

# The Friendly Link

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*Sketch by John Geekie*

Meeting for Worship and Children's Meeting is held every Sunday @ 10.30am  
at Warwick Friends Meeting House, 39 High Street, Warwick, CV34 4AX  
All are welcome - for more information, please see our website:  
[www.warwickquakers.org.uk](http://www.warwickquakers.org.uk)

One of the unexpected things I have learnt in my life as a Quaker is that religion is basically about relationships between people. This was an unexpected discovery, because I had been brought up to believe that religion was essentially about our relationship with God.

George Gorman, 1982, Quaker Faith and Practice, 10.20

## **Welcome to the July/August edition of *The Friendly Link***

Despite the number of pages this double edition runs to, it feels like a quiet edition. Parents and grandparents of young people up to the age of 21 may want to look at the children's and young people's events, and the whole meeting may wish to consider events taking place in our Area Meeting over summer. Closer to home, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Ruth and Ed a truly wonderful wedding.

Your contributions are always welcome. The last day for contributions for the September edition of The Friendly Link will be Sunday August 26th. Please send your contributions to: [editor@warwickquakers.org.uk](mailto:editor@warwickquakers.org.uk).  
*Anna Edelsten*

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## Quaker Diary

Sunday 1st July: Business Meeting at 12:00 noon

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Area Meeting at Warwick Meeting House at 18:00 - 21:00

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Piano recital by John Sheldon in the Unitarian Chapel at 19:30

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July: There will be no All Age Singing.

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: 'Gods, Words and Us' at Rob Hooper's house at 19:30

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July: RAF Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00 outside the main gates. (Please contact Marian Millington for more information.)

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July: Soup and Roll, 12:00 noon

Please be aware that business meeting, all age singing and soup and a roll will all recommence in September.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August: Interim Area Meeting, Bull St Meeting House at 18:00-20:00  
*To be held only if necessary; please confirm with the Area Meeting Office whether the Interim Meeting is going ahead.*

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August: RAF Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00 outside the main gates. (Please contact Marian Millington for more information.)

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August: Deadline for contributions to the September Edition of the Friendly Link.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August: Social committee trip to *Breath of Spring* at the Talisman Theatre in Kenilworth, 19:30

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Business Meeting. 12:00 noon

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Kindlers workshop *Community*

29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September: Social committee visit to Ironbridge

### Mid-week Meetings

12.30pm, Wednesdays: Jeffries Room, Dormer Conference Centre, Dormer Place

1.15pm, Tuesdays during term-time: Chaplaincy Centre, Univ. of Warwick

## Welcomers' Rota

If you would like to know who is welcoming, you can either visit the website ([www.warwickquakers.org.uk](http://www.warwickquakers.org.uk)), check the business minutes or see below!

1 <sup>st</sup> July	John Harding and Sarah Thompson
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Zoe James and Dave Rawcliffe
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Joanna Hardcastle and Anna Edelsten
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Jane Beale and Roger Chapman
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Alan Sanger and someone from the Rutter family
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Helen Pemberton and Rob Hooper

## Business Meeting Reports

Those reports that are due over the next few months are highlighted in bold.

January	
February	Library (delayed from 2017)
March	Treasurer Overseers Café
April	
May	Elders Social Committee
June	Nominations Fundraising committee
July	Web Manager
August	
September	<b>Friendly Link</b>
October	<b>CYPC</b>
November	Premises and Finance
December	Library

## Children's Meeting Rota

We are finishing the *Daughters of Eve: Strong Women of the Bible* theme. We will spend the rest of summer exploring Quaker weddings, garden plans and garden activities, consider ideas for the design of the children's room and a share a reflective session "how was your summer".

