaker volunteers, in their homes around the country, coordinated by Alan Johnson. Duplicating and administration is at present carried out by staff of Quaker Life. You can subscribe to The Friend, Quaker Voices, Friends Quarterly and Towards Wholeness. Subscribers automatically receive the recorded version of Quaker News. New subscribers also receive an audio copy of Advices and Queries. For more information see www.talkingfriends.org.uk or speak to Chris Love.

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series ~ 2016

All events at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon LS19 6HU.

Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International.

King Lear ~ Sunday 24 July at 7.00pm (NB earlier start time)

Theatre of the Dales offers a powerful production of *King Lear*, in which refugees and vagrants set about to act the one play of Shakespeare that most mirrors their predicament.

The Café Band ~ Sunday 11 September 7.30pm

It is a real thrill to welcome once more **The Café Band**, musicians who take time off from their busy Opera North timetable to share their exuberant tastes and talents.

Stepping Out of Line ~ Sunday 23 October 7.30pm

This script-in-hand production with songs, performed by **Sound Company Men's Choir** (who gave us *Friendly Fire* last year), asks if there is a thread that connects social upheavals with the private and the imagined. And who, exactly, is the Caretaker?

The Musical World of William Shakespeare ~ Saturday 12 November 7.30pm

Music and musical quotes from Shakespeare and his contemporaries performed by **Leeds Waits** and **Helen Atkinson** (lute and voice), in renaissance dress and with reproductions of early instruments such as shawm, curtal, sackbut, hurdy-gurdy, cittern and tabor.

Greeting card campaign ~ Sunday 13 November from 1 to 3.30pm

An opportunity for you to send messages of support to prisoners of conscience around the world. Contact information, cards and writing materials provided, along with coffee, tea and cake.

Julian Cima ~ Sunday 27 November at 7.30pm.

Julian Cima brings his superlative musicianship to piano music by Beethoven (including the *Moonlight* sonata) and pieces from Liszt's wonderfully evocative cycle, *Années de Pèlerinage*.

Bradford Music Club ~ Sunday 18 December at 7.30pm

We end the series with our traditional musical contribution from this warm-hearted, multi-talented club. The club always welcomes new members, both performing and non-performing.

Further information: **Barbara Parry** (0113 2503867)

barbaraparry@waitrose.com

or **Diane Exley** (0113 2502051) edianex@btinternet.com

Approaches to promoting **peace with justice** in Palestine and Israel

*A day of reflection and discussion, arranged
by Wooldale Quaker Meeting with
Northern Friends Peace Board*

The day will give space for

- exploring dilemmas
- identifying positive action
- hearing differing perspectives
- learning

Venue: Wooldale Quaker Meeting House,
Pell Lane, Holmfirth, HD9 1QL West Yorkshire

Date: Saturday 2nd July 2016

Time: 10.30am – 3.00pm

If you are interested in participating, please contact

dianalpowell1@gmail.com (before 27th June)

01204 382330 (up to 17th June)

**MEETING OF QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE 16 July 2016
at Christchurch, the Grove, Ilkley**

PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

Theme: YFGM Concerns

- 10.00** **Coffee or Tea** on arrival
- 10.30** **Meeting for Worship**
- 11.00** **Welcome to Ilkley and appointment of elders**
- 11.10** **Annual reports from QiY Trustees and Glenthorne**
- 11.30** **Young Friends General Meeting** is the national organisation for Young Quakers in Britain. They will be represented by Toni Carmichael Harris, Ellie Fuller and Rici Marshall. They write: "Young Friends are pleased to be invited to share with Quakers in Yorkshire some aspects of the life of 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!"
- 12.45** **Nominations**
- 12.55** **Notices**
- 13.00** **Lunch** (bring your own, drinks provided)
- 1.30/2.00-4.00 AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES** (All starting from Christchurch)
- 1. Town walk with guide ending at FMH**
(small charge £2 to Civic Society)
 - 2. Moor Walk** (guided, requires sensible shoes & appropriate clothing)
 - 3. Riverside Walk** (unguided)
 - 4. Farfield FMH** using Community Transport (max 14).

