

# FRIARGATE NEWS

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## A Seed of Hope from Friargate's Children

My Quaker seed received earlier this year from the Friargate Children's Meeting was in an envelope labelled 'hope.' So I obeyed the instruction, planted it and hoped. And this is what came up. It makes me smile and will feed the birds in the autumn. I am so pleased to have been given it.

**Julian Pattison**

## Quaker Week 2019: Our theme for Friargate's decor

The next in our series of Quaker themes for the interior decor of the foyer and meeting house will focus on Quaker Week- which this year runs from September 28th until October 5th.

The week's theme is 'Quaker Stories' and it will be in evidence across Britain Yearly Meeting. It invites us to consider such questions as:

What story can you tell? What is the story of your Quaker community?

What are your favourite Quaker stories?

If you're using social media, use the #QuakerStories to share your story and find inspiration from others.

## The Spiritual Life of Friargate Meeting

Are there aspects of spiritual nourishment that you are currently enjoying at Friargate or that you would welcome happening in the meeting? If you would like to share this information with Elders, please pop it in the suggestion box on the front desk or email it to

[fgteelders@yorkquakers.org.uk](mailto:fgteelders@yorkquakers.org.uk)

Elders intend to check the suggestion box frequently and it will be stored in one of the drawers where the visitors' book is kept.'

*Sarah Allen on behalf of elders*

### FRIARGATE'S SEPTEMBER DATES

1 Sun	Local Business Meeting	12 noon
	Carecent collection	Bring food and toiletries
2 Mon	Challenging Perceptions	6.30 pm 28 Acomb Road YO244EW (Lesley B)
6 Fri	Clifton group	7 pm 2 Riseborough House (Sheila Moore)
		Angels – Someone I should like to thank
14 Sat	York Area Meeting	1.30 – 4 pm Thirsk QMH
15 Sun	Afterword	12.00 – 12.30 pm
15 Sun	Meet your Overseers!	12.00 – coffee, tea & cakes
21 Sat	Memorial Meeting	2.30 pm. For David Rubinstein
22 Sun	Soup & rolls lunch	from 12 noon
	Knavesmire chat	from 12 noon
	Gardening Group	after meeting for worship
28 Sat	Airton Reunion	see back page for details
29 Sun	Attendees Group	12 – 12.45 open discussion

### NOTICE READERS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

**1 September** Huw Still 07915 607903 or David Laverick (see below)

**Other Sundays:** Keith Knight 07808 770274 [kk@deanknight.co.uk](mailto:kk@deanknight.co.uk)

**Breakfast Meeting:** Margaret & David Laverick 798050/ [hobgate39@gmail.com](mailto:hobgate39@gmail.com)

**Collections:** 1, 8 Friends World Committee for Consultation: 15, 22  
Campaign Against Arms Trade: 29 Friargate Funds

### YORK AREA MEETING AT THIRSK

*Area Meeting Elders & Overseers meet in the morning.*

The afternoon York Area Meeting session starts at 1.30 pm (hot drinks beforehand). Regular business items will lead into a focus session on diversity and inclusion. This is a key theme for Britain Yearly Meeting at present and we are glad that Deb Evans of Acomb Meeting will introduce it. She will be supported by our Meeting for Sufferings' representatives, Sarah Allen and James McCarthy. We shall also keep up to date with anything our Sustainability Group wishes to bring.

## FRIARGATE AT BARMOOR

The hottest July week recorded: and the most enjoyable. With comings and goings, roughly fifteen Friends at any one time greatly enjoyed four days in the historic Quaker Holiday House in North Yorkshire near Hutton-le-Hole. Our ages spanned two to 86 years. Throughout our stay the four boys, ages six to ten, entertained themselves and us with cricket on a rather bumpy lawn, while two year old Jacob was busy playing his unique form of bowls. We had trendsetting, wonderfully healthy meals and played hilarious games, one of them a new kind of charade.

In spite of the heatwave we walked to the village and found a place in the shade to try to dam the beck. Although irresistible for old and young, this challenge proved to be impossible, so it turned into a little stepping-stone bridge, steady enough for us to cross. One of many highlights for the boys was a visit by Friargate friend Christine Abbott and her husband.



They came in a Real Racing Car so all four children, one at a time, took a thrilling ride up and down the country lanes on the nearby moors.



Hardy souls set out on a mega shade-seeking walk, beating the heatwave, dehydration, fields with bulls, nursing cows and calves, trampling through brambles, somehow managing to trespass into a posh but deserted garden, and generally helping each other up with a tender hand.

Meanwhile the weaker among us stayed at Barmoor, partly awaiting the return of the walkers, and partly because some

were on the cooking rota. With the wanderers still missing, there was an executive decision to start cooking whatever we found in the larder. It worked like magic. The meal was just ready when the triumphant walkers burst in, hungry and proud.

There were many more magic moments: beautiful evocative music from our resident pianist filled the hall, drifted upstairs and into the garden; more cricket was played; a blocked drain was cleared; meals were cooked; there were sessions of communal washing up; and some walkers managed to visit the old Quaker burial ground of Lowna, in Farndale. Crossword puzzles became a shared project and a large jigsaw with beautiful birds became the focus for an intense circle of friends. The picture was only finished by several persistent night owls on the last evening. On Friday with grateful hearts we left Barmoor ready for the next lucky group. **Ruth Corry**

## OUR FRIENDS

**Death** Our Friend David Rubinstein died at home on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. His Memorial Meeting will take place at 2.30 pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Friargate.

**Change of address** Tracey Copestake is now at 16 Hobby Way, Brayton near Selby, N Yorkshire, YO8 9SH.

**News of Hannah Copestake** Hannah has moved to Australia and sends greetings to everyone at Friargate. Contact her through Tracey for the time being.

## FRIARGATE FOYER

**Shelving & Units Available** By the time you read this you will almost certainly have seen the the installation to cope with refreshment its being an Quaker events various one example)



transformation in the foyer with of a new 'hot drinks station' able the larger numbers needing during the week – not to mention excellent resource for our many too. No longer needed are sections of the old units (this is and also very good shelving

surplus to the new library. To find out more, please speak to Cath Harvey and arrange to collect (a large car or trailer will be needed) before the end of October. Our thanks to everyone involved, especially Stephen Parry and Cath Harvey.

**Potted plants sought** Our staff would be happy to give a home to spare potted plants in good condition. They would then enhance the sitting area in the foyer.

## Airton Barn Reunion

Do you remember a Meeting Outing to Airton, or the 90s Link Group's annual mountain biking & mud-wallowing weekends? On 28 September there will be a reunion [10am - 4pm] for all who enjoyed time at The Barn, Airton Meeting House. Come for walks/reminiscence & Gil Skidmore's short talk on the Yorkshire Quaker Archive. Lunch is available - if ordered in advance. Find out more (and book lunch) from Laurel Phillipson ([dw.1.phillipson@btinternet.com](mailto:dw.1.phillipson@btinternet.com)) or from John Gilham.

## QUAKER MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

<b>Every Sunday</b>	Friargate	10.30 -11.30.	Lamel Beeches 10.30 -11.15
<b>Every Wednesday</b>	Friargate	1.15-1.45	(bring lunch from 12.45)
<b>2nd, 4th Sundays</b>	Friargate	9.15 -10.00	(shared breakfast from 8.30)
<b>3rd Sunday</b>	Eastern Villages Group	8pm	(contact Val Humby)

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