

The Friendly Link

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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

Our planet is seriously ill and we can feel the pain. We have been reminded of the many ways in which the future health of the earth is under threat as a result of our selfishness, ignorance and greed. Our earth needs attention, respect, love, care and prayer.

In comfortable Britain we are largely insulated from the effects of the environmental crisis. It is the poor of the world who suffer first.

As a Religious Society of Friends we see the stewardship of God's creation as a major concern. The environmental crisis is at root a spiritual and religious crisis; we are called to look again at the real purpose of being on this earth, which is to till it and keep it so as to reveal the glory of God for generations to come.

London Yearly Meeting, 1988, Quaker Faith and Practice, 25.02

Welcome to the October edition of *The Friendly Link*

Welcome to the October edition of the Friendly Link - Autumn is upon us! There's a theatrical performance, two films and a sleepover weekend to enjoy, plus some interesting events taking place within the Area Meeting. Take your pick!

Your contributions and feedback are always welcome. The last day for contributions for the October edition of The Friendly Link is Sunday October 27th. Please send your contributions to: editor@warwickquakers.org.uk.

Anna Edelsten

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Quaker Diary

Tuesday 1st October: Rock and a Hard Place, Journeyman Theatre 19:30

Friday 4th October: Free filming of War School at 19:30 followed by Q&A with the Director

Saturday 5th October: The White Crow at The Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth 19:30

Sunday 6th October: Business Meeting at 12:00 noon

Saturday 12th October: Link sleepover weekend 15:30

Saturday 19th October: Area Meeting, 14:00-17:00 at Cventry QMH

Sunday 20th October: All Age Singing, 12:00-12:30. Please bring copies of 'Singing in the Spirit' if you have them. All welcome.

Saturday 26th October: RAF Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00 outside the main gates. (Please contact Marian Millington for more information.)

Sunday 27th October: Soup and a roll at 12:00 noon

Sunday 3rd November: 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!

October	6	Diana Biddlestone and Ann James
November	3	Anna Edelsten and Joanna Hardcastle
November	10	Jane Beale and John Sheldon
November	17	Annie Pettifer and Jolyon Hall
November	24	Marilyn and Phil Biles
December	1	Sarah Thompson and John Harding

Children's Meeting Rota

Theme: Joan of Arc

Date	Topic	Topic Leader	Supporter
6th Oct	Joan of Arc -rehearsal for performance	Eddie Rugg + Helen Pemberton	Annie Pettifer
13th Oct	Rehearsal of Joan of Arc (Young people sleepover weekend)	Eddie Rugg + Possibility	Jane Beale
20 Oct	Asking the older children to think about and plan a session in The New Year	Anna Edelsten	Karen Barber
27 Oct	Golden Time	Ruth Gaston	
3 Nov	Golden Time and Making White Poppies	Marilyn Biles	

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 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

Rock and a hard place 19:30 Tuesday 1st October

During this year's Quaker Week we are hosting a performance of Journeymen Theatre's new play "Rock and a hard place". The play explores the complex nature of domestic abuse, ranging from coercion in its many forms to women's deaths at the hands of abusive partners. It also looks at the impact of funding cuts on the refuge system and on support available for victims and is an appeal to all of us to recognise and highlight this major issue in our own communities. Suitable for those aged 17+. Running time 65 minutes (no interval). Donations on the night are welcomed and all proceeds will go to support local women's refuges. It would help us to have an idea of numbers in advance for seating etc - please email me at elders@warwickquakers.org.uk to let us know you'd like to come. We are hoping for a good turnout to support both Journeymen Theatre and our local women's refuges - please come, and invite friends along too!

Jane Holt

War School: Free Film at Meeting House 19:30 Friday 4th October

This film has been made in partnership with Friends House to draw attention to the infiltration of education by the military. It is not suitable for children. It is an hour and a half long and the director Mic Dixon is attending to lead a Q and A session afterwards. Free entry; donations to cover costs welcome. Do come and invite others too.

Ann James

The White Crow at *The Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth* 19:30 Saturday 5th October

Please join us at The Talisman Theatre, Kenilworth at 7.30 next Saturday evening to see the film *The White Crow*. *The White Crow* is a 2018 British film written by David Hare and directed by Ralph Fiennes. It stars Oleg Ivenko as the ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev, chronicles his life and dance career. Tickets available from Stella Rutter , or just turn up on the night.

Paula Button
Social Committee

Children and Young People's Events

Youth Group, Saturday 5th October, 18:00-20:00 at Cotteridge Meeting House

Stuart Morton will be leading a session about the work of Ekta Parishad in India, supported by Helen Waters. These sessions are for those in year 6 and above. These sessions will be a mixture of crafts, games, social time over hot chocolate and biscuits, and some focused activities. Meals are not provided but the young people are welcome to bring food with them.

Link Sleepover Event 12th October, 15:30 at Warwick Meeting House

We are planning to spend some time with our Quaker Friends, playing co-operative games, making pizza and fruit salad, with ice-cream for dinner and watching a film with popcorn. In the morning, if we will spend some time thinking and chatting about friendship. Our children's meeting will have the theme of friendship too.

Link weekends are planned so that Younger Friends feel comfortable exploring friendship and Quaker topics in a structured environment. This event is for those aged 9-16. The young people will be supervised throughout the weekend. There is no cost for this event. The event starts at 15:30 on Saturday, ending at 21:00 for those not sleeping over, or after Sunday Meeting for those sleeping over. Participant numbers will be limited to 20 so please book asap to avoid disappointment. Contact John Harding on 01564 782207 or 07733047086 or hardingthompson@bopenworld.com; or Ruth Gaston on 07799543715 or ruthanagaston@live.co.uk for more information.

