



Sketch from our building appeal in the 1960's

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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Hartshill Quaker Meeting in Hartshill, Nr Nuneaton, Warwickshire.

We are writing to you on behalf of Friends here as you are within travelling distance of Hartshill.

On Saturday 3 March at 3.00 pm we will be launching our appeal where you will be welcome to come for afternoon tea and see the building. Please see the enclosed leaflet which we have also posted to all meetings. You are also welcome to join us at 11.00am for a group walk visiting Hartshill Hayes, where George Fox tended sheep. Alternatively Friends may like to visit the next village of Fenny Drayton where Fox was born and brought up.

If you are unable to come on that day but wish to organise a meeting visit or to come on your own we would be pleased to see you. When you come you would be able to see how our roof is leaking and where we wish to add insulation and double glazing as well as to replace the fascias and woodwork that are rotten. We also need to add to and improve accessibility to toilets and around the main building,

Including contributions from our meeting, Area Meeting and through grant applications we aim to achieve a minimum of £45,000 for the initial work which we hope to complete during 2012. To be able to carry out all the work the meeting house would benefit from would require around £105,000.

Hartshill Meeting is a thriving and growing rural worship community. We have six members and over twenty attenders who attend meetings for worship in both the silent and programmed traditions. We also have a Sunday school with children and parents who play an important part in the life of the meeting.

Hartshill has a strong Quaker heritage too. We are the closest meeting to Fenny Drayton, the birthplace of George Fox, and there have been Quakers in the village since the 1750s. To record and celebrate this history, we plan to set up a heritage centre at the meeting house. As part of this project, we already have leaflets describing some interesting local walks, and a website (**www.1624country.org.uk**) that give more about our heritage.

We hope that you will be able to help us with this appeal. Cheques should be made out to "**The Religious Society of Friends**". The bank account details are below and on our leaflet should you wish to donate by BACS, and please tick the box if you require a receipt.

We hope to hear from you - thank you
Yours in Friendship

Miriam Barraclough

Treasurer on behalf of Hartshill Meeting.

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