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Welcome to the July Newsletter!

Here you will find events, opportunities and news of interesting things happening in Yorkshire Meetings, as well as details of the next Quakers in Yorkshire meeting in July.

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Quakers in Yorkshire 2024

Please join us for our quarterly meetings, where we bring together people and topics to generate thought, action and a shared experience. Our meetings are open to Friends, Attenders and friends.

July 20th - New Earswick Meeting House, York (see bottom of the newsletter for details)

October 19th- The Mount School, York

[More details here](#)

Racial Justice section

Learn about reparations by listening to '**A Quaker Take**', a podcast made by Quakers in Britain and Woodbrooke. In the two latest episodes, the presenters talk to Edwina Peart and Rebecca WalkerWoo on reparations.

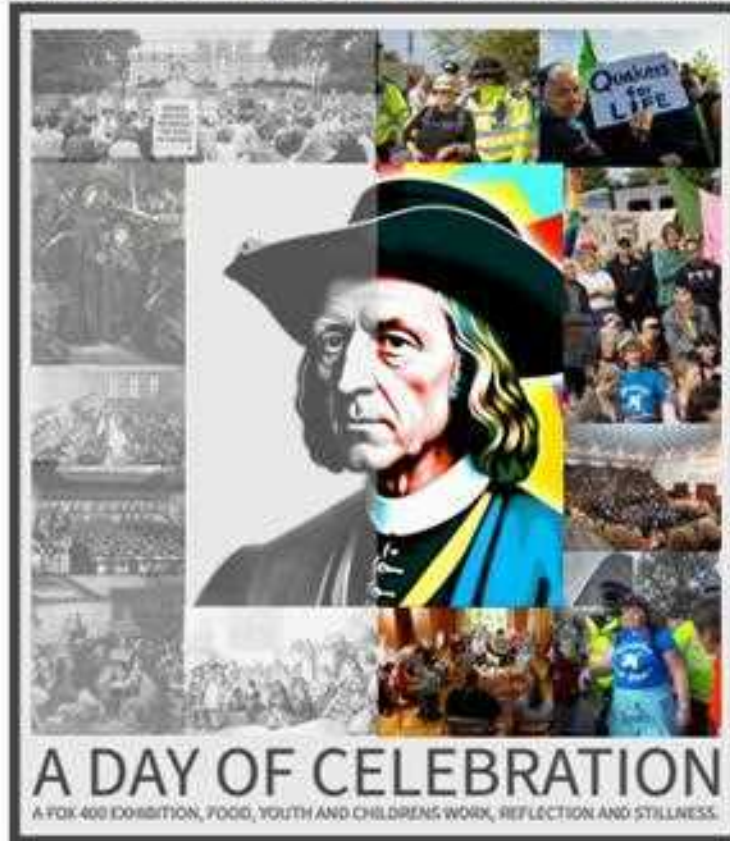
[Listen here](#)

Events

George Fox 400

1624 - 1691

Celebrating the legacy of the founder of Quakerism



New Earswick Quaker Meeting House and Folk Hall

-20th July-

Children & Young People: from 10:00

Celebration lunch & cake: 12:30

Exhibition: from 13:00 - 16:00

Concluding Reflections: from 15:30 - 16:00

The Quaker way: Simple. Radical. Spiritual.

<https://quakersinyorkshire.org.uk/qms-2024/>

Full programme can be found at the end of this newsletter.



SWARTHMOOR HALL



Fox Fell 400

15 - 20 July

Celebrating the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox

Monday 15 July
Quaker communities day

Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 July
Open to all 10am - 4pm
Hall, gardens and café open
+ series of talks + family activities

Also on Thursday 18 July
Experience a Quaker meeting for worship
Rucksack of Rhymes with
wordsworth
GRASMERE



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Try and get to us by public transport - bike, boat and train

Find out more

Quaker Communities Day at Swarthmoor Hall **15 July 10am-4pm**

Join Quakers from across Britain for a special day of

celebration, worship, and community.

