



# THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

## Dorking Quaker Meeting

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### Quakers: Simple, Radical and Contemporary

Events for May – in Meeting House, unless otherwise indicated

**NB:** There is a half hour Meeting for Worship (12.45 – 1.15 PM) **every Wednesday** followed by a simple lunch of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. All are welcome.

Sun 6 May	9 am	Preparative Meeting
Mon 7 May	8.30 – 9 pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group (in Friends' homes)
Sun 13 May	12.30 – 1.45 pm 1.45 – 2.15 pm 2.15 – 3.30 pm	Area Business Meeting (Capel) Lunch (Bring your own) Fellowship session on Mental Health in our Meetings
Sun 13 May	6.30 – 7.30 pm	MfW (Park House, Leatherhead)
Fri 18 May	2.30 – 4 pm	Meditation and Spiritual Enquiry (see page 5)
Sat 19 May	10.30 – 3.30 pm	Regional Meeting (Chichester – see page 3)
Sun 20 May	After MfW	Traidcraft
Sun 20 May	10.30 am	Outdoor Meeting for Worship (see page 6)
Mon 21 May & Wed 23 May	2 pm	Ideas exchange (at Su's – 3 Nower Lodge)
Sun 27 May	12.30 pm	Friendly lunch – all welcome

Fri 4 May to Mon 7 May **Britain Yearly Meeting** in Friends House, Euston Road, London

### A Quiet Garden Afternoon

First Wednesday of each month at the  
 Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House



Our garden and buildings open for quiet time.  
 Drink making facilities and welcomers present.

All welcome the first Wednesday of each month,  
 1pm – 4pm, drop in anytime during the afternoon.



Oldhouse Lane, Coolham, RH13 8QP  
[www.blueidol.org](http://www.blueidol.org)  
[www.quietgarden.org/gardens/blue-idol](http://www.quietgarden.org/gardens/blue-idol)

## 'A SURREY MEMORY'

Why do we walk to Leith Hill and back, each year, one day in April? It may be hot, cold, wet, dry .... Whatever the weather Quakers still take to the hills, but why? This year Martin Hunka related the story behind this annual event (see photo) ....



Peggy Kohler, a member of Dorking Meeting, was working at Friends' House Library in the 1970s when she found an article in the *Friends Quarterly Examiner* from 1909. It had been written by William Nash who remembered his youth in



Chris Kohler and Martin Hunka at the head of the 2018 walk. Photo by Gayle.

Surrey in the 1850s when he and a good friend Edward Bennett used to walk to every Monthly Meeting and enjoyed many rambles through the Surrey countryside. A favourite one was from Capel to the top of Leith Hill. They attended Capel meeting, which was small with only two families – the Sargents and the Dales. One day only Edward and William were present at Meeting – but they decided to keep the Meeting remembering the Query 'Are meetings for worship and discipline kept up?'



Pippa and Thomas almost at the top. Photo by Gayle

In 1977 Peggy and her husband Charles suggested a walk from Capel Meeting House to Leith Hill and back and, as it was a successful and enjoyable day, it was decided to commemorate Edward Bennett and William Nash's favourite ramble annually. The last walk was in 1993, and Peggy died shortly afterwards. She and Charles are buried in Capel Meeting's Burial Ground.

In 2012 the Brewers reinstated the walk, led by Peggy and Charles' son, Chris – and it has continued since. Why not join us next year?



The walkers 2018. Photo by Colin B.

## SHARING GROUP - sharing views on 'God'

Anne writes: Four of us met on April 13 to share our present understanding of the word GOD and the experiences which have led us to this understanding. After a reading we moved into worship-sharing where we each spoke out of the silence when we felt ready. It was enlightening to hear other's spiritual journey to where they are now and helpful to articulate one's own journey. Your Elders hope to arrange another sharing session in due course – perhaps to share understandings of 'prayer' or 'worship'.

