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Quote for the month is from *Cave, Refectory, Road - monastic rhythms for contemporary living* by Ian Adams, and was suggested by Lois Lodge.

I like the understanding of the Community of the Resurrection that their charism is something to do with 'sustaining a climate, the climate of God's living presence'. We are familiar, of course, with the idea of preserving eco-systems, the need for us to protect the planet, our obligation to care for the physical environment. The monastic way of life suggests that there is another climate that sustains all of life, essential for all existence: the nurturing, imagining, creating presence of God. This climate – perhaps what Jesus had in mind when he talked about 'the kingdom of God' – is not created by us. It's already there, all around, in and beyond us. The task of religious communities is to keep the rumour of its existence alive, to celebrate the moments when it seems to burst into any and all spheres of human experience, and to allow ourselves to be shaped by this climate, even becoming a breath-full sign of its being.

Lois wonders whether being witness to the 'climate of God's living presence' ought to be the defining difference between Quakers and non-religious Green movements.

Dates for your Diary

Midweek Meeting 12.45-1.15pm	Every Wednesday , followed by simple lunch
Saturday 8 September 10.30am	Area Meeting at Capel
Sunday 9 September 6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Friday 21 September 7.30pm	Special Meditation Meeting at Meeting House for International Day of Peace – see page 4
Saturday 22 September 11.15am	Regional Meeting at Brighton FMH
Saturday 29 September 10.30am	National Quaker Week event at Meeting House – <i>Who do you think we are?</i> – see page 4
Sunday 30 September 12.30pm	Pub lunch and walk – see page 2
Friday 5 October 7.30pm	Study Group at Meeting House
Sunday 7 October 9.00am	Preparative Meeting
Saturday 13 October 10.30am	Area Meeting Learning Day at Dorking Meeting House – workshop on spiritual practices led by The Kindlers - see page 2
Sunday 14 October 6.30pm	Meeting for Worship at Park House, Leatherhead
Friday 19 October 7.30pm	Meditation Meeting at Meeting House

Notes from Preparative Meeting

Collections:

The **July collection** for Quaker Council for European Affairs raised £42, and the **August collection** for Dorking Meeting Funds raised £63. **September collection** is for Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), and the **October collection** is for Quaker Homeless Action.

Advices and Queries were read as follows:

July: Dorking: nos. 9, 12, 22 and 36	Leatherhead: no. 28
August: Dorking: nos. 2, 3 and 38	Leatherhead: no. 1

We agreed to have an all-age **Christmas Party** in the Meeting House on Saturday January 5 2013, from 3 to 5 pm. Frances Poulton will co-ordinate the catering, and Sophie Dodgeon will arrange the activities, together with other members of the Children's Committee.

We decided not to renew our membership of the **Quaker Gardens Project**, as we have not seen any benefits from our membership over the past year.

We agreed to reduce the number of **Preparative Meetings in 2013** from nine to six, one before each of the six planned Area Meetings. It is hoped that members will continue to use the Grapevine as a means of communication, and this will still be produced 10 times a year providing the editors receive sufficient material.

We agreed the following collections for 2013:

January and February	Woodbrooke
March	To be chosen by Peace & Social Witness Committee
April and May	Claridge House
June and July	Britain Yearly Meeting
August and September	Quaker Homeless Action
October and November	Quaker Social Action
December	To be chosen by the children

Someone will be asked to speak on behalf of the relevant charity each month and we will explore the idea of this person, rather than the Meeting's treasurer, being responsible for collecting the money each week, and dealing with the charity, including in respect of Gift Aid.

Area Meeting Learning Day – Saturday 13 October

Final details will be available later, but so far arrangements are:

Arrive 10am for tea/coffee. The workshop will begin at 10.30am and end around 4.30pm. Tea/coffee provided but please bring something for your lunch. The workshop will be led by Alec Davison and Elizabeth Brown of the Kindlers, and will be on the theme of spiritual practices, with opportunity for sharing our own experiences.

Meeting Walk - Sunday 30 September

There will be a pub lunch followed by a walk. Timetable: 12.30 – meet for lunch; walk starts 2.00. You are welcome to come just for the lunch. If interested please contact Catherine Carr (01483 283693) or Colin Brewer (01372 456421).

The Leith Hill walk

On Sunday 26 August, twenty of us enjoyed the sunshine, the company and the exercise as, led by Chris Kohler, we re-enacted the traditional Leith Hill walk, that many of us there had enjoyed in the past.

There were Friends from Capel, Dorking and Horsham Meetings, and members of the Kohler family who remembered doing the walk as children. We all enjoyed studying the photos and sign-in sheets from earlier walks back in the 1980's and 1990's, finding our pictures and signatures. Adam Brewer kept up his father's earlier enthusiasm for getting back to Capel Meeting House first, and triumphantly signed his name on the record sheet followed by *first back, age 7!* We were made very welcome by Capel Friends, and enjoyed a hearty tea in their lovely garden on our return. We hope to repeat the exercise in 2013!

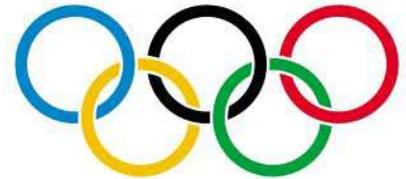


Anne Brewer

UN Forum 2012, 14 July in London

Lois Lodge attended this forum, and has contributed the following notes from two of the sessions – she hopes to offer notes on other sessions in later Grapevines.

