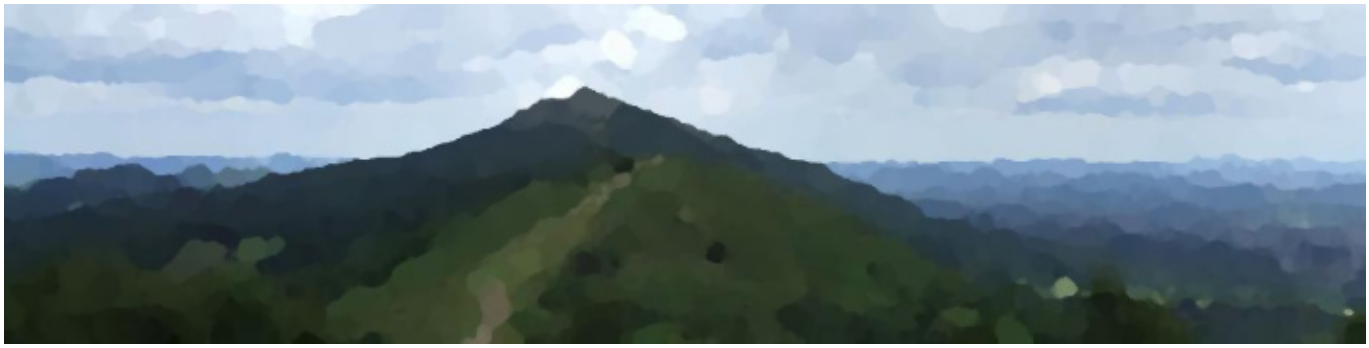


# MALVERN QUAKER NEWS SHEET JUNE 2017

Meeting for Worship is at 10.30 every Sunday

| DATE | TIME | EVENT (at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated) |
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| Sun 4th June | After MfW | **Meeting for Worship for Business** |
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| Wed 7th (1st Wed) | 12.00–12.40 | **Monthly Midday Meeting for Worship** (Bring a packed lunch if you're staying on) |
| Wed 7th (1st Wed) | 1.30 – 3.00 | **Reading Group** Bring and share a book you've enjoyed. Contact: Liz Flanagan |
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| Sat 10th | 10.30 – 1.00 | **Area Meeting at Bewdley** |
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| Sun 12th (2nd Sun) | 12.00 | **Sale of Traidcraft Fairtrade Goods** after Meeting for Worship |
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| Wed 14th | 2.00 | **Elaine Hugh-Jones 90th birthday event.** See below |
| Wed 14th (2nd Wed) | 8.00–9.00 | **Monthly Evening Meeting for Worship** |
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| Thurs 15th | Afternoon | **Visit to Sutton Coldfield MH.** See below |
| Thurs 15th | Afternoon and 7 – 9 pm | **EngageMalvern meeting** at Holly Mount Church, Queens Drive, Malvern. See below. |
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| Sat 18th (3rd Sat) | 10.00–2.00 | **Malvern Hills Repair Café** |
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| Tue 20th | 10.00 – 4.00 | **Open Day for Civic Week.** Volunteers needed **-** see below |
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| Wed 21st | 10.30 | **Experiment with Light discussion**. The second session on the Theology of Light. (contact: Peter Bevan) |
| Wed 21st | 2.00 – 5.00 | **Quiet Garden Afternoon at the Dell House.** Unstructured event, please let Elizabeth Rolph know if you hope to come to all or part. |
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| Sun 2nd **July** | After MfW | **Meeting for Worship for Business** |
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## Birthday concert on Wednesday 14th June

Friends of Elaine Hugh-Jones are arranging a surprise 90th birthday event at the Friends' Meeting House. Many of her friends from far and wide have been invited, but any at Meeting who remember her well are invited to book for this event with Will Coleman, who is organising it. There is a musical performance (doors open at 1.30p.m. for 2p.m. start), followed by Afternoon Tea. We are all hoping Elaine will be safely in her own home in the run-up to the event!
Will's email address is: colemanjenkins@btinternet.com

## Visit to Sutton Coldfield Meeting House on Thursday 15th June

This visit is to view their heating system and other energy saving measures. These were introduced in their Meeting House in 2015 which included an Air source heat pump heating system with 2 heating circuits, one for the main meeting room and another for the lobby, library, kitchen and children's room. This improved their Energy Performance Certificate from 179 to 76 and is the same as the "Heating Option 2" proposed for Malvern Meeting House.

Six people in two cars are going at the moment but others are welcome. Please contact **Tony Matthews** who has kindly liaised and organised if you want to join the visit or know more.
Email: tonyandfev@gmail.com Tel 892648

## EngageMalvern meeting on Thursday 15th June (afternoon & 7-9 Holly Mount Church)

The trustees of EngageMalven have recently decided to invite Citizens UK (CUK) to work with them and with community groups in Malvern and the surrounding Herefordshire and Worcestershire villages. Their hope is to set up an active coalition or alliance of citizen groups. This alliance is called a Sponsoring Committee and its job would include identifying important community issues, finding the resources to employ a Community Organiser (trained and supervised by CUK), and managing that worker.

