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This Month

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Meeting for Worship for Business:
6th January

Area Meeting for Worship for Business:
Saturday 13th March at Ludlow from 11 a.m.

Children's Meeting: 20th January

Is it really three and a bit years since we started the Newsletter? So this must be the 40th edition! We do hope you find it useful. Please let us know if there are specific things you'd like to be included and please contribute stories, book reviews, poems, quotations, pictures and anything else you think will edify and encourage your Quaker Friends at Almeley. Don't worry about style and proof reading, that can easily be edited at this end. Just send material as an email or as a Word document attached to an email to the editor, Brian Holley: bc.holley@btinternet.com



Christmas Party 2018 (See also page 3)



News of Friends

"Hold yourselves and others in the Light, knowing that all are cherished by God." Advices and Queries 3



On 1st December family and friends gathered at Charlie Cox's bungalow in Weobley to celebrate his life. Charlie's son Martin and daughters Judith and of course our own Erica gave us a very warm welcome and shared many happy memories of their father.

Judith remembered Charlie building a stable for her horse. He also went on to build a house and in later years decided to build a microlight, laminating the propeller himself (quite a feat of engineering). Unfortunately he made it the wrong way round so the craft would have flown in reverse!

He trained as a Spitfire pilot during WW2 and later in life competed at high level in



horse and carriage driving, with Erica.

There were many photographs of Charlie's life and an abundance of food too.

We have been so blessed to have known Charlie and continue to hold Erica and the family in the Light.

Beanacht, A blessing to you all, for the coming year, by John O'Donohue

On the day when the weight deadens
On your shoulders, and you stumble,
May the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze
Behind the grey window
And the ghost of loss gets into you,
May a flock of colours
Indigo, red, green and azure blue
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays in the curach of thought
And a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak to mind your life.





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Many thanks for all those who worked so hard in food preparation, table laying, furniture moving and entertainment. We had a wonderfully warm time together.

