



December Events

As things are liable to change in the “current normal”, please refer to the weekly notices for the latest on which events are currently taking place.

Hilary is continuing to send out notices each week. If you have anything you'd like to share with all the Friends on our Meeting contact list (this includes Friends who live at a distance and those who have been part of our Meeting in the past) please give them to Hilary Evens (hilaryevens@yahoo.co.uk or 01423 797710) by 10.00 pm each Thursday evening, in a form that she can easily ‘cut and paste’.

Remembrance

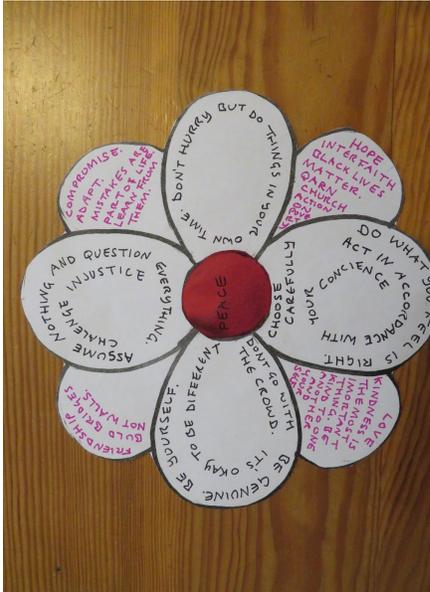
The white poppy wreath was made this year by Ruth Rymer and laid at the Cenotaph on the afternoon of Sunday November 8th.

The wording reads:
“Remembering all who suffer in war
And working for a peaceful future
Laid by Harrogate Quaker Meeting”



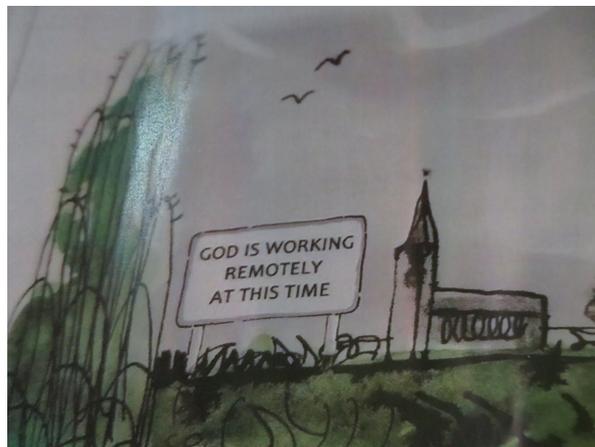
All Age Worship Flowers

In November we held a virtual All Age Worship meeting during which many of us made flowers. Here is a small selection.



Cartoon from the wild

John Margham sent me this cartoon that he spotted on the church door at Shalfleet, Isle of Wight, during a recent visit.



Sometimes by Sheenagh Pugh

*Sometimes things don't go, after all,
from bad to worse. Some years, muscadel
faces down frost; green thrives; the crops don't fail,
sometimes a man aims high, and all goes well.*

*A people sometimes will step back from war;
elect an honest man, decide they care
enough, that they can't leave some stranger poor.
Some men become what they were born for.*

*Sometimes our best efforts do not go
amiss, sometimes we do as we meant to.
The sun will sometimes melt a field of sorrow*

Gemma read this poem in a recent Meeting.

Reset the Debt

John Margham wants to alert us to the Reset the Debt campaign. He writes :-

I recently sent an e-mail to our MP about resetting the debt which Church Action On Poverty sent me. Since the beginning of lockdown, an estimated six million people in the UK have fallen behind on one or more household bills, with poorest households hit the hardest. This is an urgent problem that deserves a solution. That's why Church Action on Poverty has teamed up with the joint Public Issues Team to ask the chancellor to create a Jubilee Fund, to pay off and cancel unavoidable Covid debt for households in the UK.

*We can help by writing to our MP and asking them to write to the chancellor. We need to:
Raise these concerns about Covid 19 household debt and its impact on the poorest families;
Find out how the government intends to address this urgent problem.
Church Action On Poverty has sent me a template email link which I include.*

[Reset The Debt \(https://e-activist.com/page/68281/action/1\)](https://e-activist.com/page/68281/action/1)

Community Woodland fundraising success

The Long Lands Common project has succeeded in raising the funds required to get the project off the ground.

Now that the November deadline to raise the asking price of £300,000 has been met and the project is definitely going ahead, the Long Lands Common board have announced that they are extending the share offer for a further month, until December 20, to try and achieve their maximum share sales target of £375,000 and also enable people to buy shares as Christmas presents.

All further share sales, over the next month, will be used to fund the infrastructure projects at the site near the Nidderdale Greenway that will be needed to transform the farmland into a publicly accessible green space as quickly as possible.

Anybody still wanting to become a shareholder in Long Lands Common and help towards the new target can buy shares online at www.longlandsccommon.org or phone 01423 560283 to request a paper application form.

Shares cost £1 each and the minimum investment is £50, which buys a lifetime membership and shareholding that you can pass on to future generations to help protect our greenbelt long into the future.

January Harrogate Extra

Please send all Harrogate or Quaker Friendly news and views to Moz Abbott by email HarrogateQuakerNews@gmail.com. The deadline is 20th December.