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Climate Justice: an important issue



Perhaps the most important issue of our time? Quakers seek justice, truth, peace, equality, simplicity and compassion in all spheres, but this year it seems that human problems are coming together in one issue that may threaten our very existence: the ecological and economic emergency underpinned by the changing climate.

So we had a banner made.

Alison Meaton wrote, "I have collected our new banner from Sailflags. I'm very pleased with it. While I was photographing it a neighbour walked past and said he hadn't met a Quaker since the 1960s when his brother intended to marry one. These spontaneous conversations about Quakerism are always useful."



Since receiving this first banner, which has travelled up with Alison to Glasgow for COP26, we have ordered 4 more to spread the vital message about Climate Justice. These were displayed for COP26 from November 1st (see page 30) and will be used on our marches planned for November 6th (see page 17).

Editorial What are Quakers to do in this time of unsettled uncertainty? Yearly Meeting Gathering's epistle includes the words: "*We have pledged ourselves to continue to be a gentle, angry people who dare to live for truth and justice in a time of crisis.*" In Cornwall, Friends have undertaken a wide range of actions in the past few months, brought to you in this newsletter. Apologies for the length of time since Number 20 issued back in July but perhaps spending time on actions is more important than writing about them?

On another note, in the past months we know that many Friends have experienced difficulties and sadnesses, and we send them love.

By Jackie Carpenter, editor jackie@friendshipcohousing.org.uk

Cornwall Area Meeting

Area Meeting was held by Zoom on 11th day, 9th month 2021, Bude hosting.

Area Meeting dates were recommended (see last page of this newsletter).

Elders and overseers reported on the discussions related to the Covid-related loss of feelings of community, arrangements for Eldership and Oversight working, the problems of filling the roles within Area and Local Meetings and the importance of encouraging and supporting Friends who take on these Roles. They suggest a BYM Quaker Life project called *The Simpler Meetings Project* could be helpful. A wider discussion will be facilitated.

Cornwall Area Meeting approved Terry Faulk as Cornwall's Registering Officer. See page 28.

The application for Membership by Rob Maye of Bude Local Meeting was welcomed.

Trustees had discussed the current position regarding Covid. The Covid situation in Cornwall had worsened since the last Area Meeting with numbers of Covid cases being very high. Trustees ask Friends to continue to use masks, social distancing, ventilation and hand sanitisers. Local meetings may wish to follow these recommendations or to take equally effective methods to ensure meeting safety.

We heard from Trustees on the repairs and refurbishment of four of our Cornish Meeting Houses and a report on our burial grounds. See page 22 for news of Marazion Meeting House.

We were reminded CAM is a Sanctuary Meeting. Leslie Chandler spoke of Afghanistan friends in a dire situation, and we are asked to hold them in the light. We were reminded that there are local groups initiating support and welcome for refugees in Falmouth, Penzance Truro, Launceston and Bude.

The graphic features a background of interlocking puzzle pieces in white and yellow. The text 'Simply Roles' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, a paragraph of text in a smaller blue font asks questions about taking on roles and understanding expectations. At the bottom, a list of session topics and dates is provided, followed by the price and sign-up information.

Simply Roles

Have you been approached about taking on a role for your meeting and want to find out more about it? Have you been appointed to a role and want to understand what to expect? Have you always wanted to know how a Quaker role works or how it might be simplified? One of these sessions is for you!

Simply Roles builds on Woodbrooke's decades of experience offering roles training for Quakers and the learning from the recent Simpler Meetings series to offer short sessions helping to unpack roles in simple terms in a supportive environment.

How is Quaker Trusteeship Grounded in Spirituality? | 02 Oct 09:30-11:00
How Can We Welcome Newcomers to Our Meetings? | 28 Oct 19:30-21:00
What do Quaker Trustees Do? | 02 Nov 19:00-20:30
How Does Pastoral Care Happen in Meetings? | 09 Nov 10:00-11:30
How Does the Quaker Business Method Work? | 17 Nov 19:00-20:30
How Can We Build All Age Communities? | 20 Nov 09:30-11:00
How Does Quaker Service and Nominations Work? | 24 Nov 19:00-20:30
How Does Spiritual Nurture Happen in Meetings? | 29 Nov 19:00-20:30

From £10 per session. Sign up at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/roles

We were heartened by the Black Voices Cornwall anti-racist training arranged by E's and O's. See page 24.

