

# Quakevine

News, Views, Venues and Dates for Quakers around York

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*Theodore Bacon & David Peryer making use of the moment  
Photo: Ruth Corry [see page 2]*

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## *Editorial*

Something of a mixed bag for you this month but I trust it will provide some interesting diary dates for readers and will invigorate us to get involved, either directly or via the quaker.org website, in the matters to be considered at Yearly Meeting in May.

Very many of us have taken part in the re-reading of *Quaker faith & practice* that has gone on over eighteen months or more across Britain. Now the moment is arriving when we shall be discerning whether or not this is the right time to begin a revision of the book.

Exciting times, Friends. The more of us who can be involved, the better.  
Barbara Windle

## *Workers finding their [ground] level*

*Ruth Corry writes:*

I took this photo on the spur of the moment in late 2013.

I guess it is a glimpse of an ad hoc business meeting before or after worship, perhaps to do with the Friargate Building Project or maybe for organising or reorganising some trust, or who knows what other necessary administration or decision making.

David and Theodore had an idea and just dropped down there and then and used what was to hand, not bothering to find comfortable chairs or a 'suitable' table. When I called them to look round, they just laughed.



We are going to be in Hull for our meeting of

### ***Quakers in Yorkshire on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018***

The theme for the day is Quaker work overseas. **Simon Lamb**, the Clerk of Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) will explain the variety of theological views and worship styles around the world and give us an overview of how FWCC tries to encourage fellowship amongst all branches. We shall hear from **Liz Scurfield** about recent work of the Quaker World Relations Committee (QWRC) which helps Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) keep in contact with other Quaker meetings and groups abroad. A speaker from Europe and Middle East Young Friends (EMEYF) will talk about their recent activities.

In the afternoon, we shall hear from Yorkshire Friends about projects overseas with which they are familiar. These include the Quaker Congo Partnership, Alternatives to Violence Project in Namibia, Scholarships for Streetkids in Myanmar and an emerging project in Ghana. We plan to have workshops on three of these.

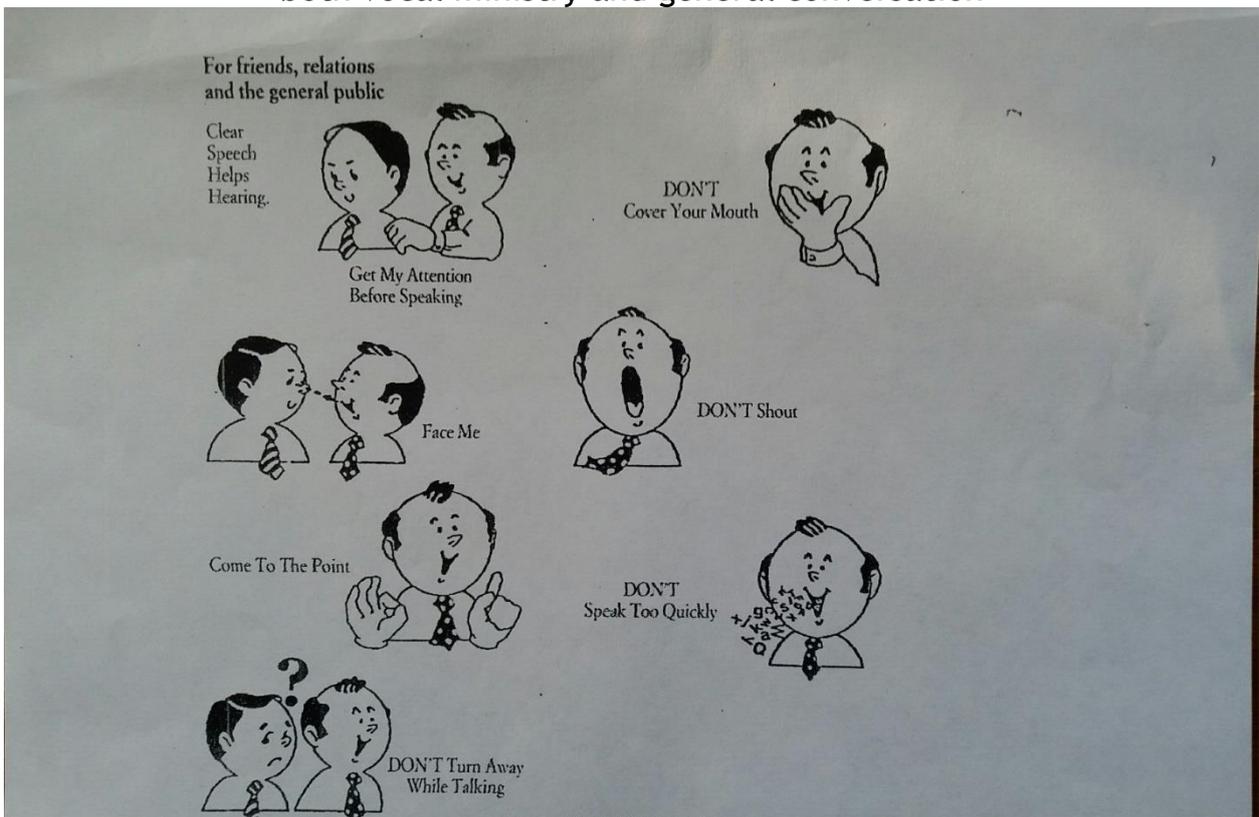
**You will be welcome for all or part of the day, from 10 (for 10.30) - 4 pm at Friends Meeting House, Bean Street, Hull, HU3 2PR.** Programmes will be emailed and posted to clerks at least two weeks beforehand. Ask for one! Please contact me for more information.  
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Yearly Meeting is the annual gathering of British Quakers .  
It takes place in the Large Meeting House at Friends House, London,  
less than half of which is shown here  
(sorry not to show also the soaring roof, which draws the eye  
irresistibly to the sky – light - visible at the centre)



