



New Earswick  
Quaker Meeting  
**NEWSLETTER**

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**Meeting for Worship  
Sunday at 10.30 am**

**Children and Young People's Meeting**

For Sunday arrangements please contact Gillian Darton or Edith Jayne.

**Advices and Queries 6**

Do you work gladly with other religious groups in the pursuit of common goals? While remaining faithful to Quaker insights, try to enter imaginatively into the life and witness of other communities of faith, creating together the bonds of friendship.

**The Women's World Day of Prayer** - Elaine Ross

**Friday 2 March.** Meet at 12 for a shared lunch 12.30 followed by service at 2pm.

This day is always celebrated on the first Friday in March and coincides with other "Women's World" events. Periodically, as this year, we are asked if we wouldn't prefer to call it just a World Day of Prayer. The main argument against this is that it is planned ecumenically by the women of a different country every year. In many countries this is the only occasion when women are given any platform or voice within their faith groups. The service takes place all over the world at 2pm, a rolling tide of prayerful support for people beset by different problems, and a chance to learn something more of the country in question. This year's presentation has been prepared by the women of Suriname and its theme is the use and misuse of our world's resources.

This is one of the five times each year that we get together with other churches in our area. All are welcome. Please help to make this an inclusive celebration.

**New Earswick Young Friends Working for Quakers** - Ruth McCarthy

**Sunday 18 March** 12 noon after Meeting for Worship

As a result of a recent discussion at LBM about our Meeting's financial contribution to Friends House, Elders have arranged for Ellie McCarthy to speak about her work for the Children and Young People's Section at Friends House where she is the intern this year. She will talk about national events, Friends House work for local Meetings and the issue of declining numbers of young people in Quakerism.

**Sunday 4**

Local Business Meeting  
12 noon

**Sunday 11**

Area Meeting NEMH 1.30  
Appeal - York Blind and  
Partially Sighted Society  
Fair Trade stall  
Food Bank collection

**Monday 12**

Days for Girls  
Meeting House 10-12.30

**Wednesday 14**

Upholding Group  
Meeting House 7.30pm

**Tuesday 20**

The Friend discussion group  
Venue to be arranged.  
See Elaine Ross

**Sunday 25**

Shared breakfast 9am  
Food Bank collection

**Tuesday 27**

Being Friends Together  
7 Kenlay Close 2-4pm

**Truth will not lose  
ground by being tried.**

Isaac Penington

1616-1679

**Please send any items for the April Newsletter  
by Wednesday 14 March to David Roberts 01904 470808**

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### **Sanctuary Meeting** - Kurt Strauss

There will be a meeting at Friargate after the 'Soup & Rolls' on **Sunday 18 March** to hear about, and discuss, Sanctuary Meetings. This will help Friends to learn more about the subject before it comes to a future Business Meeting. (Harrogate is already a Sanctuary Meeting.)

### **Shared Breakfast - Sunday 25 March 9.30am**

Join us for a simple breakfast before Meeting for Worship. No need to bring anything - if you wish to make a donation the money will go towards March's appeal.

### **March Monthly Appeal** - Eleanor Tew

The appeal in March is for the York Blind and Partially Sighted Society, YBPSS. YBPSS has so far been able to maintain its services in spite of losing a Council grant worth £40,000 per year. This is because of generous legacies, which in themselves are a testament to the value of the services YBPSS provides.

These services include a presence at the eye clinics in York, Scarborough and Bridlington to provide emotional and practical support at the point of diagnosis. The outreach programme encourages people at risk of sight loss to get their eyes tested, as some eye diseases can be arrested if caught early.

YBPSS runs a wide range of regular activities for its members. The home visiting service provides practical help and companionship to about fifty visually impaired people. The Equipment and Information Centre continues to be well used. YBPSS would like to offer more to visually impaired children and young people and is currently finding out what their needs are.

### **Woodbrooke Courses** - Edith Jayne

The new brochure for Woodbrooke Courses for the whole year is available on line at: <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learning/>

There are exciting new courses listed for Woodbrooke, Swarthmore Hall and on-line learning so do have a look and see what might interest you.

## **NEW EARSWICK QUAKER MEETING**

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