

Quaker Origins in the North of England

Saturday October 8, 2011

10.30 am - 4.30 pm

Airton Quaker Meeting House



The Quaker movement was born in the northern counties during the turbulent years of the Civil War and Cromwell's Republic.

Speakers at this conference will explore the Quakers' relationship with the Republican regime and the New Model Army as well as the churches and the farming families of the Yorkshire Dales.

Booking essential. Fee: £10 (includes refreshments but not lunch) Buffet lunch £5

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Daytime telephone number:.....e-mail

Please book places lunches.

I enclose payment of £ (cheques should be payable to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority)

Please return this booking form, along with an A5 SAE or your e-mail address for confirmation of booking and the final programme to: Quaker History Day School, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL

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In the English civil wars of the mid-17th century the Church lost its power, the Lords lost their seats, and the king lost his head. Quakers were active participants in this revolution. Striving for religious liberty and social equality, they sought to build the kingdom of heaven on earth – starting here in the north where they worshipped without creed, clergy or liturgy. Until the Restoration, they supported the New Model Army. By the time the Republic fell in 1660, they were firmly established all over Britain and had a foothold in the new American colonies.

The 17th century Airton meeting house is located about 1 mile from Major-General Lambert's family home. It is disabled-accessible and has a hearing-assist "T-loop".

The programme includes lead papers on:

An Overview of early Quakerism in the North - **David Boulton**

Major-General John Lambert, Cromwell's second-in command and a key figure in the relationship between Quakers and the republican regime - **David Farr**

James Nayler's life and work - **Betty Hagglund**, Quaker Studies Project Developments Officer

as well as shorter contributions including:

"Why Pendle Hill?" the first stage of Fox's & Farnsworth's 1652 journey - **Laurel Phillipson**

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