We agreed to the funding of the Quaker presence at the 2022 Pride event.

SusQIC Friends reported their current focus is COP26 in Glasgow in November. See pages 10 onwards.

Our representative on Meeting for Sufferings, Les Hereward, reported that there are significant challenges facing Friends and Meetings related to the need to simplify our structures, while reducing our budgets.

We are saddened by the deaths of Friends Judith Warren (Come-to-Good Local Meeting), Tony Bennett (Liskeard Local Meeting) and Mary Gamper (Come-to-Good Local Meeting) and as others mourn, we let our love embrace them.

Degniba Prayer Chapel

An article to remind us of summer walks . . . Southwest Group on Saturday July 24th.



A big thank you to Rev Andrew Hill who hosted our meeting and let us spend some time in the Chapel and prayer Garden and took us on a walk along the river Cober towards Loe Beach.

The Chapel is at the end of a narrow winding road and cannot be missed as prayer ribbons tied on a chain at the front wave colourfully in welcome!

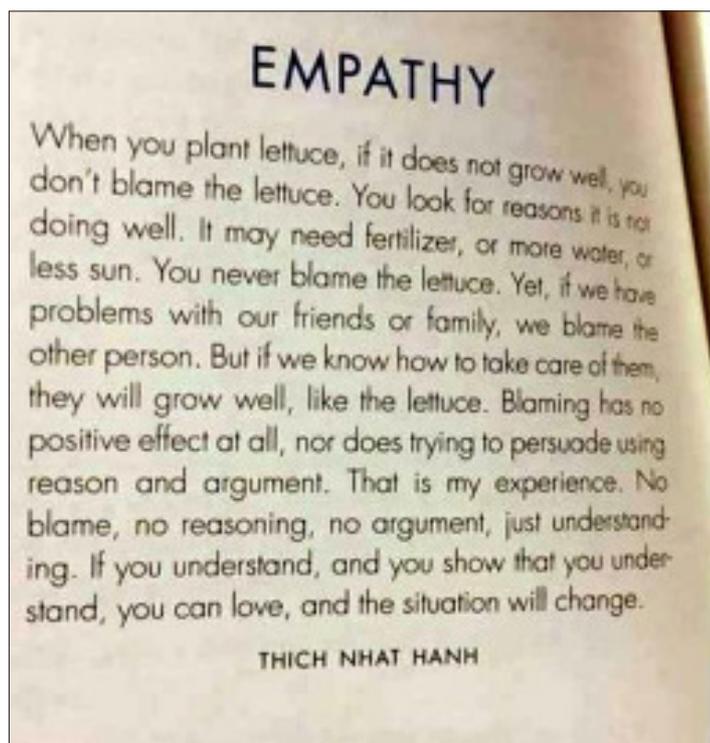
The beach is a shingle bank that separates the Loe from the sea. The Loe is the largest natural freshwater lake in Cornwall. Legend has it that when a pair of giants fell out, one dropped his bag of sand across the

mouth of the river. Andrew had a different theory! It is not certain what happened but it could have been due to the rise of sea levels after an ice age. Storms have deposited large volumes of shingle on the bar. There is an ingenious lock system that helps drain excess water and prevents flooding of Helston.

Andrew is a keen ornithologist and we were privileged to have him share his knowledge.

We were able to identify some wild flowers, birds and trees and enjoy the beautiful peace of this place.

By Nancy Thompson, Marazion Local Meeting



Remember that each one of us is unique, precious, a child of God.

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2021

Yearly Meeting Gathering 2021 took place from 19 July to 8 August, the first online-only gathering of Britain Yearly Meeting.

Over three weeks, more than 1,000 Friends gathered online to worship, listen and learn together. During YMG, we made decisions on three central issues that we considered under the theme of 'For our comfort and discomfort: living equality and truth in a time of crisis'.

"We have pledged ourselves to continue to be a gentle, angry people who dare to live for truth and justice in a time of crisis."

Epistle from Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering

We send loving greetings to Friends everywhere

We have no time but this present time

Friends in Britain have gathered online at this time of great upheaval, amid the pandemic, climate and environmental breakdown, and increasing social inequality and division. We are grateful for technology, and the hard work of Britain Yearly Meeting staff, Agenda and Arrangements Committees, the Woodbrooke team, and others in bringing us together.

