

The Friendly Link

Newsletter of Warwick Quaker Meeting
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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

“We recognise the exclusion we may create is not intentional but it doesn't mean we aren't responsible for it. There is a feeling Quakers are passively inclusive. Our testimony to equality makes us complacent.” (from JYM 2019, Minute 1)

“Somewhere beyond right and wrong there is a garden. I will meet you there.” (Rumi)
Epistle of Britain Yearly Meeting, 2019

Welcome to the June edition of *The Friendly Link*

Welcome to the June edition of the Link. Once again, there seems to be a lot of on, both locally and in the Area. I hope you are able to find something that you will enjoy.

Your contributions and feedback are always welcome. The last day for contributions for the July /August edition of The Friendly Link is Sunday June 30th. Please send your contributions to: editor@warwickquakers.org.uk.

Anna Edelsten

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Quaker Diary

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

Saturday 8th June: Quaker Vegan Pop-up Café at 19:30. Please contact Dave Rawcliffe

Saturday 15th June: Area Meeting at 14:00-17:00 at Stourbridge QMH

Saturday 25th and Sunday 16th June: Leamington Peace Festival

Sunday 16th June: All Age Singing, 12:00-12:30. Please bring copies of 'Singing in the Spirit' if you have them. All welcome.

Saturday 22nd June: RAF Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00 outside the main gates. (Please contact Marian Millington for more information.)

Saturday 22nd June: Warwick Meeting Away Day at St Michael's Centre, 9:30-16:30

Sunday 30th June: Soup and Roll, 12:00 noon

Sunday 7th July: Business Meeting at 12:00 noon

Friday 12 July: Harpsichord & Piano recital 19:30 by John Sheldon, Unitarian Chapel

Saturday 13th July: Walk from Hatton Locks 9:45am. Contact Meg Harper.

Saturday 13th July: Memorial Meeting to remember and celebrate the life of Toni Rumsby at 14:00 at Warwick Meeting House

Business Meeting Reports

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

July Web Manager

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!

June 02	Anna Edelsten and Rob Hooper
June 09	Jane Cunningham and Annie Pettifer
June 16	Paula Button and Louisa Radice
June 23	Anna Edelsten and John Sheldon
June 30	Ruth Gaston and Dave Rawcliffe
July 07	Mel Dearing and Paul or Stella Rutter

Children's Meeting Rota

Theme: Bible

We have three copies of 'The Lion Encyclopedia of The Bible' which you will need to use as a base for putting your session together, they are in the children's library, please take a look in advance of your session.

Date	Topic	Topic Leader	Supporter
2 June	Golden (Unstructured) Time (Half-Term weekend)	N/A	Paula Button
9 June	Chapter 19: The Sayings of the Wise: the 'Wisdom' Books (Pgs 42-43)	Helen Pemberton	Jane Holt
16 June	Chapter 20: A Wise Man Faces Up to God: Job (Pgs 44-45)	Anna Edelsten	Gill Smith
23 June	Joan of Arc - rehearsal for performance	Eddie Rug + Ruth Gaston	Meg Harper
23 June	Joan of Arc - rehearsal for performance	Eddie Rug + Anna Edelsten	Annie Pettifer
30 June	Joan of Arc - rehearsal for performance	Eddie Rug + Annie Pettifer	Paula Button

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 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 or wish to be shown our resources, or a tour of the children's room please contact anyone from CYPC. We are: Annie Pettifer (Convenor), Ruth Gaston, John Harding.

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

Notices

Warwick Meeting - looking forward

At a recent Business Meeting it was decided that we should arrange a half day session where we can consider together ideas for the future of our Meeting over the next five years or so. Elders were asked to organise this.

We have booked it in at Warwick Meeting House for the afternoon of Saturday 21st September, starting with a Bring & Share lunch 12.30 till 1.30pm and ending at 4.30pm. Helen Rowlands from Cotteridge Meeting has kindly agreed to facilitate the session for us.

We do hope that as many of us as possible will take part in this discernment process - please put it in your diary now!

