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Quote for the month is contributed by Reg Carlier. Michael Faraday, who was fascinated by the light of a candle, finished the 1860 Christmas course of six lectures to children, at the Royal Institution, where he was a professor of Chemistry, with these words:

... to express a wish that you may, in your generation, be fit to compare to a candle; that you may, like it, shine as lights to those about you; that in all your actions, you may justify the beauty of the taper by making your deeds honourable and effective in the discharge of your duty to your fellow men.

Dates for your Diary

Midweek Meeting	12.45-1.15	Every Wednesday , followed by simple lunch
Sunday 8 April	6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Sunday 15 April	12 noon	Creative Listening at Meeting House
April 17 to 25		World Conference of Friends in Kenya – attended by two Dorking Friends
Friday 20 April	7.30pm	Meditation Meeting at Meeting House
Saturday 21 April	10.30-4pm	Area Meeting Learning Day at Capel on sustainability
Sunday 22 April		Spring Walk after Meeting – see page 3 for details
Sunday 29 April		Traidcraft stall after Meeting
Friday 4 May	7.30pm	Study Group at Meeting House – a Friendly Bible Study
Sunday 6 May	9.00am	Preparative Meeting
Saturday 12 May	10.30am	Area Meeting at Reigate
Sunday 13 May	6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Friday 18 May	7.30pm	Meditation Meeting at Meeting House
Sunday 20 May	12 noon	Creative Listening at Meeting House
Saturday 26 May	10-4.30pm	Area Meeting Study Tour (book with Su Johnston)

No Preparative Meeting this month!

Collections:

The **March collection**, for Quaker Service Memorial Trust (chosen by Peace and Social Witness Committee Committee), raised £46.

The **April** collection will be for the Leaveners.

The **May** collection will be for Claridge House.

Mid-week Meeting collected £200 for Beatitudes in Dorking.

The Fair-trade Fortnight **Palestinian oil stall** raised £25.60 for the Welfare Association, who work with the most vulnerable Palestinian communities.

A reminder about the fire alarm practice, which will be happening sometime in the next month or two – see March Grapevine for details!

Planning ahead for our later years

It's such a good idea to prepare in advance for our later years, so that we can put aside any worry, knowing that we and our family and friends are all ready to undertake any necessary actions, when and if they become necessary.

There are several things you can do:

- Talk to a solicitor about making a Will, if you haven't already done so.
- Fill in a funeral form with the personal information that is so useful at a difficult time for your family and friends – ask an Elder about this.
- Appoint an 'attorney' – see following information.

The useful tool known as **Power of Attorney** has changed fairly recently. The old version was known as an **Enduring Power of Attorney**. On October 1st 2007 it was replaced by **Lasting Power of Attorney**. An existing Enduring Power of Attorney, made and signed before October 1st 2007, can still be used.

A Lasting Power of Attorney, like an Enduring Power of Attorney, is a legal document. It allows you to appoint someone, that you trust, as an 'attorney', who will make decisions on your behalf. It cannot be used until it is registered with the Office of the Public Guardian.

There are two different types of Lasting Power of Attorney, one covering **health and welfare**, and the other, **property and financial affairs**. There are various sources of guidance – talk to your solicitor, ask Overseers or the local Citizen's Advice Bureau for a leaflet, or look up the following website on your computer -

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Governmentcitizensandrights/Mentalcapacityandthelaw/Mentalcapacityandplanningahead/DG_185921

Building work causes large CO2 footprint!

As well as causing a minor financial headache, the repair work done in 2011 had another, less obvious, downside, which was revealed when your green team completed the Climate Impact Calculator for the Meeting. This calculated the amount of greenhouse gases the Meeting generated during 2011. Greenhouse gases (represented by CO₂) are the ones responsible for climate change. So how did we do?



Well, our survey of how everyone travelled to and from Meeting for Worship at Dorking (on Sunday and Wednesday) and at Leatherhead, one typical week, enabled calculation of the contribution of travel to the footprint. Then Denise, our warden, helpfully measured the amount of rubbish produced by the Meeting House over a week, to give the rubbish contribution. We had figures for the electricity and gas meter readings at the start and end of 2011, which gave the energy footprint. Finally we had to use the amount of money spent on upkeep, to get a rough estimate of the footprint resulting from all the repair work (listed as 'other goods and services') that we had done in 2011. Look at the result!!

Travel	2.7
Energy	7.5
Waste	0.3
Other goods and services	31.2
Total	41.7 tonnes of CO ₂ for 2011

These figures may not mean much to you, so here's a figure for comparison – the average UK house generates 6.3 tonnes of CO₂ a year from household fuel use. (I'll just blow my own trumpet by saying the Brewer house only generated 1.3 tonnes!)

The big surprise is the huge footprint associated with the repair work, which dwarfs the rest and quite blots our Meeting's green copybook. I have sent the results up to QPSW as requested, and it will be interesting to see how other Meetings have done.

Anne Brewer for the Green Team

How about a walk – Sunday April 22nd!

This is the photograph taken from our summer walk in 2011, with the group having lunch at the pub in Peaslake. We had a wonderful time exploring the lanes and countryside around Shere, Gomshall and Peaslake, as well as a satisfying lunch in the garden at the Hurtwood Inn.