At this Yearly Meeting Gathering Friends have considered the theme '*For our comfort and discomfort: living equality and truth in a time of crisis*'. We have been wrestling with what it will mean to be truly committed to anti-racism and faith-based action for climate justice. We have thought about how to better affirm gender diversity in our meetings. We have discovered the challenges of attempting to make statements as a unified 'we' in a way that acknowledges the different experiences among us.

We have greatly missed the opportunities of being together as an all-age community that we would have had in a face-to-face Gathering. We held a worship session during which the children and young people shared their exploration of community, climate, equality and truth. Junior Yearly Meeting asked how we could centre justice and equity in our anti-racism and climate justice work. Only when all are listened to equally, may all be treated equally.

As in the days of early Friends, we sense this is a time of prophecy and want to uphold the prophets in our midst and in the wider world. We must heed the Spirit's call to urgent action. Prophets are visionaries, calling out those in power, and reconcilers stand in the middle of conflict: in this both run great risk.

A Friend of Colour spoke in ministry:

All I have ever wanted for the longest time is to feel equal,
and again, here in this room, I don't.

I hear people talk all week about George Floyd but we are here now,
in the UK, in your meetings, feeling like outsiders every day.

This is not the experience I was promised.

Racism is systemic. To most white people – including white Quakers – it is largely invisible, like the air they breathe. As long as it stays unrecognised, systems and institutions that perpetuate white power are left unchallenged. Racism and oppression are often daily realities for those without the advantages conferred by white skin.

As a Yearly Meeting in session we have declared our commitment to becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.

Our theologians and historians are helping us to root our action in our faith, reminding us of the examples of Friends of the past who have listened to the voice of the Spirit and followed the inward Light. They challenge the complacency of some white Friends' perception of themselves as 'good' people.

We have heard trans and non-binary Friends and their loved ones talk about their gender journeys and of being in Quaker community. Acknowledging trans or non-binary identity can be compounded by unfamiliarity, ignorance and prejudice. Providing support can lead to greater self-acceptance, enabling Friends to flourish and contribute. Belonging is being accepted as one's true self. Who are we to resist what God has created and continues to create in all their glory?



As a Yearly Meeting in session we lovingly acknowledged and affirmed the trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming Friends in our communities.

It is ten years since Britain Yearly Meeting in session committed to becoming a low carbon, sustainable faith community. Friends across the world have long held a concern for us to live in right relationship with creation. We grieve for the planet we love – our home – but we have no time to despair. We must act with urgency and imagination – the consequences of inaction are upon us.

For those experiencing injustice, the need for transformation is urgent. We know those who have contributed least to climate and ecological breakdown are the most affected: the poor, the global majority, and vulnerable communities everywhere. We recognise and abhor the legion of violent, deadly impacts of economic and exploitative systems on both the people, other species and lifeforms, and the body of our Earth. The climate crisis is fuelled by a system based on growth, consumption and systemic inequalities. If life on earth is to survive we must push for a more democratic, compassionate and equitable world.

Britain Yearly Meeting has asked its central committees to emphasise the urgency of work on climate and ecological justice and to cooperate with others across the world in this task.

Our individual tasks are our Quaker spiritual discipline: loving our neighbour – on our street and across oceans; and caring, cherishing and protecting our natural world. Let's not be self-conscious about speaking of the Quaker faith that underpins our action.

Friends have talked about the need to let go of stories we tell ourselves about our shared near-400-year history and hold fast to the essence of the Quaker way. Is it time to look afresh at systems, structures, processes and procedures – and possessions like meeting houses that might hold us back? We're already starting to address this by agreeing to change some committee responsibilities next year, and through our Simpler Meetings project.

Our Quaker forebears were wild about their faith. And they challenged the establishment. Suggesting that anyone could have a direct, unmediated relationship with the Divine, and that our relationship with God should not be confined to the steeple house, was revolutionary and upended the status quo. Is it time to rewild our Quakerism?

We will often get things wrong. But we have been comforted by the reminder that Jesus' disciples often did not understand, they argued with him about who he was and what he should do. When Jesus said, 'Feed these five thousand', they said, 'you must be joking?!' When it got to the really difficult stuff, they ran away.



