



# 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 but Meeting not blended on 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays.

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

**Third Sunday 10.30 am Children’s Meeting** on Zoom. [lucyjane73@hotmail.com](mailto:lucyjane73@hotmail.com) or [katy\\_nunn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:katy_nunn@yahoo.co.uk)

**Second Sunday 6.30pm – Meeting for Worship** in Leatherhead Institute [susanebond@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susanebond@yahoo.co.uk)

Mon 2 May	8.30 – 9.00 pm	Upholding prayer session – on Zoom if liked – link from Anne
Thurs 5 May	8.15 pm	Functions Committee meeting on Zoom – link from Su
Sun 8 May	2.00 – 3.00 pm	Area Business Meeting at Capel – see page 2
Sun 8 May	6.30 – 7.30 pm	Leatherhead Meeting for Worship
Fri 13 May	3.30 – 5.00 pm	Meditation and Spiritual Development. Zoom link from Romy.
Sun 15 May	10.30 am	Children’s Meeting on zoom
Mon 16 May	7.15 – 8.30 pm	Book club (Speed and Scale. Chapter 4) on Zoom – link from Anne
Sun 29 May	10.30 – 11.30am	Special Altogether Meeting for Worship – see page 2

**Friday 27 May to Monday 30 May Yearly Meeting.** In person at Friends House, London or online via Zoom. See [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym). The theme will be 'faith, community and action'. To attend YM in person you need to register by 6 May. To attend online you need to register by 20 May.

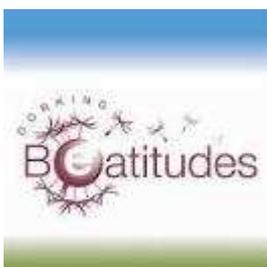
### MAY/JUNE COLLECTIONS

In May/June 2021 Dorking Friends supported Woodbrooke and maybe they would like to do the same this year. Woodbrooke offers stimulating and helpful courses online and in person at the centre, on all aspects of Quakerism.



You can donate online (via the website - [www.woodbrooke.org.uk](http://www.woodbrooke.org.uk)) or by cheque, payable to Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, and sent to Woodbrooke, 1046 Bristol Road Birmingham, B29 6LJ.

**WEDNESDAY MEETING** lunch raises funds for local charities and in April donated £200 to Beatitudes, a family charity project in Dorking, which opened in March 2012.



From their Facebook page: Beatitudes is a good as new children's shop, with clothes, toys, books and equipment at very reasonable prices! It also is a drop in for parents, with a play area, so the children can play while you relax, or shop. It is a community project, where all local parents and children are welcome. It is a place where people can come together and contribute their ideas and share their stories. Also, it can be a place where we can inspire one another to try out new things. Beatitudes means blessing and that's what we hope the project will be for local families. A place where everyone is valued.

## **SPECIAL ALTOGETHER MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

Sunday 29 May 10.30 – 11.30 am

The chance to join a UK wide Meeting for Worship is being offered by Yearly Meeting (YM). You can join in three ways:

1. As an individual in person at Friends House in which case you need to register for YM by 6<sup>th</sup> May
2. As an individual online in which case, you need to register for YM by 20<sup>th</sup> May
3. As Friends gathered in a Meeting House, in which case the Meeting needs to register by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Dorking Friends decided to register and offer option 3 to any Friends able to come to the Meeting House on the day. Judy is willing to undertake the necessary practical aspects so that we will be able to see and hear Friends in Friends House and elsewhere. She will also act as 'zoom elder' alerting Friends House if any Friend in Dorking wishes to offer ministry, and enabling this ministry if Friends House indicates it wishes to hear it. Thank you, Judy!

So, if you want to take part in this special occasion, then come along to the Meeting House on Sunday 29 May at the usual Meeting time of 10.30!

### **REPORT TO TRUSTEES FROM DORKING LOCAL MEETING**

We are in the process of changing our governance methods: very much a tentative transition. Our business meetings are called a Function Committee, and the Friends forming it are simply those who feel they have energy and time to contribute. There is no Clerk, not even a team, but Minutes are kept and have a Reference as in classical mode.

Our next Agenda, for May 5<sup>th</sup>, will include items from each person in the group; their subject is their own choice, and they will add a note of what they want to be done to move it on into action. A Friend has agreed to write Minutes.

Matters which should be discussed or discerned by all the Meeting, will be put to them in a very short blended-meeting time after Sunday Meeting for Worship. These would have a one-item Agenda.

The feeling around Friends is necessarily of some fragmentation of our community, there being some presence at the Meeting House every Sunday; a Zoom presence; a weekly Wednesday Meeting; and a recently re-started Leatherhead Meeting monthly. We are indebted to Judy Johnson for her technical skills and weekly devotion.

We are travelling hopefully.

Su Johnston

### **AREA BUSINESS MEETING**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at Capel. 2.00 to 3.00 pm

Friends are invited to join Capel Meeting for Worship at 11am bringing a lunch to eat - hopefully in the garden! – or to arrive from 1.00 pm onwards to socialise before the Meeting starts at 2.00

This will be an in-person meeting but with zoom online access. The zoom link will be circulated online. The agenda and any papers in advance will also be circulated online and paper copies included with this Grapevine for those who receive a paper Grapevine.

Anne Brewer