CUK have over twenty years' experience of working with a range of communities across the country. Its deputy director, Jonathan Cox, is coming to Malvern to talk about how EngageMalven would work with CUK, what that charity can offer them and what they would need to do on their part, including, of course, raising funds. This is the beginning of what could be a truly transformative experience tapping into the capacity of groups to join forces for agreed common goals confronting disadvantage and injustice.

Jonathan is keen to meet as many people as possible who are committed to a better and more just communal life. From 7-9 pm there will be a general meeting of EngageMalvern trustees and all are welcome to this. During the afternoon, there is an opportunity to meet as individual or small groups for more detailed discussion.

If you are free that afternoon and would like to talk with Jonathan, please contact Barry Hinksman (Hon Sec of Engage Malvern) 01684 541594, 07752 757661, Email: bljh25@icloud.com

## Open Day for Malvern Civic Week on Tuesday 20th June

Once again, we are throwing our doors open during Civic Week to offer refreshments and help to 'de-mystify' Quakerism. Please call in during the day and/or for the talk at noon.

The following text was submitted for the civic week programme:
*What do Quakers stand for?*
*TALK 12.00 Quakers Then and Now: Where do we come from? Where are we going?*
*Exhibition and refreshments all day 10am – 4pm*

Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors. Please contact Melanie as soon as possible, with offers of help. Email mj@dyslexia-malvern.co.uk Tel 572466

## Refugee Week 19-25 June: Different pasts, shared future

For the national picture, promoting the contributions of refugees , please see the website www.refugeeweek.org.uk/

There will be a display in Malvern Library throughout this week. Volunteers are still needed for various slots on Tuesday, Friday and Sat (1 ½ hour slots).
To offer help contact info@malvernwelcomes.org

On **Monday 19th June at 7.30** there will be an event at Lansdowne Crescent Methodist Church. Speakers include Baraa Ehssan Kouja is a Syrian from Aleppo. He is the founder and director of 'From Syria With Love', a charity that works directly with refugees and raises awareness about the plight of the Syrian people. Baraa sought asylum in the UK after doing his MSc and now works with refugees full time.
We'll also hear from Krista Sojo is from Holland who is a graduate in International Humanitarian Action. She has just completed her mission as Field Director for the organisation, 'Project Hope 4 Kids', in a refugee camp in the North of Greece, providing informal education to Syrian and Afghan children.

## Mary Read, 1921 to 2017

Mary died peacefully at Albion Lodge on 6th March. A Meeting to Celebrate her Life was held on Wednesday 3rd May at Malvern Meeting House. Her daughter, Hilary read the following at the beginning, written by Mary.

"I hope there won't be too much sadness at my funeral and not too many tears. Let there be colour and smiles. Whenever or wherever & however I have died – it is a time of rejoicing and celebration for a life lived in a land of green pastures, rolling hills, fertile plains, rolling hills and magic woodlands. Also a land of music, art, great books, clever people and even 'with all its shame, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world'.

There must be joy for love given and received by family and many friends, and so many children. Great happiness and some sadness, joy overcoming grief. Love overcoming guilt. Happiness and sorrow, disaster and success, have all been interwoven in the pattern of my life. Throughout the years in some form or another there has always been light and dark has not lasted too long.

Joys in my life:

Children, laughing, playing, creating.
Plants growing for me. Bursting buds, flowers unfolding, responding to care.
Birds, making their presence felt.
Walking in the hill and in the woods.
The ever changing views from my window.
The feel of fleece and the yarn being created through my fingers.
The magic of dying from natural things

Magic in my life:

Water from the turning of a tap.
Light from the pressing of a switch.
Music from the trapping of sound in a small box, or the brushing of a needle on a disc.
Pictures plucked from the air into my TV.
Getting on a bus and by just sitting and doing nothing, arrive.
Fred my computer chess partner.
A voice in my telephone.
Pictures out of my camera.
The mobile shop.

More magic in my life
Sunrise at the end of the hill.
Sunset from my window.
Green plants from tiny seeds.
Primroses in spring.
Colour seeping into the garden after winter.
Dead things coming alive."

There were indeed no tears at the Meeting. It was a wonderful occasion with many family and friends celebrating her life.



Mary in the Malvern Hills with her brother Frank and his wife Margaret
This was taken in the first years when Mary moved to Malvern after she retired.

## Big Breakfast for Christian Aid — Melanie Jameson

Malvern Quakers contributed to a national fundraising effort during Christian Aid week. On Sunday May 14th, Liz was competently (but not literally!) juggling bacon, sausages, omelettes and tomatoes while Melanie took on the easier role of supplying a continental alternative. We raised exactly £100.

It was such a jolly social occasion that we are considering doing it again – maybe with a Fairtrade focus.

