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Arms sales are unlawful

Quakers in Britain have welcomed the legal decision that UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia for use in Yemen are unlawful and applauded the dedicated work of Campaign Against Arms Trade in taking this through the courts.

Announcing the decision on 20th June 2019, judges ruled that the government "made no concluded assessments of whether the Saudi-led coalition had committed violations of international humanitarian law in the past, during the Yemen conflict, and made no attempt to do so". Three judges said that a decision made in secret in 2016 had led them to decide that Boris Johnson, Jeremy Hunt and Liam Fox and other key ministers had illegally signed off on arms exports without properly assessing the risk to civilians.



*"I lived in the virtue of that life and power that took away the occasion of all wars... I told them I was come into the covenant of peace which was before wars and strifes were."
George Fox*

This photo is about life, not war. It is of a man listening to a gramophone in what's left of his bombed-out bedroom in Aleppo, Syria. The photographer, Joseph Eid, said. "The image shows the tragedy of war, but it also shows someone rising above it through the transcendent power of music. It talks about life."

Editorial

At Yearly Meeting in London in May, the 2019 minute from Junior Yearly Meeting raised a perennial Quaker concern: "Our lack of diversity prevents us from sometimes seeing our own privileges but our denial of its existence doesn't remove the inequality caused by it". Diversity and how it is linked to inequality, peace and the climate crisis were discussed in depth.

This newsletter has several articles on the same issues, together with an inspiring piece about the life of our Friend Pam Manasseh, and an invitation to our own gathering in August, near Helston. Hope to see some of you there!

Jackie Carpenter, editor, quaker@jackiecarpenter.solutions

Cornwall Area Meeting: 19th May 2019

Meeting for Learning - Drug policy: power, privilege and social justice

Voirrey and Tony Faragher led this meeting. They gave a Powerpoint presentation and then we played the “Privilege Game”, paying in or gaining 2p pieces as we took on a role and explored how questions of life experiences related to us in that role. This was very good.

We heard that that power, privilege and inequality are fundamental to understanding the trauma and disadvantage which may lead to drug use and to the discrimination applied within policy and practice. Privilege refers to advantages a person can inherit from birth and/ or accumulate over time. These advantages aren't innate - they are constructed by society. Sociological evidence shows that drug use is often a response to trauma, trauma is more prevalent under conditions of deprivation, and resilience to deal with trauma is weakened under conditions of deprivation. Deprivation often means a user is less likely to get care and treatment, the chances of overcoming drug problems are less among people who are disadvantaged and drug dealing can become an established way of earning money. Drug use is also often associated with psychological trauma, which is a type of damage to the mind that occurs as a result of a distressing event. Drugs may be used to manage anxiety or to numb psychological or physical pain. Trauma is not equally distributed amongst the population - it is linked to deprivation. For example, there is a higher incidence of house fires and road accidents in lower socio-economic groups. There is evidence of greater discrimination towards people of colour; we suspect similar patterns will be found in relation to disability, gender, sexual orientation, age etc. “We need to discover seeking racial justice as a spiritual practice” Race and privilege, Quaker Council for European Affairs.

Reading - Quaker Faith and Practice 29.03

Read by acting assistant clerk, Jackie Carpenter

We seem to be at a turning point in human history. We can choose life or watch the planet become uninhabitable for our species. Somehow, I believe that we will pass through this dark night of our planetary soul to a new period of harmony with the God that is to be found within each of us, and that S/he will inspire renewed confidence in people everywhere, empowering us all to co-operate to use our skills, our wisdom, our creativity, our love, our faith - even our doubts and fears - to make peace with the planet. Strengthened by this fragile faith, empowered by the Spirit within, I dare to hope. Pat Saunders, 1987

Area Meeting Minutes

As usual, the clerks were upheld by the meeting as they produced the minutes and the Area Meeting clerk, Rachel Bennett, sent them round the communication chain by email.



Left: View of Area Meeting from the table during the shuffle break. The meeting was held in St Austell Meeting House.

Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart.

Anne Frank

Dor Kemmyn Big Lunch

Cornwall Faith Forum

Dor Kemmyn

Our vision is: Finding
common ground

Cornwall Faith Forum (CFF) welcomes all people of peace and goodwill. You may come from a faith community, have other beliefs or perhaps you would simply like to understand more. Our members include people from the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish, Muslim and Pagan faith communities in the County. Cornwall Humanists are also fully included and anyone seeking their path towards peace is warmly welcomed.

Cornwall Faith Forum is working towards their vision through growing a spirit of love, co-operation, respect and peace together and is developing sacred spaces on a beautiful site to the north of Truro at Penmount. These include a Labyrinth and Tree Planting. A longer term aim is to create a shared building for peace and faith called 'Dor Kemmyn Oval' (Cornish for 'common ground'). This has begun with individuals and groups making cob bricks with soil from the site itself.



A "Big Lunch" was held here on 9th June & people gathered to taste Caribbean and Syrian foods.



