

Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

including

News, views and events from local and
area meetings in Yorkshire



Sharing and Caring

with Friends from the North East



Programme for QiY meeting
at

Malton Meeting House

Saturday 15 July 2017



Activities for children (aged 4 - 11)
please notify in advance



Everyone Welcome!

Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter July 2017

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

NB Deadline for October issue: 15 September 2017.

Paper copies of the quarterly newsletter, with 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 you would like a personal copy by email, please inform the co-clerks.

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Please let the clerks know if you see any errors relating to your meeting or if there is any item you would like to include there.

Your meeting's contact details changed? We always need up-to-date email and telephone details of local and area meeting clerks.

QiY Autumn Meeting: Sat 21 October, Bootham School York

This will be our first meeting at Bootham since Chris Jeffery became Head. We hope to hear more from students and to invite them to contribute to the newsletter also.

In the afternoon, Kevin Bales, Professor of Contemporary Slavery in the School of Politics and International Relations, University of Nottingham, will speak to us on aspects of modern slavery.

Clerks at Malton

Arthur Pritchard will be acting Friend in Residence at Congenies in July. Our thanks to David Olver for his offer to co-clerk in his place.

Sharing and Caring – Malton Friends Meeting House

On 15 July, we shall welcome Friends from Teesdale & Cleveland, Northumbria, and Wensleydale and Swaledale Area Meetings.

These AMs form Quakers in North East England (QuiNEE), the successor body to Durham General Meeting which was laid down in 2009. Friends from these areas meet once a year with the AMs taking it in turns to host a day event. As each AM took on some of the responsibilities of Durham GM, there is no business to transact. Their annual meetings focus on spiritual nourishment with themes of interest to Friends and provide the chance for people to get to know one another.

We hope this will be a chance to get to know Friends in QuiNEE, and to share with them the issues that all or some of our local and area meetings face. We trust Friends will feel able to contribute to this and we shall record some of the proceedings for the future.

2018 Book of Members and Attenders

The preparation of the next Book of Members and Attenders will start this summer with the main compilation being done in the autumn. Quakers in Yorkshire produces this list every three years so the aim is to publish the 2018 Book early next year. It has proved to be a popular source of the names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of Yorkshire Friends.

The style and format has been similar for many editions. It is designed so that the maximum amount of information can be printed on each page. No major changes are planned for the 2018 Book. It will again be produced as only a printed book. This avoids issues of electronic data security. Everyone whose name appears in the books should be aware of the Britain Yearly Meeting Data Security Policy.

The accuracy depends on cooperation between me, the coordinator, and the local contact in each Meeting. The aim is to produce an accurate and up to date list and to eliminate errors but although everyone does their best some do creep into the printed Book.

Comments and suggestions welcome at any time. Please email or telephone: David Olver, david@olver.plus.com 01535 605412

Quakers in Yorkshire Meeting dates 2018-2020

	January	April	July	October
2018	20 th	21 st	21 st	20 th
2019	19 th	27 th	20 th	19 th
2020	18 th	18 th	18 th	17 th

The above dates have been agreed by QiY Arrangements Committee. We ask Friends to avoid these dates when planning other events. Please!

Experiment with Light Retreats

1 July Retreat at Huddersfield For further information please contact: experimentwithlight@gmail.com

7 October at High Flatts. Contact: highflattsquakers@gmail.com

Details <http://www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/resource.htm> pp 8-9.

Whitby Burial Ground

The Quaker Burial Ground at Whitby has not been in use for many years. Friends have been able to keep the grass cut but little more. It has become a burden for a meeting with fewer than ten members.

Last year *Whitby in Bloom* contacted the meeting indicating that they would like to develop the site as a quiet garden with fruit trees. They plan to create suitable habitats for wildlife, including bat boxes and insect "hotels", and to get children and young people in the area involved. Pickering and Hull AM have welcomed the project, confirming that the site will remain in Friends' ownership.

Office and community space to rent at Carlton Hill

From June 2017 up to 2383 square feet of office and community space is available to rent at Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House, 188 Woodhouse Lane, Leeds LS2 9DX. You may know of groups who might be interested in this opportunity.

