

The Quiet Word



Learning to knit a 7 mile pink scarf (come to Wool and Worship Sharing on 15/05/14)

Dates and Events

Sunday Meeting for Worship 10:45 at all Meetings except Ilkley which is at 10:30am .

Leeds Area Quaker Meeting is open to all who attend Quaker Meetings in Leeds

LAQM will be on **Sunday 11th May** at Roundhay QMH, 36 Street Lane, Roundhay, Leeds

Programme:

10.45 Worship

12.30pm shared lunch

1.15 Worship

1.30 Speaker/workshop session: **What it means to be Jewish in Leeds Today.**



2.45 break

3pm business as led

4.15 Tea

Put it in your diary: Sat. 13th July LAQM at Ilkley QMH 'What it means to be a Quaker today'

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May:

Sat 10th 11am to 3.30pm Forgiveness and Reconciliation Workshop at Carlton Hill

Sunday 11th 1.15pm to 4.15pm Leeds Area Quaker Meeting at Roundhay QMH. Topic – What it means to be Jewish in Leeds today.

Wednesday 14th Concord (the Leeds Interfaith Group) Meeting 7 for 7.30pm

Join us at 7 o'clock in the City of Leeds High School, Bedford Field, Woodhouse Cliff LS6 2LG (near Hyde Park Corner) for refreshments before the business meeting. Our guest speaker will be the School's Principal, Georgiana Sale – "Whipping Up A Storm!" Everyone welcome.

Thursday 15th 6.30pm refreshments 7pm 'Wool and Worship Sharing' at Carlton Hill

Sat 17th Carlton Hill Meeting House, 10am to 1pm Prisons Reformed? Juliet Lyon, Director of The Penal Reform Trust and Dr. Fiona Macaulay, an expert on Brazilian prison reform. Nb drinks from 9.30am and light refreshments available at 1pm.

Sat 17th Carlton Hill Meeting House, 2.30pm to 4.30pm Quaker Poets of Today Please join us for an afternoon of Quaker poetry and tea

Celebrate the launch of the new Quaker poetry anthology. Hear from poets in the collection. Enjoy other local Quaker poets. To book for the event and/or read a poem contact: Liz Betolla on 0113 274 1933 or email clarewigzell@virginmedia.com All welcome — Quaker, non-Quaker, poet, listener to poetry

Monday 19th Monday 19th Olaf Palme Memorial Peace Lecture 7pm In Leeds Civic Hall - Towards a Politics for a Future Peace by Jenny Pearce, Professor of Latin American Politics & Director of International Centre for Participation Studies at the University of Bradford.

Thurs. 29th 6.30pm refreshments 7pm 'Introduction to co-counselling' with Una Parker

June/July:

Thursday 5th June 6 to 7pm Meeting for Worship, 7pm food, 7.30pm film at C.H.

Friday 4th July Independence from America Event, by the main gates at Menwith Hill. Details to be announced but please save the date now

Sat. 13th July LAQM at Ilkley QMH – what it means to be a Quaker today.

Welcome to the May Quiet Word Contributions for the next edition should be sent by Sunday 25th May to robertkeeble@hotmail.com and I will forward it to the new Quiet Word editor whom should be appointed at our May LAQM. Please note that the Quiet Word is available to anyone as it is displayed on our public website at www.leedsquakers.org.uk

Friends of Sabeel UK present:

The Stones Cry Out The Story of the Palestinian Christians



Followed by an opportunity for questions and answers with the film maker, Yasmine Perni

Palestinian Christians have been part of the story of the Holy Land since the birth of Christianity – the “Living

Stones” of the faith. Yet too often their experiences of loss of land - and life under Israeli Occupation - have been airbrushed from the picture presented to us. This film is informed by a deep-rooted knowledge of the Middle East, and includes interviews with key Christian leaders as well as political figures and former inhabitants of the lost villages of Palestine erased since 1948.

Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.00 pm
Holy Trinity Church Boar Lane, Leeds LS1 6HW

Tickets £5.00 each on the door

EUROPEAN ELECTION HUSTINGS

An Election Hustings on Development with European Election Candidates.

Organised by the World Development Movement. Wednesday 7th May, 7.30pm at The Carriageworks, Leeds



Prisons Reformed?

FREE SATURDAY SEMINAR

17th May 2014

9.30am (for 10.00am) until 1.00pm



Carlton Hill Meeting House
188 Woodhouse Lane,
Leeds LS2 9DX

Speakers:

Juliet Lyon, CBE

Director of the Prison Reform Trust

and

**Dr Fiona Macaulay of Bradford University, an expert on
Brazilian prison reform**

To register or for further details contact Judy Kessler of Leeds Quaker Criminal Justice Group
tel. 0113 2624711 or judyed.kessler@sky.com

Rawdon Amnesty Concert Series ~ 2014

All events at Rawdon Quaker Meeting House, Quakers Lane, Rawdon
LS19 6HU Admission Free. Donations to Amnesty International.

The Merry Wives of Windsor ~ Saturday 17 May at 7.30pm

Theatre of the Dales returns to the lawn (wrap up warm and bring something to sit on) with Shakespeare's rumbustious domestic comedy, **The Merry Wives of Windsor**. A rollicking entertainment with musical accompaniment, adapted and directed by David Robertson to suit all tastes and ages. (Indoors if wet!)

Peter Spafford and Richard Ormrod ~ Sunday 8 June at 7.30pm

Fresh from warmly-received gigs at Ilkley and Morley litfests, **Peter Spafford** and **Richard Ormrod** return to Rawdon with a spray of new songs, settings and poems. Peter's work has been performed on radio, television, in theatres, art centres, hospitals, prisons and in the bath. Richard leads numerous bands and plays up to ten instruments in the course of the evening. He'll decide which ones on the night.

Threedom Plus Two ~ Sunday 6 July at 7.30pm

After a virtuoso debut in the 2013 series, the Threedom Reed Trio -- **Elizabeth Kenwood** (oboe), **John Mellor** (clarinet) and **David Baker** (bassoon) -- are joined by **John Pratt** (french horn) and **Daniel Gordon** (piano)

in a captivating and impressive programme of Beethoven, Mozart and Poulenc.

Marion and Friends ~ Sunday 28 September at 7.30pm

Old friends **David Riley** (violin) and **Marion Raper** (piano) will be joined by **David Moseley** (flute) in music by J. S. Bach and Francis Poulenc, among others. David Moseley is a member of the Orchestra of Opera North, as was David Riley until his recent retirement. Marion Raper is an admired accompanist and teacher.

The Bridge Singers~ Saturday 18 October at 7.30pm

This popular and talented choir from Nottingham, with director **Lynne Holland** and pianist **Richard Eaton**,

was enthusiastically received when they performed for us in 2012. We welcome them back for a variety of keyboard solos and choral music ranging from Thomas Weelkes to John Rutter.

Frailty ~ Sunday 2 November at 7.30pm

An acoustic trio made up of **Maggi Stratford** (vocal), **Dave Bowie Jr** (double bass) and **Peter Spafford** (piano and vocal) which delivers stories in song ranging across territory staked out by Brel, Newman, Waits and the anonymous folk balladeers of the UK and Europe.

Greeting card campaign ~ Sunday 16 November from 1 to 3.30pm

An opportunity to send messages of support to prisoners of conscience around the world. Contact information, cards and writing materials provided, along with coffee, tea and cake.

Julian Cima ~ Sunday 23 November at 7.30pm.

Another chance to hear outstanding pianist **Julian Cima**, this time in a programme of Beethoven (op. 90 in E minor and op. 57 in F minor, the "Appassionata") and Béla Bartók (15 Hungarian Peasant Songs, 6 Dances in Bulgarian Rhythms and Sonata).

Ristretto ~ Sunday 7 December at 7.30pm

Colin Honour (clarinet) and friends from Opera North **Bibi Heal** (soprano), **David Greed** (violin) and **Martin Pickard** (piano) are guaranteed to brighten a December evening with their sparkling and vivacious take on Parisian café culture and other genres.