- First chance to see the Hall, gardens, and the rest of the site after the completion of exciting renovation work
- Hot drinks and light refreshments available through the day
- Bring your own lunch to enjoy on the lawn or in the barn
- Meeting for worship in the Hall will start at 2pm

See you there!

Find out more



Friargate George Fox 400 events

Join Friargate Quakers for two talks on different aspects of Quaker history. Both events will take place at Friargate Quaker Meeting house, Friargate, York, YO1 9RL

<p>18 July, 7 pm Early Quakers and Slavery: Talk</p>	<p>John Gray will give a talk drawing a comparison with modern Quakers' positions on climate issues</p>
<p>22 July, 7 pm Quakers and Business: Talk</p>	<p>Christine Abbot will explore with us the impact of Quakers in business and how Quakers have informed business practice.</p>

What is the Quaker Way? An online introduction to Quakers

What is the Quaker Way? is a monthly series of online sessions for newcomers to explore Quaker spirituality and community. Each session includes small group sharing and listening. They are led by staff from Quakers in Britain.

All sessions are on **Thursdays from 7.30pm-8.30pm on Zoom**. You are welcome to attend one or more sessions, and you can join on any date for the first time.

For dates, and to receive a Zoom link for the sessions, click below.

[Register here](#)



Peer Support Zoom sessions for Quaker Role Holders

These 1-hour Zoom sessions are a space to raise concerns, share experience and find solutions together. They are facilitated by your Local Development Workers for Yorkshire and West Midlands & North West.

Please register in advance to receive a Zoom link.

Local Meeting Clerks

Wednesday 21st February 7.30pm
Thursday 25th April 7.30pm
Monday 23rd September 7.30pm

Treasurers

Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm
Thursday 6th June 7.30pm
Thursday 7th November 7.30pm

Trustees

Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm
Thursday 2nd May 7.30pm
Thursday 10th October 7.30pm

Nominations

Thursday 7th March 7.30pm
Thursday 13th June 7.30pm
Wednesday 13th November 7.30pm

Pastoral Care

Thursday 29th February 7.30pm
Thursday 16th May 7.30pm
Monday 14th October 7.30pm

Eldership

Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm
Thursday 20th June 7.30pm
Monday 18th November 7.30pm

**To register for a session, or for more information,
please contact:**

Craigb@quaker.org.uk

Register here

Youth Events

Online and in-person youth events

From Link Groups and national events to online epilogues, Jo Baynham, the Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire, runs regular events for young Quakers through the year.

Summer events include:

- Ready for a Shreddy at Stainburn Forest - 13/07/24
- Quakers in Yorkshire July event - 20/07/24
- Ready for a Shreddy at Parkwood Springs - 28/08/24
- Rounders and a picnic at Hyde Park - 29/08/24

Check out the full diary [here](#).

Check out [Jo's page](#) on the Quakers in Yorkshire website for all the latest news and events.



