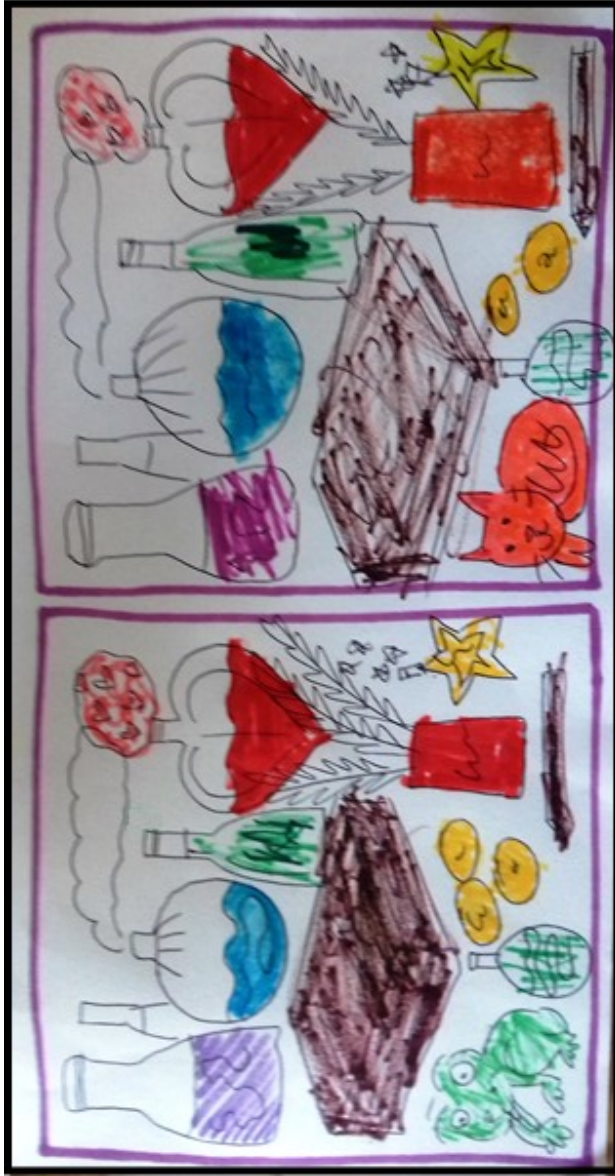


ACOMB QUAKER MEETING

October 2017



A&Q 19: Rejoice in the presence of children and young people in your meeting and recognise the gifts they bring. *(Drawn by Beth; coloured by Anna)*



Maybe it's time to view life from a different angle! There are at least 7 differences between these two pictures. Can you find them all?

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

ESCAPE & CREATE TOGETHER



Friday 20 – Sunday 22 October

Led by **Alec Davison** and **Tony Biggin**

Come away with us to the beautiful and peaceful surroundings in the heart of the Lake district and set your creativity free. We are coming together to turn the universe upside down! Let new hope emerge from our deep place of being. Sing your heart out and/or work together to find inspiring words that will carry us forward. Tony and Alec are renowned for their Quaker musicals and their aim is celebration and provocation, strengthening communities and engaging in new spiritual practices.

An adventure in the making!

To book please contact: Glenthorne Quaker Centre,
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E: info@glenthorne.org W: www.glenthorne.org

Data Collection and Storage

Acomb Meeting has a list of Friends and Attenders with their contact details and a note of whether they are Friends or Attenders. You may remember that you will have signed a data consent form which provided that information. Under new regulations coming into force next year we have to be sure that people know they can check personal information which others hold on them. So, if you wish to check that our information is correct, do ask the Clerk!