Bradford Music Club ~ Sunday 21 December at 7.30pm

Once again we welcome members of the **Bradford Music Club** to round off our series with the entertaining mix of genres and styles that makes this club unique. There may be some audience participation to put us all in the mood for Christmas. The club always welcomes new members, both performing and non-performing.

Further information from Barbara Parry or Diane Exley

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Leeds Quaker Press Release:

Robert Keeble, had his first shave in 25 years! **The 'shave', with the initial cuts made by garden shears, was to raise funds for the cost of transforming the Carlton Hill Quaker Meeting House garden to make it more sustainable, with new raised vegetable beds and fruit trees planned to replace some of the existing shrubs. Over £200 has been raised by the shave and if you would like to donate, please contact Robert..**

In 2011, Quakers in Britain agreed to become a 'Low Carbon Sustainable Community'. Leeds Quakers have installed solar panels on the roof at Carlton Hill, a new heating system and improved the insulation. These measures have helped to reduce the energy use by more than half and in 2013, the Meeting House generated more electricity than it used, so some Quakers now joke that they are going to worship at the 'Power Station'!





News updates from Friends House:

Every month, staff at Friends House, London, inform Area and Local Meeting Clerks about news and events that may be of interest to local Quakers:

Courses, conferences and events

Wardens Talking 2014 27 June Bristol, 26 September London and 7 November

Lancaster Three regional gatherings are being hosted in 2014 by Quaker Life for wardens, resident Friends, voluntary workers and others that fulfil wardenship functions. Quaker Life encourages all meeting house staff and volunteers to attend one of these events.

Your Faith, Your Finance workshops How do you manage your money? How does it relate to your faith? Are you overwhelmed by ethical complexities? A new website, www.yourfaithyourfinance.org can help. Want to explore these issues as a meeting? Facilitated workshops available to come to you. Enquire at feedback@yourfaithyourfinance.org

Hurt and Healing: a conference run in partnership with Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs Friday 11 – Sunday 13 July 2014, Woodbrooke enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk,

New online postgraduate degrees from Woodbrooke *Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham* Woodbrooke's Centre for Postgraduate Quaker Studies is offering two new postgraduate degrees from October 2014 in collaboration with and accredited by Lancaster University: *Postgraduate Certificate in Quaker Studies* and *MA in Quakerism in the Modern World*. Both will be delivered entirely online – there is no residential requirement. You can follow the degrees on a full-time or part-time basis over 12 or 24 months. Online degrees offer convenience and flexibility, and learning is supported by leading Quaker Studies specialists.



Woodbrooke
Quaker Study Centre

Politics and witness

Elections for the European Parliament are on 22 May On Thursday 22 May 2014 elections will be held for the European Parliament. Local elections will also be taking place in some areas. Friends are encouraged to consider how they might use their votes. Anyone who is not currently on the electoral register but is entitled to vote can register through their local council by 6 May – see www.aboutmyvote.co.uk for more details.

Yearly Meeting Statement on Economic Inequality in Britain Please can you draw to Friends' attention the Yearly Meeting Statement on Economic Inequality in Britain, agreed by Meeting for Sufferings on 5 April. Yearly Meeting statements arise from a process of discernment and are a way of capturing where Quakers in Britain stand on a specific issue. They are primarily addressed to Friends rather than to the public.
www.quaker.org.uk/inequality-and-welfare-cuts

The life of our meetings

Sharing our meetings' stories In 2013, staff from Quaker Life and Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and members of the Quaker Life Network visited meetings around the country to listen to their stories and to hear what both enriches and challenges our life together. This report captures the essence of these stories, identifying the themes and practices that were common to most or all of the meetings visited and offering insights and reflections into the things that nourish the life of our meetings.



