

Quakers in Yorkshire – 20 January 2018

EASTER SETTLEMENT REPORT FOR 2017

There were 61 full time Settlers and six day visitors for a long weekend considering “Towards Quaker Views of Education”. Led by Paul Parker and Jeff Beatty many aspects of how school children are educated were considered, and many aspects had to be ignored as the weekend is limited in time. The Journeyman Theatre performed their play about the militarisation of schools. We were particularly impressed by those who related their own experience of the lesser known aspects of education off the cuff to the general edification of all.

We were also delighted to see some new faces, some from the far reaches of Yorkshire. There were eleven children ranging in age from 3 to 17 and 2 well behaved dogs. Afternoons were cool and often wet. On Sunday some were able to go to Whitby for meeting as well as Scarborough and, of course, Cober Hill. A few stayed on for Monday night and the jigsaw was eventually completed on Tuesday morning.

We do look at the feed back and do what we can to improve things. There may be many stairs at Cober Hill, but there is usually a way around them.

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There will be some changes this year. If you decide to leave early, or fail to come, it will cost you more. There is now a non-returnable deposit per person of about 25%, which, if you cancel, is not VAT rated, so you get less VAT back.

The room rate has increased, but by not very much. About 3% for adults and less for children who are subsidised anyway.

Pauline will be taking bookings and will tell you what is planned for this year. Please note that as Easter is fairly early, booking close on 23 February – in five weeks time.

A REQUEST FROM COBER HILL

Cober Hill is approaching its' first centenary – in 2020. They intend to publish a history to mark the occasion and hope to have a chapter on Easter Settlement. Yorkshire Quakers have been regular guests since 1926, their oldest continuous customer. If you were 10 in 1926 you would be 102 today, so it may be possible to find eye-witnesses to cover the whole period. In any case, any material, anecdotes, or memories will be welcome and should be sent to either me or Michael Sturge (Acomb Meeting) the sooner the better.

Chris Petrie

EASTER SETTLEMENT 2017

FRIDAY 14TH April to Monday 17th April

At Cober Hill

Cloughton

Scarborough



“Towards Quaker Views of Education”

Led by Paul Parker

And Jeff Beatty

- Paul Parker explored the need for children's education to allow space and time for spiritual needs and experiences reflecting on his own education and his journey with Quakers.
- Jeff Beatty spoke about the history of Quaker involvement in education and concerns with the current national system focussing in particular on inequality and lack of peace education.

61 adults and 11 children came for the weekend .





“Over The Top” by Journeymen Theatre



Lynne and David Morris explored in their performance the increasing militarisation in schools. The government funds the armed forces to make 11,000 visits into schools annually, reaching 650,000 students. They do not fund any peace education such as peer mediation.

Free Time Activities

Over the weekend Settlers had opportunities to:
Enjoy the gardens and walks along the coastal path.



Take part in craft activities

Chicks

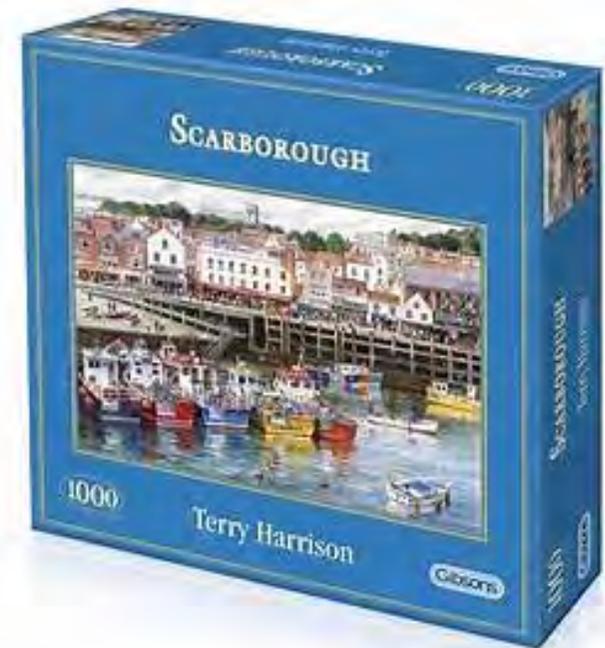
Many thanks to Gill Brown for this craft activity.



Tai Chi in the mornings



Community Jigsaw



On Easter Sunday the children enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt in the secret garden.



Easter Settlement 2018

“In Turbulent Times
Be A Quaker”

- Do you feel overwhelmed by events in the world?
- Are you concerned about rising inequality and divisions in society?
- Does terrorism and increasingly scarce resources due to climate change worry you?

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Maud Grainger and Michael Eccles

from

Woodbrooke On The Road

will help us to find reasons to be hopeful.

How can we build the foundations of a
peaceable kingdom ?

- We hope that Friends from all over Yorkshire will take advantage of this opportunity .
- We particularly welcome families .
- Places for Children and Young People are subsidised by Quakers in Yorkshire.