



# New Earswick Quaker Meeting **NEWSLETTER**

**Number 176**

**December 2021**

**Meeting for Worship  
Sunday at 10.30 am**

**The Meeting House is open for Meeting for Worship on Sundays  
Online Meetings for Worship on Zoom (Sundays and Thursdays) continue**

## **December Appeal**

Holly Brighton will appeal for Lollipop (York and District), a charity that offers opportunities for children and young people with any degree of deafness to meet and build friendships with others, with whom they share their experiences of deafness.

Lollipop offers a wide range of free activities providing something of interest to everyone. Through such activities it aims to boost confidence, increase self-esteem, develop self-identity and help users realise their true potential. Lollipop also raises awareness of deafness and its implications amongst the wider community.

Donations for Friends of Lollipop can either be sent by bank transfer to the Meeting's account 00009174, Sort Code 40-52-40, mentioning Lollipop in the reference. Or send a cheque made out to New Earswick Quaker Meeting advising that it is for Lollipop to our Treasurer Malcolm Bowker at 29B, Main Street, Heslington, YORK YO10 5EG. If you make a gift aided donation direct to Friends of Lollipop (British registered charity number 1105538), please inform Malcolm so that the amount can be included in the appeal total.

## **Elizabeth Holmgaard Embroidery – Ruth McCarthy**

Before she died some years ago Elizabeth gave me two tablecloths which I now have no use for and wondered if anyone else in the meeting would like them. They would be good for an afternoon tea table, white with exquisite embroidery and one has serviettes to match. Contact me on 01904 330977 or [ruth.mccarthy60@virginmedia.com](mailto:ruth.mccarthy60@virginmedia.com)

## **Advices & Queries 5**

Take time to learn about other people's experience of the Light. Remember the importance of the Bible, the writings of Friends and all the writings which reveal the ways of God. As you learn from others, can you in turn give freely from what you have gained? While respecting the experiences and opinions of others, do not be afraid to say what you have found and what you value. Appreciate that doubt and questioning can also lead to spiritual growth and to a greater awareness of the Light that is in us all.

## **Fairer World – Hilary Tillett**

The Fairer World shop in Gillygate, which used to supply our monthly FairTrade stall, has just reopened. Charlie and Moira are serving customers from the shop entrance on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 11am and 2pm. Throughout the pandemic they have been delivering orders to customers in the York area. Stock is listed on their website

<http://www.fairerworldyork.co.uk/> and you can order by email [fairerworld@aol.com](mailto:fairerworld@aol.com), by text 07877 947793 or phone 01904 410615.

There are no plans to resume Fair Trade stalls at New Earswick meeting but we might discuss whether some of us could organise group orders for Friends living nearby.

**Please send any items for the January 2022 Newsletter  
by Wednesday 15 December to David Roberts**

[djccr@btinternet.com](mailto:djccr@btinternet.com)

## **Climate Justice March – Liz Scurfield**

Last Saturday, 6 November, I took part in a Global Day of Action for Climate Justice that started off from outside York Minster. First we had some rousing speeches from amongst others, the local MP Rachel Maskell, York Green Party Council member Denise Craghill and the Dean of York Minster who said taking part in the march was also her ministry.

We then set off on a march around the city banners waving and chanting slogans such as 'No coal, no oil, Keep the carbon in the soil'; 'What do we want?' 'Climate justice.'

'When do we want it?' 'Now!' 'System change not climate change.' 'There is no planet B.'

As a member of the York Green Party I was marching behind the York Green Party banner right at the front of the march, so I had a good view of bystanders' reactions to our march and our slogans. Many looked mildly sympathetic, a lot took photos, and a few looked relatively hostile.

The whole thing was very good natured, the police presence was unobtrusive and we had a great person out front clearing the way for the march and a really splendid fellow demonstrator calling out the questions for us all to shout the responses to. How they kept going I have no idea! It was a freezing cold day with a biting wind but I, for one, was soon feeling warm and glowing as we marched around the city.

Before we knew it we were back outside the Minister and I went home on the bus feeling really glad that I had taken part and shown my support in a very small way for climate justice on our beleaguered planet.

## **York Human Rights City Network - Stephen Pittam**

You are invited to an online meeting on Thursday 9 December 6-8pm to discuss preliminary findings for the York Human Rights City Network (YHRCN) Indicator Report for 2021 and the work of YHRCN.

*First*, the YHRCN will discuss draft findings for the 2021 report, focusing on our five priority rights (equality and non-discrimination, education, decent standard of living, housing, health and social care).

*Second*, we will showcase the work of two of our partners, [York Youth Council](#) and the [York Disability Rights Forum](#), by showing and discussing two short films.

Finally, we are keen to reflect on the 'human rights city' label in the context of events this year: What are the implications of diverging interpretations of the label? How do we respond to setbacks and challenges? How can we deliver better on the promise and intent of being a 'human rights city'?

Please register for this online event through [Eventbrite](#)

## **Simpler, more inclusive and sustainable – Graham Torr**

### **Improving the way we manage our affairs in Quakers in Britain**

How can we create a governance structure for Quakers in Britain that encourages joyful participation by Quakers across the land without, for example, having to sign up for a committee for three years? How do we make the best use of resources, our staff, money and carbon? Britain Yearly Meeting trustees are running a series of online workshops to find out what you think. There are eight of these events still to go between now and 15 December and all Friends are encouraged to join one of them, hear about current thinking, and contribute your thoughts.

Details on <https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/our-structures/simplifying-our-structures>

with a link to the sign-up page and a background note on what's been considered so far. Don't be put off by the fact that some of these events are labelled as being for particular groups or regions – you can sign up for any of them!

**Zoom codes for Meetings for Worship:**

**Sundays** 10.15 for 10.30 – 11.20 or 11.30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81793745706?pwd=U0Q1bFVLSm1vRXBNemN4dGc5UlcwZz09>

Meeting ID 817 9374 5706 Passcode: 706192

**Thursdays** 7.00 for 7.15 – 7.45 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83857339573?pwd=R3RtT3ZLUzFwYlg2QUROSHQxVWNUQT09>

Meeting ID 838 5733 9573 Passcode: 506132

**Upholding Meeting on the 2nd Wednesday each month** (at 7.30 pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83167083944?pwd=ZkJJMkF2THV3NINUUXoxNVBtRjNQQT09>

Meeting ID 843 4827 8151 Passcode: 699639

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