

Monthly Mailing – July 2017

for local meeting clerks or conveners



Welcome to your July 2017 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: Please note the **break** in the monthly mailing schedule for August due to Yearly Meeting Gathering. The next monthly mailing, for **September 2017**, will be sent out on 29 August 2017.



action required by clerk for meeting business



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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-jul17

Listings

- **Books of the Month July 2017** from the Quaker Centre Bookshop.
- **Woodbrooke upcoming courses: online learning edition**
Please display this courses listing. Booking details are given on the listing.

Quakers condemn all acts of violence

In the wake of recent tragedies, Paul Parker, the Recording Clerk, has made a statement on behalf of Quakers in Britain. He refers to Quakers' response and says, "Quakers lovingly uphold all those affected by the recent tragedies. People of all faiths should be able to live and worship in peace."

You can read the full statement on the news page of our website www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quakers-condemn-all-acts-of-violence and also on Twitter and Facebook.

You might like to bring this to the attention of Friends.

Follow @BritishQuakers for news.

Protect yourself from fraud

BYM recently issued a notice 'Protect yourself from Fraud'. It is on the recommended reading section of the web page for Quaker treasurers: www.quaker.org.uk/treasurers.

The best protection is a proper degree of suspicion. Please read the guidance and consider whether your systems are robust. Please pass to anyone dealing with any aspect of your banking – treasurer, signatories, etc

We suggest some items in this letter are read out as notices. Please pass enclosures to relevant people 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.

Yearly Meeting Gathering – bookings still open

29 July–5 August 2017, Warwick University

Already over 1,300 Friends of all ages are coming, and we've got room for a few more! Come and enjoy the packed programme including a variety of talks and workshops.

Go to www.quaker.org.uk/ym for a full timetable and online bookings. Bursaries are still available. Please note that the children's programme is now full.

For bookings enquiries contact Warwick University by email: Quakers2017@warwick.ac.uk.

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

Conferences and events

1. 2017 Quaker Activist Gathering

10am–4pm, Saturday 14 October 2017, LIFT Islington, London

What does our Quaker faith prompt us to do in the world? Join Quaker Peace & Social Witness and US Friend and activist George Lakey for a day of sharing, workshops, networking, and movement-building.

Plus: between 6–9pm at Friends House George Lakey will give a free talk to launch his new book, *Viking Economics*.

Kristin Skarsholt, bymevents@quaker.org.uk

www.quaker.org.uk/events/qag-2017



Please read out in notices and put out the flyer with booking link.

*flyer enclosed only in local meeting mailing

2. The Changing Face of Faith in Britain

16–18 March 2018, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Area meetings are asked to appoint to the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations (QCCIR Qf&p 9.13) conference. This will cover the findings of the current QCCIR research project on 'The Changing Face of Faith in Britain', looking at the challenge for Friends of the growth of 'secular society' and changes to traditional religious expression. It will provide an opportunity to consider the results of this project and where this might lead Friends.

enquiries@woodbrooke.org.uk, 0121 472 5171

www.woodbrooke.org.uk



Please alert your AM nominations and encourage Friends to make an appointment.

3. Quaker Tapestry exhibition

7–18 August 2017, Friends House, London

Delight in the detail of the Quaker Tapestry and its unique exploration of Quaker history at this free 'on the road' exhibition of 21 original Tapestry panels. On display Monday to Saturday 10am–4pm and Thursdays 10am–8pm. www.quaker.org.uk/events/quakertapestry



Announce in notices.

Quaker News

4. Quaker News – no summer issue

Due to staff changes we will not be publishing a summer issue of *Quaker News* this year. The next issue will be brought to you by a brand new editor and will reach meetings in late September, in time for Quaker Week. If you would like extra copies of this issue to use during Quaker Week, please let us know.

Leslie Bell, qn@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1019



Share this information in notices.

Quaker Week and Outreach

5. Getting ready for Quaker Week 2017

In turbulent times: be a Quaker

30 September–8 October 2017

Free information packs – we can send your meeting six free copies of our helpful information pack for newcomers, which includes leaflets, *Advices & queries* and a copy of *Being a Quaker* by Geoffrey Durham. Send your requests to quakercentre@quaker.org.uk or phone 020 7663 1030 or 020 7663 1125.

