



MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

APRIL 2015

EVENTS IN THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE unless otherwise stated

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 1st	12.00 – 12.40pm	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship
Wed 1st	1.15 – 3.00pm	Swap and Share Book Group. Tel. Liz 573315
Wed 8th	8.00 – 9.00pm	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sun 12th	11.00 - 11.30am	Home Meeting for Worship, followed by Fairtrade Sale
Mon 13th	7.30 - 9.00pm	Friends Fellowship of Healing, Tel. Mary 892482
Sat 18th	1.30-2.00pm	Meeting for Worship in Quaker Peace Garden, outside the Malvern Cube, Albert Rd North
Sun 19th	From 2.30pm	Pre-Election Hustings, Christ Church, Avenue Rd, Malvern
Sat 25th	10.00-3.00pm	Study day preparing for the end of life. (Overview, with monthly sessions to follow.) A light lunch is provided. Details in last newsletter or from Liz 573315 / Eoin 893591
Sun 3rd May	From noon	Meeting for Business (Area Meeting in Worcester Sat May 8 th , 11.00 -16.00)

Our website www.malvernquakers.org.uk will show any updates or changes

Date For Your Diary: Friday May 15th

Visit to exhibition on Quakers and the First World War, Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery
 Malvern Friends are invited to travel together by train to see this free exhibition, with lunch to follow in the Edwardian Tea Rooms. Optional walk to the new Peace Hub in Bull Street after lunch. Details of times and group travel arrangements in next month's News Sheet.

Pre-General Election Hustings: Sunday April 19th By Eoin

I urge you to attend the pre-General Election Hustings (details in diary, above), organised by Churches Together in Malvern. This will be our chance to hear the candidates address a wide range of issues. Questions will be pre-selected, so start thinking now and send them to election2015@glencarlyn.plus.com by 6pm on Monday 13th April.

NOTE new date for the *Swap and Share Book Group*, on first Wed

NEWS and VIEWS



Congratulations to Richard Bartholomew who has won the Malvern Link By-Election for a Malvern Hills Conservator. He wishes to thank Friends who supported his candidacy and will keep the Meeting informed of what is going on with the Hills and their upkeep.

Support for Schooling at Seroti By Betty

Sister Sophie requests help with primary school expenses for 45 disabled children at St Francis Rehabilitation Centre. The main subjects are English, Maths, History and Geography.

The costs, per term, per child are as follows:

25,000 Ug Shillings (£6.50) for water, power, chalk etc.

15,000 UgS (£3.50) for exercise and text books, writing materials

20,000 UgS (£5.00) for personal toiletries

20,000 UgS (£5.00) for school uniform

Betty can forward any donations direct to Sister Sophie. Cheques should be made out to A E Hudson.

Names for personal sponsorship can be arranged.

The school year begins in February after the long holiday during which most children go home to families up to 60 miles away, some in wheelchairs.

Another addition to enhance the Quaker Peace Garden! By June

For some time I have been promoting the idea that a planting of trees/shrubs in a space 'uphill' from the Peace Garden would increase its privacy, but it was not until a donation of 10 organically-grown mixed fruit trees was made by Sonia Pyne (via Transition Malvern) that the project became viable.



I had dug a crescent out of the grass to follow the contours of the Peace Garden, and on Tuesday 23rd March it was planted with ten fruit trees: apples, pears and a quince, with blackcurrant bushes between.

The Crescent was named 'Ginnie's Crescent' as a thank you to Ginnie Lee for her many years' service to The Cube and Transition Malvern. A small celebration was held at The Cube, with Ginny planting a pear tree. I plan to plant a 'Ragged Robin' shrub in the small triangle adjacent to the decking/steps, which will not only replicate the red of the Equality quadrant, but place a visual break between the building and the garden.

The Crescent, of course, repeats the Moon theme used in the Peace Garden, and the gardening by Moon Phases in the vegetable raised beds. It will also shield the Peace garden in bad weather.

PS If anyone has spare snowdrop plants please could they donate these to the Peace quadrant.

Note from the Editor *We are delighted to see the Garden looking so well. Thank you, June*



A message from Liz

A personal thank you to all the kind F/friends who have provided transport for me in the past couple of months. This has been much appreciated.

Contributions for MAY's edition of the News Sheet: any time before deadline of April 27th. By hand, email or phone to Melanie (not to our clerk) mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk Tel. 572466. News of friends, short items and passages & comment from Quaker Faith & Practice welcome.