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YMG - very much the 'small top' [worship tent]



and the Big Top – prepare to be very warm indeed



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Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering held at the University of Kent at Canterbury 30 July to 6 August 2011

We send our loving greetings to all Friends everywhere. Friends from Britain, together with Friends from other countries, gathered in Canterbury, a city with a special place in the Christian history of our islands, to reflect on "Growing in the Spirit: changing the way we live to sustain the world we live in." We can no longer ignore the fact that our planet is finite. We have not only inherited the earth from our ancestors: we have borrowed it from our children and from their children.

We see the connection between changing the way we live and growing in the Spirit. What is God calling us as Quakers to be and to do? Early Quakers were seen as radical religious extremists, living beyond the ordinary in their simplicity and their direct engagement with the divine. Are we, on the other hand, sliding into ordinariness? Can we reconnect with our roots, to live a religious life and proclaim a message the world needs to hear?

With joy, our Yearly Meeting has made a commitment to becoming a low carbon sustainable community. The time to act is now. We need to reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we produce. We are called to challenge the values of consumer capitalism. Between us we have already made changes with which we are comfortable: now is the time to make uncomfortable changes. Yet through transformative action we have much to gain: a simpler life can be a richer life. Individual action is not enough. Corporate action is needed too. It was good to hear what some of our Quaker departments and charities are doing for economic and environmental justice, and helping empower the poorest people and affirm their dignity. We must try to uphold all the people who will be working hard, individually and collectively, to take forward the commitment we have made this week. We have been encouraged to promote more publicly, Quaker work and values, and celebrate them in every way we can. We also need to contribute more money to support this and other centrally managed work of our Society.

We value the community of our local and area meetings, as well as of Britain Yearly Meeting and Friends world-wide. Acting together, and with others who share our concern, we can make a real difference, promoting simplicity, peace, equality, truth, and care for the environment. Some practical ways to do this are set out in the book of our inspiring Swarthmore Lecture 2011 – *Costing not less than everything: sustainability and spirituality in challenging times*.

This week has been an opportunity to practise living as a community of all ages. Sometimes all 1,500 of us gathered together, but mostly we met in smaller groups: in the Children and Young People's programmes, Junior Yearly Meeting, Yearly Meeting sessions, and a wide range of other events. We have eaten together and prayed together; explored and created; worked and played – and tried to do it more sustainably than we have done before. This hasn't always been easy, but it has often been fun and exhilarating.

We have held Friends around the world in our hearts, especially those who have faced hardship, oppression and loss in the last year. We are glad that some of our number will be taking messages and love from us, to Friends at the World Conference in Kenya in 2012.

The task we have set ourselves has the potential to renew our Quaker community in Britain.

Signed in and on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting

Lis Burch, clerk

Some YMG Impressions from York AM Friends

1- YMG 2011 – a planning committee perspective

Thursday before YMG's Saturday start: arrived around 2pm; found my accommodation and then made my way to the planning group's office base in Grimond to see what needed to be done.

The Big Top is already up, the raked seating is in, the backdrop behind the clerks' table is in place but as yet there are no lights. While the Senate Lawn is covered in a tent three times the size we expect, the other marquees are all well behind schedule. Grimond entrance foyer is full of grey and red crates, many labelled but others sadly anonymous. All the books for the Quaker Bookshop are piled into one of the lecture theatres along with Traidcraft stock. This will have to be cleared in time for the first evening film showing on Saturday - but the bookshop tent will be the last to go up.

We spend the first few hours looking inside things and answering cries of 'where is..?' with 'I think I saw it over there...' Crates are opened, moved, emptied, stacked; the Yearly Meeting office has much of its equipment in place. Kent Friends are coming on Friday to help us, so space has to be found for them in the foyer - where are the tables we shall need? And who moved all those chairs???

Friday: Kent volunteers come in force, collating welcome packs and organising badges; we get through the work in double-quick time. Lack of tents is still providing trouble though; we have the time and the people but we still cannot move equipment into place. It is frustrating, as we know from past experience that tomorrow will be a day of frantic activity. Fortunately the evening brings great relief as we see the Gathering (Information) Tent is now ready to be 'furnished' and the Senate Lawn tent is finally reduced to its correct size.

