

Quakevine

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Joyce Pickard [with Bruce Kent]

The draft testimony for Joyce will be read in July's Area meeting

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Editorial

I am glad to know much more now than I did a month ago about the present activity at Farfield Meeting House. It's inspiring to hear what a small group of volunteers can achieve. This is what Chris Skidmore [Skipton Meeting] has told me.

"As you are aware, myths have a life of their own which is unrelated to the truth. Those of us who help to look after Farfield continue to see it as a useful, if minor, vehicle for outreach. Copies of Qf&p and A&Q are available as well as interpretative material which speaks of the Society in the present as well as the past. Currently we are host to the art installation 'There but not there', commemorating the end of WW1 (see www.therebutnotthere.com) together with material describing Quaker attitudes to war and involvement in WW1.

And of course we still hold meetings for worship during the summer months - on third Thursdays at 2.30pm - perhaps you might like to place information about these in the next AM Newsletter (dates are 21 June, 19 July, 16 August, 20 September, 18 October this year)."

Thank you, Chris.

This shorter Quakevine results from my being one of numerous British Quakers [to my knowledge, six from York] going to Bergen in June for the Annual Conference of Europe & Middle East Quakers. Hence QV havoc instead of my usual schedule. This year marks the celebration of 200 years of Norwegian Quakerism - the first members having been convinced while they were prisoners of war in hulks moored on the Thames during the Napoleonic wars! More of that later in the year perhaps.

Barbara Windle

At the **Quakers in Yorkshire Meeting on Saturday 21st July 2018 at Ackworth School**

we shall welcome Dr. Karen Abi-Ezzi, Lecturer in Peace Studies and International Development, University of Bradford. The focus of Dr Abi-Ezzi's teaching and research has been the Middle East and specifically the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. She will be speaking to us about recent and ongoing events in the Gaza Strip and considering United States foreign policy in the Middle East under the Trump administration.

This is also the meeting at which we take reports from the Trustees of both Quakers in Yorkshire and Glenthorne Quaker Centre in Grasmere. We start at 10.30 a.m. with meeting for worship and the business will end at 1 p.m. Central Yorkshire Friends are organising a range of social activities in the afternoon. We end with tea at Ackworth.

We welcome anyone connected with a Quaker meeting and feel sure that the day will provide you with stimulation, information and enjoyment. The Ackworth School bus will pick up anyone arriving at Fitzwilliam Station (from Leeds) at 9.45 and 10.14 am.

Your local meeting clerks will receive several paper copies of the newsletter/ programme about two weeks before the date. A copy will also be on the QiY website www.quakersinyorkshire.org.uk or we could email you one if you would prefer this.

The school's address is Pontefract Rd, Ackworth, WF7 7LT. Please contact me for any further information.

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York Area Meeting

Area Meeting for July

This will be held at Acomb Meeting House [6.30 for 7 pm start, aiming for an 8.50 finish]. We start as usual with appointments and membership items, before going on to consider the testimony prepared for Joyce Pickard. Our main business consists of

- AM Trustees' Report and Annual Accounts
- Sanctuary Meetings - for information and decision. Possibly also -
- An update on activities relating to the armistice centenary

Area Meeting Miscellany

Saturday 14th July - Quiet Garden Day at Holyrood House (Thirsk) 9.30 am - 4 pm
Holyrood is part of the Quiet Garden Movement. Enjoy the beauty of the summer garden with some gentle input from our Friend Helen Warwick [of Thirsk Meeting]
See <http://www.holyroodhouse.org.uk/Quiet%20garden%20poster.pdf>

Don't Forget Saturday 1st September is the day when -
Harrogate will be hosting a Woodbrooke on the Road event.
We're all welcome.

An Antipodean looks at Quakers in Friargate

Judith Raftery is a member of the Uniting Church in Australia with a further degree in Theology. She travels frequently to the UK and arrived in Friargate Meeting in October 2016 with the expressed intention of researching and writing about 'who the Quakers are' by means of engaging with Quakers today in York - how did they relate to the Quakers who had been so influential in improvements to public health and other aspects of political and social reform in the nineteenth century? She spent one month in York, joined in Friargate's life and interviewed some members.

