



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter



April 2019

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Every Wednesday	9.30 to 12.30	Open Morning in the Meeting House for gathering and fellowship.
Sun 7 th		No Meeting for Worship for Business
Thur 11 th (2 nd Thur)	6.00–7.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship 30 minutes MfW followed by drinks
Sun 14 th	After MfW	Demonstration on the Library organisation and catalogue by Mary Corfield
Sat 20 th (3 rd Sat)	10.00–1.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Sun 21 st		Easter Sunday (No shared lunch after MfW)
Sun 28 th	12.00	Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods after Meeting for Worship
Sun 28 th	11 – 3.00	Cannon Frome Spring Fair (see below)
Wed 1 st May	12.00–12.40 1.30 – 3.00	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship Reading Group at 8 Wilton Rd
Sat 4 th	10.30 to 2.30	Amnesty International Annual Busk in Great Malvern town centre. The Orchard Band will be playing - other performers welcome. Volunteers needed - contact Sue susanwolfendale@btinternet.com or 01684 562804
Sun 5 th	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business

If you are not on the e-mail list and would like to be, or have changed your e-mail, please contact me. Contributions to me for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 30th April

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Did you Know..

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



**Quaker
Council for
European
Affairs**

Special Collection for April

QCEA brings a vision of peace, justice and equality to Europe and its institutions. They advocate for a new approach to security, focusing on nonviolent approaches to conflict. They promote policies that recognise the intrinsic equality of all people everywhere and reduce fear of the 'other'.

Their work depends on donations. They receive no money from the European institutions, meaning they can speak truth to power without fear or favour. They are trying to maintain a programme lead and assistant for both peace and human rights programmes which leaves them with a funding gap which they will fund from the reserves. They are actively seeking new funding. <http://www.qcea.org/>



Churches Together in Malvern: Easter Services

GOOD FRIDAY:

Members from churches in the Central Group will form a Procession of Witness from their respective churches to the Priory grounds for an outdoor service at 11.00am
Hot Cross Buns with a serviette printed with the Easter Message will be distributed to passers-by in Church Street. There will be Hot Cross Buns and Coffee available in the Lyttelton Rooms after the service.

Members from churches in the Link Group will meet at Handyman House at 9.30am for the Procession of Witness through the Link to the United Reformed Church for a service at 10.30am, stopping at various places on the way for a Bible Reading and to sing a hymn. Hot Cross Buns, with an Easter Message serviette will be given out to shoppers en route.

EASTER SUNDAY

For early risers there is a Sunrise Service on the Worcestershire Beacon at 6a.m.

Cannon Frome Spring Fair Sunday 28th April

Cannon Frome Court is a farming co-operative and international community which included Quakers as founder Members about 50 years ago. Their spring fair includes Vintage internal combustion engines, an electric vehicle show, farm tours, games, stalls and teas. Free admission. <https://www.canonfromecourt.org.uk/> Take A417 from Trumpet, turn right to Castle Frome and it's on the left, WR8 2TD

Malvern Mystery Play at the Priory 24th April to 8th May

The play tells the story of the world from its creation to its end and is being staged on a massive scale. The set reaches up towards the roof of the 1000 year old building and there are four professional actors leading a cast of 32 amateurs plus a few retired professionals. 'God is backlit from the West window,' said Director Rob Swinton 'and the set transforms the Priory into a new performance space designed by the man who created the sets for TV's 'Victoria'.

The church is able to put on the professional performance thanks to a grant from the National Heritage Lottery Fund. This sponsorship forms part of a larger grant given to the Priory to carry out repairs to the stonework and the funds raised from the production will go towards the project. Tickets from the Priory, TIC or ticketsource.co.uk. If you're able to help contact Rob, rjhswinton2508@gmail.com

Dates for your diary

Sun 12th May, 3 pm – 4.30: Talk "Extinction Rebellion protests about climate change"

Phil Kingston (aged 80 +) will talk about some of his experiences of carrying out these non-violent actions trying to address climate change during last November, and in particular the preparations and training that the volunteers went through to try to make these disruptions to traffic on London bridges and traffic intersections non-confrontational and as a way of connecting with both public and police. Phil is a Catholic and has a particular spiritual approach to this. **Contact Richard Bartholomew**

Britain Yearly Meeting at Friends House May 24 -27

This will examine our privilege (and assumptions of privilege). Privilege – whether we recognise it or not – fundamentally impacts our ability to act on our urgent Quaker concerns regarding climate justice and sustainability, and inclusion and diversity. For timetable and to register go to <https://www.quaker.org.uk/ym>

The Time is Now – mass climate lobby *Wednesday 26 June, Central London*

Quakers in Britain will join people from across the UK for a mass lobby of Parliament to demand urgent action for our climate and environment.

