



THE DORKING GRAPEVINE

Dorking Quaker Meeting

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DIARY

On Sundays – Meeting for Worship (10.30 to 11.30 am) blended meeting in Meeting House and on Zoom.

On Sundays – Meeting for Worship for parents (9.00 – 9.30 pm) on Zoom

On Wednesdays – Meeting for Worship (12.45 to 1.15 pm) in the Meeting House.

Good News re refreshments! After meeting for Worship on Sundays and Wednesdays Friends can now enjoy together cups of tea and/or coffee made in the Meeting House kitchen! A notice giving the details of the government regulations around this is displayed on the small hall notice board. You can of course still bring a lunch to eat after Wednesday Meeting if you wish.

Mon 7 June	8.30 – 9.00 pm	Upholding prayer session for those in need. In own homes or on Zoom if wished. Contact Anne (01306 500187) for link or to ask to be upheld.
Tues 8 June	7.15 – 8.15 pm	Book group sharing – Doughnut Economics. See page 2
Fri 11 June	3.30 – 5.00 pm approx.	Meditation and Spiritual Development Group meeting on Zoom – Contact Romy Elias for Zoom link.
Sat 26 June	10.30 am – 3.30 pm	Regional Meeting hope to have a blended meeting using Dorking Meeting's setup. See page 3.
Sat 3 July	10.30 am	Meeting for Worship on the Nower for all ages. See page 4

Sunday Children's Meeting on Zoom. Contact alison.carlier@icloud.com or katy_nunn@yahoo.co.uk

THE MAY/JUNE COLLECTION is for WOODBROOKE

Details in the May Grapevine.

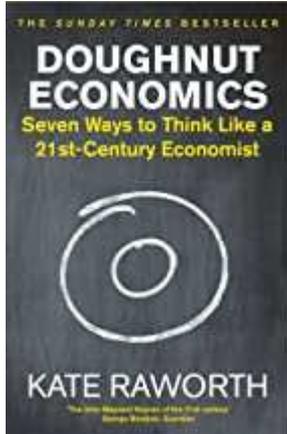
Here is a photo of the Woodbrooke building taken from their beautiful grounds.

Also, a reminder of their website <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/> and how to send donations: You can donate online (via the website) or to donate via cheque, make it payable to Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and send to Woodbrooke, 1046 Bristol Road Birmingham, B29 6LJ.



SHARING DOUGHNUT ECONOMICS

At 7:15 pm on Tuesday June 8th a group will meet on Zoom to discuss the ideas presented in Kate Raworth's book 'Doughnut Economics: seven ways to think like a 21st-century economist'.



None of us, I believe, are economists - Kate's book is accessible to all and does not require any specialist knowledge. All are invited to join the discussion.

Kate believes society's fixation on the pursuit of endless economic growth is demonstrably unsustainable. Instead, she believes we must adopt new measures of economic success which, in her words, enable us "to meet the needs of all of the people within the means of this extraordinary, unique, living, planet so that we and the rest of nature can thrive". The model she proposes is the doughnut – the inner circle of the doughnut being the social foundation, outside of which people are falling short of life's essentials, and the outer circle being the ecological ceiling, outside of which human activities cause lasting damage to the planet and its ecosystems. We must redesign our systems to operate within the sweet space which is the doughnut.

Some cities and other communities are already applying her principles to make real changes and to measure their performance against these new criteria.

Our discussion group will share our understanding of Kate's ideas and will start to consider how they might be applicable to our lives and our communities. Please join us if you can. A Zoom link will be circulated nearer the time. If you are not able to read, or begin to read the book, Liz Nott found this link to a talk in which Kate Raworth introduces her ideas <https://doughnuteconomics.org/tools-and-stories/20>

Nigel Bond

MAY PM – SOME DECISIONS AND SOME SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS

The minutes of May Preparative Meeting have been circulated but for those of you who haven't seen them here is a summary of significant decisions and details of a couple of subsequent developments.

