

# Quakers in Yorkshire

## Newsletter

including

news, views and events from  
Local and Area Meetings  
in Yorkshire,

annual QiY calendar

and

programme for QiY meeting  
in Oxford Place, Leeds  
on Saturday 17 January 2015

**Welcome to the Quakers in Yorkshire Newsletter**, which we are hoping to develop as a means of wider communication among the Meetings in the Yorkshire area.

We welcome any news or views, including publicity for future events, reviews of past events, sharing of reflections and inspirations. Please send items to one of the Co-Clerks by six weeks before the meeting.

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The Newsletter will appear quarterly, in conjunction with the four QiY meetings, which happen on the third Saturday of January, April (except when Easter intervenes), July and October. Paper copies will be sent to all local meetings (please let the Co-Clerks know if your meeting needs more or fewer copies) and it will also be sent electronically to AM and LM Clerks. If any Friend would like to receive an additional copy in this way, please inform the Co-Clerks.

**The Quakers in Yorkshire website** also contains information about and links to events and Meetings in Yorkshire. See *www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk*

**Have contact details for your meeting changed?** Your QiY Clerks would be very glad to have updated email and telephone details of all 2015 Local and Area Meeting Clerks.

**Remaining QiY meetings for 2015:**

**Saturday 18 April 2015** at The Retreat, York. An opportunity to visit the Retreat and to consider mental health issues.

**Saturday 18 July 2015** at Scarborough. A presentation from Quaker Peace and Social Witness and an afternoon of leisure activities.

**Saturday 17 October 2015** at Bootham School. School reports; other topics to be announced.

**Yorkshire Quaker Arts Projects** thanks QiY for its interest and support over the past eight years, and offers the following update.



DVDs of *Go Inside to Greet the Light* (2007) are available on the book table at the January meeting, or through the website, [www.goinsidetogreetthelight.com](http://www.goinsidetogreetthelight.com), which will continue to run into 2016, as it is hosting the record of the seminar of March 2014 (flyers available at the January meeting). The Facebook page *GoInsideToGreetTheLight* will continue to be refreshed from time to time, and if anybody is interested in taking on this responsibility, please make contact through the Facebook page or the website.

DVDs of *Meeting Voices* (2010) have all been distributed but it can still be accessed through the Facebook page.

CoCo Throw (2012) has gone to a Quaker family and circus group in Wales, to use as they wish.

The Arts Projects have had a successful run, and are not considering any new projects.

**Breckenbrough School.** Nicholas Evens of Harrogate Local Meeting has written to express his gratitude for his eight years of service as a



Trustee for Breckenbrough School. “When I first visited the school I was a young educational psychologist working for Newcastle upon Tyne LEA. We placed boys at Breckenbrough and they did well. I never imagined on my visits that I would be a Governor, let alone spend some five years as Chairman. But that's how it turned out and

I am extremely grateful to Friends for enabling me to serve the school in the roles I was given.

“Governing any school these days is of course no sinecure. Problems arise and require energy and time to be given to their resolution.

During my time I was blessed with the appointment of fellow Trustees brought in by you all; and together we worked to improve the way we did our governing. I give thanks therefore to all my colleague Trustees for their lively involvements and dedication. It has been for me an inspiring time. The school is blessed with staff who seem constantly overworked but invincibly cheerful. It is a privilege to be associated with them and with the lads they so skilfully and diligently help. The new motto adopted is 'Breckenbrough – More Than A School'. It is that.” For more information on Breckenbrough, see [www.breckenbrough.org.uk](http://www.breckenbrough.org.uk)

### **The Quaker Tapestry exhibition**

continues to impress visitors both at home in Kendal Meeting House and on tour around the country. The Meeting House Exhibition Centre and Café are appealing for volunteers in 2015. They offer “a cosy two-bedroom flat on site, which volunteers can use. Our 'visiting'



volunteers stay for a week or (preferably) two and help us welcome our visitors.” Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Sandra Rose Timson, Operations Manager, Quaker Tapestry Museum and Exhibition, Friends Meeting House, Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 4BH, tel. 01539 722 975 [info@quaker-tapestry.co.uk](mailto:info@quaker-tapestry.co.uk)

**The Quakers in Yorkshire Website** needs rebuilding. John Batchelor, who has managed it for some years, believes that moving to a CMS (content management system) like Wordpress or Joomla, would suit our purposes. He is willing to help with the move, but would like to be part of a small group of Friends who have experience or skills with either of these. Do you? Would you be willing to contribute? Please contact John on [johnbatchelor@ntlworld.com](mailto:johnbatchelor@ntlworld.com) and the QiY co-clerks if you can help.

**The Quakers in Yorkshire Calendar** is printed on the four middle pages of this newsletter for you to pull out and keep. There will be no separate publication of the calendar for 2015.