*Jane Holt
Convenor of Elders*

Notice about the café

Please may I remind Friends that if they want to use the café for any event then they should approach me as convenor of the café committee? I will then clear the arrangements with the café manager so that health and safety and other requirements are met. Very many thanks!

John Sheldon

Quaker Vegan Pop-up Café 19:30 Saturday 8th June

A choice of starters, mains and deserts with still or sparkling water. See attached flier for full menu. Please bring your own drinks if you would like to. The cost per head is £12. Any profits will go to Quaker funds. Places are limited. Please book yours with Dave at dave@taochirho.com along with your menu choices.

Meg Harper, Social Committee

Leamington Peace Festival 2019 15-16th June

The Leamington Peace Festival is on the weekend of 15th and 16th June this year. As you know we run a stall over the two days and need volunteers. So please contact either John Harding (01564 782207, 07733047086, hardingthompson@btopenworld.com OR Ruth Gaston 02476 305775, 07799543715, ruthanagaston@googlemail.com) if you are available to help. Thank you.



John Harding and Ruth Gaston

Warwick Meeting Away Day at St Michael's Centre, Budbrooke, CV35 8QL on Saturday 22nd June 9:30-16:30

In the morning we will be looking together in small groups at our Quaker Testimonies - Simplicity & Sustainability; Truth, Equality & Peace. We will discuss what they mean to us and how they play out in our lives as individuals and as a Meeting. There will be a supervised area with play and creative items provided in the main room for any younger children (under 6's) during this time. Children of all ages are very welcome and children aged 6+ will be able to join us in looking at our Testimonies.

Lunch will be **bring and share** and a time to chat. In the afternoon there will be a choice of activities: a walk, board games, cooperative outdoor games, calligraphy and arts & crafts. We will round off the afternoon with a short time of worship followed by drinks with fruit and biscuits.

We hope that as many of us as possible will come along. We have a good number on our list already and we are still taking names!

There is no charge but we need to know how many to organise for, so please give your name to one of us if you are intending to come.

If you prefer to email, please contact Jane on janeholt57@gmail.com

A map detailing how to find the centre is attached.

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

PS - please don't forget to bring something to share for lunch!

Harpichord & Piano recital 19:30 Friday 12 July, Unitarian Chapel

There will be a recital for harpichord & piano by John Sheldon on Friday 12 July 7.30pm in the Unitarian Chapel, Warwick. The programme will include preludes by Purcell, JS Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Scriabin and Shostakovich. Tickets £7 (including refreshments) from John or Ann James as well as the cafe. Proceeds to the garden restoration fund.

John Sheldon

Walk from Hatton Locks 9:45am Saturday 13th July

On Saturday July at 9:45am, Rosa and I will be leading a walk of about 4.5 miles from Hatton Locks and finishing at the Hatton Locks café for tea. Please meet shortly before 9:45am at the car park (small charge) at Hatton Locks, which is down a side road on the left, coming from Warwick, just before the Hatton Arms pub. Please email clerk@warwickquakers.org.uk to let me know you're coming or speak to me at meeting. Other dogs are very welcome!

Note: the time of this walk has been changed so that none are prevented from walking and attending Toni Rumsby's memorial meeting in the afternoon.

Meg Harper, Social Committee

Community



Quaker Camping Sat 27th July to Sat 3rd August at Bank House Farm, Buxton in the Peak District <http://www.bankhousefarmcamping.co.uk/>

Every year a number of people from our meeting go camping with a group of Quakers from all over the country. This summer camp will be in the Peak District. The activities on offer include, walks and cycle trails (such as the Manifold and Tissington trails), Thor's cave, the Heights of Abraham which includes a hilltop park set on top of a dramatic limestone gorge, the Roaches, stately homes and more! This camp attracts two groups of people: families and walkers. So, if you have kids (they don't have to be young!), love walking, love camping or just want to experience living in community, do chat to me. The letter, booking form and community guidelines are attached (I can give you copies if you are not on email).

