



THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

Dorking Quaker Meeting

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QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

Vision without action is merely daydreaming, action without vision is just passing the time of day; but combine action with vision and you can change the world. Nelson Mandela.

OPENING THE MEETING HOUSE

The following outlines the plan for opening the Meeting House (MH) for Meeting for Worship. **The date this will happen is dependent on when our risk assessment can be accepted by the Trustees.**

If all goes well the MH will open on SUNDAY 5 JULY from 10.15 am with Meeting for Worship 10.30 to 11.30. You will receive confirmation from the Clerk before this date.

There will be limited seating due to essential social distancing, so if you plan to attend you need to inform the Clerk, Colin Hope, by telephone 01372 454363 or email dorkingquakers@gmail.com. The required 2 metre spacing gives room for 3 families and about 22 adults.

The Meeting for Worship will take place in both the main meeting room and the small meeting room with the screen open, and there will be three benches in the small meeting room allocated to family groups. After 15 minutes the children will go to the Quiet Room which has been cleared for their use. All four toilets will be available to use, and have sanitisers, soap, paper towels etc. Everyone can use the garden and there will be seating in the back garden for those who wish to join meeting for worship but stay out of doors.

There are several things you need to be aware of:

- **Please use the hand sanitisers available at the entrances.**
- Bring your own copies of QF&P, Bible etc if you feel the need
- Bring your own water, flask of coffee/tea and mug
- Wearing of face masks is optional. Some masks will be available in the MH for Friends to use.
- Sit in the large or small halls as directed by the Friends who will welcome you outside the MH entrances.
- Outer doors and all windows will be open, to provide good ventilation, helped by the open screen – walking under the screen is not recommended and a tape will prevent this.
- **Remember to social distance – 2 metres indoors and 1 metre outside - and avoid hand-shaking etc!**

A zoom online meeting for worship will be on offer on July 5th for those unable to attend the MH. Friends are looking into the possibility of a blended meeting, which would enable those meeting on zoom to join in the meeting for worship in the MH. If this proves possible Friends will be informed beforehand.

If the MH can open on Sunday 5 July then it will also open for WEDNESDAY 8 JULY from 12.30 with Meeting for Worship 12.45 to 1.15, subject to AM Trustees' agreement.

Please note points listed for Sunday but as there will be no Friend on steward duty you will need to let yourselves in through the garden door using the code - text Colin B on 07790 417581 if you need reminding of the code. The first person to arrive will need to open all the windows and doors to provide high levels of ventilation, unless of course you plan to meet in the garden! **Bring your own drinks and picnic lunch.**

DIARY OF OTHER EVENTS

Monday 6 July 8.30 to 9.00 pm Upholding prayer session for those in need
 Saturday 11 July 2.00 to 4.00 pm Online Area Business Meeting – see page 3
 Sunday 19 July Enquirer’s meeting – time and location to be confirmed nearer the date.

Study session: Catherine Carr will be arranging a Zoom study session on "What Can we do? Talking about Racism and Racial Discrimination" in the near future. Details will be circulated when finalised.

For the time being the following online meetings will continue on zoom:

Sunday Adults Meeting for Worship 10.30 to 11.30 am Contact anne.brewer43@gmail.com
 Sunday MfW for parents 9.00 to 9.45 pm or Sarah Freeman azdak@runbox.com
 Sunday Children’s Meeting 10.30 to 11.30 am Contact alison.carlier@icloud.com

The Meditation and Spiritual Reflection Group will continue to meet weekly via Zoom for the next month.

CHARITY COLLECTION FOR JULY/AUGUST

From their fund-raising leaflet – see also <http://qva.org.uk/>:

Dear Friends, could you consider supporting the work of Quaker Voluntary Action? Our funds are used to:

- Support our working Retreats
- Employ a worker to coordinate our activities
- Offer bursary help to enable Friends on lower incomes to take part - an area for which we especially need funds.