# Quakers in Yorkshire

## Calendar 2015



### Quarterly meetings in 2015

**Saturday 17 January 2015 at Oxford Place Methodist Centre, Leeds**

**Saturday 18 April 2015 at The Retreat, York**

**Saturday 18 July 2015 at Scarborough Meeting**

**Saturday 17 October 2015 at Bootham School, York**

See [www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk](http://www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk) for information on all Quakers in Yorkshire activities together with links to other Quaker websites and details of all local meetings in Yorkshire.

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## Outreach

The **QiY Outreach Projects Committee** can provide grants to encourage and support outreach and inreach initiatives in local meetings in Yorkshire. Contact the Clerk of Trustees (above) for details.

The Outreach section at Friends House, London, has a wealth of resources available for outreach. See *www.quaker.org.uk/outreach*  
They also sponsor the annual Quaker Week, which is usually in the autumn.

## Peace resources in Yorkshire

**Northern Friends Peace Board** has recently celebrated its centenary with activities across the north of the UK. See *nfpb.org.uk* for lots of events and information.

**Peace Museum** in Bradford is the only peace museum in the UK. See *www.peacemuseum.org.uk*

**Peace Studies, University of Bradford** is the largest university peace studies centre in the world. See *www.brad.ac.uk/ssis/peace-studies*

**Commonweal Collection** is an independent specialist library concerned with issues relating to nonviolent social change. See *www.bradford.ac.uk/library/libraries-and-collections/commonweal-collection*

## Activities sponsored by Quakers in Yorkshire

### **Easter Settlement 2015** 3-6 April 2015

Theme: Food for Change

Keynote Speaker: Geoff Tansey

Easter Settlement is a gathering for Friends of all ages at Cober Hill Guest House, Cloughton, Scarborough, over the Easter weekend (with the option of staying on until Tuesday 7 April). For further information contact:

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**Yorkshire Friends Holiday School** (13-18 yrs) 16-23 August 2015 at Bootham School, York. YFHS is an annual, week-long residential gathering for around a hundred 13-18 year olds. The aim is to build a vibrant, respectful community and organise a mixture of activities, both fun and thought-provoking. For further information see [yfhs.org.uk](http://yfhs.org.uk), also accessible through [www.quaker.org.uk/other-quaker-groups](http://www.quaker.org.uk/other-quaker-groups), or contact the joint secretaries Guy Milner and Mark Rymer at [yfhssecretary@gmail.com](mailto:yfhssecretary@gmail.com)

**Junior Holidays** (7-12 yrs) A holiday is planned for 19-21 June 2015 at Barmoor, near Hutton-le-Hole, in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park. For further information contact Heather Woolley (01723 379 381) [heatherwoolley@talktalk.net](mailto:heatherwoolley@talktalk.net)

## Resources available for Yorkshire Quakers

**Quaker Tapestry.** Panels and associated artefacts are exhibited at Kendal Meeting House, Cumbria, from 16 February to 12 December 2015, Mon-Sat 10-5. See [www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk](http://www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk) or phone 01539 722 975.

**Swarthmoor Hall.** Swarthmoor Hall, Ulverston, Cumbria, is the historic first home of Quakerism and is open for visits, bed and breakfast, and self-catering accommodation for individuals and groups. Residential courses are also available. See [www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk](http://www.swarthmoorhall.co.uk) 01229 583 204.

**Glenthorne.** Glenthorne Quaker Centre and Guest House, Grasmere, Cumbria, runs courses and provides residential accommodation for holidays in the Lake District. See [www.glenthorne.org](http://www.glenthorne.org) 01539 435 389.

**Quaker Community, Bamford, Peak District.** The Quaker Community in the Peak District, west of Sheffield, aims to develop a community on Quaker principles as a radical witness in a competitive, individualised and materialistic world. Self-catering accommodation for groups is available; retreats and short courses are also offered. See [www.quakercommunity.org.uk](http://www.quakercommunity.org.uk) 01433 650 085.

**High Flatts Meeting**, near Huddersfield, offers day retreats on five Saturdays during the year, and Experiment with Light on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month at 7pm. See [www.highflattsquakers.org.uk](http://www.highflattsquakers.org.uk) 01484 607 716.

