



# THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

## Dorking Quaker Meeting

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### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

*Trouble of soul can teach us things that raptures never could – not only patience and perseverance, but humility and sympathy with others.*  
Edward Grubb, 1933 QF&P 21-12

### OPENING THE MEETING HOUSE

As you will have gathered the Meeting House has **not yet re-opened for Meeting for Worship**. This is because at a special meeting for worship for business held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, Friends decided they would rather the Meeting House remained closed until the end of August when the situation would be reviewed for opening in September. However, your Elders have been working on a risk assessment which they hope will enable the garden to be officially open, on Sundays and Wednesdays, for Meeting for Worship in the garden.

I'm sure Friends will appreciate that a great deal of work has been done and is continuing to be done but inevitably not everyone will be entirely happy with the outcome so far. It has had an unfortunate consequence in that our Clerk, Colin Hope, has resigned from this role as he does not use zoom and so is unable to clerk business meetings until we return to the Meeting House. A new Clerk has not yet been appointed.

### DIARY OF EVENTS

Every Sunday Adults Meeting for Worship on zoom 10.30 to 11.30 am. Link to be circulated a day or so before.  
Sunday Children's Meeting on zoom will take a break throughout August.

Friday 31 July	Meditation group on zoom – last weekly session, switching back to monthly in August.
Monday 3 Aug	8.30 – 9.00 pm Upholding prayer session for those in need contact Lesley Hunka if wish to be upheld.
Thurs 6 Aug	7.00 – 7.30 pm Hiroshima Day vigil. See below
Monday 10 Aug	7.00 – 8.30 pm Study session on racism (zoom). See page 2
Sunday 16 Aug	Enquirer's meeting (zoom) – contact <a href="mailto:anne.brewer43@gmail.com">anne.brewer43@gmail.com</a> for details
Friday 21 Aug	Meditation Group meeting (zoom) – contact <a href="mailto:catherinemcarr15@gmail.com">catherinemcarr15@gmail.com</a> for details.

### REMEMBER HIROSHIMA 1945 – 75 years ago

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00 to 7.30 pm**

You are warmly invited to join local Quakers and others in a vigil around the Ginkgo tree near the main car park at Tilgate Park, Crawley, to remember Hiroshima on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the nuclear bombing in 1945. This will be a silent vigil to uphold the vision of a world free of weapons of mass destruction where peace with justice prevails.

Roger Baker (01293 533 658)

## STUDY SESSION – ZOOM

### How we as individuals can address racial discrimination

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 7.00 - 8.30pm

*"To remain silent.....is to be complicit (Woodbridge Quakers' statement on BLM)*

This session will include some individuals from Dorking Meeting talking about their own experiences and development in relation to racial awareness.

Recommended reading is the article by Bonnie Gibberd from The Friend 26th June 2020 (and subsequent letters and later articles in that publication) as well as articles from Friends Quarterly April 2020.

If you are interested please let Catherine Carr ([catherinemcarr15@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemcarr15@gmail.com)) know and she will send you the link. If you need help in accessing any of the written material, she will help with this.

### THE CHARITY COLLECTION FOR JULY/AUGUST

Frances Harber obtained some leaflets but without access to the Meeting House they are not accessible so here is a copy of one, with details for donating if you would like to.

#### Dear Friends, could you consider supporting the work of Quaker Voluntary Action?

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. Many participants have found QVA Working Retreats to be transformative experiences.

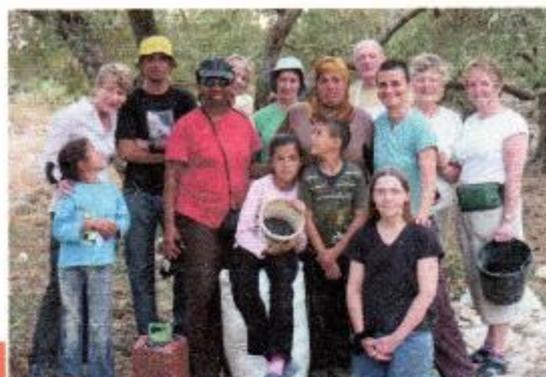
#### Our funds are used to:

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

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.

#### Quotes from recent working retreat participants:

- “Great, a really joyous opportunity. Having different experiences from other group members just enriches the retreat.”
- “A really special time - unforgettable.”
- “It was a wonderful experience to share work and prayer with strangers, that little by little have become very close friends.”



#### Please donate to QVA

Donations keep us going and enable us to do new things

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

For taxpayers, we would gain an extra 25p for every pound you donate. If you also complete and send the gift aid declaration (overleaf) to the above address.

## Dorking Area Foodbank ([www.dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.dorkingarea.foodbank.org.uk)) – Summer update

*This is a shortened version of the update from Nicola, the project lead, who thanks everyone for their support and generosity. For the full version contact Rosemary Elias.*

Dorking Area Foodbank opened in June 2015. At the start of this year we were wondering how to mark the fact that, in 2020, there was still a need for a foodbank in Dorking. Then the Corona Virus pandemic hit, and we didn't have to do anything – it became clear that anyone can fall into financial crisis and struggle to feed themselves.

The foodbank has been open throughout, with modified operations to ensure the safety of volunteers and clients. Volunteers who could continue, did so with great enthusiasm and dedication. Almost immediately our number of clients increased but we were blessed with an abundance of food donations, financial support and people offering their time to help us. All this despite the uncertainty of the crisis and their own challenges.

Although the number of clients has dropped for the moment, the full financial impact of the crisis is likely still to come. We must also stay alert to the possibility of a second wave of the virus. And there will always be those in our community who are still to accept they can't afford to feed themselves and take the first step in coming to us.

**Getting help from the foodbank:** For many the financial impact of the pandemic may still be to come. There is also the hardship of holiday hunger when children lose their free school meals. So, if you are aware of any individuals or families in financial crisis please tell them to come to the foodbank. We are here to help.

**Giving help to the foodbank:** Food donations are always very much appreciated, especially items which form the core of our food parcels. This list is available on our website. Each week we highlight the top five items of which we'd really like more. You'll see that on our website and on the donation bins in the supermarkets. (Sarah Freeman also sends it to Dorking Friends by email).

### FROM THE CHILDREN'S MEETING

*Alison Carlier writes:* Today (July 26<sup>th</sup>) we thought about nuclear disarmament and had a go at making paper cranes. We watched this film too <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Ch25z9om5w>

On July 5<sup>th</sup> we talked about Simplicity referring to *Journeys in the Spirit, inward outward upward (June 2007)* and we watched *The Stone Cutter* read by Chris Smith <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0gotw24kzk> and wrote Haikus!