Heather

Recent Library Acquisitions since January 2017

Coming to England	<i>Benjamin, F</i>
Utopia for Realists - and how we can get there	<i>Bergman, R</i>
Holy Silence	<i>Brill, J Brent</i>
To Catch a Rabbit	<i>Cadbury, H</i>
We will not fight	<i>Ellsworth-Jones, W</i>
Anne Frank, a History for Today	<i>Frank, A</i>
The Art of Loving	<i>Fromm, E</i>
The Colour of Home	<i>Hoffman, M</i>
Touching the Rock	<i>Hull, J M</i>
Prophets & Reconcilers	<i>Mendl, W</i>
Austerity: the demolition of the Welfare State	<i>Mendoza, K-A</i>
Quakers & Railways	<i>Milligan, E</i>
The way we die now	<i>O'Mahoney, Seamus</i>
Twelve Quakers & Death	<i>Quaker Quest</i>
Haybox Cooking - Save Energy with Fireless Cookers	<i>Segaran</i>
Stories from World Religions	<i>Shilson-Thomas, A</i>
Voices Against War - a century of protest	<i>Smith, L</i>

News of Friends:

- ◇ Muriel Acomb is home again after a brief stay in St Helen's
- ◇ Kevin Sell will be moving to Manchester with Paul and will be very very much missed by the meeting.
- ◇ Joan Janiureck is moving to Red Lodge in New Earswick - we wish her well in her new home
- ◇ Esme Weeks has been awarded a place at Oxford University to study medicine - congratulations!
- ◇ Lottie and Mike Sturge have moved to Hartrigg Oaks

Kindlers workshops in York 2018

The Kindlers, a lively group who run all-day workshops helping people explore Quakerism, will be at **Friargate** on four Saturdays next Spring. Anyone can turn up, pay at the door and join the day on **January 13, February 10, March 10 & April 28**. Themes will be announced in the Autumn but **put the dates in your diary now!**

10.00 refreshments for 10.30am start – 4.30 tea for 5.00pm finish. Workshops will be participatory with input, group-work and worship.

Come to any one of them, or come to them all.

Journey into the heart of the Quaker Way.

Message from the Treasurer

The **HSBC** bank, which is the only bank we can pay into, is closed in Acomb. Please give cheques to **Jim Oag** or put them in the **Treasurer's pigeon hole**. Many thanks.

Debbie W

After the Gathering: 11 ways to live out our Quaker faith in the world

Following Yearly Meeting Gathering, Suki Ferguson suggests different pathways to action.

1. Tell your stories for change
2. Be strategic
3. Build each other up
4. Make a donation to support Quaker witness
5. Challenge yourself
6. Have difficult conversations
7. Become part of your local government
8. Bear witness to people living under occupation in Palestine
9. Speak plainly
10. Build up your local meeting on social media
11. Throw a party!

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/after-the-gathering-11-ways-to-live-our-quaker-faith>

Acomb Quaker Study Group

Meetings are monthly on a **Wednesday** at 10 before MfW. The next topic on 25th is: **"The Koran"**. Discussion led by James McCarthy. Everyone is welcome.

National Quaker Week 2017

30 September - 8 October 2017

"In turbulent times: be a Quaker"

- the theme of our national Quaker Week in 2017.

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-week-2017>

Dates for October 2017

Everyone is welcome at everything.
Names indicate who to ask for more information.

**If no venue is given, events take place at
Acomb Meeting House.**

Regular Events

Every Sunday: 10.30-11.30 Meeting for Worship (MfW) and Children's Meeting (followed by refreshments)

Every Wednesday: 11.30-12.00 MfW (+ refreshments)

1st Sunday: 9.45 Upholding Meeting before MfW
(Debbie Wright)

2nd & 4th Sunday: 12.00-12.30 'Afterword' after MfW

3rd Sunday: 12.00-13.30 Shared Lunch after MfW
(usually preceded by a talk or event - for details see below)

Shared Lunches

October	Unitarians	<i>Nicky Jenkins</i> (details on p10)
November	The History of Advices & Queries	<i>John Guest</i>