Date	Topic	Topic Leader	Supporter
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Plans for the children's room at Warwick - Mel's drawings	Ruth Gaston	GAP
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Gardening and plans for the garden	GAP	GAP
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Looking after our Quaker garden	GAP	Jane Holt
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	Jane Beale
29 <sup>th</sup> July	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	1 DBS checked adult required
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	1 DBS checked adult required
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	Meg Harper
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	1 DBS checked adult required
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	1 DBS checked adult required
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Golden (Unstructured) Time	N/A	Helen Pemberton
9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	How was your summer?	Meg Harper	Annie Pettifer

\* bring a picnic lunch (not bring and share) to enjoy together afterwards

\*\* Selly Oak has a bring and share lunch on this day

The topic leader has main responsibility for preparing the topic. However, we would **encourage the topic leader and supporter to chat a few days beforehand**; great ideas result and the session usually flows so much better.

Golden (Unstructured)Time: Golden time is the topic during children's holidays and busy times; when we expect very few and possibly even no children will be attending. At these times we will only provide one DBS checked adult and parents will be expected to stay with their children. Golden time is a time when there is a chance for the children to spend time in more unstructured or self chosen activities. We encourage games, craft, painting or if the leader wishes to run a topic of their own we are grateful. We have games, toys, art materials and books available for the children, parents and leader to make use of. The children may also bring games, books, sewing or other activities they might like to share or lead but it would be helpful if their parent could let the leader know if they plan to bring something the evening before.

If you feel led to help with the children's programme, please contact Annie Pettifer, convenor of CYPC.

All helpers need to be cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service, but this is not a painful process!

*John Sheldon, Annie Pettifer*

## Notices

### **For Leaders and Helpers of Children's Meeting**

Annie, our Convenor, is signed up to receive copies of 'Journeys in the Spirit' which is the resource for young people and children, compiled by a team at Friends' House.

We sometimes run series of meetings based on this resource but we thought some of you might want to sign up to receive it anyway as it can be a great source of activities and ideas for children's meetings if you ever feel a bit stuck.

If you'd like to subscribe then go to:

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people/work-quaker-setting/resources-children/journeys-child>

*Meg Harper*

### **Memorial Minutes**

We are currently preparing Memorial Minutes for Grace Stamper, George Timlin and Tessa Beaver.

We would very much appreciate input from people associated with Warwick Meeting who knew any of them, or have particular memories of them, especially regarding their spiritual lives and their contributions to our Meeting.

*Paula Button, Jane Holt, Rob Hooper and Gill Smith (Elders team)*

## **Children and Young Peoples' Events**

### **Facilitation and Leadership 19 - 21 October, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre**

This is a weekend for 15 - 21 year olds. The weekend is a dynamic combination of theory and opportunities to apply learning about facilitation and leadership using practical activities. This event will enable participants to develop confidence, understanding and skills as facilitators. There will be discussions, activities, group work, role-plays and video clips. It costs £95 (bursaries are available) including full board. Bookings close on 7 October. For details and booking information go to: <http://www.yqspace.org.uk/FL2018>

### **Quaker Pilgrimage 19 - 22 October, Lancaster**

This is an event for 12 - 15 year olds. It provides an opportunity for young Quakers to follow in the footsteps of George Fox and other early Quakers alongside their peers. It will include visiting sites such as Pendle Hill, Firbank Fell and Swarthmoor Hall. There will also be time for worship, games, activities and reflection on the days' experiences. It costs £125 which includes accommodation, food, entrance fees to Lancaster Castle and travel during the event. Places are limited, the closing date for bookings is 20 September, book early to avoid disappointment. For details and booking information go to: <http://www.yqspace.org.uk/pilgrimage-2018>

### **Living as a Quaker Link Weekend 24-25<sup>th</sup> November, Cotteridge Meeting House**

Have you been asked "What do Quakers believe?" or "Why do you call yourself a Quaker?" This can be a bit scary as you may be unsure what you really think and believe. This is a chance for you to explore what living as a Quaker means to you and to discover which Quaker Values and Testimonies matter to you. You won't be doing it on your own but with other young people who are asking themselves the same things. We hope you will be able to answer those questions with much more confidence!