Please book by July 4th via Margaret Meara, Tel. 01943 600806



Farfield Meeting House

Photo: Arthur Pritchard

5. **Ilkley Lido** (£6.80 adults, £3.40 children/OAP)

4.00 **Tea and departures**

Directions to Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley, LS29 9LW

Christchurch (Methodist/URC) is located in the centre of the town, along The Grove, at the junction with Riddings Road.

Bus & Train

Trains leave Leeds at 2 & 32 min past the hour. Trains leave Bradford at 16 min and 46 min past the hour. The journey to Ilkley takes 1/2hr in both cases. To return, trains leave Ilkley for Leeds at 12 & 38 min past the hour and for Bradford at 20 & 51 min past the hour.

Ilkley is served by the 762 Keighley, Ilkley, Otley, Harrogate bus and the X84 Leeds, Otley, Ilkley, Skipton bus. Some buses only go part of the way so please consult timetables. Alight at the bus station.

It is a short flat walk from the bus and train stations on Railway Road. You will see the church spire to your right once you leave the station! To reach the Meeting House from Christ Church, retrace your steps along The Grove until you reach Wells Promenade, or the adjacent path up through a wooded garden by a stream, on your right. Go up either of these and then turn right into Queen's Road. The Meeting House is on the opposite side of Queen's Road shortly after the junction.

Parking

Some on-street parking available up Riddings Road. Main car park is behind the Grove, access via Brook Street or Cunliffe Road. Charges apply 08.00 to 16.00 every day, with a sliding scale depending how long you stay. (4hr/£3, 5hr/£4, >5hr £6) Tends to fill up early.

Name badges: There will be sticky labels for you to write your name on, but if you already have a name badge, please bring it and remember to wear it.

Children and young people under 19 are most welcome to attend. Children's activities will run alongside the morning session of QiY.

In the morning there will be craft activities: making mobiles. In the afternoon, children and their families will join in the activities offered to all.

Please meet at Christ Church at 9.50am to ensure we have any relevant information about the children before QiY sessions start. We will join QiY for Meeting for Worship for 15 minutes, and then walk up to Ilkley Quaker Meeting House for the children's activities. If you arrive late, please come direct to the Meeting House.

Please contact Helen Ford (07534 682609 or 01943 879398) by 10 July if you have children coming to QiY. (We need your contact details and the age of the child). This will enable us to ensure we have enough volunteers and that the craft activities are adapted to the age of children who come.

QiY Accounts

The accounts for QiY in 2015 are not yet available and have yet to be presented to QiY Trustees which meets in late June. Copies will be available before our meeting on 16 July. The Treasurer, George Race, is happy to email a copy to any Friend who would like to see a copy in advance. georgerrace@tiscali.co.uk 01706 374092

Just-Trust

This charity www.just-trust.org.uk awards grants for charitable work overseas and is supported by a Halifax Friend. It is looking for new trustees. If you might be interested in helping, please contact teresap@onetel.com in the first instance for further information.

Courage, Conscience and Creativity

This is the title of a community exhibition at Leeds City Museum, which runs from June to December 2016. Together with Concord and Bradford Peace Museum, Leeds Quakers have made a display showing the legacy of World War I in Leeds. The particular focus on Leeds has produced some interesting new memorabilia previously hidden in Leeds Quaker cupboards. It has also widened the view of those who have made the exhibition and given them a new understanding of war- resistance. The museum (and café) is open every day except Monday.

Special Event: 'When is it right to fight?'

Thurs 14th July 10:30am – 12:00pm

Sun 17th July 2:00pm – 3:30pm

(Thoresby Room, Leeds City Museum)

A reflective session with Leeds Quakers drawing on historic sources and current information and thinking.

In 1916 Britain was already at war when the introduction of conscription made fighting an unavoidable question. In 2016 men and women are still conscripted and elected governments have to decide when to take up arms.

This session will lead you through the experience of varied past, present and international responses to the question. It will give you time and space to reflect on your own questions and answers and to listen to others. Suitable for anyone interested over the age of 12.

Facilitators from Leeds Quakers are Yael Arbel, with personal knowledge of conscription, and Jonathan Fox from the Peace Museum, Bradford.

Visit <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/museumsandgalleries/Pages/Peace-Display.aspx> to find out more.

