

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

Live adventurously. When choices arise, do you take the way that offers the fullest opportunity for the use of your gifts in the service of God and the community? Let your life speak. When decisions have to be made, are you ready to join with others in seeking clearness, asking for God's guidance and offering counsel to one another?

Advices and Queries 27, Quaker Faith and Practice, 1.02

Welcome to the October edition of *The Friendly Link*

Welcome to this edition of the Friendly Link. Autumn is closing in, which makes it an especially good time to reflect with local friends on the Swarthmore lecture, or go online and enjoy the rich offering from Woodbrooke. Take care to read the notices this week - there's one about muted MfW, MfW at Croughton is back, and there's an invitation to a Meeting for Healing, and that's just the start! The I believe column article is inserted into this edition - click on the pdf link to open it.

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

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Quaker Diary

Meeting for Worship is now being held in person at Warwick Meeting House (see below for details) at 10:30 for one hour, and on zoom.

Meeting for Worship is held at the following times via zoom:

Sunday - 10:30 for an hour

<https://zoom.us/j/404903873?pwd=RTBDdUxuWjhEOTRQeVZ1WDJ4c29Kdz09>

Meeting ID: 404 903 873

Password: 137252

Sunday - 18:30 for an hour

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83890752309?pwd=RHg3LzlxRmxQN0t2Z3hRejl1eXhEdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 9075 2309

Password: 643641

Mid-week - Wednesday at 12:30 for half an hour

<https://zoom.us/j/581141952?pwd=N1drWCtwaGVUQ1dQeC9rSUpmS0xoQT09>

Meeting ID: 581 141 952

Password: 955319

Kenilworth - every third Thursday @ 2:00pm for half an hour

<https://zoom.us/j/96143019529?pwd=TTh0YUM0d2prci9oWkYyTmZmeEJNQTO9>

Meeting ID: 961 4301 9529

Password: 010376

Sunday 4th October: Business Meeting at 12:00 via zoom

Saturday 24th October: Area Meeting at 14:00 - 17:00 online or Bournville MH

Sunday 25th October: Croughton Meeting for Worship 14:00

Sunday 1st November: Business Meeting at 12:00 via zoom

Link to Area BM Minutes: <https://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/area-business-meeting/minutes/>

Welcomers' Rota

Oct 4th	Paula Button
Oct* 11 th	Kris Turner
Oct 18th	Ed Creasy
Oct* 25 th	Sarah Thompson
Nov 1 st	Paula Button

* Children's Meeting Week

Children and Young People's Meeting Rota

Date	Topic	More info	Leader	Supporter
11 th October	Charades	JH has a set of "Charades for Kids" cards with easy, medium and hard things to act out and others guess	Sunita Evans	Paula Button
25 th October	What Changed for you?	Paired discussion and feedback. Good changes / bad changes a-What did you learn? b-What would you keep? c-What would you let go? Feedback and conclusions.	Sarah Thompson	

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

Trial of muted Meeting for Worship

We are aware that some Friends prefer Meetings for Worship on Zoom with everyone muted unless they are ministering, and we have come across other Local Meetings where this is happening. We have also noticed that a good number of people keep themselves muted during the Sunday morning worship.

We would like to try this out for the Sunday morning Meetings during the month of October, with a view to carrying on with it if people are happy with it.

Please could everyone keep themselves muted for these Meetings unless they are ministering? As we have blended worship we will have sounds from the Meeting House as it would not be feasible to mute that microphone and have people coming and going to unmute it when they wish to minister, but we hope that will not be too intrusive!

We would very much like to hear from you if you have strong views about this as the month progresses; this will help us know whether as a Meeting we would like to continue in this way beyond October or revert to the current situation.

In Friendship,

Jane Holt, Paula Button, John Sheldon & Gill Smith

Warwick Meeting Elders

Swarthmore lecture

Elders are planning a follow-up study group on this year's lecture given by Tom Shakespeare, *Openings to the infinite ocean*, on Wednesday 21 Oct at 7pm. This will be held on Zoom (details below) and we will continue to explore some of the themes of the lecture. It is not essential but it would help if you have read the lecture, available through the Woodbrooke website, and/or have watched the lecture (one hour long) also accessible from the Woodbrooke website as well as here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-OJq0jNAk>

It would help the planning if you can let one of us know if you intend to take part; many thanks!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88968540401?pwd=MCtmWmRVSlI5MnZBUGRoWWdzaDRcUT09>

Meeting ID: 889 6854 0401

Passcode: 243451

Paula Button, John Holt, John Sheldon, Gill Smith

Eco Church



Warwick Meeting were recently given a Bronze Award in recognition of our efforts to create a low Carbon Meeting House and community. A picture of the certificate is shown here, and the original is in the Common Room.