Anna Edelsten

Children and Young People's Events

Youth Club, Saturday 8th June, 18:00-20:00 at Cotteridge Park

The youth club is running again this Saturday! If you are in year 6 or above please do come. This month's session, co-operative games in Cotteridge Park, will be run by Helen Waters. Drop off and collection at Cotteridge Meeting House. We plan to buy chips to eat in the park.

Exploring Worship weekend 5 - 7 July at Woodbrooke, Birmingham

This event is for children aged 5 to 11 years-old and will use stories, games, songs, craft and worship to explore some big questions: What is God? Where is God? What is worship? What is a Quaker? Children must be accompanied by an adult who could attend *Being a Quaker Parent* which has additional programmes running alongside it (a crèche for 0-4 year olds crèche and a light touch programme for 12-15 year olds). To book email enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk or telephone 0121 472 5171.

For more information go to:

<https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/item/being-a-quaker-parent-adults-and-exploring-worship-5-11-year-olds/>

Friends Summer School 28th July to 3rd August at Drax, near Selby, West Yorkshire

The Friends Summer School is a residential Quaker event for young people from the North West of England and North Wales. Summer School offers sports, discussions, creative workshops, worship, co-operative activities, music, drama... and more. The age range is 11-17, but this includes anyone who is 10 and going to be 11 before the 1st of September. Most young people that come have some Quaker family connection or are friends with Quakers, but as long as you want to be part of a "Quaker community," you're welcome to come along! The cost has not been finalised but is likely to be around £225 for the week plus £25 for travel on the coach. See <https://friendssummerschool.wordpress.com/> for more information.

Summer Events for Young Quakers 17-24 August at Leighton Park School.

Junior Gathering and Senior Conference (formerly Southern Summer School) are week long Quaker gatherings for young people aged 11-14 and 15-18. They are exciting and busy weeks packed with activities offering young Quakers the opportunity to spend time with peers in a Quaker space suited to them. Each event has a theme that is explored throughout and alongside runs a series of parallel activities and fun events. The theme for Junior Gathering is Modern Equality, and for Senior Conference, Quakers in the 21st century: what will our chapter be? Young people who do Quaker stuff all the time are welcome, and for those who don't go to meeting regularly this can be a tremendous opportunity to spend time with kids who share Quaker values and have Friendly fun. It is a safe and happy week - lots of people in the holiday between primary and secondary school have not been away on their own before, but in JG there are dorm buddies, secret friends and small family-style base-groups and we all look after each other. The cost is £360. See <https://fsse.org.uk/jg/> for more information.

Central England Area Events

To find out about events taking place go to: <http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/events/>

Regular events:

Meeting for Worship, Support & Healing Thurs 06 June, 14:00 at Sutton Coldfield QMH
The Quaker Testimonies - Sustainability Wed 12th June, 10:30-11:30 at Bournville QMH

Coventry Peace House Pillar celebration Sat 1st June 15:00-17:00 at Coventry Peace House

The Coventry Peace House Pillar project has been completed. The Pillar has gone! To celebrate we are holding a party on Saturday 1 June. Please come for 3.00 for cake cutting at 15:30 and to end at 17:00. Meet all the people involved and enjoy light refreshments in the wonderful much larger room. From 1998, Coventry Peace House has been a focus of reconciliation and sustainability in inner city Coventry, breaking down the barriers that separate local people through educational activities. Their work includes: Coventry night shelter for asylum seekers offers beds to 20 people each night; Coventry Peace House bike workshop works with the nearby community. Foleshill is a very multi-cultural area; Educational Trust - tackling inequality through highlighting social issues and promotes the involvement of 'hard to reach groups' in mainstream activities especially art projects.

