

Quakers in Yorkshire

In the morning, the work of:

The Interfaith Network of the UK

And in the afternoon

Choose one of the activities on offer

19 July 2008

at **The Sanctuary, Christchurch**

The Grove

Ilkley

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- 10.00 Coffee/Tea on arrival (in the Riddings Room)
- 10.30 Meeting for Worship, including a Testimony
(in the Sanctuary)
- 11.00 Business Matters:
Receipt of Reports from Glenthorne & from
Finance Committee. Nominations matters.
- 11.15 **Harriet Crabtree** will introduce the work of
The Inter Faith Network of the UK
with workshops / discussions
- Dr Harriet Crabtree is director of the Inter Faith Network UK and is currently engaged in initiatives to create more positive attitudes across religious boundaries. Look up the Network on www.interfaith.org.uk*
- 12.40 Testimony
- 12.45 List of Members – decision to publish in 2009?
- 12.50 Notices
- 12.55 Lunch (bring your own, drinks provided)
- 14.00 Wide range of activities – see pages 3 - 4
16. 00 All are welcome to tea at Ilkley Quaker Meeting House, Queen’s Road, Ilkley

We thank Ilkley Friends for their hospitality and all the activities and arrangements planned for the day.

Childcare will be provided in the morning by Ilkley Friends if you let Martin Ford know [01943 879 398] by Sat 12 July.

Name badges: There will be sticky labels for you to write your name on – but if you already have a name badge, please bring it – and remember to wear it!

Afternoon Activities

- ❖ **East Riddlesden Hall** *a 17th century West Riding manor house with formal and wild gardens, duck pond, grounds*

This National Trust property, located on Bradford Road, Keighley BD20 4EA is open from 1 till 5 pm. Entrance costs £5 for adults and £2.50 for children.

Friends would need to leave Ilkley by about 1.45 pm so as to arrive at the Hall for 2.30 pm. Please offer lifts where possible (a minibus has been provisionally booked if required).

Departure by 4 pm would enable a return to Ilkley Meeting House in time for tea.

If you would like to go on this excursion, please phone Martin Ford on 01943 879 398, before 12 July to indicate your interest, the number in your party and whether you need or can offer transport.

The minibus can only be booked if at least 8 Friends require its use. The cost of the return minibus trip, excluding entrance is £3 per person.

- ❖ **Ilkley Lido**

Ilkley Lido, off Denton Road and only 10-15 minutes walk from the centre of Ilkley offers both indoor & outdoor swimming.

Entrance charges [not confirmed] will probably be £4.45 adults, £1.70 children.

Saturday afternoons are open access all ages in the outdoor pool and on a seasonal basis in the indoor pool.

This is information for Friends wishing to make their own plans rather than being an organised activity.

❖ **Farfield Quaker Meeting House**

This Meeting House, built in 1689, has been restored by the Historic Chapels Trust. It is located beside the B6160 between Addingham and Bolton Abbey. A visit to Farfield will be led by Glen Yardley. Friends wishing to go on this visit can make themselves known on the day.

❖ **Walk number 1**

A gentle walk lasting about one hour around the River Wharfe, taking in local history and wildlife and led by David Hickson. No special footwear required.

❖ **Walk number 2**

A more strenuous walk on Ilkley Moor will venture further afield to the Swastika Stone - a total distance of 4-5 miles. It will be led by Ruth Thompson. Strong footwear and outer garments suitable for the weather are advised.

❖ **Meeting House and Garden**

The Meeting House and Garden will be open all afternoon from 2.30pm as a space where Friends can relax, read or talk with friends.

Next Meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire

October 18: Sheffield

Theme: Ecumenical Accompaniers in Palestine/Israel

A date for your diary

QIY News

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2009

Yearly Meeting next year returns to the University of York. for a residential event which combines the formal business side of Yearly Meeting with Summer Gathering and Junior Yearly Meeting. This is the first time all three events have been combined together. It is also the first time that Residential Yearly Meeting will return to the same venue on consecutive occasions. There was no where else in the country able and willing to host the event so we were pleased to invite the Yearly Meeting to return to York. The dates for your diary are **25 July to 1 August 2009**.

