



# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

## JULY 2015

EVENTS IN THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE unless otherwise stated  
 Our website [www.malvernquakers.org.uk](http://www.malvernquakers.org.uk) will show any updates or changes

### PLEASE NOTE

We have decided to wear name badges (provided but not obligatory!) on the first Sunday after Meeting for Worship to help us learn each other's names.

There will be no Swap and Share Book Group in July and August

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Mon 29th June	7.30 – 9.30pm picnic 6.30pm	<b>Malvern Inner Transition Group</b> [see overleaf] Malvern Cube, Albert Rd North
Wed 1st July	12.00 – 12.40pm	<b>Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship</b>
Sat 4th	10 for 10.30 – 4.00pm	<b>Workshop on welcoming Syrian Families</b> [see overleaf] Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church
Sun 5th	2.30 - 5.00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea at the Dell House</b> , Malvern Wells WR14 4HU: A chance to look around, explore the garden or relax!
Wed 8th	8.00 - 9.00pm	<b>Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship</b>
Sun 12th	11.00 - 11.30am	<b>Home Meeting for Worship</b> Tel. Betty 594685
Mon 13th	7.30 – 9.00pm	<b>Friends Fellowship of Healing</b> Tel. Mary 892482
Sun 19th	From noon	<b>Malvern Quaker Meeting, Meeting for Business</b>
Sat 25th	11.00 -4.00pm	<b>Area Meeting in Wem</b>

### ADVANCE NOTICE: ART FOR AMNESTY EXHIBITION 22-31 August.

Cally will be contacting us to act as volunteer stewards - full instructions provided.  
 Help is needed to set up exhibition on Fri 21 August, contact Peter Thomas 575753.



### SUMMER ART EXHIBITION at South Worcestershire College July 4 - 8 (NOT Sunday) 10 - 3

A wide range of paintings, sculpture, embroidery and jewellery making, to a high standard.

## MESSAGE FROM MELANIE, NEWS SHEET EDITOR

**There will be no News Sheet in August.** However information will circulate through weekly notices, the whiteboard at Meeting, the email list and the website. Please inform the Clerk if you have anything that you wish to circulate. Items for September to me: [mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk](mailto:mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk)

## NEWS and VIEWS

### **Workshop: Malvern Welcomes Syrian Families, 4th July,** Lansdowne Cres. Methodist Church

The aim of this workshop is 'To develop interest in a new community project aimed at offering hospitality to a small group of vulnerable Syrian refugees'.

Although the timetable for resettlement of refugees in Malvern is still unclear, this event will raise our awareness of the impact for vulnerable refugees of coming to live in this country.

Contact for booking and further information: Sue Wolfendale, Email [Wolfendale@btinternet.com](mailto:Wolfendale@btinternet.com)  
Or Ruth Forecast, Email [crystalrcf@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:crystalrcf@yahoo.co.uk)



Photo by Jon Critoph

### **OUR QUAKER PEACE / COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Take a few minutes to visit our Garden on Albert Rd North, in front of The Cube. Walk along the pathways of Truth, Simplicity, Peace and Equality. Rest on the seats.

Thanks to June's vision, commitment and hard work, this has been transformed from an overgrown bed of weeds to a garden to be proud of and a testimony to the presence of Quakers in Malvern. It is noticeable how visitors to The Cube wander out during concert intervals, for example, and appreciate this haven. Let us, too, treasure it.

### **Inner Transition meeting: Sharing My Love with Malvern: Collaboration and Community**

A bit of background for those who may be new to Transition: starting in Totnes, a network of groups has sprung up to work out how their community can live in a more sustainable way, given the challenges of climate change. Transition Malvern Hills has set up the Repair café, a community solar panel project, garden and car share schemes and much more. The need for some sort of 'inner' process has been recognised, hence the Inner Transition groups. Ours in Malvern seems to have a particularly Quaker flavour – little wonder since two out of the three of us responsible for drawing up and delivering the programme are from Malvern Meeting.

Monday 29th will be the final session of the 2014/15 Inner Transition programme, which started back in September with Polly Higgins' talk to a packed Meeting House. Entitled *Falling in Love with the Planet*, she spoke of her work to establish the crime of 'ecocide' - causing irreversible damage to the planet and asked "How we can transform our relationship with the Earth?"

We have taken this as our overarching theme for the year. In this concluding meeting we start from the view that the more we can express care, compassion and love to each other, to nature and to ourselves, the better place the world will be. We will look at ways of putting this into practice in our community. If the weather is fine, the Monday meeting will be preceded by a bring-and-share picnic at 6.30pm outside The Cube (picnic to be confirmed by Sat 27th). All are welcome.

I am increasingly finding that Transition Malvern Hills is expressing much of what I would have expected to find in Quakers, especially in the light of our 2011 commitment to sustainability.

**Melanie**