



## Welcome

I keep expecting there to be a quiet month with a correspondingly slim newsletter, but as you can see, there are lots of interesting things happening again this month. Thanks so much for all your contributions!

## November Diary

Every Sunday	10:30 am <b>Meeting for Worship</b> (MfW) at Harrogate Quaker Meeting House (QMH), with Children's Meeting.
Thur 1st Nov	10:30 for 10:45 am <b>Midweek Meeting for Worship</b> at <b>Knaresborough</b> at the Bridge Café behind Gracious Street Methodist Church in Knaresborough.
Fri 2nd Nov	11am Handing out white poppies in Harrogate town centre (See below).
Sat 3rd Nov	10.00am-4pm <b>Kindlers Day</b> <i>Finding our own silence</i> Bring packed lunch & there is a charge of £10 for this though help is available.
Sun 4th Nov	<b>MfW for Business</b> after the regular Meeting for Worship.
Mon 5th Nov	4pm Handing out white poppies at Harrogate railway station (see below).
Thur 8th Nov	12 for 12.30 (and monthly) <b>Q3A Group</b> (formerly Over 80s) at Hollins Hall . Meet for lunch and talking. New Friends welcome. Contact Shirley 01765 609569 or <a href="mailto:s-fairley@sky.com">s-fairley@sky.com</a>
Sat 10th Nov	11:00am - 4pm <b>Area Meeting</b> at <b>Friargate</b> Featuring <b>Journeymen Theatre</b> .
Sun 11th Nov	10:30 am <b>Meeting for Worship</b> at <b>Knaresborough</b> at Calcutt Village Hall.  2pm Ceremony to lay white poppy wreath at Cenotaph.
Wed 14th Nov	10 am <b>Quaker Week Walking Group</b> at <b>Sicklinghall</b> .

Thur 15th Nov	12:30 -1pm <b>Midweek Meeting for Worship</b> at Harrogate MH followed by picnic lunch in Library.  2 - 4pm <b>Craft Group</b> at Harrogate MH.  7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <b>Circle Dance</b> at Friends Hall.
Sun 18th Nov	<b>Special Collection</b> after <b>MfW</b> is for 'Crisis at Christmas' and is sponsored by Ruth Rymer.  <b>Open Meeting</b> at 12 noon in the Meeting room. An opportunity for anyone to discuss spiritual matters in an informal group  And one week earlier than normal :-  <b>Shared Lunch</b> after MfW followed by Carine and Heather's <b>Amazing Camino de Santiago adventure talk</b> .
Wed 21st Nov	1.30 – 3.00 pm <b>Book Group</b> at Hilary Buswell's home, reading/ discussing The Garden of Evening Mists by Ta Twan Eng. Please phone Hilary for further information: 01423 313413.
Wed 28th Oct	10 am <b>Walking Group</b> at <b>Glasshouses</b> to <b>Pateley Bridge</b> .
Thur 29th Nov	7:30 pm - 9:30 pm <b>Circle Dance</b> at Friends Hall.

## Details for events this month

### Kindlers-on-the-Road

On Saturday the 3rd November it's the Kindlers-on-the-Road event titled "Finding our own Silence". This is a whole day workshop framed in worship. We'll be exploring through contemplation and conversation what helps and hinders our experience of silent worship.

It will be led by Ann Banks, Simon Risley and Margaret Calvert from the Kindlers team. All are welcome!

Meet at 10 for pastries and drinks, the event starts at 10:30am and finishes at 4pm. Bring your own lunch, but coffee/tea is provided.

### White Poppies

As part of our Peace witness this year we're handing out 500 white poppies in Harrogate town centre. You're all welcome to join us. Please meet at Meeting House 11am Friday 2 November and 4pm Monday 5 November at Harrogate Railway Station.

Also, we'll be laying a white poppy wreath at Cenotaph at 2pm on Sunday 11 November.