**Quaker-sponsored self-catering accommodation.**

Airton Bunk Barn (Malhamdale, for groups and families), The Nook, Airton, Skipton BD23 4AE [airtonbarn.org.uk](http://airtonbarn.org.uk) 01729 830 263

Barmoor (North York Moors, for educational and religious groups), [www.barmoor.org.uk](http://www.barmoor.org.uk) 01751 430 725

Osmotherley Friends Meeting House (for groups and families), 36 West End, Osmotherley, Northallerton DL6 3AA e-mail [ossyquaker@gmail.com](mailto:ossyquaker@gmail.com) 01609 883 668

Worfolk Cottage (Staintondale, North Yorkshire Coast, for groups) [www.worfolkcottage.co.uk](http://www.worfolkcottage.co.uk) 01482 872 403

**Britain Yearly Meeting.** Britain Yearly Meeting will take place in London 1-4 May 2015. See [www.quaker.org.uk/britain-yearly-meeting](http://www.quaker.org.uk/britain-yearly-meeting)

There are programmes for children (up to age 11) and young people (ages 11-15) taking place alongside BYM. The Young People's programme is a residential event at High Leigh, Hoddesdon from the Friday to Monday of BYM. Please book by 20 March. See [www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-events](http://www.quaker.org.uk/cyp-events)

**Junior Yearly Meeting.** Junior Yearly Meeting, a Quaker event for 15-18 year olds born between 1.9.1996 and 31.8.1999, happens alongside BYM. It begins on the evening of Friday 1 May 2015 at Lee Valley Youth Hostel and concludes at Friends House, London, late afternoon Monday 4 May. Applications for open places should be made by 22 Feb. See [www.quaker.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2015](http://www.quaker.org.uk/junior-yearly-meeting-2015)

**Quakers in Britain.** See [www.quakers.org.uk](http://www.quakers.org.uk) for resources for Quakers in Britain.

**West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council (WYEC)**, which supports Churches Together groups across the region, met on 30.10.14, and was attended by Eva Pinthus. Here are some of the topics covered in her report.

- Membership of WYEC: the New Testament Church of God was welcomed into membership.
- Funding the chaplain for Leeds-Bradford Airport, which is done by the Methodist and Anglican churches.
- Hustings for the 2015 General Election.
- The practice and role of the Leeds Church Institute.
- Leeds Citizens, a new initiative to build an alliance of community organisations for the benefit of the city.
- “The Religious Mapping of Chapeltown”, a research paper presented by Rachel Muers.
- *Ecumenical Resistance to the First World War*, a book by Clive Barrett, Executive Secretary of WYEC and closely associated with the Bradford Peace Museum. Eva hopes that Friends will buy it.
- News from individual churches.

Further details are available from Eva Pinthus.

### **Advices and Queries on CD**

Any blind or visually impaired Friend or Attender in your meeting may like to have an audio version of Advices and Queries. For a CD which includes the introduction and afterword (total 44 tracks) please contact Chris Love, [chris234love@btinternet.com](mailto:chris234love@btinternet.com) or 01904 758 344. An ordinary CD player is fine for this.

Also, if anyone would like the minutes of Quakers in Yorkshire recorded, please contact Chris Love.

# MEETING OF QUAKERS IN YORKSHIRE

17 January 2015

Oxford Place Methodist Centre, Leeds LS1 3AX

Tel. 0113 2453502

## PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY

10.00 **Coffee or Tea** on arrival

10.30 **Meeting for Worship**

11.00 **Welcome to Oxford Place**

11.05 **Testimony**

11.15 **“Reaching Out” Reports from:**

Under 19s Co-ordinating Group  
Junior Holidays, Holiday School  
Easter Settlement  
Outreach Projects Committee

12.40 **Notices**

12.45 **Lunch** (bring your own, drinks provided)

There will be a **bookstall** for you to browse and buy

Also during the lunch break, Friends are invited to be part of an anti-Trident **Peace Witness** arranged by Leeds Friends to take place outside Oxford Place.

14.00 **Nominations**

14.10 **Update on Kindlers project**

14.15 **Minute from Central Yorkshire Area Meeting**

14.30 **Engaging with the General Election.** Jessica Metheringham, Parliamentary Liaison Officer for Quakers in Britain, will lead us in a consideration of key issues and ways in which Meetings and individuals might raise awareness of them. How can we present a concern in such a way that it conveys a message suitable for a candidate or for the general public?

Jessica has been a Parliamentary Researcher and has also worked with local government. She delivered the 2014 George Gorman lecture on Equality at BYM Gathering in Bath, and will be leading a workshop in February at Woodbrooke on the 2015 general election.

16.00 **Tea and departures.** We thank Leeds Friends for their hospitality and all the arrangements for the day.

**Name badges:** There will be sticky labels for you to write your name on, but if you already have a name badge, please bring it and remember to wear it.

**Children and young people under 19** are most welcome to attend Quakers in Yorkshire meetings. Activities at the January meeting will be provided by Ilkley Local Meeting if you inform Katharine Graham ([kate@triangleconsulting.co.uk](mailto:kate@triangleconsulting.co.uk)) by Friday 9 January. Please contact Kate for further information.