The modern building (£22,000 p.a. for single user - can be split for multiple users) comprises a large entrance area, six offices, kitchen, toilet, hall, catering kitchen and parking for six cars. It is located in the heart of Leeds directly opposite the Mechanical Engineering Lecture Theatre of Leeds University. It is garden fronted and well served by buses. Photos and further details: <http://www.leedsquakers.org.uk>
To view, contact robertkeeble@hotmail.com

Memorial Garden at Selby



Val Turner has forwarded photos of the Quaker exhibition now on view at Friends' former burial ground in Selby. The memorial garden has been tidied up and 17th century Quaker gravestones from the district have been placed there. More images are available on QiY website.

£31,500 for Quaker adult education in Yorkshire

When QIY received a bequest of £31,500 following the winding up of the Yorkshire Adult Schools Union in 2015, QIY Trustees urged meetings to apply to them for grants. Friends could then make use of Woodbrooke's education programmes, either in Birmingham or by inviting Woodbrooke-on-the-Road into Yorkshire meetings.

Since then we have had useful suggestions that the fund might be opened much more widely – for Quaker adult education at Glenthorne, Swarthmoor Hall or Quaker centres in the south – or for helping fund Kindlers events within Yorkshire. As the money is still available, Trustees will have considered in their June meeting how they can be more proactive in ensuring that Area Meetings are aware of this opportunity and of the fact that we hope to spend the fund within ten years.

We will come to the July meeting of QIY with further thoughts but would also be happy for you to tell us your ideas so that action can begin.

Barbara Windle *Clerk to QiY Trustees*

Long Service – and always with a Smile

Treasurers are known for giving beyond the call of duty, a fact which actually gets into terms of service since even Quakers often allow (sometimes beg) them to continue serving after the customary six years are completed. In the case of George Race we go well beyond that date. His willingness to continue as Treasurer to Quakers in Yorkshire as needed and through illness is an example for any of us to admire.

So we offer warm thanks to George for his long service, meticulous work, cheerful demeanour with everyone who finds financial figures a bit of a trial, involvement over the years in QIY young people's activities and his light touch everywhere.

May he - and his devoted dog, Kanye - enjoy happy years ahead.

Book Launch at Airton



There was an excellent turnout at Airton in April for the launch of a new history of this remarkable meeting house, *Hidden in Plain Sight* by Laurel Philipson and Alison Armstrong. Fine weather and support from Friends from across the region made this a most successful event. After a talk by BYM Recording Clerk Paul Parker, local Friends shared a meeting for worship with visitors and members of the local community. The book is available at £9.50 from the Quaker Book Centre or contact Airton's Resident Friend Simon Watkins on 01729 830263 or email airtonbarn@gmail.com

MEETING OF QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE 15 July 2017
Malton Quaker Meeting House
PROGRAMME

10.00 **Coffee or Tea** on arrival

10.30 **Meeting for Worship**

11.00 **Welcome to Malton and Appointment of Elders**

11.10 **Annual Report of QiY Trustees, and Glenthorne**

Barbara Windle will present the report and accounts for 2016. Paper copies of the accounts will be available on the day.

11.30 **Sharing and Caring** We welcome Friends from the North-east and invite them to share with us some current issues and concerns.

12.45 **Nominations**

12.55 **Notices**

13.00 **Lunch** (bring your own, drinks provided)

14.00 **Social activities organised by Malton LM**

Malton Friends welcome you to their meeting house and lovely walled garden set in this small market town where Quakers have met since the 1650s.

Malton Friends are offering afternoon activities including:

Escorted visit to the Malton Museum and to the Counting House on which Charles Dickens modelled Scrooge's office.

A guided town walk visiting places of Quaker and Roman history.

A game of pétanque in the nearby village of Westow (car-sharing needed) or if wet, music and singing in the meeting house.

Relaxing and talking in our garden and the meeting house, with an opportunity to play the Quaker 1652 Country game.

