
Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter

January 2025

Welcome to the January Newsletter!

Here you will find events, opportunities and news of things going on in Yorkshire, plus details of the January Quakers in Yorkshire meeting.

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Quakers in Yorkshire Meetings 2025

Join us in 2025 for our quarterly meetings, where we bring together people and topics to generate thought, action and a rich, shared experience. Our meetings are open to all Friends: members and attenders.

18th January - Leeds Carlton Hill

26th April - Doncaster Meeting House

19th July - Harrogate Meeting House

11th October - Bootham School, York

Click below for more details.

More details here

January – Youthwork and events
18.01.25 Leeds Carlton Hill

Learn about the activities of young people at Junior Holidays and Holiday School, of Easter Settlement and Quakers in Yorkshire Outreach Projects. Jo Baynham (Youth Development Worker) and Craig Barnett (Development Worker) will share their hopes and plans for the coming year. In the afternoon, hear from local Friends about the World Plenary of FWCC held in South Africa in August 2024.

April – Our Spiritual Life
26.04.25 Doncaster Meeting House

'Our Spiritual Life': how the organisational changes within QIY can bring benefit to the spiritual life of all our meetings in Yorkshire. Paul Parker, Recording Clerk, will speak on the initiatives and actions which other meetings have introduced as a result of constructive change. There will be an opportunity to consider what we can take back to our meetings.

July – Family Day
19.07.25 Harrogate Meeting House

An invitation to families to join for a social day of activities at the meeting house and around Harrogate. The morning session will receive reports from QIY trustees, Glenhorne and Breckenbrough.

October – Quaker Schools
11.10.25 Bootham School, York

Hear reports from the leaders of the Mount and Bootham Schools and personal witness from students of the significant influence of Quakerism on their daily lives.



What is Quakers in Yorkshire?

Quakers in Yorkshire is a regional gathering of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain (Quakers in Britain). It provides spiritual fellowship and pan-Yorkshire services to members and attenders in its constituent local and area meetings. It covers seven area meetings and 38 local meetings across Yorkshire.

The seven area meetings are:

- Brighouse West Yorkshire
- Central Yorkshire
- Craven & Keighley
- Leeds
- Pickering & Hull
- Sheffield & Bolby
- York

Quakers in Yorkshire Meetings are held quarterly and are open to all Quakers in the region. Each meeting starts at 10:30 with worship, includes a 'bring your own' lunch and ends at 16:00.

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2025 leaflet**

Racial Justice News



Sheffield's less well-known links to slavery

"In 1704 parcels of nails worth £99 14s 0d were sent to Thomas Fell in Jamaica (worth around £222,000 in 2020 values). Nails were used for the construction of buildings in the expanding colonies. The Fell family had roots in the wider Sheffield region and had strong links to Quakerism. It is possible that the ties between the Sheffield ironmasters and Thomas Fell are an example of transatlantic Quaker commercial networks in operation."

Sheffield & Balby Area Meeting's Racial Justice Group have been exploring how Sheffield and its Quakers profited from the Atlantic economy and mass enslavement of Africans between the seventeenth and nineteenth centuries.

Read the full article below.

[Read more here](#)

The Quakers in Yorkshire Racial Justice Group will be speaking on the **UN report on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the UK 2024** at the January meeting. Read about their thoughts on it, and Quakers in Britain's

contribution to the report, below.

[Read more here](#)

Events

Weekly Peace Witness at Menwith Hill

The weekly peace witness at the gates of Menwith Hill takes place **each Tuesday from 6pm to 7.30pm**. More information can be found at <https://themhac.uk>

Lifts from Leeds can often be arranged by contacting Martin Schweiger on 0113 4400736.

