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Events for January – 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 Jan	12 noon – 12.30	Enquirer's question time (<i>see page 2</i>)
Mon 7 Jan	8.30 – 9 pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group (<i>in Friends' homes</i>)
Sun 13 Jan	9 am	Prep Meeting
Sun 13 Jan	6.30 – 7.30 pm	MfW (<i>Park House, Leatherhead</i>)
Sun 20 Jan	10.30 – 4pm	Area Meeting (<i>Ifield – see page 2</i>)
Fri 25 Jan	2.30 – 4 pm	Meditation and Spiritual Exploration
Sat 26 Jan	3 – 6 pm	New Year Party – all welcome
Sun 27 Jan	12.30 pm	Friendly lunch – all welcome
Sun 3 Feb	10.30 – 11.30	Seeded MfW on Equality
Sun 3 Feb	12 noon – 12.30	Enquirer's question time (<i>see page 2</i>)
Mon 4 Feb	8.30 – 9 pm	Healing/Upholding Prayer Group (<i>in Friends' homes</i>)

Help for the Keeper of Records needed!

Calling on anyone who likes to tidy up/sort things out – with a reward of a free lunch!

I agreed - for my sins – to oversee this, with the hope that others might volunteer to assist as a short term task initially. It involves sorting out papers at our MH and deciding what needs to be kept and where – such as the Surrey CC Records Office. I already have one person willing to assist and if we could get a couple more we could work though the task more speedily. This would then release more space at Dorking. I thought we could start with a morning session and have a shared lunch to reward ourselves. Please contact me for more information.

Catherine Carr



The Children's Collection

These are the two charities chosen by the children for the December collection. The final amount raised will be in February's *Grapevine*.



Area Meeting, Ifield Meeting House, Sunday 20 January

10.30 to 11.30am Meeting for Worship
Tea/coffee break

12.30 - 1.30pm **Area Business Meeting**
Lunch break - bring your own lunch

2.30 to 4.00pm **Fellowship** - Tony Franklin of Claridge House Meeting will give an illustrated talk on his voyages in 2018, by sailing boat, to the Arctic and Antarctic oceans.



The January charity – Friends School Ramallah

A school established by Quakers in Ramallah, a Palestinian city in the central West Bank, 6 miles north of Jerusalem. It has played an important role in Palestinian education for over 120 years. For history of the school and other information see <http://www.quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/197> or ask Anne Brewer for a copy of the article.

The life of the school is firmly based on Quaker principles and values. The School's Trustees are appointed by the Friends United Meeting, based in the USA. The school has a reputation for academic excellence and in 1999 was accredited to offer the international baccalaureate, the only school in Palestine to achieve this distinction.

There are almost 1200 Palestinian students (kindergarten to pre-university). Some 65% come from a Muslim background, and 35% from a Christian background. As there are now not many Quaker families in the Ramallah area, only a few students are Quakers.



Given the unrest in Palestine the school's aim to enable students to become independent, adaptable but principled, socially responsible and internationally-minded citizens is vitally important. **The school is committed to keeping its tuition accessible for all and has an extensive programme of financial assistance for students unable to afford the fees. About 17% of students are supported by grants, which are funded by donations from mainly American and British Quakers.**

To make a donation:

- Pick up a donation form in the Meeting House – includes details for bank transfer
- Use Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/Ramallah>
- Make a cheque payable to 'QuIET', write RFS on the back and send to The Treasurer, QuIET, 5 Dene Terrace West, Wylam NE41 8AZ

Any Questions?

Your Elders and Overseers are offering to try and answer any questions our newish attenders may have about Quakerism on the first Sunday of each month after Meeting for Worship at about 12 noon in the Quiet Room. The gatherings will be informal and last around 30 minutes. Anyone is welcome to come along either to ask or answer questions! The first session is on January 6th.

Anne Brewer (on behalf of Es and Os)