Independent visits to Wolds Way Lavender Farm (entry free), walk in Scampston Hall walled garden and grounds (entry from £4.00) Car required for these visits.

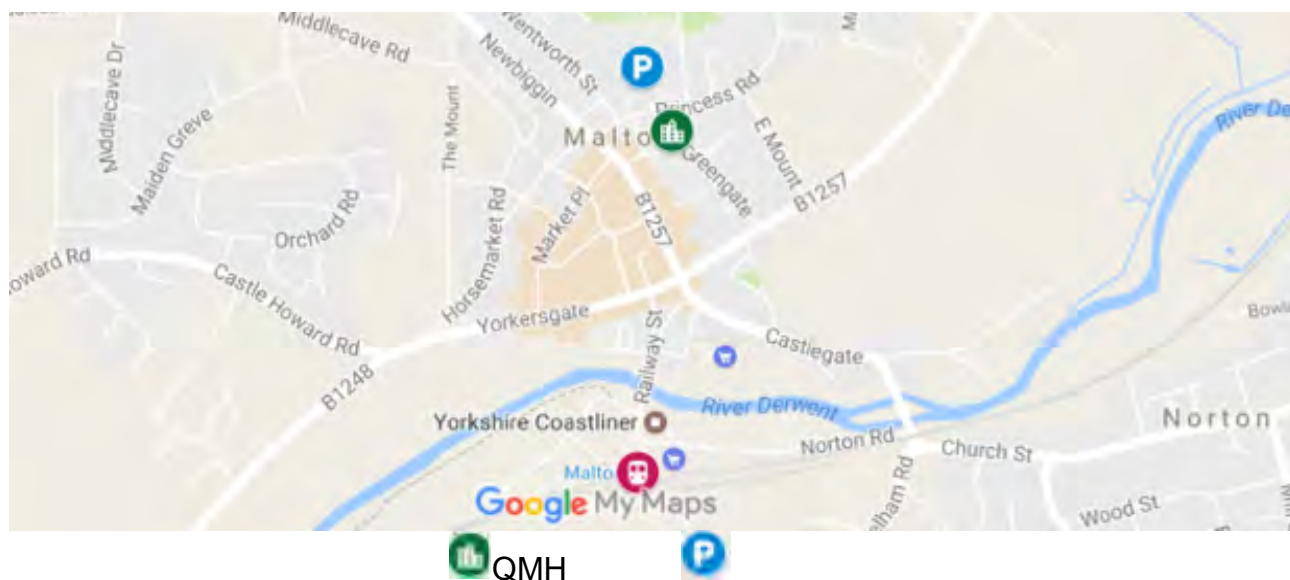
There will also be a small market in the town square.

We can provide for young people from pre-school age to 11 years during the morning session. Please let Ruth Hardy know by 7 July of youngsters who will be attending tel: 01653 694866 email jobs4ruth@yahoo.co.uk

16.00 Tea and departures. We thank Malton Friends for their hospitality, for organising activities and making all the arrangements for today's meeting.

Name badges: Sticky labels will be provided for you to write your name on. If you have a name badge, please bring it and remember to wear it.

Please note: in the interests of safety we will ask you to sign in as a record of your attendance at the meeting



Malton Meeting House (Greengate, YO17 7EN)Wentworth Street car park: accessible from Princess Road, Wentworth Street and Pasture Lane (3hrs £3, 6hrs £5, thereafter £6).

Limited parking at Meeting House: reserved for blue badge disability holders only.

By rail: Malton is on the York to Scarborough line, 23 minutes from York. Trains leave York at 40 minutes past the hour with an additional service at 09.20. **By bus:** A Coastliner bus 840 runs from Leeds at 07.15, passing through York at 08.22 and arriving at Malton at 09.38 The bus station is opposite the railway station.

From Railway station: 10 minute walk to Meeting House. From station, walk straight up Railway Street towards river and shops. Turn right at T-junction with Yorkersgate, take next left along Wheelgate, continue to Mind shop, right turn into Greengate. (Greengate is also accessible from Old Malton Road.)