## MAY COLLECTION

This is for the work of Britain Yearly Meeting and is proposed by Romy.

## THANK YOU!

Elizabeth writes: A big thank you to Judy - who sorted my laptop out! This meant that May's Grapevine could go to press on time – and a lot less work for everyone!

## SANCTUARY CHURCHES Chichester Saturday 19 May

Dorking Quaker Library has a collection of Pendle Hill pamphlets and one, written by Jim Corbett in 1986, is titled **The Sanctuary Church**. Corbett wrote about the experience of Quakers providing sanctuary for those fleeing the violence in Central America in the 1980s.

He began guiding refugees through the U.S.-Mexican border and creating a refuge and relay network similar to the Underground Railroad. ...are we ready to do the same in 2018?

Romy writes: Meeting for Sufferings in December 2017 adopted the **Sanctuary Everywhere** Manifesto saying 'we have seen ... that the Government's creation of a hostile environment is increasingly embedding policies of discrimination into the practices of the British State. Quakers in Britain are committed to working with others to change this, creating a culture of compassion and welcoming hospitality that answers that of 'God in every person'

BYM's **Sanctuary Everywhere** programme provides funding, guidance and political advocacy to a network of Quaker local meetings who pledge to create a culture of welcome in their communities.

Come and hear more about Sanctuary Meetings and Refugee Support at Chichester FMH, Saturday May 19, 10.30-3.30. Bring and share lunch.

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**19 MAY 2018**

The Clerk and Arrangements Committee of Sussex & Surrey Regional Meeting invite you to join them to hear about local initiatives, and to examine the issues which hold us back from being more effective in welcoming refugees and asylum seekers to our areas

**CHICHESTER FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE  
SATURDAY 19 MAY  
REGIONAL MEETING**

**10.30 AM - 3.30 PM  
BRING & SHARE LUNCH  
PRIORITY ROAD, PO19 1NX  
PRESENTATIONS FROM .....**

**"SANCTUARY IN CHICHESTER"  
&  
"FRIENDS WITHOUT BORDERS"  
&  
"WORTHING 4 REFUGEES"  
&  
"REFUGEES AT HOME"  
&  
BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING REPRESENTATIVE**

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM: [DORKINGQUAKERS.ASAPAC.COM](http://DORKINGQUAKERS.ASAPAC.COM)

Elizabeth writes: I went to an interesting exhibition at Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft about the German graphic designer Elizabeth Friedlander. You may not have heard of her, but you will be familiar with her work – she designed the old heading for the *Times* Newspaper, many covers for Penguin books and exquisite borders for music books in the 1950s. I was interested to see that as a Jewish woman she was helped to safety by the Society of Friends and -was able to enter England on a 'Domestic Service' visa – and there is a letter on display from Friends House welcoming her to the UK.

Please remember to offer Rachel Hope any assistance you can for the Heritage weekend in September, which will be about Friends contribution to the Kindertransport.

**'We are the people above all others who must stand in the gap'  
William Penn**

### FACEBOOK

Please remember to send Tara items of interest for our Facebook page:

[dorkingfriends@gmail.com](mailto:dorkingfriends@gmail.com)

## THE PERFECT TEAM

Colin Hope writes: How times change! When we first came to Dorking Meeting over forty years ago there were four Elders and six Overseers. Each of these groups worked diligently and separately to ensure that they carried out all of the tasks that came under their respective terms of reference. (*These are currently set out in Section 12 of Quaker Faith and Practice*). Today, however, we have only two Elders and two Overseers. As each of these is only a small group, the Meeting has asked Elders and Overseers to work together as far as possible so, effectively, they are working as a team, and we can be very grateful for all that they are doing. So how is this team made up?