This weekend is aimed at 10-14 year olds. It starts at 10am on the 24<sup>th</sup> and finishes at 12pm on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Closing date for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> November, but it is limited to 20 spaces so apply soon! For more information please contact John Harding.

## Central England Area Events

To find out about events taking place in the Area Meeting go to:

<http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/events/>

**Regular events** (please see previous newsletters or Central England Area events link above for full details)

- **Meeting for Worship, Support & Healing *Thurs 05 July and Thurs 02 Aug 14:00 at Sutton Coldfield QMH***
- **Creative Day at Northfield *Sat 07 July, Sat 04 Aug and Sat 01 Sept 10:00-16:00 at Northfield QMH***
- **Exploring the Quaker Testimonies *Wed 11 July and Wed 08 Aug 10:30 - 11:30 at Bournville QMH***

***A future for All Sat 14 July 10:00-16:00 at The Priory Rooms, Birmingham***

Implementing the Christian imperative to care for our World. An ecumenical day of worship, speakers, workshops and conversations learning for each other and discovering action we can take individually and together. Organised jointly by Birmingham Anglican Climate Action & Central England Quakers Low Carbon Commitment Forum, as part of the A Rocha Eco Church Project. A donation of £10 donation towards, coffee, lunch and speaker expenses on the day. For more information and to register go to:

<http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/events/a-future-for-all/>

***Handling Difficult Conversations workshop Sat 11 Aug 09:30-14:00 at Selly Oak MH***

We all find certain conversations particularly challenging and look back and think, “That didn’t go well - what could I have done to manage it better?” Few of us are naturally equipped to tackle such challenges, although we find ourselves in uncomfortable situations in our personal and professional lives. The *Restoring Relations project* is an initiative started by a group of Quakers as a way to gather and share our knowledge, experience and skills to help individuals, and Meetings, deal with conflict in a better way. Our approach draws on a number of sources to set out a process that help us understand and handle conflict better, whether dealing with an isolated incident or resolving a long standing issue.

During the day we provide many opportunities to work on how we handle difficult conversations and practise your skills in a safe environment. There are 16 places available at this half-day workshop, at a cost of £15. For more information and to register go to: <http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/events/difficult-conversations-workshop/>



## Woodbrooke Course Corner

To find out about courses run at Woodbrooke, either pick up a copy of the *Woodbrooke Learning Brochure* for 2018 from the information table in the coffee room, or go to <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/view-course-search/> for residential courses and <https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/online-learning/> for online courses.

### Residential courses

Set in the beautiful grounds of the former home of George Cadbury, a peaceful environment awaits you. Please ask overseers if you require financial assistance. You may also attend these courses as a non-resident.

#### July

Mon 9 - Wed 11 Jul	○ Meeting Needs: Creating Well-Being
Mon 9 - Thu 12 Jul	○ The Acts of the Apostles: Peter, Paul and the Early Christian Way
Fri 13 - Sun 15 Jul	○ Signposts for the Soul: Pathways Through Addiction
Tue 17 - Thu 17 Jul	○ Be Comforted: Handknitted Prayer Shawls for Consolation and Courage
Fri 20 - Sun 22 Jul	○ John Woolman and the Apocalypse of the Heart
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Jul	○ Making Mosaics
Mon 30 - Thu 2 Aug	○ Living Awake to the Spirit: Practices to Nurture the Soul
Mon 30 - Fri 3 Aug	○ Voices of the Earth