The Quaker Service Information Form – the yellow form – is used by all Britain Yearly Meeting nominations committees. It enables them to get to know which Friends are willing to offer to serve the Society on the committees and working groups which take responsibility for Quaker work undertaken at the national level. More information is available here www.quaker.org.uk/service.

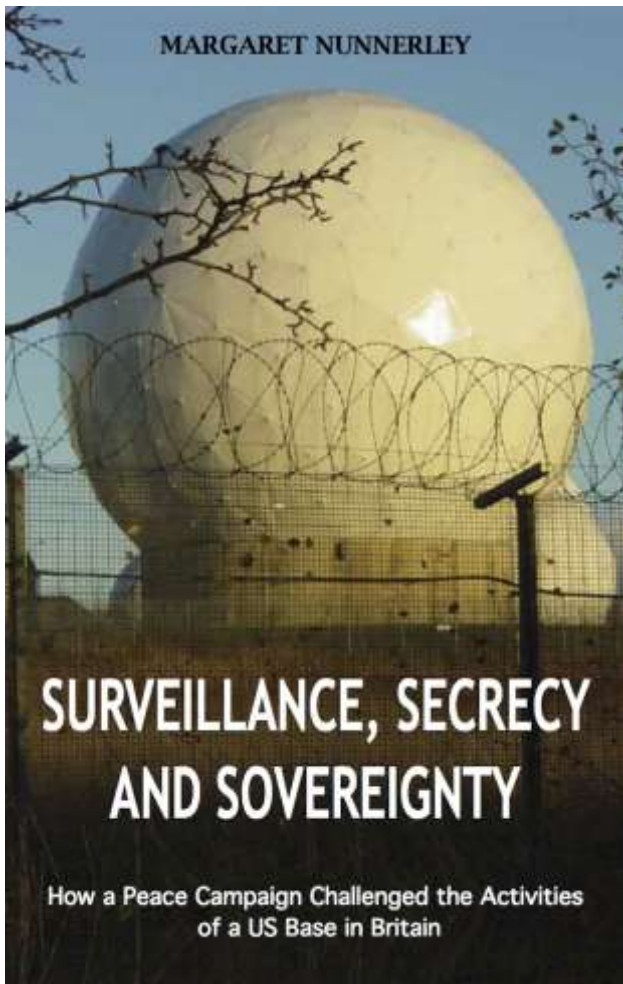


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Surveillance, Secrecy and Sovereignty

How a Peace Campaign Challenged the Activities of a US Base in Britain by Margaret Nunnerley of Ilkley Quaker Meeting.

'As a parliamentarian I believe that the posing of properly framed parliamentary questions is vital in connecting parliament to its roots. The questions and the background to the questions provided by CAAB give MPs in both Houses information that they can then take up with ministers and civil servants. This is a very credible campaign.' Baroness Sue Miller, House of Lords



This book is based on the activities of twenty years of campaigning by the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases (CAAB) in Britain, with particular emphasis on the base at Menwith Hill in North Yorkshire. It discusses the range of methods of peaceful protest used

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by the campaigners with particular attention to their challenges through the courts.

The book then explores the range of issues raised by the campaign, which are of particular relevance today. In particular it examines the use of the base for US military Intelligence gathering and the lack of effective parliamentary oversight of its functions, with the subsequent deficit in democratic accountability. It also examines in detail the important challenges through the courts employed by the campaigners, what they revealed about the methods used by police and courts in responding to peaceful, lawful protest, and the implications for civil liberties in Britain today.

Professor Paul Rogers said of this book, *'Since CAAB was established twenty years ago we have seen...a remarkably increased capacity for those in authority to monitor the activities of civil society, not least of campaigners. At anytime this thoughtful and carefully researched book would have been a very valuable contribution but that last aspect makes it especially salient'*.

Margaret Nunnerley's professional background is in training and teaching in the mediation and conflict resolution fields. Her post-graduate study at the then Department of Peace Studies, University of Bradford, included a doctoral thesis in inter-cultural mediation.

Quaker Life Representative Council April 2014 by Judith Sayer (Ilkley)

The theme for this Council was **Growing Community**.