Faithfulness is not about always getting it right, it is about committing ourselves to carefully seeing and listening. We need to walk together in the Light, so we can see what we are meant to do and find the strength to do it.

We have been heartened to hear through their epistles that other Yearly Meetings and faith bodies are grappling with the same issues. It is vital we work alongside and be led by Friends and others across the world. We do not have to do things on our own and have learned the value of sharing our skills, resources and insights with each other. We have enjoyed welcoming international and ecumenical visitors, exploring with them common areas of concern. One of the things we have gained through the pandemic is new ways to meet with one another, so that we are no longer limited by geography.

We can meet one another on kinder ground, in our personal relationships, meetings, wider communities, and on social media. We can help create listening spaces using our skills and resources. We can help create a climate where the pursuit of truth is not about becoming dug into our rigid positions.

We need to quietly listen, and tenderly explore difference, disagreement and areas of discomfort, and thereby avoid a false peace. A commitment to truth requires us to be open to new experiences with a readiness to learn, while weighing up what we hear and see through the light of our faith.

There is so much to do but we have been inspired by the prophetic voices we have heard throughout our Gathering. We have pledged ourselves to continue to be a 'gentle, angry' people who dare to live for truth and justice in such a time of crisis.

Our Salter Lecturer told us 'I didn't choose politics, politics chose me'. She asked us: *what work is choosing us at this time?*

Friends, we have no time but this present time. We should now do what love requires of us.

Signed in and on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting



Clare Scott Booth, Clerk

As part of Yearly Meeting Gathering, Friendship Cohousing Community ran a series of "Community Fun" events. One of these was about the wild flowers in the Maningham garden (see three picture collages on pages 5 and 6). Others were about art, wood-carving, growing vegetables and preparing local fish.

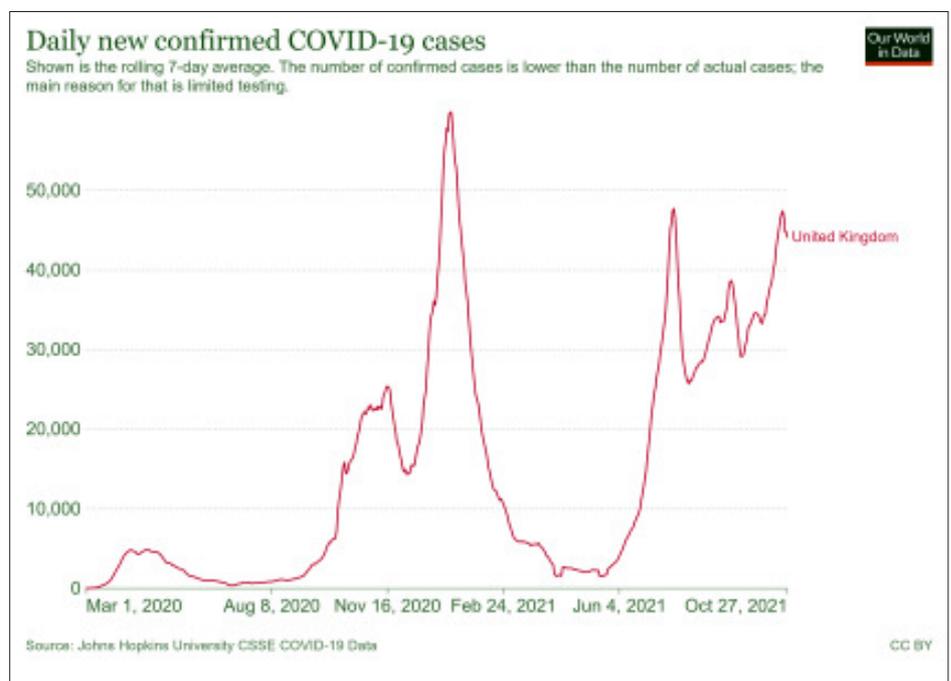
By Felicity Sylvester and Jackie Carpenter



Covid

The number of new cases per day is very high and there is no sign of the end of the pandemic. The amount of hospitalisations and deaths is low, however, so we are learning to accept the illness and live with it.