As mentioned in the May Grapevine, due to its association with slavery many Friends have objected to **use of the term Overseer** and now Quaker Life has recommended that Quakers discontinue its use and find another word. At PM we agreed to rename our overseers as the Pastoral Care Team.

We had a report from Premises Committee and agreed we need to tackle urgently the damp in the downstairs of the cottage. For a start the high humidity level will be tackled with improved ventilation, and we agreed proposed expenditure of £981.61. Further work on the damaged walls and plasterwork will be undertaken in due course. The group working on the **replacement heating system** had resigned themselves to replacing the old gas boiler with a new one but subsequently have found an eco-friendly air source pump system may be possible after all. They are exploring this possibility with the aid of locally based installers of such systems.

We considered the suggestion that after 21 June, if all goes to plan with the government's road map out of the pandemic, we should be able to open the Meeting House for **bookings**. We agreed that this could happen if social distancing restrictions are lifted, and cleaning is not required between lettings.

We discussed the suggestion of Roger Wilson that the AM sends a minute to Sufferings suggesting that some wording in Quaker Faith and Practice is changed so that listed **attenders can be considered for appointment as AM Trustees**. Aware of the risk our Area Meeting is facing due to lack of Friends able to serve as Trustees, we agreed with this suggestion. Subsequently Area Meeting discussed this matter and as all LMs agreed the minute was sent to Meeting for Sufferings.

Anne Brewer

SUSSEX AND SURREY REGIONAL QUAKER MEETING



(Photo: Famine relief workers, American Friends Service Committee, 1920s)

Return to Russia

Presentations by:

(morning) Alan Pleydell and Patricia Cockrell

Alan and Patricia will give an eye witness account of the international Quaker project to set up Friends House Moscow in the 1990s

(afternoon) Natasha Zhuravenkova

Continuity and change: the work of FHM today, how it has developed and what is still the same. With live participation from projects that FHM supports

**Saturday 26th June 2021 10.30-15.30 at Dorking Meeting House
and also 11.00-12.30, 13.45-15.30 on Zoom**

Everyone who attends or is a member of a Quaker meeting within Sussex and Surrey RM is welcome but **must** register first.

Please contact: sussexandsurreymquakerclerk@outlook.com before Tuesday 22nd June saying whether you wish to participate on zoom or in person. The number of places in the Meeting House may be very restricted.

POSTSCRIPT TO THE ABOVE

It is possible that the non-zoom part of this meeting will have to be reconsidered if the Covid situation deteriorates again. Let's hope not! The situation will be clarified nearer Saturday 26th June when hopefully we will know how things stand. Note that you need to **register before Tuesday 22nd June**.

DORKING MEETING ON FACEBOOK

Those of you able to access Facebook may already be aware that Tara Craig regularly puts up interesting and timely entries on Quakerly topics on the Dorking Quakers homepage and has done for a couple of years. A big thank you to Tara! To see Tara's posts regularly on your own home page you need to go to the Dorking Quakers' home page <https://www.facebook.com/Dorking-Quakers> click on the ... sign and then tick 'follow'. Detailed instructions given just in case you are a novice like me!

Anne Brewer

INVITATION TO ALL-AGE OUTDOOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

The children and young people and their families invite you to an outdoor meeting for worship.

Saturday July 3rd

10.30am

On the Nower in Dorking

The site is a three minutes' walk from the entrance on the corner of Coldharbour lane and Harrow Road West. Take the middle path that is on the level, (not up or down) and head into the woods. We will be in the clearing on the left.

Dropped pin – for those with computers! <https://goo.gl/maps/hDjB2RRQJvLzDiSz5>

WORLD OCEAN DAY – Tuesday 8 June



Let's make a special effort to reduce our use of plastic and perhaps do a local litter pick to prevent at least some of the plastic rubbish reaching the sea.

WHAT HAVE OUR CHILDREN BEEN DOING IN THEIR SUNDAY SESSIONS?

Well, here are some photos from one of their recent sessions! So what were they doing? Lottie explains:

The clay tablets show hopes, dreams, and wishes for nature using symbols.

The feelings cards, we looked at as we talked about our feelings.

