

Southern Marches Area Quaker Meeting Residential Weekend

24–26 February 2012

Led by Jan Arriens (from Clun Valley Meeting)

The Pioneer Conference Centre, Cleobury Mortimer (DY14 8JG)

Sharing Our Spiritual Journeys

The main aim of the weekend is for us to get to know each other better and to have fun in each other's company. It is also hoped that people will come away feeling enriched, inspired and challenged, and with a real sense of community. This will be an opportunity for people to share their spiritual journeys both past and present – whether those journeys are sure, faltering, waiting-to-begin, ongoing or sleeping. We also hope to look at some of the things that underpin our Meetings for Worship, things that we do not often have the opportunity to examine in depth.

Often life-changing events and experiences have had an effect on our spiritual paths, beliefs and understandings of the world. During the weekend we plan to share our influences and inspirations: people, teachings, scriptures, books, poetry, music, art, meditation, contemplation, yoga, places, etc. We could also ask some of the following questions: Do the the practices, structures and language in Meeting for Worship meet our needs? Has the Society changed radically? What keeps us – and what would make us leave?

NOTES, TERMS, CONDITIONS

- 1. Rooms:** Most of the rooms have 2–5 beds, the cost of a stay in one of these rooms is £87.00 per person.
 - If you have a preference for your room-mates please let us know.
 - For those who would like a single room the cost is £87.00 + 50%, i.e. £130.50.
 - All rooms have their own en-suite facilities.
 - All bed linen is provided but *you will need to bring your own towels.*
- 2. Meals:** Meals will be provided in a large dining hall, which will possibly be shared with other groups using the centre but in our own designated area. Special diets can be catered for.
- 3. Transport:** Let us know if you can share space/s in your car or if you'd like a lift, or if you'll need collection from Ludlow train station.
- 4. Arrival and departure:** The weekend begins with a meal on Friday evening, arrivals can be from 4pm, and ends with lunch on Sunday.
- 5. Children:** Unfortunately this time we will not be able to accommodate children, but young people of 14 or over may find the subjects to be shared this weekend of interest to them.
- 6. Bursary help:** Please contact your Meeting's Overseers if you'd like some financial assistance.
- 7. Deposit:** Please include a non-refundable deposit of £20 with your returned booking form, which needs to be sent to Marian Senior, 21 Chapel Road, Abergavenny, NP7 7DN (01873 853856) by 31st October 2011. Further information will follow on receipt of deposit.
- 8. Payment:** The balance will be due by 1st January 2012.
- 9. Cheques payable to:** *Southern Marches Area Meeting* and to be sent to Marian Senior.
- 10. Preparation:** If your spiritual journey has been inspired by something that you could bring with you please be prepared to do so if it is easily portable.
- 11. Entertainment:** We will be providing our own entertainment on Saturday evening so if you have a 'turn' up your sleeve, please consider offering it.

ANY QUESTIONS? Please get in touch with Marian Senior (01873 853856)

Booking Form

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Meeting _____

Room requirement: Single (limited number) £130.50 YES / NO (please circle)

Shared £87.00 (Shared with _____)

Special needs (diet, mobility, hearing etc.) Please say what you need

Payment: £20.00 non-refundable deposit enclosed YES / NO (please circle)
due by 31 October 2011

Or payment in full £87.00 / £130.50 (please circle)
due by 1 January 2012

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Transport: I can offer 1 / 2 / 3 / 4 seats in my car (please circle)

I would like a lift in someone's car YES / NO

I would like to be collected from Ludlow train station YES / NO