

Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

including

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

and

programme for QiY meeting

at Bootham School, York, on Saturday
21 October 2017

Afternoon speaker:

Kevin Bales

Contemporary Slavery

EVERYONE WELCOME

Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter October 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 January issue: 7 December 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'd like a personal copy by email please inform 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. Please let us know if area or local meeting clerks' details have changed.

Future meetings of QiY

Saturday 20 January 2018 at Oxford Place, Leeds. Reports on the Under-19s Coordinating Group: Junior Holidays; Easter Settlement and Outreach Projects. Also North Yorkshire Standing Advisory Committee on Religious Education and Yorks Friends Holiday School after lunch.

Saturday 21 April Theme: Quakers and Quaker Work around the world.

Guest speaker: Simon Lamb, Clerk to Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Kevin Bales

We are extremely fortunate to be able to welcome Kevin Bales to our quarterly gathering on 21 October. A leading international writer and researcher Kevin is Professor of Contemporary Slavery at Nottingham University. Author of numerous books and articles, he has examined the devastating effects of slavery on individuals and communities all over the world. Famine, war and huge international demand for raw materials have made 37 million people slaves, who are now just a 'disposable commodity'. Through our insatiable desire for every new product we encourage permanent ecological damage to the natural world, accelerating climate change and the destruction of forests, wildlife and habitat.

Some of Kevin's lectures are available online on TED and Youtube. An event not to be missed: be sure to come and bring a F/friend.

Joyce Pickard

Friends will have heard about the death on 8 September of Joyce Pickard, a former clerk of Yorkshire General Meeting. A memorial meeting has been arranged for 1.30 pm on Thursday 2 November at The Mount School, York. Everyone is invited to attend. Further details will appear in The Friend and in the local and regional press.

2018 Book of Members and Attenders: Reminder

The preparation of the next Book of Members and Attenders is now under way. Please ensure that your updated details are accurate and that they are sent to David Olver by 31 October. Please email or telephone: 01535 605412, david@olver.plus.com

Experiment with Light Retreat

7 October at High Flatts. Contact: highflattsquakers@gmail.com
Details <http://www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/resource.htm> pp 8-9.

An Anglo-American traveller's diaries, 1817: ed. Valda Swain. John Adamson, a Quaker wool merchant, took a six-month journey by sail, steam and stage from Huddersfield to Boston in America. Free copies of this book to Yorkshire Quakers, available at QiY.

PICKERING QUAKERS' FOURTH PUBLIC LECTURE

SPEAKER: JONATHON PORRITT

A ROADMAP TO A SUSTAINABLE WORLD IN THE 21ST CENTURY

19th October, 7.30 pm Lady Lumley's School, Pickering

Free tickets for this event are available at Television House, 19 Market Place
Pickering YO18 7AE 01751 472 847

Kindlers Northern Series 2018

*The Kindlers will offer a series of four Saturday workshops at Friargate, York
in 2018.*

The dates: January 13, February 10, March 10, April 28

Further details will appear in the next newsletter. All welcome.

**The Peace History Conference and the Working Class
Movement Library**

present a day exploring the effects of the Russian Revolution on
the British labour and peace movements:

**on Saturday 4 November
at The Old Fire Station, University of Salford**

'Ways of Seeing: The Bolshevik Revolution and the British
Left'. Prof John Callaghan

'Against Imperialist War: Communists in the struggle for
peace'. Dr Kate Hudson

'Crusading Women in the North West'. Dr Alison Ronan

'The Last Weapon' by Theodora Wilson Wilson. Maxine
Peake, Nick Wilding and Virginia Branney

www.peacehistoryconference2017.eventbrite.co.uk

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series 2017

At Rawdon QMH, Quakers Lane, Rawdon LS19 6HU.

Admission Free. Donations: Amnesty International.

Sunday 22 October at 7.30 pm Stepping Out of Line ~

This script-in-hand production with songs, performed by Sound Company Men's Choir, explores protest movements of the past led by "troublemakers" or "freedom fighters", depending on where you're standing.

*Sunday 12 November at 3 pm (nb **AFTERNON**)*

Words, Women and War (forgotten female voices of the Great War), presented and performed by Irene Lofthouse. Explore the hidden histories of women who experienced WW1 as volunteers, workers, poets and writers, and discover the impact the war had on their lives.

Greeting card campaign ~ Sunday 26 November from 1-3pm.

An opportunity 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.

Bradford Music Club ~ Sunday 17 December at 7.30pm

Our traditional musical contribution from this warm-hearted, multi-talented club. New members welcome, performing and non-performing.

