



# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

## JULY and AUGUST 2016

**WELCOME TO VISITORS TO OUR MALVERN CIVIC WEEK OPEN DAY at 1 Orchard Road. We have Sunday Meetings (10.30-11.30) and monthly midday and evening meetings, both on a Wednesday, as you will see below. Visitors are always welcome to join us.**

JULY	TIME	EVENT
Fri 1st	<u>7am</u> – <u>8am</u>	<b>Vigil/service to remember the battle of the Somme</b> At the War memorial in front of the Library, Graham Road
Sun 3rd	From noon	<b>Meeting for Business</b>
Wed 6th	12.00 – 12.40	<b>Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship + picnic lunch</b>
Sat 9th	11.00 – 16.00	<b>Area Meeting, Worcester</b> Followed by a Quaker Walk <i>SEE DETAILS AT THE FOOT OF THIS PAGE</i>
Sun 10th	After Meeting	<b>Sale of Fairtrade Goods</b>
Wed 13th	8.00 – 9.00	<b>Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship</b>
Wed 13th	10.30 – 12.00	<b>Share thoughts on Quaker Faith &amp; Practice:</b> Chapter 26 Reflections (August: Chapters 7 & 15)
Sat 16th	10.00 – 2.00	<b>Malvern Hills Repair Café</b> at the Meeting House
	<b>AUGUST EVENTS</b>	
Wed 3rd	12.00 – 12.40	<b>Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship + picnic lunch</b>
Sat 6th	11.00 – 12.00	<b>Hiroshima Vigil:</b> in GM Priory at 11, in Churchyard at 11.30
Wed 10th	8.00 – 9.00	<b>Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship</b>
20th - 29th	See times overleaf	<b>Art for Amnesty exhibition, official opening 11am on 20th</b> <i>help is needed at various stages</i>

**AREA MEETING AT WORCESTER:** At 2pm Annette Leech will introduce the Worcester Quaker Walk and her illustrated booklet will be available for £2. She will then lead the walk, lasting approximately 2 hours. For those who choose not to walk, Clare Norton will stay and give an illustrated presentation on the same topic at Worcester Meeting House.

### Hiroshima Vigil

This year's Hiroshima Vigil, organized by Malvern Churches Justice & Peace Group, begins in Great Malvern Priory at 11am, followed by a vigil outside at 11.30. Note the different timings. This event marks the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima on 6th Aug 1945 and more recent conflicts.

## AFTERMATH OF THE REFERENDUM

'As Friends, we can unite in affirming the importance of equality, respect, integrity in public life and environmental sustainability as key foundations for peace. We can also affirm our commitment to internationalism and to cooperation between nations and peoples.'

*Extract from statement by the Northern Friends Peace Board*

### ART FOR AMNESTY Sat 20 to Mon 29 August Peter Thomas

The 15th Annual Exhibition and Sale in support of Amnesty International is coming round again, in our Meeting House. Note the following open times: 10am-5pm, with late closing of 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Sundays 2pm to 5pm.

The Official Opening by Ruth Forecast, founder of Malvern Welcomes Syrian Refugees, takes place on Saturday 20 August at 11am, with refreshments.

We would welcome help setting up and dismantling the exhibition on 18, 19 or 30 August. Please contact Trevor Trueman, 01684 573722; [osg@talktalk.net](mailto:osg@talktalk.net).

As always, offers of help are needed for stewarding – either morning or afternoon. Please contact Cally Law on 566268, email: [cally.law1@gmail.com](mailto:cally.law1@gmail.com).

If you are an artist who would like to exhibit, contact Peter Thomas, 07980 504824; 01684 575753; [petergt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:petergt@hotmail.co.uk).



### The Home Meeting group

### Betty Hudson

Betty will be contacting the Home Meeting group to see if the Mid-week Meeting on Wednesday 6 July would be of interest to them, so that transport can be arranged. Mid-week Meeting includes bringing a picnic lunch which is eaten together.

### Village making

### Stephan Pfaff



After Meeting on 26 June, Stephan shared his ideas about an all-age community or 'village' in which all relationships are cherished. We need to listen to the fresh insights of the young, who, in turn, learn from the old. An awareness is held of those no longer with us and those yet to come. The strong image of the Children's Fire was presented, in which each decision taken is weighed up in the light of its effects on children yet to be born.

### LEDBURY POETRY FESTIVAL 1-10 JULY 2016

### Nigel Groom

Happy Birthday Ledbury! 2016 celebrates 20 years of Ledbury Poetry Festival with the publication of a Festival Anthology featuring over 190 poets from all over the world. It's called Hwaet! the opening word of Beowulf – meaning 'Listen Here!' This seems very apt.

2016 continues this strong tradition, with twin themes of Protest and Celebration. The spotlight is turned on South Africa, Iran, the refugee and migrant experience, there is a celebration of Europe through poetry. Throughout Ledbury Poetry Festival, poets will be reading the poems of writers at risk around the world as an expression of solidarity.

Booking is now open through the on-line box-office or by calling 01531 636282

### Reading through Advices and Queries

Elders wish to encourage us to read a wider range of Advices and Queries – according to our duty to cover them all regularly. You may therefore find that some of the less familiar ones are being heard in Sunday Meetings for Worship.

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

I shall be giving up the News Sheet at the end of the year. To ease transition, I would like a partner to work with me on either the diary or the back page from September. Please get in touch.