Some Local Meetings are now meeting regularly in person, but there are still many Friends who only see each other on Zoom calls.



Caring for our planet home

Concern for our planet home and for justice towards poorer countries has been part of the Quaker way of thinking for a long time. Read the paragraph in the box, from Quaker Faith and Practice. This was written over 30 years ago! And some of us have been fighting for environmental justice since the 60's - for over five decades!

Building the institutions of peace and social justice

[Our] understanding of the nature of the development process has altered. We are now increasingly aware that the Western development model, in which many had such confidence, is based on rampant exploitation of both people and the physical environment, is not fulfilling the real needs of many of our own citizens, and threatens the survival chances of human beings in poorer countries. Not only is it an inappropriate and impossible model for others to follow, it is itself responsible for exacerbating many of the problems it purports to solve. It has become increasingly apparent to [us] that new understandings and a change of heart within our own nation are an essential prerequisite to international reforms which might serve the interests of the most vulnerable nations and people.

Quaker Peace & Service, 1988

From Quaker Faith and Practice 24.47

Now the Conference of the Parties (COP26) is unfolding and our thoughts and efforts to help are intensifying.

COP26 takes place in Glasgow from 31 October to 12 November. World leaders are coming together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement. Because of the lack of action since 2015 we now need a miracle to stay below 1.5 degrees.

Britain Yearly Meeting has put out a very strong statement about the need to act. See page 8.

Many Quakers, including several from Cornwall, are heading to Glasgow to make these views known.

In Cornwall, we have been active over the last few months in preparation for COP26, with several impressive outdoor meetings for workshop, new banners, and a large advert in the Cornish Guardian, all described in this issue.

At the same time, a growing number of Quakers is considering the question, "What if it is too late to stop the collapse of our world as we know it?" If we found that it truly is "too late", what would we do? How would we act? This work is not about giving up hope but about finding a way of living in the present and accepting what is to come, whatever that might be.

By Jackie Carpenter, Marazion Local Meeting

We must act now to transform our economy and society for a just and peaceful future. We must demand change through political action, and enact change in our communities.

" not with a vision of a fairy-tale future where we have fixed the climate, but because it is right to do what we can. To slow the change. To reduce the harm. To save what we can. To invite us back to sanity and love." Professor Jem Bendell

A Quaker call for climate justice

Britain Yearly Meeting statement ahead of COP26

We are at a point of crisis for humanity and for the living world. Climate breakdown, poverty, oppression, forced migration and violent conflict are deeply connected. They are driven by an economic system based on exploiting people and nature to extract profit for a few. We must act now to transform our economy and society for a just and peaceful future. We must demand change through political action, and enact change in our communities.

Broken promises

We have heard the UK government claim to be a global leader on climate. But we also see proposals for new coal and oil extraction; irreplaceable ancient woodland felled for new roads; and millions of people struggling to heat their leaky homes while the government cancels insulation grants. Ambitious pledges are hollow when actions undermine them. The UK's COP Presidency promised 'the most inclusive COP ever'. Delegates and activists whose vaccinations have not been recognised, or who have been prevented from attending by unclear quarantine rules, have seen this promise broken. The presence of Indigenous and global South leaders and activists at COP26 is essential, in order to hear from all voices. With so many people prevented from attending, it is more important than ever to add our voices to their calls for justice.

What justice requires

Rich countries like the UK have done the most to cause the climate crisis, and owe the rest of the world an immense 'climate debt'. For centuries, our wealth and emissions have been enabled by imperial expansion, leaving people in the global South facing the worst impacts of a crisis they have done little to cause. We must rapidly cut our own national emissions to zero, without relying on carbon credits or future negative emissions technologies; and we must provide our fair share of funding for a global just transition beyond fossil fuels. Paying our debts also means finding money for communities already bearing the brunt of climate breakdown, by setting up an international loss and damage fund paid for by polluters. We will rise to the challenge of the climate crisis only through love and cooperation. Successful international negotiations rest on honesty and integrity. We hold our politicians and negotiators in the Light, to be bolder and braver for the climate, for all our sakes. At COP26, there must be no more loopholes, no more exemptions for aviation or military emissions. We cannot outwit the atmosphere with accounting tricks.

