

# Cotteridge Meeting Newsletter

Meeting for Worship every Sunday 10.30am

Children's Meeting in term time

## Diary Dates - November/December

19 November, Pineapple Jam will be playing and singing for us at Shared Lunch

26 November, 6pm, Meeting for Worship, Northfield Meeting House

30 November, Coffee Morning at Sarah J's house, 10.30 - 12 noon. All welcome

2 December, Creative Day, Northfield MH, 10.00-4.00, details from Tina, 07802 413 143, all welcome

3 December, 12 noon, Local Business Meeting: *Annual Review*

Thursday 7 December, Area Meeting, Bull Street, 6.15pm  
10 December, Mindful Gardening, 8am start

10 December, Midday - 12.30 sharp Come and join the conversation! Enquirers' gathering - *see page 2*

16 December, 10.00-12.00, Reflections in the garden

17 December, All age Meeting for Worship and Shared lunch - *details below*

22 November, Staying Friends, *details page 2*



### Political Night Prayer

7.30 – 9.00pm Sunday 26 November

Cotteridge Church

*Austerity: Abundance?*

Political Night Prayer bringing together our concerns about austerity and our hope in God's abundance

### Footsteps - Tread Lightly on this Earth Annual Conference

Sunday 19 November 2-5 pm  
at Birmingham Progressive Synagogue

For programme and more information see  
[www.footsteps.peacehub.org.uk/treadlightly](http://www.footsteps.peacehub.org.uk/treadlightly)

## All age worship: 17th December

On the 17th December children's committee, with the support of elders, are planning to arrange all age worship. The worship will be on the theme of Christmas and will include a number of different elements including a collect of items for the food bank. More details will be sent out nearer the time, but if you have any questions please contact a member of children's committee. We do hope you can join us.

Please note there will be no parallel unprogrammed worship at Cotteridge on that day. However unprogrammed worship will be held at Bournville, Selly Oak, Barnt Green & Edgbaston as usual if you wish to attend another meeting.

## Come and join in the Conversation!

Starting Sunday 10 December and then the 2nd Sunday every month

midday - 12.30 sharp

At Cotteridge Quaker Meeting  
our new Enquirers' gathering

Come and ask anything you like about Quakerism, open to all, brand new, seasoned and even weighty Friends; we're all enquiring and finding our way through what we believe and how we live it.

More info? ask Kath 07747 604104

## Staying Friends

The next meeting of the group will take place on 22 November at 7.30 in the back room of Northfield MH

Hilary Johnson will lead us through the miracle of healing the leper

Everyone welcome

## Bitesize Quaker Quest

Peace Hub, Birmingham

16, 23 and 30 November 1.00 - 1.30 pm

## Introducing

### Bill Plotkin

**Wednesday 13 December**

**7-9 pm**

**in the Classroom**

Drinks available from 6.30

#### Introducing Bill Plotkin, Ph.D.

who self-describes as a depth psychologist, wilderness guide, and agent of cultural evolution. You can read more about him here on Institute's website <https://animas.org/about-us/our-founder/>

Bill describes his model for Spiritual Development as having 8 stages, ...but that many Westerners get stuck in what Bill

describes as the Adolescent phases - so that Bill sees his life's work as training other soul guides to help people through Stage 4, which is 'Late Adolescence' in his terms 'The Wanderer in the Cocoon - leaving home and exploring the mysteries'.

Bill wants to engage us with 'The Great Turning' by encouraging personal eco-centric development. Joanna Macy says of The Great Turning, "The most remarkable feature of this historical moment on Earth, is not that we are on the way to destroying the world — we've actually been on the way for quite a while. It is that we are beginning to wake up, as from a millennia-

long sleep, to a whole new relationship to our world, to ourselves and each other." There are dynamics in Bill's teachings that could be of interest to many Friends.

Peter Fishpool was one of a group of 20 attending a four day course with Bill in Colorado in October. He will share something of that experience and from his reading of number 2 of Bill's 3 massive books; "Nature and the Human Soul: Cultivating Wholeness in a Fragmented World".