Also a date for the diary:

Friday 4th July 2025, 4pm – 7pm Independence from America Event at Kettlesing Millenium Village Hall, not far from Menwith Hill. More information will be posed on the website as the programme develops - <https://themhac.uk>

Leeds Peace Event

Come to **Park Square, Leeds LS1 2NP** on **Friday 21st March at 10.30am** to attend the 1st Anniversary of the Leeds World Peace Flame.

Everyone is invited and we will be joined by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Abigail Marshal Katung. Event organised by Sue and Fi Garforth Peace Project and World Peace Flame Volunteers.



Quaker Spring Gathering 2025

You are invited to join other Quaker Friends at the **Cober Hill Guest House** over the Easter weekend - **Friday 18th to Monday 21st April.**

Quakers in Yorkshire are not organising a formal programme as in past years but we hope to gather and build a spiritual community in an informal way, eating together and sharing activities such as walking, discussing, music and crafts.

Click below for more details.

[More details here](#)

Yorkshire Quaker Camp

Friday 8th - Monday 11th August 2025

Fell Edge Farm, near Ilkley



Photo by Fell Edge

Join us at Yorkshire Quaker Camp 2025 for a vibrant celebration of all-age Quaker community!

This fun-filled, intergenerational event will be at the Fell Edge campsite near Ilkley. This beautiful eco-friendly site includes a teepee, trampoline, composting toilets and a barn with sprung dance floor for music and dancing.

The camp will be affordable for everyone, and we will all take a share of cooking and other tasks together. There are also some options for local B&B accommodation for those who are unable to camp.

Booking details will be available soon at:

quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

or further information please contact: craigb@quaker.org.uk

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.

Bookings are now open for:

- **Yorkshire Quaker Link Group** 21-23 March
- **Junior Holidays** 28-30 March

Click below for more information and to book

[**Click here for Youthwork Activities**](#)

Yorkshire Youth, children and family residentialials 2025



Yorkshire Friends Holiday School Reunion. Huddersfield February 14th - 16th. School years 9-13

Link Group: Seniors, Airton Quaker Meeting. March 21st - 23rd. School Years 9-13.

Junior Holidays: Inters, Barmoor. March 28th - 30th. School Years 6-8

Junior Holidays: Raywell Park, Hull. May 16th - 18th. School Years 3-7

Link Group: Barnsley Quaker Meeting. June 27th - 29th. School Years 7-13

Yorkshire Quaker Camp, Ilkely. August 8th - 11th. Fell Edge. Any age. Families subsidised

Yorkshire Friends Holiday School. - August 17th 24th. 13-21 years old

Junior Holidays: Juniors. September 26th - 28th. School Years 3-5

Link Group: Barmoor. December 5th - 7th. School Years 7-13

Details and bookings
www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk
Under the activities tab

PDF of poster

Yorkshire Quaker Link Group

<https://quakersinyorkshire.org.uk/link-group/>
Enquiries to jonathonb@quaker.org.uk 07529221651

What?

A low cost, regular residential in Yorkshire, with food, fun and Quaker input.



Who?

Young people in school years 9 to 13 with Quaker tendencies or Quaker interest in Yorkshire



Where?