Our Quaker call to action

Working to build a more just and peaceful world is at the heart of what it means to be Quaker. Our faith does not permit us to stand by while the splendour of the world is destroyed for short-term profit. As in the days of early Quakers, we sense this is a time of prophecy and want to uphold the prophets in our midst and in the wider world. We uphold all people taking action for climate justice, whatever their contribution. We commit to listening to the experiences of dispossessed people around the world, and to putting their rights at the heart of our response. On 31 October, Quaker communities will be gathering for worship, holding in the Light all environmental defenders and communities at the sharp end of the climate crisis. On 6 November, we will join thousands of people on the streets of Glasgow, across Britain, and around the world, in a day of action for climate justice. We call on Friends, and all those who are called to live for truth and justice, to join us.

How can the spaceport be compatible?

Dear Royal Cornwall Museum staff team,

I travelled from Falmouth to see your exhibitions with interest and excitement and as I entered the building I congratulated the person at the door for the vibrancy and vital relevance of exhibiting the Love and Rage portraits alongside the Fragile Planet exhibition.

Your organisational mission and purpose to share knowledge, learning, creativity and ambition seems well suited to this connection. Your charitable object is to advance the education of the public in various ways. You 'want to support the recuperation and recovery of our community' and 'provide a welcome dynamic and lively cultural hub that inspires people to explore, thrive and have fun'.

Here's my question : How can celebrating the 'spaceport' in Cornwall be compatible with that? It seems to me a shocking contradiction and I ask that you consider removing it at the earliest opportunity.

The spaceport is a profoundly regressive step, prioritising profit over people and planet. Has the Museum been paid to suggest that it is a good idea? It is so disappointing that you are providing this platform with a giant model of Richard Branson's rocket!

I would like to offer your team the recently-published Quakers in Britain statement. (*The document that was attached to Deborah's letter is shown on page 8.*)

Time is running out. I was told, when I raised the issue with Museum staff during my visit, that the curator thought that celebrating the spaceport would provoke conversation. We need so much more than that now - we need the public to be educated with the facts that are well established through the UN and for our national media to do all in its power to publicise them. Failing that, due to the financial interests of the national media, we need to take local opportunities to sound the alarm. This is being done effectively by the exhibitions for "Love and Rage" and "Fragile Planet". Surely promoting and celebrating the spaceport undermines those messages, undermines all the good work you are doing and undermines the activism you are recognising and celebrating? Moreover by putting the spaceport 'centre stage', impossible to miss for all your visitors, you are signalling it as a positive development not as a contradiction to your main message.

Many thanks

Deborah Mitchell

"The spaceport is a profoundly regressive step, prioritising profit over people and planet"



COP26 advance work by Quakers in Cornwall

SusQIC (Sustainability for Quakers in Cornwall) has met regularly.

In the run-up to COP26, SusQIC has organised outdoor Meetings for Worship to bear witness to the vital importance of Climate Justice.



On 14th August we met at Maningham, the home of Friendship Cohousing Community in Illogan, near Redruth.

We sat in a circle against the backdrop of the Maningham garden and trees. We were joined by Kelsang Sonam, a Buddhist monk who lives in the Friendship Cohousing Community.

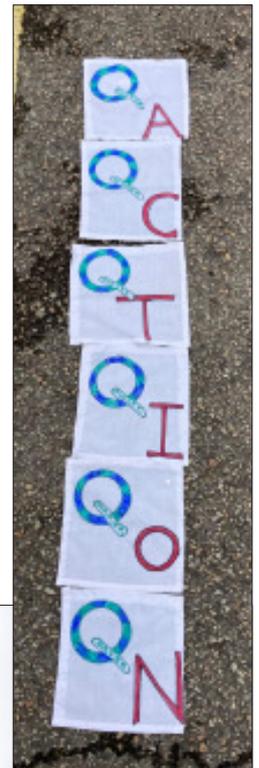




On 24th September, we met at Camborne station and walked along to the office of George Eustice, MP. He is the constituency MP of some Friends but he is also the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

As well as delivering personal letters from local

Friends, we sent him a letter from Area Meeting expressing our concerns, and published it in the Cornish Guardian. See page 13.



On 21st October, over 30 Friends gathered in Truro. They stood outside the cathedral in silence, under a blue sky.