Please Note a full diary of events for York AM and LMs is on the York Quakers website:

www.yorkquakers.org.uk/eventscalendar.html

Special Monthly Collections

October	Carecent	<i>Sarah Ironside</i>
November	SASH – Safe & Sound Homes	<i>Deb Evans</i>

October	
Sunday 1	<u>Upholding Meeting</u> : 09.45 - 10.15 before MfW
Tuesday 3	<u>Talk</u> : 7.30pm "Conflict Resolution: the place of the Faiths" York Medical Society Rooms, 23 Stonegate see p9
Saturday 7	<u>High Flatts Retreat</u> : see p10
Wednesday 11	<u>Human Rights Talk</u> : 7-8.15pm Temple Hall, University of York St John see p11
Saturday 14	<u>Free Film Night</u> : 7-9.30pm Acomb Methodist Church Rear Hall see p11
Sunday 15	<u>Shared lunch</u> : see opposite
Thursday 19	<u>Peace Talk</u> : Friargate see p12 or ask <i>Jenny H</i> or <i>Thomas</i> for further information
Fri 20 - Sun 22	<u>Escape & Create Together</u> : Glenthorne see p2
Wednesday 25	<u>Study group</u> : see p5
November	
Sunday 5	<u>Upholding Meeting</u> : 09.45 - 10.15 before MfW
Sunday 19	<u>Shared lunch</u> : see opposite
Thursday 23	<u>Peace Talk</u> : Friargate see p12 or ask <i>Jenny H</i> or <i>Thomas</i> for further information

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York Area Meeting at Thirsk Sat 9 September 2017

During the opening worship we learned of the death the previous evening, of Joyce Pickard of Friargate meeting, and this clearly affected the mood of the afternoon.

Business started, as usual, with membership matters: there were three earlier deaths recorded, a marriage, two resignations, a transfer into York AM and a very moving application for membership, which was warmly supported. Do remember that all the details are available on the AM website.

Our friend Sally Bourton was readily granted the fees and travel costs to go to a QCEA conference in Brussels on refugees. Friends agreed that it would be valuable input for her in her role as chair of Refugee Action York.

To our distress, Barbara Penny and Lindis Percy, of Harrogate, reported that the American driver who ran into and injured Barbara two years ago at Menwith Hill, had been acquitted. Despite CCTV footage of the event, the judge delivered what a local Police Traffic Officer described as the most biased summary he had ever heard. Barbara and Lindis said it was painful to hear lies being believed in a court of law, but they took comfort from the fact that they knew the truth and that it was now over. The case represents an erosion of the right to peaceful protest.

To lift our spirits, Alison Clarke (Thirsk) told us about the Quaker Meeting Houses Heritage Project, which is now completed and available on-line. It is a 'Domesday Book' of the 345 Meeting Houses in England, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Isles and covers every imaginable aspect of the buildings, their management, history, appearance and use. Go to: **heritage.quaker.org.uk** and look up any Meeting House. The project has led on to a 2 year (we are half way through) Property Support Initiative. The officer is there to help support meetings and share information. In turn, this is also linked with the Vibrancy Project.

Friends are being encouraged to be involved with the visit of the Quaker World Relations Committee to York from 29th Sept to 1st Oct, especially to New Earswick on the afternoon (from 3pm) of Sat 30th. This will be a chance to meet visiting members and make short

spoken contributions, followed by a bring and share supper. Unfortunately, for us at Acomb, this clashes with our weekend at Wydale.

We have received a plea to try to fill either or both vacancies for University Chaplains in York. These are particularly needed at a time when universities are cutting pastoral care to pay for the preservation of academic posts, and students are feeling the strain of mental health issues, some brought on by increasing debt.

Prompted by the recent report of the man who posted calls to kill all Moslems in the UK, Thirsk Friends are visiting a mosque in Bradford on Thursday 14th Sept to learn and show solidarity.

As ever, a splendid tea followed and we escaped while most of Thirsk was at the races.