'Far from the Home I Love' concert Sun 2nd June, 18:00 at Bournville Meeting House

This is a special concert given by the internationally renowned classical pianist, Margaret Fingerhut in support of Birmingham City of Sanctuary. The history of classical music is full of composers who have had to leave their homelands for war, political upheaval or fear of persecution. The 'Far from the Home I love' concert tells the story of some of these composers through their music. Her programme includes works by Chopin, Grieg, Handel, Hadyn, Prokofiev and Rachmaninov and she has commissioned a new piece by Arian, the Kurdish Syrian Composer. Tickets with a suggested donation of £10.00 are [available from Eventbrite](#) or on the day.

CEQ Walking Group on Tue 11th June 10:30 - 12:00.

Peter Duckworth of Coventry Quaker Meeting is looking for Friends interested in starting a walking group. I have just returned from Northumbria Area Meeting where there is a very successful Quaker walking group with differing Friends from various Meetings leading a monthly walk. I am keen to set up a similar group here. To test the water I offer a walk local to me with the following format: a short circular walk about 90 minutes duration, easy walking on clear path, a 20 minute section of worshipful silent walking, accessible start, opportunity to meet Friends from other Meetings in a novel context, opportunity to eat together (on this occasion also Meeting for Beer). This particular walk will be largely in urban woodland encountering Tile Hill Wood, Pig Wood and Plantshill Wood which features in the paintings of renowned artist George Shaw and in a poem by Black Country poet Liz Berry inspired by one of his paintings. Register here: <https://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/events/ceq-walking-group/> .

No Planet B... Acting out Faith in the World.

An ecumenical day for all those concerned that there is no planet B, and interested in how we can act out faith to protect the world we already have. Featuring speakers & workshops on: connecting us with the world, practical action we can take together as churches, what we can do as individuals in our communities, plus an exploration of plant based diets, with a vegan lunch provided. All welcome, whether you are beginning your environmental faith journey; are committed and would love to inspire/ motivate/ involve your community; or are already part of an active congregation. Please bring a donation on the day if you are able. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/no-planet-b-tickets-59045195770>

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.

June

Mon 3 - Wed 5	Look Not Out But Within: a Quaker retreat
Mon 3 - Thur 6	Pattern of Seasons: a handicraft Workshop
Fri 7 - Sun 9	The Beatitude Way - pathway of prophets
Fri 7 - Sun 9	Spiritual Activism
Fri 14 - Sun 16	Leadership Amongst Friends
Fri 14 - Sun 16	Exploring the Development of Early Quaker Theology
Mon 17 - Wed 19	The History of Woodbrooke Gardens in 10 objects
Fri 21 - Sun 23	Quaker Studies Conference
Fri 21 Jun - Sun 23	A Time to Speak Out: a guided Bible study
Sat 22	George Richardson Lecture
Mon 24 Jun	Praying As You Can Not As You Can't
Mon 24 - Wed 26	Eldership and Oversight Together
Mon 24 - Wed 26	Truth is What Works
Fri 28 - Sun 30	Sing in the Spirit: a chant-based retreat
Fri 28 - Sun 30	The Wisdom of the Psalms: spiritual guidance for everyday life
Fri 28 - Sun 30	Confronting Mortality and Grief

July

Tue 2 - Thur 4	Speaking of Unspeakable Things: giving language to the spiritual landscape
Fri 5 - Sun 7	Being a Quaker Parent & Exploring Worship
Sat 6 Jul	The Spiritual Journeys of John Woolman
Mon 15 - Fri 19th	Awakening of the Sacred Feminine
Fri 19 - Sun 21	Finding Meaning In The Margins
Sat 20	Protest Songs
Sun 21 - Thu 25	Mosaics My Way!
Mon 29 - Wed 31	Exploring faith and practice together
Mon 29 - Wed 31	Quaker Feminism? Exploring the contributions of early Quaker Feminists to Women's Rights
Mon 29 - Wed 31	Attention: the way we relate to the world

Online courses

Mon 3 June -Sun 14 June: Exploring Quaker Chaplaincy

Mon 3 June - 14 June: Practical Skills in Nonviolence

Mon 8 Jul - Sun 18 Aug: Bible Study for Quakers

Mon 15 Jul - Sun 25 Aug: Quaker Nominations