



# THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

## Dorking Quaker Meeting

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### Quakers: Simple, Radical and Contemporary

Events for April – 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.

Mon 1 April	8.30 – 9 pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group (in Friends' homes)
Sun 7 April	12 noon	Enquirers' Question Time (see page 2)
Fri 12 April	12 – 1.15 pm	Lent Lunch hosted by Dorking Meeting
Sun 14 April	6.30 – 7.30 pm	MfW (Park House, Leatherhead)
Fri 26 April	2.30 – 4 pm	Meditation and Spiritual Exploration
Sat 27 April	2 – 4 pm	Workshop at the Blue Idol (see page 2)
Sun 28 April	12.30 pm	Friendly lunch – all welcome
Sun 28 April	Starts 1.20pm	Leith Hill Walk (see page 2)
Sun 5 May	9 am	Prep Meeting
Mon 6 May	8.30 – 9 pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group (in Friends' homes)
Sun 12 May	tbc	Area Meeting – Capel



**APRIL'S COLLECTION** is for *Quaker Social Action*  
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## ENQUIRERS' QUESTION TIME

Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> after Meeting for Worship

We will be sharing our responses to Chapter 2 of Quaker Faith & Practice – *Approaches to God - Worship and Prayer*. Anyone is very welcome to join in.

## LEITH HILL WALK Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>



This annual walk will leave from Capel Meeting at around 1.20 pm. Friends are welcome to join Capel Meeting for worship at 11 am. Please bring your own picnic lunch, but there will be tea and cakes after the walk. You can walk there and back – 8 miles – or just do one way – lifts back will be available!

This year, before we set off, we will again be entertained

On the walk in 2018. Photo by Colin Brewer

by Martin Hunka with a wild and spring-like story!

## APPEAL FROM DORKING STREET PASTORS

### Urgent Appeal

Paul Gough as chair of Dorking Street Pastors has sent the following report on activity of the Street Pastors in Dorking, and asks all churches to advertise the need for men to join the team. If anyone wants further details please contact [lindadorking@aol.com](mailto:lindadorking@aol.com)

### Brief report

Currently we have 9 active street pastors of which only 2 are men, and we patrol one Friday night a month. Meeting at 10:30pm and staying out as long as is required (usually 1:30ish). The evenings can be quite varied, from looking out for a rough sleeper to helping those who have been injured and assisting people on finding a way home. Sometimes people are willing to talk to us but other evenings are very quiet.

We used to patrol twice a month but things got very quiet and some previous pastors have stepped down making the pool of volunteers smaller. We are trying to maintain a presence in town in view of possible changes that may occur with Weatherspoons coming to St. Martins Walk. We continue to appreciate the prayer support from the team of Prayer Pastors.

## BLUE IDOL WORKSHOP

Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> Workshop: A Simple Approach to Life, 2 – 4pm

The first of the series of workshops at the Blue Idol based on the Quaker testimonies. The event is free, please book to reserve your space. Find further information and book on their website: [www.blueidol.org](http://www.blueidol.org).

## URGENT APPEAL FOR A YOUNG FRIENDS EVENTS COORDINATOR



As most of you will know Trish, our current YFs events Coordinator (or 'CYP Advocate' as they are officially called), is moving to Wales. Trish has done this important job diligently for several years and will be greatly missed. We need someone interested in the well-being of our Young Friends to take this job on – Trish is very willing to give help and encouragement to anyone taking on the role. Senior Conference, Summer Gathering and YFs events at YM this year are sorted and the next major event needing the Coordinator's input will be Junior Yearly Meeting 2020 – preparation for this starts in September this year.

So if you are interested in encouraging our Young Friends to take part in these excellent events PLEASE get in touch, either with me – and I will pass it on to the relevant Nominations Committee - or with Roger Baker or Catherine Carr directly. It is an AM appointment.

Anne Brewer

### Notes from AREA MEETING SESSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

We began the session with an overview of the current UK and Quakers in Britain view on climate change, referencing the IPCC report ([www.ipcc.ch/sr15/](http://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/)), the Climate Change Act 2008 ([www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2008/27/contents)) and Britain Yearly Meetings commitment to climate justice.

Next we watched a video made by Friends World Committee for Consultation: [vimeo.com/295976247](https://vimeo.com/295976247).

We then broke into groups to answer the following questions, taken from the video:

- How is climate change impacting on your daily life?
- How does your Quaker faith inspire you to take action on climate change?
- Where do you find joy in your sustainability journey?
- What is your wish for change for our Quaker community?

There was some good discussion in these small groups, and notes written down on big pieces of paper. Everyone had the opportunity to consider two questions. Finally, we reassembled as a larger group, to give feedback on the answers that were produced for each question. We also shared some discussion and resources with each other.

Sally and Eva Wrenwood (facilitators for the session)

(Contact Anne on 01306 500187 or [anne.brewer43@gmail.com](mailto:anne.brewer43@gmail.com) if you would like to see the answers that were given to the questions.)



## Our Young Friends' concern about oil drilling and earthquakes

On Sunday March 10 the children's session had a discussion about earthquakes and oil drilling, and decided to write to the Government and send them some pictures about the recent earthquake felt in Dorking. They sent the following letter to Michael Gove, as Secretary of State for the Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, and a similar one to Claire Perry as Minister of State for Energy and Clean Growth, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. They enclosed some of their pictures with each letter.

Dear Michael Gove MP,

We are the children from the Quaker meeting house in Dorking and we have been affected massively by the recent earthquakes near Horse Hill. We are concerned that oil drilling is making earthquakes *much more likely* 😞.

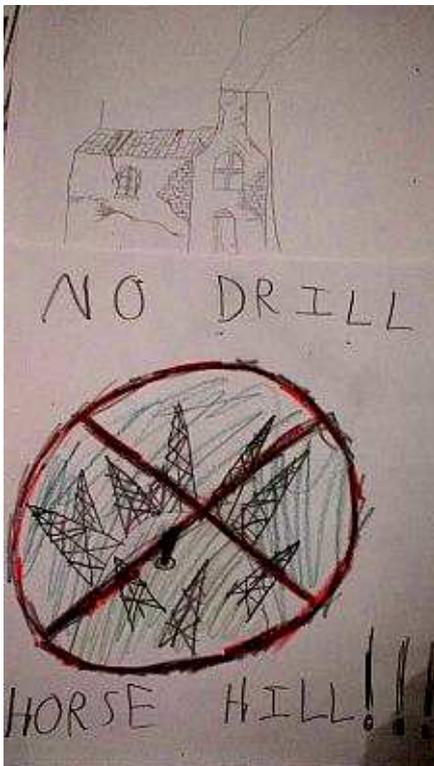
Please can you try your best to stop the oil drilling and make sure there aren't any earthquakes if the oil drillers continue at Horse Hill. Some of our families experienced the earthquakes in the night on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Here are our pictures of the earthquakes (enclosed).

Yours sincerely,

The children of Dorking Quaker Meeting:

Louis, Rowan, Ewan, Joe, Samuel, Christopher, Thomas



(The children did several drawings and 2 of them are included here)

### APRIL'S GREEN TIP

#### Turn off your red lights

The average household spends around £30 a year on powering appliances left on standby mode – and that's simply wasting a lot of our hard won electricity. If you're not using the TV or games console, turn it off at the plug!