



Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter



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

Annual QiY Calendar

**Programme for QiY meeting at
Mill Hill Chapel, City Square, Leeds
Saturday 19 January 2019**

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Welcome to the latest edition of the QiY Newsletter. We herald the New Year with a new cover design and we hope you like it! We are indebted to John Abbott of Harrogate Meeting for his work on this. Please feel free to comment! In the centre fold you will find the annual Calendar with the usual contact details, ready to be removed for handy reference. Please note the Quaker Tapestry panel recording Quaker relief work at the time of the Peterloo Massacre. This links to our meeting later in the year at Skipton when we will reflect on the work of Sanctuary meetings. The Calendar will not be circulated separately but if you need a paper or email copy please contact QiY clerks.

Reminder

All Yorkshire meetings are invited to send news of their interests and activities for inclusion in the QiY newsletter, which is published four times a year, ahead of QiY quarterly meetings. **We also appreciate receiving in advance the names of AM representatives to QiY.**

Deadline for contributions to April issue: 15 March 2019

Hard copies of the newsletter, including the programme for Quakers in Yorkshire gatherings, are sent to all local meetings. Please let the co-clerks know if you need more or fewer copies.

The newsletter is also sent electronically to AM and LM clerks. Please could you ensure that hard copies are made available to Friends without Internet access? If any Friend would like to receive personal copies directly, please inform the co-clerks.

Quakers in Yorkshire Website *quakersinyorkshire.org.uk*

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 here.

Have your meeting's contact details changed? We always need up-to-date email and telephone details of local and area meeting clerks. Under Data Protection QiY cannot receive personal details from other parts of the Religious Society of Friends. This information must come from you individually, so please let us know. Apologies to Friends whose details have taken longer than necessary to be changed on our lists.

Airton Barn: a possible Reunion? Laurel Phillipson writes:

In the 1950s, encouraged by Arnold and Phyllis Waterfall, Yorkshire Young Friends became responsible for maintaining The Barn attached to Airton Meeting House. They used it as a base for walking, potholing and climbing holidays and work parties. Peter Leadbeater recorded their weekends from 1951 to 1956. In October 1956 *'Five cyclists arrived after 4 hours pedalling [from Leeds] at 11:00 [pm]... Spud peeling and wood gathering filled the morning with rainy intervals... appetites satisfied, we began the exacting job of lighting the bonfire... Returning at 9.30 (moonlit evening) to dance down supper, we forgot fatigue and blisters. Such was our enthusiasm that this continued until 12:45 when tea was served again... Never was so much breakfast consumed by so few in such a short time... Rain!! table tennis & dancing & frequent brews of tea... Sunday, after meeting, the party set off, towards Settle, dinner being consumed at Scalber Falls...'*

Were you a Yorkshire Young friend in the 1950s or subsequent decades? Would you like to help organise a reunion where "retired" and present-day Young Friends and their families can share memories and renew friendships? This might be a day at Airton or a half-day at a more accessible venue. Please let me or QiY Newsletter editor know if you are interested.

Michael Leadbeater very kindly lent me his brother's notes, drawings and photographs, from which the above quotations were taken, in connection with a history of Airton Meeting that I am compiling. If you have material that might be relevant, I will be glad to learn of it. Laurel Phillipson 01756 753965 email dw.l.phillipson@bt.com

Concord Media.

Newsletter readers who use films in teaching or other activities may be interested in the online catalogue of Concord Media. Started by a small group of Quakers in Ipswich nearly 60 years ago, their first publications were films opposing nuclear weapons. The range of topics slowly increased to cover most Quaker concerns. Now there are around 3,000 different programmes available to buy on DVD, or to rent or buy online. The subject range covers peace, mental health, race relations, general health and a lot on child care plus other subjects. You will find a lot of interesting films some of which have caused great changes in treatment of children in hospital and in race discrimination. www.concordmedia.org.uk

Leeds Quakers and the First World War

World War I was traumatic for Quakers in Leeds as for everyone at the time. The Quaker response was varied. Decisions about how to respond to war and conscription were not simple and the Inward Light led Friends to different courses of action.

Quakers and the First World War: Conscience and Courage from a Leeds Perspective provides personal accounts of how various individuals and families reacted with conscience and courage in turbulent times. This book shows how ongoing work for peace is part of a continuing story. Friends from Leeds Area Quaker Meeting have put together a collection of essays, published by Quacks and supported by generous grants from QiY Outreach Projects Committee and the Sessions Book Trust. Each Yorkshire Local Meeting will be given a free copy, to be distributed at QiY's meeting Leeds in January.

The Mollie Croysdale Charitable Trust

Three Yorkshire Friends, Alison Dunn, David Laverick and Paul Weeks, are amongst the Trustees of this small Charity. Its aims include the furtherance of Quaker work. Mollie, the wife of a former Lord Mayor of Leeds, was a Friend at Pickering Meeting. The Trust distributes about £20,000 a year. Although the Trustees tend to favour local projects, they have supported Quaker work elsewhere both nationally and internationally. Recent grants have included support for the work of Young Friends, QSRE and for the Building Work at Beverley Meeting House.