## As the Beat Goes On - Journeymen Theatre at Friargate AM

“As the Beat Goes On” by the Journeymen Theatre will now be staged at 11:15 on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at the start of York Area Quaker Meeting, rather than at 3pm as previously advertised. The idea of inviting Journeymen Theatre to the Area Meeting closest to the centenary of the Armistice came from those who had seen “The Bundle” at Yearly Gathering. This production charts over 300 years of Quaker Nonviolent Direct Action, from the early Abolitionists, through Quakers living in Nazi Germany and Jean Zaru in Palestine to Trident Ploughshares in the 21st century. It is 70 minutes in duration. It may not be suitable for those under 16. It would be great if as many people as possible could attend, so the big Meeting Room at Friargate was filled.

## November Walks



Come and join us, we get to beautiful places and often are rewarded with a sunny day, as seen in the photo.

All walks start at 10 a.m. do let the leader know that you will be walking.

**November 14th** Leader: David Jenkins 4.5 miles. Meet **Sicklinghall**, lay-by near village school at the top of the village. Bring a drink and a snack. To contact David: [d\\_jenkins14@hotmail.com](mailto:d_jenkins14@hotmail.com) or 01937 574473

**November 28th** Leader: Neil Close. 4 miles **Glasshouses to Pateley Bridge**. Meet at the bottom of Glasshouses where the bridge goes over the river. Bring a drink and a snack. To contact Neil: [neilclose@btinternet.com](mailto:neilclose@btinternet.com) or 01423 861347

## Earlier Shared Lunch

This month, in an attempt to reduce the number of rumbling tummies in Meeting, Shared lunch will be held one week early. It will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. This will be followed by a talk by Carine Carson and Heather Goodall on their amazing experience of walking the Camino de Santiago. This was an inspiring journey of 499km from St Jean Pied de Port to Santiago de Compostela.

## A bit further ahead...

### Spiritual Nurture at Harrogate Quaker Meeting 2018-9

Just another reminder of the forthcoming Spiritual Nurture events.

Date	Event
December 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Your Carbon Footprint</b> - Andy Gouldson 9.30-12.00
January 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>'Quaker Renewal'</b> 9.30-12.00
February 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Creative workshop</b> 9.30-12.00
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Geoffrey Durham Quakers Sharing Experience</b> 9.30-2 (ending with shared lunch at 2.00)

## Other News

### Poetry for Peace

Nicky Metcalfe recently sent me the following poem that she entered into Ripon Poetry Festival. This year the organisers of the event requested words relating to war and conflict, as a way of commemorating the end of World War 1.

#### Ground ZERO

The dressmaker blushed  
at our compliments,  
smiled and waved us good-bye  
when we started off,  
arm-in-arm and giggling about the wedding.  
We must have been the last thing she saw  
before the bomb hit,  
throwing us to the ground.  
The earth heaved, and her children wailed.

A fireman shouts his anger,  
desperate to reclaim the body  
of a proud son,  
The boy who followed him.

'Bring them home. Bring them home.'

And this is ground Zero, my friend,  
the bottom, terrible line;  
that we or anyone else have dared  
to call any one of these  
as less than God's child,  
entirely beloved.  
"Suffer the little children to come unto me";  
And the cluster bomb our millstone.

Nicky Metcalfe

## Doors and Windows

### Volunteers for Opening the Meeting House

Harrogate Meeting is fortunate in having a dedicated and enthusiastic Warden. However when our Warden is away, such as holiday times or in the event of illness, Premises Committee are responsible for ensuring that our Meeting House is opened each day for its many users.

Premises Committee would like to draw upon a team of volunteers from the Meeting who could be called upon during the Warden's absence to open up in the morning, normally between 8:30 and 9:30. No other duties are required. If you think you may be able to be part of the team or want to know more about it please talk to either Tom Holland, Convener of Premises Committee or Neil Close or any other member of Premises Committee. Alternatively, please sign on the Notice Board in Friends Hall.

### Laptop Needed - please help!

I am looking to buy/receive a laptop that has PowerPoint and word on it so I can use it for teaching presentations. My current one is nearing the end..... my current one has windows 7 on it (yes some of us still use this) so this or more recent would be great. So if you have one that is younger than mine please contact me.

Sue Clarke

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## Dec Harrogate Extra

Please send all news and shareables relating to the wonderful world of Harrogate Quakers to Moz Abbott by email [HarrogateQuakerNews@gmail.com](mailto:HarrogateQuakerNews@gmail.com), or via my pigeon hole at Meeting. The deadline is kids bedtime, Sunday 18th Nov (or thereabouts).