Thank you to **Margaret Gray** for this very useful advice about  
both vocal ministry and general conversation



## *York Area Meeting in March*

### *Membership Matters*

**Deaths:** **David Hoare** [New Earswick LM] 26 January 2018, aged 78 (cremation at Pontefract and memorial meeting at New Earswick were held 23 February 2018); **Elisabeth Mosse** [New Earswick LM] 7 February 2018, aged 95 (meeting for worship and burial were held at York Cemetery Chapel 27 February 2018); **Joan Smith** [Friargate] 16 February 2018, aged 97 (meeting for worship and cremation were held in York 12 March 2018).

**New Member:** We warmly welcome into membership **Josephine Howarth** [Harrogate].

**Transfer of membership:** We warmly welcome **Hilary Laurie** from Brighouse West Yorkshire to York AQM (New Earswick).

We transfer **Jo Dube** from York AQM (Friargate) to South East Scotland AQM

## *Area Meeting Miscellany*

### *Menwith Hill Meeting for Worship*

**Royal Air Force Menwith Hill** is a Royal Air Force station near Harrogate, North Yorkshire, England, which provides communications and intelligence support services to the United Kingdom and the United States. The site contains an extensive satellite ground station and is a communications intercept and missile warning site. It has been described as the largest electronic monitoring station in the world. RAF Menwith Hill is owned by the Ministry of Defence (MoD), but made available to the US Department of Defense (DoD) under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement 1951 and other undisclosed agreements between the US and British governments. It is run by US authorities, with support provided by around 400 staff from Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), in addition to United States Air Force (USAF) and US National Security Agency (NSA) personnel. In 2014, the number of American personnel was reduced as part of a streamlining of operations due to improvements in technology.

The site acts as a ground station for a number of satellites operated by the US National Reconnaissance Office, on behalf of the NSA, with antennae contained in a large number of distinctive white radomes, locally referred to as "the golf balls". In March 2012 researcher Dr. Steve Schofield of BASIC produced a 65-page report called "Lifting the Lid on Menwith Hill", funded by the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust and commissioned and published by the Yorkshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). Menwith Hill's primary mission is to provide "intelligence support for UK, US and allied interests". The base's multimillion-pound expansion, Project Phoenix, is "one of the largest and most sophisticated high technology programmes carried out anywhere in the UK over the last 10 years". In November 2017, the British Government advised that 1205 personnel worked at the station, comprising staff from the US military (33), US contractors (344), US civilians (250), the UK military (5 Royal Navy and 2 RAF), UK contractors (85) and UK civilians including those employed by GCHQ (486).

**Meeting for Worship outside Menwith Hill takes place on the first Saturday every two months, February, April, June, August, October and December. This action is a York Area Meeting Concern and Harrogate Meeting would appreciate support.**

For details/help getting there, contact **Gilly Charters, Barbara Penny or Ruth Rymer** DO join us, bringing a chair and plenty of warm clothing, on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 2 - 3 pm.