Applications for assistance from the Trust can be made in the first instance to the Trust's Clerk, David Coates, 252 Lidgett Lane, Leeds, LS17 6QE.

Quakers in Yorkshire Calendar 2019



Saturday 19 January 2019
 Mill Hill Chapel, City Square, Leeds
 Saturday 27 April 2019 Doncaster FMH
 Saturday 20 July 2019 Skipton

Saturday 19 October 2019 Bootham School, York

Further information on Quakers in Yorkshire activities,
 links to local meetings in Yorkshire and other
 Quaker websites

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Outreach Projects Committee (OPC) 2019

If you, your Local or Area Meeting are planning an outreach project in the coming year - a Quaker stall at a local fair, an exhibition, an enquirers workshop, or anything else, 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*

The Outreach section at Friends House in London has a wealth of resources available for outreach. They also sponsor Quaker Week in October. www.quaker.org.uk/outreach

Peace Resources in (and around) Yorkshire

Northern Friends Peace Board was founded in 1913 to “advise and encourage Friends in the North...in the active promotion of peace...” Events and information: nfpb.org.uk or 01204 382330.

Peace Museum in Bradford (10 Piece Hall Yard BD1 1PJ, 01274 780241) is the only peace museum in the UK. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays 10-4. www.peacemuseum.org.uk

Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford The largest university peace studies centre in the world.

www.brad.ac.uk/social-sciences/peace-studies

Commonweal Collection, University of Bradford Independent specialist library concerned with non-violent social change. See www.brad.ac.uk/library/sites-and-collections/commonweal-collection

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Easter Settlement 2019

“Building the New Economy”

Olivia Hanks

Programme Manager - Economics and Sustainability
Quaker Peace and Social Witness

What is this year’s theme all about?

“What are the changes which are needed to the systemic injustice and inequality that we see in society? We need to go deeper to find the roots of our social ills, and how we might uproot the powers that maintain them.”
Yearly Meeting 2015, Minute 36

Do you feel that our economic system is broken but you’re not sure how it could be different? Do you find economics difficult to talk about? We will be exploring what a ‘new economy’ founded on Quaker values might look like and how to get there. There will be space to discuss the big questions but also tips for taking practical action. The sessions will be suitable for all, whether you’ve already taken part in a New Economy reading group or feel you know nothing at all about the economy.

Easter Settlement is a gathering for Friends of all ages with a programme for children’s activities
at Cober Hill Guest House, Cloughton, Scarborough

Friday 19 April to Monday 22 April 2019
(You are welcome to stay on until Tuesday 23 April)

Further Information:

Helen Brockley (01484851366) hj.brockley@btinternet.com

Pauline Leonard (0113 2786 351) pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com

Application forms are available from your local Meeting clerk or on line at

www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

Junior Holidays 2019 (7-12 years)

7-9 June A weekend is planned at Nell Bank, Ilkley

A second weekend is planned: dates and venues to be confirmed.

To register an interest and receive booking forms and further information (available at end of February), please email:

bronwenalty@gmail.com

Yorkshire Friends Holiday School (13-18 years)

Sunday 18th - 25th August 2019 at Bootham School York. YFHS is an annual, week-long residential gathering for around a hundred 13 to 18 year olds. The aim is to build a vibrant, respectful Quaker community and organise a mixture of activities, both fun and thought-provoking. Application packs will be issued in March. If you wish to be added to the circulation list for these please contact yfhssecretary@gmail.com

GLENTHORNE Events, Courses, Holidays 2019

The Quaker guest house in Grasmere in the Lake District has published its extensive programme of courses and special interest holidays for 2019. These include: *The Spirituality of Travel, Finding Out about Quakers: a Weekend for Newcomers, A Language for the Inner Landscape, Knitting Shawls to Love and Treasure, Mysticism: the Golden Thread of Quakerism, Sketching & Painting the Cumbrian Landscape, Spiritual Well-being in Later Life.*

www.glenthorne.org/events/events-programme-2019/

email: info@glenthorne.org Tel: 015394 35389

BAMFORD QUAKER COMMUNITY 2019 PROGRAMME

The Bamford Community's programme of activities start 2019 with:

18-20 Jan Exploring Community

1-3 Feb Gamelan Orchestra

28 Feb - 3 March Meditation and Buddhism

More courses and working retreats will follow later in the year.

www.quakercommunity.org.uk/

email: mail@quakercommunity.org.uk Tel: 01433 650085

Easter Settlement

...is looking for four enthusiastic people – who enjoy looking after children. We can offer free food, accommodation and reasonable travel costs to Cober Hill. Contact Pauline:

pauline@paulineleonard.plus.com 0113 2786 351 or 0793 184 1527

The Torn Brotherhood, by Susan Clarkson, Bradford Meeting

I recently attended the annual meeting of the International Board of Friends' House Moscow. I should like to reiterate my willingness to come and speak to Yorkshire meetings about the wonderful work done through FHM and to encourage donations for that work. Please don't hesitate to get in contact with me:

srsusanclarkson@gmail.com

Before going to Moscow, a friend from Oxford, Alison, and I spent

a week in Perm in the Ural region. It was our fourth visit as Perm is twinned with Oxford. We both have good friends there and we spent a lot of time with them, walking and talking.