On Sunday April 22nd we plan to travel to Polesden Lacey for lunch, and walk 4 to 5 miles round that area. Get in touch if you plan to come, so lifts can be coordinated!

And a reminder of the WaterAid walk on Saturday 9th June at Newlands Corner - short and long options, with wonderful views guaranteed - put it in your diary, even if just to come and wish the walkers well!



Catherine Carr and Colin Brewer

William Penn School School Motto "Living, Laughing and Learning Together"



We are fortunate to have the William Penn School in our area, situated near Blue Idol Meeting House, just outside Billingshurst. Originally founded by Quakers in 1891, it was taken over by the local Education Authority in 1952, and is now the only Quaker-founded state primary school in Britain. I am pleased to have been recently appointed as one of the two Quaker Governors, although it is slightly daunting that our role includes "to preserve and develop the religious character of the school".

I am so glad that the Quaker ethos of the school is real and not just on paper. Susan Richardson, from Blue Idol Meeting, visits the school regularly, to tell the children about things that Quakers believe to be important, such as peace, equality, integrity, caring for others and care for the environment. The topic for years 5 and 6 this term is "Cadbury, Quakerism and Chocolate". Some classes visit Blue Idol Meeting House each year. I was particularly pleased to discover that there is a school prayer, which is displayed on the wall, and often said by the children in assembly. I feel that this is so Quakerly.

William Penn School Prayer

This is our school.
Let peace dwell here.
Let the rooms be full of contentment.
Let love abide here.
The love of God,
The love of one another,
And the love of life itself.
Let us remember that as
many hands build a house,
So many hearts build a school.
Amen

Colin Hope

Calling all musicians and those who enjoy Taizé singing

There is to be a Taizé service in St Martin's Church at 6pm on April 29th. All are welcome to come along. If you are an instrumentalist, maybe you would like to join the group who will be accompanying the singing. The notice from Chris Watts of St Martin's says, "We can manage piano, but it would be nice to have woodwind and string instruments as well, and discreet brass for the occasional piece. As much notice as possible would help, so we can look out and prepare parts." Contact Chris if you would like to join in – his email is chris@candvwatts.co.uk

Lois Lodge

P&SW shared lunch and the Quaker Service Memorial

After Meeting on March 25th we enjoyed a tasty shared lunch, with soup prepared by members of Peace and Social Witness Committee, and were then treated to an interesting talk on the Quaker Service Memorial Trust, by Helen and Bill Lockwood from Stone Local Meeting.

Helen is a Trustee of the Quaker Service Memorial Trust. She told us how and why the Memorial came about, what it will signify, and how its presence will be a witness, both to Quaker Service and to alternatives to war. Her talk was interspersed by relevant readings, from a wide range of sources, by Bill.

The Trust has funds to cover all the costs of construction, which has now begun, and inauguration is planned for September 15th. However, associated projects have mushroomed, and more money is needed to support these. For example, the chief education officer at the National Memorial Arboretum is planning for the Quaker Memorial to be one of the monuments visited by school children, and the Trust plans to develop appropriate materials for the visiting children. An exhibition, on the work of the Friends Ambulance Unit and the Friends Relief Service, is being developed and, after being on display at the arboretum, will be available for Meetings round the country. More information can be found in their latest newsletter (ask Lois Lodge for a copy) or at <http://staffs-quakers.org.uk/Memorial.htm>



To complement the visit by Helen and Bill, we had a display of items, old and new, demonstrating Quaker Service over the last 100 years or so. Most were from Dorking, but there were items about people from other Meetings, and items from other Meetings in our Area Meeting.

Lois Lodge

Off to Kenya!



Photo: Sue Brock-Hollinshead, Cambridgeshire Area Meeting

At Meeting for Sufferings on 31st March we were treated to a sight of the 'Quilted Hanging of Greetings' which is a quilt-size tapestry, created by Quakers – adults and children – in appliqué, for our 14 representatives from the UK to take to Kenya, for the World Conference of Friends 17th-25th April. (For more about the quilt contact sig.cam@talk21.com, Clerk to Quaker World Relations Committee.) This is the largest worldwide conference of Friends since 1967. One thousand Quakers are expected, and you can read more about it at www.saltandlight2012.org.

And why should we at Dorking be particularly interested in the conference at Kabarak University, near Nakuru, Kenya? ...Because **we are very**

lucky to be able to know two of these intrepid representatives – Bryony and Romy Elias

– who have been preparing to attend for many months. They will share their diverse ways of worship and witness, around the theme of 'Salt and Light' – which asks participants to reflect on how we can be salt and light in the 21st century.

I am sure other Dorking Quakers would want to join me in wishing Romy and Bryony our love and support on their trip. And to add how much we look forward to hearing about the conference when they return.

Sarah Freeman

– and an aside from the Green Team – most of the quilt is made from recycled men's shirts!

Reflections ...

"2.34 I sometimes think of a Meeting for Worship as a time when nobody speaks, but everybody listens. Sometimes a person is moved to listen aloud, and this transforms itself into spoken ministry." Anon 1995

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Rachel Hope