The Olympic Truce; can we turn a fine ideal into a living reality?



An Olympic Truce is signed in relation to each Olympic Games, to reflect the ideals of the original Games in ancient times. The UK sponsored the UN Resolution on the Olympic Truce, entitled *Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal*, on October 17 2011. 193 nations were co-sponsors, which is a record. It applies for the period 27 July – 19 September, i.e. a week either side of the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The question now is whether it is possible, and how, to make a reality of this ideal. One initiative at home was the Model United Nations Competition for schools in March 2012. Others are seen in the cultural Olympiad.

A number of speakers gave their perspective and experiences on the power of sport for peace and peace building, both positive and negative. There are problems getting the message out (did you know about the Olympic Truce? – I didn't) and it can be a two-edged sword, but huge opportunities for dialogue, reconciliation, political statement, and setting an example are offered. Honey Thaljieh, founder of the first Palestinian women's national football team, and holder of several posts for the Football Association said that football gives hope for change. She showed that success is possible in a male-dominated and Muslim society through persistence and vision. Overall there was a striking contrast between what speakers considered possible at high level (seemingly very little and slowly), and what local people can and do achieve.

The Olympic ideal is potent. But why then the need for all the security arrangements and the leaders disallowed from attending?

Peace One Day

Jeremy Gilley, founder of Peace One Day and initiator of the International Day of Peace, talked about the Global Truce 2012 campaign, which was launched at the start of the cultural Olympiad.



A seven-minute film was shown describing how the International Day of Peace came about. It was adopted by the United Nations four days before 9/11! Sceptics questioned what it could achieve, and so JG set out to make a reality of it, as a day of ceasefire and non-violence. They succeeded in getting Taliban and other partners in Afghanistan to cease fire, so that children could be vaccinated against polio. It helped to have a high profile patron, Jude Law. Over a number of years 4.5 million children have been vaccinated.

Following on from this, the Global Truce 2012 campaign is an attempt to see the largest global reduction of violence (both domestically and internationally) ever recorded in one day, and the largest ever gathering of individuals in the name of peace on the International Day of Peace, 21st September 2012. This will be a culmination of 365 days' work. Activities include:

- One Day One Goal
- One Day One Dance
- Technological links & counts, e.g. Twitter, Facebook, email
- Education – making lesson plans available in the 6 official languages of the UN, accessed in 197 countries
- Life saving initiatives, e.g. vaccination
- Annual celebrations, e.g. Wembley concert
- Collaborations/coalitions, e.g. with anti bullying and anti domestic violence charities/NGOs. Coalitions make it easier to continue, because people have seen hope, the humanity of others, and the benefits.
- Global Ask - what will you do?
- Olympics – at opening of cultural Olympiad
- Film

Special Meditation Meeting – Friday 21 September

Our peace committee have arranged this meeting, in conjunction with the meditation group, on the International Day of Peace, to join the Global Truce 2012 campaign mentioned in the above report by Lois. See also www.peaceday.org/global-truce.



The meeting will start in the Meeting House at 7.30pm, and will include the showing of a short film and some discussion. All are welcome.

Lois Lodge

Further to quote for the month...

Eileen Scott has sent the following which, in traditional Christian language, perhaps reflects the idea about 'the climate of God's living presence' referred to in the opening quote from Lois.

The re-appearance of the Christ

'I am with you always.' (Matthew 28:20). He has never left us. However for His appearance in a material body, humanity must 'make His path straight' (Matthew 3:4). There has to be right human relations in the world, and sharing of resources with money in the right places, and the apathy among the servers has to give way to open proclamation of His presence in our hearts.

Quaker Week is a time when Friends all over the country try to concentrate on outreach to enable enquirers to find out about Quakers, our beliefs, our worship and our values.

The Quakers

Who Do You Think We Are?

Saturday 29th September 2012 10.30am – 3.30pm
Dorking Meeting House

Our event will be based on Quaker Quest style presentations responding to the questions people have put to us in the past. The day will include a period of sharing Quaker Worship and opportunity for people to ask whatever questions they want to put to us.

If you can help with offering to be available on the day for doing a short presentation, facilitating discussion and hosting, please contact me, Rachel Hope Tel: 01372 454363

Publicity will need support from everybody. Will you get some A4 posters up into the shops, libraries etc in Dorking, Leatherhead, Bookham, Fetcham, Westcott or Brockham? Will you wear a Quaker badge and then offer an invitation card to anyone who enquires about Quakers? We need a press release to the local papers. We need a couple of poster boards for the front and back of the Meeting House. Will you use the social media sites to alert enquirers to this event? Please give me a ring if you can help with any of these.

Rachel Hope

Reflections ...

In silence which is active, the Inner Light begins to glow – a tiny spark. For the flame to be kindled and to grow, subtle argument and the clamour of our emotions must be stilled. It is by an attention full of love that we enable the Inner Light to blaze and illuminate our dwelling to make of our whole being a source from which this Light may shine out.

Pierre Lacoute 1969

True silence...is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment.

William Penn 1699

From the Elders