Jenny Hartland

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Founder of City of Sanctuary Movement visits York

The **Revd. Dr. Inderjit Bhogal** OBE was a key person in the development of Sheffield as the first City of Sanctuary in the UK. The movement seeks to build welcome and hospitality into the heart of the community. It was an idea whose time had come, and the movement has been growing steadily across the cities of Britain since 2005.

Inderjit will be speaking on the subject of:

“Conflict Resolution: the place of the Faiths”

at the York Interfaith Group on **Tuesday 3rd October**, at 7.30 pm. Meetings are free to attend, and take place at the **York Medical Society Rooms**, 23 Stonegate, York.

If you are welcoming people to the Meeting, please remember to offer them a printed copy of the newsletter. We always have a few spare copies printed for newcomers to gain a flavour of Acomb Meeting.

October Shared Lunch

Nicky Jenkins, the Minister at the Unitarian Church in York, will be the speaker at our shared lunch on October 15. The Unitarians are our closest cousins in religious terms, having a liberal theology and a strong commitment to social justice. This often means that we find them side by side with ourselves and Liberal Jews on matters like same sex marriage. However, their worship is significantly different from ours. Many of us know their chapel as it is used for a huge number of concerts each year, some of which we sing in!

With an outside speaker being invited would you please make a special effort to attend if you can.

John G

High Flatts Quaker Meeting Deepening the Practice of Experiment with Light

This retreat focuses upon the Experiment with Light using creative work to enhance the experience. Share silence, worship, spiritual companionship and refreshment.

**Saturday 7th October, 10 – 4pm
At the Meeting House**

9 Quaker Bottom, High Flatts, Huddersfield HD8 8XU

Bring something to share for lunch, drinks are provided. Art materials are provided. We ask for a donation of £10 towards the upkeep of the Meeting House. We regret that disabled access is limited and we have no disabled toilet at present.

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York: Human Rights City

Forthcoming events in the York area

**Ruth Gledhill, Contributing Editor at Christian Today,
Former Religious Affairs Correspondent for The Times**

October 11 @ 19:00 at Temple Hall, University of York St John

FREE but booking required

Further information: T: 876654 or E: events@yorks.ac.uk

W: www.yorkhumanrights.org/events/2017-10/

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Acomb Community Cinema

Free Film Night

Films Start 7:00pm



**Next Free Film Night:
October 14 @ 7:00 pm -
9:30 pm**

Join us for a free film (actual film title will be advertised at the church only due to copyright restrictions). We'll be seated cafe style, and simple refreshments and snacks available to purchase.

Future dates: November 11

Venue: Acomb Methodist Church **Rear Hall**, 58, Front Street, Acomb, YO24 3BX Tel: 790510



TALKING OF PEACE 2017-18

7-9 PM, FRIARGATE MEETING HOUSE

OCTOBER 19TH
WHY WAR IS NO SOLUTION TO WORLD PROBLEMS

NOVEMBER 23RD
PROTEST AND COMMUNITY

JANUARY 25TH
DOES PRISON WORK?

FEBRUARY 22ND
THE SPIRAL OF VIOLENCE: ISIS AND THE UK

quakers in York
friargate@yorkquakers.org.uk

York: Human Rights City

**October 19 Wayne Sharrocks from Veterans for Peace
"Why war is no solution to world problems"**

Listen to personal experiences about the effect of the military especially on young minds and discuss "If we have to have an army what should it be for?"

November 23 The right to protest v the rights of a community

Drawing on recent fracking protests in North Yorkshire, Ian Conlan (Frack Free Rydale), Bishop Cray (Kirby Misperton resident) and Superintendent Adam Thompson (North Yorkshire Police) will discuss how to balance the right to protest with the rights to community life in our democracy

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acombquakernewsletter@gmail.com

... or give printed copy to **Loretta**

... by the **third** Sunday of the month

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