Then it rained and hailed - very hard for a long time. It was amazing and memorable to find ourselves crowded together in a small gazebo: people of all colours, faiths, genders, ages, shapes and sizes, laughing and singing together.

There were quite a few Quakers at the Big Lunch, and before it rained we managed to spend some time at the peace labyrinth that had been laid out by Paul Haines and Gaynor Drew, Friends from Come-to-Good Meeting.

by Jackie Carpenter



BRITAIN YEARLY MEETING 2019



In May 2019, as a representative for Cornwall Area Meeting, I travelled to London to Friends House to attend Britain Yearly Meeting of The Society of Friends. Nearly 1,200 Quakers of a wide age-range, from all over the country, met to listen and respond to the annual reports, discussions, special interest groups, decisions and worship. The main sessions were very calmly and compassionately led by the clerk Clare Scott-Booth. Many international Friends groups were also represented.

There were several interwoven themes to the sessions. The 2019 minute from Junior Yearly Meeting raised a perennial Quaker concern: “Our lack of diversity prevents us from sometimes seeing our own privileges but our denial of its existence doesn’t remove the inequality caused by it”.

Also, we were prompted by the Quaker Canterbury Commitment 2011 - “to become a low-carbon community” challenging us to “look through the lens of privilege at climate justice”. This felt like an overwhelmingly complex and yet urgent concern. There were some truly alarming sessions on Climate breakdown. What can Quakers offer and how do we engage with the current campaigns in the wider world? As I walked to Friends House on the Friday, I was immediately swept up in a student Climate Protest march. At BYM, the young Quakers were inspired from having recently hosted the young climate campaigner Greta Thunberg. On the Saturday, there were Extinction Rebellion drummers protesting right opposite Friends House.

At the Friday Salter Lecture by Catherine West, Labour MP, she talked of the myriad intertwined problems of inequality and poverty that she encountered in her London area. A systemic and political change of direction seems to be needed to alleviate this decline.

Meeting for Sufferings reported on how local Meetings are attempting “inclusion” and “greening”; fossil-fuel divestment has been agreed. The book Quaker Faith and Practice is being updated.

Very moving “Stories of Climate Change” were shared by video from Friends in Kenya and Philippines; they seem way ahead of us, as they already suffer the effects so much and bravely campaign and change what they can, sharing what little they have with each other.

The Swathmore lecture on Saturday evening was by an American called Eden Grace. In Biblical terms, she talked of the power of Belief in God to help enable and sustain campaigners involved in difficult and relentless eco-actions.

Although BYM is officially “non-political”, on the Sunday morning in the cafes there was much intense talk of European elections results, with dismay that in 2019 the right-wing nationalist parties had made such inroads in the UK and in Europe (storm-clouds reminiscent of 1939). These parties have very little interest in addressing inequality or Climate Change. There was however relief that there was hope from the rising green and liberal parties.

Later, Trustees reported that our Hospitality company that runs the conference centres, was doing well (and more eco-efficient) whilst providing income to the Society. Some of the Quaker projects were having to be reluctantly cut due to lower legacies. An appeal was made to us to increase our personal contributions where possible. UK Tabular statement indicated the on-going slow decline to 12,666 Members, with regular attenders listed as an additional 8,909. (Cornwall has 226 Members and 148 registered attenders)



On Sunday, one of the “Other voices” in the main hall included a YouTube video made by my own daughter Jessica! She celebrated Quakers on their equality and inclusivity with gay marriage! She then urged us to be mindful of “financial, cultural or disability related reasons” why some will struggle with high environmental standards.

At a packed “Living Witness” session with Laurie Michaelis, he presented 1.5 degrees and the possibility of approaching Climate Breakdown, proposing major system changes are needed urgently for deep adaptation. In personal “Living the Change”, we discussed essential-only air and car travel; reducing consumption of all goods; reducing meat, dairy, heating and plastics. Your full recycling bag doesn’t necessarily mean “well done!” It could also mean “too much wasteful consumption! “

A following session called “2030 ; Zero Carbon Britain” offered an antidote using creative visualization of possible positive effects of transition ; living simple healthier lives, sharing together in groups with increased locality and self-reliance.

The main sessions finished with uplifting contributions from the admirable children and Young People. Progress could be seen in the inclusion of younger Quakers at BYM. This year BYM felt challenging and most of us left with a swirl of ideas, concerns and feelings. Hopefully our quiet spaces and the support of our Meetings will help give clarity for action.

Friends from Cornwall attending BYM this year included:

Laura Martin

Lyn McClachlan

Ann Findlay

Glynis Davies

Gaynor Drew

Jan Webb

Andrina Cossey

Deborah Mitchell

Alison Meaton

Jackie Carpenter

Lee Kellgren-Hayes

We were left with a call to set examples and lovingly encourage each other and others to change hearts and minds. Lastly, we are invited to meet together at Yearly Meeting Gathering in Bath on 1st - 7th August 2020.

