

Monthly Mailing – June 2017

for clerks of area meetings, General Meeting for Scotland,
Meeting of Friends in Wales, and Young Friends General Meeting



Welcome to your June 2017 mailing.

Local meeting clerks have received the same material to help you discuss it with them if needed. There are no items for area meetings only in this month's mailing.

Please send any feedback or queries to Gaby Scott: gabys@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1045.

NB: The next monthly mailing, for **July 2017**, will be sent out on 27 June 2017.



action required by clerk for meeting business



printed material is included relating to this item (number of sheets to right of icon)



this item is also relevant to area meetings



All PDF documents for this mailing are at www.quaker.org.uk/mm-jun17

Listings

- **Books of the Month June 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre: Upcoming events and courses June 2017**
Please display this courses and events listing. Booking details are given on the listing.
- **The Young Quaker magazine, May 2017** – the in-house magazine from Young Friends General Meeting. This issue has a particular focus on building bridges.

Book of Meetings updates booklet



The Book of Meetings 2016 updates booklet included in the monthly mailing is for use in conjunction with last year's Book of Meetings. It only lists changes to meeting role-holders from those shown in last year's book. Keep the updates booklet inside your meeting's copy of the Book of Meetings 2016.

General election 2017

What happens after the election? Resources available at www.quakervote.org.uk for after 8 June. (And please do remember to vote!)

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

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

Governance

Governance Gold



Governance Gold is designed to be kept by clerks to form a library of extra useful advice. This edition reminds you of the importance of letting us know of the deaths of Friends or active attenders.

Michael Booth, Church Government Adviser, michaelsb@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1023

1. Review of Quaker appeals process

Quaker faith & practice gives Friends the right to appeal to Meeting for Sufferings about decisions of an area meeting which affect them personally (section 4.25). Meeting for Sufferings is currently reviewing the process for this and has appointed a small group. That group has come up with a number of questions to help it consider if the current process works well or how it could be changed. If you would like to assist the group, then please get in touch with me. The group will need responses by the end of June.

Michael Booth, michaelsb@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1023



Please include this in notices, or pass it to Friends who you know might wish to respond. Note the short deadline.

2. Our faith in action: Quaker work in 2016

Our faith in action gives a brief taste of the range of work carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting on behalf of Quakers in Britain last year. We hope that all Friends will get a chance to read it and that they will feel proud of what has been achieved in their name.

Our faith in action and the 2016 financial statements are available online at www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport. For paper copies please email resources@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1015.



Please show Friends the enclosed paper copy, let them know where to find it and encourage them to read it.

Yearly Meeting Gathering

3. Yearly Meeting Gathering places still available

29 July–5 August 2017, Warwick University

Come to Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG) and enjoy the packed programme. There will be a variety of talks and workshops from George Lakey, Steve Whiting, Bridget Walker, Mairi Campbell-Jack, Ann Morgan and more.

Further details available at www.quaker.org.uk/ym and a full timetable will be online from 1 June.

Online bookings will open again on 1 June for remaining places. Spaces and bursaries still available.

For bookings enquiries contact University of Warwick directly – email Quakers2017@warwick.ac.uk

For other YMG enquiries, please contact ym@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1040.



Please let Friends know they can still book to come to YMG. Places and bursaries still available. See the programme trailer sheet.

4. Young Friend Helpers at Yearly Meeting Gathering

29 July–5 August 2017, Warwick University

Young Friend Helpers can come to YMG for free in exchange for help running it. Young Friend Helpers should be aged 18–29 and will be asked to help 2/3 of the day with one full day off-duty in the week. Find more information and application forms at www.quaker.org.uk/ym/volunteer-1

The soft deadline for applications is 31 May but we can take applications up to the end of June.

Kristin Skarsholt, kristins@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1121

Announce in meeting and pass on to any young Friends in or connected to your meeting.

Children and Young People

5. Updated CYP resources catalogue

The updated catalogue setting out the resources, training opportunities, support and events to help the work with our children and young people is enclosed. This includes things to assist meetings in being alongside children and young people and in becoming intergenerational communities.

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www.quaker.org.uk/children-and-young-people



Please share with those working with children and young people in the meeting.

Young Quakers

6. Review of mental wellbeing at YFGM

YFGM (Young Friends General Meeting) is conducting a review of how attending our gatherings affects participants' mental wellbeing. While we anticipate that our events have a largely positive impact on attendees, there may be areas for us to improve. We would like feedback from anyone who has attended YFGM in recent years, no matter how many times they came.

Our online survey is available on the home page of the YFGM website at www.yfgm.quaker.org.uk

For paper copies of the survey, please contact the YFGM coordinator at YFGM@quaker.org.uk



Please encourage anyone who has attended YFGM in recent years to complete our online survey.

Refugee Week

7. Refugee Week

19–25 June, Friends House and across Britain

Quaker events to support Refugee Week include a Library open day at Friends House (Monday 19 June) and author events in the Quaker Centre bookshop at 6.30pm on 19–22 June alongside all-age meetings for worship, theatre performances and discussion events in local meetings across Britain.

There is a *Journeys in the Spirit* resource for children's meeting.

For full listings visit quaker.org.uk/migration or refugeeweek.org.uk.

If you are organising a Refugee Week event and would like to list it on the quaker.org.uk/migration website, email timothyg@quaker.org.uk.

If you haven't uploaded it to the refugeeweek.org.uk website please do so directly.



Announce in notices.

**If in London or the South East there will be a leaflet with this pack to put on the table.*

Quaker Week

8. Getting ready for Quaker Week 2017 In turbulent times: be a Quaker

30 September–8 October

Quaker Week is coming! Well, not yet but it's never too early to think about planning!

The letter enclosed contains a full list of resources, support and contacts to help you plan and advertise your Quaker Week events. It includes information about the new poster, ideas pack and postcard pack that will be sent to meetings over the summer and details resources to buy/download including our new Quaker hoodies. It also outlines our speaker offer where we can send you a speaker to talk on a range of topics such as Quakerism today, our peace work and the history of the Society.

We encourage Friends to add '#QuakerWeek' on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook posts to promote their events and join the conversation! outreach@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1017



See the enclosed letter and share with your meeting to prepare for Quaker Week.

Membership

9. Membership Weekend – finding out about Quakers

10–12 November 2017, Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, Oxfordshire

This weekend is for people who have been around Quakers for a while and want to explore further. What does Quakerism mean to you? Do you need to know more? Is there any difference between being an attender at Quaker meetings and becoming a member?

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www.quakerquest.org

www.charneymanor.com/events



Please share the enclosed flyer with any newcomers who might be thinking about applying for membership. Please also consider providing financial help.