



Malvern Quaker Meeting Newsletter

May 2019

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

DATE	TIME	EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)
Every Wednesday	9.30 to 12.30	Open Morning in the Meeting House for gathering and fellowship.
Wed 1 st (1 st Wed)	12.00–12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship
Wed 1 st (1 st Wed)	1.30 – 3.00	Reading Group at 8 Wilton Rd Bring and share a book you've enjoyed. Contact: Liz Flanagan
Sun 5 th	After MfW	Meeting for Worship for Business
Thur 9 th (2 nd Thur)	6.00–7.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship 30 minutes MfW followed by drinks
Sat 11 th	11.00 – 4.00	Area Meeting at Wem
Sun 12 th	3 – 4.30	'Extinction Rebellion protests about climate change' Talk by Phil Kingston (aged 80 +) about his involvement with non-violent climate change action
Sun 12 th	4.00 pm	Annual Christian Aid service St Matthias Church, Malvern Link, WR14 1NP
Weds 15 th	2.30	Meeting for Worship at National Memorial Arboretum, Staffs See attached
Sat 18 th (3 rd Sat)	10.00–1.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café
Sun 19 th (3 rd Sunday)	12.00	Shared lunch after MfW Soup or a hot dish to be provided, please bring other contributions. Co-ordinated by Judith Badman or Liz Flanagan
Tues 21 st	7 for 7.30	Hereford Meeting House: Peace lecture by Bruce Kent on 'War No More'
25th to 28th May		Yearly Meeting at Friends House The focus is examining our privilege (and assumptions of privilege) and how this impacts on our ability to act on our urgent Quaker concerns. Whether coming in person or upholding, please help the discernment. See https://www.quaker.org.uk/ym/spiritual-preparation
Sun 2 nd June	After MfW	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 28th May

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Special Collection: Action for Bhopal

Paula Kingston

This charity has been set up by Quakers from Reading, Brixton & Streatham and Twickenham Meetings.

Many of you may remember the disastrous chemical leak in Bhopal in India in December 1984, now considered the world's worst industrial accident. Thousands were exposed to toxic gas, and deaths and illness from the effects continue for survivors to the present day. What is less well known is Bhopal's 'Second Poisoning' – the Union Carbide plant's contamination of the soil and groundwater in the area which preceded the gas leak and has continued ever since. The old plant has never been cleared and continues to leach toxins into the soil and water. The litany of extreme birth defects, mental damage and a wide range of acute illnesses in the surrounding area now reach into a third and fourth generations.

Litigation to secure compensation for those killed and for those who continue to fall ill from a range of devastating illnesses has had limited success. Action for Bhopal has been set up to add another voice to that of the Bhopal Medical Appeal, whose main work is in providing free healthcare to victims of this toxic legacy, though they also do some campaigning. Dow Chemical bought Union Carbide in 1999, though as the successor company, has always denied any liability for Bhopal. In 2017, Dow merged with another chemical giant, DuPont. On April 1st this year they split into three companies, further distancing themselves for their liability in Bhopal.

In this, the 35th year since the chemical leak, Action for Bhopal aims to help keep known the suffering and injustice of the people of Bhopal and to work in a variety of ways for justice and a clean-up of the toxic site. Our work will not be litigious but through publicizing, awareness raising and moral argument, in line with our Quaker values.

Malvern Progressive Christianity Network 6 June Ben Dandelion Christ Church, Avenue Rd, 7.30 to 9 pm.

Traidcraft and Open Garden at the Dell House

There will be no Traidcraft stall at Meeting in May. We've got the stock at home, so if you're passing this way and would like to buy anything do drop in.

Also, don't forget our garden is open under the NGS anytime by arrangement, tea and cake available, see <https://www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/32934/>

Malvern Welcomes

1) Sponsor a book: The Boy at the Back of the Class is about a Syrian refugee boy. Local schools can be given a copy through the Co-op Bookshop (St Ann's Rd) for £5.

2) They are holding a series of Saturday Workshops in Music, Drama, Art, Puppetry, Clay, Mask Making and Circus for Young People (ages 5-15) which introduce a summer of celebration of diversity and friendship.

The Workshops are being held at Lansdowne Methodist Church, WR14 2AW on Saturdays, May 11th, June 8th, July 13th, September 7th and 21st (party to finish).

Contact crystalrcf@yahoo.co.uk

Advices & Queries No 24

Children and young people need love and stability. Are we doing all we can to uphold and sustain parents and others who carry the responsibility for providing this care?