

Visit to Jordans Quaker Meeting House, Welders Lane, Jordans, Beaconsfield, Bucks HP9 2SN
on Thursday 24th November 2011

This visit has been organised by Peter Murden.



The current, newly reconstructed, Meeting House is on the site of the original Quaker Meeting House, built in 1688, and was occupied for a time by William Penn and his family. William founded the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which became the state of Pennsylvania in North America, and his second wife, Hannah, continued to govern the state for six years after his death.

Outside the House is the old burial ground, which contains the graves of William and at least eleven of his family.

The Meeting House had to be reconstructed

following a fire which began on 10th March, 2005 and destroyed much of the roof. The cause of the fire is unknown.

To give a modern flavour to the visit, Mr Terence (Terry) Price, who lives in Jordans, will give a talk on his assessment of the successes and failures of the UK nuclear power programme, based on his experiences in the industry and in Government committees in the post war period. He also has a number of amusing stories, some of which can be found in his book entitled "Political physicist", published by Abebooks Co in 2004.

Where and when to meet

Arrive and assemble at 11:00 in the Penn Room for tea, coffee & biscuits.

Travel

- Road: Take the M40 to Junction 2; exit onto the A40 going East. Take the first turning left into Potkilm Lane. Follow this road for 1 mile to the Meeting House, where a right hand turn into Welders Lane gives access to the car park.
- Rail: There is a station named Seer Green & Jordans on the Chiltern Line from Marylebone to High Wycombe. The winter timetable has not been issued yet, but trains from Marylebone stopped at 10.06, 10.33 and 11.06 in the 2010 winter timetable. A taxi service is available from the station, but private arrangements can be made to pick up people if notice is given. Departures to London were 15.11, 15.41, 16.11, etc.
- Bus: Too erratic to be considered.

Lunch

The kitchen facilities are limited, so buffet will be brought in from a highly recommended supplier in Amersham, costing £7.50 per person. The House rules do not permit an alcohol licence, but the trustees do permit it to be served if it is brought onto the site – so there will be alcohol - at £1 per glass.

After lunch it will be possible to roam outside the House to see the old burial ground and to view the Mayflower Barn from the outside. If the weather is favourable the after-lunch speaker, a local historian, may also take us on a short tour of the site.

Itinerary.

Time	Details
11:00	Arrive and assemble in the Penn Room for tea, coffee & biscuits.
11:30	A talk entitled “ The first fifty years of nuclear power” by Mr Terry Price
12:30	Buffet lunch (included in cost). Wine will be available at £1.00 per glass.
14:00	Some history of The Meeting House by Mrs Janet May-Bowles
15:00	Depart

Maximum size of party - 40

Cost: £15 to include the buffet lunch.

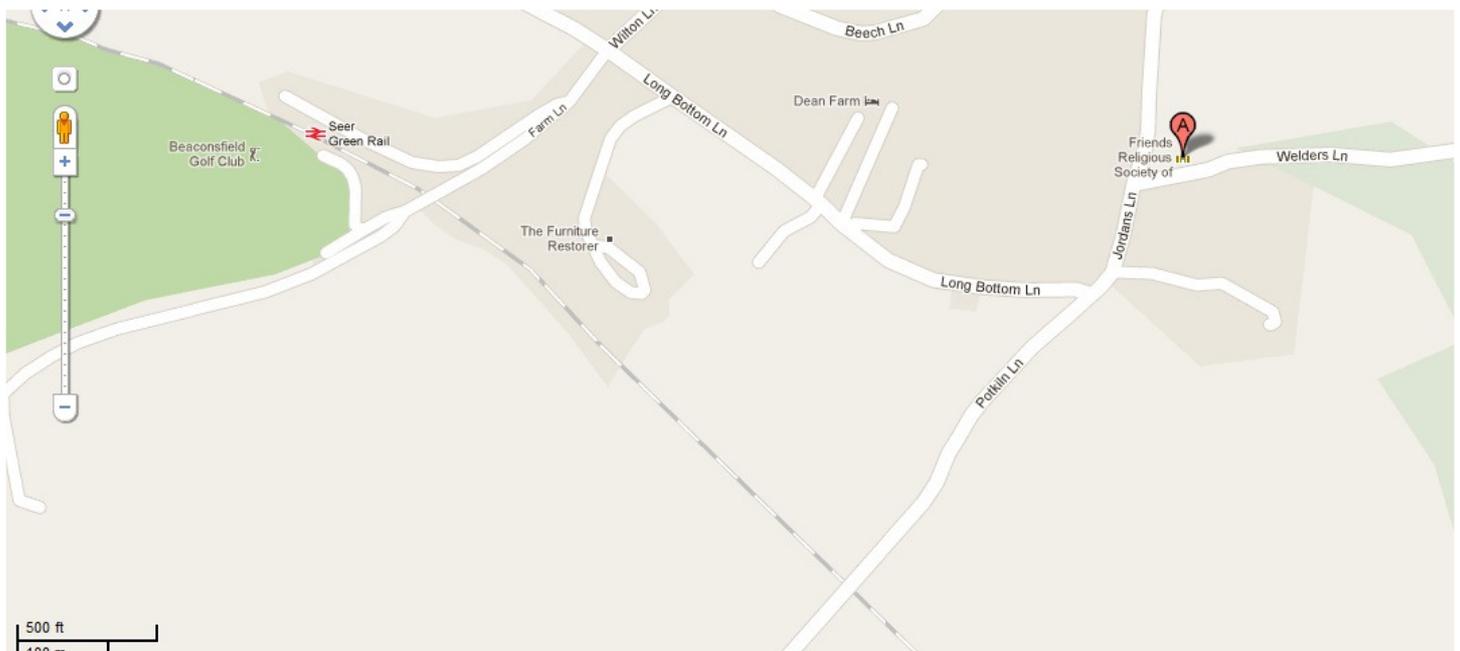
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Maps

Small Scale



Large scale

