

Quakevine

News, Views, Venues and Dates for Quakers around York

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Editorial

Just a short issue this month. I am having to hold over Area Meeting Trustees Report to appear in the January issue. My apologies for the delay. Instead, why not try our seasonal treat of Backbencher's tantalising End of Year Quiz? **Barbara Windle**

DEADLINE FOR JANUARY ISSUE: SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

An Opportunity to give to refugees direct

We [Sally and John Bourton] will spend a week in Calais over Christmas, volunteering at 'HelpRefugees' depot sorting donations of clothing and food for refugees across Europe. We will take all we can fit in the car of these items: **Men's new (small or medium size): underpants (boxers), socks. Also men's gloves, hats, scarves.**

Please leave any items you can donate at Acomb Meeting House by Sunday 10th: Please do **not** donate other items: our car is not vast and those items listed are top of HelpRefugees most urgent list. To donate funds direct to the charity, their website is: www.helprefugees.org. Or give to: yorkshireaidconvoy.co.uk. **Sally Bourton Acomb**)

Street Angels in York

My hairdresser has recently become a York Street Angel. I am impressed by his accounts of their work & thought other Friends might wish to support it, so I asked their local organiser to write this for Quakevine. **Jenny Hartland (Acomb)**

Street Angels York is a Church-led initiative of volunteers who want to help make York city centre a safer and better place. Volunteers walk the city streets into the early hours on Friday and Saturday nights caring for, practically assisting and listening to people, particularly those in vulnerable or difficult situations. On some Saturday nights the Angel bus is stationed in St Helens Square providing a warm, dry and safe place for young or vulnerable people.

Maybe YOU can help us. We are always recruiting and there is training available. We are looking for male and female volunteers - minimum age 18 and our oldest volunteer is around 70. Have a look at our website at www.streetangelsyork.com - there is lots of information about what we do. If you would like to contact us then, send us an email to streetangelsyork@gmail.com. We are happy to take people out for a night shadowing the team to see if being a Street Angel is for them.

Maybe you can help make York City Centre a safer place and better place.

A huge Thank you, Friends!

Both Beth & David want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our 28th October wedding at Friargate. It was very special to have so many Friends there; we had the most wonderful day. Thanks too, to those welcoming, catering, on reception, in the children's room and generally being around and welcoming to the guests. We had lots of wonderful feedback about how welcoming everyone had been. We look forward to continuing our path in marriage accompanied by all at Friargate. **Beth and David Warriner**

Quaker faith & practice: extract of the month

The light for which the world longs is already shining. It is shining into the darkness, but the darkness does not apprehend it. It is shining into the darkness, but the darkness is not overcoming it. It is shining in many a soul, and already the new order has begun within the kingdom of the heart. It is shining in many a small group and creating a heavenly-earthly fellowship of children of the light. It will always shine and lead many into the world of need, that they may bear it up into the heart of God. **Thomas R Kelly 1941 (Qf&p 26.62)**



Backbencher's Quaker Quotes Quiz

This year Backbencher asks us to pin down some quotations.



A WHICH QUAKER WOMAN SAID OR WROTE ... ?

Match the quotation to the speaker: Margaret Fell, Sarah Grubb, Helen Steven, Anne Wilson

- 1 A traditional Quaker, thou comest to meeting as thou went from it and goes from it as thou came to it but are no better for thy coming; what wilt thou do in the end?
- 2 At Bath I had to go to the Pump Room and declare the truth to the gay people who resorted there.
- 3 God hath said that his daughters should prophesy as well as his sons.
- 4 I do not wish to deny that on April 4th, the anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King, I was inside the Faslane Submarine base, and that I was there as a deliberate act.

B SURELY SOME MISTAKE ...

Misquotes: See if you know, or can guess, what's wrong and suggest the correct wording.

- 1 Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one; then you will come to be patterns, be examples in all countries ... (George Fox)
- 2 Theology unites, service divides. (Margaret Fell)
- 3 Oh Lord, may I be directed what to do and what to leave to a committee. (Elizabeth Fry)
- 4 The men and women being generally online, the children kept up their meetings regularly, and with a remarkable gravity and composure. (Joseph Besse)

C WHO IS BEING REFERRED TO IN THESE QUOTATIONS ... ?

- 1 She did hang as a flag for others to take example by.
- 2 While I was in the dungeon a little boy ... about fifteen years old, came to me and he was convinced and came to be a very fine minister.
- 3 He did not immediately relinquish his gay apparel; it is even said that he wore a sword.
- 4 ... the first that called us Quakers because I bade them tremble at the word of the Lord.

D CAN YOU DATE THESE QUAKER STATEMENTS ... ?

- 1 Can we not say that God can enter any relationship in which there is a measure of selfless love?
a) 1863 b) 2006 c) 1963
- 2 To impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age. a) 2002 b) 1772 c) 1652
- 3 Speak truth to power a) 1915 b) 1955 c) 1985
- 4 Action may demand courage. This may mean taking part in public protests or acts of disobedience. (Epistle of Britain Yearly Meeting) a) 1958 b) 1983 c) 2017

E AND FINALLY ...

Not famous quotes, just things you might hear around a Quaker meeting. But in what connection?

1 Our Friend is not heard.

- This is ...
- a) A Quakerly request to conclude a spoken contribution.
 - b) A way of saying a Friend's opinions are unpalatable.
 - c) A request to speak up.