Our representatives on the YM09 Planning Group are Ros Batchelor, Margaret Bryan, John Ling, James McCarthy and Malcolm Whalan and any of these would be glad to hear from you with ideas or with offers to help during the event.

The excursions sub committee consists of Yorkshire Friends: Ros Batchelor, James McCarthy together with Helen Snelson, Julia Terry and Barbara Windle. Three of these bring experience from the previous event. They have already begun contacting Local Meetings who might wish to be involved in hosting excursions.

Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust

The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust provides grants for the preservation, repair, maintenance and improvement of historic churches in Yorkshire. Last year they gave nearly £200,000 in grants and this included £3,500 towards Airton Meeting House. Full details are in their Annual Report which has been recently received. QiY supports the work of the Trust and Roderick Ogley (Settle) is our representative. For more information, see www.yhct.org.uk or phone 01904 624103.

West Yorkshire Ecumenical Council

Eva Pinthus (Otley) represents QiY on this Council. She reports that the April 2008 meeting discussed Asylum Seekers and Further Education Chaplaincies.

The Council made a public statement in February on Asylum Seekers. It followed extensive consultation with groups and individual Asylum Seekers across West Yorkshire and addressed the principal issues. Media coverage was judged to have been good without being overwhelming. Among the Christian press there was mention in the Baptist Times, the Church Times and the Catholic Post. Heartening responses came from those responsible for working with Asylum Seekers, from national campaigning groups to the independent Asylum Commission. The statement went to all West Yorkshire MPs, some of whom replied. Some forwarded it to the Home Office prompting a detailed reply from Lin Homer Chief Executive of the Border and Immigration Agency.

Further Education Chaplaincies are being encouraged. A few exist elsewhere. There is a national network of Regional FE Officers, some paid, some voluntary. They are typically ecumenical or multi-faith and usually based in student services departments. West Yorkshire is represented by the convenor of the local group which includes representatives of the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon & Leeds and Wakefield; the Leeds and West Yorkshire Methodist Districts and other interested parties. Are Friends involved?

List of QIY Members and Attenders

The triennial List of Members and Attenders for Quakers in Yorkshire is due in 2009. Given a positive decision on July 19th (see page 2), compilation of the List will start in the autumn. We are grateful that Brian F Bone (Hebden Bridge) and Richard Hoare (Sheffield, Nether Edge) have agreed to coordinate, compile and produce the new List.

Nominations Committee

QiY has thanked Diana Sandy for her long service as Convenor of the Nominations Committee. Following her retirement, the Committee is evolving new ways of working. The new Convenor is Richard Hoare who can be contacted on 0114 266 6605 or email richard_hoare@hotmail.com

Tabular Statement

Each year the Tabular Statement records the number of members in Britain Yearly Meeting. As at 31 December 2007, the total number of members dropped below 15,000 (14,844) but there were also 8,133 recognised Attenders. In Yorkshire there were 1625 members, distributed as follows: Sheffield & Balby AM had 214 members (a drop of 1 over the year); Brighouse West Yorkshire AM had 141 (-1); Leeds AM had 225 (-4); Pickering and Hull had 302 (increase of 5); Central Yorkshire had 149 (-9); Craven & Keighley had 138 (-2) and York had 456 (-9).