Yorkshire Friends Holiday School



18-25th August '24 -ages 13-18- Bootham School, York



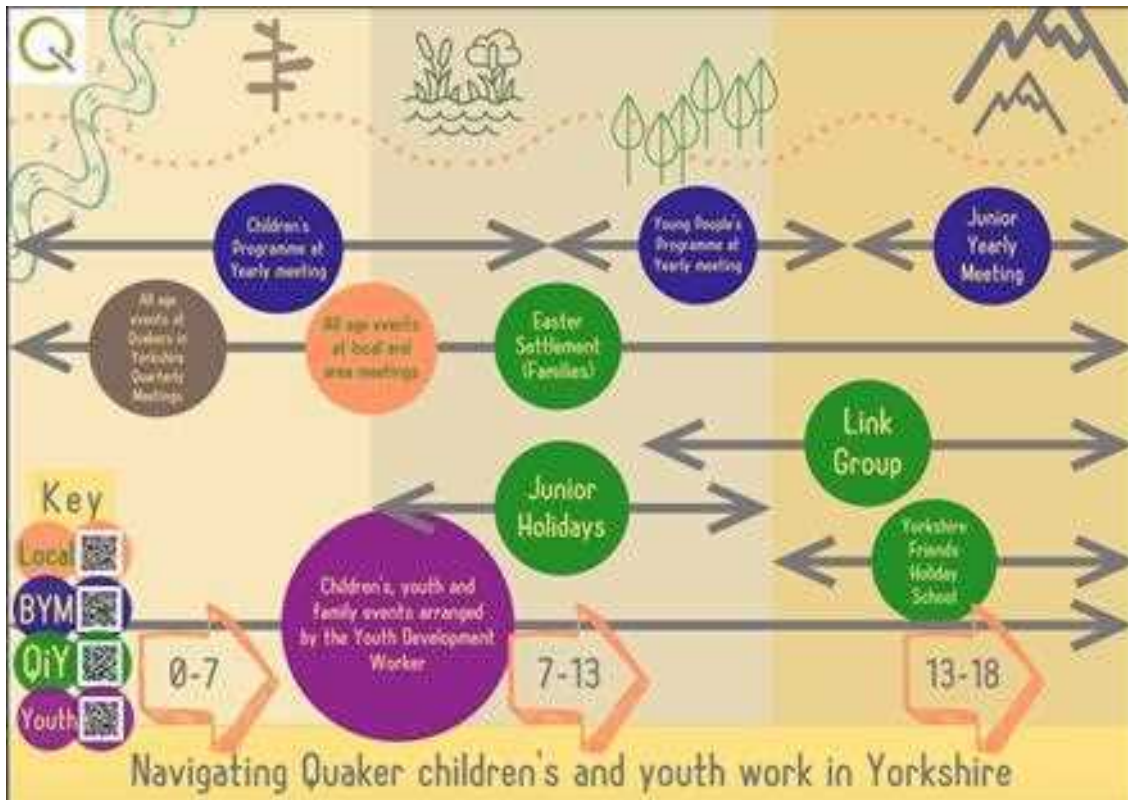
YFHS is an annual gathering of around 100 young people. Each year we build a vibrant, respectful community and organise a variety of activities- both fun and thought provoking

Please visit our website, www.yfhs.org.uk where you'll find the application form and more information



Find out more here

Apply now



Navigating Quaker Children's and Youth Work in Yorkshire

Click below for a wonderful poster to display in your Meeting House, showing all the major events for children and young people in Yorkshire.

[Click here](#)

If you want to hear more about Jo's work, sign up to his mailing list by clicking the link below.

[Quaker Youth Work in Yorkshire](#)

Opportunities



"What canst thou say?" A Quakers in Yorkshire audio project

Help us capture something of being a Quaker in Yorkshire today!

This audio project seeks to capture as many Yorkshire Quakers as possible answering the following two questions:

**What do you do in Meeting for Worship?
What do you experience in Meeting for Worship?**

We want to hear from as many people as possible in order to create a true record of how Quakers in Yorkshire worship in the 21st century. This will be a helpful tool for explaining our practice to others, and could be used in outreach and in Quaker youthwork. The recordings will be made into an audio exhibit to be used at the Quakers in Yorkshire George Fox 400 event in July.

Click below for more information and to get involved.

Get Involved

Outreach in the 400th anniversary of George Fox birth

George Fox was born in July 1624. He was a predominant figure in early Quakerism, and generations of Friends have been inspired by his story and his writings. His 400th anniversary will be celebrated by Friends around the world. Many are using it as an occasion for outreach.

Friends in Yorkshire who want to undertake outreach of whatever nature have a fund that can be applied to for assistance, and are encouraged to make use of it. At the moment the grants committee intends to meet quarterly in April, July and October, and applications should be sent in by the first day of those months.

Information and the application form can be found [here](#).