Saturday: noon until after 6 vanishes in getting ready for and then registering the arriving gatherers. Nearly half are self-catering at Park Wood, where a total lack of veg. boxes and an unexpectedly closed shop provide the first challenges. I do a long and energetic shift at Tyler Court, housing 340 'catered en-suite'. Many need help with luggage, some have endured delays via Euston; it is hot and we all get tired. The five disabled parking bays are full and at least double that number of blue badge holders need to park. By a miracle I manage to get into the welcome session – the gathering has finally begun!

Being on the planning committee has involved a lot of work over two years – ten weekend meetings and attendant sub-committees – but once the gathering is underway our activity shifts to being part of the support staff. We could not have survived the week without Richard Jarvis, the Friend who came to cook for us; our schedule was far too unpredictable for dining hall catering. Much time is spent checking that 'your' things are running smoothly, with chairs in the right places each time (in my case, this means mainly the worship, especially Larks at 7.30 am and Epilogues at 9.30 pm), as well as answering questions and trouble-shooting. Wearing the blue scarf - the badge of office -

confers a visibility that leads to many conversations with friends known and unknown – and endlessly unexpected queries and requests. For the planners, getting to sessions has to be seen as a bonus, not an entitlement. In consequence I have but an imperfect sense of how the week went – in any case, that is for the participants to say - but I am very glad to have played a part in providing it.

Margaret Bryan [Friargate]

2 - A Responsible Adult?

When my son and daughter-in-law asked if they could put my name on Mat's JYM application form as his 'Responsible Adult', of course I agreed. He was, after all, my grandson and well over 16 years old. However, I really had no idea what was involved until several months later I received all the JYM papers and even then I'm afraid I only gave them rather a cursory glance. Looking at the instructions more closely on the way to Canterbury, I realised there was a little more to the task than just being at YMG in case of emergency. For instance, I was summoned to a meeting at 9.15 that evening and it was recommended that I also attend the earlier JYM introductory session from 8.45 to 9.15. Not a good start. After a long tiring train journey, settling into my accommodation, finding my way around the site, and attending the introductory session of YMG, I was ready for some peace and quiet and an early bed.

Our responsibilities were soon made clear to us. JYMers had to sign in and out of their sessions. If they did not do so, staff would contact us by mobile phone to find out what had happened. During the week we heard announcements in main sessions asking specific responsible adults to contact JYM staff. I held my breath in case...but fortunately never had to be publicly shamed in that way. In that respect, Mat was a very responsible JYMer. The only time the staff tried to contact me was on our free Wednesday and that turned out to be a mistake.

The part of my task as a Responsible Adult that I most appreciated was the opportunity to get to know Mat a bit better – to hear about his reactions to the JYM programme, of course, but also to learn about his hopes and aspirations for the future. We were told to make contact with our JYMer at least once a day so as to share our experiences of YMG. Mat and I decided to have our evening meal together, which proved a good arrangement. I very much enjoyed this time with him as, although I see him regularly, he is nearly always with the rest of his family. To have time on my own with him was a definite bonus.

I'm really grateful to all those who must have spent hours and hours planning (and then executing) what was obviously a very interesting JYM programme. Mat always had lots to talk about and the sessions had clearly made him think about some of the issues that were also being discussed in the main YM(G) sessions. In addition, he certainly seemed to enjoy himself and was looking forward to meeting his new friends at other future JYMs.

Susan V Hartshorne [New Earswick]

3 – An Unexpected Memorable Moment

'Oh! be faithful! Look not back, nor be too forward, further than ye have attained; for ye have no time, but this present time: therefore prize your time for your souls' sake.'

George Fox, in an epistle to his parents

While each Yearly Meeting has its share of memorable moments - sessions, informal conversations, unforeseen meetings - I find that I tend to expect Epilogues to be more of a (welcome) time of relaxation after a full day. Not so the Tuesday epilogue of the week, when Harvey Gillman read an Epistle from George Fox to his parents and also played a modern sung version of it. The above words from the Epistle have stayed with me ever since.

Barbara Windle

4 - A Personal Overview of YMG

Highlights: David Gee introducing his invigorating new Quaker book on *Peace in a Violent World*, excellent for a YAM study group; Paul Rogers with his erudite review of *Global Security*; chats with Friends that I have not met for years; early morning worship in a circle of chairs on the lawn overlooking Canterbury Cathedral: inspiring ministry including identifying characters in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* with YMG participants.

Lowlights: the excruciating din of sounds reverberating around the refectory at meal times; finding all places already taken at the most interesting meetings; the failure of the YM Clerk to urge Friends wishing to speak to stick to the topic when less than half an hour was left for contributions - I was not called to speak about housing justice whilst others alleging that the BBC is a propaganda machine or proposing that solid walls of older houses should be insulated were called when the topic was economic justice!