BANNERS TOGETHER- a sign of Christian unity.

Elizabeth Rolph and Jill Etheridge

We are invited to join with other churches in Malvern, in providing a banner or two, to display on the North Aisle of Great Malvern Priory Church in August. The banners will be side by side, like a "shield of faith", a symbol of togetherness echoing Jesus's prayer, "that they may be one, that the world may believe", John 17v21.

This will be considered at Local Meeting on May, so please give some thought to it.

EngageMalvern 2018

Eoin McCarthy

The year 2018 was the first full year of EngageMalvern as a registered charity. Its objectives are to develop the capacity and skills of the disadvantaged communities in Malvern and advancement of education in Malvern and surrounding villages in South Worcestershire and North Herefordshire in the areas of citizenship, science, religion, philosophy and ethics.

On community organising we plan to focus on three main areas: Really-Affordable Housing; Integrated and Connected Transport; and Community-based Social Care. Key to this is appointing Community Organisers.

On the educational objective, successful Lansdowne debates have taken place. The emphasis this year will be identifying partners and sponsors for continuing the Festival of Ideas in future years.

This is an abridged version, please contact Elizabeth or Eoin if you would like the full Report

Jon Knight in 100+ words



I was bought up in the countryside in Worcestershire, left briefly for four years to Swansea university where I studied Philosophy/Politics and Music in my first year, I gained a drinking thinking man's degree of a 2i. Having gained a humanities degree, I started a long line of menial and enjoyable jobs ranging from pot washer to muffin packer. I finally got into catering in a local pub and worked my way up from spud peeler to head chef in a small establishment in Cheltenham.

I started an adult teaching course in my lunch times and then did a PGCE in Citizenship at St Martins College Carlisle where I learned, not only how to enthuse students but how to help people. I began Teaching Religious Studies at Pershore High in 2001 and became head of Philosophy and Ethics a few years later. In this role I began to invite more and more representatives of different faiths and creeds in to talk to the students and also to myself! I became a philosophical pluralist, convinced that sharing of perspectives and ideas was the way forward for all humanity, that our shared experiences were key to humanities development, over a faith in absolutes and untestable rationalisations.

Raphael Bate

I was born in Rubery Worcestershire and moved to Northfield aged eight. My mother was a Catholic and my father a member of the Communist party. I studied at Birmingham College of Art, Les Ecole des Beaux Arts, Paris and Goldsmiths College, University of London for my PGCE. Taught in secondary schools in London and Kent and as lecturer at Laban Art of Movement Studio, and as lecturer in Art at Dunfermline College of Physical Education and the Education department of Edinburgh University.

Since 1965 my spiritual journey has included Buddhism with several retreats and continuously from 1968 with Subud. In the early 1990s I conducted research on the role of retreats in leisure studies: "Retreat to Advance: An Investigation into Retreats as Recreation centres." I was a director on the board of a charity Susila Dharma International.

After I retired in 2000, I worked as a volunteer with Mithra Foundation for the empowerment of Dalit women and children in the slums of Bangalore. I was involved in fund raising for the project. I did this through getting sponsored for long distance cycling from Lands End to John O Groats and from Vancouver, Canada to Tijuana, Mexico. One of my interests over the years has been pilgrimages and retreats.

My wife, Hesther and I, moved to France and lived in Brittany for 8 years. In 2012 we returned to the UK and settled in Malvern and I started to attend the Quaker meetings and feel that they are the place to be for me now.

Advices & Queries No 23

Marriage has always been regarded by Friends as a religious commitment rather than a merely civil contract. Both partners should offer with God's help an intention to cherish one another for life. Remember that happiness depends on an understanding and steadfast love on both sides. In times of difficulty remind yourself of the value of prayer, of perseverance and of a sense of humour.