



MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

JUNE 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Book Group is taking a break till September and there is no Home Meeting

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 1st	12.00 – 12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship + picnic lunch
Thurs 2nd	9.30am at QMH	Outing to The Laskett Gardens Contact: Paula 893591,
Sun 5th	From noon	Meeting for Business
Wed 8th	10.30 – 12.00	Share thoughts on Quaker Faith & Practice, Ch 13 Varieties of Religious Service; Ch 20 Living Faithfully Today
Wed 8th	8.00 – 9.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sat 11th	10.30 – 13.00	Area Meeting at Bewdley 10.30 – 13.00
Sat 11th	10.00 – 2.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café at the Meeting House
Sun 12th	After Meeting	Sale of Fairtrade Goods
Wed 22nd	12.30 - 2pm	Soup Aid to raise money for Refugees
Sat 25th	10.00-3pm	TIDY UP DAY in our Meeting House <i>PLEASE COME ALONG</i> There will be a job list nearer the time.
Sun 26th	After Meeting	Short talk by Stephan Pfaff of the Fold: How to make village
Wed 29th	10.30-5.0pm	CIVIC WEEK OPEN DAY and Exhibition at Meeting House

REFUGEE WEEK 20th – 26th June Display in Malvern Library during this period.

Tuesday 21st at 7.30 TALK at the Book Co-operative, St Annes Rd
‘Challenges and Opportunities of bringing Syrian Refugees to Malvern’

Wednesday 22nd 12.30 – 2.0pm SOUP AID in the Quaker Meeting House

People in Motion are collecting essential items for refugees in camps. These include underwear for all ages, sun-cream and insect repellent. Toiletry packs are also required for men, women, children and babies. Full details on the link below.

Collection points JUST SO, Iapetus (underwear only) and 71 Bredon Grove, WR14 3JS.

<https://gallery.mailchimp.com/9299f1fa8669a8ed1f0ac5da3/images/2a8d4264-02fb-456e-b861-d47af44395e8.jpg> I urge Friends to help with this initiative, Matalan has packs of clothing. Editor

Malvern Welcomes Syrian Refugees. Training Day, Sat 4th June, in Barnt Green, St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Sandhills Rd, B45 8NR 9.30-4.0pm. RSVP asap to janeteking110@gmail.com

NEWS AND VIEWS

Home group discontinued, for the time being

Betty Hudson

There is a feeling that the Home Meeting is no longer fulfilling its original purposes. We therefore propose the Mid-week Meeting for Worship on the first Wednesday as an alternative, followed by a picnic lunch together. Help with transport would still be offered and Betty will continue to consult with the members who attended the Home Meeting, to ascertain their wishes.

Visits have become the most important issue. We will make a special effort to ensure that those who originally formed the Home Meeting should receive regular visits, especially those residing at Mowbray Nursing Home and at Albion Lodge.

Presence and Absence Workshops

Eoin McCarthy

Workshop Five on May 7th concluded our series on Presence and Absence issues which we had begun two years ago after the death of someone close. 32 Malvern Members and Attenders attended one or more of these workshops and, for a further 8 people, it was their first visit to our Meeting House.

We are grateful to Liz Flanagan for initiating and researching this work, which so many of us have found useful. In order to build on this initiative, a questionnaire has been circulated to participants. Some of the most useful documents, together with a full list of the considerable resources that have been assembled, have been emailed to everyone on the Malvern Local Meeting list. Please contact Eoin if you would like a paper copy on Malvern 893591.

Liz took the learning from our experience with her when she participated in a *Death & Dying* Panel at Yearly Meeting at the end of last month.

Supporting Medical Studies

Betty Hudson



Betty is helping to support a 27-year old Ugandan girl, Connie Akiror, who is studying at Birmingham University for a Masters Degree in Immunology and Immunotherapy. Her recent exam results were passed with Merit (only 2 marks short of Distinction). She is now doing hands-on laboratory research into treatment for liver problems (mostly cancer). We are all very proud of her achievements, especially as English is not her first language.

CIVIC WEEK OPEN DAY Wed 29th June 10.30-5.0pm

In order to run a successful Open Day in our Meeting House, we need help in the following areas:

- Putting up the display (several days before 29th).
- Stewards to offer 2 hour slots in the morning or afternoon; this will involve talking to visitors and offering cakes, tea/coffee.
- Volunteers to make cakes

Please contact David Simmons with your offer of help.

Tel 565692 Email davidrobsimmons@btinternet.com

Civic week itself runs from 25th June – 2nd July with a wide range of events.



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 read out in Sunday Meetings for Worship.

The next edition will cover both July and August. Please think ahead of dates for the dairy.