## *Quakers and Leadership*

### **Quakers and Business**

will meet at Friargate Quaker Meeting House

on Saturday 30 June 2018

on the theme of Quakers and Leadership

*The gathering is an open, creative opportunity to explore the links between leadership of organisations and people, and our Quaker experience and values of leadership amongst our meetings and worshipping communities.*

Questions which will run through the day include:

- *what do Quakers understand by leadership (via formal roles and informally within our community)?*
- *what concerns might the concept of leadership raise for Friends?*
- *what does it mean to be leaderful in the secular world and to be a Quaker at the same time?*
- *if good leadership is called for amongst Friends, what then could good followership look like?*

#### **Please contact**

John Gray (Friargate) or Andrew Gray (Harrogate) for more information. Bookings will open in due course on the Quakers and Business website <https://qandb.org/what-we-do/events>

### ***Staff Appointments at Friargate***

We now have our full complement of four staff at Friargate. In addition to our two part time managers, Tracey Sharp (Business Manager) and Cath Harvey (Quaker Centre Manager), we have now appointed two part-time assistants, Denise Wells and Julie Adby. Julie and Denise will take up their posts within the next few weeks. Graham Martin will continue to fill a few hours on occasion after his current role as assistant ends on April 16th. We thank Graham and look forward to seeing him in the future.

### ***Friargate's Quaker Centre Manager: Cath Harvey***

This is a new role of supporting Friends in making Quakers better known and widely understood among the non-Quaker population who come in contact with us and use our building and I am glad to be in post with this responsibility.

In developing a vibrant space for outreach and activity, ideas from all Friends are welcome. Part of my role is to gather and consider suggestions and see what might be turned into practical action. Already Friends have begun brainstorming thoughts from hosting Regional/ National Quaker events to running courses/lectures; from welcoming foreign visitors to seeking ways to reduce social isolation locally; and more. This has to be a partnership if it is to work, so please feel welcome to offer any thoughts to the melting pot, so as to contribute to the thinking - and the action.

**Cath Harvey**

## ***Quaker faith & practice – extract of the month***

*Reflecting on her time in Vietnam during the early 70s, Helen Steven wrote:*

Perhaps our most positive contribution to peace-making was to affirm and value Vietnamese culture in the face of the appalling destruction which we saw around us. I believe that it is this fundamental **respect** for ‘that of God’ in everyone which is at the heart of all true development. On my return home I was horrified by our cultural, material and spiritual arrogance. I believe that it is profound arrogance which initiates aid programmes which force western methods of education, medicine or agriculture on people with traditions longer than our own; it is arrogance to assume that any political system or social or economic structure must be maintained and defended no matter how many people are bombed, napalmed or tortured in the process. Surely arrogance drives us to rape and destroy the earth’s scarce resources to fuel and protect the needs of one generation in one corner of the globe. And supreme arrogance to believe that we have the monopoly of spiritual truth. I came home from Vietnam convinced that the real task of development lies at home at our own door. (*Qf&p 29.06* Helen Steven 1987)

## ***From the Quaker Bookshop at Friends House***

**Hearts And Minds**

Author: Jane Robinson

Transworld Publishers Ltd

Hearts and Minds tells the remarkable and inspiring story of the suffragists' march on London, 1913. The country is gripped by suffragette fever. These impassioned crusaders have admirers who agree with their aims if not their forceful methods, while others are aghast at the thought of giving any female a vote. Meanwhile, hundreds of women are stepping out to march. They are the suffragists: non-militant campaigners for the vote, on an astonishing six-week protest march they call the Great Pilgrimage. Rich and poor, young and old, they defy convention, risking jobs, family relationships and even their lives.

This is a story of ordinary people effecting extraordinary change. By turns dangerous, exhausting and exhilarating, the Great Pilgrimage transformed the personal and political lives of women in Britain for ever. Jane Robinson has drawn from diaries, letters and unpublished accounts to tell the inside story of the march, against the colourful background of the entire suffrage campaign. Fresh and original, full of vivid detail and moments of high drama, Hearts and Minds is both funny and incredibly moving, important and wonderfully entertaining.

**ALSO –**

**An Introduction to Quakerism**

[Ben Pink Dandelion](#)

A comprehensive introduction to Quakerism balancing a history of Quaker theology with an overview of present day practice.

**Being a Quaker: a guide for newcomers**

[Geoffrey Durham](#)

An engaging introduction to the life and faith of Quakers today, with a well-judged balance of information, personal experience, spiritual guidance and practical advice. For newcomers to Quakerism.

**Climb Up to the Moor**

**Judith Bromley**

**Moorland Life in pictures and words through the Seasons of the Year**

## *Friargate Miscellany*

### *A date for your diary....Cake Safari*

Friargate Overseers, in collaboration with the Attenders' group, are holding a Cake Safari (known also as coffee/tea and cake) after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 22nd April. This is an informal chance for *you* to get know your overseer/contact Friend, and *vice versa*. If you normally go to the Attenders' group, please join us. And if you don't have an overseer or would like to find out more, do come: you will be very welcome.

