

CHELTENHAM QUAKER

FEBRUARY 2012

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Are on Sundays at 10.30 at Cheltenham Meeting House. There is a shared lunch on each fifth Sunday. 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.

DIARY (All of these meetings are at the Meeting House unless otherwise stated)

February

Wednesday	1	2.30pm	Peace Group
Sunday	5	11.45am	Local Meeting for Worship for Business
Sunday	12	1 pm	Area Meeting for Worship for Business at Nailsworth Meeting House
Monday	13	7.30 pm	Becoming Friends
Thursday	16	2.30	Healing Group at Maureen Steffen's
Sunday	19	12 noon	Meeting for Learning (see below)
Monday	20	7.30 pm	Becoming Friends

Meeting for Learning will be led by Elma Detheridge with the title of *Forget me not: living with dementia*.

There were no Local or Area Meetings in January

FEBRUARY COLLECTION is for Friends Therapeutic Community Trust (Glebe House).

The charity was started by six Area Meetings in the Cambridge area in 1965. Its aim is to provide therapeutic treatments for young men who present concerns regarding sexually harmful behaviour. The work centres on Glebe House, a residential community for fourteen boys aged 15-19. It also includes community based work with young people and their families, and outreach work with former residents. Their newsletter makes inspiring reading. Donations to: Glebe House, Shudy Camps, Cambridgeshire, CB21 4QH. Tel: 01799 584359.

Website: www.glebehouse.org.uk

COLLECTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL CHARITY are taken on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month and a list of these for 2012 is overleaf. We shall have to choose another fund for June 2012 in place of the James Naylor Foundation as there is a notice in The Friend that it is closing. Please let June Drummond know by e-mail if you have a suggestion, with the charity's web-site address, as soon as possible.

STAMPS FOR QPSW.

Many thanks to Friends who have donated stamps for QPS Stamp Club to sell. I will be sending another package to Friends House before long so please bring any foreign stamps you received at Christmas next time you come to Meeting. There is a box on the table by the magazine rack or they can be given to me.

June Drummond'

LOCAL CONTACT LIST

I have taken on the role of keeping the list of local Friends and Attenders up to date. This includes publishing the list from time to time. Please contact me with any amendments to the list.

Please ask me if you would like to see a copy of the list to check, or if you require a printed copy.

Helen Pemberton

<p>Items for inclusion in the next newsletter should be sent to the editorial email address or by post to the editor Janet Weyers by 13 February at the latest</p>
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CHARITY COLLECTIONS FOR 2012

2012

Jan	Quaker Peace Centre Capetown	Q	Support for Quaker Work in S.Africa
Feb	Friends Therapeutic Trust (Glebe House)	Q	Residential care for sexually challenged boys
Mar	Acorns	Local	Hospices for children
Apr	Sight 20:20 Direct		Improving sight in Malawi
May	Quaker Voluntary Action	Q	Based at Mount St FM, Manchester
Jun	James Nayler Foundation	Q	Relief of Emotional Distress
July	Quaker Tapestry	Q	Maintains display in Kendall & circulates panels
Aug	The Leaveners	Q	Writing, art, theatre with a Quaker bias
Sept	St Vincent and St George	Local	Day centre and hostel for homeless in Cheltenham
Oct	Friends World Committee for Consultation	Q	Coordination between Quakers worldwide
Nov	Cheltenham Open Door	Local	Christmas Shelter
Dec	Safe	Q	Supports child victims of crime

THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER GROUP

Thomas Kelly's "A Testament of Devotion".

The Ecumenical Prayer Group, which meets at Jacek Weyers' house, in Bishops Cleeve, will start a new cycle of meetings from Tuesday **10 April** 2012. **Please note the change of start date.** We will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 am to 11:30 for about 5 months.

The Group, of various denominations, has been meeting and sharing our insights on a number of spiritual books prayerfully for over 10 years. The new meetings will be based on reading the Quaker **Thomas Kelly's "A Testament of Devotion"**. It is a classic work on Spirituality full of insight. Rufus M Jones author of Studies in Mystical Religion wrote: "Here at last is a book of devotional reading which will 'speak to the condition' of readers in all religious communions"

New members very welcome.

Jacek Weyers