## International Conscientious Objectors' Day - May 15 — Melanie Jameson

A few of us marked this day at the Quaker Peace Garden on Albert Rd. Rather than holding a silence, we contributed thoughts about COs, militarisation, peace-making with reflective quiet in-between. We hope to be making more frequent use of the Garden, which is looking beautiful, thanks to June

## Malvern Quakers making closer acquaintances — Malvern Overseers

After Meetings for Worship, a see-through A4 loose-leaf folder will be put on display for casual perusal, beside the milk and sugar.
It will hold information about future meals or trips for you to sign up to – or to add to. Potential hosts can create events and willing guests can the sign up as they wish. Do use the News Sheet to publicise events.

If you have any questions please ask Eoin 01684 891 566.

## Malvern Meeting Photo Album: “Short Lives”

Here are a couple more – keep them coming!

### Judith Badman in 100 words

Born in Dublin late 1940, Judith Foley reared Catholic in Co. Clare by Catholic librarian Dad and artist. Quaker-born Mum, living over Clare Co. Library. Teens lived Cork City Library with brother Terry, now Canadian, b.1937, at Cork uni. Social Work course at Trinity Uni, Dublin worked year York and FSU Birmingham 4 years 1960s. Troubled by RC faith since teens, left Church and started trying out others. Stuck at Quakers, felt so at home – in my blood? Uni Bristol, joined Quakers 1968. Somerset Children’s Dept till fled 1996. Married Jim 1984, died 2010. Retired to stepdaughter Malvern 2016.

### Eoin McCarthy in 100 words

Eoin lives in West Malvern with Paula Kingston his marriage partner. They have 15 nieces and nephews who visit. After growing up in Dublin, Eoin spent five years in Connemara. Being seven eighths British, he has lived happily in Malvern since 1998. During 2000 to 2010 leadership development work took him regularly to 9 European countries and Philadelphia, five times. In this work he collaborated with men and women from 43 countries - a consciousness expanding process! A leadership group member at Quakers and Business, Eoin also arranges Difficult Conversations and Quakers Sharing Experience workshops. He sings with the Malvern Male Voice Choir.

## Lesley Hutton – Memorial service on May 26th

This poem by David Harkins was chosen by Lesley to be read at her funeral. Please send any further reflections or thoughts about Lesley to Elizabeth Rolph for the next News Sheet.

### She is gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,
or you can smile because she has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray that she’ll come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can’t see her,
or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember her only that she is gone,
or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back

or you can do what she’d want:
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

## Malvern Hills Trust — Richard Bartholomew

You may have noticed items in the local press recently about the new name for Malvern Hills Conservators, now the Malvern Hills Trust- so what's in a name?

Many of us pay a bit extra in our Council Tax for the privilege of protecting our Hills and Commons and this gives us a right to stand, and vote, in elections for a Conservator for those wards who pay this precept. That's how I got voted in a couple of years ago, standing against the proposal to run a cable car up the Hills.

As well as this source of precept income and takings from the car parks, the other major source of income for looking after these precious acres is the Government's Higher Stewardship Scheme, largely sourcing money from the EU for the preservation and promotion of biodiversity. This particular scheme is in the course of being wound up and of course we will lose anything from the EU in a couple of years' time as well.

So the Board of the Conservators has become increasingly aware of the fact that we are also a registered charity, and this is important in a couple of respects. Charities have to act according to high criteria of conduct and can raise funds for their purposes. I have been working on the Governance Committee that is seeing through changes to how the Trust will operate, working in conjunction with the Charities Commission, so we never get a repeat of the St Ann's Well fiasco of several years' back. Also we decided that we need to learn from other charities and decided to start with a name that indicates that the Hills and Commons are in trust to us all. Next steps will be that we are looking for ways to widen the profile of those who stand for election as Conservators and who attend our Meetings (open to the public-mostly), who volunteer for us and who want to support us by perhaps becoming members of our Trust, perhaps similar to other charities who have members-National Trust etc. See below for the money-bit!

What differences will you see? For the first time every sign, leaflet and website will have the same logo and name; next you will see that the information boards at the car-parks are being renewed and updated as are the jackets that the wardens and other staff wear. You will also see more requests to think of ways in which you can become involved in your Malvern Hills - as a volunteer clearing scrub to protect butterfly habitats as one example. See the Getting Involved section of the website for more details. You will also be asked if you would like to become a member once we roll that out, and you will certainly be asked if you would like to give some money (one-off or regular, and Gift Aided of course) to help with the conservation work of the Hills and Commons. If you want to do this you can give to the general funds or you can restrict it to a particular favourite part of the Hills or to a particular purpose, for example to protect the dormice or butterflies.

We would love you to give some money towards the conservation and protection of the Hills while you are alive to enjoy it, but we would also be delighted to have some as a parting gift from you in your will - so don't forget the Malvern Hills Trust when writing that cheque or that will! Thanks.

To know more see the website at http://www.malvernhills.org.uk/

The Children's Room in the Meeting House, 1 Orchard Road, Malvern has had a complete makeover and now looks so much more inviting. Big thanks to Liz Flanagan for all her extra work on this, and to the helpers on clear-up day. Next time you are in the Meeting House, have a look, you will be charmed.