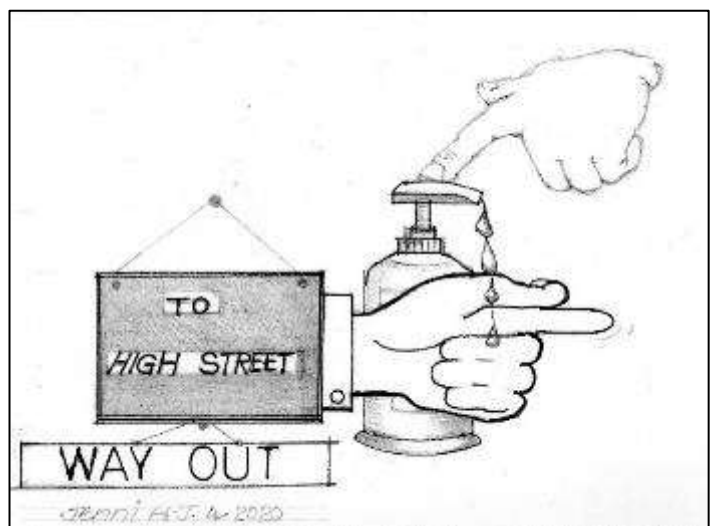
We offer opportunities for volunteering in the UK and abroad, combining practical work with learning and reflection, and witnessing to our sustainability and peace testimonies. In recent years we have held working retreats at various UK Quaker venues including Swarthmoor Hall, The Pales and Bamford Quaker Community. We have led sustainability study tours in Slovenia and Germany. For many years we have held a retreat in Israel and Palestine, linked to the Friends Meeting House in Ramallah, to give practical help with the olive harvest while meeting people of all backgrounds and perspectives. Next year we will be taking working retreat groups to Calais to support asylum seekers.



Please send donations and/or a standing order mandate to: Quaker Voluntary Action, 15 Hollyway, Northenden, Manchester M22 4WS. Please make cheques payable to Quaker Voluntary Action. For bank transfers our account number is 03269501 Sort Code: 16-58-10

Frances Harber

Two relevant-to-the-moment cartoons from our Friend Jenni Hope-Jones!



MEETING HOUSE GARDEN (AND PREMISES) NOTES



It has been a very dry spring for all our gardens, lawns have become parched and grown very slowly, but the flowers have prospered. The Meeting House garden is no different... but it has been well used by several families with young children. They have enjoyed playing in the safe and attractive surroundings and expressed their thankfulness that the garden is not locked up and is welcoming.

While there is not much material change in the garden, work has been going on in and around the

Meeting House. The handrail beside the front steps has been repaired and all the railings have been painted. The window frames, doors, gates, entrance pillars and exposed timbers have also been painted and the burial ground grid markers on the rear outside wall have

been freshened up. No colour cards were available to guide us with the colour of the front doors, so they have been painted white. The decorator is standing by to repaint them if a discussion of the matter at PM discerns a wish to change the colour.



The small portion of remaining windowsill at the back of the building has been removed and the slot above (the likely cause of damp in the Meeting Room) will be filled with matching Dorking Red bricks. The damp patch in the Meeting room has been re-plastered and the floors of the Lobby, Quiet Room and Small

Meeting Room have been cleaned and recoated.

Ivy was removed from the South boundary wall revealing serious instability which posed a threat of collapse. We quickly erected a barrier to protect the path beside the Cottage and were advised to call in a structural engineer. We have now been advised as to what is required.

As the lockdown slowly loosens, we will be able to get back into the garden and continue to work with Mike, the gardener, to maintain our lovely open space.

Geoff Squire

AREA BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday 11 July using ZOOM



Unfortunately, not accessible to those without computers but in the circumstances the best we can do! Area Business Meeting will be held as a zoom meeting on Saturday July 11th starting at 2pm, hosted by Dorking Meeting's Zoom account. The link will be circulated nearer the date.

The agenda will include membership, Trustees' report, Capel and Blue Idol LM annual reports and probably reports from LMs on how they are managing opening up their Meeting Houses as lockdown ends.

FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MEETING

Dorking Children meet every Sunday on Zoom. On Sunday 31 May they put together a banner they have all contributed to and it now hangs over the Meeting House wall facing Waitrose. They wrote a poem to go with it inspired by Emily Dickinson's words: 'Hope is the thing with feathers – That perches in the soul – And sings the tune without the words – And never stops – at all'. Those who take the Friend will no doubt have been proud to see these offerings in the 26 June issue, on page 16.

Hope Heals

Hope is a thing with feathers
 Hope is trusting and believing
 Hope is something that someone feels
 Hope is thinking of sunshine when it's a cold winter's day and raining
 Hope is what makes us human
 Hope is a light
 Hope is being determined and happy to do something
 Hope is the light at the end of the tunnel
 Hope is a House-martin in acrobatic flight
 Hope flows with all that stands for good
 Hope is there
 Hope is fuzzy ball of 'may get better' after something bad happens
 Hope is love
 Hope is all
 Hope is relaxing, being calm and accepting
 And hope heals



On Sunday 28 June we talked about Refugee Week. We watched this video <https://vimeo.com/418420320> talked about what we would take with us if we had leave our homes and made a whiteboard welcoming picture for refugees and visitors in as many languages as we could think of, which we would love to print and put somewhere in Dorking!