Ellie McCarthy is the George Fox 400 Coordinator at Quakers in Britain. If you are planning an event, please see the George Fox 400 resources page [here](#) or email her at georgefox400@quaker.org.uk for support.

Quakers in Yorkshire Outreach Projects

News

Kindlers ask 'How do Quakers worship?'

Quakers in Yorkshire is asking Friends what they do in meeting for worship; that is also one of the questions informing the Kindlers' latest book. *Quaker Worship: Reflections and Explorations* is based on a survey of over 50 Quakers who were asked why they value meeting, what they do in it, and what effect it has on their lives. The book is written by James McCarthy of Acomb Meeting.

At the same time the Kindlers is publishing *The Kindness of*

Presence: Revisiting the Bible with an Open Heart and Mind by Peter Parr. This is an exploration of the Bible's message of love and compassion grounded in trust and presence. It is simply written, authoritative without being preachy, and exemplifies the qualities it seeks to promote. Well worth a read. Peter Parr is the author of a previous Kindlers book, *Answering that of God*.

All these will be available for £3 at the Kindlers bookstall at the Quakers in Yorkshire meeting at New Earswick on 20th July. The authors will be at Yearly Meeting to sign copies of the books in the Quaker bookshop at Friends House from 12.30 to 1.30pm on Saturday 27th July.

The Kindlers website is at www.thekindlers.org.uk



Farfield Meeting House

The simple Farfield Meeting House was chosen by Historic England in 2019 as one of 10 faith and belief places in England. It is located 2 miles west of Addingham, near Ilkley, on the road to Bolton Abbey. It is open all year.

During the summer months, a half-hour meeting for worship is held on the **third Thursday of the month at 2.30pm in the afternoon**. The forthcoming dates for 2024 are: **18th July, 15th August, 19th September and 17th October 2024**.



Yorkshire Quakers on Songs of Praise

Last month, Friends from Yorkshire travelled to Swarthmoor Hall for the filming of a Songs of Praise feature on equality. Siobhán Haire, Deputy Recording Clerk of Britain Yearly Meeting, spoke about Margaret Fell and a meeting for worship in the old Hall with all Friends present was filmed later.

The programme is expected to air on Sunday 11 August, so put the date in your diary!



Spotlight on... the beginnings of Quakerism in Yorkshire

"When Fox and Farnsworth first arrived in Skipton, plans for a

midsummer yearly meeting of Seekers to be held near Sedbergh must have been well advanced...He then spoke to large crowds in the church, in the church yard, and on Firbank Fell. The result was similar to what had happened six months previously when he met with the Balby Seekers. Many, apparently including most of the Seeker leaders, accepted Fox's message."

Laurel Phillipson, Airton Quaker, writes about how Quakerism came to Yorkshire and the influence of John Lambert on early Friends.

[Read the full article here](#)

Quakers in Yorkshire July Meeting



Date: Saturday 20th July 2024
**Venue: New Earswick Quaker Meeting House,
York**
Time: 10:00 - 16:00

All Yorkshire Quakers are encouraged to attend, starting with hot drinks on arrival from 10am and the first session at 10.30am.

This is a blended event.

Programme:

10:00 - Welcome and refreshments; children and young people's programme starts

10:30 - Meeting for Worship for Business

10:50 - Testimony (if required)

11:00 - Housekeeping (including appointing Elders for the day)

Reports: Glenthorne / Quakers in Yorkshire Trustees /

Breckenbrough School

Racial Justice Group

Appointments

12:30 - Lunch (soup and salad will be available)

Cake and refreshments will also be available throughout the afternoon

13:00 - 16:00 - George Fox 400; various events, including:

In the Folk Hall:

Exhibition of printed panels from the Quaker Tapestry;

Student art work and Audio Project 'What canst thou say?'