NB full BYM reports, Minutes and Epistles can be read on-line at www.quaker.org.uk/ym by Lee Kellgren-Hayes





Paul on the way back from Bardsey Island in North Wales.

Paul is currently on a European Walk for Peace. He says, "The intention for this was to get to Copenhagen but realistically I'll get as far as Hamburg this year. So it will be Copenhagen, Oslo and Stockholm next year."

In his European Walks for Peace, he will be setting up new pilgrim pathways that reflect more the landscape and cities as they are now.

In September Paul will be coordinating World Peace Day activities in Cornwall. See poster on the right, which is provisional, but why not put the dates in your diary?

An additional feature is that there will be a shared lunch with a talk at Truro Meeting House on the Sunday but the details haven't been confirmed yet.



WORLD PEACE DAY 2019

ONE DAY ONE CHOIR

A global choral project for peace



FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

12.00 - 13.00 COUNTY HALL - CHOIRS AND SPEAKERS

13.00 - 17.00 TRURO METHODIST CHURCH
"Big Sing for Health"

19.00 - 21.00 FALMOUTH UNIVERSITY - CHOIRS

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER

UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

10.00 - 16.00 LEMON QUAY - CHOIRS AND SPEAKERS

13.00 - 14.00 TRURO CATHEDRAL - CHOIRS

The "Good Afternoon Choirs" from Bath/Bristol MD Grenville Jones

19.30 TRURO METHODIST CHURCH - CHOIRS

The "Good Afternoon Choirs" from Bath/Bristol MD Grenville Jones, and the "SING Choir" from Truro /Falmouth

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

TRURO QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

10.30 meeting for worship followed by bring and share 'peace' lunch with talk

16.00 TRURO CATHEDRAL

EVENSONG FOR WORLD PEACE

18.15 TRURO METHODIST CHURCH

BREATHING SPACE FOR WORLD PEACE

Contact - Paul Haines - paul.haines10@gmail.com or 07855 495881

PLUS - 20th, 21st, 22nd September - "The Loos Live!" Music Festival supporting "One Day One Choir" and World Peace Day. www.looslive.co.uk



Pam Manasseh

Pam was born in Brighton, an only child to Herbert and Jessie Boast. Her father was an engraver but also an accomplished artist who had an artists' shop in Ship Street, Brighton.

Her early school days were in Brighton, however the area was subject to bombing during the second world war. Friends of her family were Quakers and their daughter had just started school at Sibford, a Quaker school near Banbury, and Pam was able to go there.

I was also at Sibford in a different year and we met much later. There was no sixth form so after achieving her school certificate Pam went on to Saffron Walden another Quaker school near Cambridge. From here she went to St. Mary's College in London where she gained a history degree and trained as a teacher. She first taught at Tonbridge School and lived in Sevenoaks in Quakers' Hall Lane. I was also there working at an estate agents office in the town.

We were married in 1955, and with help of Pam's father we were able to buy a small cottage just off the high street opposite the entrance to Knowle Park in Sevenoaks. It was time to find new pastures. We thought the west country would be pleasant to live and in 1957 found ourselves in Penzance, having travelled by train overnight sitting up with a small baby, Jenny and a cat. Nicky was born in 1958 and Simon in 1962.

Pam's parents came to live in the area soon after. Pam had a teaching post at St. Clare's school teaching history and also Latin which she learned as she went along. She learnt Law and obtained a Law degree and taught Law at the school so successfully that many of her pupils became solicitors.

Pam, an academic, had some sport inclination - standing not running! So she took up Archery which had a club in Lelant. Pam had a particular skill in this, the basis being in complete control of the upper muscles. She had such good control that this allowed her to become Devon and Cornwall Lady Champion on a number of occasions in the 1970s. She had trials for the British Team in Lilleshall in Shropshire. She won over 50 medals for championships in Devon, Cornwall, Somerset and Wales. In 1977 she was invited to attend the National Archery centre at Stoneleigh to take part in a GNAS International trial. At this point she had gone as far as she could so she gave up - that is the way she is.

Pam had a family interest in Wales and during her research she came upon the Brynmawr Experiment associated with Quaker relief work before World War Two. Her particular interest was in Brynmawr Quaker furniture. She was granted a Fellowship to study at Woodbrooke, the Quaker study Centre in Birmingham, where she worked for over 3 months and eventually published a research journal.

In 1999 she was accepted into the post graduate department at Falmouth College of Arts which enabled her to take further interest into this work. She received a bursary from the Design History Society which helped with her travel expenses. She had considerable help from many professors from the university and Friends house library. Her research came to fruition in 2010 at the age of 78, with the award of a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Plymouth. We attended the award ceremony on 27 November 2010.

Music was a great love and she joined a recorder group in the Penzance Truro area. Pam had been in a Madrigal choir when we lived in Penzance.