The Swarthmore lecture on sustainability and spirituality in challenging times: brilliantly presented, noble in intention, but lacking in practical outcomes as was the intention of BYM to adopt a low carbon lifestyle. Human habitation on Mother Earth cannot be sustained unless we think partly in numbers about what sensibly would sustain it. Noble intentions are not enough. Friends need guidance about effective action, including numerate means of determining their carbon imprint. Will QPSW provide this? Do YMG's use a disproportionate amount of energy, time, money and paper? I doubt whether YMG's are sustainable.

Peter Jarman

5 - The Swarthmore Lecture

Listening to the Swarthmore Lecture 'Costing not less than everything: Sustainability and spirituality in challenging times' was not a comfortable experience- nor was it meant to be. Nevertheless Pam Lunn, this year's lecturer, stressed that the action which has to be taken by all of us should be joyful and not 'a guilty, grim necessity'.

But a sense of looming crisis permeated the lecture. The changes required of us are enormous, the biggest challenge of human history, and all of these changes need to be made by all of us, all the time, for ever. It is not a matter of choice - we can do no other. Who else do we imagine will do what needs to be done?

Pam Lunn tried to analyse what 'the good life' should be and concluded that it was very far removed from our Western lifestyle. It depends on real community (and events since Canterbury have only served to emphasise this): trust, mutuality, unselfishness. Community does not just happen- it has to be created and we all need to build and rely on our own immediate community, now, before we are forced to.

A study of trees helps us to radically adjust our timescale- the oldest is over 3,000 years old. We need to think very far into the future as well as taking action in the present - 'a combination of now and eternity'. The advice to farm your land as if you will live forever and live your life as if you will die tomorrow is more relevant than ever.

I liked, especially, two suggestions. Many Friends travelling to Canterbury had experienced severe delays on the West Coast mainline. Such glitches, temporary now but perhaps not for long, can be used as practice. Treat everything as practice. And pass on skills such as growing food and making and mending things to children and grandchildren. In the West we have lived with more than our fair share and restorative, climate justice is long overdue.

Anita Thistlethwaite [Harrogate]

6 - Interpreting skills a useful extra...

For the hard of hearing, 'speech to text' typing at all sessions was an excellent facility as it gave an instant onscreen version of what was being said. It also provided many amusing and challenging moments of interpretation. Here are a few samples, collected by Susan Hartshorne and Barbara Windle.

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Quaker Phrases Clarified ... by backbencher *Epistles (Yearly Meeting and other)*

Since their earliest days, Friends have attached great importance to communicating their insights. Pamphlets, journals testimonies and letters known as epistles soon became popular as early forms of Quaker outreach. In an age of facebook and twitter it may seem quaint that Quaker Yearly Meetings continue with the tradition of preparing an epistle as a means of distilling the experience of their gathering to share with other Friends. Nevertheless, the epistle has stood the test of time so far, and is valued also by Friends present as a means of taking stock of their shared experience. Should it outlive its usefulness, we would no doubt stop doing it. And it was interesting to hear at Canterbury that the epistle drafting group was this year monitoring not just the sessions they attended - but also facebook and twitter

Area Meeting

Area Meeting at Thirsk: 10th September, 1.30 – 4.30pm

First of all, we shall hear from Thirsk about the life of the Meeting. We shall then have much to discuss arising out of Yearly Meeting Gathering, perhaps especially its (controversial?) low carbon community decision. Among other matters that will also be considered, we shall share ideas about Quaker Week and 2012 dates.

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Seeking Askham Grange Quaker Prison Chaplain

I was appointed by Area Meeting as Chaplain at Her Majesty's Prison & Young Offenders Institution at Askham Grange in September 2006. So at the end of August 2012 I shall have completed six years in the post.

There has never been a requirement for such Quaker appointments to adhere to the standard three years, with the possibility of being asked to serve for a second three years. In the period when it was common for Quaker chaplains to have to wait a long time to be accepted into a prison at all, the open-ended term of service made sense. The modern world of multi-faith chaplaincies makes most of them more welcoming, inclusive places. My personal view therefore is that there seems to be every reason for this appointment to fall into line with other Quaker appointments and avoid the pitfalls of a job staying in the same hands for too long.

