



THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

Dorking Quaker Meeting

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Dates for your Diary

Venue is the Meeting House unless otherwise stated.

Midweek Meeting	12.45-1.15pm	Every Wednesday , followed by simple lunch
Mon 5 June	7.00pm	Quaker Learning Group at Reigate MH - see May GV
Mon 5 June	8.30-9.00pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group in Friends' homes
Sun 11 June	6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Sat 17 June	11.30am-4.00pm	Regional Meeting at Westmeston Parish Hall - on James Nayler – details on notice board
Fri 23 June	2.30-4.00pm	Meditation and Spiritual Exploration - see page 3
Sun 25 June	After MfW	Celebration of a special birthday. See below
Sun 2 July	9.00am	Preparative Meeting
Mon 3 July	8.30-9.00pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group in Friends' homes
Sat 8 July	Area Meeting at Blue Idol MH	
	10.45am-12.30pm	ABM
	12.30-1.30pm	Elders and Overseers meeting and lunch
	1.45-3.30/4.00pm	Fellowship session with Kim Hope on Outreach
Sun 9 July	12.00 -12.30pm	Spiritual Preparation for YM (1) - see page 4
Sun 9 July	6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Sun 16 July	12.00-12.30pm	Spiritual Preparation for YM (2) - see page 4
Non-Quaker events:		
Sat 10 June	From 9.00am	Walk for Water – start Newlands Corner – see May GV
Fri 16 June	7.30pm	Talk on population and sustainability in MH by Karen Shragg - details on notice board
Sat 17 June	10am-3pm	Event organised by CTD as part of Great Get Together National event commemorating Jo Cox - see page 3.

Fun with Faces and a birthday lunch

I celebrate a special birthday on June 28th and I would love Friends and friends to join me at Meeting, and/or after, on Sunday 25th June for a fun lunch and face painting with a difference!

Explanation: I bravely volunteered to update the 'Who's Who' board in January and have since failed to get it sorted. My idea is for all of us to bring along an up to date photograph and a baby/toddler photograph so that we may enjoy seeing if we can match the two! Plus, our resident, award-winning artist, Alison Carlier, will lead us in a session on portrait drawing as requested by me for my birthday treat. We will endeavour to draw each other and possibly ourselves and generally focus on fun, faces and festive celebrations. We will aim to finish at 3 with a cup of tea and me fainting as I blow out my candles!

Anyone who wishes to attend is cordially invited to bring a plate of food to share and I will provide juices. An idea of numbers will help when buying the pencils and paper so please RSVP to me at sallysunflower2012@gmail.com or 07787 566 212. If you are unable to attend PLEASE still give your photographs to me or email to Colin Brewer on colin.brewer@phonecoop.coop, as that board still needs updating!

Sally Elias

Ideas and meanings

Encouraged by my daughter, I finally got to (a short course) at University – only 65 years later than most! Following up on Bim's thoughts and questions, I decided on Ethical and Political Philosophy; he had asked the question – Why do our personal ethics prove so difficult to put into political action?

The course did not answer. But certainly in the Political Philosophy discussions, I found words, phrases and parables from the New Testament coming into my mind. Even, I began to read Mark with the idea that perhaps Jesus' critics were right – he was indeed a political activist!

This only works up to a point. But I wondered if there are two or three Friends who would like to share their own ideas on Justice as fairness, what do we individually expect of the State, and the meaning of "waging" war.

I hope to hear from you if you could fancy meeting together for a swap of ideas at some convenient time – please do be in touch.

Su Johnston 01306 640327, suj@f2s.com.

The Hustings

The Meeting House was well-filled for the hustings on May 26th, with the screen opened and all seats taken. All 5 candidates attended. The Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates seemed popular with the audience – deservedly so in my personal opinion! The sitting MP, Paul Beresford, however, had a very small number of supporters in the audience – certainly not a reflection of the situation in the Mole Valley constituency.

Naturally I was especially interested in the question I had submitted about climate change, renewable energy and fracking and was very pleased that this was one of the chosen questions. The three popular candidates gave responses I was happy with and were all opposed to fracking. This met with general approval. However, Paul Beresford's promotion of nuclear energy as an alternative was not popular, and his party's support of fracking caused some loud heckling.

The local press had been invited but were unable to attend unfortunately. Churches Together in Dorking who organised the meeting have submitted a report to the local press so it might appear in the Dorking Advertiser.

