



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter

July 2019



Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Wed 3 rd (1 st Wed)	12.00–12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship
Thursday 4 th	4 till 8 pm	Dell House open garden postponed from June
Sun 7 th	After MfW	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
Sat 13 th	11.00 – 4.00	Area Meeting at Shrewsbury
Sun 14 th	From 12.00	Summer trip to Stockton Bury Gardens Need to book, Contact jcritoph@btinternet.com
Wed 17 th		Defence Expo at Three Counties Showground See below
Sat 20 th (3 rd Sat)	10.00–1.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Sun 21 st (3 rd Sunday)	12.00	Traidcraft, Shared lunch and Feedback on Yearly Meeting Soup or a hot dish to be provided, please bring other contributions. Co-ordinated by Liz Flanagan. Discussion led by Andrew & Melanie Jameson
Sun Aug 4 th		No 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 July

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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/>

Special Collection for July: Dabane Trust

The Trust works with rural communities in the semi-arid areas of Zimbabwe who are suffering from long-term water scarcity. It is an innovative organisation which develops simple, appropriate and sustainable water abstraction and food production systems.

See www.excellentdevelopment.com/zimbabwe/dabane-trust

Area Meeting at Shrewsbury

Area Meeting is on Saturday 13 July at Shrewsbury Meeting House. There will be a talk in the afternoon by Olivia Hanks, Economics and Sustainability Programme Manager at Friends House. See her recent blog post on climate crisis:
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/hearing-the-call-of-the-climate-crisis>.

Welcome to Rose Caja Critoph

Congratulations to Alena and Jon. Rose was born on 17th June in Worcester hospital and was a healthy 7lb 5.5oz.

Congratulations to Jonathan Rolph

He was awarded a First Class Degree in Art at Newcastle. He plans to go travelling before hopefully setting up a studio. Meanwhile he is earning money making animations for Lego.

Invitation from Andrew Jameson: My 80th Birthday Event

You are invited to tea and cake at the Dell House on the occasion of my 80th Birthday on Sunday August 11th 3.30-5.30

RSVP to Melanie by August 1st please mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk

Advices & Queries No 31

We are called to live 'in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars'. Do you faithfully maintain our testimony that war and the preparation for war are inconsistent with the spirit of Christ? Search out whatever in your own way of life may contain the seeds of war. Stand firm in our testimony, even when others commit or prepare to commit acts of violence, yet always remember that they too are children of God.

Defence Expo at Three Counties Showground on 16-17 July

Melanie Jameson

This time last year Quakers and others formed Malvern Individuals for Peace (MIPs) to respond to a one day exhibition and conference by the major defence, cyber-security and arms companies. Looking at the 3CDSE website www.3cdse.co.uk, it is immediately apparent that '2019 3CDSE' is more ambitious. For a start it is a two day event with the addition of a 'Special Projects Industry Day', which had previously been held elsewhere and for which special clearance is needed, along with a Networking & Innovation dinner at Eastnor Castle.

The website reminds us that the Three Counties of Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Gloucestershire comprise the hub of the UK's defence and security industry – the 'golden triangle' – with MoD/SAS based in Herefordshire, Qinetiq and the Malvern Cyber Cluster in Worcestershire and GCHQ in Gloucestershire. When all the satellite industries which have grown up around them are taken into account, this is thought to culminate in 90% of the UK's defence and security innovation housed within this triangle.

And we thought that Three Counties was all about choir festivals!

But how culpable are these companies who are exhibiting 'on our patch'? Campaign Against the Arms Trade (CAAT) is in no doubt that many of them fuel conflicts around the world, despite the focus of 3CDSE being overtly on security. We learn that Qinetiq has recently signed a partnership agreement with Saudi Arabia, this is against the backdrop of

the CAAT victory in the Court of Appeal which has ruled that UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen are unlawful.

Following a preliminary meeting to consider our response this year we have decided to act on the second day, Wednesday July 17th. The numbers committing to supporting us will determine whether this is a march from Barnards Green as well as a protest at the brown gate on Hanley Rd as delegates leave the site. This depends on whether we are joined by Quakers from Roots of Resistance (set up to challenge the London DSEI Arms Fair), regional CAAT supporters and available members of Xtinction Rebellion (not involved in their next big thing from 15-17 July) . The fact that the issue of climate change is part of the picture is highlighted by the banners we have commissioned which read:

**Quakers say: Use you technology to heal our world AND
Quakers say: Use your skills to tackle the climate emergency.**

Your help is needed. Please contact me if you can be involved in any way, for example assembling placards or dropping us off / collecting us - we cannot park near the brown gate on Hanley Rd.

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See the paper by Dick Stockford on the rationale for action in Malvern.

Bold changes in the way we work

On 7 June Trustees of Woodbrooke and Britain Yearly Meeting met to discuss next steps, after the evaluation of the Vibrancy in Meetings pilot showed it helped Friends in these areas feel more connected, confident and supported. The aim is to have a Local Development Worker within reach of each Quaker community within five years.

More information is available at www.quaker.org.uk/blog.

Friends Summer School 2019: Lake Windermere 28th July- 3rd Aug

This is an amazing opportunity for children and young people which can have a huge impact on their lives. Sadly it is undersubscribed this year, so if you know families with young people aged 10/11-17 who may like to consider it as a fun and useful way to spend a week of their summer please encourage them to go. At £300 it is a competitive and cost effective holiday or childcare option. See <https://friendssummerschool.wordpress.com/>

Swarthmore Lecture 2018 'Changing Ourselves, Changing the World' by Chris Alton **Melanie Jameson**

When we attended BYM this year the 2019 Swarthmore Lecture '*On Earth as it is in Heaven: the Kingdom of God and the yearning of Creation*' was not yet available to purchase. You may have read commentary on it in the Friend. However we did finally get hold of a copy of last year's lecture for Malvern Meeting. Chris Alton's offering to Friends is very different from the usual publication – for one thing it is around 30 pages and filled with illustrations. His response to what he calls the 'dead end logic of our times' is a creative embracing of the absurd. His most famous project was claiming 'EDL' as the organisation for English Disco Lovers and staging a number of colourful events in direct contrast to the aims of the English Defence League. This lecture will be available in our library and is an uplifting read.