

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

APRIL 2011

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Cheltenham: Sundays at 10:30. Children are always welcome in our Sunday meetings for worship. If during the hour parents feel it is appropriate, they can go with them to the children's room, where they will be joined by one of the children's meeting volunteers. Fifth Sunday shared lunch.

DIARY (ALL OF THESE MEETINGS AT THE MEETING HOUSE UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED)

March

Su 20 12.00 **Meeting for Learning:** Is there any point in being a Member of the Society of Friends?
Facilitated by Rowland Carson
Mo 28 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

April

Su 3 11.30 **Local Meeting**
We 6 2.30 **Peace Group.** Venue to be confirmed. All welcome.
Th 7 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House
Su 10 2.00 **Area Meeting** at Wotton under Edge, The Chipping Club Room.
Mo 11 7.30 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House
Su 17 12.00 **Meeting for Learning Workshop:** "350 years on: what is the peace testimony's challenge to me?" facilitated by Alison Crane, until 2.30 pm
Th 20 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

May

Su 1 11.30 **Local Meeting**
We 4 2.30 **Peace Group.** Venue to be confirmed. All welcome.
Th 5 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House
Su 8 12.00 **Area Meeting** at Forest of Dean, Staunton Village Hall after MfW at 10.30.
Packed lunches.
Mo 9 7.30 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House
Mo 9 8.00 **Christians at Work:** Tom Elliott on "An Audience with Tom Elliott, Youth worker and Magician" at the Cottages, Leckhampton Church
Th 19 2.00 **"Becoming Friends"** at the Meeting House

April collection for Quaker and other charities: International Alert (formerly Peaceworkers UK), 346 Clapham Road, London SW9 9AP. Tel: 0207 6276800

"Becoming Friends"

The new evening group will meet on 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7.30 at the Meeting House, starting from 14th March. Since 25th April is Easter Monday it has been decided to skip this one, so the next one after 11th April will be 9th May. Continuing on the second and fourth Mondays until further notice.

Tim Howarth

Meetings for Clearness

“A number of meetings within Britain Yearly Meeting are making use of clearness groups for a variety of purposes. They may be called to prepare a couple for marriage, to test a concern, to make decisions about membership, to consider new forms of service or to seek guidance at times of change or difficulty. Such meetings may sometimes be of help and comfort to the dying” (- Quaker Faith and Practice 12.23) If you think that such a meeting may be of help to you, please speak to one of the Elders. You may also like to read more in QF&P 12.22 to 12.25. Tim Howarth

The Library

This has been put in excellent order and is a most valuable resource. The Elders would like to thank the Librarians Margaret Cooper and Nancy and Alan Sentance for their hard work. Tim

Howarth

List of Members and Attenders

This is maintained by Helen Pemberton, whose phone number and email address are shown in each copy. If your address, phone number or email address changes, please remember to tell Helen, or Philip Paull Tim Howarth

Notes from LM

Nominations Committee: The name of Ruth Baker was brought forward as a Supporting Friend for the remainder of the Triennium, and we agreed to forward her name to Area Meeting.

Requests for Financial Help: Requests for donations were received from three Quaker Cheltenham charities and we agreed to contribute to them as follows:

- a) Cheltenham Listening Post: £300.00
- b) Sawley Quaker Meeting: £200.00
- c) Quaker Theatre Company: £50.00

Fifth Sundays: There will be a Fifth Sunday in May, July and October this year, and we gave thought to how we might use these Sundays. We agreed that bring and share lunches were a valuable part of our community building, and one of these would be scheduled for each of these Sundays. The Sundays will be used as follows:

- 29th May: Cheltenham as a Transition Town, presentation by Alison Crane
- 31st July: Dorothy Carson will arrange for a showing of a film, “The Fear Factory,” about going through the criminal justice process
- 30th October: We will hold an Open Forum/Worship Sharing event, theme and facilitator to be decided nearer the time.

Charney Manor Weekend: Maureen Steffen gave more details about the Charney Manor weekend to be held on 20-22nd May 2011. The theme will be “What it means to be a Quaker”, and the cost will be £180.38. Mary Meeks will facilitate the event. Brochures are available, and Maureen is now accepting bookings (cheques to be made out to Cheltenham Quaker Meeting). John Cross