



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 – Evening Meeting for Worship (9.00 – 9.30 pm) on Zoom

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

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

You can bring a lunch to eat after Wednesday Meeting if you wish and the Meeting may soon decide it is OK to return to providing a simple lunch rather than Friends needing to bring their own – watch out for notices!

Sun 5 Sept	12.00 noon to 1.00 pm (tbc)	Preparative Meeting. See page 3
Sun 5 Sept	5 to 5.30 pm	Vigil at Horse Hill organised by members of Dorking Meeting – details page 3.
Mon 6 Sept	8.30 – 9.00 pm	Upholding prayer session for those in need. In own homes or on Zoom. Contact Anne Brewer for link.
Fri 10 Sept	3.30 – 5.00 pm approx.	Meditation and Spiritual Development Group meeting on Zoom – Contact Romy Elias for Zoom link.
Sun 12 Sept	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Area Business Meeting on zoom - see page 4
Mon 13 Sept	7.15 pm	Study group on ‘Doughnut Economics’ on zoom with Nigel Bond – link from Anne Brewer
Tues 14 Sept	tbc	Meeting for Worship to protest the Arms Fair – see page 4

Advance notice re road closures for Remembrance Sunday (14th November) 10.30am to 12.00pm, – road closure map on Meeting notice board. There will be no vehicle access to the front of the Meeting House.

THE SEPTEMBER COLLECTION is for QUAKER BOLIVIA LINK

A Quaker Response to Poverty

Quaker Bolivia Link works with poor rural communities in the Andes on the Altiplano. Conditions are challenging and the climate is becoming more unpredictable. Working with a sister organisation in Bolivia, Fundacion Quaker Bolivia Link, QBL encourages sustainable development through investment, education, and public health infrastructure improvement. Local communities propose projects and are involved in planning and development. They do a lot of the hard work themselves in making the changes. There is continuing involvement in making sure that the improvements are sustained. For example, in a water project:

- A **water committee** responsible for maintaining the system is democratically elected by the community.
- Each villager contributes a small monthly amount to the community “**sustainability fund.**” This fund covers regular maintenance needs when they arise.

To donate online go to <https://qbl.org/please-support-qbl/> otherwise make a cheque payable to "QBL" and post to Quaker Bolivia Link, Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS.



TERESA MACINTYRE

Sadly, Theresa died in St Helier hospital on July 25th having contracted Covid-19 some 4 weeks before. She didn't know where she had caught the disease. Theresa's death in these circumstances was particularly sad because she had been so careful in 'shielding' against the virus, classified as she was, as 'extremely clinically vulnerable' due to the lymphoma she had had for some 6 or more years. Theresa's experience of the pandemic had been very restricted, largely staying at home. She did however take exercise on Bookham Common, going out either early in the morning or later in the evening to avoid meeting other walkers and to minimise the risk of contracting the virus. She once mentioned how she had driven out to witness a couple of supermarket queues, as she felt that her experience of the pandemic had been so restricted and not as authentic as that experienced by others.



Before we got to know her, Theresa could come across to people as somewhat unapproachable. But many of us soon came to realise she was a very special person. When she started attending Dorking Meeting, she asked many perceptive and challenging questions about Quakerism and our own individual beliefs and approaches and why we did certain things. She continued to question us in her robust way over the years she was with us. Theresa was very knowledgeable about spiritual issues including Meditation and Buddhism, meditating daily and constantly studying and increasing her knowledge. One Friend mentioned the surprise and pleasure of finding out that she and Theresa had attended the Alternatives talks in the 1970s at St James's Church, Piccadilly at the same time as each other. This Friend said that she felt it was as if they were kindred spirits, and how wonderful it was to find themselves together so many years later at Dorking Quaker Meeting, and picking up the phone to speak to each other frequently about some article or book or experience that had given them a fresh insight relevant to their spiritual lives.

Professionally, Theresa was a psychotherapist practising right to the end of her life. Among other approaches, she was trained in EMDR, the therapy aimed at helping those suffering the effects of major trauma, and she herself trained the counsellors who worked with refugees and asylum seekers at Gatwick. Theresa had known trauma herself, including as a newly married young woman. One evening she was changing to go out to the theatre with her husband, when a policeman knocked at her door to tell her that her husband had been killed in a road accident. Theresa was subsequently involved in organisations campaigning on road safety and road traffic law. She never re-married or had children.

