

FRIARGATE NEWS

April 2019

Issue 6

Publicising our Testimonies

Friargate Friends: you will have noticed that the latest **Quaker Testimony** to be illustrated 'front of house' at Friargate during March/April has been *sustainability*. As before, when the theme was *simplicity*, the display only stays in place for a number of weeks before being taken down.

Our children's group is involved in the work for these displays.

The next theme is likely to be built around the testimony *equality and community* to coincide with refugee week and gay pride events in June.

Any ideas or comments? Please speak to any member of the group. We are:

Ruth Dance, Christine Abbott, Alison & Graham Ralph, Barbara Webb, Cath Harvey



Sylvia Carter & David Corry were snapped (by Terry Kay) relaxing one Sunday

Sustainability: April is the reply deadline

Have you sent in your replies to these three questions for individuals?

- How do you get to meeting? Do you regularly bring others too?
- Would you answer questions about practice in your household?
- Have you joyful examples to share about success or overcoming obstacles to embracing sustainability?

Please reply to Sarah Allen

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or via the Treasurer's pigeonhole.

Sarah Allen, Margaret Bryan & John Gilham

Your 2019 Friargate Donation: a Change of Process

This is the time of year when the Collections Treasurer distributes requests for donations to Friargate meeting. This has traditionally been made via individual envelopes, either collected at the Meeting House or eventually posted. It was a somewhat laborious and expensive exercise. As most members and attenders now have e-mail addresses, for 2019 and future years I am planning to make the request by e-mail wherever possible. I shall post the request to everyone who does not have an e-mail address. Please let me know if this change presents a problem for you.

Roy Love, Collections Treasurer roylove439@btinternet.com. Tel. 01904 758344

Miscellaneous News & Dates

Garden working parties from April 2019

Friargate garden group welcomes helpers for light spring jobs, from reassembling tables or setting out tables and chairs, to flower re/planting. Please do join us.

Time: after Meeting for Worship on 14th and 28th of April - weather permitting.

Limited time only? Please come anyway. All offers of help are welcome.

Enquiries? Contact **Corry&Corry** d.t.corry@leeds.ac.uk or 0113 2813376

We shall later meet on 3rd Sundays of the month i.e. May 19, June 16 and July 21.

Friargate Summer Break at Barmoor

This is booked for July 22-26. For full information, please consult any of:

Claire Horne, Graham Ralph, Anna Baldwin or Ruth Corry

Our Sunday hot drinks rota – an opportunity

I am about to prepare the coffee and tea rota from May to September. If you feel you could make hot drinks a few times per year, please do let me know. We already have a stalwart group who make sure drinks are available every week. If we could increase volunteer numbers to twenty-six people, no one would be expected to make drinks more than once every four months. If you would like to help but feel you could not commit to be on the rota you could still be useful, as it is helpful to have names of people in reserve in case the person on the rota can't do it one Sunday. Making and serving the drinks is fun, sociable and not at all onerous (especially as we are blessed with a dishwasher in the kitchen). It is a good way of getting to know people in meeting who may not be your usual contacts. You do not need to bring any provisions; the necessary tea, coffee, milk and biscuits are all provided, as are instructions!

Mary Griffiths marygriffiths@hotmail.com

April dates summary

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| 5 Fri | Bishophill Group | 12.30 pm 6 Portland St (Ann H & David R) <i>'Simplicity made easy' Jennifer Kavanagh</i> |
| 7 Sun | Carecent collection | <i>Bring food and toiletries</i> |
| | Local Business Meeting | <i>12 noon</i> |
| 14 Sun | Exploring Quakerism | 9.00 – 10.15 am <i>All welcome</i> |
| | Afterword | <i>12.00 – 12.30 pm</i> |
| | Gardening Group | <i>after worship</i> |
| 21 Sun | Soup & rolls lunch | <i>from 12 noon</i> |
| 25 Thu | Book Group | 7.30 pm 44 Bootham. <i>Topic: Janet Dean's debut novel The Peacemaker</i> |
| 28 Sun | Attenders Group | <i>12 noon – 12.45 open discussion</i> |
| | Children's Picnic | <i>12 noon</i> |
| | Gardening Group | <i>after worship</i> |

A Message from Overseers: Friargate Oversight

After thinking hard about how we can best oversee our large Meeting with fewer Overseers we have decided to work as an Oversight Team rather than as a collection of individuals. We shall aim to communicate and share responsibility when we are responding to any needs that may arise. We shall continue to allocate a specific Overseer to all attenders and members, primarily as a safety net to avoid anyone falling through the gaps. However, as we may not communicate actively with each person, we encourage you all to contact any of us with whatever concern you have.

So our role as Overseers will be to facilitate, enable, and ensure the support of all Friargate's members and attenders, not necessarily to do it all ourselves. Pastoral care is, after all, the responsibility of the whole Meeting. And in our regular team meetings, we shall share our knowledge of Friends, to establish that everyone is being adequately served by existing sources of support.

We shall always have a special commitment to welcoming those new to Quakerism or Friargate. New Friends will be more actively approached and will have a named contact to make them feel at home.

Chris Love and Julia Terry



Julia Terry



Chris Love

Co-convenors in 2019



Camilla Wimberley



Mary Griffiths



Ros Batchelor



Kate Vernon-Rees



Pat Easton



Kathy Bailey



Janet Dean



Anna Baldwin

NOTICE READERS & SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

7th April David Laverick 798050 or Huw Still 07915 607903
Other Sundays: Eleanor O'Flynn eleanoroflynn@btinternet.com 01904 414925
Breakfast Meeting: Margaret & David Laverick 798050
Collections: 7th, 14th Carecent. 21th, 28th Chernobyl Children's Project

Looking Further Ahead

Keep this date: Saxofonie's first concert at Friargate

Patricia Critchley's saxophone quartet, Saxofonie, has got together with Friargate Social Committee to arrange a fundraising concert in aid of Carecent.

Saxofonie's members play a wide range of styles, including classical, jazz and folk, so there will be something for all tastes.

The event is planned for Saturday 22nd June at 7 pm. Admission will be free, with light refreshments afterwards, and there will be a retiring collection for Carecent.

John Woolman: a Woodbrooke day on Saturday 6 July

Pure Motions – the spiritual journeys of John Woolman

Our speaker, Martin Layton, writes: The spiritual life of John Woolman was inseparable from his travelling ministry.

As he journeyed, he felt the movement of the spirit, challenged injustice, and shared his understanding of God's love.

During this day event at Friargate, we'll examine his life and works and consider how his travels gave him new opportunities to encounter God and proclaim the Kingdom. Together we'll reflect on how our own journeys might become a spiritual discipline, both renewing and prophetic.

Join us too on Sunday for an early-morning Prayer Walk before Meeting for Worship.

QUAKER MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

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