2 Please collect your schedule.

- This likely refers to ...
- a) Shared transport for a Glenthorne weekend.
 - b) Financial contributions.
 - c) An environmental "Come to meeting by bus" initiative.

3 Can we uphold the table please?

- This is usually heard ...
- a) In a meeting for business.
 - b) At a meeting's garden working party.
 - c) When making arrangements at Hospitality Committee.

4 Sufferings is on Saturday.

- This refers to ...
- a) A sharing meeting for Friends with complaints.
 - b) An all-age physical fitness event organized by Social Committee.
 - c) A national executive committee meeting.

5 LM is always before AM.

- This is ...
- a) A form of traditional, but now defunct, plain Quaker timekeeping.
 - b) A reference to Quaker business meetings.
 - c) The order clerks invite Members to contribute in a discussion.

6 We will finish by shaking hands.

- This describes ...
- a) The ending of a meeting.
 - b) How Quakers settle thorny issues in Finance Committee.
 - c) How to deal with disruptions at a peace demonstration.

7 The letters on the table: QPS, QHS, QSRE and QCCIR

- This likely refers to ...
- a) A popular Quaker board game similar to Scrabble.
 - b) Items to be shared from the clerk's postbag.
 - c) Making posters in all age worship.

8 That name would not have occurred to me.

- This would express ...
- a) An apology for increasing forgetfulness.
 - b) Difficulty in adjusting to a large number of new members.
 - c) An opinion about the suitability of a nomination.

Answers, as usual, in the February edition of Quakevine. For those who can't wait, they will also be available early in January on our website, yorkquakers.org.uk

York Area Meeting: Membership & Miscellany

Membership Matters

Deaths: Joyce Pickard (Friargate) 8 September, aged 95; Marjorie King (NE) 28 September, aged 98; John Gravely (Friargate) 6 November aged 85. Also Winifred Smith (NE. Member of Pickering & Hull AM) 18 October aged 94.

New Members: We warmly welcome into membership: **Christine Anderson** (Harrogate) and **Mike Turton** (Friargate).

Transfer of membership: We warmly welcome **Helen Albans** from Sheffield & Balby AM worshipping at NE.

The full Area Meeting minutes are available on the website.

Carols for Christian Aid at York Station

This year's carols will happen on Saturday 23rd. All welcome - meet in the station foyer from 9.50 ready for 10 am start. We'll sing unaccompanied (words provided). Sing the familiar tunes or follow a harmony line, from the green or the white Oxford Carols for Choirs Books - please bring yours if you can. The large sums raised are then multiplied by EU funds, so our hour is worthwhile as well as fun. Come to enjoy! **John Harris** (Friargate)

Boxing Day Walk A time to explore Skipwith Common National Nature Reserve. Though footpaths through the Common make for relatively easy walking, the route can be muddy. The walk is expected to take between one & two hours. It is suitable for all ages - and for well-behaved dogs on short leads. You can easily shorten or extend the walk as routes are well-signposted. All are most welcome. Full details are on the Friargate notice board or obtainable by email from terry@thekayfamily.net **Terry Kay** (Friargate)
IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER please ring Terry to check: either 01904 791919 or 0798268346

Friargate Diary and brief information

3rd	Sun	Local Meeting	Friargate	After MfW
3rd	Sun	Carecent: give Food and Toiletries	Friargate	After MfW
4th	Mon	Bishophill Group: ch 7 of "Faith in Politics" by Catherine West	Hartrigg Oaks Centre	12.30 for lunch
9th	Sat	Saturday Brunch	Friargate	10.00 – noon
10th	Sun	Afterword	Friargate	After MfW
11th	Mon	Days for Girls	New Earswick	10.00 am
12th	Tues	Two hour Meeting for Worship	Acomb QMH	10.00 am
13th	Wed	Knavesmire Group Christmas Party	12, Lang Rd. (Andrew & Sylvia)	6.30 pm
17th	Sun	Soup and Rolls	Friargate	12.00 noon
23rd	Sat	Carols at the Station	York Railway Station	10.00 am
23rd	Sat	Peace Vigil	St Michael le Belfrey	11.00 - 12 00
24th	Sun	Christmas Eve Worship	Friargate	7.00 pm
26th	Mon	Boxing Day Walk - Riccall	King Ridding Lane	10.30 am

10.30 Notices: Dec 3rd, to Huw Still 07915 607903 huwstill@gmail.com or David Laverick (see below)

Remaining Sundays: send to Ros Batchelor 01904 624216 rosbatchelor@ntlworld.com

Breakfast Meeting Notices to: David & Margaret Laverick 01904 798 050 or hobgate39@gmail.com

Collections: 3 & 10, Northern Friends Peace Board; 17 & 24, York Women's Counselling; 31, Friargate Funds

Christmas Eve worship This annual candlelit all-age Meeting for Worship with readings and carols will be held at 7pm at Friargate. It will last about 45 minutes. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a few mince pies to share with tea and coffee afterwards

Midwinter Party Come to midwinter festivities on Sunday 21st January. Bring food to share after Meeting, then afterwards enjoy (however you wish) fun for people of all ages. There could be short plays, singing, dancing, storytelling, jokes, juggling, music. Ros & the Foxy Folk will lead us in dancing. Now we need you to provide entertainment and join in. To offer an 'act' contact Social Committee - **Ruth Dance, Jacqui Coule-Bleakley, Cath Harvey or Julian Pattison**