Contact: Barbara Parry (0113 2503867) barbaraparry@waitrose.com or Diane Exley (0113 2502051) edianex@btinternet.com

Links with Quaker Projects overseas

We are looking for Friends in our region who might contribute to our meeting next April on Quaker work in the world: please contact the clerks with suggestions!

Peace and Green Fair

Saturday 7th October

11am to 4pm

Quaker Meeting House

188 Woodhouse Lane,

Leeds LS2 9DX

(opposite Leeds Uni. Mechanical Engineering)

Leeds Peace Pole to be unveiled by Leeds Mayor at 3.30pm

Attractions include:

Apple pressing – bring some apples!

Workshops

Stalls

Food

Music

Free Entry



Quaker Tapestry – illustrated talks

If you know of a local group – church, local history, third age, needlework - in your neighbourhood, who might be interested in an illustrated talk on the Tapestry, please contact: 01539 722975 or info@quaker-tapestry.co.uk

A query for consideration

How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome? Advices and Queries 18.

After I had written a letter to *The Friend*, I was kindly asked to expand and elaborate upon some of my feelings and have done so here.

Essentially, I am beginning to feel somewhat frustrated with and isolated from certain aspects of the Religious Society of Friends.

It is with some trepidation that I admit that I am not left-wing. The majority of Quakers, from my experience, are left-wing, and so naturally there is a tendency to feel quite isolated. We often are reluctant to label ourselves into sides and groups, but for the sake of simplicity it is easier if we are honest here. Though, fortunately, the majority of Friends look beyond one's political affiliation, there is still an inevitable feeling that if you don't quite think like them, you don't quite belong. In fact, I sometimes feel unable to truly express what I think or believe for fear of reprimand and condemnation and a sense that I'm not acting in accordance with the expectations put forward of a Quaker. Such is the focus on politics within the Society of Friends that I often feel guilty and shameful for not sharing the same views as others, and it is rather concerning that in the modern age Quakerism seems to be defined more by its politics and activism than its spiritual non-conformism. Though the Society has been inextricably linked with social work throughout its history, its purpose as an organisation and community is not simply to be a group of activists – it is about spiritual growth and exploration, and as such the constant focus on politics nowadays seems to be pushing that out of the way. There is a constant tug-of-war between my own integrity and honesty towards myself and views and the pressure of conformity to the views held by the majority. There seems to be very little effort to challenge this perception and look at things from another angle - is there really a case for the Conservative Quaker? How can we say proudly that we are diverse if we don't have a true diversity of opinions?

Catherine Warr

A series of performances, talks and discussions at AIRTON FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE on the history of slavery from the abolition movement to the present day.

Abolishing slavery



THEN & NOW

Sunday 17th September : **Meet the Crafts** : transatlantic voices in Victorian Yorkshire - a performance by Heritage Corner Leeds

Sunday 1st October : **Unfinished Business** : a dramatised reading on the life of abolitionist Thomas Clarkson by Plain Quakers Theatre Projects

Sunday 15th October : **Here and now** : real lives and the fact of present-day slavery, with speakers from Anti-Slavery International, the Wilberforce Institute and Quaker Asylum & Refugee Network

Sunday 29th October : Professor Marcus Rediker talks about
The life and work of abolitionist Benjamin Lay



All events begin at 3.30pm. Admission is free - collections will be taken to cover costs and in support of an appropriate charity.

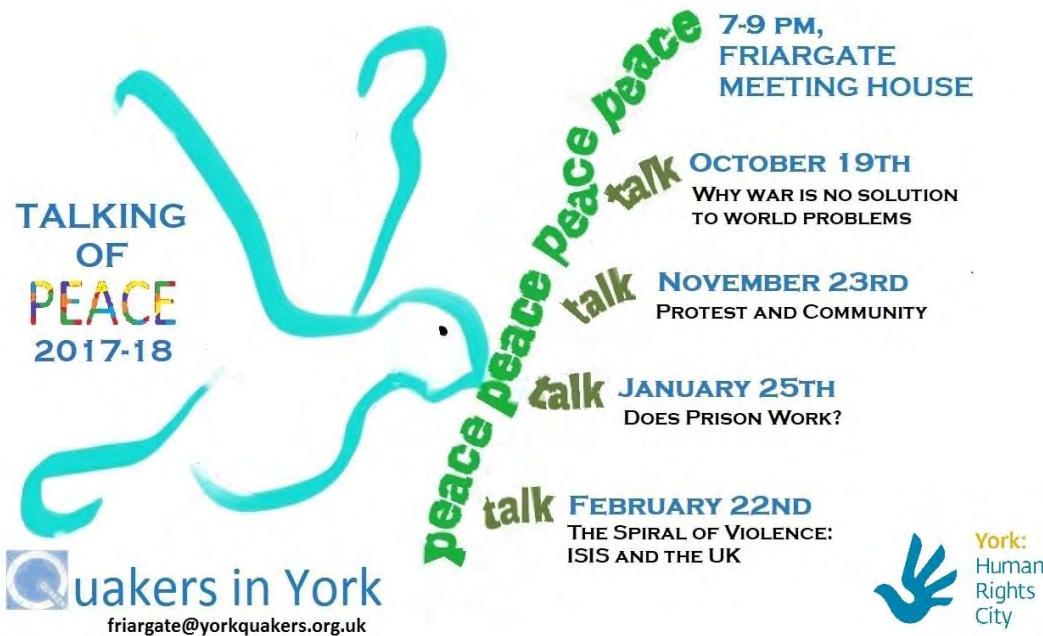
Further details from www.airtonbarn.org.uk