Tara Craig (Overseer)

Eleanor Campbell (Elder)

Anne Brewer (Elder)

Margaret Lawson (Overseer)

What a co-incidence – their initials mean that our Elders and Overseers surely form a perfect **TEAM!**

## DID YOU SEE: QUAKERS IN THE NEWS!

- Congratulations to Horsham Repair Café, which was shortlisted for one of the Green Heart Hero Awards. It was reported in *the Friend* in April that Horsham Resident Friend, Helen Whittington, introduced a monthly refill facility at Horsham Meeting House several years ago – saving thousands of plastic bottles from landfill. Sussex Green Living, in 2017, considered the Meeting House an excellent location for the Repair Café and Horsham Meeting agreed that the project would fit in well with the Canterbury commitment.

The project was nominated by the local MP Jeremy Quinn in the ‘Community Inspiration’ category in recognition of ‘*work to encourage people to upcycle or repair items, thus conserving resources and reducing waste*’.

- **The Guardian** recently published a short article about a group of young Quakers in Nottingham who recorded their meeting as a podcast - **The Silence Special**. It is a recording of a 30 minute silent meeting in Nottingham Meeting House with only the sound of a clock ticking and pages turning – and the rain outside. The group publish a monthly podcast and wanted to ‘*share a small oasis of calm, and a way to provide a moment of stillness, for people on the move*’ as well as giving people an opportunity to find out more about Quakerism. (**Guardian**, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018) (Also reported in *the Friend*, 27<sup>th</sup> April).
- **The Guardian** Letters Page, the following day, published two separate letters from Quakers! One was from Alison Leonard (Hebden Bridge) who often writes for *the Friend*, and the second was from Philip and Margaret Baker from Welwyn Garden City. They wrote about truth - and quoted part of Advice and Queries No. 17:

**Do not allow the strength of your convictions to betray you into making statements and allegations that are unfair or untrue. Think it possible that you may be mistaken.**

## PLASTICS

Friends may have read that the plastic wrapping covering *The Friend* is now recyclable – send it to Polyprint, Earl Road, Rackheath Industrial Estate, Norwich NR13 6NT. (See <http://www.polyprint.co.uk/recycling/> for the many other forms of plastic Polyprint will recycle for you.) Anne is happy to collect *The Friend* wrappers and send them back in bulk – so, if you wish, you can bring them to Meeting and give them to Anne.

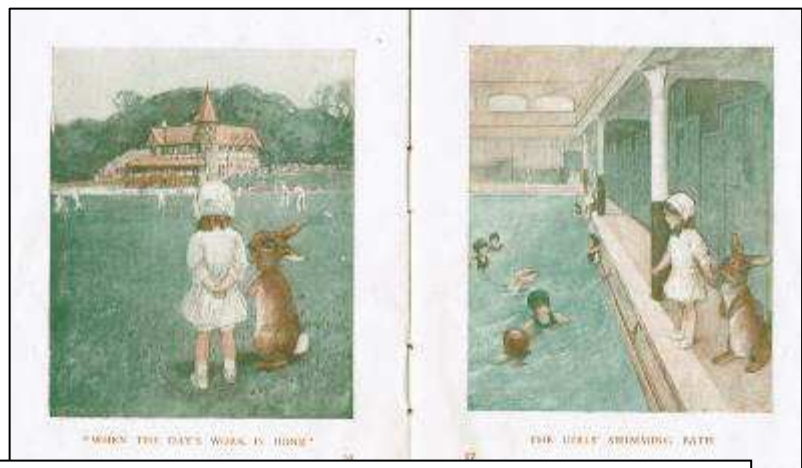
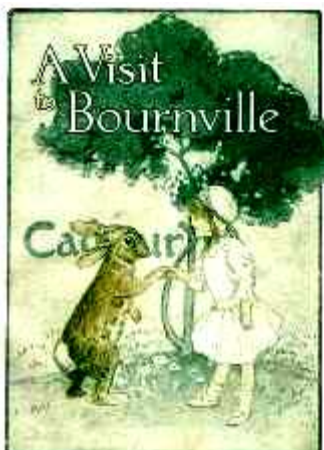
The children have been working to protect their world and their future by writing letters to all the supermarkets in Dorking asking them to stop providing single use plastic bags ... these will all be hand delivered by the children one Sunday. But you can also write ... and consider writing not just to Dorking supermarkets, but to the Head Office. And please bring any replies you receive to share with the Meeting.