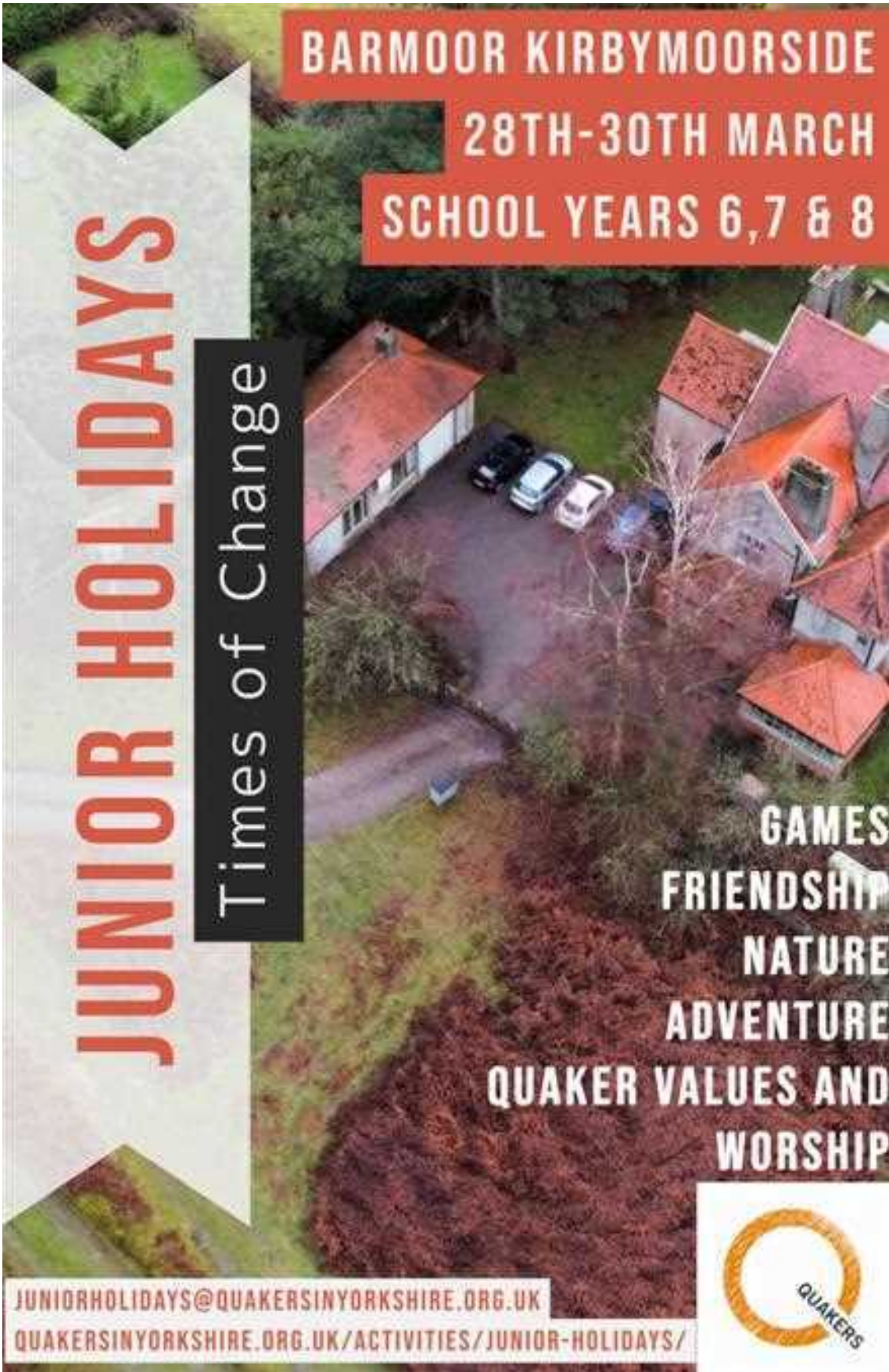
Airton Quaker Meeting. 21st - 23rd March. 1700ish Friday - 1400 Sunday



Getting to know you zoom 1800-1900 Monday 17th March

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JUNIOR HOLIDAYS

Times of Change

BARMOOR KIRBYMOORSIDE
28TH-30TH MARCH
SCHOOL YEARS 6,7 & 8

GAMES
FRIENDSHIP
NATURE
ADVENTURE
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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

Peace Activities in Yorkshire

A personal request from Pauline Leonard:

This year is my last year representing Leeds Area Quakers on the Peacelink Committee of Leeds City Council. This is a formal committee and it has been of great interest to attend on behalf of Quakers in Leeds.