We began by eating our first meal with our 'home group' so that we quickly got to know the people we would be exchanging ideas with during the weekend. This was the beginning of modelling the theme: getting to know each other, listening to each other, offering ideas and support and learning from each other, especially in the workshops.

In the workshop on **Diversity of Belief in Meetings** we discussed the breadth of belief and vision within a Meeting. Do we discuss and accept this diversity or is it somewhere beneath the surface in case it provokes disagreement?

How can we learn from each other? How can we be more inclusive, more open to the wider community?

Are there changes to be made within our Meeting? "If we always stir oats we will always make porridge": maybe we need to change the ingredients or our stirring methods! Do we need to change our ways of being or doing?

In the workshop on **Ministry and Worship** the participants looked at a diagram showing what we could ask ourselves before standing, questions that go to the heart of 'is what I want to say a leading of the Spirit ?

Always we came back to the central truth that it is from a Meeting that is spiritually healthy, growing in the Spirit, growing in Community, that outreach happens. "When the flowers blossom the bees will come."

We were urged to question how Quakers link to and challenge **the wider community**.

We discussed the use of our premises and how some Meetings interacted with the organizations that used their rooms. ~Some Meetings held regular coffee mornings open to all, some arranged weekday Meeting for Worship, many Meetings had discussion groups, listening groups, learning groups and more .Many are involved in inter- faith discussions or active in Churches Together. Much more outreach involves refugees and asylum seekers.

Again and again it was emphasized that everything stems from within, from our getting to know each other spiritually and socially - eating together, talking together, many ways of sharing as well as worshipping together - all these strengthen our community and attract others to it.

I heartily thank Area Meeting for the opportunity to go to **Woodbrooke** on your behalf and I urge many more members and attenders to do the same. In particular QLRC enables new and old Friends to realize the wide reach of Quakers and the ways in which we are all held together and how we are supported by the staff of Quaker Life.

Staff at Quaker Life in Friends House reported on their work for LMs, for Young People and Children, for the Library, for Outreach, for Publications for Resources and for the whole of Quaker Life as a huge and willing resource for us all. We only have to ask.

We also have the extensive resource of the **Quaker Life Network** which covers the whole country and is available to us all. We are not alone!



End of life issues: Do you have experience that you can share?

Quaker Life Central Committee will be spending a day on 20th September reflecting on end of life issues and what Quaker Life might need to do to provide support for meetings in this area. We would welcome suggestions from Friends or meetings for topics and other information or ideas for consideration. Please contact Richard Summers, richards@quaker.org.uk, to share your suggestions.

The Yorkshire Quaker Archives, now part of Special Collections at Leeds University Library, present fascinating and comprehensive coverage of the activities of Quakers in the Yorkshire area from the 17th to the 21st century. For historical reasons there are two main collections, Carlton Hill and Clifford Street, named after the Meeting Houses where they were first stored.

Quakers in Yorkshire is the descendant of Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting. The first full series of Quarterly Meetings took place in 1666 and continued unbroken until 1966. The first standing committee dealt with money matters, a necessary and sensible choice for any new organisation. Up until 1906 men and women held separate Quarterly Meetings and then came together for a joint meeting later in the day. In 1967 Quarterly Meeting was renamed General Meeting and took on a much reduced role and in 2007 Quakers in Yorkshire was born.

A perusal of the Inventories of both Clifford Street and Carlton Hill collections gives an insight into the wide range of documents deposited. Apart from the Minute books of preparative, monthly and quarterly meetings which date, in many cases, from the 17th century there are property records, records of sufferings, births, marriages and deaths and accounts of Quaker schools to name but a few.

For more than a century all Quarterly Meetings were held at York in the Meeting House which was then in Far Water Lane. However in 1775 the Quarterly Meeting members were persuaded to hold the Meeting in Leeds, the Meeting House on Water Lane having been recently suitably enlarged. Just over a hundred years later the Meeting included Bradford as one of its venues. They met in the Meeting House in Fountain Street. Pearson Thistlethwaite, in his book on Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting, comments that 'although Friends had eschewed water baptism, they evidently liked to meet near water.'

