



THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

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Events for September – 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.

Sat 8 Sept	11 am – 4 pm	Crafts in the Garden (<i>Blue Idol</i>) - see page 2
Sun 9 Sept	6.30 – 7.30 pm	MfW (<i>Park House, Leatherhead</i>)
Sat 15 Sept	10.30 am	Area Meeting – <i>Reigate MH</i> - see page 2
Sat 15 Sept	10.30 – 4 pm	Heritage Day – Meeting House open
Fri 21 Sept	2.30 – 4 pm	Meditation and Spiritual Exploration
Fri 21 Sept		International Day of Peace
Sat 22 Sept	7.30pm	Play 'Pericles – All At Sea' (<i>Horsham MH</i>)
Sun 23 Sept	12.30 pm	Friendly lunch – all welcome
Sun 30 Sept	12 - 12.45 pm	Discussion on Discernment – see page 4
Mon 1 Oct	8.30 – 9 pm	Upholding Prayer Group (<i>in Friends' homes</i>)
Sun 7 Oct	10.30 – 11.30 am	Bring a friend to Friends – see page 2

Quaker week: 29 September – 7 October 2018



HERITAGE DAY Saturday 15 September 2018

Help is still needed for this day ... There are two shifts: 10.30 to 1, and 1 to 4. Please contact Rachel to offer your support for this initiative:

rachelhope45@aol.com

(or donate a packet of biscuits – there is a box in the information centre)

Thank you!

BLUE IDOL EVENT

Arts and Crafts in the Garden
Saturday 8 September, 11am – 4pm
Blue Idol Quaker Meeting House

Bring any art or craft to work on and enjoy a creative community day in our beautiful and peaceful garden.

All welcome. Drinks provided. Bring lunch to share and perhaps a garden chair.



Free entry, donations welcome. Blue Idol Meeting House, Oldhouse Lane, Coolham, RH13 8QP Contact for further directions if needed www.blueidol.org & 01403 740174

BRING A FRIEND TO FRIENDS Sunday 7 October

As part of the Outreach team's quest to bring more folks through the doors to experience the joys (and challenges) of Quaker Meeting, Sally Elias has come up with a **Bring a friend to Friends** event. Basically there is NOTHING to be done other than invite a friend, or indeed several friends, to attend Meeting with you on the above date.

Meeting will be just the same, unplanned, unprogrammed, free flowing, as moved by the spirit on the day. There will however be delicious cake at the end and a hale and hearty welcome from those of us who are reasonably regular Attenders! This ties in with the end of **Quaker Week** which, as I am sure you know, runs from **Saturday 29 September until Sunday 7 October**. The theme this year is '**Room For More**' and we are being encouraged to explore our own diversity. How perfect is that!

Any questions please call Sally Elias on 07787 566 212

AREA MEETING Saturday 15 September at Reigate MH

Programme:

10.00 for 10.30 am to 12.30pm	Area Business Meeting
12.30 to 1.30 pm	Lunch (Bring and share)
1.30 to 2.30pm	Fellowship session (see below)

Fellowship session: Led by Ann Dale and Elizabeth Cooper, who write:

We will be running a short workshop to support the Collateral Damage Project initiated by the Peace Pledge Union and supported by the Quaker Arts Network (see www.ppu.org.uk/collateral-damage/). We hope to be able, as an Area Meeting, to send hand made white poppies to the installation at Friends House in October. You are welcome to stay and make a felt or cloth poppy, or take away a pattern to make your own at home (as we know that some Friends are probably involved in the Heritage weekend activities at Dorking Meeting.) There will be a short introduction to the project at the end of Area Meeting. Please do join us .



NEWS FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MEETING



On Sunday 5 August the Young Friends in Meeting drew our attention to the Quaker Ride for Equality. This was a 360 mile bike ride from Cumbria to 10 Downing Street to present Theresa May with a copy of the Quaker Declaration for Equality and the Common Good.

They arrived at No 10 on Friday 3 August. Here is a photo of the Quakers with their bikes outside Friends House in London and two of the pictures drawn by our Young Friends.



Ask Anne if you would like to see a copy of the Declaration or else see [www.kendal-and-sedbergh-quakers.org.uk/Declaration for Equality and the Common Good for KSAM short.pdf](http://www.kendal-and-sedbergh-quakers.org.uk/Declaration%20for%20Equality%20and%20the%20Common%20Good%20for%20KSAM%20short.pdf)



HIROSHIMA VIGIL – Monday 6 August



Every year a small group gathers around the Ginkgo tree in Tilgate Park, Crawley, to remember the victims of war.

We stand silently for 30 minutes around the tree with a sign on the path reading 'Peace, not Conflict'.

There were Friends from Area Meeting, people from different churches in the area and friends who had been coming to this vigil for many years.



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER COLLECTION for Quaker Homeless Action



Quaker Homeless Action offers fellowship and practical assistance to homeless and marginalised people. They work with entrenched rough sleepers, drug users, women, families, people with no recourse to public funds, the vulnerably housed and the "hidden homeless". Projects include mobile libraries in London and Brighton, and Quaker Open Christmas providing support and companionship at a vulnerable time.

Donate online at www.qha.org.uk or send **cheque** to Quaker Homeless Action to 17, Old Ford Road, E2 9PJ

NOTES FROM PREPARATIVE MEETING Sunday 2 September

Nominations Committee is having difficulty finding Friends to serve in the various roles that keep the Meeting running – especially Clerks and Premises Committee members. Su, as acting Clerk, encouraged us to approach this dilemma from a position of ‘love for the Meeting’ rather than fear of failure. Themes in the subsequent ministry centred round the Meeting being “home”; support of underlying principles and deep concerns; Meeting for Worship being central to our Quaker faith; the importance of Meeting as the starting place for action in the wider community. We hope all Members and Attenders will come forward with suggestions on how to organise the Meeting so tasks can be shared. We recognised the need for someone to have an overall picture and maintain the continuity of the Meeting.

Outreach Committee circulated a briefing on the **Dorking Meeting website** (currently www.dorkingquakers.org). They wish to develop the outreach aspect of the website, and propose a small group to take this forward. Interested Friends and Attenders should contact Catherine Carr. Although digital media are increasingly the way that people find out about Quakers, many felt that personal contact was still very effective in bringing new people to Meeting.

The two-month slots for **Charities collections** in 2019 were agreed as follows: Ramallah Friends School in the West Bank, Quaker Social Action, Britain Yearly Meeting, Quaker Voluntary Action, Quaker Homeless Action, with November left open and the December collection being the choice of the Children’s Meeting. The charity for November 2018, which had been left open, will be Quaker Council for European Affairs.

AN EVENING OF REFLECTION – TAKING PEACE FORWARD



The poem *The Responsibility* by Peter Appleton has prompted the Outreach committee to organise a candlelit evening of prayer and reflection on how we take the responsibility for peace forward in our lives and within our community. To see the poem visit www.ppu.org.uk/learn/poetry/poetry_responsibility3.html or ask Anne for a copy.

On **Sunday 11 November** our Meeting House doors will open at 6.00 pm, and a programmed Meeting for Worship will commence at 6.30, ending at 7.30, when hot drinks and cake will be served to visitors. Local churches, faith and community groups are being invited. Please feel free to share this invitation with friends. Please let Sally know by email if you will be attending: sallysunflower2012@gmail.com

DISCUSSION ON DISCERNMENT

Sunday 30 September 12.00 – 12.45

Elders will facilitate a short session to share our understanding and experience of discernment – a way of arriving at decisions that is used in Quaker Business Meetings but is sometimes misunderstood.