What I would like to do this year is create an overview of the Peace activities Quakers in Yorkshire are involved with. I am aware of some of this work such as actively supporting refugees independently or through charities such as PAFRAS (Positive Action For Refugees and Asylum Seekers) / Protesting with Menwith Hill Accountability Campaign (MHAC) / Joining the silent vigil on Tuesdays in Dortmund Square, Leeds with Women in Black, but I imagine there is much more happening in the Yorkshire area.

If you or another Friend is involved in a similar kind of peace work could you let me know?

I hope we can celebrate all that is happening.

Best Wishes

Pauline Leonard

paulineleonard92@gmail.com



Be a Ffriendly presence in Kirkbymoorside

Kirkbymoorside LM is in the process of refurbishing the cottage which has previously been occupied by Wardens/Resident Friends. It will become available for commercial let around the end of January. It is a 3 bedroom, 2 living room stone-built cottage, with new Air Source Heat Pump central heating, newly re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, new flooring and full redecoration. The cottage faces the street in front of the meeting house, with which it shares a side access passage, rear yard and use of the garden.

We are not asking the occupant for any formal responsibilities, but a few hours gardening and/or cleaning work for the meeting may be separately negotiable for a suitable applicant if wanted. We would love to have a Ffriendly presence in our cottage!

A letting agent is to be appointed when the work is complete. Meanwhile, anyone who may be interested is invited to contact Helen Rowlands, helen.rowlands52@gmail.com or 07973 828715.

News

If you have any news you want to share with Quakers around Yorkshire,
email support@quakersinyorkshire.org.uk

Spotlight on...The only Quaker in the village



Photo by Victor Clime on Unsplash

“...here was the exact opportunity for ‘light touch’ outreach in a meaningful local context...”

Jacque Cole from Beverley Meeting shares her experience of joining in a monthly ‘faith group’ at her local pub.

Read Jacque’s article

Quakers in Yorkshire January

Meeting



Date: Saturday 18th January 2025
Venue: Carlton Hill Meeting House, Leeds
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: Tea and coffee

10.30: Meeting for Worship

11.00: Reports of Events and meetings in 2024, to include:

- Under 19s committee
- Junior Holidays
- Holiday School
- Easter Settlement
- Quaker Outreach Projects Committee

13.00: Lunch. Please bring your own food.

14.00: Continuation of agenda items including:

- Racial Justice Group
- Appointments and Releases
- Plans for 2025: Craig Barnett and Jo Baynham
- Update on Yorkshire Governance proposals
- Report from the FWCC World Plenary held in South Africa in August 2024

16.00: Close of meeting

If you wish to attend Quakers in Yorkshire via Zoom, then you will need to register in advance for this meeting by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/uzlpF1V-QcelrZs1DMzGTQ>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please note that:

Friends will be admitted from the waiting room at 10:25am.

Please ensure that your microphone is always off unless you wish to speak.

Please type your name and Meeting.

Meeting for Worship will start at 10:30am.

Venue Details

Full address:

Leeds Quaker Meeting House,
188 Woodhouse Lane,
LS2 9DX

Travelling on foot:

The meeting house is a 30 minute walk from Leeds Station. Exit onto Wellington Street and walk straight up Park Row. Turn left onto Woodhouse Lane and continue until you see the meeting house on the right.

Travelling by bus:

Buses from railway station: any bus from stand G, numbers 1, 93, 95. Buses from the bus station: buses from stands 20, 21 and 22, bus numbers 28, 96, 97, 731, or any bus which passes Leeds University. Station: Leeds City, 1

mile.

Travelling by car:

There is a car park at the rear.

Click below for Google Maps directions.

[Google Maps directions](#)

Calendar

Quakers in Yorkshire 2025 Calendar Calendar for Year 2025 (United Kingdom)



[2025 Calendar PDF](#)



Deadline for items for the April newsletter: **Wednesday 2nd April**

If you have any feedback on the format of this newsletter, please send it to the Editor: Ellie McCarthy: support@quakersinyorkshire.org.uk