Our houses had always been rather quirky and we decided to look for a more modern property and after a time we were lucky to find number 15 Brunel Quays where we moved in 2008. There was no madrigal choir in Lostwithiel. Pam got to know Angeline a local organist in the Lostwithiel area. I remember that Angeline came to the house and Pam suggested they form a madrigal choir.

The choir, the Madrigali, was formed and became very successful. Pam stayed for a while until other interests took over, including Croquet which she took to well. However after her serious illness in 2015 she could not continue.

So, what else can one do without too much exercise? Ukelele of course! Pam had a good ear for music which she was very capable of interpreting. So off to Wadebridge we went and came back with the first ukelele, soon to be followed by a Banjolele. Pam was a very active member of three Ukelele groups, playing, helping, organising, teaching and performing.

Pam always had some sewing, knitting and cooking on the go. She knitted garments for the Queen Mary Special Care Baby Unit as well as for our children, grand children and great grandchildren as they came along.

Pam rejoined the Madrigali choir earlier this year when it started again.

When she was younger Pam had learnt to speak French. She decided she wanted to practice her French conversation again and so recently became an active member of the Lostwithiel U3A French conversation group.

Pam and I were on holiday in Derby when she fell in Chatsworth House and fractured her right hip. Sadly complications arose and she died peacefully with the family with her on Sunday 19th May.

An extraordinary wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt, whose view on life was refreshingly honest. *by Tony Manasseh*



Blankets for the Homeless

Various Friends in Cornwall Area Meeting and others have been making items for Blankets for the Homeless and so far have made between them 4 blankets, 8 hats, 5 scarves and 5 pairs of fingerless gloves. We have decided to lay down the monthly meetings at St Austell Meeting House which have been taking place on the third Thursday of the month from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. We may decide to start up these meetings again but in the meantime will continue to make items in our own time.

We are still eager to recruit more knitters and crocheters, so if anyone is interested in getting involved please contact Jenny Foster on 01726 68718 or email at clydesmum55@gmail.com. We would also welcome any donations of yarn. Many thanks to everyone who has been able to help this worthwhile project.

Sitting in observation

If I am busy,
It is because I am
Pandering
To my excitable self,
That enjoys the thrill
Of job completion
Or new ideas for
Splendid projects.

The real me,
My soul,
Is never busy:
It sits in observation
Of me and my
Excitement,
And smiles
Condescendingly,
In love and silence.

*Jackie Carpenter
12 May 2019*

Mental Health in Our Meetings

Opening the Door: talking about Mental Health

Around 1 in 4 people in the UK experience a mental health problem each year, that could be you or someone in your Meeting. Over the past 5 years Quaker Life has been gathering information from individual Quakers, Meetings and carers about their experience of living with, or supporting other people who are living with mental distress. QL Network underlines the many challenges of both dealing with mental distress and balancing the needs of individuals with the needs of the community.

THERE IS THAT OF GOD IN EVERYONE

So about a dozen friends gathered at St Austell MH on Saturday 29th June 2019 to take part in a workshop facilitated by Bev and Alison from Quaker Life Network. Both were previously social workers but serve Quaker Life in their roles as Mental Health Empowerment Officer and Mental Health Development Officer respectively.

The length of the workshop (2.5 hours) felt just about right and began with a go-round of introductions where each participant was invited to offer some good advice! We then moved on to brainstorming words which the group felt relevant for mental health matters before listening to Advices and Queries No. 17. In the light of the words and feelings used in this activity, I have to admit that Number 17 now resonates quite differently for me...

'Do you respect that of God in everyone though it may be expressed in unfamiliar ways or be difficult to discern? Each of us has a particular experience of God and each must find the way to be true to it. When words are strange or disturbing to you, try to sense where they come from and what has nourished the lives of others. Listen patiently and seek the truth which other people's opinions may contain for you. Avoid hurtful criticism and provocative language.....'

We then split into groups and my group looked at a case study where an elderly Friend's husband had died recently. He suffered from dementia and she was his carer for several years. She had visited her GP, received medication and counselling and returned to her Meeting to find the silence extremely distressing. She described the screams of anguish she experienced during the silent worship and found the act of silent worship very painful and un-nurturing. We looked at this situation through her eyes, the eyes of those caring for her well-being and the eyes of the

Meeting. Listening was highlighted as an essential - the kind of listening that St Benedict describes as *'listening with the ear of your heart...'*

The other group had discussions about embarrassment in Meetings and the poor handling of Friends in distress.

We then broke for tea and looked at the literature available for Meetings (this has been left on the benches at St Austell MH for anyone to take and read).

