

The Pales Quaker Meeting House, Llandegley, Powys

The Pales is the oldest Welsh Quaker Meeting House, in continuous use. Built in 1717, it is situated high up in the Radnorshire hills, with breath-taking views. It is open to visitors all day, every day, at no charge.

Almost all visitors (we get around 1000 a year) remark on the very special atmosphere, of peace and serenity. It is a particularly suitable venue for those who value its spiritual presence.



The building, which is stone-built and thatched, comprises two rooms, one that is primarily used for worship (Meetings for Worship are held at 3 p.m. every third Sunday of the month), and a second (the “schoolroom”, from its days as a Victorian school) which is used for

meetings, craft workshops, training events, yoga classes, concerts – you name it! Additionally, there is an adjoining burial ground and a field.

The Pales is available for hire at modest rates (see over) to suitable groups. The facilities include seating for twenty four, plus additional benching, hot/cold water, tea/coffee equipment, fridge, microwave, small ring cooker, flipchart, slide projector, OHP, computer data projector and screen. The Pales offers disabled access, with hearing induction loops in both meeting rooms, a wheelchair ramp, and a new block with shower and accessible toilets. There is no telephone (except in emergency in the wardens’ cottage), but most mobile services are within range. In addition to storage and convector heaters, the Schoolroom has a large open log fire. Three bi-lingual display boards tell the story of the Pales, from the early days to the present, and a wide range of literature, cards, paintings etc. are on sale.

Accommodation is available locally at B&Bs or hotels. There is camping space at the Pales in our field for groups using Meeting House facilities, and the Meeting House itself is used at residential weekends for sleeping on the floor.

For those interested, the wardens can offer talks on the history of the Pales and local Quakers (especially of the Victorian era), and on past and present Quaker beliefs and practices. School trips are especially welcome.

The Pales has been described as “the jewel in the crown of Radnorshire”, and the wardens are very keen to share this treasure with all those who would appreciate it. If you feel we might have something to offer you, whatever your interest, please do get in touch.



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Rates for Hire of Pales Meeting House

Room Hire

Voluntary sector:
£12.50 per session (morning, afternoon or evening)
Statutory/Private sector:
£20 per session (morning, afternoon or evening)

Extras

£1 per person for tea/coffee etc.
£10 extra per day to use the log fire

Overnight Use

£7 per person to sleep on floor of Meeting House
£5 per tent to camp in field

Both of these include the use of washing/cooling facilities in the Meeting House and shower/toilet facilities in the Shower Block.

A deposit of 25% is required on all bookings.