I have gained huge pleasure and vast experience from doing this work and am keen that I should be replaced by someone who is also enthusiastic, but has the time to settle in, shadow me for a time, and then take over and make the role their own. That is why I am giving such long notice of my 'resignation'. It really is hard to give a formal job description and, for that reason, I have written a fairly lengthy description of what I do, for Area Meeting Nominations Committee to make use of as it sees fit.

If you think you might be interested in this demanding, but fascinating and rewarding role, please do get in touch with Nominations Committee and/or me to discuss what it entails.

Jenny Hartland 01904 624387

It's worth remembering the 'General Counsel on Church Affairs' offered by Quaker faith & practice 3.22:

'Most appointments should be for one or three years. It is generally undesirable for someone to hold an appointment for more than six years continuously although there may be exceptions.'

As usual, then, Quaker faith & practice does not dictate but advises and thus ensures we think about what is right for a particular time and place. Treasurers and Registering Officers spring to mind as obvious examples of appointments that frequently do not conform to the one/three/six year pattern. Friends will no doubt be able to think of other examples – and of examples when the pattern has been a godsend in a tricky situation!

York Area Meeting Trustee: job description

Have you thought of serving as a trustee and wondered what it would entail? York Area Quaker Meeting (YAQM) is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Its trustees, who are also directors of the company, are referred to here simply as Trustees. They carry the final legal responsibility for all activities of York Area Quaker Meeting.

Responsibilities include ensuring that:

- the meeting complies with regulatory, statutory and legal requirements, implementing good practice in all areas;
- overall control is exercised over the meeting's financial affairs;
- all appointments to remunerated positions are made in compliance with good employment and equal opportunities principles.
- all property is overseen, ensuring quinquennial surveys are undertaken and acted upon; and that adequate insurance cover is arranged.

As far as possible the concerns of YAQM are reflected in Trustees' decisions. The relationship between the charity YAQM and Area Meeting is set out in the Memorandum of Understanding, the aim of which is to ensure that trustees act in accordance with the wishes of the Area Meeting. Copies can be obtained from The Clerk (currently Heather Swailes) or the Treasurer (currently Lee O'Neal).

In practical terms, Trustees meet three times a year (usually on a Sunday afternoon at New Earswick for 2-3 hours). In addition some trustees take responsibility for particular aspects of the charity's work. Currently these are:-

- Employment
- Data protection
- Property
- Resources and Investments/Finance

Each trustee needs to be willing to take on some extra work in addition to the three meetings a year, to cover the detailed work in these fields. Sometimes there is little or no extra work – at others there is a good deal! From time to time the charity needs trustees willing and able to be clerk or treasurer.

The charity uses professional accountants, lawyers and people with human resources expertise wherever necessary. Trustees are therefore not necessarily expected to be experts in any particular aspect of the charity's work, but must be willing and able to read and absorb complex written material. Trustees need to use common sense and be prepared to ask questions when anything is not clear (the "Emperor's New Clothes" questions).

As with most Area Meeting service, Trustees are normally appointed for a three year term. They may or may not be nominated to serve a subsequent terms but with a maximum of three terms in all.

The above does not outline the legal obligations. These can be found at the Charity Commission's website – a publication called **The Essential Trustee: What you need to know** (Feb 2008). A Quaker Trustees' Handbook is available to download or purchase from www.quaker.org.uk
Heather Swailes, clerk to trustees

City of Sanctuary - something we can all do together

Kurt Strauss writes: In the July issue of Quakevine I quoted John Gladwin, the retired Bishop of Chelmsford, a keynote speaker at the conference which Elaine Ross and I had attended on "The place for Quakers in Churches Together." One of the points he'd made was that doing things together was, if anything, more important than discussing things together. The current project to have York recognised as a 'City of Sanctuary' seemed to us a good one to start with. It's a countrywide movement, details of which can be found on www.cityofsanctuary.org.

Felicia McCormick adds: The York City of Sanctuary working group has produced two leaflets (Information and Sign to support), which have been inserted into copies of September's Quakevine for the three York meetings so that local readers may be fully informed.

On Tuesday 20 September 7.30pm St Lawrence's Church Hall, Lawrence Street York, there will be a meeting with refreshments, arranged by Fairer World, to promote the York City of Sanctuary campaign, with information and ideas for action by individuals and groups. Speaker: Paul Wordsworth.

On Sunday 25 September, following Meeting for Worship at New Earswick, Friends from across the Area Meeting are invited to a bring-and-share lunch (soup provided) with New Earswick and Huntington Churches Together to discuss working together on helping York to become a City of Sanctuary. A speaker has been invited, and Friends from other Meetings may like to join New Earswick Friends for worship at 10.30.