We are now taking action to work towards getting a silver award. The changes in the garden to make it more wildlife friendly will contribute to this.

Please get in touch with Wendy if you have ideas for Covid safe activities we can do, or actions we can take to make our community more environmentally responsible.

More information about Ecochurch can be found at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk>

Wendy Edwards

The Healing Circle Meditation

Several people have asked about the Healing Circle Meditation I mentioned in Meeting. The meditation is led by a couple who founded the Awakening Network in Australia. I have found it a powerful and comforting experience. The network has always been international, but using Zoom makes it so much easier to feel connected to the rest of the world. The aim is to create a place of healing for ourselves, the planet and all living beings.

These meditations take place in Melbourne on Sundays from 6.30 - 7.30pm. In UK, at the moment, this is from 9.30 - 10.30am on Sundays, but please note that this time may change soon, as Melbourne goes into summer time on 4th October, and then again, when we go into winter time.

The link below will take you directly to our Zoom videoconference room:

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE HEALING CIRCLE](#)

The room opens 15 minutes before the session begins. Please be early so that you can be ready to start the meditation on time.

Wendy Edwards

RAF Croughton

We received an email from the convener of the Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship outside RAF Croughton to let us know that they are still meeting.

We meet regularly for worship outside the gates of RAF (USAF) Croughton in South Northamptonshire at 2pm on the fourth Saturday of each month. The Meeting agreed not to meet in March to June of this year in line with health advice from the government but resumed regular meetings in July in line with the change in regulations.

The meeting allows us to witness to our Quaker testimonies outside the air base, which is used by the US military, originally to operate their Missile Defence Shield, and now for military communications including the control from the USA of lethal drones in other countries.

Anyone is welcome to join us for worship outside the gates by the side of the B4031 between the A43 and the M40 <https://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&ll=51.99705,-1.190005&z=20> at 2pm on the fourth Saturday of each month (or the third Saturday in December).

In Friendship,

Chris Seddon

Convener, Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship outside RAF Croughton

Children and Young People's Events

FWCC Online Workshops for Young Quakers (aged 16-35y)

"To all Young Friends everywhere,

We invite you to join Young Friends around the world, and across the Quaker branches, for a series of 5 online workshops over 10 weeks. Join us for one or all five.

These sessions will be run by young Quakers for young Quakers through Friends World Committee for Consultation on 5 Saturdays between August 29 and October 24, 2020.

In each session we will explore climate action, peace, and justice in relation to one of the five [testimonies](#): Truth, Equality, Peace, Simplicity and Community. There will be a chance to hear from 2 - 3 speakers (who will be Young Friends from across the FWCC sections), to talk in zoom breakout rooms exploring the session's theme, and a chance to gather and reflect on our discussions together.

We recognize that climate action, peace, and justice are core to Quakerism, and many young Friends are actively living out their faith in the world, so we all have so many stories to listen to, to learn from, and to tell. As young Quakers from around the world, we want to create a network of Young Friends that will provide a chance to share our stories and experiences and to hear from and inspire one another."

Go to: <http://fwcc.world/fwcc-news/an-invitation-to-young-friends-everywhere-from-young-friends-across-the-four-fwcc-sections>

You can register for each workshop individually.

Central England Area Events

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

Creative Day, Northfield Meeting House, 3rd October 10:00-16:00 Northfield MH

Nine of us returned to Northfield for social crafting on 5th September. We met in the meeting room with the doors and windows open for ventilation. Dianna says she is wearing her thermals in October. I will be buying insulated trousers before October. So please dress warmly with layers and a fleece or wrap.

We will be observing government guidance to be COVID safe so some guidelines:

1. Let Tina know you are coming by texting 07802 413143 or email tinuk2@gmail.com. Maximum capacity is 14 inside.
2. Bring a face mask to wear indoors.
3. Bring a packed lunch and your own water. We will make hot drinks but we will not have shared lunch. Bring your own cutlery.
4. Bring your craft project and tools and materials. No sharing of tools or materials.
5. Front toilets are open and supplied with disinfectant wipes. Accessible toilet will be open.
6. You will need to sanitise your hands and sign in with contact details when you arrive.
7. No access to kitchen for members Tina and Judith will make & serve hot drinks.