In the Meeting House:

A talk on George Fox and various displays

(For those joining on Zoom, the talk will start at 2pm)

15:30 Worship Sharing (open to everyone)

15:50 Final Minute

16:00 Close

Tea and cake

[Click here to join on Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 824 3434 6336

Passcode: 711258

**Download the Quakers in Yorkshire Trustees annual report
for 2023 here**

Venue Details

Full address:

Quaker Meeting House
White Rose Avenue
New Earswick
York
YO32 4AD

Travel and parking:

2 miles north of York towards Haxby, located at far end of New Earswick Folk Hall car park, which is on Haxby Road (see map below). Buses 1 and 13 from York stop at Folk Hall.

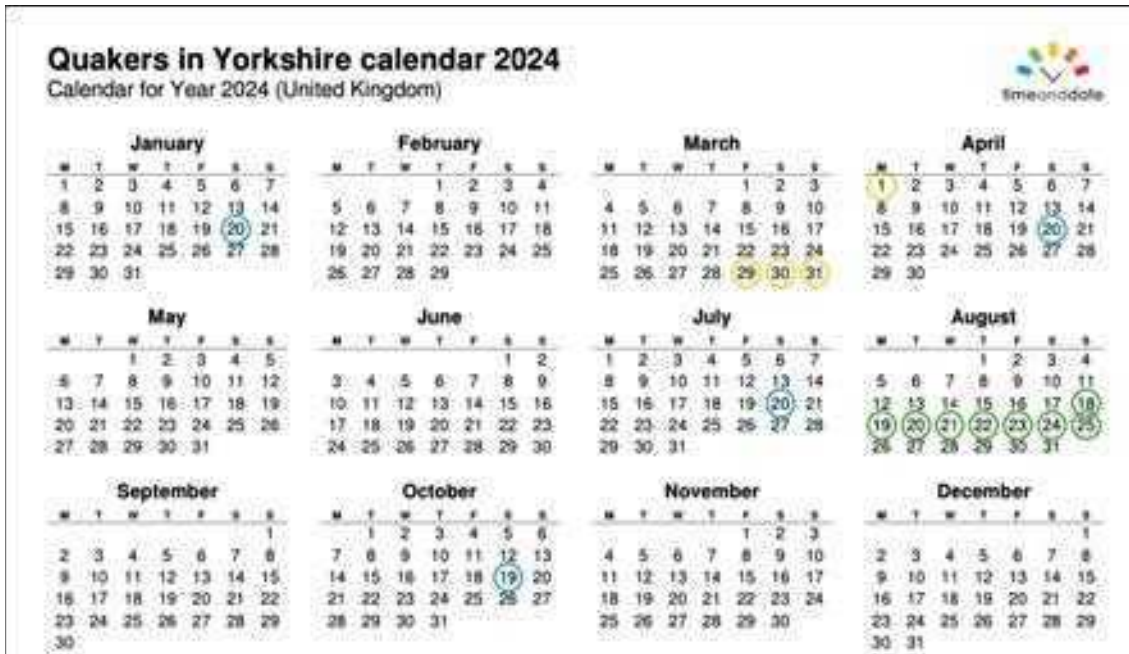
- **By bus** – take the **number 1** from York Station to **New Earswick Folk Hall**.
- **By car** – take the **York Ring Road (A1237)**, turn off onto **Haxby Road**, following signs to New Earswick. Follow the road down, past New Earswick shops and **turn right at the Folk Hall**.
- The meeting house is located at the **far end of New Earswick Folk Hall car park, where you can park for free**. There are bike rings for locking up bicycles.

Click below for Google Maps directions.

Google Maps Directions



[Click here for a PDF of this map](#)



Dates for events in 2024

Quakers in Yorkshire meetings

January 20 – Carlton Hill, Leeds

April 20 – Huddersfield

July 20 - New Earswick, York

October 19 – The Mount School, York

Easter Settlement

29th March - 1st April

Yorkshire Friends Holiday School

18th - 25th August

Click below for a PDF version of the calendar

Click here



Deadline for items for the July newsletter: **Wednesday 25th September**

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