Theresa was an incredibly knowledgeable person across a very wide range of areas, she was particularly interested in geology and travelled across the globe for expeditions, as well as within the UK. She had trained in Nordic walking and helped one of us, whilst limited herself in her walking. She played the ukulele and was part of the Dorking ukulele group until the pandemic.

In 2017, Theresa designed and replanted the area of the Meeting House garden beside the cottage and arranged for the final plant, a Peace rose, to be planted with the Chairman of the Council in attendance. The colour and careful planting has been very much admired and appreciated.

Theresa made a significant contribution to the Meditation & Spiritual Exploration group, collaborating with Catherine Carr in providing the Meditation element for each meeting. During the early part of the pandemic, under Theresa's and Catherine's guidance, the Group, having moved onto Zoom, met weekly rather than monthly. Those attending found these meetings particularly supportive and uplifting, as she said she did herself, and Theresa was 'very much part of our journey' over those disorienting months. She herself was always ready to take her spiritual journey further, and she had recently expressed an interest in exploring the non-theist Quakers.

Theresa was also involved in The Simpler Meetings project and was always enthusiastic and full of energy in working with this group. She attended the Woodbrooke on-line Simpler Meetings course which was so helpful to the working group, giving them wider knowledge to support their project. Theresa was making valued contributions to the group even from her bed in Epsom Hospital when she was on oxygen. How many of the rest of us would be prepared to attend a Quaker business meeting when so ill and feeling so weak?

One of the things that the Meditation and Simpler Meeting groups had in common was how many of participants said how they had got to know Theresa so much better over the last 18 months or so. She was coping with a great deal of physical pain over this time, at times hardly able to walk, and she dealt with this with her characteristic resilience and courage and good humour. So many from the Meeting have said how much they will miss her. Mention was also made of her kindness, emailing Friends about events such as new grandchildren arriving unexpectedly early, and the way she helped so many and tried to help everyone through those difficult times.



One of Theresa's views on how the Meeting coped during the pandemic was how the Children's Group had been one of the Meeting's finest achievements. Hopefully parents who have had to cope with juggling work and unexpected home schooling, and the other privations caused by the pandemic, will feel uplifted by Theresa's admiration for what you provided for the Meeting's Children's Group.

Theresa's funeral will be on Wednesday 1st September at 2.45 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead KT22 0AG. There will be no service, but quiet contemplation and a chance for anyone to speak.

On behalf of The Meditation & Spiritual Exploration Group

FAITH AT THE GATE – VIGIL AT HORSE HILL **Sunday 5 September, 5 to 5.30 pm** **All welcome**

Faith at the Gate has been taking place every month for the past couple of years (on Zoom only during the tight lockdowns) with groups gathering to uphold the protests and draw attention to the ongoing oil extraction here and elsewhere.

On Sunday 5 September Dorking Quakers will take a lead at this vigil for the first time. We have planned short music, reading, and silence at the gate, focussing on the theme of ['Earthrise'](#) – inspired by words of the poem written by a young American activist, Amanda Gorman, who read one of her poems at President Biden's inauguration this year.



In 2020 Horse Hill Oil production at the Horse Hill field ranked fourth in the UK onshore – at times producing over 180 barrels per day. Oil is plentiful and if the company continues to expand there will be oil extraction sites across the west weald.

Horse Hill Oil well extraction has been granted another two years of drilling by OGA (the Oil and Gas Authority) and Surrey County Council has agreed to the work. Protesters continue to oppose the developments on legal grounds but with no success to date.

If you feel strongly about the damage that is being done developing oil extraction at Horse Hill, then please come and join us – the Horse Hill Development site is situated off the A217 just north of Horley and Gatwick Airport in a wooded country area. To reach it you take the road 'Horse Hill'. Post code RH6 0RB. Social distancing/mask wearing will be respected. Children will be welcome, and some are participating on the evening. Or we hope you will be able to join us from Zoom. A link will be sent out nearer the time.

Sarah Freeman, Lucy Barford and Anne Brewer

PM – SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER **12noon to 1pm (tbc) – blended meeting**

This Prep Meeting will be clerked by Romy and any items for the agenda should be sent to her, Lucy and Katy. One important item – we will be discussing the final report from the Simpler Meetings Group which I understand will be sent out as a paper in advance.

QUAKER ROOTS – PROTESTING THE DSEI ARMS FAIR

Tuesday 14 September
Want to join the protest?