Pastoral Role-holders Online Get-together, 10th October 10:00-12:00 online

Calling all CEQ Pastoral Care teams, Elderseers, Overseers & Elders!

Friends appointed to any of these roles are warmly invited to a Zoom get-together during which we will be looking at how the pandemic has affected our Meetings and how we have responded to the challenges thrown up by it. We will also be thinking about how it has impacted us in positive ways and what we can learn from this.

We know that chatting with others is an important part of these gatherings, so there will also be time to chat with others in breakout rooms.

To register that you would like to join us for this session, please email Jane Holt at elders@warwickquakers.org.uk and she will send you the Zoom details. If you or someone you know wish to join us but are not online, please let Jane know and we can arrange for phone Zoom details to be sent.

We have enjoyed our previous get-togethers and look forward to seeing you again on Zoom!

Julia Furminger, Jane Holt, Mig Kerr & Donald Whitlock
(Members of the CEQ Elders' and Overseers' support group)

I Believe column

The last time I wrote the *I believe* column for the Courier we were lucky to get a few column inches tucked away at the back of the paper. But, clearly, the publishers are having to make changes to the printed versions of papers to try to stay afloat and so the paper looks different now than it used to (I'm not a regular reader of the local rag). This time, though, my piece occupies the best part of half a page, as you can see, with a larger font and graphics and presentation making the whole thing more prominent (see attached pdf).

I thought you would like to know about this because if this is a regular pattern (some of you will perhaps know) then this column, which we do on a rotating basis with other churches and faith groups, has excellent outreach potential. If any of you feel led to make a contribution do get in touch with Meg Harper who organises this for us; I know she is happy to add interested Friends to her list!

John Sheldon



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Woodbrooke Course Corner

To find out about courses run at Woodbrooke 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.

Online courses

October

1 Oct 14:00-16:00 6 Oct 10:00 - 12:00 8 Oct 19:00-21:00	Patterns and Examples 2
2 Oct 14:00-15:30 £20	Philosophising with Friends 3 - Exploring ministry
5 Oct 14:00-15:00	Meeting for Worship for Dance
6 Oct 19:30-21:00 £15 13 Oct 19:30-21:00 £15	Exploring the Swarthmore Lecture: Openings to the Infinite Ocean Session 3: We have no time but this present time: finding stories of hope 4: Optimism of the will: what is required of us?
9 Oct 14:00-15:30 £20	Philosophising with Friends 4 - Community as a Practice
12 Oct - 21 Nov £72	Ancient Philosophy for Quakers
12 Oct - 22 Nov £115	Being a Quaker Clerk online
17 Oct - 14 Nov £54	The Keithian Controversy: Early Quakers and Jesus
19 Oct - 5 Nov £54	Early Quakers in their Own Words: Spirituality
19 Oct - 21 Nov £86	Introduction to Mindful Self-Compassion
19 Oct - 29 Nov £115	Quaker Nominations online
19 Oct - 29 Nov £54	Kindful Eating: making peace with food and our bodies
23 Oct - 12 Nov £60	A Quaker Approach to Dementia
25 Oct - 31 Oct £36	The Life Stirring Within: a week-long online retreat with Isaac Pennington

28 Oct - 2 Dec £68	When Quakers Got it Wrong - and where do we go from here?
30 Oct	Philosophising with Friends 4 - thinking together for fun and fellowship
30 Oct - 3 Dec £54	Exploring Quaker membership

November

2 Nov - 1 Dec £54	The Quaker Way
2 Nov - 29 Nov £54	The Meaning of the Cross: punishment, or healing and reconciliation?
2 Nov £60	Freeing the Imagination: Creative & Devotional Writing
3 Nov £20	Poetry 2: Expressing the Inexpressible
2 Nov - 29 Nov £36	Challenge with Love - Climate Crisis
2 Nov - 13 Dec £72	A Foundation in Nonviolent Communication
3 Nov - 7 Dec	Citizen and Outlaw? The quandary of Quaker witness
6 Nov - 18 Dec £54	Working towards defining and accepting White Privilege and becoming an anti-Racist ally
9 Nov - 6 Dec £54	Expectant Waiting: reflections from the Bible and Quakers, from theology and poetry
10 Nov - 19 Dec	Hope as a Practice
16 Nov - 10 Dec £10	Courageous Living amid a Climate Crisis - for young adult Quakers only
30 Nov - 6 Dec	Images of Jesus