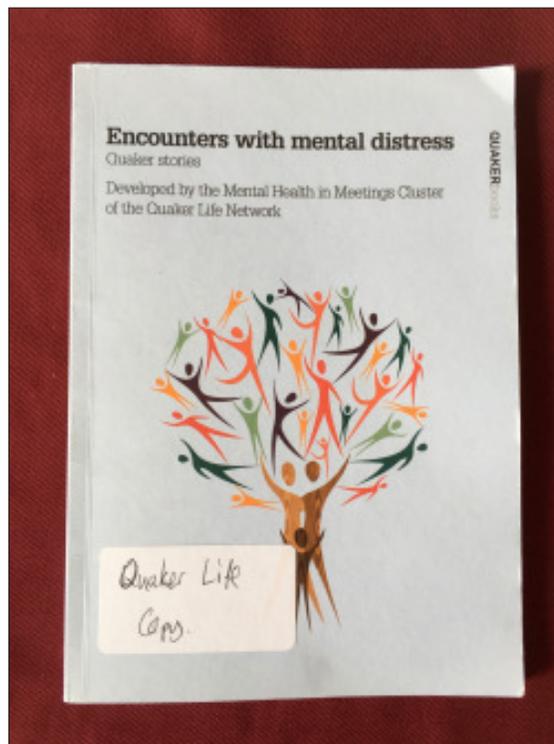


Afterwards we returned to the same groups and played the 'Boundaries' game - a game in which the rightness or wrongness of the responses was of insignificance compared with the process of discussion and discernment about the statements and issues we turned over.

A QL Network Mental Health Cluster contact email address is available by contacting Bev at beverleys@quaker.org.uk. We were invited to look again at Advices and Queries 18 with a particular focus on mental health in Meetings.

'How can we make the meeting a community in which each person is accepted and nurtured, and strangers are welcome? Seek to know one another in the things which are eternal, bear the burden of each other's failings and pray for one another. As we enter with tender sympathy into the joys and sorrows of each other's lives, ready to give help and to receive it, our meeting can be a channel for God's love and forgiveness...'

by Lesley Chandler (Falmouth Meeting)



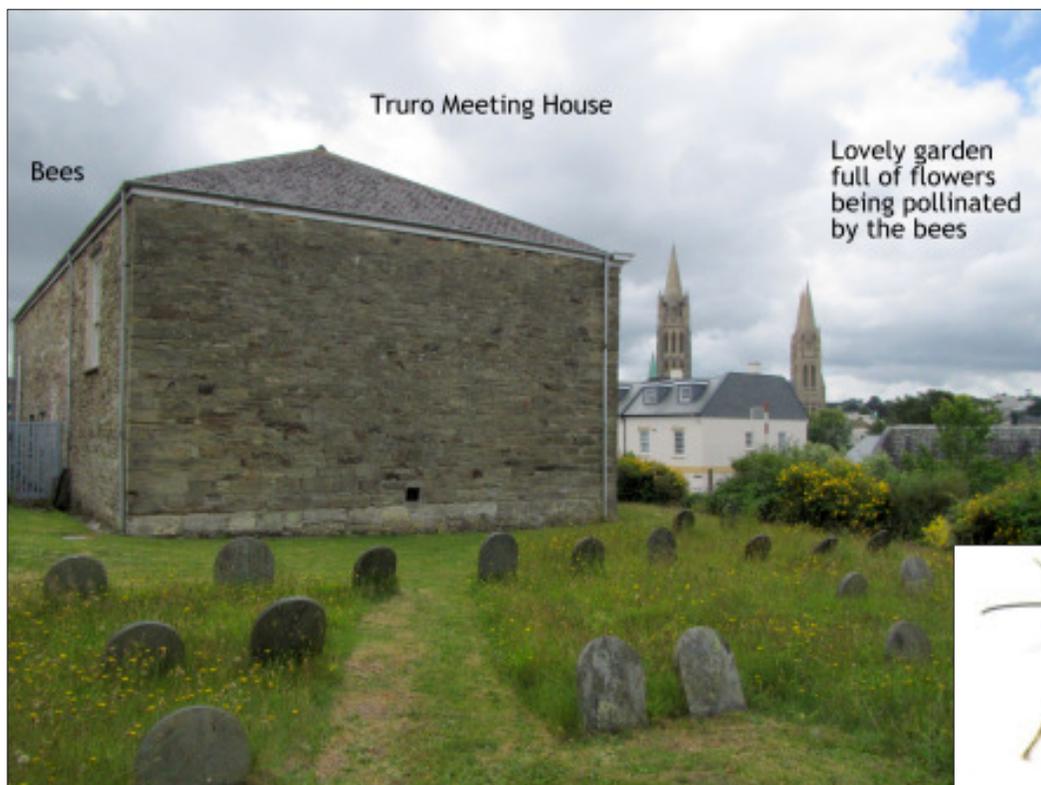
Bees are sharing our Truro Meeting House!

There are tree bees in Truro! The "Tree Bumblebee", (*Bombus hypnorum*) is a recent addition to the UK. It comes from the forests of Siberia and has spread throughout Europe. It was first found in the UK in 2001, in Landford, Wiltshire and is now present in most of England and much of Wales. In 2013 it reached southern Scotland. In woods or forests they would normally choose a hole in a tree (hence the name Tree Bees) but in the UK they are very much at home

in residential areas, bringing them into close proximity with humans.