On Sunday 16 October, following Meeting for Worship at Friargate, there will be a meeting from 12-1pm (soup again provided) arranged by Felicia McCormick fmccyork@yahoo.co.uk, to share ideas about specific actions for York City of Sanctuary, and to feed back to November's Meeting for Business.

Women to Women for Peace Exhibition

2 - 15 September The Mothers for Peace exhibition will exhibit three peace quilts at Friargate, with other display material. I am still happy to receive offers of help with stewarding.

Saturday Sept 3 There will be a talk at the Explore Centre about Sheila Shaw's **Peace Coats**. Sheila was artist in residence at Corrymeela.

September - 8 October New Earswick Meeting House will show part of the Women Peacemakers exhibition from Bradford Peace Museum. Other panels will be in displayed in Haxby and New Earswick Libraries.

Ruth Davies [New Earswick] telephone 01904 763248

Creating a place of fellowship at Woodbrooke

Have you ever taken a course at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham? If so, you'll know that Woodbrooke is a unique treasure, a place where Friends have the chance to meet others from all over the Yearly Meeting while enjoying a stimulating variety of Quaker educational opportunities.

Over recent years, as Woodbrooke's accommodation, study and dining facilities have been made more suitable for Friends' needs, one aspect has remained unaltered. A small newspaper and puzzles room inside the house and an open veranda off the dining room are the only communal relaxation areas. Yet a major part of being at Woodbrooke is the possibility of wider fellowship among Friends, preferably with the added prospect of tea, coffee and other drinks.

Plans are now well in hand to remedy this lack, by creating a light and spacious lounge opening out of the dining room, where Friends will be able to relax, gather, and enjoy fellowship. At the same time, it will significantly improve the accessibility of the gardens and building for people with mobility difficulties.

Woodbrooke has already raised two thirds of the £440,000 needed, to the delight of staff, volunteers, trustees and Friends. It is now seeking to raise the remainder from the community of Friends throughout the country. Anyone who wishes to make a donation should write or email Woodbrooke, or ring 0121 472 5171. Pictures of what is proposed can be seen on <http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/pages/garden-lounge-extension.html>.

Danielle Walker Palmour, Friargate Meeting, and a Woodbrooke trustee

Quaker faith & practice: extract of the month

No organisation or planning can produce a good Yearly Meeting if those who attend come for an inadequate reason. When the Religious Society of Friends gathers for its annual assembly, it does so because it seeks to come to know the mind of God on the various affairs to be brought forward... We are ordinary people, with the shortcomings of ordinary people, and there is laid upon us the necessity of patience with one another in all our gatherings, and especially in Yearly Meeting, and the willingness to accept the imperfect arising from our human limitations. When therefore we find our Yearly Meeting falling short of the standard which it should reach, whether in worship or in deliberation, it behoves each of us to listen more intently for the voice of the Spirit, and to seek the more earnestly that every contribution, be it by spoken word or in silence, is that which is in accord with the divine leading. In our worship at Yearly Meeting, it is laid upon us with special weight to listen. It is not our ministry that is required in worship, nor our inspiration in deliberations, but we seek to hear the true word of God speaking through our frail humanity and leading us to the place where he would have us be. This is the right holding of Yearly Meeting.

Right Holding of Yearly Meeting Committee 1960 [Qf&p 6.09]

Our Peace Testimony – 7

I told the Commonwealth Commissioners I lived in the virtue of that life and power that took away the occasion of all wars...I told them I was come into the covenant of peace which was before wars and strife were.

George Fox, 1651

Friargate Miscellany

September Local Meeting: A Reminder

September's Local Meeting for Business, to be held on Sunday 4th starting at noon, will be considering several important issues including the care and future use of our premises. As detailed in the August issue of Quakevine, the issues under consideration will also include: the implications for us of Yearly Meeting's 'Framework for Action'; the right use of our financial reserves; Premises Committee's thinking about the development of our meeting house for future needs; plans for a new website.

There will be a break for lunch. Please remember to bring a sandwich!

Peace Testimony – October Open Afternoon

2011 being the 350th year since George Fox made his Peace Declaration to Charles II, Friargate decided to arrange an event to reflect on ways in which Quakers have been, and are, involved in attempts 'to take away the occasion of all wars'. We can trace our Peace Testimony through conscientious objection in both world wars, demonstrations and vigils for peace, campaigns against nuclear weapons and the arms trade, as well as in educational projects and mediation in areas of unrest in the world, concerns for international justice and fair trade, stewardship of the world's resources and also in the Alternatives to Violence Project, conflict transformation in schools, youth work and even through local planning issues.

