

The Friendly Link

Newsletter of Warwick Quaker Meeting
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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

All of us in the meeting have needs. Sometimes the need will be for patient understanding, sometimes for practical help, sometimes for challenge and encouragement; but we cannot be aware of each other's needs unless we know each other.

Quaker Faith and Practice, 12.01

Welcome to the November edition of *The Friendly Link*

Editorial changes have resulted in a more concise edition of the Friendly Link this month. However, I hope it still contains everything you expect from your newsletter. Any feedback is welcome, and please do get in contact with me if you know how to insert borders on google docs. All Friends, but especially those with children, may wish to gather at Selly Oak to mark the season with the annual bonfire party.

Your contributions are always welcome. The last day for contributions for the December edition of The Friendly Link is Sunday November 25th. Please send your contributions to: editor@warwickquakers.org.uk.

Anna Edelsten

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Quaker Diary

Sunday 4th November : Business Meeting at 12:00 noon

Thursday 15th November : Interim Area Meeting at Bull St Quaker Meeting House, 18:00-20:00. Please check with the clerking team to see if this is happening.

Sunday 18th November : All Age Singing, 12:00-12:30. Please bring copies of 'Singing in the Spirit' if you have them. All welcome.

Saturday 24th November : RAF Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00 outside the main gates. (Please contact Marian Millington for more information.)

Sunday 25th November : Soup and Roll, 12:00 noon

Saturday 1st December: Area Meeting at Bull St Quaker Meeting House, 14:00-17:00

Sunday 2nd December: Business Meeting at 12:00 noon

Welcomers' Rota

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

Sunday 4th November: Jolyon Hall and Clive Dove- Dixon

Sunday 11th November: Mel Dearing and Anna Edelsten

Sunday 18th November: Marilyn and Phil Biles

Sunday 25th November: Sarah Thompson and Dave Rawcliffe

Sunday 2nd December: Joanna Hardcastle and Rob or Helen Hooper

Business Meeting Reports

Those reports that are due over the next few months are listed below.

November: Premises and Finance

December: Library

Children's Meeting Rota

Theme: The Jesse Tree an advent activity book by Katie Thompson
Annie Pettifer has kindly lent her book with ideas for craft around advent, it is in the children's library, please take a look in advance of your session

Date	Topic	Topic Leader	Supporter
4th Nov	Golden (Unstructured) Time (Half Term Hols)	N/A	Rob Hooper
11th Nov	The Jesse Tree: Joseph the Carpenter pg47-48	Ruth Gaston	Paula Button
18th Nov	Designing the children's room, Mel Dearing visits Children's meeting	Anna Edelsten	Jane Holt
25th Nov	Golden (Unstructured) Time (Link weekend at Cotteridge so we do not expect many children to be at meeting)	N/A	1 DBS checked adult required
2nd Dec	Toilet twinning	Wendy Edwards	Jane Beale

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

Garden development

We have now received generous funding from the area meeting property committee, and are in process of instructing a contractor to start the main hard landscaping. We thought it would be a good moment to bring the meeting up to date with developments so we plan a special presentation after worship on Sunday 25 November. This will be before soup and roll, to which we hope to add a celebratory shared lunch. All are welcome!

John Sheldon on behalf of the garden development group: Marilyn Biles, Mel Dearing, Paul Rutter, Gill Smith

Midweek Meeting for Worship

Midweek Meeting for Worship in Leamington has now been laid down and no longer meets on Wednesday midday. We will be bringing a report to Business Meeting but in the meantime, please contact Jane Beale for further information.

Jane Beale

National Events

The Conversation 7 & 8 December; St Paul's Church, Canterbury

It is a gathering that curates space for cutting-edge, innovative, even risky conversations about children, young people and the church. It asks the question: How can we change the dominant church culture from 'conquering and keeping' to 'nurturing and releasing' the children and young people in our communities? For more details and booking information go to <https://theconversationuk.org/>

Children and Young People's Events

Living as a Quaker Link Weekend 24-25th November, Cotteridge Meeting House

This weekend is aimed at 10-14 year olds. It starts at 10am on the 24th and finishes at 12pm on the 25th. 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)

- o **Meeting for Worship, Support & Healing *Thurs 01 Nov and 06 Dec 14:00 at Sutton Coldfield QMH***
- o **Creative Day at Northfield *Sat 03 Nov and 01 Dec 10:00-16:00 at Northfield QMH***
- o **Becoming Friends**
 - o **Faith in Action *Tues 13 Nov 18:45-20:45 at Bull St QMH***
 - o **Quaker Community *Tues 27 Nov 18:45-20:45 at Bull St QMH***
- o **Exploring the Quaker Testimonies *Wed 14 Nov 10:30 - 11:30 at Bournville QMH***

Selly Oak Bonfire *Sun 4th November, 14:30-19:00 at Selly Oak QMH*

We will be holding an afternoon meeting for worship at 14:30 at Selly Oak meeting house followed by a bonfire, fireworks and a bring and share tea. All are welcome!

Continuing the dialogue: God, Words and Us *Thurs 8th Nov, 19:30-21:00 at Edgbaston QMH*

Building on the previous sessions on 'God, Words and Us', this evening's event will give us the opportunity to continue exploring our own experiences and convictions. Doors open at 7pm for light refreshments. You are most welcome to join us.

Open Meeting for Worship: Remembrance for Peace *Sun 11th Nov, 14:3.0-15:30 at Grounds of St Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham*

Join Central England Quakers in an open-air meeting for worship on the centenary of Armistice Day. A chance to remember all those affected by war, and reflect on our commitment to peace today. The Peace Poppy Mosaics (pictured) will be on display, to help us reflect. Feel free to come and rest with us and experience the peace of a gathered meeting for five minutes, ten minutes, or just as long as you want. At the conclusion of the meeting you are welcome to join us at the nearby Peace Hub for a cup of tea and a chat.

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.

November

Mon 5 - Wed 7	o Being an Area Meeting Treasurer
Mon 5 - Wed 7	o Restorative Justice
Wed 7 - Fri 9	o Alice: a Light-hearted Introduction to Confidence
Fri 9 - Sun 11	o Shalom: the Peace that Changes Everything
Fri 9 - Sun 11	o Faith in Food
Mon 12-Wed 14	o Silence in Circles: Meditating to Create Mandalas
Mon 12-Wed 14	o Bible Study for Quakers
Wed 14-Fri 16	o Friends with a Dual Religious Identity: the Gifts and Challenges
Mon 19 - Wed 21	o How to Teach and Lead Meditation and Mindfulness
Mon 26 - Wed 28	o Thy Kingdom Come?: The Lord's Prayer for Quakers

December

Thur 20 - Sun 23	o A Pre-Christmas Retreat: Woodbrooke and the Community of Interbeing
Thur 20 - Sun 23	o Be the Change
Sun 30 - Wed 2 Jan	o Dances of Universal Peace: Dancing into the New Year with Faith and Joy

Online courses

Mon 5 Nov - Sun 16 Dec: Quaker Women and Social Justice: Learning from their Experience

Mon 5 Nov - Sun 16 Dec: Being a Quaker Clerk: an Online Course

Thurs 8 Nov - Thurs 13 Dec: Exploring Quaker Spirituality

Conferences

Fri 7 - Sun 11 Nov: Children & Young People's Work Advocates Conference

Sat 10 Nov: Quaker Youth Work Conference

Fri 16 - Sun 18 Nov: Area Meeting Clerks Conference