George Fox was clear about the nature of those attending Quarterly Meeting. In one of his Epistles written in 1669, he states: Now concerning them that do go to the Quarterly Meeting, they must be substantial Friends, that can give a Testimony of your Sufferings, and how things are amongst you in every particular Meeting. So that none that are raw or weak, that are not able to give a Testimony of the affairs of the Church and Truth may go,

for the Quarterly Meeting should be made up of weighty, seasoned and substantial Friends, that understand the Business of the Church; for no unruly and unseasoned Persons should come there, nor indeed into the Monthly Meeting, but who are single-hearted, seasoned and honest. A high standard to live up to!

The primary concern of the earliest Quarterly Meetings was sufferings through persecution and there were many examples. In 1680 Local Meetings were required to keep a record of all Testimonies against Tithes and Steeple House Assessments and the unfaithful were to be admonished. There were also collections for prisoners, a move to supply fuel to prisoners in York Castle, collections for 'such as have suffered the spoiling of their goods for the truth' and assistance requested for Thomas and Agnes Skirra imprisoned in Lancaster Castle. For this Settle MM was directed to advance £5 which was to be reimbursed at the next Quarterly Meeting. People outside the area also benefited. In 1667 £77 was collected and sent to London for victims of the Great Fire.

A strict eye was kept on the activities of Monthly Meetings. Settle Meeting was admonished and required to be more diligent in keeping their monthly meeting as also in informing Quarterly Meeting 'in which they have been very negligent.'

In one of the earliest Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting in 1669 a note of what Quarterly Meeting ought to enquire of the Monthly Meeting is set out, demonstrating the nurturing aspect of the organisation and the care taken to ensure that Meetings conformed to this:

Do you take care of the poor that nothing be lacking to them in your Meeting?
Is there any widow or orphan left desolate and do you advise them according to their need?

In another Minute Quarterly Meeting enquired of local meetings about the health and activity of the body of Friends; growth in membership, consistency of behaviour, establishment of new Meetings and other matters. It was the overseers' duty to attend Monthly Meeting and report to Quarterly Meeting.

Local Meetings often met in each other's houses in the early days but this was not always a harmonious arrangement. An application from Pontefract meeting asked leave to remove the Meeting from the house of Samuel Poole because of his reviling several friends. He is charged with foul and grossly bad things – among them shouting out wrongful and abusing things to his friends.

Monthly Meetings were also sometimes held in private houses but in 1703 it was decided that in future Leeds Monthly Meetings should be held in public meeting houses. Apparently a local meeting minute reported serious consideration of the matter of a William Benson who had driven away an extra cow with his herd 'which foolishness hath brought some scandal on the blessed Truth. And whereas our Meeting is kept at his house it is not thought fit to continue the said Meeting there.'

In 1673 Quarterly Meeting reported that some Meetings got into trouble because they had 'run into great debts contracted by undertaking greater things than they are able to manage, others by wasteful careless living beyond their degree and unsuitable to their present condition, and are not found faithful, but do walk disorderly and contrary to the truth and their doings have brought great reproach upon honest Friends.

But to the end they may not for the future encourage themselves to receive help from Monthly or Quarterly Meeting whereby to burden their friends, some of whom are sufficiently burdened other ways, each Friend to be faithful, provident and diligent in his place, and to walk answerable to that Truth he doth profess in his measure.'

In another case in 1691 Quarterly Meeting was told of a 'casualty' in the building process at the new Meeting House in Northallerton which resulted in an 'overcharge' on the local Friends. Thirsk Monthly Meeting was instructed to see what could be done and to report back. Quarterly Meeting granted £10 but members were warned that this was not a precedent 'whereby to encourage any to expect assistance in such cases where they have not rightly considered and provided beforehand for defraying the charge of such undertakings and afterwards be in expectation of being assisted by this meeting.'

