

# **New Earswick Quaker Meeting Newsletter**

## **Number 154 February 2020**

**Advice 7.** Be aware of the spirit of God at work in the ordinary activities and experience of your daily life. Spiritual learning continues throughout life, and often in unexpected ways. There is inspiration to be found all around us, in the natural world, in the sciences and arts, in our work and friendships, in our sorrows as well as in our joys. Are you open to new light, from whatever source it may come? Do you approach new ideas with discernment?

### **Monthly Appeal**

February's appeal is for CATS, Carr and Acomb Therapy Service. This has grown out of the link between Carr Junior School and our Meeting. We have funded Wendy Bradshaw to undertake training in psychotherapeutic counselling and through this, she and some of her fellow students now offer free, or almost free counselling to some of the most hard to reach people in the Carr area. The Retreat Benevolent Fund very generously supports the counsellors by funding their supervision costs for these clients. Currently the project runs out of Carr Children's Centre and has for some time been looking for a suitable local early evening venue. This has not been easy, but a very suitable room has now been offered at Acomb Methodist Church. It comes at a cost of £8.50 an hour. We are looking to fundraise for this, but it takes time. I am asking for a sum of money that can pay the rental cost in the short term, until secure funding is obtained. I do hope Friends will be able to support this appeal. – Gillian Darton

### **Exploring the Library**

On Sunday 23rd February, Elders very warmly invite you to attend a two part session from 12 noon until 1:00 pm. The first part will be 'Exploring our Library' and then we invite friends to tell us a little about a book that has had particular significance and why. We ask friends to speak for no more than a few minutes and are hoping we may come away with new Insights. – Gillian Darton

### **Advance Notices**

## **World Day of Prayer**

This will take place at Huntington Methodist Church on Friday 6 March. There will be a “bring and share” lunch at 12:30 followed by a service at 2:00 pm.

## **Quiet Day**

New Earswick Friends will be holding a quiet day on 28 March 2020 at the Meeting House. We will observe periods of silence with some input and guidance at the start and after lunch. Our focus will be on: *being present to the NOW*. We will be guided by writings of Thich Nhat Hanh, Eckhart Tolle and Richard Rohr.

The day will start with a drink at 10.15.

At 10.30 after a welcome we will have some input and guidance for the day.

At about 11.15 we will observe a silence which will continue during lunch (about 12.45pm). Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be available.

After lunch at about 1.45pm there will be some more input and an option of some activity (in silence) and/or some sharing in pairs for those who wish.

We will come together for a final silence at about 2.45pm and will close the day not later than 4pm.

We ask for a voluntary contribution to cover the cost of drinks.

## **February Dates for Your Diary**

Sun 2	12:00 noon	New Earswick	Meeting for Worship for
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		QMH	Business
Wed 5	7:30-8:15 pm	Quiet Room, Friargate QMH	New Friargate upholding group
Sat 8	Tbc, all-day event	Folk Hall	Yorkkits (formerly Days for Girls). More information from Elaine Ross
Sun 9	11:30 am	New Earswick QMH	Fair Trade stall, Food bank and Carecent collection
Wed 12	7:30 pm	New Earswick QMH	Upholding group
Sun 16	11:30 am	New Earswick QMH	Appeal, followed by Afterword
Wed 19	10:30 am	York Room, Hartrigg Oaks	Study Group
Sun 23	11:30 am	New Earswick QMH	Food bank and Carecent collection
Sun 23	12:00 noon	New Earswick QMH	Exploring the Library
Sat 29	Tbc	New Earswick QMH	Memorial Meeting for Val Shepherd

### **Children and Young People's Meeting**

For Sunday arrangements please contact Gillian Darton or Edith Jayne.

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