

## The Dramatic Life of a Quaker Woman

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October Burford Quaker Meeting House in Pytts Lane will be the venue for a presentation of the life of Elizabeth Hooton. The actress Lynn Morris will be presenting this exciting story in her one-woman show.

### Inspiration

The Society of Friends (Quakers) was founded in 1652 by George Fox, a travelling preacher. It was one of many

radical religious sects which arose in the Commonwealth period in the middle of the seventeenth century but one of the few which survived that tumultuous period.

Elizabeth Hooton was a yeoman farmer's wife in her middle age when she became inspired by the teaching of George Fox. Such was the strength of her conviction



that she set foot travelling throughout England. She made many converts but also suffered months in prison as did many other Quakers. In Derby she was imprisoned for 'reproving a minister'.

### A Fight As Relevant Today

She several times made the gruelling crossing of the Atlantic to preach. In Massachusetts Quaker women could be arrested as witches,

imprisoned in harsh conditions and even face the death penalty.

We hope you will come to experience her inspiring life, part of the on-going struggle for freedom of thought and freedom of religion. The performance on **1<sup>st</sup> October** starts at **2.30 p.m.** Admission is free and tea will follow.

**David Day**

## Traditional Ceilidh Evening

There is still time to get tickets for the Ceilidh evening to be held at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton on **Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>**. With all the music and dancing that you would expect at a Ceilidh plus a delicious Ploughman's

Supper what better way to spend a Saturday evening - and all for the ticket price of just £12.50.

Tickets are on sale at Shipton and Milton Post Offices and Milton Library or ring Jeremy Spencer on: 01993 832665.

## Gail's Plant Sale

We are organising a Plant Sale towards the end of May 2012 to raise much-needed funds for the Church. Seems a long way away but of course if we are to have anything to sell, we need to start propagating **NOW!** Please help. To find out more ring Gail on: 01993 831140 or email us on: [jeremyandgail@googlegmail.com](mailto:jeremyandgail@googlegmail.com)