#### August

Wed 8 - Fri 10 Aug	○ Well-Being: Supporting Ourselves and Each Other in Our Climate Change Work
Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug	○ Listening and Gathering: Holding Space for Spirit
Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug	○ Creating with Clay
Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug	○ Stories for Our Time: Storytelling as a Tool for Peace, a Tool for Change
Fri 10 - Sun 12 Aug	○ Speaking Truthfully and Peacefully
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Aug	○ Sense and Perception: Bringing Together Yoga Mindfulness & Photography
Fri 17 - Sun 19 Aug	○ O Be Joyful: Finding Joy Through Singing and Reflection
Fri 17 - Sun 19 Aug	○ Ancient Paths: A Retreat with the Labyrinth
Fri 17 - Sun 19 Aug	○ Exploring Simplicity
Fri 17 - Sun 19 Aug	○ Equipping for Disability Equality
Mon 20 - Wed 22 Aug	○ Best of the Christian Buffet
Mon 20 - Wed 22 Aug	○ Honouring My Lineage
Mon 20 - Wed 22 Aug	○ Jung and the Wounded Healer: Myth & Reality
Sun 26 - Fri 31 Aug	○ Mindfully Together: A Retreat Guided by the Teachings of Thich Nhat Hanh
Fri 31 Aug - Sun 2 Sept	○ A Friendly Introduction to the Quaker Way
Fri 31 Aug - Sun 2 Sept	○ Quakers and The 'Votes for Women' Campaign

## September

Mon 3 - Tue 4 Sept	○ 24 Hours for Stillness: An Experiment with Light Retreat
Mon 3 - Wed 5 Sept	○ Losing Sight of the Shore
Mon 3 - Thu 6 Sept	○ Let Me Tell You a Story...: Deepening Your Message Through Storytelling
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Sept	○ Transgress & Transcend: An Exploration of Gender and Sex with Gay Bible Scholar Peterson Toscano
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Sept	○ Exploring Quaker Chaplaincy
Fri 7 - Sun 9 Sept	○ Handling Conflict in Our Meetings: A Course for Roles Holders
Mon 10-Wed 12 Sept	○ Strength in Weakness: 18th Century Quaker Women, their Networks, Struggles and Successes
Mon 10-Wed 12 Sept	○ Threshing and Clearness
Fri 14 - Sun 16 Sept	○ Being a Quaker Trustee
Fri 14 - Sun 16 Sept	○ Eldership: Our Gifts in and to Our Community
Fri 14 - Sun 16 Sept	○ Oversight: Our Gifts in and to Our Community
Mon 17-Wed 19 Sept	○ Light in Our Lives: Recasting Our Life's Story
Mon 17-Wed 19 Sept	○ A Fresh Approach to Nominations
Fri 21 - Sun 23 Sept	○ Quaker Fellowship for Afterlife Studies Annual Conference
Mon 24-Wed 26 Sept	○ The Buddha and His Aunt: Real Women and Female Symbols
Mon 24-Wed 26 Sept	○ How to be a Conscientious Objector Today
Wed 26 - Fri 28 Sept	○ The History of The Hedge: Quakers and 'The World'
Wed 26 - Fri 28 Sept	○ Dancing with Words: Life Writing Inspired by Movement
Fri 28 - Sun 30 Sept	○ Being a Quaker Clerk
Fri 28 - Sun 30 Sept	○ Feminism, Quakers and Wonder Woman
Fri 28 - Sun 30 Sept	○ Discernment and Leadership: The Inner Place from which we Operate

## Online courses

Mon 2 July - Fri 3 Aug: A Place Apart: Tabernacle and Temple in the Hebrew Bible

Sat 7 July: Seeking Sanctuary and Stillness

Mon 20 Aug - Fri 28 Sept: Bayard Rustin: Reflections on his Life and Witness

Mon 20 August- Sun 30 Sept: Islam and the Environment

Mon 3 Sept - Fri 12 Oct: Living the Heart of Christianity

Mon 3 Sept - Fri 12 Oct: A Taste of Life Writing for Transformation

Wed 5 - Wed 26 Sept: 'That Your Love May Overflow': Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Mon 17 Sept - Sun 14 Oct: Meeting for Worship for Business: An Online Course

Mon 1 - Sun 28 Oct: Friends from the Start: Exploring the Early Quaker Story