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**Quote for the month** is from *Costing not less than everything: Sustainability and spirituality in challenging times* by Pam Lunn (Swarthmore Lecture 2011).

*History has presented us with a choice: we have a planetary emergency and we therefore need the generations who are alive now to have a true sense of mission, of leading, of concern in the Quaker sense. Earlier generations worked against slavery, for instance, or for democracy; this matter is our work to do. We, who are alive now, are truly powerful – it is our moment now. We have the knowledge and we have the technology, and after us it is too late. Can we find joy and gratitude for the challenge that faces us?*

### Dates for your Diary

<b>Midweek Meeting</b> 12.45-1.15pm	<b>Every Wednesday</b> , followed by simple lunch
Saturday 14 July 10.30am	<b>Area Meeting</b> at Blue Idol
Sunday 15 July 12 noon	<b>Creative Listening</b> at Meeting House
Friday 20 July 7.30pm	<b>Meditation Meeting</b> at Meeting House
Saturday 21 July 10.00-5.00pm	<b>Area Meeting Learning Day</b> with Quaker Life at Claridge House (see details page 4)
Friday 3 August 7.00pm	<b>Study Group</b> with meal and speaker at Meeting House
Sunday 12 August 6.30pm	<b>Meeting for Worship</b> at Park House, Leatherhead
Sunday 26 August 1.00-5.00pm	<b>Leith Hill Walk</b> starting Capel MH (details page 4)
Sunday 2 September 9.00am	<b>Preparative Meeting</b> at Meeting House
Friday 7 September 7.30pm	<b>Study Group</b> at Meeting House
Saturday 8 September 10.30am	<b>Area Meeting</b> at Capel
Sunday 9 September 6.30pm	<b>Meeting for Worship</b> at Park House, Leatherhead
Friday 21 September 7.30pm	<b>Meditation Meeting</b> at Meeting House
Saturday 22 September 11.15am	<b>Regional Meeting</b> at Brighton FMH

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### Notes from Preparative Meeting

#### Collections:

The June collection for Quaker Bolivia Link raised £45.

The July Collection is for the Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA). The August collection is for Dorking Meeting funds to help pay for the National Quaker week programme, and the September collection is for Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC).

Advices and Queries read in June: At Dorking, Nos. 8 & 30. At Leatherhead, No. 28.

The Nominations Committee's Terms of Reference need to be changed to show that in future years there will be three instead of six members, plus the L.M. Clerk *ex officio*. We agree the revised Terms of Reference.

New Terms of Reference have been prepared for Children's Committee, to update those produced in 2004. These were agreed subject to minor amendments.

Catherine Carr, on behalf of our Outreach Committee, has told us of the Churches Together plans for the Torch Relay on 20 July and the two cycle road races on 28 and 29 July. The Committee has suggested we join these efforts. It will be difficult for many Friends to reach Dorking because of road closures, so we agree that we should join other groups rather than have a separate Quaker stand. There will be a rota to enable Friends to offer hourly slots for this task

It has been suggested that our Meeting should join the Living Witness Project, and we were told that a member of the Meeting has offered to pay the subscription for one year. We will join for one year, accepting the kind offer to pay this subscription, and review it again in 12 months.

We had a long and useful discussion about charities collections, the drop-off in contributions to our collections and how to collect money for local meeting funds. Appeal leaflets are being collected by our Clerk, but no one is responding to these as many have their own chosen charities to which they contribute. We agreed that in future the Clerk will dispose of all appeal leaflets when they are received unless, exceptionally, he/she feels that one should be brought to the attention of our Meeting.

The appeal collections are dropping significantly, and we thought it a good idea to encourage one Friend to speak on behalf of each of these on one Sunday of the month. We will also consider having one main charity to support during 2013 instead of twelve separate ones. We are aware, of course, that Wednesday Meeting makes significant charity donations throughout the year.