'You may choose to look the other way but you can never say that you did not know'

William Wilberforce, abolition campaigner

Quaker
Week 2017
Sept. 30th -
Oct. 8th



October 19th – Wayne Sharracks from Veterans for Peace

Why war is no solution to world problems

Listen to personal experiences about the effect of the military especially on young minds and discuss “If we have to have an army what should it be for?”

Nov 23rd – Protest and Community

The right to protest v. the rights of a community

Drawing on recent fracking protests in North Yorkshire, Ian Conlan (Frack Free Rydale), Bishop Cray (Kirby Misperton resident) and Superintendent Adam Thompson (North Yorkshire Police) will discuss how to balance the right to protest with the rights to community life in our democracy

Jan 25th – Does prison work?

Do prisons leave us with a more peaceful society? Are there alternatives?

Tom Newell, retired prison governor, and Graham Holgate, serving prison officer, will discuss their views and answer questions.

Feb 22nd – Moazzam Begg

The spiral of violence- reflections on the rise of ISIS and its impact in the UK

How have past events shaped the violence we experience today? What has contributed to the rise of ISIS and the increase of ‘radicalism’?

2017

Huddersfield Quaker Annual

Peace Lecture

“A DIVIDED BRITAIN What can we learn from the Nordics? ”

By George Lakey

Thursday 5th October 2017

7.30 - 9pm at Huddersfield Quaker Meeting House
Church Street, Paddock, HD1 4TR

George Lakey an activist, sociologist and writer has added academic underpinning to the concept of non violent revolution. A Quaker, he has co-founded and led numerous organizations and campaigns for justice and peace

This is a free event with donations welcome

Venue fully accessible

Enquiries: 07579 966 202 info@huddersfieldquakers.org.uk
www.huddersfieldquakers.org.uk



Quaker Meeting House, Church Street, Paddock, Huddersfield HD1 4TR

Programme: Quakers in Yorkshire - 21 October 2017
At Bootham School, York

| Time | Agenda Item |
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| 10.00 | Coffee or Tea on arrival |
| 10.30 | Meeting for Worship |
| 10.55 | Testimony |
| 11.00 | Welcome from QiY co-clerks |
| 11.05 | Welcome to Bootham School by the Head, Chris Jeffery Housekeeping notices |
| 11.10 | Appointment of Elders for today's meeting |
| 11.15 | Presentation by students from Bootham and The Mount |
| 11.55 | Reports from The Mount: Head (Adrienne Richmond), Clerk to Governors (Margaret Bryan), Financial report |
| 12.15 | Reports from Bootham: Head (Chris Jeffery), Clerk to Governors (Stephen Sayers), Financial report |
| 12.35 | Question Time |
| 12.50 | Representatives and Notices |
| 13.00 | Lunch (bring your own, drinks provided) |
| 14.00 | Testimony |
| 14.05 | Nominations and appointments |
| 14.15 | Guest speaker – Kevin Bales (Professor of Contemporary Slavery – Nottingham University); Followed by questions |
| 16.00 | Tea and Departures |

Our thanks go to all at Bootham School for their help with the planning and organisation of today's meeting.

Attendance Please note: in the interests of safety we will ask you to sign in as a record of your attendance at the meeting. If you are representing a meeting, please sign or tick the list of representatives.

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 wear it.

Children and young people are welcome to attend in the company of their parents or guardians, but Friends are unable to provide activities or child-care at this meeting.

