



MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET

OCTOBER 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Help with hospitality needed on 5th and 8th Please contact Liz 573315

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sat 1st	10 for 10.30-4.00	Optimising Your Health: a learning day with hints from Jill Etheridge. <i>Lunch will be provided.</i>
Sun 2nd	From noon	Meeting for Business
Wed 5th	10.30 – 4.00	Quaker Week Open Day. Please take part (SEE BELOW)
Sat 8th	10.30 – 1.00	Area Meeting in MALVERN Topic: Quakers and Money
Sun 9th	After Meeting	Sale of Fairtrade Goods
Wed 12th	10.30 – 12.30	Share thoughts on Quaker Faith & Practice, Ch 28
Wed 12th	8.0 – 9.00	Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship
Sat 15th	10.0 – 2.00	Malvern Hills Repair Café at the Meeting House
Sat 15th	7.30	FOAG concert @ Pershore Abbey <i>see back page for details</i>
Sat 22nd	7.45- 9.30	Lansdowne Debate on Migration <i>see back page for details</i>
Sun 30th	Shared lunch and talk from 12.30	The Twin Trails - our individual and collective route to Heaven on Earth, talk by Miguel Dean

QUAKER WEEK 1st – 9th October

www.quaker.org.uk/events/quaker-week-2016

OPEN DAY at Malvern Meeting House: **From 10.30** coffee/refreshments; **12 noon** Meeting for Worship; **12.45** soup/ lunch; **1.30** Book Group discussion begins with book on Qs in 2nd WW; **3 - 4** Tea and chat. There will be a small exhibition – invite your friends! ‘Friendly Friends’ are needed to chat to enquirers. Contact: liz.flanagan@yahoo.co.uk or 01684 573315.

PRISONS WEEK 9th – 15th October

www.prisonsworld.org

Prisons Week was created to pray for, and raise awareness of, the needs of prisoners and all who are connected with them, including victims, and 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, based on the prayer *Lord have mercy*. **Monday** prisoners; **Tuesday** victims of crime; **Wednesday** prisoners’ families; **Thursday** rehabilitation and our communities; **Friday** those who work in prisons; **Saturday** those who work within the criminal justice system.

Prison Week leaflets are available from Meeting. There will be a display in Malvern Priory.

Quaker statement: ‘Justice should be compassionate, forgiving and healing – restorative not retributive. We want to change attitudes & encourage the CJS to move towards this view of justice.’



NEWS AND VIEWS

Art for Amnesty exhibition, end of August 2016

This was another successful year for this fund-raiser for Amnesty International (AI). Overall £3,711 was taken, giving AI a profit of £1133. Cards sold especially well (£900). Thanks to all who stewarded and especially to Peter Thomas and Cally Law who worked very hard to make our Meeting House attractive to visitors.



Quaker Faith and Practice discussions

Peter Bevan

Our discussions continue this month. By this time next year we shall have covered all of the book of discipline. This is part of a national project to evaluate the current edition so that the organising committee can be helped to decide whether a new edition is necessary. Our discussions form a rare opportunity to become more familiar with our spiritual guidebook in the company of others. Each month we share our thoughts on a different chapter. Come prepared to share your reactions this month to Chapter 28 'Sharing the Quaker experience'.

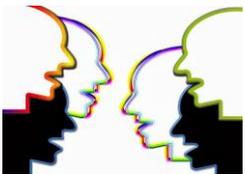
Peter Bevan also writes: I run a U3A reading group which continues this autumn; the focus is on developing our understanding of spirituality. The theme this year is transformation and its relationship to magic. None of the books is specifically religious, all are contemporary and mainly fiction. We meet at 4 Essington House, Holy Well Rd, 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2-4. Give me a ring (576825) or email (peter_bevan@talktalk.net) if you would like to know more.

Good initiatives at Long Lartin Prison

Melanie Jameson

On my last visit I learnt about a new initiative for high security prisons: the 'Rehabilitative Culture'; this is actually a committee of staff and prisoners 'to build positive relationships' in order to 'to try to mitigate the damage of long-term sentences' – quite an admission. New prison officers will receive a presentation and there is a warning concerning cynicism and even sabotage from 'old school' officers.

Malvern Meeting has been asked to help with funds to help establish an enterprise to make cards for sale in the Visitors Centre. Please contact me at mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk if you can make a financial contribution. Our Quaker Chaplains are heavily involved in both the above.



The next Lansdowne Public Debate takes place on Saturday 22 October, 7.45-9.30 at Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church, Malvern WR14 2UA.

"The Influence of Migration on the UK: What Does the Future Hold?"

What are the benefits, concerns, and anxieties? What will be the state of British identity and nationhood in 50 years time? Will there be new roles for civic societies and faith communities? Our panel consists of leading national experts on UK migration from Birmingham, Cambridge, London and Worcestershire. Independent chairperson: The Venerable Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester. ***Please bring your questions and ideas.*** To help us cater for demand, please register for FREE tickets online at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/Influence of Migration](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/Influence-of-Migration)

Concert for Farmers Overseas Action Group (FOAG)

The programme includes the Meistersinger overture; Bruch: Violin Concerto No.1 (Soloist Lisa Ueda) and Brahms Symphony No.1. The concert, by the Cheltenham Symphony Orchestra, takes place in the magnificent Pershore Abbey and is conducted by David Curtis, leader Caroline Broekman. Prices are £16 (including free drink), students £8, children under 15 free. Tickets available on the door, on 01905 570540, on email info@foag.org or online. First come first served, so reserve them in good time! Doors 6:45pm, start 7:30pm. Pershore Abbey is at WR10 1DT.

Update from Betty : Connie Akiror, the Ugandan Post-graduate student at Birmingham University, whom some of you have helped to support, has successfully completed her Master's Degree and will soon be returning home. Many thanks to all involved in supporting this worthwhile training.