Local meeting funds are difficult to collect at the coffee and tea hatch, and it was decided no longer to use a bowl for this collection. We are considering having a permanent collection box for our own Meeting funds if this can be done in a secure way.

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## Invitation from Playgroup

Members of the Meeting will be very welcome to attend the end-of-term 'graduation' ceremony of the Butterhill Playgroup in the Meeting House on **Friday July 20<sup>th</sup> at around 11.00am.**

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## Olympic Torch and Cycle Race

**Quaker involvement** in the Churches Together in Dorking response – contact Lois Lodge if you are able to take part as a volunteer. See details below.

### Torch relay Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>

There will be a Prayer Service at St. Martin's from 2.30–3.15pm. The Torch comes through, starting at 4.10pm. Churches Together plan to have four water stations on the day, staffed by at least three people at each station. The stations will be at Astronomia, Dorking Stationers, Millets, and by Barclays in the entrance to St. Martin's. This will be a chance to see how the stations operate and learn lessons for the Olympic Cycle race days.

### Olympic Cycle Race July 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>

Church Centres – there will be three church centres open from 7.00am–2.00pm each day: St. Martin's, Crossways, and United Reformed.

From 7.00–9.00am volunteers will distribute drinks to stewards.

From 9.00am–2.00pm volunteers will provide drinks, run a water station, look after the toilets and give a general welcome to people.

In addition there will be water stations in suitable locations around the town, each manned by volunteers.

The Outreach Committee intend to coordinate Quaker volunteers (in much the same way as is done for Disaster Appeals).

### Church Services

Flyers notifying the times of church services will be placed in Hotels, B&Bs, and Camp Sites. Several churches are having services in the late afternoon/early evening.



## The Kabarak Call for Peace and Ecojustice

**This statement, approved on 24 April at the Sixth World Conference of Friends, is the culmination of the FWCC World Consultation on Global Change held in 2010 and 2011.**



In past times God's Creation restored itself. Now humanity dominates, our growing population consuming more resources than nature can replace. We must change, we must become careful stewards of all life. Earthcare unites traditional Quaker testimonies: peace, equality, simplicity, love, integrity, and justice. Jesus said, "As you have done unto the least... you have done unto me".

We are called to work for the peaceable Kingdom of God on the whole earth, in right sharing with all peoples. However few our numbers, we are called to be the salt that flavours and preserves, to be a light in the darkness of greed and destruction.

We have heard of the disappearing snows of Kilimanjaro and glaciers of Bolivia, from which come life-giving waters. We have heard appeals from peoples of the Arctic, Asia and Pacific. We have heard of forests cut down, seasons disrupted, wildlife dying, of land hunger in Africa, of new diseases, droughts, floods, fires, famine and desperate migrations – this climatic chaos is now worsening. There are wars and rumours of war, job loss, inequality and violence. We fear our neighbours. We waste our children's heritage. All of these are driven by our dominant economic systems – by greed not need, by worship of the market, by Mammon and Caesar. Is this how Jesus showed us to live?

- We are called to see what love can do: to love our neighbours as ourselves, to aid the widow and orphan, to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, to appeal to consciences and bind the wounds.
- We are called to teach our children right relationship, to live in harmony with each other and all living beings in the earth, waters and sky of our Creator, who asks, "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the world?" (Job 38:4)
- We are called to do justice to all and walk humbly with our God, to cooperate lovingly with all who share our hopes for the future of the earth.
- We are called to be patterns and examples in a 21st century campaign for peace and ecojustice, as difficult and decisive as the 18th and 19th century drive to abolish slavery. We dedicate ourselves to let the living waters flow through us – where we live, regionally, and in wider world fellowship. We dedicate ourselves to building the peace that passeth all understanding, to the repair of the world, opening our lives to the Light to guide us in each small step.