Easter Settlement 2017

Next year Easter Settlement will take place from 14-17(or 18) April. It is a great time for families to enjoy and the activities for children are excellent. Although only eight children attended in 2016 there is plenty of space for many more. Subsidies are available. More details available soon.

Fracking: Statement by Pickering & Hull Area Quaker Meeting

Friends in Pickering and Hull are asking us to take whatever action we can in support of their statement on fracking in North Yorkshire. This is the statement:

‘Following the decision by North Yorkshire County Council to allow fracking at Kirby Misperton we wish to make a statement on behalf of Pickering and Hull Area Quaker Meeting (representing Quakers in Ryedale, the Yorkshire Coast and East Yorkshire), emphasising our objections, on the basis of our spiritual discernment, to fracking on any scale.

Most fossil fuels need to stay in the ground if we are to avoid catastrophic climate change. The impact of climate change globally is understood to be the greatest threat facing our generation, and our children’s generation. It is widely recognised that we need to reduce and eventually eliminate our dependence on the use of fossil fuels and that we urgently need to turn to renewable sources of energy which do not contribute to increasing damage caused by human induced climate change.

We believe that the search for new fossil fuels and new methods of extracting fossil fuels is incompatible with the responsible use of the earth’s resources. In 2011 Quakers in Britain made a corporate commitment to become a low-carbon, sustainable community. Local Quakers support this commitment through our management of our meeting houses, our choice of suppliers of goods and services, and in our personal, daily lives. For example, we have invested in sustainable energy with solar panels at Scarborough Meeting House and an air-source heat pump at Pickering Meeting House. The refurbishment of our retreat centre, Worfolk cottage, created the first fully ‘carbon- neutral’ development within the North York Moors National Park

We believe that all people have the right to affordable energy that does not harm the planet. Lack of current technology to support this goal should drive us to greater effort, not endorse technologies which increase the damage confronting us.

We believe in sustaining life before profit. Quakers are not opposed to business, but we are committed to ethical business decision-making and strongly urge companies to adopt best practice in considering the full social impact of their activities.

As Quakers we believe that we do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. We seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world and work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life.'

Signed on behalf of Pickering & Hull Area Quaker Meeting Phyllis Wicks, Heather Woolley, co-clerks 15 June 2016

Act now

Pickering and Hull Friends are asking us to circulate their statement among Friends in our meetings. We may feel we wish to support their campaign in the usual way, through letters to the press and local and national political leaders.

Settle Quakers Resident Friend

Settle Meeting House is a venue for many local groups and makes a significant contribution to the life of the town. Our resident Friend, Alison Tyas, is retiring in August after a decade of service to the meeting and the local community. We hope to appoint her successor in the autumn. The timing of this will depend on the completion of necessary remedial work and up-grading of Quaker Garth where the resident Friend lives. (Planning permission for this work has been granted by Craven District Council.)

We hope to address the problems of damp and a leaking roof, to rewire the electrical system, replace double-glazed windows which have "blown", add a much-needed porch to the back door and update the kitchen and bathroom. The anticipated cost is £50,000, half of which we have in our sinking fund, but need to raise £25,000. So far we have raised or been promised £18,000.

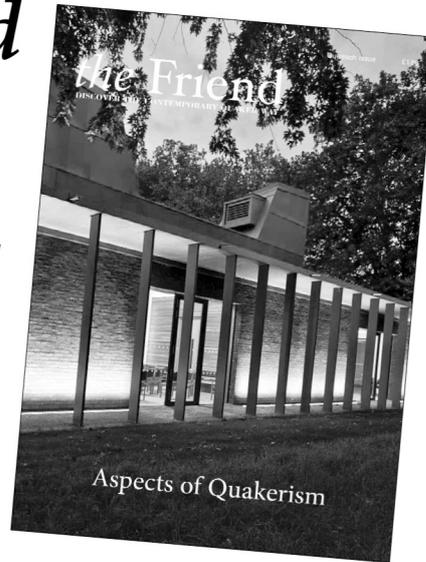
We hope Yorkshire Friends will hold us in the Light as we seek to appoint Alison's successor/s and to raise the remaining funds. Every local meeting should receive an appeal leaflet at Quakers in Yorkshire in July.

Anyone wishing to help us fund the project can contact our assistant treasurer David Pemberton, for details (david@davidpemberton.plus.com or 01729 822007).

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