Since then, two active Friends (Alison Meaton and Richard Hall) have gone to Glasgow, acting under personal concern but being supported by Sustainability for Quakers in Cornwall (SusQIC) on behalf of Cornwall Area Meeting. We hold them in the light as they join thousands of other activists and people of faith in Glasgow.

Quaker Faith & Practice

20.07 Later on I was meditating, imagining Light and Love surrounding the world leaders as they gathered: 'Free them from fear', I asked ... but then I couldn't go on. I realised that all I could honestly ask was for myself to be freed from the fear which only an hour ago had threatened to ruin my day. All I could do was to come to terms with my own brokenness and make peace with myself and then with my immediate environment.

Susan Lawrence, 1984



Let us see what love can do





Public Letter to George Eustice, MP, Secretary of State for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs - from Quakers in Cornwall
Cornwall Area Quaker Meeting

To George Eustice MP

Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dear George Eustice,

Re the climate and ecological crisis and COP26: if not now, when?

We write this as a public letter.

We, Quakers in Cornwall, are deeply concerned about the developing climate and ecological crisis. Quakers and many others have been working towards a sustainable environment for many years - but things are getting worse. We all face not only rapid biodiversity and ecosystem loss but conceivably a mass extinction event that threatens all inhabitants of our planet - including human beings. Global and local plans which are targeted, just and effective are needed - now.

As Quakers we care deeply about climate justice. In many places we witness unfolding disasters affecting people in other countries and those who live in poverty in the UK. It is essential that people across the globe and in the UK do not suffer as a consequence of government action - or inaction.

Cornwall is already a region with significant inequalities, poverty and health issues that will be compounded by climate change. Cornwall County Council has recognised this and has declared a climate emergency and identified specific threats we face including:

- Coastal communities at risk from flooding
- Deaths and illness from heat waves and the potential spread of new diseases such as malaria
- Rising sea temperatures threatening fish supplies
- Changing weather patterns reducing crop yields, increasing prices, affecting those on low incomes

Local change cannot happen in isolation. The Cornwall County Climate Action Plan states:

The evidence available shows that the scale of change is unprecedented. Global and national system change will be needed to support local system change.

Necessary actions include:

- No more support for new fossil fuel extraction or investment in fossil fuel industries. Instead, very significant investment in diverse renewable energy systems (from large-scale to micro-scale at the local level)
- Taxation on aircraft fuel and no more investment in airports (e.g. Newquay)
- Overseas aid restored to 0.7% of GDP with more for countries already badly affected
- New housing to achieve zero carbon standard
- Existing housing retrofitted to reach Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEEES)
- Major investment in electric charging points for cars in Cornwall
- Financial support to allow householders to replace gas boilers with renewable energy heating systems and to improve insulation
- More support for Cornwall Refugee Council - as the number of 'climate change' refugees is likely to increase and we need to play our part

Catastrophic climate changes are not inevitable if we choose to act urgently. We require action now to protect our shared future, the Earth and all its species - and the generations to come. We see this Earth as a stunning gift that supports life. It is our only home - let us care for it together. We only have this one planet. Schoolchildren say, 'If not now, when?' We share their concerns. Do you share their concerns also?

Quakers in Cornwall uphold you in your work for the Environment and its impact on our shared future. As crucial decisions are made in Glasgow which will affect us all, we will hold you in the Light.

In Friendship,

Roger Wade

Clerk

Sustainability: Quakers in Cornwall

Above: On behalf of Cornwall Area Meeting, SusQIC put a half-page advertisement in the Cornish Guardian, publishing Area Meeting's letter to George Eustice MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, for all to see.

Drop-in constituency surgery with Derek Thomas MP October 2021

We met Derek Thomas in the St Ives British Legion during a drop-in surgery time. We arrived with the breaking news of the murder of David Amess MP. This tragic incident was in all our thoughts but we felt that Derek listening attentively to us. We appreciated that we were able to have a face to face meeting with our MP, as an essential part of our democratic process of government.

We introduced ourselves as Quakers and said that we wanted to talk to him about climate change. Derek said he was a Christian and that the Bible teaches us to take care of the earth. He was given a copy of the letter that SusQIC sent to George Eustice and we discussed the points this raised. Derek stated that the government has a number of measures in place to reduce emissions but these aren't recognised by the public. He agreed that he could support "no NEW fossil fuels" but argued that during the transition to renewable energy we should accept that new coal mines and oil rigs will be established in the UK. Derek expressed an interest in taking part in a Meeting for Worship in Penzance; we would welcome him as we would any interested person.