European wide youth event, 28 December 2019 to 2 January 2020, Germany

The European and Middle Eastern Section of Quakers (EMES) is organising an event for 16 - 18 year Quakers in Germany from 28 December 2019 to 2 January 2020. They are hoping to have young people there from as many different Yearly Meetings as possible. For more information contact Michael Eccles at emes@fwccemes.org.

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 3rd Oct & 7 Nov 14:00 at Sutton Coldfield QMH*

Launch of Jai Jagat 2020: Peace and Justice *Wednesday 2nd Oct 10:30-21:00 at Woodbrooke Study Centre*

This participatory event marks the start of the year-long Global Peace Walk from Delhi to Geneva, on the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, with recollections of his visit to Woodbrooke in 1931.

The walk is Jai Jagat 2020 (loosely translated as One Planet All People), initiated by Ekta Parishad (translated as One Forum), with a track record of influencing government policy by walking, gathering and presenting evidence of injustices against landless people. Ekta Parishad and its leader, PV Rajagopal, has received numerous peace awards over the last 30 years, including a nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

During the Launch there will be a web link to the walkers in Delhi who will be undertaking this extraordinary venture.

Discussions and debates will focus on the 4 themes of Jai Jagat 2020 - Eradicating Poverty; Removing Social Discrimination; Reversing Ecological Destruction; and Ending Conflict. Key-note speaker Diana Toynbee, Activist, Politician and Quaker and speakers from the Gandhi Foundation and Gandhi Peace Centre will be joined by representatives from a wide range of West Midlands groups all concerned with social justice, climate justice, and peace.

Delegates are invited to help shape the Jai Jagat 2020 programme in the UK, which includes developing networks through justice and peace walks, a range of activities and events to promote the main Jai Jagat 2020 walk. Members of Jai Jagat 2020 UK will join the walk between Lyon and Geneva in September 2020.

The Jai Jagat 2020 UK group was initiated by Quakers in Central England and elsewhere. Quakers and Christian Aid have actively supported Ekta Parishad over the years and have witnessed their campaigns of peaceful mass mobilisation.

To book a place visit [Eventbrite - Jai Jagat 2020 Launch](#)

Follow us on: jaijagat2020.org, #JaiJagat2020UK, @Jai_Jagat_2020_UK

Quaker insights in the context of ecological crisis: revelation - the promptings of love and truth *Wednesday 9th Oct 10:30-11:30 at Bournville QMH*

A study group held at Bournville Friends Meeting House on the second Wednesday morning of each month from 10.30 - 11.30 from October 2019 to June 2020. The meetings will begin with around 20 minutes of Quaker worship, and then a further 40 minutes exploring how the ecological insight for the day can help us in our daily lives. Tea and coffee from 10.15 and again afterwards. Based on a nine-part framework devised by Stuart Masters, Senior Programme Leader for on-site learning at Woodbrooke.

Peace Conference: Safety in Numbers? *Saturday 2nd Nov 14:00-17:00 at the Priory Rooms, Birmingham*

Our project Peace Hub is organising a conference, asking: How can we rethink security for a just & peaceful world? A day for anyone interested in how we can work together to make a world that is more peaceful, just and secure for everyone. Through talks, workshops & discussions, we will explore what 'security' means in a peace & justice context, and how we can use this as a tool (or framework) when campaigning on a range of issues. The keynote speaker for the event is Patricia Sellick, Associate Professor at the Centre for Trust, Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University (she is also part of the Rethinking Security Network). Read more and register here: <http://peacehub.org.uk/events/peace-conference-rethinking-security/>

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.

October

Tue 1 - Thu 3	Quaker Botanists
18 Oct - 20 Oct	Facilitation and Leadership
Sat 19	Quakers and Decision-Making: exploring the issues
Mon 21 - Wed 23	Exploring Eldership
Mon 21 - Wed 23	Exploring Oversight
Fri 25 - Sun 27	Philosophy for Quakers
Sun 27 - Fri 1 Nov	Resting in Presence: an individually guided retreat
Mon 28 - Thu 31	Stepping Out of Bounds: the early Christian breakthrough

November

Fri 1 - Sun 3	All Are Welcome: growing our all-age Quaker communities
Fri 1 - Sun 3	Celebrating Samhain: exploring the Wheel of the Year
Fri 1 - Sun 3	Spiritual Surrender: the ego strikes back
Fri 8 - Sun 10	Why Have a Book of Discipline?
Fri 15 - Sun 17	A Friendly Introduction to Discernment
Fri 15 - Sun 17	Being a Quaker Treasurer
Fri 15 - Sun 17	Handling Conflict in our Meetings
Fri 22 - Sun 24	A Friendly Introduction to the Quaker Way
Fri 22 - Sun 24	'Faith of' or 'Faith in' Jesus
Fri 22 - Sun 24	Quaker Funerals
Fri 29 - Sun 1 Dec	Exploring Quaker Spirituality
Fri 29 - Sun 1 Dec	Mental Health in Our Meetings

Online courses

Thu 3 Oct - Thu 7 Nov: Explaining Quaker Theology

Mon 7 Oct - Sun 17 Nov: Being a Quaker Trustee

Tue 22 Oct - Tue 12 Nov: Inhabited by Christ: the theology and spirituality of James Nayler

Tue 22 Oct: Seeking Sanctuary and Stillness

Mon 4 Nov - Sun 1 Dec: The Birth of Liberal Quakerism in Britain

Mon 4 Nov - Sun 15 Dec: Speaking to That of God: building a Quaker web presence

Mon 1 Nov - Mon 16 Dec: Quaker Nominations

Mon 18 Nov - Sun 15 Dec: A Friendly Introduction to Membership

Tue 19 Nov: Seeking Sanctuary and Stillness