



MALVERN QUAKER **NEWS SHEET**

APRIL 2017

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Sun 2 nd April	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business (Local Meeting - see below)
Wed 5 th (1 st Wed)	12.00–12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship (Bring a packed lunch if you're staying on)
Wed 5 th (1 st Wed)	1.30 – 3.00	Reading Group Bring and share a book you've enjoyed. Contact: Liz Flanagan
Sun 9 th (2 nd Sun)	12 noon	Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods
Wed 12 th (2 nd Wed)	10.30–12.00	Reading Quaker Faith & Practice (see below)
Wed 12 th (2 nd Wed)	8.00–9.00 pm	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sat 15 th (3 rd Sat)	10.00–2.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Wed 3rd May	12 noon	Meeting to Celebrate the Life of Mary Read (No Reading Group this month)
Sun 7 th May	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business
Sat 13 th May	11 – 4 pm	Area Meeting in Wem (see Area Meeting Report below)

Deadline for next news sheet: Wednesday 26th April

Dates and contributions to Elizabeth.Rolph@flatlandic.net or phone 01684 564448

Did you Know.....

... that the dates and News Sheets are put on our Meeting website every month by Peter Hardman (the son of Melanie and Andrew Jameson). So if it gets lost in your sea of e-mails, see <http://www.malvernquakers.org.uk/>

UPDATES FROM MARCH NEWS SHEET AND NEWS OF FRIENDS

Local Meeting: Use of Meeting Funds

At the March LM it was agreed to establish a committee to advise LM on proposals for the use of meeting funds. They will consider proposals using the framework in the final report of the Use of Funds working group. Names for this committee are being brought to Local Meeting on April 2nd.

The March LM also agreed to review the standard donation given to Meeting House appeals.

From Mary Calloway

She loves to know what is happening in Malvern, but was concerned to read that she was 'still somewhat frail'.

"I don't think of myself as frail or fragile, just a bit bruised by life over the past couple of years - pretty normal really!" She was pleased to hear about the healing day. One of the reasons for transferring her Membership to Stockport LM, not her nearest, was that apart from the attractive new MH, they also have a strong interest in Healing.

From Judith Badman

She is putting together the Meeting Photo Album with text. Please write up to half a page of A4 about yourself, what you wish people to know about you, remember it will be in the Meeting House and may not always be put away. Please e-mail it to her:

judith.badman1@homecall.co.uk

Exploring Quaker Faith and Practice

Peter Bevan

The meeting in April will be the last of the current series. It will be based on the last chapter and considers the future of the Religious Society of Friends. Prophets and visionaries are therefore particularly welcome!

It is anticipated that there will continue to be monthly engagements with aspects of Quakerism. Suggestions are welcome.

Quaker Healing Group

Jill Etheridge

Following the successful Day of Healing in March it is intending to re-start a monthly evening Healing Group, to be held at the Dell House. Will interested people please let Jill have their preferred evening (not Friday's), if they would hope to come along frequently. Phone: 01684 564266.

Poetry Book published

Elizabeth Rolph

After years of gestation (and thanks for Liz Flanagan for recommending a publisher) we have just published a book of poems by Averil Stedeford about the journey through bereavement. She worked for many years as a psychiatrist at a hospice in Oxford. Shortly after finishing there her husband was diagnosed with inoperable cancer. *The Long way Down - Poems of Grief and Hope* is a moving account of her experience with him and moving on after his death, and also poems she wrote while working at the hospice.

We have given a copy to the Meeting Library. Copies are available to buy from us, or from Aspect Design, Newtown Road, Malvern, price £6.

All profits to hospice, cancer or bereavement charities.

Yearly Meeting Gathering, 26 July – 5 August, University of Warwick

'Living out our faith in the world'.

Melanie & Andrew Jameson

For those who are fairly new to Quakers: The governing body of Quakers in each country worldwide is the Yearly Meeting. Quakers in Britain hold a Yearly Meeting in London, but once every three years the Yearly Meeting is much larger and is called the Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG). This is held on a university campus because these are the only places big enough. York, Canterbury, Bath have all seen a YMG. This year 2017 the YMG is at the University of Warwick, quite near to us. Attenders may take part, all you need is to ask an Elder of your local meeting to write and ask permission for you.

