

**The Religious Society of Friends
Abergavenny Meeting
Newsletter September~October 2006**

Dates for your Diary:

Sunday 23rd September, Meeting for Worship, at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am.

Tuesday 25th September, Pastoral Care Meeting at Gill's 6pm **see below**

Saturday 30th September, Quiet Day for all MM Friends The speaker is Anne Ullathorne until recently Clerk of Quaker Central Life Central Committee **see below for details:**

Sunday 1st October, Meeting for Worship, at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am
Young Peoples programme

Sunday 8th October, Meeting for Worship at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am,

Sunday 15th October, Meeting for Worship at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am.
Young Peoples programme

Tuesday 18th October, Mid-Week Meeting at Edna's 10.30

Sunday 22nd October, Meeting for Worship at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am.

Sunday 29th October, Meeting for Worship at Llanfoist Village Hall, 10am

Pastoral Care Meeting next Tuesday 6pm at Gill's

We meet quarterly to discuss issues related to our Meeting. We aim to have good representation of all ages so we can discuss all aspects of the life of our Meeting. Do come along and bring your good ideas and if you are unable to attend please send them with Ronald, Penny, Klaus or Gill. We aim to finish by 7.30pm

MM Quiet Day at the Pales for all Friends Saturday 30th September 1pm -4pm

We are invited to bring a picnic lunch for 12 noon; and to stay for a cup of tea afterwards. The speaker is Ann Ullathorne from Warwickshire MM
The title is the Spirituality of our Quaker Business Method.

Midweek Meeting for Worship change of day now Tuesday

At Edna Spencer's home, 10 Greystone Close, Mardy O1873 85 8757 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. **The next Meeting is on Tuesday 18th October at 10.30am.** All are welcome. Please call a member of the pastoral care group (Gill, Klaus, Megan, Penny, Ronald and Hetta) to arrange a lift.

Quaker Housing Trust news from Lynn

We have heard that Quaker Housing Trust trustees responded positively on September 9th to the application by SOLAS Cymru for funding to provide fitted wardrobes at Hill House Chepstow. Nearly £5000 has been made available out of the funds available from QHT to support housing projects that are either Quaker run or supported by local Quakers. The letter from our assistant clerk **Sara Burch** and the copy of our minute outlining the interest we have taken in the plight of homeless young people in Monmouthshire was an important element in the application.

Our practical interest and involvement continues with **Glenys Phelpstead** being invited again to meet the residents of Woodstock House in Abergavenny in November to give them advice on nutrition and healthy eating

The trustees of QHT, including **Lynn Moseley**, are having a residential meeting near Carmarthen at the end of November and will be making a presentation to a meeting of Friends In Wales on Saturday November 25 at the College of Education in Carmarthen. This will involve workshops on identifying housing needs locally throughout Wales and exploring practical ways in which Friends can be involved. **If any Friends would like details and would like to attend the meeting of Friends in Wales please contact Lynn.**

Words from Milli

Having recently been travelling in the Red Centre of Australia including visiting the Lands (Aboriginal owned) I read a controversial book by an American writer of her travels with the Australian aboriginals. The following words prompted me to want to quote them.

We journey a straight path in Oneness. Mutants have many beliefs, they say your way is different from my way, your saviour is not my saviour, your forever is not my forever. But the truth is all life is one life. There is only one game in progress. There is one race, many different shades. Mutants argue the name of God, what building, what day, what ritual. Did he come to earth? What do his stories mean? Truth is truth. If you hurt someone, you hurt self. If you help someone, you help self. Blood and bone is in all people. It's the heart and intent that is different. Mutants think about one hundred years only, of self and separateness. Real people think forever. It is all one, our ancestors, our unborn grandchildren, all of life everywhere.

**Australian aboriginal tribe - the Real People Mutant - American writer
Mutant Message Down Under p.125 Marlo Morgan**

MM Funeral Arrangements Group Annual Meeting, Is anyone interested in attending?

Philip Thornley writes,

Dear Friends,

Just a reminder of the meeting we have planned for our local Funeral Arrangements Groups on Thursday, October 19th 10.00 to 12 noon at Hereford Meeting House. As you know there is the usual mid-week Meeting for Worship at 12.30 and then a picnic lunch (bring your own, but drinks provided) afterwards. The Hereford 'regulars' will be delighted if you can stay for that.

I cannot attend myself, but Julian will act as facilitator and, as usual, the agenda will consist of the items that you all bring along for discussion. I have attached the notes from last November to remind you of our conversations then.

Looking in the current list I see some changes in membership of Groups. In particular I notice:

Abergavenny - I know Gill is away in October - can any others attend Gill?

In general anyone is most welcome to attend, whether an 'official' appointee or not.

Do get in touch with any questions.

Best wishes to you all from Philip

News of a local Meditation Group from a new attender

Hello Gill

Thank you very much for the copy of "Friends" newsletter. I appreciated getting it.

As to the Meditation group; we, about 6 or 7 of us, meet at 6.30pm in the little Chapel at Neville Hall on Thursday evenings for about an hour. We listen to a brief talk on tape, followed by some music and then 25mins of silence. We are interdenominational and everyone is welcome to join us. In fact we would be delighted if some of you did.

I'm gadding about a bit at the moment but plan to attend some more Meetings in the interim.

Hope to see you then

Susan

Young Peoples Programme;

A date for your diary:-

We have made a date for our annual Pizza Programme Planning (PPP!!) meeting on

Friday 10th November at Gill's @6pm

Meanwhile the remaining planned sessions will begin on 1st October.

Spiritual Life Report advance notice

A reminder that a Report of Spiritual Life Report of our Meeting is required for MM in Clun in January 2007

As usual we will put a file on the table in Meeting and those who feel inspired can make their contributions. We are hopeful that we will find contributions that truly represent all our riches.

Rota's message from Klaus

A big thankyou to everyone for coping so well with the new opening and closing routine and remembering not to arrive before 09.40 to give the cleaner chance to finish his work.

The new schedule is posted and takes us up to the end of December so please bring your diaries and reserve your slot for Opening Up and Greeting. I've been reminded to say please consider the 1st and 3rd Sundays as an opportunity for young people to take their turn.

Contributions for the next October~November newsletter please send to Sara at sara@burchandcope.fsnet.co.uk