### *Friargate new Chairs*

A small number of new chairs have been ordered for the Meeting Room in Friargate and we hope they will arrive soon after this issue of QV goes to print.

**Why** order half a dozen or so more? We want to make life easier for those Friends who are less mobile and therefore prefer chairs with higher backs and with arms.

**And why this paragraph?**

**To those readers who would welcome** the fact that these chairs will be easier to sit on/in and also easier to get out of, it's to say: These chairs are for you; please use them.

**And to those who don't yet need** to consider such matters, it's to say: Think on, before sitting on them! There may be someone entering a few paces behind you who really needs the extra stability and leverage

### *Date of Local Meeting – not the usual plan*

Please don't get caught out (as your editor almost did) by the unusual Local Meeting arrangements in April and May. The first Sunday in April being Easter and the first in May being Yearly Meeting and the May Bank Holiday, it was decided at LM last October to hold only one Local Meeting for April/May and that the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in April was a suitable midway point between the two months. (Maybe you had all remembered!)

### *New Book of QIY Members and Attenders*

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to this new edition - local overseers and other meeting officers, area meeting trustees - and especially to **David Olver** [Craven & Keighley AM] who has put together the whole book.

David has already delivered to Friargate an initial order of 50 copies of the new book - green cover this time. Copies can be purchased at £5 each - the same price as three years ago. Postage of £2 will need to be paid on any copies sent by post. Please let Cath Harvey know if you would like to order a copy. Or come to the QIY April meeting in Hull and collect extra copies in person there.

Please note the opening paragraph on page 1 of the Book. It reads as follows:

#### **Purpose and Usage:**

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## Friargate April Diary

1st	Sun	Carecent Collection of Food and Toiletries	Friargate	After MfW
6th	Fri	Bishophill Group: Laurie Michaelis's "Gleanings" from page 41	8 Manley Close (Theodore Bacon)	12.30 Bring own lunch
8th	Sun	Afterword	Friargate	After MfW
15th	Sun	Soup and Rolls	Friargate	12.00 noon
21st	Sat	Quakers in Yorkshire <i>see page 2</i>	Hull Meeting House	All/part day
21st	Sat	Reflect: MfW followed by coffee	Bootham School	9.00 - 9.30
22nd	Sun	Overseers: Cake Safari <i>see page 7</i>	Friargate	After worship
26th	Thu	Knavesmire Group: Bring a favourite object, picture, writing to share	Anna Baldwin	7.30 - 9 pm
28th	Sat	Kindlers Workshop: Prayer, Connecting with the Light	Friargate	10.00 - 4.30
29th	Sun	<b>Local Meeting note unusual date</b>	Friargate	After mfw

**10.30 Notices:** 1st, send to Huw Still 07915 607903 [huwstill@gmail.com](mailto:huwstill@gmail.com) or David Laverick.(see below)

**Remaining Sundays:** send to Eleanor O'Flynn 01904 414925 [eleanoroflynn@btinternet.com](mailto:eleanoroflynn@btinternet.com)

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**Collections:** 1st,8th,Corrymeela Community; 15th,22nd, Prisoners Education Trust; 29th Friargate Funds

## Worship in York Area Meeting

Time	Location	Frequency
10.30-11.30	Acomb, Friargate, Harrogate, New Earswick, Thirsk	Weekly
9.15 - 10.00	Friargate <i>worship is preceded by breakfast at 8.30</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
10.30-11.15	Lamel Beeches	weekly
11-11.30	The Oaks	Weekly
10.30-11.30	Knaresborough	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday
8 pm	Eastern Villages:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday

## Weekday Worship in York Area Meeting

Tues	11.45	Hartrigg Oaks	Weekly
Wed	2.00	University Quiet Place, Heslington West: <i>all Friends welcome</i>	Termtime
Wed	12.45 - 1.45	Friargate: bring your lunch, followed by MfW at 1.15	Weekly
Thu	10.45	Knaresborough, Gracious Street Centre <i>1<sup>st</sup> Thu, for 30 mins.</i>	Monthly
Thu	12.30	Harrogate <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, for 30 minutes</i>	Monthly
Thu	9.30	The Retreat	Weekly
Wed	11.30	Acomb	Weekly

## Contact details for all Local Meetings [www.yorkquakers.org.uk](http://www.yorkquakers.org.uk)

Acomb	The Green, Acomb	01904 795595
Friargate	Friargate, York	01904 624065
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New Earswick	Top of Folk Hall car park	01904 763248
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**Deadline for next issue: 12 noon, Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>**