

**CENTRAL ENGLAND QUAKERS
MEETING FOR CHURCH AFFAIRS
Blended Meeting January 2022
on 15.01.2022 at 14.00 hrs
Bull Street Meeting House and Zoom**

**Clerk: John Sheldon
Assisting: Vic Grainger**

Agenda

1. Opening Worship
2. Representatives
3. Thanks to outgoing clerk
4. Membership Matters
5. Memorial Minute for Celia Ball
6. How the Truth has prospered in Bull Street Meeting
7. Meeting for Sufferings Report
8. Nominations and Appointments; AM Nominations committee; Elders and Overseers Support Group

We will be pleased to welcome any Quakers booked in for Area Meeting on 15th September for sandwiches from 1.00 pm. Please contact Wendy Burnett.

Area Meeting will be in the meeting house because it is a large space for social distancing.

For Zoom details please contact ceqam@quaker.org.uk

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DUTY ELDERS: Wendy Burnett (BUL), Richard Pashley (BUL)

DEATHS: Iain Smith (WAR) died on 7 December 2021 aged 82

BIRTHS: Reuben Gabriel Cooper, born on 30 November 2021 to Hilary Topp (COT) and John Cooper, a brother for Fergus and Arthur.

MEMBERSHIP:

Changes in Details:

Hilary Topp (COT)
Bronwen Lilley (BOU)

**If there are any names on the nominations list that would not occur
please contact John Sheldon (Clerk this time)
by 14 January or as soon as possible on
☎ 01926 747393 or ✉ clerks@centralenglandquakers.org.uk**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE SUGGESTS:

- Howard Saunders (BOU) to serve a further triennium as trustee of the Old People's Fund Trust and Oak Tree House (Jan 22 – Dec 24)
- Christine Bagnall (HAL) to serve a further triennium as ecobirmingham Trustee (Jan 22 – Dec 24)
- Jo Hallett (COV) to serve on the AM Clerks Advisory Committee (Jan 22 - Dec 24):
- Ian Neal (BOU) to serve on the management Committee of the West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project (Jan 22 - Dec 24)
- Judith Millington (HAL) to serve a further triennium on the Peace Hub Management Committee (Jan 22 – Dec 24)
- Steve Pullan (COV) to serve as Area Meeting Trustee (Jan 22 – Dec 24)
- Dave Rawcliffe (WAR) to complete the 2021 tabular statement.
- Judith Jenner (COT) to complete the 2021 tabular statement

NAMES FOR AREA MEETING NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

- Tina Helfrich (COT) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Leonora Wilson (COT) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- John Sheldon (WAR) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Rob Hooper (WAR) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Janet White (SOL) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Tricia Bradbury (STO) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Julia Furminger (STO) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Rosalie Rider (STO) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Anne Giles (BOU) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee
- Claire Bowman (BOU) to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee

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NOMINATIONS FOR CEAQM ELDERS AND OVERSEERS SUPPORT GROUP 2022-4

The AM Triennial Elders and Overseers Nominations Committee have the following nominations to the AM Elders and Overseers Support Group:

- Howard Saunders BOU (Overseer) - re-appointment
- Richard Pashley BUL (Elder)
- Anne Ullathorne COT (Elder)
- Mig Kerr COV (Elder/Overseer) - re-appointment
- Mina Tilt HAL (Elder) - re-appointment
- Lin Singh-Barrington SEL (Overseer)
- Donald Whitlock SOL (Elder/Overseer) - re-appointment
- Cathy Khurana SUT (Elder/Overseer)
- Paula Button WAR (Overseer)

The following people would like to stay on the group, and are currently serving BGR as Elders until the end of March, but will not be serving as Elders or Overseers after that (at least as far as is known). The triennial committee would like guidance from AM as to whether this is in right ordering, as the TOR of the AM Elders and Overseers Support Group does not specify whether its members should be current Elders or Overseers .

- Hilary Johnson COT
- Vic Grainger UNA

Area Meeting is reminded that when asking Nominations Committee to bring forward the names of Friends to serve Area Meeting the following information should be given in writing:

1. *The details of the work to be undertaken*
2. *Length of the appointment*
3. *Frequency, times and the location of the meetings.*
4. *Any other relevant information*

Nominations committee meets in the week following Area Meeting
ALL CONVENORS OF COMMITTEES ARE ASKED TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS
WITH NEW MEMBERS AND GIVE THEM THE DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS

Memorial Minute for Celia Ball

16 July 1927 – 29 July 2021

Celia Ball's maiden name was Armitage and she was a birthright Quaker, with her parents originating from Nottinghamshire before moving to Ridgedale, Saskatchewan, Canada where Celia was born in 1927. The family, including her two sisters Nancy and Miriam, subsequently returned to England. All three girls attended Ackworth School. Celia was a pupil during the war years. She was an active member of the Old Scholars Association and was President in 2001 /2002.

After leaving school Celia attended Derby Technical College before commencing her lifelong career in physiotherapy. She trained at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham and later specialised in treating those with mental and physical disabilities.

Celia had a long and enduring affection for Sutton Coldfield Meeting and all those associated with it during the 20 plus years that she a member there. She kept her membership with Sutton Coldfield Meeting for the rest of her life.

After leaving Sutton Coldfield in 1979 Celia moved to Blackburn and worked in the Ribble Valley community and at Calderstones Hospital as a physiotherapist.

At that time the Blackburn Meeting House was in a poor state of repair and then very heavily vandalised. Some thought went into selling it and buying a small terraced house. But for Celia's courage and enthusiasm this might have happened but her leadership was invaluable in achieving the restoration. Celia was Clerk of the Meeting for twelve consecutive years. She was also a member of Meeting for Sufferings.

Celia participated in the Quaker Tapestry including acting as steward when it was "at home" in Kendal and when displayed at various venues both in the UK and abroad.

Sadly, during the last few years of her life the onset of dementia robbed Celia of her fondest memories, but all those she met she continued to hold close to her heart . She died on 29 July 2021 aged 94.

Celia is survived by her four children. She was also blessed with eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Prepared on behalf of Sutton Coldfield LM by Tony Pegler and Anthea Price

(Celia Ball's family have given permission for this minute to be used by CEQ)