Anne Brewer

Friends Quarterly (copy available in the MH)

Lesley Hunka and I read the Friends Quarterly to record it for visually impaired people and this requires us to really listen to the content. The May 2017 edition is on eco-theology and has some excellent articles approaching the issue in a thoughtful and provocative way. Laurie Michaelis writes about a Quaker ministry on sustainability from a very personal perspective; Frances Voelcker's theme is 'Recovering Wonder' and Rachel Howell writes about a research study on Quakers and non Quakers - what do you think are the four areas where Quakers were more likely to take action on climate change? - read the article and find out!



Catherine Carr.



The piano

Friends have asked what has happened to our piano. Well, it has gone to a musical family in Sussex where it is much appreciated even by the family dog, as evident from the photo of the piano in its new home!

Rachel Hope

**THE DORKING
GREAT
GET
TOGETHER**

IN HONOUR OF JO COX

'SHARE THE LOVE!'

SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017

**St Martin's Dorking – Churchyard,
Church & Christian Centre**

10am – 3pm

FUN COMMUNITY EVENT

♥ **Bouncy castle** ♥ **Treasure hunt**
♥ **Craft activities & face-painting** ♥

Bring a picnic and enjoy music by the
Going South Jazz Band

Listen or sing along at a
short songs of praise
of different traditions
in church

Organised by
Churches Together in Dorking

Amnesty sale



Thank you to everyone who came along to our plant and cake sale on 21 May. I'm very pleased to say we raised over £500 for the work of Amnesty.

Jan Elias

Meditation and spiritual exploration

The meeting will be on the 4th rather than the 3rd Friday this month – so on the 23rd June. The topic for discussion will be how we deal with difference, with reference to the book by Jonathan Sacks 'The Dignity of Difference'.

Catherine Carr

Recycling Opportunity

Horsham Quakers are working alongside *Sussex greener living campaign* to recycle materials (see list below) to raise funds for Sussex children and wildlife. If Dorking Friends like to give these materials to me I will periodically take them to Horsham (on the bus!) and put them in the relevant bins at Horsham MH. The materials in question are:

- Ball point pens, felt tips, propelling pens, correction fluid, markers and highlighters
- Biscuit wrappers – any non-savoury brand
- Toothpaste tubes and brushes
- Home cleaning products' plastic bottle caps, trigger heads, pumps, cleaning wipe packaging
- Unwanted neck ties!

Anne Brewer

Spiritual Preparation for Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG)

Over the past two Yearly Meetings Quakers have been thinking about living out our faith in the world. We have learned that this requires us to be truthful, to speak truth to power, to act from the right place, and to seek support from like-minded groups in order to build movements that can slowly change the world.



At YMG this year, from 29th July to 5th August, we will consider what action we can take and join, how we can use the tools we already have to elicit change, and how we can support each other (both Quakers and others) in doing so.

Meetings are encouraged to undertake spiritual preparation for the theme of this YMG. Your Elders have therefore arranged two different half hour sessions after Meeting for Worship on 9th and 16th July, using the material provided by Friends House. Do come along if you can, so that you can be supportive of those Friends from our Meeting who are attending YMG.

Anne Brewer and Eleanor Campbell

Are you able to help please?

Elders and Overseers are trying to make sure that all Friends are having their individual needs met, whether it is by providing transport to meeting, visiting if they are unable to go to meeting, doing shopping for them, or by providing a listening ear. Sadly there are a large number of Friends who would benefit from this kind of TLC, and it does take time. Would you be able to share the load of Elders and Overseers a little please, possibly by "adopting" a Friend, or sharing the Friend with one of us? Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to consider this do speak to Anne, Trish, Eleanor or Margaret.

Thank you very much

Reflection from our Elders

Advices and Queries Number 18.

How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome? Seek to know one another in the things which are eternal, bear the burden of each other's failings and pray for one another. As we enter with tender sympathy into the joys and sorrows of each other's lives, ready to give help and to receive it, our meeting can be a channel for God's love and forgiveness.

Please remember that Elders (Anne and Eleanor) and Overseers (Trish and Margaret) are very willing to offer any support they are able to, to members or attenders who feel in need. Also, if you would like prayerful support, contact Anne or Trish to be included on the healing prayer group list. The group holds sessions on the first Monday of each month.