

Cotteridge Meeting Newsletter

Meeting for Worship every Sunday 10.30am

Children's Meeting in term time

Diary Dates - April/May 2018

21 April, Reflections in the Garden, 10.00 - 12.00

22 April, Enquirers' Gathering, 12.00 - 12.30, *see page 2*

26 April, Coffee Morning, 10.30-12.00, at Judith J's house

29 April, All Age Campfire meeting, 10.25 am, Cotteridge Park, *see page 2*

29 April, Sing in the Spirit, after Meeting for Worship

29 April, Meeting for Worship at Northfield Meeting House, 6pm

4 May, 7pm, Walk on the Lickeys, *see page 2*

5 May, *No Creative Day this month*

13 May, Local Business Meeting: 12 noon, *Premises Please Note LBM NOT on 6 May because of BYM*

13 May, Mindful Gardening, 8.30 - 10.00 and A Conversation - 12.00-12.30

19 May, Reflections in the Garden, 10.00 - 12.00

19 May, Area Meeting, Sutton Coldfield, 2.00pm

20 May, Shared Lunch, followed by discussion on
Sanctuary, led by Pat Bailey and Anne Ullathorne

20 May, Enquirers' Gathering, 12 - 12.30

**Next Appeal: Restore,
a Churches Together charity working
with refugees in Birmingham**

Our away weekend at Purley Chase was a wonderful time of getting to know each other better, sharing new activities and thinking together about the heart of our meeting. We completed this Tibetan sand meditation during the weekend:

Note from Tina:

Can you please note my correct email address is: tinahuk2@gmail.com. I gave up the btinternet.com address when we left the warden's bungalow!



Enquirers' Gathering

Alan J will be facilitating our Enquirers Session on Sunday 22nd April. We look forward to another lively discussion about things Quakerly that may be a bit of a puzzle. Next month's meeting on 20th May will be followed by our shared lunch. From June onwards we shall revert to our usual slot on the second Sunday in each month, except for August when there will not be a session. Everyone is welcome; newcomers to our meeting were especially in our thoughts when we set up these sessions, so please do join us if you can.

All Age Campfire meeting

29 April, 10.25 am
Cotteridge Park

The Childrens committee is pleased to invite everyone to our Spring campfire meeting in Cotteridge park on 29th April 2018 when we will be thinking about the beauty in our world and our hopes for it. Please arrive at 10.15 for a 10.30 am start. After the meeting we will be serving dampers, popcorn and hot drinks. You will find us in the woodland school area in the middle of the park – look out for the smoke and the ranger's van!

From Cotteridge Sustainability Group:

Good News:

The United Nations International Maritime Organization have adopted an initial strategy on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from ships, with a vision "as a matter of urgency, to phasing them out as soon as possible". (imo.org)

... the not so good news:

Research shows that the warm Atlantic current linked to severe and abrupt changes in the climate in the past is now at its weakest in at least 1,600 years.

What I find precious in my life

(My contribution to the Purley Chase writing group)
by Joe:

Cotteridge Meeting helps me on that life's journey.

It gives me strength for the week.

The community helps me - people send cards and they phone me.

I feel part of the community and valued for what I do.

I find companionship with Helene who lives downstairs; we look out for each other.

I give joyful thanks for all new life - I had a picture in my mind of lambs.

Walk on the Lickeys

....to appreciate spring and hopefully this might include some bluebells!

Friday 4 May, 7 pm

Meet in the Old Rose and Crown Car Park B45 8RT at the foot of the Lickeys.

The walk will be along a route that is known for bluebells on the Lickeys. It will be a bit up and down and will take around 60 - 90 minutes. Please be prepared for rough ground, mud and rain (Hopefully not too bad in terms of rain at least!).

All very welcome

Margo

Staying Friends

23 May at 7.30 at
Northfield MH, back room

We shall be looking at extracts from Gerard Hughes' 'God of surprises'.

All are welcome.

Door and Flower Rota

Friends - look in your diaries!

Door/Flower Rota for the following Sundays:

May 13th, May 20th, May 27th

June 3rd June 10th June 17th June 24th.

E-mail Liz with offers, or fill in paper rota which will be in Meeting House from 29th April.

Cotteridge Meeting Library

We are doing a stock-take of the library - please could you search your shelves for strays?