While we were in Perm I was aware that activists in many countries were commemorating the invasion of Afghanistan by US/NATO troops on 7 October 2001. I was reading Svetlana Alexievich's book, *Boys In Zinc*, about Soviet conscripts and their families during the ten-year Soviet war on Afghanistan in the 1980s. The horrendous stories she tells show just how much war affects not just the victims and soldiers but the families at home.

I mentioned the anniversary and the book to our friend, Veronika, and she took us to a monument near her home called 'The Torn Brotherhood' or Разорванное Братство. The monument depicts four soldiers, Soviet conscripts in the Afghan War, with a space for their missing comrade. The figures are bowed down in grief and its simple poignancy goes deep into the heart of the observer, or perhaps, pilgrim. Russia, like the UK, loves its military history. There are monuments glorifying war in every city and town. This monument is remarkable as it recognizes the loss of Soviet conscripts in Afghanistan, a fact only recently acknowledged.

At this monument in the middle of a suburban boulevard, in a city on the eastern edge of Europe, I prayed for all victims of war, especially on that day, for the suffering people of Afghanistan and those who have fought there, either as imperial armies or as fighters in the civil wars.



Lee Lester

Lee is Yorkshire Friends' new Youth Development Worker based at Sheffield Central meeting house but serving the whole of Yorkshire. Born in the East Midlands, Lee relocated to Sheffield to study for a Master's Degree in Youth and Community work and has since worked in a number of areas of youth work, mostly with local

charities but also two years working for the

NHS mental health service supporting those with complex trauma using a model of hope and positive recovery goals.

Lee writes: I appreciate a lot of you haven't met me yet and don't know much about the work I have been doing in my first six months. I hope this can fill you in bit more! My passions are football, nature, the arts and my faith. In my spare time, I coach at Sheffield United, though I'm a partisan Leicester City supporter happy to talk about football for hours with anyone who is willing!

So far I have established a young people's action group (aged 11-18) in Sheffield that meets monthly. We are filling shoe boxes with gifts and everyday essentials, as donations for a local soup kitchen that supports the homeless. We're planning a Winter Social for Quaker young people and their friends.

In 2019 we hope to attend an anti-drone conference, to go on a summer camping trip and to create a small film about what it means to be a young Quaker. I'm keen to reach out to young people across Yorkshire and hope to visit various meetings to offer ideas and support, to create social media platforms so young people can keep in touch and see what events are coming up. I look forward to meeting you all and my email inbox is always open to anyone who wants to find out more.

In friendship, Lee leel@quaker.org.uk

**MEETING OF QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE 19 Jan 2019
PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY**

- 10.00 **Coffee or Tea** on arrival
- 10.30 **Meeting for Worship**
- 11.00 **Welcome to Mill Hill Chapel, Appointment of Elders**
- 11.15 **‘Reaching Out’** We will hear from the Under 19s Co-ordinating Group (Guy Milner), Junior Holidays (Bronwen Alty), and Easter Settlement (Pauline Leonard). We also welcome Lee Lester, recently appointed by BYM as Youth Development Officer. Based in Sheffield, Lee’s role is to engage young Friends across Yorkshire.
- 12.15 **Outreach Projects Committee** Annabel May will report on the work of the Outreach Projects Committee. Robert Keeble and Ros Batchelor will report on projects which have benefitted from QiY funding.
- 12.50 **Notices**
- 13.00 **Lunch** (bring your own, drinks provided)
- 14.00 **Testimony**
- 14.05 **Appointments and releases**
- 14.15 **Yorkshire Friends Holiday School** Holiday School staff, students and helpers will share with us their experiences from the 2018 event.
- 15.00 **West Yorkshire Churches Together (WYCT)** Rachel Muers represents us on this body and we look forward to hearing from her something of its current issues and challenges.
- 15.30 **Mill Hill Unitarian Chapel** Jo James is minister to the Unitarian congregation in whose historical premises we meet today. We look forward to hearing about the chapel and its work.
- 16.00 **Tea and departures.** We thank Leeds Friends for their hospitality and all the arrangements for the day.

Signing in

Please sign the attendance list when you arrive. Name labels will be available. If you have a badge, please bring it and remember to wear it.

Children

Ilkley Local Meeting will provide childcare at this meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire. If you are planning to bring children, please could you let Helen Ford know the age of your child(ren)

by Monday 7 January. Helen can be contacted on 07534 682609 or on ford.helen@outlook.com

This will enable us to plan suitable activities for the children who are coming, and ensure we have enough helpers.

If she doesn't receive information by 7 January, Helen will assume no children are attending the meeting.

Bookstall There will be a bookstall selling and distributing meeting copies of Leeds Friends' new publication before the meeting starts and at lunchtime. Bring purses and wallets!

Directions to Mill Hill Chapel

Mill Hill Chapel is on the east side of City Square in Leeds. Most convenient access is by train. Cross the road where taxis and buses exit the station concourse, and heading towards Park Row, you will find the chapel on the right hand side of the Square.

Apologies for the rather inadequate map!

