



# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

## FEBRUARY 2015

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ALL EVENTS IN THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun 1st	From noon	Meeting for Business (Area Meeting in Telford on Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> , 11.00 -16.00)
Wed 4th	12.00 – 12.40pm	Monthly Midweek Meeting for Worship
Sat 7th	From 6pm	Hot Pot Supper <i>SEE BELOW</i>
Sun 8th	11.00 - 11.30am	Home Meeting for Worship
Sun 8th	After Meeting	Sale of Fairtrade Goods
Mon 9th	7.30 - 9.00pm	Friends Fellowship of Healing, Tel Mary 892482
Wed 11th	8.00 – 9.00pm	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Thur 19th	2.00 -2.30pm	Moving Prayer. Contact Mary, 892482, if weather is bad
Wed 25th	12.45-2.30pm	Swap and Share Book Group. Tel Liz 573315
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> March	From noon	Meeting for Business (Area Meeting in Bewdley on Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> , 10.30 – 13.00)

**SCIENCE & FAITH WEEKEND 6-8 March, *various venues*, ‘Human Being – Being Human’**

[www.scienceandfaith.org.uk](http://www.scienceandfaith.org.uk)



### **HOT POT SUPPER – SAT 7th FEBRUARY**

**Come along at 6pm (for 6.30) for a Winter Warmer and some fun!**  
**Janis & Liz F welcome contributions of food but please let them know – and contact them if you require food suitable for Vegetarians, Coeliacs or Vegans. (Janis 565149, Liz 573325)**  
**Entertainment will follow the supper –but only if you offer something!**  
*All donations will go towards replacing our missing bench.*

**Contributions for MARCH’s edition of the News Sheet** any time before deadline of 23rd Feb.  
 By hand, email or phone to Melanie [mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk](mailto:mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk), 572466  
 News of friends, short items and passages & comment from Quaker Faith & Practice welcome.

Our website [www.malvernquakers.org.uk](http://www.malvernquakers.org.uk) will show any updates or changes

**We expect to appoint the following clerking team at our Meeting for Business on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>:  
Clerk Andrew Jameson, Assistant Clerks Richard Bartholomew and Richard Beach.**

### **Overview of Good Lives Discussion Group.**

The need for this Discussion Group arose from the survey undertaken by elders and overseers in 2013, to establish likely activities and support for our Local Meeting.



Previous discussion groups had met with positive feedback and outcomes. We decided on a broad base of topics. The *Good Lives* study pack from Woodbrooke (2009 – 2012) provides such a framework. This pack consist of 16 study sessions, covering the four themes of Beliefs & Values, Spirituality, Human Behaviour, and Community.

We held six sessions in all, between September and December 2014. The numbers attending these sessions varied, with a core of five completing all sessions. The aim of the sessions was to enable exploration of the themes from our individual perspective and from that of our Local Meeting. This led to a wide range of topics and experiences being covered.

The theme of Beliefs & Values encouraged us to explore the links we have with other agencies and individuals. How do we exhibit our beliefs? The sessions exploring Spirituality enabled some reflection on how our Local Meeting may be developed in relation to challenges it faces.

Perhaps the main outcome of the group was evident in the sessions covering our Community. Here we explored how we could, as a Local Meeting, seek a stronger Quaker presence in Malvern. A typical example being the apparent waste of apples and pears in gardens. This has been noticed by other agencies but thwarted by bureaucracy and safety concerns. Could our Local Meeting do something about this in relation our Testimony of sustainability?

The theme of Human Behaviour certainly raised several issues of personal reflection and action; the testimonies of Friends were evident. Friends might like to consider the topics raised in these sessions; all feedback and comments are welcome.

We hope that we can run a series of further discussion groups during 2015 based on the *Becoming Friends* learning resource from Woodbrooke. This has been purchased by Area Meeting for Local Meetings to use. We are keen to involve all who wish to participate in exploring this resource. Please contact Paul or Liz if you are interested or have ideas for future discussion groups.

**Paul Wyatt , Liz Flanagan, January 2015**

### **Meeting for Worship at Long Lartin High Security Prison**

The Quaker Prison Chaplains at Long Lartin Prison (beyond Evesham, near Honeybourne station) have finally succeeded in setting up regular Meetings for Worship, both for the mainstream prisoners and the 'vulnerable' men – these populations are kept separate at all times.



Melanie expects to be attending once a month, leaving Malvern at 11.20 on a Friday, and would like to take another Quaker along. It does not need to be the same person every month but you do need to commit in advance so a day pass can be issued in good time.

People in prison greatly value contact from 'outside'. Friends are encouraged to consider whether they might take part in this ministry.

**Melanie Jameson**