Providing speakers – if you are holding an event during Quaker Week, we can offer speakers on a wide range of topics, from Quaker worship and spirituality, to Quaker history, to peace education, economic justice and advocacy. Email speakers@quaker.org.uk

Balloons are now available too!

6. Quaker Hoodies now available!

Quaker hoodies (also known as zoodies) are now available! A brilliant tool for everyday outreach, stewarding events, activism and chaplaincy, they can be purchased at the Quaker Centre bookshop in Friends House, on their website <http://bookshop.quaker.org.uk> and will be available at Yearly Meeting Gathering. They feature our outreach Twitter handle 'Know more Quakers' underneath the Q logo.

7. Hay Festival 2017

The Quakers were present at the Hay Festival with more than 20 volunteers from Quakers in Wales and Southern Marches AM. We made contact with more than 1,000 Festival visitors from across Britain. We know one person has already attended a meeting for worship. If someone new comes to your meeting do make them welcome and let us know if it was the Hay encounter that prompted them. Email outreach@quaker.org.uk at any time.

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Alert your outreach team!

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Share the flyer with your meeting.

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If you have a new attender who comes to meeting because of Quaker outreach at Hay do please let us know!

Surveys

8. Mental health in Quaker meetings survey

Quaker Life would like to learn how meetings respond to challenges that arise in Quaker meetings that relate to mental health or illness. Please respond as a meeting or as an individual. There is not a limit to the number of responses from each Quaker meeting and individuals are strongly encouraged to send in their own response as well as elders' or overseers' responding on behalf of the meeting community. Please visit <https://forms.quaker.org.uk/ql-mental-health-survey>. The form should take between 15 and 30 minutes to complete online. Oliver Waterhouse, oliverw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1007

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Please respond to the survey as a meeting and individually where relevant. Make elders and overseers aware.

9. The Changing Face of Faith in Britain survey

As part of a research project commissioned by the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations (QCCIR) on the changing face of faith in Britain, a new online survey has been produced aimed at those who have first come to Meeting in the last 3 years. Please complete the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7NTL6KP> by July 24.

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Please share as widely as possible by email and through notices.

Migration and sanctuary

10. Consider becoming a Sanctuary Meeting

From 1 August 2017 local meetings will be able to register as 'Sanctuary Meetings'. Inspired by the Sanctuary Churches Movement in the USA this involves a whole-group decision help build a culture of hospitality; in the country through policy change, in the community through alliances with migrant led groups and also in the Quaker community itself. After Yearly Meeting, a package of publicity materials, training and retreats will be provided to support this.

For more information visit quaker.org.uk/migration.
Contact timothyg@quaker.org.uk with any questions.



Consider in business meeting if your local meeting wants sign up as a Sanctuary Meeting.

Witness against the arms trade

11. Stop the Arms Fair this September

September 2017, mainly London & some events across Britain

The international arms fair, DSEi, is setting up shop in London in September 2017, to export war and conflict around the world.

Whilst we play host to one of the world's largest arms fairs, war, repression and injustice start here. Let's stop it here.

Friends interested in opposing the arms fair can see the flyer for ideas. Young Quakers see the information in the item below.

Sam Walton, samw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1090



Make Friends aware of the arms fair and the resistance to it.

Young Quakers

12. How young Quakers can witness for peace at the arms fair

Monday 11 September, 2017 from 6pm to 8pm.

Meet Tidal Basin Road, outside Royal Victoria DLR at 6pm

Come and meet other young Quakers and attend the silent vigil held the evening before the September DSEi arms fair. There will be Friends House staff and people who campaign for peace at this event. Young people attend this event independently. Friends House staff will support young people joining the vigil and parent/s or guardian/s should be happy that the young people attending the event are of an age where they can take responsibility for themselves.

See leaflet for how to register and for further details about arrangements. Young Quakers or their parent/s or guardian/s please contact Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011



Please pass information to young people who may be willing and able to attend / their parents.

13. Facilitation and Leadership

20–22 October, 2017, Woodbrooke, Birmingham

Facilitation and Leadership is an event for 15–21 year olds. The weekend will explore ways to work as a facilitator and lead groups. It will cover understanding groups and facilitation skills, equal opportunities and being a Quaker facilitator.

Closing date 1 October 2017.

Cat Waithaka, catw@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1011

<http://bit.ly/fandl17>



Please promote to any young people who would be interested in this weekend. Display poster in your Meeting House.