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### Thoughts from the green garden picnic relating to the above



Friends enjoying the welcome sunshine on June 24 had an interesting discussion on the global economy. This extract from a press release of the United Nations Environment Programme has a promising approach to this vexing topic:

*The transformation to a greener economy could generate 15 to 60 million additional jobs globally over the next two decades and lift tens of millions of workers out of poverty, according to a new report led by the Green Jobs Initiative. ... these gains will depend on whether the right set of policies are put in place. "The current development model has proven to be inefficient and unsustainable, not only for the environment, but for economies and societies as well", said ILO Director-General. "We urgently need to move to a sustainable development path with a coherent set of policies with people and the planet at the centre".*

Ask me if you would like a copy of the whole article - Anne Brewer

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### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of events on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Thanks go to those who gave out invitations, baked cakes, or took RefuTea at the Christian Centre that morning. £85 was raised for the Refugee Council. Thanks also to people who brought donations of men's clothes, and to those who sifted and sorted them, and to Roger Baker for driving away with a car-load to deliver to the Gatwick Detainees Welfare Group.

Lois Lodge

## Capel-Leith Hill-Capel Walk Sunday 26 August (2012)

*"It was a bright spring day in 1851. The birds were singing in the hedgerows and copses, the cuckoos calling from tree to tree, and the doves cooing and the breeze sighing in the pine-woods, as higher and higher we scrambled until we reached the summit of Leith Hill...." Edward Bennett*

In 1978 Charles Kohler led an 8-mile walk from Capel Meeting House to the top of Leith Hill and back to commemorate Edward Trusted Bennett (1831-1908). Bennett, a Quaker, was a farm pupil near Capel and as a young man regularly walked to the top of Leith Hill and walked to every Monthly Meeting....

Charles and Peggy Kohler organised 16 of these annual walks. Did you go on some of them? This year is planned. Come on 26 August. Children and well-behaved dogs welcome.

Meeting for worship at Capel 11 o'clock, a shared lunch (bring food please) at 12 o'clock, and the walk starts at 1 o'clock. Back for tea and cakes at Capel Meeting House from around 5 to 6 o'clock. We'll organise car lifts back from Leith Hill for those who don't wish to walk both ways.

See photos of the previous walks - will you recognise yourself? Learn about the history of the walk. See you there.

Chris Kohler

## Area Meeting Learning Day - July 21<sup>st</sup> at Claridge House

facilitated by two members of the Quaker Life Network

This day for members and attenders will help us explore our relationships - within Area Meeting, with each other, with our buildings, with the charity commissioners and with God. A chance to share our feelings and concerns about our Quaker Society. The programme for the day is as follows:

**9.45-10.00am Claridge House quiet time.**

**10-10.30am Arrivals for coffee; 10.30am-1.00pm Introductions, expectations and first session.**

**1.00-2.00pm Lunch (bring your own), coffee provided.**

**2.00pm second session; 3.30-4.00pm tea and cake; 4.00pm summing up.**

**4.45-5.00pm House quiet time (and us).**

**5.00pm departure.**

If you want to stay overnight Friday and/or Sat, please contact the manager, David Huxley, on 01342 832150 or [welcome@claridgehousequaker.org.uk](mailto:welcome@claridgehousequaker.org.uk).



Charles Kohler tells a tale before the last Leith Hill walk in 1993

### Reflections ...

The Olympic and Paralympics will soon be upon us. Pink direction signs for the Olympic venues went up on the Underground this week. The Olympic Rings have been hoisted on to Tower Bridge. The participants have been chosen and are moving into their final training camps. Thousands of volunteers, the "Games Makers" are trained and have their uniforms.

On 28th and 29th the Cycle Marathon Races will be pounding and peddling through Dorking High Street on their way to climb Box Hill. The London Olympics will be a high spot in the lives of many of the inevitably young participants.

What do you feel about the Olympics and Paralympics: an opportunity to see some world-class sportsmen and women in action, in the flesh, perhaps? A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity? I do hope that we all find a joy in these Games from the exhilaration of the sport or perhaps just from the Games going off peacefully, an example, hopefully, of international friendship and bonding in these challenging times.

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