Typical nesting sites are bird boxes, the soffit areas on a house, and holes in a wall.

The bees are small and furry with white bottoms.



A WEEK AT WHANGANUI QUAKER SETTLEMENT



An intentional community based on Quaker values, situated on the northern outskirts of Whanganui, New Zealand.

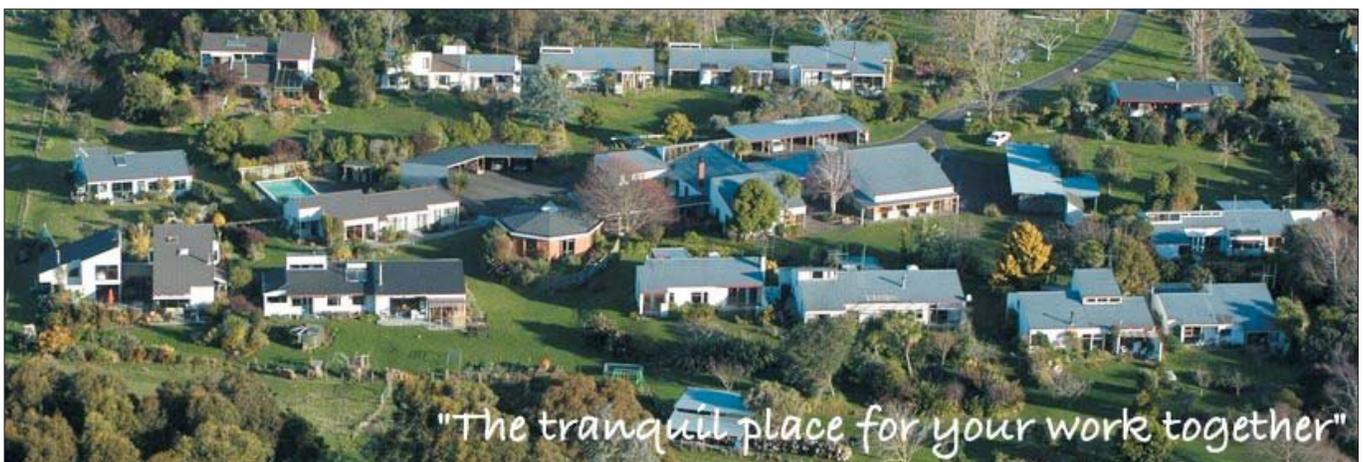
Sixteen homes surround a residential seminar centre accommodating up to 40, serving the needs of NZ Quakers and other groups for seminars, retreats etc. The 20 acre site is owned by a Quaker Trust set up in 1975. There is no individual ownership of land: tenure is therefore not “ownership” rather “guardianship”. In Māori terms it can be seen as a “papa kāinga”; communal facilities kept warm by people living in the encircling houses. Infrastructure is minimal: carports are centralised and vehicular access minimised.

The Settlers share all management responsibilities and work cooperatively using spiritually discerned decision-making. Part of the Settlement’s mission is to find more sustainable ways of living together and developing a permaculture approach to our use of the land.

<http://www.quakersettlement.co.nz>

I was feeling very happy and excited to be back in ‘The Land of the Long White Cloud’ and especially to be going back to spend time at the Quaker Settlement in Whanganui (pronounced Wonga-nui), about 100 miles north of Wellington where our family live. The 20-acre block of land had originally been an empty field adjacent to The New Zealand Friends School which ran from 1920-1970 when better local education led to its closure.

Our Friends Marilyn and Michael Payne were two of the founder members of this unique intentional community which has since grown to village proportions with 16 individually designed homes encircling the octagonal Meeting House and residential Conference Centre. All the buildings face north for the best light and sun and many have solar panels. ‘Settlers’ are stewards, rather than owners, of the land for the Quaker Trust set up in 1975, sharing all the management responsibilities and working co-operatively using spiritually-discerned decision making. Regular shared meals, coffee mornings, worship and working bees for firewood gathering, painting jobs, are all integral to any community life, but there is here a deep, warm, respect for one another and the earth as the settlers live out their testimony to love one another.





An important part of their mission is “Living Lightly”, finding more sustainable ways of living together using permaculture ethics to use the land entrusted to them. To this end, thousands of trees have been planted over the years in this former arid area, and a pioneering small dam is now taking the storm water from a nearby housing development to the mutual advantage of both the wider community and the settlement. A two-acre ‘Food Forest’ of fruit and nut trees and community veg gardens is now growing alongside the houses and

5 Pekin ducks and hens forage free-range in the undergrowth - but need to be shut in at night!

In the early days of the ‘70s, two acres of *Pinus radiata*, a quick-growing tree crop, was planted to stabilise the sandy ridge boundary to the north. By 2010, about 500 trees (some 30m high) were mature enough to fell. This was approximately the same volume of *Pinus radiata* framing that had been used in the construction of the buildings on the site.