## MEDITATION and SPIRITUAL ENQUIRY

*Catherine writes:* The Meditation and Spiritual Enquiry Group have found listening to a recording of a speaker is a good way to stimulate thinking and discussion. In April we listened to Laurence Freeman. We have also been experimenting with different methods of breathing meditations. In April we celebrated wonderful weather with meditation in the Meeting House garden.

## ETHICAL BUSINESS: THE MESSAGE LIVES ON

A great-great-great-grandson of John Cadbury (founder of the original Cadbury factory in Birmingham) has started his own chocolate company – **Love Cocoa**. James Cadbury was influenced by the ethics of the original company - ‘he did some amazing things, such as being the first employer to give employees weekends off and building Bournville village to house his workers’ – and James hopes that he can meet those standards. He aims to source the cocoa responsibly, guaranteeing an above Fairtrade price, and will be donating 10 percent of profits to a rainforest charity fighting against deforestation for palm oil. James is also developing plant-based recipes and is launching a few cocoa bars which contain no sugar – he is aware that consumers want a healthier product. When John Cadbury started his business he wanted to make chocolate that was pure and honest – other manufacturers apparently put brick dust into their products! Writing in **Vegetarian Living** James hopes ‘that the original Cadbury entrepreneur would be proud of what his descendent has achieved with **Love Cocoa**’.



Illustrations from a very old children's guide book to Bournville produced by Cadburys.

## OUTDOOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Kosman Sanctuary, Spinney Cottage, Walton Manor, Walton on the Hill KT20 7SA,  
Sunday May 20

[www.kosmonsanctuary.org](http://www.kosmonsanctuary.org)

*Anne writes:* Our Friend Judy is a Trustee of the Kosmon Sanctuary, and she has kindly arranged for us to hold an outdoor Meeting for Worship in the woods there on Sunday, 20 May. The Meeting will start at the usual time of 10.30 am, and perhaps end after 30 or 45 minutes if that feels right. Hopefully, the wonderful display of bluebells in the woods will still be around to delight us! Also, if Friends wish, they can make use of the two labyrinths there for meditative walking. There are facilities for making tea/coffee after meeting and a comfortable lounge area for those who wish to sit indoors. There will be activities for the children using the custom-made children's clearing in the woods, and three families are already planning to be there.

We will need to organize transport for those without cars, so it would be useful to know who intends coming. However, Colin and I have visited the Sanctuary on our bikes and hope to cycle there again on the 20<sup>th</sup>, if the weather is kind! So that is an option for the energetic or those who have electric bikes! If it is raining we will hold the Meeting in the hall inside. Local villagers will be invited to join us if they wish. The outing is unfortunately on the same Sunday as a Traidcraft stall at Meeting, but Trish or Frances P. have kindly offered to take orders and do your shopping for you!

*Elizabeth writes:* As a local villager I am so pleased to be able to welcome you to Walton on the Hill. If you are driving here please be aware that it can take up to 30 minutes from Dorking as it is a popular biking and horse riding route! Go up Pebble Hill from the A25 and after the bridge over the M25 take the first turning on the left – Chequers Lane. This will take you into the village. Just before the church there is a garage next to a small village green – the entrance is immediately opposite on the left, just beyond the long wall and the bus stop. There will be someone there to guide you!

View just before entrance to Kosmon Sanctuary ...



if approaching from Chequers Lane/Dorking      or from Dean Lane/Tadworth

Afterwards, if you want to stay longer, there is a popular café by the village pond, you can feed the ducks or perhaps walk in the surrounding woods. ..