The Quaker Life Network

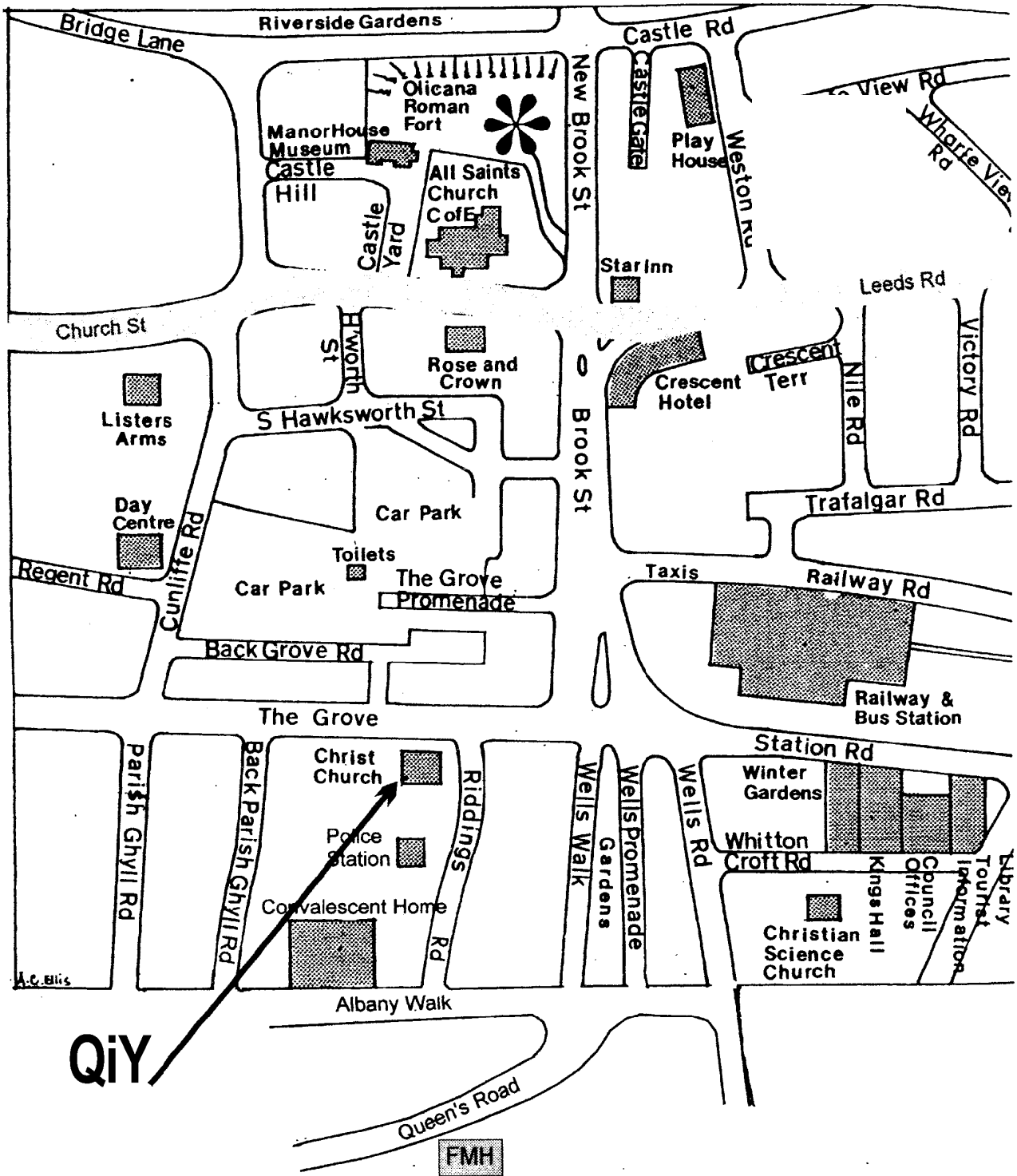
This new body is actively seeking volunteers from all over the Yearly Meeting to join it. It is not 'another committee' but an opportunity to give flexible service – perhaps simply by responding individually to consultations about new initiatives. At the moment, for instance, the Network is consulting its members about patterns of eldership and oversight, before finalising the new Eldership and Oversight booklet on this topic.

For more information, please talk to or email Barbara Windle on bwindle@waitrose.com

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If you have any queries on items in this programme, contact one of the co-clerks Barbara Windle or David Olver (01535 605412 or david@olver.plus.com)

Directions to locations in Ilkley



There are half hourly trains from Leeds and Bradford. By road one has to come along the Wharfe valley and Ilkley is just where one joins the valley. From York the best route is Tadcaster, Boston, Harewood, Otley. There are regular buses from Leeds and elsewhere.