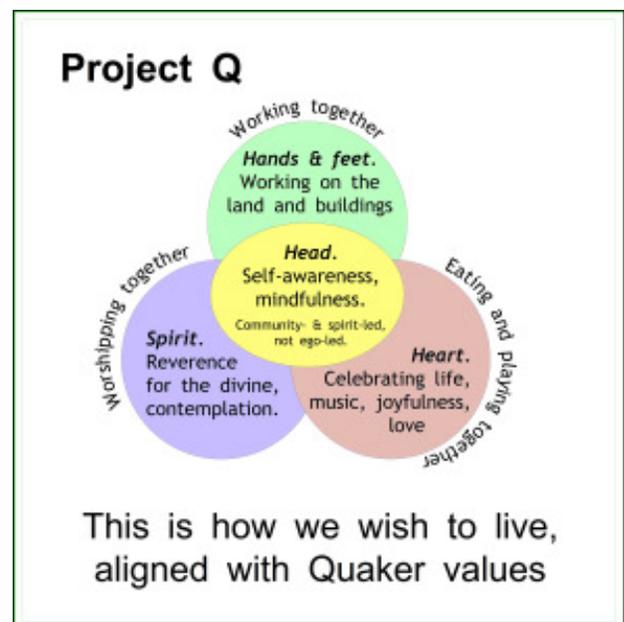
A rather bizarre consequence of the sadness felt over the felling of such beautiful trees was the novel idea developed by Michael to divert one of the loads from the mill and make them into 20 coffins, supplied as a “bookshelf” version for those needing space for books - and prepared to live with their mortality until needed.

The Meeting House, built with eight alternate panels of warm red pine and glass, forms the real focus of life at the settlement and we were reminded of the close connection with Maori culture by the inspiring title given to Friends ‘Te Haahi Tuuhauwiri’ - “The people who stand shaking in the winds of the spirit”.



Entering the Meeting House for our first morning worship together, I immediately felt a palpable sense of belonging, of coming home, reminding me of the call to ‘take my body to where my soul will be nourished’. This sense of rightness led us to offer something to the settlers in return for this gift, so one evening was spent discussing Karen Armstrong’s ‘The Case for God’ and another introduced settlers to ‘Life Writing for Transformation’ based on my experience at Woodbrooke. We are grateful for the gift of ‘inter-visitation’ which is a two-way process of enrichment amongst the worldwide family of Friends. *by Moira Fitt (Marazion LM)*

I went to the Whanganui Settlement in 2011 and it is part of the inspiration for Project Q, an idea for a similar settlement in Cornwall which I am working on with others. *Jackie Carpenter*



Sustainability for Quakers in Cornwall

At a meeting held on Sunday 30th June 2019 at St Austell Meeting House:

1. We agreed that Jackie Carpenter would continue as convenor of the group and that Tony Faragher and Jackie are co-clerks for today's meeting.
2. We record that the Terms of Reference for the group were accepted by Cornwall AM on 19th May 2019.
3. We note the question asked by Rachel Bennett on behalf of Cornwall AM to Cornwall Council and note their response. The responses by Cornwall Council to all questions, including supplementary questions, are available on the Cornwall Council website: <https://democracy.cornwall.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=80249>
4. Vernon White will alert the group by email to the release of the Cornwall Council Plan to address the climate emergency. Individual members of the group are encouraged to ask questions about this at the Cornwall Council Cabinet meeting to be held on the 24th July. We recognise that there will be no time to take this to Cornwall AM prior to the 24th July.
5. We agree that Voirrey Faragher will refine the words to describe the position of Quakers in Cornwall regarding climate change. She will circulate her draft to group members for comment. We do not anticipate that the form of words will be ready in time for Cornwall AM on the 21st July.
6. We understand that the issue of Friends' involvement in Extinction Rebellion (XR) will be discussed at MfS in July 2019. The Cornwall representative for MfS will report back to AM on 21st July.
7. Gaynor Drew will collate a calendar of events organised by all groups involved in the repose to climate change. Group members to feed information to her.
8. We agreed that Jackie will send the report containing the proposal for investment in wind turbines to the Clerk of BYM Trustees, requesting advice from her on the best way forward.



9. We agree that the agenda item on Green Audit will be postponed to the next (August) meeting. Roger Wade is asked to bring forward a proposal for this.

10. The next meeting of the group will be on the morning of Saturday August 17th. The provisional start time of 11 am to be confirmed by Jackie. The meeting will be followed by a shared picnic. Venue - St Austell MH tbc.



22 -25 August
2019

Book Now!

Devon and Cornwall Quaker Gathering
“Living Rightly, Sustaining Lives”
Carthvean Farm, Porkellis, Helston TR13 0JL

A Quaker weekend from the afternoon of Thursday 22nd August to midday Sunday 25th August 2019, with camping until Monday. Friends (Quakers) are invited to join us in the South West, camping and living simply on a farm as we explore our Quaker responses to the **environmental crisis**. What might living in closer harmony with the Earth mean for ourselves and for our wider communities?

