



Romford Quakers

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“Wake Up Call” from Romford Quaker

As the United Kingdom’s braces itself for some of the hottest days of the year so far, the Romford Recorder carries the report of climate change featuring our own Friend

Ruth” Ruth Kettle-Frisby, who attends Romford Quaker meetings, said she is concerned about the “scandalous inequality and injustice with which climate change is affecting people”.

She expanded: “In particular, climate change affects women and children in the global south, who have contributed the least to climate change, but suffer the worst impacts on the frontline of climate breakdown, such as floods and heatwaves.”

Ruth said the “continued consumption of fossil fuels” has exacerbated climate change. You can read the full article and Ruth’s insights here: [CLICK LINK](#)



Laurie Hilton

On Sunday 26th of June the ashes of Laurie Hilton were sprinkled in the presence of his family, friends, and other following the Romford Local Meeting following a brief ceremony of commemoration. Laurie was a fan of Shakespeare and so *rosa* ‘Desdemona’ was planted in his memory and already flourishes.



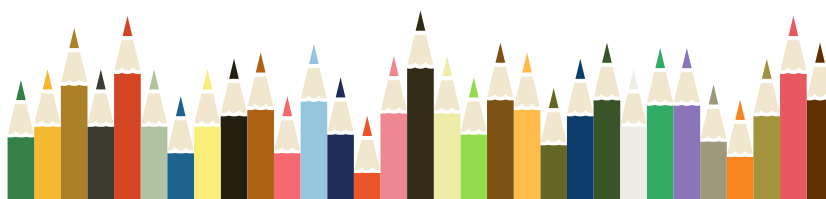
Welcome to the Newsletter

At the Local Meeting for Business Sunday 10th July 2022 it was agreed (minute 22.61) to give the go ahead to a newsletter which Gavin is editing. You can let him have any news items - whether activities of the Romford Local meeting, birthdays, anniversaries, book reviews or other announcements by email: gavinbowtell@icloud.com or by telephone 020 8172 0060.

Children’s Meeting

We are very lucky to have a Children’s Meeting at Romford, we are always glad when they join us.

Previously these were held every other Sunday, but at the last Business Meeting (minute 22.59) we decided to hold a Children’s meeting whenever children are present. It is nice for the children to take part in Quaker life in this way, and makes deciding whether or when to attend easier for all parents.



Area Meeting 28/7/22

Romford will host the Area Meeting on 28th July 2022. A representative has yet to be appointed. Refreshments will be provided. Our Warden - Debbie - has offered to make sandwiches whilst others will bring cakes. The AM begins at 6:30pm all are welcome.

Giant Online Children's Meeting

This is taking place on 4th Sept' 22

"Online Children's Meeting for children and their families to connect, wonder and worship together.

We're inviting children and their families to come together online to connect, explore themes, wonder, worship and journey alongside each other.

There will be stories, activities and worship space – and we hope friendship and fun!

The first meeting will explore Light – so please bring a star, or something shiny to share on screen.

The meeting will be held with primary and preschool children in mind, their families and friends are welcome to join too.

Hosted by the Youth, Children and Families team of Quaker Life.

Starting at 5pm and lasting for 30-45minutes.

We look forward to welcoming you and your families along. Please register and then we will send you the zoom link nearer the time." To book [follow the link](#).

Poet's Corner

Ursula A. Fanthorpe (1929 - 2009).

a London born poet. She was educated at St Anne's College, Oxford, and later a teacher at Cheltenham Ladies College. She and her life partner Rosie Bailey became Quakers in the 1980's.



Image Source

A volume edited by R.V Bailey entitled "[A Speaking Silence: Quaker Poets of Today](#)" is available to order through the Quaker book shop by clicking the link or by telephone: [020 7663 1030](#)

The Master of the Cast Shadow - an extract from the sequence of consequences.

Some painters leave shadow out. The Master hunts it
From the source of light to where the last
Faint filigree fingertip falls,
Unthinking as a sundial.

We each inherit our shadow, our ration of darkness,
That shrivels and spreads as light walks here and there.

They don't see us, these sad mediaeval faces,
With their crosses, their rings, their daggers, their painted
eyes.

They're on the watch for various ugly kinds
Of early death

What they see is the weather,

For the weather warred over England,

As the roses slugged it out: fog at Barnet,

Snow at Towton, three suns at Mortimer's Cross

In the open fighting season. Red Gutters

And Bloody Meadows are sprayed over counties.

They killed and killed and killed. Thirty thousand

In a morning. Where did they find the people?

So few around, so many of them butchered.

But some live on as the Master saw them,

Praying, or holding a naked broken sword.

From Selected Poems. U.A. Fanthorpe.

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