



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter

March 2019

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Every Sunday	9.30 to 10.00	Silent Worship
Sun 1 st	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business
Fri 6 th		World Day of Prayer services 2 pm at St Leonard's Church, Newland and 7.30pm in St Joseph's RC Church, Newtown Road
Sat 7 th	11.00 – 4.00	Area Meeting at Shrewsbury Friends Meeting House (SY1 2NU) See below
Sun 8 th (2 nd Sundays)	2.45 – 3.30 pm	Little Friends Meetings All welcome but activities aimed at under-8s. Finishing with drinks & cake.
Thur 12 th (2 nd Thur)	6.00–7.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship 30 minutes MfW followed by drinks
Sat 14 th March	7 pm	Christians Against Poverty Fundraising Quiz Evening At Malvern Wells Village Hall £6 / head including a hot meal. No need to book, just turn up. Hall open from 6.pm
Sat 21 st (3 rd Sat)	10.00–1.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Sun 15 th	12.00	Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods after Meeting for Worship and Shared lunch (3 rd Sundays) Soup or a hot dish to be provided, please bring other contributions. Co-ordinated by Judith Badman or Liz Flanagan
Sun 22 nd	3 pm	Malvern Churches' Justice and Peace Group Public Meeting. Guest speaker John Cooper, Director of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He is a Methodist Local Preacher who has previously worked for Christian Aid and was a member of the group now known as Church Action for Tax Justice.
Sun 22 nd (4 th Sunday)	6 – 8.30 pm	The Earth Vigil using speaking stone and silences will start at 6pm and finish at 7pm. A vegan meal will be shared. All are welcome for part or all of the evening. The event is free to attend, and donations of food or money will be welcome.. Contact Eoin 01684 891566 eoin.mccarthy@decisionstrust.org
Sun 29 th (5 th Sunday)	After MfW	Shared Lunch followed by talk: Raphael Bate will be talking about his recent visit to India.

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

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Other dates for your diary

Summer trip: 19th July to Hergest Croft Gardens. More details to follow

Woodbrooke-on-the-Road day on the theme of privilege: Saturday 25 April, at Bewdley Meeting House.



Yearly Meeting Gathering: 1 – 7 August at Bath University

A week of worship, fun, conversation, sharing, hope, games, learning, building community and above all challenge. Are you ready to live adventurously?

This is an all-age event at the heart of which is Yearly Meeting, where decisions are made.

See www.quaker.org.uk/ym/about-1

Area Meeting will pay a bursary of £100 for anyone attending. No-one should be prevented from attending because of cost, so more assistance is available from our local meetings.

Talk to an Overseer if interested.

Area Meetings

Meeting for Sufferings has asked Quakers in Britain to consider assisted dying. (The timeliness of this request is indicated by a debate in Westminster Hall last month when a majority of MPs who spoke supported calls for an inquiry into current legislation.) Our Area Meeting is pleased to welcome Win Sutton, from Wolverhampton Meeting, to introduce this topic at Shrewsbury. A 5-page document 'Assisted Dying: an exploration', prepared by Britain Yearly Meeting, is attached.

Everyone is welcome to attend for the whole of Area Meeting, beginning at 11am, or just part of it. If you would like to come for the afternoon, and have time to join us for lunch (soup is provided and you might also like to bring a sandwich) please do come along any time after 1pm.

Future Meetings:

Saturday 16th May at Church Stretton: Paul Parker, Recording Clerk for Quakers in Britain.

Saturday 11 July at Bewdley: Melanie Jameson will bring us updates from the Quakers in Criminal Justice 2020 Conference, with the theme 'Challenges and Helping Hands.'

Special Collection for March (tbc): Send A Cow

Richard Bartholomew

This charity had similar roots to our local charity the Farmers Overseas Action Group upon which Betty Hudson regularly reports and for which we make collections. In the early days, cows were indeed sent to subsistence farmers in Africa who needed a cow. More recently it has been decided that it is better to send the money whereby cows used to the African climate might be purchased locally.

The point in bringing this charity to the attention of Friends is that they have an appeal currently to help impoverished rural families in northern Uganda who border the Murchison Falls National Park and where these families are having to resort to trapping 'bushmeat' in order to survive. All sorts of animals that are supposedly protected in the National Park are in fact being caught in these traps, particularly the Rothschild's Giraffes.

So Send a Cow is working with the wildlife charity Tusk to help these people to grow crops and receive training to sustain them that will feed their families so that both the people and the wildlife can continue to live side by side in harmony as they have done for centuries. BEST OF ALL any money donated to the Living With Wildlife Appeal at Send A Cow by 14th April will be doubled by the UK Government through UK Aid. So I propose that at the March Meeting for Worship for Business we slot in this appeal for March so that Friends can give generously and thereby make our Government give as generously too.

Update on Maggs Day Centre Malvern

The Centre in the Salvation Army Hall, Newtown Road opened on the 4th of February and had one client the first session, two on the second and three on the second Friday. The official opening is on Friday 20th March. Eoin will be representing our Meeting. They have the necessary funding to run for a full year but are still collecting money towards future years' provision.