



New Earswick  
Quaker Meeting  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**June 2018**

**Meeting for Worship  
Sunday at 10.30 am**

**Children and Young People's Meeting**

For Sunday arrangements please contact Gillian Darton or Edith Jayne.

**Extract from the Epistle from British Yearly Meeting 2018**

Viewed from a distance, our Quaker community may seem like a single body. Up close, it sparkles in its infinite variety. Diversity in our beliefs and language is a richness, not a flaw.

We each choose our own words, and together our stories make a whole. We are not only individuals, but also part of a church. We want the language of our book to be accessible, and also to reflect the wealth of our tradition, and of our experiences today.

Making space to reflect our religious diversity may be painful. We should not shy away from expressing who we are. We accept our vulnerability. We need to be tender with one another, balancing truth in one hand and love in the other. By listening open-heartedly to one another, we will hear where words come from.

**Hartrigg Oaks Quaker Study Group - Susan Hartshorne**

A group of us have been studying Quaker Faith and Practice, following the guidelines of the QF&P Revision Group set up by BYM. We are now starting to look at Harvey Gillmann's recent (2016) book 'Words'. The book is a collection of his articles which appeared in The Friend and is available at a cost of £5 from the Quaker Centre Bookshop. However, initially we can photocopy chapters at a cost of 5p a sheet.

We meet from 10.30 until 12 o'clock on the third Wednesday of the month in the York room. Usually, someone offers to facilitate the session but all of us try to read an agreed section. The next session will be on Wednesday 20 June.

If you'd like to join us please contact Chris Love 01904 758344 or Susan Hartshorne 01904 758002

**Sunday 3**

Local Business Meeting  
12 noon

**Sunday 10**

Appeal - Bright Sparks  
School  
Fair Trade stall  
Food Bank collection

**Monday 11**

Days for Girls  
Meeting House 10-12.30

**Wednesday 13**

Upholding Group  
Meeting House 7.30pm

**Sunday 24**

Food Bank collection

**Tuesday 26**

Being Friends Together  
7 Kenlay Close 2-4pm

**Saturday 30**

Craft Group and Days for  
Girls

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**Please send any items for the July Newsletter**

**by Wednesday 13 June to David Roberts 01904 470808**

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### **Bright Sparks - June's monthly appeal - Lynda Williams**

Bright Sparks School has five primary classes in Jagatpura Colony in Mohali, Punjab. This is a shanty town that has grown on the banks of a polluted river. People fetch up there from the rural villages of northern India. They are the 'untouchable' castes, the unscheduled castes. Almost all of them are illiterate, and look for work as cleaners, fruit-sellers or brick carriers. Their kids often work too. They clean fish, sell snacks or look after siblings while their parents work.

Bright Sparks School was started 16 years ago by two women - one Indian, one English. They began by paying school fees so a couple of these kids could go to the local school. Then they realised that by employing a teacher, they could help more kids for a similar amount of money. One class became two, and then three and now five. About 100 kids aged 5-12 currently get a free education. They learn to read and write, do maths, experience computers. The help they get at Bright Sparks enables them to access the state education system. Many go on to secondary school. All of them get to have a childhood for a time.

The UK donations to Bright Sparks charity are spent on rent, five teachers' salaries and annual running costs. There is no office with overheads. It is a very practical, hands-on project that makes a huge difference to these kids' lives.

### **Nature Trail (Community Action for Nature - CAN) - Will Durrant**

If you would like to explore the area managed by CAN in New Earswick and learn about the wild flowers and animals inhabiting our open spaces, contact Will (07928542113) to arrange a guided walk. Walks start from Lock Cottage, New Earswick.

### **Bat Walks (Community Action for Nature - CAN) - Will Durrant**

Bat walks around New Earswick will be held on Tuesday and Friday evenings starting about 8.30pm between April and October. A donation of £2 is invited towards the maintenance of the bat detectors. To book a place, contact Will (07928542113) or email [cafornature@gmail.com](mailto:cafornature@gmail.com).

## **NEW EARSWICK QUAKER MEETING**

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