Friargate Friends learned that they were to be her guinea pigs when she announced herself at the end of her first meeting for worship! As she was here for such a short time, she had already decided her 'research' focus would be one meeting, the largest she could find. She has written up her interpretation of what she saw in a short booklet (I have some copies). I would be happy to talk to Friends about what she says.
Barbara Windle, Clerk

A day of meditation

Jane Reed (Friargate) is facilitating a Buddhist quiet day of reading, meditation, contemplation, teaching, discussion in Heworth on Sat 21st July. For details, contact Jane pamomeditation@gmail.com

Quaker faith & practice: extract of the month

Our church government would be an empty shell without the living expression of our faith provided by generations of individual Friends. Our custom of writing testimonies to the grace of God as shown in the lives of Friends provides us with a wealth of material showing ordinary Friends living out their faith from day to day. These testimonies show us that, whatever our circumstances, God can be present with us, and they encourage us each to be faithful to our own calling.

Our discipline and structures do not exist by themselves. The life of our Society is made up of the lives of its members. The faithfulness of our Society consists in the faithfulness of each and all of us. And none of us can expect 'the Society' to be more faithful, more committed, more loving, than we ourselves are prepared to be.

(Q&P the introductory paragraph to ch. 18: Faithful Lives)

Friargate's Glenthorne Weekend: 26-28th October

This October is our biennial outing to the Lake District, staying in the Quaker guesthouse, Glenthorne, in Grasmere. Glenthorne has a wonderful situation, pleasant food, refurbished single, double & family rooms, and a good-sized social room for singing, games etc in the evening. Being together here is an excellent way to bond, both for newcomers and regulars. We hope to welcome families, singles, couples, as well as Friends from elsewhere and friends of Friends. There are 32 rooms (single, double, family) so please book as soon as possible (deadline 28th July).

Full board [dinner Friday eve - Sunday lunch inclusive] is £150 per adult. Children under 10 sharing a family room with parents go free; 10-16s pay a reduced rate. If you would like to go but would find the fee too high, please speak to your Overseer as grants may be available for part of the cost.

Friargate July Diary

1st	Sun	Carecent Collection of Food and Toiletries	Friargate	After MfW
1st	Sun	Local Meeting	Friargate	After MfW
8th	Sun	Exploring Quakerism <i>all welcome</i>	Friargate	9 – 10.15 am
8th	Sun	Afterword	Friargate	After MfW
11th	Wed	Area Meeting	Acomb	7 - 9 pm
13th	Fri	Bishophill Gp: read Craig Barnett's "Quaker Renewal" from p.35	12 Park Cresc. (Stephen Campbell)	12.30 (bring own lunch)
15th	Sun	Soup and Rolls	Friargate	12.00 noon
15th	Sun	Gardening Group	Friargate	After MfW
17th	Tues	Erosion of Truth in Society: Discussion <i>see June QV details</i>	Hartrigg Oaks (Quiet Room The Oaks)	7 - 9 pm
19th	Thur	Clifton Group: discussing "Identity"	15 Petersway (Pat Easton)	7.00pm
21st	Sat	Quakers in Yorkshire <i>see page 2</i>	Ackworth School	
22nd	Sun	Attenders Group	Friargate	12.00 - 12.45
22nd	Sun	Knivesmire Group Garden Party	13 Belle Vue Terrace (Julia Terry)	12 noon onwards

10.30 Notices: 1st, send to Huw Still 07915 607903 huwstill@gmail.com or David Laverick.(see below)

Remaining Sundays: send to Jo Reilly 01904 622760 jo_reilly@yahoo.com

Breakfast Meeting Notices to: David & Margaret Laverick 01904 798 050 or hobgate39@gmail.com

Collections: 1st,8th, Quaker Bolivia Link; 15th,22nd, Friends of Hlekweni (Zimbabwe); 29th, Friargate Funds.

Weekday Worship in York Area Meeting

Tues	11.45	Hartrigg Oaks	Weekly
Wed	2.00	University Quiet Place, Heslington West: <i>all Friends welcome</i>	Termtime
Wed	12.45 -1.45	Friargate: bring your lunch, followed by MfW at 1.15	Weekly
Thu	10.45	Knaresborough, Gracious Street Centre <i>1st Thu, for 30 mins.</i>	Monthly
Thu	12.30	Harrogate <i>3rd Thursday of the month, for 30 minutes</i>	Monthly
Thu	9.30	The Retreat	Weekly
Wed	11.30	Acomb	Weekly

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