The Women's Quarterly Meeting concerned themselves initially with the distribution of the poor funds. Later the question of intoxicating drink was tackled and a petition was sent to Herbert Gladstone and to all Yorkshire MPs about The Sale of Intoxicating Liquor to Children(those under 16) Only one MP disagreed but his name is tactfully not mentioned. The Meeting also discussed the role of women in society, debating such matters as how girls or women of independent means might use their powers for the Glory of God and for the benefit of mankind without interfering with those who are dependent upon their own exertions for a livelihood. They recognised that there had been a great change in the (19 in the occupations and professions open to women. And they noted that it was a great mistake for gifted women or girls to be denied the opportunity of giving out their God-given talents to the world.

The subject of Friends' schools came to Quarterly Meeting from a Minute of Yearly Meeting in 1698 but the process of actually creating one turned out to be a lengthy one. Organisers were 'to take care and endeavour to get an honest friend who may be capable of teaching.' Poor Friends sent from other parts of the County were to be taught free but maintained by their Monthly Meetings. In 1760 a proposal came from Yearly Meeting to Quarterly Meeting to 'set on foot' an annual subscription for the encouragement of schoolmasters and schoolmistresses, the former to receive 50p and the latter 25p p.a. for each pupil in addition to the normal fee.

The first mention by name of Ackworth appears in 1778 when John Fothergill proposed a Yearly Meeting school. It was intended to give poor Friends' children 'a suitable and guarded education away from home by which they may be prevented from mixing with those not of our religious persuasion which so often leads into hurtful habits from which they are not easily redeemed.' Bootham was first proposed in 1818 and was to be for the

'guarded and religious education of the children of Friends, especially those in moderate circumstances.' The Mount school, originally called the Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting School, was proposed in 1830, removed to The Mount in 1857 and actually took on the name of The Mount in 1887. Over the years expenditure on the pupils inevitably increased. Quarterly Meeting played a large part in alleviating this and was regularly thanked for its contribution.

Indeed the main thread running through the years is the steadfast way in which Quakers have tried to support those in need. The Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting handbook of 1922 outlines various charitable funds. Two examples are The Marriage Portion Fund which was to be 'for the benefit of such single women of the Society of Quakers as shall marry Persons of low circumstances belonging to the same society but who shall be of sober and orderly conduct' and The Servant Maids Fund which was 'for the benefit of servant maids (or such as have been servant maids and become necessitous) who shall have attained the age of 50 years and remain unmarried and who shall have been not less than 20 years in service.'

But in 1967 Yorkshire Quarterly Meetings came to an end and were replaced by General Meetings. Comparisons between Quarterly Meeting and General Meetings between 1951 and 1980 make clear that Monthly Meetings now carried out most of the administrative responsibility formerly laid on Quarterly Meetings, including that of direct communication between Meeting for Sufferings and local Meetings. From the 1980s a Steering Group was looking at the concerns expressed about the workings of the General Meetings, and in 2007 it was recorded that General Meetings were no longer part of the structure of Britain Yearly Meeting. Up here, Quakers in Yorkshire had already been adopted as a working title in 2005, and at a Meeting on 20 October 2007 it was formally minuted that 'the gathering of Quakers formerly known as Yorkshire General Meeting continues with undiminished vitalityas the body of Yorkshire Friends who will meet flexibly for fellowship, mutual support, spiritual nurture and education in Quaker matters and inspiration in our lives as Friends.'

I have tried to give an overview of over 300 years of Quaker business. The selection was not easy, given the huge amount of written records which exist and the many aspects of life in which Quakers have been engaged over the years, I know that it has been something of a whistle stop tour but I hope that, in selecting records from the archives in Special Collections, I have shown something of the wide range available and whetted your appetites for further exploration. In conclusion, and on behalf of the custodians of the Yorkshire Quaker archives, I should like to thank York Area Meeting for the wide-ranging and very interesting property archives which they recently deposited with us. They have given us a great deal of pleasure and I hope that many others will be inspired to consult them.

Diane Exley (Rawdon)