



MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

NOVEMBER 2015

TWO REMINDERS ABOUT OUR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

- Please try to arrive and enter the Meeting around 10.15 so you are settled and ready by 10.30.
- Please speak loudly and clearly when offering ministry in Meeting; some Friends have said that they struggle to hear what is said.

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wed 4th	12.00 – 12.40	Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship
Wed 4th	1.30 – 3.00	Swap & Share Book Group: The supernatural in literature
Wed 4th	7.30 [£10]	Vital Spark Concert in aid of Syrian Refugees. Meeting House.
Sun 8th	11.00 – 11.30	Home Meeting for Worship Tel. Betty 594685
Sun 8th	From noon	Sale of Fairtrade Goods
Wed 11th	8.00 – 9.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sat 14th	10.00 – 2.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café at the Cube, Albert Rd
Sun 15th	*SEE BELOW *	We shall reflect on prisons and read contributions from Long Lartin in the latter part of our Meeting for Worship
Wed 18th	1.00 – 3.00	Share thoughts on Quaker Faith & Practice, Ch 23
Sun 29th	Shared lunch/talk	Talk by Chairman of Lyttelton Well [PTO]

* PRISONS WEEK 15th – 21st November *

www.prisonsworld.org

Prisons Week was created to pray for, and raise awareness of, the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of crime, prison staff and those working in the criminal justice system. It was set up by churches and charities working with (ex-)offenders in 1975.

We are asked to follow a daily prayer schedule throughout the week, as outlined below, and to consider what we might do to help those for whom we pray.

Monday prison staff; **Tuesday** prisoners; **Wednesday** victims of crime; **Thursday** those who work in the criminal justice system; **Friday** families; **Saturday** our communities.

Malvern Quakers have a link with HMP Long Lartin, where there is a Quaker Meeting.





Mary and Robert Callaway

Mary and Robert have now settled in Didsbury, near Manchester, but life is not easy. Robert's condition has deteriorated leaving him confused and more dependent on Mary. We send love and best wishes from Malvern Meeting and hope that Mary can manage to get to a Meeting nearby.

5th Sunday talk by Peter Buchanan, Chairman of Lyttelton Well

In our Meeting for Business we agreed to invite the Chairman of the Well to talk to us about its activities & services, with a view to affiliation. Bring some food to share and come along.

Revising Quaker Faith and Practice – Chapter 23 on Social Responsibility

A group of us met last month to consider our reactions to Chapter 21 of Quaker Faith & Practice, feeding back to Lesley Richards, from our Area Meeting, who is a member of the Book of Revision Preparation Group. We now move on to Chapter 23, meeting to discuss this on Wed 18th where we shall consider the following questions (all are welcome):

- how do I react to this material?
- what does this material tell me about the history and development of Quakerism?
- how does this speak to me today?
- what spiritual benefits do I gain from reading and reflecting on this?

Quakers throughout Britain Yearly Meeting are being encouraged to read chapters of QF&P, month by month, according to an agreed programme. This is seen as a learning exercise in preparation for a proposed revision of the Fifth Edition at a future date.

The whole of QF&P is available online at: <http://qfp.quaker.org.uk/>

Apologies for misleading you by wrongly identifying Chapter 1 as October's reading! Editor

Being a Malvern Hills Conservator Richard: richard.bartholomew@btinternet.com

What I have learned about the Malvern Hills Conservators is that their staff do tremendous work in observing the requirements of the five Malvern Hills Acts (1884-1995), which boil down to preventing encroachments and developments on the Hills & Commons, overseeing the stopping of quarrying on the Hills, promoting the bare aspect of the Hills by encouraging grazing and ensuring public access. There is a guided walks programme in which some Friends may be interested.

What of the threat proposed by Malvern For All Ltd in trying to work up support for a cable car? They are still in business and have not yet given up. They plan to hold a public consultation about better access for disabled people on the Hills. It may be of interest to know that the H2O Cafe at Upper Wyche is planning to have a cross-country disability scooter which you will be able to borrow if you have limited mobility and want to get up in the clouds.



Some little-known facts: did you know that the former wharf area on the Severn at Clevelode, near the Rhydd, is also Conservators land? It is a delightful spot, try making a visit there. Did you know that if you live in a parish that touches the Hills or the major Commons you will pay a precept in your Council Tax (about £25 a year), whereas if you live on/around Old Hills or Castlemorton Common you don't.

Please get in touch with any queries about our work, or offers to volunteer. R Bartholomew.

Legal help for Malvern Welcomes Refugees Dick Stockford dick.stockford@slf.org.uk

Over 150 people supported the march last month organised by Malvern Welcomes Refugees. We now plan to become a Charity and need help!

Please contact me, Dick Stockford, if you know anyone with the knowledge to take us through the process.