There are three strands to a YMG. The first is the Yearly Meeting business meeting which continues in stages most days on different topics. You may attend the sessions that interest you, and speak, if you feel led to do so. One of these sessions will be the Swarthmoor Lecture on a burning topic of the day and it would be a pity to miss this. Young adults (18-25ish) have their own sessions but also attend the main programme. For more information for young adults contact michael.eccles@woodbrooke.org.uk.

The second strand is meetings, open to all, on any and every topic and by every group with which Quakers are concerned. There will be a large choice with many sessions running in parallel. Quakers from across Britain and the rest of the world are represented here. There is also a Quaker bookshop, and one session is given over to a "societies fair" where all groups run stalls and give out their literature.

The third strand is extra-mural activities, early morning yoga and tai chi, various sports, a walkers and outings programme going quite far afield, arts and creative activities such as building a Quaker garden! Families with small and growing children are present and welcome in all strands and are well catered for by parents and carers.

For basic information on practical matters about how to get there, the campus, types of accommodation available, costs: www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/ym

Telephone bookings are available on 020 7663 1040

You can camp there or bring your caravan or motor home, facilities are provided.

If you do not have internet, talk to your Overseer or the Clerk on Malvern 572466.

Funding is available from Malvern Local Meeting - talk your Overseer or an Elder to find out more. In addition Area Meeting is offering £100 to anyone attending. Contact the AM Treasurer, Dave Rolfe david@daverolfe.org. You can also just go for one or two days if you prefer.

It is refreshing to be amongst people who know immediately what we are talking about when we discuss Quaker ideas and principles, and such a variety of Quakers of all ages. It is really impressive to participate in the main sessions with hundreds of like minded people. We still use the Quaker method of standing waiting to be called to speak, holding the silence and upholding those clerking as the ways forward emerge. Come to YMG to broaden your experience and knowledge of the Society of Friends – you will not regret it!

AREA MEETING

Extracts from the report from Paul Wyatt

March Area Meeting was morning only with the afternoon reserved for Elder and Overseer, Nominations and other committee meetings.

We had a very detailed and thought provoking talk by Tricia Jones from North Wales Area Meeting about North Wales Credit Union. The development of Credit Unions is increasingly becoming more complex with volunteers needing to be intensely trained in a wide range of financial matters and practice. Her advice and that of Meetings for Sufferings is that Local and Area Meetings thinking of developing their own should support local established Credit Unions.

We heard from the Treasurer following the advice from Area Meeting Trustees to increase the quota to £40.00 per member. Wem being a very small Meeting asked to subscribe £20.00 only.

There is a proposal that Area Meeting hold a **Woodbrooke on the Road** on 11th November 2017 or 14th April 2018. We are asked to send suggestions for topics to the Area Meeting Clerk for next **Area Meeting at Wem** on 13 May. Please consider attending this Meeting.

We heard about the proposed **Telford Journeyman Theatre Production** of 'The Bundle'. Local Meetings are asked to support this as much as possible. This production is free of charge with costs being met by Area Meeting. So....

Date for your diary: Wednesday 17th May, Performance in Telford, 7.30 - 9.30pm.

ADVIES AND QUERIES

Elders and Overseers have requested that one of these be included each month. The second one seems appropriate this time particularly in view of the proposal to restart a healing group in Malvern.

Bring the whole of your life under the ordering of the spirit of Christ. Are you open to the healing power of God's love? Cherish that of God within you, so that this love may grow in you and guide you. Let your worship and your daily life enrich each other. Treasure your experience of God, however it comes to you. Remember that Christianity is not a notion but a way.

The Great Invocation

This was read by Jill Etheridge at the Healing Day

From the point of Light within the mind of God,
let Light stream forth into the minds of all people everywhere.
From the point of Love within the heart of God,
let Love stream forth into the hearts of all people everywhere.
From the centre, where the will of God is known,
let purpose guide the little wills of all people everywhere.
Let Peace and Healing fill our hearts, our homes, the Universe.