



Does Sport matter to Quakers?

Should it matter to anyone? Does it have a valuable part to play in life today?

I know a teacher who used his homeward cycle ride to 'work off' the frustrations of the working day, and a neighbour who admitted to channelling his aggression onto the rugby field. So there's definitely value in physical exercise for the individual.

But what about value to spectators of sport, especially the competitive sort. People have been saying that the Rio Olympics has provided some welcome respite from the post-Brexit gloom, the uncertainty of which affects us all, regardless of how we voted. So can the armchair athlete gain too from supporting these present-day gladiators? Can we unite around sporting success? Can we actually fight our battles on the 'playing fields of Eton' as well as (learn to) win them there? Or is it only a game?

Dumfries Quakers

Newsletter for September 2016

Meetings for Worship


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| Sunday 4th | 10.30 am | at Cumberland Street Day Centre, Dfs |
| Sunday 11th | 11.00 am | at Carse of Ae Cottage, Lochmaben, the home of John & Jan Lethbridge. Bill Agnew will introduce a discussion about the current situation in British prisons. |
| Sunday 18th | 10.30 am | at Cumberland Street Day Centre, Dfs |
| Sunday 25th | 9.45 am | Conversation, before Worship at 10.30. |

Diary Dates

- Sunday 28th August from 2 pm Samye Ling Monastery, Eskdalemuir



ANNUAL TEA PARTY AND OPEN DAY

- Sunday 24th September 2—6 pm **Annual Peace Festival** 

Allanton Sanctuary, Burnhead, near Dumfries

(date moved from June to coincide with UN International Day of Peace)

- Sunday 2nd October Local Business Meeting will follow our usual Meeting for Worship.

Religious Society of Friends – Dumfries Meeting
Minutes of Local Meeting 21st August 2016

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE July & August 2016

If you would like more details about any of this correspondence, please contact Claire

Seven booklets about different aspects of the economy
Enquirers weekend 2 – 4 Sept at Coatbridge
“Finding Out About Quakers” 4th-6th Nov Charney Manor, Oxon
The Hospitality Company 2015 Review
The Young Quaker
CIRcular for Friends involved in local ecumenical & interfaith work
Upcoming Woodbrooke courses
“Make a Joyful Noise” 6-11 Oct at Maison Quaker in Concierge, S France
CAAT news
Information about Militarisation in schools & in our region. Also a letter
from C.D. Meeting to D & G Council
Details of free on-line course on Early Quakerism
Changes to Meeting venue at Mull & Iona
“Living in harmony with children” conference, 29th August in Glasgow
Christian Aid appeal for Malawi food crisis
Four large Quaker posters from Friends House
Peace Museum exhibition Aug – Oct “Painter of Honest Portraits”
Woodbrooke Learning Sept 2016 – March 2017
Friends World News bulletin
“Echo Chamber” sound & photography project 18th Aug-2nd Sept
at Friends House
Briefing to engage with your local policing body
Northern Friends Peace Board report 2015
Glasgow Meeting House are looking for a warden
Journal of the ‘Experiment with Light’ network
‘Faith in Throughcare’ seeks a coordinator in Dundee
The Poverty Truth Commission seeks a Development worker in Glasgow

N.B. The next local business meeting will be on Sun 2nd October

The reading was from Quaker Faith & Practice 22.02 about Friendship

Second Sunday Discussions

11th September – Bill Agnew will introduce a discussion on the
U.K. Prison Service at the Lethbridge’s home
9th October – We will meet at Claire’s home

Collections – we will continue to collect for Palcraft in September.
At some later date Jan Lethbridge will collect for Facing Africa.

We thought we would be giving a short talk on Quakerism to the
Council in June, but it was cancelled as the slot had been double
booked

Claire asked about our local publicity. We have an entry in the foyer of
the Ewart library & one in the Green Handbook. John Lethbridge
will check if we have an entry in our Tourist Information Centre.
Are we mentioned in a Dumfries website?

A.M. have asked if we would be willing to host A.M. in Dumfries on 8th
April 2017. As this is in the Easter break & several of us will be
away, we feel we are unable to do this. Claire will ask Wigtown &
Castle Douglas Meetings if they are able to be the hosts.

A.M. is in Tarbet, Argyll on Saturday 27th August. Unfortunately no
one is able to attend.

**Our next L.M. will be on Sunday 2nd October before A.M. in Ayr
on Saturday 8th October**

Signed – Claire MacLeod (L.M. Clerk)