RSVP & Queries to Peter Fishpool 0121 476 2382 or [fishpool@go-plus.net](mailto:fishpool@go-plus.net)

## Quaker Christmas Parcels

Parcels will be packed at Selly Oak Meeting House on

Friday 8 December from 6pm and Saturday 9 December from 9am

QCP Committee say: *"Please do come, it's a wonderful event and will get you in the mood for Christmas."*

Richard and Cathy Tuckett invite you to  
 join them at home  
 for mince pies and fruit punch on  
**Sunday 26 November**  
 between 2.30 and 5.30 pm

This year we are appealing for  
 donations to the  
**B30 Foodbank**  
[B30.foodbank.org.uk](http://B30.foodbank.org.uk)

Please bring any of the items listed  
 and/or donate money.  
 (Gift Aid if possible. We have forms  
 or you can donate online.)  
**Christmas food is in red:**

- Tinned meat/**ham** and fish/**salmon**
- Tinned veg. and tomatoes
- Tinned beans and spaghetti
- Tinned fruit
- Pasta & cook-in sauces
- Cooking rice
- Smash & tinned spuds**
- Coffee, tea & **hot chocolate**
- UHT milk
- Cereals
- Long-life fruit juice** & fruit squash
- Jam & biscuits
- Rice pudding & sponge puddings**  
custard
- Christmas pudding/cake**

## Cotteridge Quaker Meeting Away Weekend

Seeking the beating heart of Cotteridge Meeting

Please note the date & put it in your diary—

Friday 23 March to Sunday 25 March 2018

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More details and booking form are attached to the email version of this newsletter and paper copies are available from CMH

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*It would help us if anyone planning to come but not ready to complete the form and pay could advise Peter U of their intention so that planning can go ahead with more certainty.*

**New Cotteridge Meeting website address: <https://cotteridgequakers.org.uk>**

## QCEA Around Europe newsletter

Would you like me to forward you the e-copy of Around Europe when I receive it? It is bi-monthly and usually comes a week or so before the snail-mail version, of which I receive 3 copies.

If you would like the e-copy, please let me know: [pandpbailey@talktalk.net](mailto:pandpbailey@talktalk.net) . Pat Bailey.

## Our Current Appeal:

The Project

Next: EAPPI

## Bournville Quaker Testimonies

Monthly Wednesday morning study group at

Bournville Meeting House 10.30 - 11.30

Next meeting: 13 December

We hope to explore John Lampen's pamphlet

"answering doubts about the Quaker peace testimony"

## Selly Oak Meeting

### Afternoon Meetings for Worship

Join us for an afternoon Meeting for Worship on the first Sunday of each month (2:30-3:30pm) at Selly Oak. This is instead of the 10:30am meeting

### Film Night

Friday 24 November 6pm

Please come and join us to watch "A Matter of Life and Death" Certificate U

### Concert

Saturday 2 December 7.30pm

Musical Concert - Donations in aid of Birmingham Mind performed by Postgraduate students from Birmingham Conservatoire. Programme includes Bach, Mozart, Elgar and Massenet. For more details contact Clare Peat

## From the Green Group:

**Good news:** China is reducing the CO2 footprint of its manufactured goods. This, in turn, is reducing the CO2 footprint of goods imported into the UK.

**Not so good news:** 2017 is on course to be either the second or third warmest year on record. It will almost certainly be the warmest year on record without a major El Nino event.

[Information from Carbon Brief: In Carbon Brief's latest [State of the Climate](#) analysis, our projections using six global surface temperature records and two satellite records suggest 2017 will be either the second or third warmest year on record.

While there is no chance at this point that 2017 will be a fourth new temperature record in a row, it will almost certainly be the warmest year on record without a major El Niño event.]

