

Monthly Mailing – February 2019

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your February 2019 mailing.

Area meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **March 2019**, will be sent out on 27 February 2019.



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this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-feb19

Meeting updates!



Please send any changes to your meeting time, location or contact details by email to updates@quaker.org.uk. You can check your meeting's current entry on the BYM website at www.quaker.org.uk/meetings.

Listings, magazines, programmes and calendars

- **Books of the Month February 2019** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Upcoming Courses February 2019** and **Exploring Diversity and Inclusion Courses Woodbrooke 2019**
Please display these course listings. Booking details are given on the listings.
- **Friends World News 2018 Vol. 2 No. 187** The bulletin of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, featuring news from World Quaker Day 2018, and the latest updates from the World Office.
- **Swarthmoor Hall 2019 Programme Guide** Including residential retreats, courses and pilgrimages, and day events.
- **Young Quakers Calendar 2019** provides information about events and resources available for young Quakers aged 11 and above. It can also be viewed online at www.yqspace.org.uk/find-event. For further copies to give to young Quakers, please contact the CYP Administrator on 020 7663 1013 or email cypadmin@quaker.org.uk.
- **Clerks Calendar 2019** Please keep this calendar for reference and planning purposes. The calendar for 2020 will be sent out in the July mailing.

We suggest that some of the items are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant members of your meeting or add to your noticeboard or newsletter where possible.

Yearly Meeting 2019



All Friends (whether in membership or not) are invited to participate in Yearly Meeting to be held at Friends House, London, 24–27 May 2019. The calling letter and preparation document were sent to meetings in early January. Please share these with Friends in your meeting. Further details and documents are also available on the website at: www.quaker.org.uk/ym

Children and young people

1. All Are Welcome: Engaging and connecting with families

10.30am – 4.00pm, Saturday 2 March 2019, Friends House, London

A day for Friends to come together to share stories and explore what it means to be an all age community.

Online booking form: <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/families>

For more information contact:

Mel Cook, melaniec@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1014



Please announce in notices.

Brexit

2. Quakers across Europe are holding a joint meeting for worship at the time of the expected UK departure from the EU

The Quaker Council for European Affairs (QCEA) is inviting all Friends to join as individuals or Meetings. Simply gather together at the same time wherever you are. For those who wish, you can connect online to a meeting for worship being held close to the European Commission. The meeting is neither pro- nor anti-Brexit, but recognises Brexit's significance for many people.

To register to connect with the online meeting on 29 March, visit: www.QCEA.org/BrexitMeeting

More information can be found on the enclosed flyer.

For more information, please email events@qcea.org



Announce in notices.

Ecumenical

3. Churches Together in England 2019

Included is a leaflet from Churches Together in England (CTE) giving a brief description of who they are and the work of the body in 2019. BYM is in membership of CTE along with Cytûn – Churches Together in Wales, and Action by Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS). The Committee which looks after these working relations is Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations.

Marigold Bentley, marigoldb@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1060



Announce in notices.

Spiritual life of the meeting

4. Experiment with Light

Quaker Life recognises that for some Friends, Experiment with Light can be a powerful way of deepening their spiritual life. Experience has shown that the practice contributes best to the life of the meeting when it is undertaken in a group that is in the care of the meeting and supported by elders. In 2019 Experiment with Light Network offers opportunities for people with a range of experience of the practice. Friends can find out about the practice from a very basic level of understanding or, as a practitioner, might wish to be immersed in a 24-hour retreat, or local meetings might request a workshop.

experimentwithlight@gmail.com

www.experiment-with-light.org.uk



Publicise at local meeting and distribute and display the information on the flyer.

5. Nationwide Quaker Day of Healing

Saturday 2 March, 2019

A core part of Quaker Life's work is to support the deepening and enriching of the spiritual life of meetings. The Nationwide Quaker Day of Healing, organised by Friends Fellowship of Healing, is an opportunity for local and area meetings to focus on all our healing concerns. For more information go to: www.quaker-healing.org.uk/view/about/dayofhealing.aspx or contact friendshealing@gmail.com



Announce in notices and consider holding a meeting for worship for healing.

6. Finding out about Quakers: Two events for newcomers

12–14 April at Charney Manor, Oxfordshire

26–28 April at Glenthorne House, Cumbria

New to Quakers? Want to explore Quaker Worship? These events, run by Quaker Quest, are ideal for people who know little or nothing about Quakers, and for those who have been around Quakers for a while and want to explore further.

Treasurers should consider how to provide financial assistance.

For Charney Manor admin@charneymanor.com, 01235 868206

Glenthorne House, info@glenthorne.org, 01539 435389



Alert overseers and attenders about these opportunities.

Faith in action

7. Stop DSEI 2019!

Do you want to be part of a creative, vibrant and radical Quaker response to the DSEI (Defence and Security Equipment International), one of the world's largest arms fairs? Roots of Resistance, a grassroots network of Quakers across the UK, are building a network of 100 Quakers in area meetings around the country who will help to find 10 more Quakers in their local area, interested in joining Roots of Resistance as they take action against DSEI this September. The network plans to have an unprecedented Quaker presence at DSEI, standing together against the arms fair and the global arms trade.

For more information on getting involved, please sign up at:

<https://rootsofresistance.org.uk/get-involved/sign-up>



Announce in notices.

Outreach

8. Quaker Life All Age Outreach Conference 2019

15-17 February 2019, High Leigh Conference Centre, Hertfordshire

Places are still available for this event aimed at Quakers who are keen to reach out and help build dynamic welcoming Quaker communities. The event will be truly all age with everyone working creatively together throughout the weekend to share experience, ideas and inspiration.

Some bursary assistance to help with travel may be available.

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www.quaker.org.uk/events/outreachconference2019

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Please announce in notices and encourage interested groups or individuals to attend.

Help us with feedback

9. BYM events – give your feedback

Have you attended a BYM event in the past few years? Please tell us about your experience of any BYM events you have attended, or tell us why you haven't been able to attend. BYM hosts regular events for Friends to develop our thinking, encourage action on a variety of Quaker concerns and share experience among role holders. Your feedback will help us to develop events that are both relevant and accessible for you.

Please visit <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/bym-events-feedback> to complete a short survey that should take no longer than 15 minutes.

The survey will close on Monday 4 March 2019.

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Please share this with your meeting and encourage Friends to complete this short survey by Monday 4 March.

Many thanks to the Friends from Luton & Leighton Area Meeting who help to collate this mailing.