

## Notes of Meeting re Oversight/Pastoral Care held on 19.01.15

Six of us met at the Warn's house to continue looking at how we can best ensure the pastoral care of everyone in the Meeting this year.

We talked about the needs of different groups of members and attenders on our list that can be (very roughly) divided into the following:

1. **People who regularly attend Meeting for Worship and/or are part of one of the following groups:**  
Premises Committee  
Wear & Tear Group  
Becoming Friends  
Pink Knitting  
Experiment with Light  
Get to know your Friends (currently 31)
2. **Friends who are long-term sick and cannot attend (currently 3)**
3. **Members and former attenders who are no longer attend MfW or any groups (currently 19)**
4. **Members who have moved away but have not transferred their membership (currently 8)**

We didn't have time to consider group 4 but our thoughts about the other groups were:

### **Group 1**

All of us need to be mindful of the needs of those whom we see regularly at Meeting for Worship and to be aware of the special needs of new attenders. The existing groups within the Meeting help us to get to know each other better and facilitate awareness of each others' needs.

We plan to have a **discussion and shared lunch on February 8<sup>th</sup>** using as a basis the work Teresa and Pauline have done on 'The Life of Hertford Meeting'.

We discussed Ministry (or lack of) and how useful some people find Advices & Queries when they need something to focus on in Meeting. Many meetings have A & Q available throughout the Meeting House **and we will try putting some out next Sunday and see if people like it.**

### **Group 2**

Everyone who is long-term sick should have at least one person who keeps in touch with them and shares information during '**News of Friends**'. **We would like to have 'News of Friends' every**

### **week between afterthoughts and notices.**

Currently the following people are offering oversight:

Ron	Kim and Carol W
Ruth	Katey, Alison, Gerald
Joan	Alison

### **Group 3**

We don't know why some people have stopped coming to Meeting for Worship. Other Friends have confided in their overseer or others as to the reason – sometimes something to do with MfW or a particular incident. We want to maintain appropriate contact with these Friends so that they realise that the door is very much open to them when they feel ready to return. The sort of contact will be individual and best made by Friends who have some contact with them outside the Meeting. We suggested the following links:

Alan Agar	Jane
Adam Armsby	Gerald?
Paul Blakemore	Katey
Eleanor Mary	Katey
Ken Boyter	Kim?
Jeremy Braithwaite	Katey
Chris & Sue Brunton	Ray?
Hilary Cullen	(pink knitting?)
Andrea & Pat Dye	Katey
Katie Frost	?
Margaret Grocock	Katey
Stacey McNutt	Katey
John Pavey	Gordon?
Nigel Ruggles	Katey
Patricia Smith	?
Carolyn Westlake	Ray?
Denise Gray	Sally

Finally we talked about the August 'jolly' and where we might go this year. Although Kingston-upon-Thames new Meeting House is a bit further than our usual visit it was thought to be really worth while the effort. Suggested date August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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