## Tea Rota

19 November Lucy and Jonathan

26 November Kate P

3 December Sarah J

10 December Helen M

17 December Sue and Elaine

24 December Pat B

31 December spontaneous volunteering by anyone who happens to be there!

## Central England Quakers Ecumenical and Interfaith Gathering

Saturday 25 November - Bull St Meeting House

RSVP ceqam@quaker.org.uk or 0121 236 2644

An event for all those who are interested and especially anyone with an ecumenical/interfaith appointment. We will hear from people working in these fields with their special insights and have an opportunity to share our own opinions and questions as a group.

### News from Area

#### Meeting:

Two of our projects – **Peacemakers (West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project) and Northfield Ecocentre** – have entered the Aviva Community Fund competition, and are **asking for your votes** to help them fund some exciting plans.

**Peacemakers** are asking for funding to help them develop peaceful communities in Birmingham and the surrounding areas:

A way in which we would like to extend the work that we currently carry out with schools would be to offer these services to a new audience by working with young

people in community settings such as youth groups. These sessions would identify what knowledge and skills they need in their lives and concentrate on looking at what peace means to them, how to resolve conflicts peacefully and how to bring about positive change.

In order to carry out these sessions we need to fund trainers, venues, bursaries and materials and a means of promoting our services to reach new audiences and raise awareness. If successful, we would use the funds to develop the work with young people above and to help us be able to respond to more opportunities as they present themselves in our communities.

**Northfield Ecocentre** is asking for funding to help even more people to learn to cycle through their Cycle South Brum programme:

Last year we taught over 400 people to cycle with confidence and to look after their bikes. It can be difficult for children with hidden conditions, such as autism, to learn to ride, but we believe that cycling is for everyone. We've trialled a project that supports people with autism spectrum disorder, dyspraxia and hypermobility to get on their bikes. **Unfortunately, the Aviva website seems to be quite unreliable, so if you can't register at first, please try again.**

#### Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture needs a new trustee from CEAM

One Friend is currently sought to serve in this capacity for up to three years, commencing January 2018.

Any friend who feels moved by the issues involved and might be willing to be considered for this service is urged to contact CEAM Nominations Cttee as soon as possible. Either of our currently serving trustees may be approached for further information.

See <http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/> for news of events in our area.

## Dates for 2018:

### Restore

Training sessions for those interested in refugee issues or befriending.

Monday evenings: 29 January & 5 and 12 February 2018  
**from 7.15pm to 9.15pm at Carrs Lane Church Centre.**  
**All new volunteers with Restore need to complete all 3 sessions.**

Training is offered free of charge but donations towards costs are welcome.

To book a place please contact Jeremy Thompson,  
 Befriending Co-ordinator:  
 0121 661 4275 or email: [befriend@restore-uk.org](mailto:befriend@restore-uk.org)

Website: [www.restore-uk.org](http://www.restore-uk.org)

### QPSW Annual Conference

#### Journeys of Witness

23 - 25 March 2018, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

### Cotteridge Meeting Library

We have nearly finished weeding and sorting the library and hope to have a printed copy of the updated catalogue soon. If you would like any of the withdrawn books please put a donation in the bookbarrow box. If we have weeded out a book which you feel we should keep, please let us know. Thank you for your patience. Carolyn

#### Regular Quaker events in our area:

**Meeting for worship for healing** 3rd Saturday in the month 4.30 for 5pm at Hall Green Meeting. All welcome.

**Silence in the City** every Tuesday 1pm Peace Hub, take time out to stop and reflect with 20 mins of silence followed by a cup of tea and chat.

**Meeting for Worship at Birmingham University:** 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month in uni term 1.10 - 1.45pm. St Francis Hall, University Chaplaincy.

**Midweek lunchtime Meeting for Worship** on Wednesdays at Bull Street Quaker Meeting House. 12.45 - 1.15. All welcome.

**Moseley Meeting for Worship**, 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month, St Columba's URC Church, Moseley 6.30. All welcome.

**Bournville lunchtime concerts:** normally every other Friday <http://bournvillelunchtimeconcerts.org.uk> 1pm Bournville Meeting house, retiring collection, soup, bread, cheese lunch from 12 noon.

**Next Newsletter: 17 December 2017**

**Contributions by please Wednesday please 13 December**

**Thank you**

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