



Harrogate Extra July 2021

Welcome

It's just a short newsletter this month. The weekly emailing now covers much of the content traditionally contained in Harrogate Extra.

July Events

Please refer to the weekly email notices for all the latest info on which events are currently taking place and for the latest details on arrangements for attending Meeting in person.

Walking Group



The walking group had its first outing at the end of June. It was good to see each other again, some new faces too. Everyone is welcome; see the newsletter and notices for details of upcoming walks.

Photo taken by Lizzie. The group will walk fortnightly on Wednesday. Please let the walk leader know if you intend to go.

Upcoming walks:-

Wednesday July 14th - Nidd Gorge. A 5 mile circular walk from Knaresborough. Leader Sally Weatherill.

Wednesday July 28th - A 6 mile circular walk from Burton Leonard via South Stainley and Cayton Grange. Leader Ruth Rymer.

Further details of each walk will be in the notices for the appropriate week.

News

Why I won't stop protesting at RAF Menwith Hill

You may have seen Lindis Percy appearing in the press recently. In case you haven't, follow [this link](#) to the coverage in the Stray Ferret.

As you'll no doubt know, RAF Menwith Hill is a Royal Air Force station which provides communications and intelligence support services to the United Kingdom and the United States. Our Peace Witness takes place on the grass verge outside the main gate on the first Saturday from 2-3pm every two months: February, April, June, August, October and December. So not this month - but one in sunny August!

It would be good if you could inform Barbara Penny if you intend to be there :

Email: barbaraepenny@gmail.com

Text: 07737 368459

Do join us, bringing a chair, and wear warm clothing!

Farfield Quaker Meeting House ticked off

In the last newsletter we mentioned Farfield Quaker Meeting house and posited that the Walking Group had probably strolled around it at some point.

Well, sure enough, they had.



Thanks to Sally Weatherill for sending in this photograph. She said:-

“Thought you might like a meeting of walking group in Farfield Quaker meeting house a couple of years ago. It was a lovely walk and we will probably do it again when we can go out again”.

Harrogate School of Theology & Mission

Christopher Percy has sent me details of the Harrogate School of Theology and Mission (HSTM).

A number of churches around the country have established a programme of Saturday morning or weekday evening sessions open to anyone, where there is clear and inspiring teaching on theological matters, with time to discuss their application to daily life. To find out more about the HSTM and the planned upcoming events please visit their website <http://hstm.org.uk>

All Age Worship contributions

In the last newsletter we included contributions from the recent All Age Worship. I missed one from Bart, so better late than never ... and rain is forecast for this afternoon.

SONG SPIRAL

On a roof in the rain
a blackbird sings.
And listens - listens again
for the liquid other -
answering -

his waterfall of light.

Song, budding from
the silent branch,
to sanctify the air
and I, enchanted, bear
to mirror
this silver moment.

So many lifetimes -
light years -
the blackbird sings;
an undulating river,
reaching back into
the source of things.

And was I there -
pure ear enough to hear?
To know and scribe
these ecstatic spirallings,
from branch to bird, to ear,
to heart of things?

From heart to ear,
to bird, to branch;
till, falling down
upon the earth like rain,
a blackbird's song
renews the light again.

Auriol de Smidt

Nidderdale Community Welcome

It's worth visiting the [Nidderdale Community Welcome website](#) to keep up to date with efforts to raise the money to welcome a vulnerable refugee family into our community, where they can make a new start.

There are various events ongoing, including the Le Mo-tour - a treasure hunt (looks like fun).

Young Adult Quakers

There is an e-newsletter, 'Rising Up!' for young adults (18-35ish). It comes out four times a year and you can subscribe [here](#). It has updates about the project and lots of events, opportunities and links to interesting things to read, watch and engage with. Their website also has information on grants, local young adult groups and events, as well as links to videos made by the Engaging Young Adult Quakers project. You can find these at www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/young-adult-quakers

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Please send all contributions, Harrogate or Quaker Friendly news, words and pictures to Moz Abbott by email HarrogateQuakerNews@gmail.com. The deadline is 25th July.