

# CHELTENHAM QUAKER

## November 2006

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### MEETINGS

**Cheltenham:** Sundays at 10.30. Children's Meeting: At present there is no regular Children's Meeting, but facilities for children can usually be made available on request. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday shared lunch.  
Thursdays, 12.30 to 1.00 Meeting For Worship followed by shared lunch on First and Third Thursdays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Tewkesbury:** Fourth Sunday, please 'phone Diana Tovey or Joyce Martin to find out the time and place, as it varies. **All welcome.**

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### DIARY

(All of these meetings at 7.30 at the FMH unless otherwise stated)  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Circle Dancing, 7.00 to 9.00

#### October

Sa 21 10.30	<b>Sustaining the Spirit Day</b> in Gloucester Meeting House. Details below.
We 25 2.30	<b>Peace Group</b> at FMH. All welcome
Th 26 12.30	<b>Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour
Sa 28 2.00	<b>Meeting for Worship</b> held at Main Gate of USAF, Fairford
Sa 28 6.00	<b>Social Event</b> at FMH. All welcome [Details below]
Su 29 11.30	<b>Fifth Sunday Reading</b> followed by Shared Lunch [details below]
Tu 31 6.30	<b>UNA Association Branch AGM</b> at the Council Chamber, Municipal Offices [details below]

#### November

Th 2 12.30	<b>First Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 5 11.30	<b>Preparative Meeting</b>
Mo 6 8.00	<b>Christians at Work</b> at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church: "A Visit to the Christian Medical College in Ludhiana, Punjab": Dr. Michael Hardingham
Th 9 12.30	<b>Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour
Sa 11 2.00	<b>Monthly Meeting</b> at Stroud, St. Albans Church. Tea
Th 16 12.30	<b>Third Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Su 19 12.00	<b>Meeting for Learning:</b> Ann Caro on "Women in Society".
We 22 2.30	<b>Peace Group</b> at FMH. All welcome
Th 23 12.30	<b>Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour.
Th 30.12.30	<b>Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour.

#### December

Th 7 12.30	<b>First Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch
Tu 12 7.15	<b>UNA talk:</b> China – past present and future, preceded by coffee and mince pies [details Below]
Th 14 12.30	<b>Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour
Su 17 6.00	<b>Christmas celebration</b>
Th 21 12.30	<b>Third Thursday Worship</b> for half an hour, followed by Shared Lunch

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**UNA Talk: Chine – past, present and future. Tuesday 12 December, 7.15, at Parmoor House, Lypiatt Terrace, Lypiatt Road.**

We welcome Ian Johnson, who will share his experience of China by a talk illustrated with slides and Chinese artefacts. The talk will be preceded by coffee and mince pies. Gillian Bailey

**Car Parking Permits 2007**

Cheltenham Borough Council Parking Services have informed us that the charge will be £72 per permit for the year 2007. The permits are issued to our meeting in one transaction. Each permit allows parking from 10 am to 1 pm every Sunday throughout the year. This is better value than the standard parking fee if you use the car park for most of the Sundays.

To order a permit please let me have your cheque payable to CHELTENHAM PREPARATIVE MEETING by Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006. I shall be on holiday before Christmas, and I hope to distribute passes at meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December. Philip Paull

**A Declaration of Animal Rights**

I have always believed that mankind has a responsibility to other creatures who inhabit our beautiful plant. In this country animals are respected apart from factory farming. Worldwide appalling exploitation takes place. I have in mind the skinning dogs that are not quite dead for their fur, sheep being transported huge distances in suffocating conditions. (Australia has temporarily suspended this due to public pressure). So called “dancing bears”, who are writhing in agony as the rings often damage their jaws when they are put in.

A global petition has been launched – Animals Matter to Me. It is part of an important campaign for a Universal Declaration on animal welfare at the United Nations. This Declaration will encourage governments to take animal cruelty seriously and consider welfare measures. The snag is that ten million signatures are required. @Sign on line at: [www.animalsmatter.org](http://www.animalsmatter.org).

I have a copy of the full text if any Friends wish to see it before signing, and also an old fashioned type of sheet to collect signatures. Gillian Bailey

**NOTES FROM PM**

**Alec Betterton:**

Meeting recorded with sadness the death on 10 September 2006 of our dear friend Alec Betterton. The funeral was held on 20 September at Cheltenham Crematorium.

**Moyna Hester:**

Moyna Hester has notified us that she will not be in Meeting for the time being, as her family circumstances have changed. She has asked that all notices etc. should not be sent to her until we hear further from her.

**After Words:**

Meeting has been experimenting with the idea of “After Words” (a brief time following Meeting for Worship when people may express thoughts which although important may not have come up in Meeting). There was a discussion about whether or not the practice is worthwhile and should be continued, and possible changes to the format were considered. It was agreed to continue the practice until further notice. “After Words” will be concluded by the reading of the notices.

John Cross