Carolyn

New books:

Being Human by Rowan Williams

Waiting for the Last Bus by Richard Holloway

Voices against War: a century of protest by Lyn Smith

Local Elections 2018

Hustings

For the election of two councillors to the Bournville and Cotteridge Ward

Thursday 26 April 2018, 7.30 pm

Questions may be submitted in advance to:

mike.claridge@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk

or submitted in writing on the night.

See flyer on notice board for list of candidates

Footsteps' Summer Interfaith Canal Walk

Sunday 10th June 2018, 2.00 - 4:30 pm

A circular route starting from the Birmingham & Black Country Wild Life Trust's - Centre of the Earth - 42 Norman Street, Winson Green, B18 7EP

A walk around the Soho Loop canal to connect with our local environment. Led by Jake Williams, Community Engagement Officer at BBCWT who will give a guide to local wildlife & history.

Our Work and Witness: celebrating Quakers in Central England

Saturday 30th June 2018, 9.30-4.30 at Woodbrooke

A day of discovery and fellowship for all. Ask questions, make suggestions, share ideas, Children's programme and CEQ fair: Peace Hub, Christmas Parcels, EcoCentre, Trustees, Children and Young People, Peacemakers, Elders and Overseers.

General Data Protection Regulation

This comes into force on **25th May**. The Friends House Data Safety Group has added 3 new documents to the data safety web page at <http://www.quaker.org.uk/data-safety>

1) an expanded guide to the GDPR 2) a guide to data audits
3) a template data audit form

Film Night

at Selly Oak MH

Selly Oak are joining with Cotteridge Sustainability Group to show:

Friday 27th, 6.15 - 9.15pm:

Avatar (PG)

with a runtime of 2hrs 45 mins.

Arrive at 5.30pm for soup and bread

Friday 18th May 2018 6 pm for 6.30 pm start

"Dr Seuss's The Lorax"

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Soup and bread served from 6pm

Tea rota

22 April Heather and Mike

29 April Judith J

6 May Leonora

Woodbrooke news from Eleanor

As I haven't received anything "official" from Woodbrooke lately, I thought I'd draw attention to the wide variety of experiences Woodbrooke is offering over May and June.

On the traditional residential (or non residential) model at Woodbrooke we have:

9 - 11 May Spirit Dance

11 - 13 May Business Ethics

14 - 16 May a retreat based on the practices of Thich Nhat Hanh

17 - 20 May Life Writing

22- 24 May Discernment 18 - 20 May The Early Quaker Vision

29 - 31 May Walk Through the Midlands With George Fox

I think this last one sounds fascinating: walking the walk as well as hearing the talk. Which leads me on to Swarthmore Hall, the cradle of Quakerism. A smaller and more intimate venue, ideal for getting the "feel" of Quakerism and a good place for retreats. Several events happening here over the spring and summer.

Woodbrooke's Online learning goes from strength to strength and can largely be done in your own time. I've picked out just two but there are plenty more:

1 May - 1 June The Early Christian Breakthrough

22 May the first in a series of four day retreats over 2018.

Take just one or sign up for all four.

Just some of the other possibilities this season include grassroots change; the Acts of the Apostles; time together for holders of specific roles in Quaker Meeting. Also breadmaking, plain song, other types of chanting, mosaic making and several other ways of making oneself open to the Spirit.

Opportunity to support a local community group supporting people affected by dementia

Leaf Creative Arts currently run free memory cafes at Stirchley Baths for people affected by dementia as well as Art for Wellbeing sessions for isolated people and people with mental health and learning difficulties.

We are down to the final five community groups in the West Midlands taking part in a competition through The People's Projects run by the Big Lottery Fund and are the only group from South Birmingham in the competition.

If we get enough votes we will be awarded with **£50,000** to put towards running and expanding our memory cafes. We'll be able to reach many more local isolated older people and help them and their carers develop friendship networks.

The voting and campaigning window is between **16th** and **29th** April. Details on how to vote for Moving Memories Cafe can be found on The People's Projects website under the Central West region:

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/moving-memories-caf%C3%A9>

Please note that once you have registered your vote on the website **you will need to click on the link in your email for the vote to be counted.** **Further details on: www.leafcreativearts.co.uk - flyer on noticeboard**

It is appreciated that this might be difficult for some Friends, as the competition is funded by the Lottery and some Friends are not able to support 'competitions.' However, I know some Friends are actively involved in supporting projects concerning dementia and the Purley Chase weekend report highlights our desire to support the community.

Next Newsletter: 20 May 2018 - Contributions by Wednesday 16 May please call cally.q@outlook.com