The event planning committee has organised an Open Afternoon of Saturday 8th October from 1.30 to 5pm. We aim to challenge ourselves and the public to consider today's needs for peace. Some dozen organisations have agreed to take a table in the main Meeting room with, we hope, interactive ideas. There will be a display of archive material in the Library, refreshments in the Penn room, and the Fox room will be a Quiet room.

A flyer is being prepared to advertise the event and we should value assistance in distributing it. On the day, we need volunteers to bring cakes and to help with refreshments. Further ideas are also welcome. Please contact: PEACE 350 YEARS ON via **Brenda Tyler** Tomtecards@btinternet.com tel 01904 630055.

The Rowntree Society

A special travelling exhibition prepared by the Rowntree Society will be on show at Friargate from 15th September until the end of the month. The panels describe the Society's work and aims; show the history of the Rowntree grocery shop on Pavement from 1922 to the present day; and focus on people's memories of Rowntree. Memory cards are available for people to write down their own Rowntree memories, and there is a special box in which to place them.

Steven Burkeman

Friargate Bike Ride

The Friargate bike ride will take place after soup lunch on the 18th. John Gilham and Bone Jones will organise and lead this annual event which will include good company, fine Yorkshire scenery, welcome rests en route with poetic interludes. Weather is unpredictable of course, but last year it was magnificent. All riders welcome, including children accompanied by an adult.

Accommodation wanted

A female attender who will be beginning a postgraduate degree in Ecology and Environmental Management this October is seeking accommodation in York, possibly as a lodger. The accommodation should have a study-bedroom available and be within a walk or cycle ride of York University. A short-term arrangement as a base while looking for a longer term solution would also be of interest. Further details and contact information from Raymond Williams.

Snapshot of our Quaker Witness Today

Have you remembered to respond to the request from Ben Arnup, Felicia McCormick and Joyce Pickard's to contribute to the snapshot of witness today? Please remind yourself of what the August issue of Quakevine asked of us all, or speak to one of the trio personally.

Contact details for all Local Meetings www.yorkquakers.org.uk

Acomb	The Green, Acomb	01904 769563
Friargate	Friargate, York	01904 624065
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New Earswick	Top of Folk Hall car park	01904 470808
Thirsk	Kirkgate, Thirsk	01609 780881

Sunday Worship in York Area Meeting

Time	Location	Frequency
10.30-11.30	Acomb, Friargate, Harrogate, New Earswick, Thirsk	Weekly
9.15 - 10	Friargate <i>worship is preceded by breakfast at 8.30</i>	2 nd & 4 th Sunday
10.30-11	Lamel Beeches	Weekly
11-11.30	The Oaks	Weekly
10.30-11.30	Knaresborough	2 nd Sunday monthly
8 - 9 pm	Eastern Villages <i>for locations, ask the Editor</i>	3 rd Sunday monthly

Weekday Worship in York Area Meeting

Tues	11.45	Hartrigg Oaks	Weekly
Wed	1.15	Friargate <i>preceded by lunch at 12.45 (bring your own)</i>	Weekly
Thu	9.30	The Retreat	Weekly

Friargate September Diary

2	Fri	Bishophill Group: to begin chapter 12 <i>The Case for God</i> [Karen Armstrong]	Hartrigg Oaks Centre for lunch	Meet for lunch at 12.30 pm
4	Sun	Special Local Meeting – see p 10	Friargate	After worship
7	Wed	Retired Friends Coffee <i>1st Wed of month</i>	Friargate	10.30 am
10	Sat	Area Meeting <i>see centre page</i>	Thirsk	1.30 pm
11	Sun	Afterword: reflections on worship	Friargate	After worship
18	Sun	Soup and rolls.	Friargate	12 noon
22	Thu	Knavesmire Group: Desert Island Discs - 5 Friends will share a piece of music and say why they chose it	8 Aldersyde Court [Joan Wrigley]	7.30 pm
24	Sat	Justice & Peace Vigil	St Michael le Belfrey	11 - 12 noon
25	Sun	Attenders Group: all are welcome	Friargate	After worship
30	Fri	Book Club: to discuss <i>The Hare with Amber Eyes</i> [Edmund de Waal]	35 Wentworth Road [Sue Dennis]	7.30 pm

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