The “all-age” programme will include workshops, camp-fire conversations, song and dance, craft, playfulness and walks.

Off-grid camping: we will be setting up a temporary “off-grid” campsite; you will need to bring your own sleeping tent and bedding, and a torch. There will be compost toilets and camping-style showers.

For **non-camping Friends**, local B & B is available, and day visitors will be welcome on any of the days. We will cook communally and will ask you to join in with the food preparation and clearing up, please.

What will it cost? Each adult day visitor: £10 each day for Thursday and Sunday (half days) and £20 each day for Friday and Saturday, food included. Half price for people under 18. In addition to the day fees, each tent pitch £10 per night.

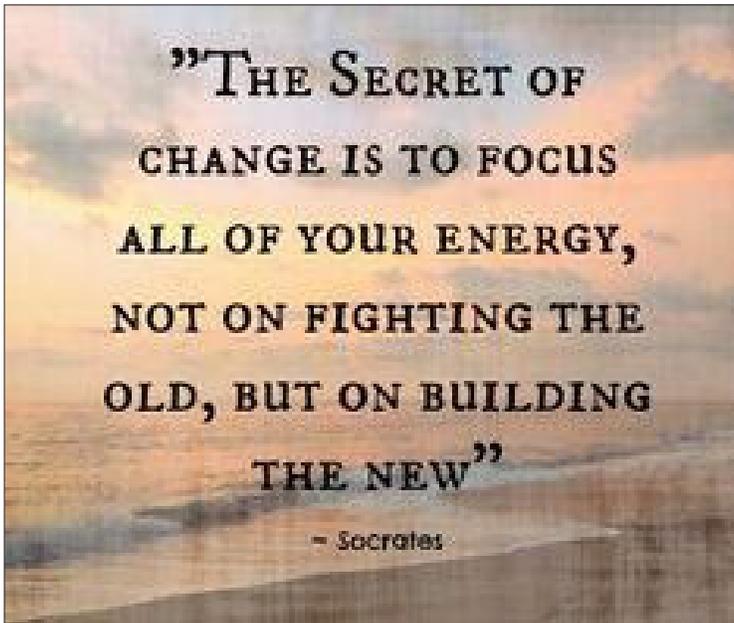
You can book through Eventbrite (quick and easy but there is a service charge) or by post. Ask Pip Harris (piph@quaker.org.uk) 07422 973 089 for a booking form and for advice about bursaries.

Carthvean Farm: Julie and Andrew Taylor-Browne are kindly hosting the days on their beautiful farm, run on permaculture principles. It has a wind-turbine, pond and many inspirational examples of sustainable lifestyle in action. Please note: Carthvean is a working farm; accessibility is restricted as there are uneven paths and slopes. Children will need adult supervision at all times as the site will be very busy. No dogs may be brought on site as there are alpacas and llamas in the fields.

Facing the environmental challenges of our time

What do Quakers say?

- * There is something sacred in all people
- * All people are equal before God
- * Religion is about the whole of life
- * In stillness we find a deeper sense of God
- * True religion leads to a respect for the Earth and all life upon it
- * Each person is unique, precious, a child of God



**A Quaker weekend: 22nd - 25th August:
Living rightly, sustaining lives.
Facing the environmental challenges of
our time.**

Camping and living simply on a farm near Helston.
Local B & B also available. See page 15. Please
book soon so we know you are coming!

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Diary dates 2019:

Cornwall Area Meetings, at St Austell Meeting House for the time-being.

Sunday 15th September 2019

Saturday 16th November 2019

Meetings for Learning

Saturday 28th September - Spirit Led 'Retreat' *Standing in the Light, Sitting in the Dark* - Come-to-Good Meeting House

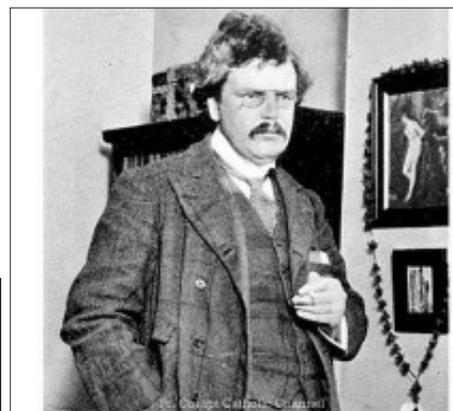
Saturday 12th October - *Safeguarding* - St Austell Meeting House

Monday 18th November - *Racial Injustice* - Truro Meeting House

Tuesday 30 July - *Environmentalism Under Occupation* by Professor Mazin Qumsiyeh from the Palestine Institute of Biodiversity and Sustainability - Toronto House, Exeter at 7pm

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2020

Bath University 1 - 7 August next year. Invitation is on Youtube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfFecvK5bOo>



"I don't need a church to tell me I'm wrong when I know I'm wrong; I need a church to tell me I'm wrong when I think I'm right."

~ G.K. Chesterton