



# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

## MAY 2015

EVENTS IN THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE unless otherwise stated  
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
1st - 4th May		<b>BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING</b> at Friends House, London
Sun 3rd	From noon	<b>Malvern Local Meeting for Business</b>
Wed 6th	12.00 – 12.40pm	<b>Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship</b>
Wed 6th	1.15 – 3.00pm	<b>Swap and Share Book Group.</b> Tel. Liz 573315
Thur 7th	2.00 – 3.30pm	<b>Moving Prayer</b> - simple dance, gentle movement Tel. Mary 892482
Sat 9th	11.00 -16.00	<b>Area Meeting in Worcester</b> SEE OVERLEAF
Sun 10th	11.00 - 11.30am	<b>Home Meeting for Worship</b> In a private house, for those unable to get to the Meeting House. Tel. Betty 594685
Sun 10th	From noon	<b>Sale of Fairtrade Goods</b>
Mon 11th	7.30 - 9.00pm	<b>Friends Fellowship of Healing</b> Tel. Mary 892482
Wed 13th	8.00 – 9.00pm	<b>Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship</b>
Fri May 15th	SEE FULL DETAILS BELOW	Visit to Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery to see <b>Quakers and the First World War</b> , followed by lunch & <b>Peace Hub</b>
Fri May 15th	3pm – 10pm	Kevin & Elizabeth host a boardgame event for NSPCC's <i>Really Big Board Game Day</i> . Drop in at the Dell House 2 Green Lane, Malvern Wells, WR14 4HU - £5 donation suggested.
Sun 31st 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Shared lunch followed by talk	Victoria from EIL will talk to us about the work of <b>'Experiments in International Living'</b> , based in Malvern.
Sun 7th June	From noon	<b>Meeting for Business</b> (Area Meeting, Bewdley, Sat 13th)

**TRAIN OUTING TO BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY** Friday May 15th *Come early to Great Malvern station (for 10.10 train) to buy group travel tickets at reduced price OR join us at Malvern Link (10.13)* Malvern Friends are invited to travel together to this free exhibition on Quakers and FWW, with lunch in the Museum's Edwardian Tea Room. Then we'll call in at the new Quaker Peace Hub in Bull Street. See their website [www.peacehub.org.uk/](http://www.peacehub.org.uk/)

## NEWS and VIEWS

### Area Meeting in Worcester, Sat May 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00 – 4.00pm

Topic for Morning session 'Quakerism is now a diverse religious society so what holds us together? What part does the language commonly used have to play in this?'

Language can be a barrier in so diverse a society. We will share our understanding of some words we use and see what unites us in this diversity.

**Area Meeting for Business will take place after lunch.**

### BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING 2015: Living out our Faith in the World by Melanie

A glance thro' sessions on offer this year reveals the breadth of Quaker involvement, including: Working towards equality, energy justice, our sustainability-climate change commitment / Renewal of Trident, militarism in schools, drones / Mental health in Meetings, Q concern around death & dying, supporting Qs under stress in education / Asylum & Refugee Network / Action on Alcohol & drugs / Ecumenical Accompaniers, overseas peace and conciliation projects. This last item feeds into the **Swarthmore Lecture** on a radical vision for humanity in the context of global upheaval. The **Salter Lecture** focuses on trade deals and the EU. A yearly meeting session is scheduled on a Q concern for social housing; we are drawing up Q *Principles for a new economy* - and looking forward to the Election and back to the First World War.

What a lot of work is going on in our name!

### Sharing our experience of end-of-life issues by Eoin McCarthy & Liz Flanagan

Eighteen of us gathered on April 25th for a useful day on practical end-of-life issues. This was the first of a series we plan to run through to next year. It is intended that later workshops will look at choosing a care home; a Quaker view of the last two years; emotional and spiritual aspects of the two years before and after a death.

Our morning session on health and care aspects was ably led by Richard Bartholomew who brought over 40 years of professional and academic experience to the work. We learned about the importance of the Care Act 2014, and issues around Enduring and Lasting Powers of Attorney.

We broke for a simple, excellent and leisurely buffet lunch. In the afternoon we had a very informative session with Susan Gaynor Smith, a local solicitor with many years' experience of serving Friends in Malvern Meeting. Susan spoke clearly, with examples, about the issues arising in writing a will; executing probate; deeds of variation and why/how one would set up a bare trust.

Both books and web based booklets were on display. Participants received a list of resources and a twelve-page check-list for those who live alone, to enable those left to manage after a death.

### Quakers in Leominster by Mary Callaway

If you haven't visited Leominster recently, it is worth going (easy by car or train) to see the old Grange Court, renovated and extended with an excellent new visitor centre, opened free to the public in 2013. Once the town's market house, it was relocated to the Grange in mid 19th century and occupied as a private dwelling until 1939. Among its well heeled residents were the Quaker Neild family.

A fine exhibition of tapestry panels shows the town's colourful history. Quakers, we learn, were active in the 1660s and were visited by George Fox. However the old Meeting House in South Street was eventually sold to Jehovah's Witnesses in the 1960s. It later became a nightclub!

**Contributions for JUNE's edition of the News Sheet:** any time before deadline of May 27th. By hand, email or phone to Melanie (not to our Clerk) [mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk](mailto:mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk) Tel. 572466. News of friends, short items and passages & comment from Quaker Faith & Practice welcome.