In 2019, 16 members of West Weald Area Meeting were at the Meeting for Worship outside the Excel centre in London where the DSEI arms fair was being held. A similar event is being planned this year for Tuesday 14 September and Kim Hope of Blue Idol Meeting is organising a group from the AM who wish to attend. Colin and I plan to be there again. If you would like to join in too then let me know or contact Kim Hope directly (kimkhope@btinternet.com or 07733 184437 or 01903 815473) Please note the 'k' in the middle of Kim's name on her email address.



Anne Brewer

AREA MEETING

Sunday 12 September 2.00 to 3.30pm on zoom

The Meeting will be clerked by the Assistant AM Clerk (Anne Brewer) as the Clerk will be away. The agenda will be mainly AM business matters, but it is planned that November AM will be held in Dorking Meeting House using their blended meeting facility and will consist mainly of a discussion on a topic of general interest to Friends. Suggestions for appropriate topics will be welcomed on 12 September.

EVENTS AT THE MOLE VALLEY CLIMATE HUB IN LEATHERHEAD.

Some members of the Meeting are helping with these interesting and varied events which are continuing throughout September and October to raise awareness of the problems of climate change and what we can do

When	What	Where
Thu 2 nd Sep	BIRDS, BEES & BIODIVERSITY Bee worried for our future food: find out more about wildlife gardening . Chat to Win & get giveaway seeds.	MV Hub: open 10-5
Fri 3 rd Sep	Art activities for all or enjoy a sit -down. BIODIVERSITY MATTERS IN SURREY: FREE EVENING EVENT FOR ALL TO LISTEN & JOIN IN with expert speakers	MV Hub: open 10-5 LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE KT22 8AH 7.30pm
Sat 4 th Sep	GRAND OPENING: 12-2: bike ride, opening talks, food: jazz, trees to plant, 'Our Future' Mural unveiling + more	MV Hub: open 10-5
Thu 9 th Sep	TRANSPORT AND TRAUMAS: Children's activities + plan your own cycle -path etc Create your Secret Carbon Diary	MV Hub: open 10-5
Fri 10 th Sep	Cycle repair demo WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? FREE EVENING EVENT FOR ALL TO LISTEN & JOIN IN: Transport Futures in Surrey with experts Jon Essex & Chris Hyde. Roads / public transport / airports...	MV Hub : open 10-5 LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE KT22 8AH 7.30pm
Sat 11 th Sep	Air Pollution survey and StarTrek starts. We want our fresh air back! Bike repair café & cycle -themed chats & actions	MV Hub: open 10-5
Thu 16 th Sep	PLASTICS AND WASTE: activities: gifts: survey: children can make a Plastic Monster	MV Hub: open 10-5
Fri 17 th Sep	Our rivers — highlight the hidden horrors: how dirty is the River Mole and other UK rivers? RIVERACTION: Riverside film + discussion: FREE EVENING EVENT FOR ALL TO WATCH AND JOIN IN	MV Hub: open 10-5 LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE KT22 8AH 7.30pm
Sat 18 th Sep	Big Green Climate Week: loads of activities	MV Hub: open 10-5
Thu 23 Sep	GLAD RAGS AND FASHION FADS: drop-in sessions all week	MV Hub: open 10-5
Fri 24 th Sep	Upcycle and re-invent your clothes with tips & advice FACE THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE: talk and activities to encourage and fortify. FREE EVENING EVENT FOR ALL	MV Hub: open 10-5 LEATHERHEAD INSTITUTE KT22 8AH 7.30pm
Sat 25 th Sep	Create your own style by printing. Jeans, tops, jackets, scarves – bring 'em along to create the new original you.	MV Hub: open 10-5

about it. The climate hub is in the Surrey Lifelong Learning Hub, Swan Walk/High Street, Leatherhead, and is open to visitors on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm. There will be information, activities and refreshments – see accompanying programme for September. I will pin a full size one on the Meeting House notice board.

Then there are free evening meetings arranged at the in the Letherhead Institute, 67 High St, Leatherhead KT22 8AH at 7.30pm. Two upcoming ones are on Fridays September 3rd and 10th on Biodiversity Matters and Surrey's Transport Strategy, respectively. I will put posters about these on the Meeting House notice board and am happy to email copies of these and the full programme to anyone interested.

Anne Brewer