Advices and Queries 42 *We do not own the world, and its riches are not ours to dispose of at will. Show a loving consideration for all creatures, and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life. Rejoice in the splendour of God's continuing creation.*

By Lyn Mclachlan and Alison Meaton, Penzance Local Meeting

Eye on the storm: Voirrey Faragher listens to Friend Alastair McIntosh on climate and spirituality

(From “The Friend”)

28 Oct 2021 | by Alastair McIntosh

‘The deepest work we can do towards climate change is what we bring of our presence.’

This year’s Adderbury Gathering, organised by Banbury & Evesham Meeting, welcomed Alastair McIntosh for ‘Riding the Climate Storm: The climate crisis and survival of being’. Alastair looked at climate change and climate justice in a creative, far-reaching and rounded manner. We might expect this of an academic but Alastair is also a Friend, and listening to him was deeply moving. Alastair began by referring to ‘The Best and the Worst Nail’, a sixteenth-century story about the devil entering Noah’s Ark in the form of a snake, through a nail hole left by a dissatisfied shipwright. The devil got stuck and remained in the hole until the waters ebbed, thus saving the Ark from sinking. A paradox?

Alastair followed this by suggesting that climate change is the worst thing that is happening to the world now, but as Quakers we can bring the best we have to offer to this crisis: ‘As people of faith... it is incumbent upon us to bring a deeper perspective to bear on what is happening in the world at this time of our conscious evolution on this earth. We should ask ourselves: what do these signs of our times reveal to us? What do they tell us about ourselves?... As a Religious Society of Friends, concerned with spiritual life, do we have anything to bring to the table? What do we have to offer as people of faith and a particular kind of faith that is mystical in its base?’

Alastair examined the concept of truth as being synonymous with reality. The alternative to truth is to be out of alignment to reality. This, he claims, is important in our understanding of climate change. We do well to constantly discern, where we can, the truth around the matter in order to ride the climate storm.

Alastair summarised different approaches to climate change, from denial to those who say it is too expensive to do anything (we cannot afford to cut carbon emissions yet we can afford four Trident submarines touring round the earth). Alastair quoted from *Climate Psychology: On Indifference to Disaster* (ed Paul Hoggett) to show how people put up a wall and how, perhaps, we all do.

He also looked at climate change alarmism, including predictions that we will be extinct by 2026. Roger Hallam, for example, predicts that six billion people will die this century because of climate change. Alastair then asked, crucially, what happens if we get out of alignment with truth? What does it do to our perspective of reality? He referred to climatologist Michael Mann’s *The New Climate War*. Mann expresses considerable concern about alarmism from activists, and argues that we must be very careful to follow the science. If we go beyond what the accepted science of climate change is saying, we discredit it. If we take the line that there is nothing we can do about it then we don’t do anything about it.

Alastair pointed out that most of us are not climate scientists, so how do we find out what is going on? We need to be honest and recognise that we only know what we think we know about climate change because of the science of climate change. If we are going to make a case that we, or a particular guru, know better than the climate scientists, then we had better have a pretty good case to justify what makes us think that we know better. He maintained that when we look at the science it is best to look at the mainstream reports of credible scientific bodies. Alastair’s own work, *Riders in the Storm*, draws upon the three most recent reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which say that the past five years have been the hottest on record, and that human influence is ‘very likely’ the main driver of the global retreat of glaciers.

Alastair connects climate change with the emptiness within our hearts that drives consumerism. He asked what our faith calls for from us. He suggested we need to think deeper about what drives climate change. There are two twin drivers: population and consumption. Greenhouse emissions amount to the population of the world multiplied by the average consumption of the world. The consumption of wealthy people can be a factor of dozens or even hundreds of times greater than the consumption of poor people.

Since 1955 the population of the world has grown by about a factor of three. The emissions caused by consumption have grown by a factor of six. It follows that the problem of consumption is double the problem of population in this period. The worrying part of the sum is therefore consumption. What drives us to consume more and more?

Alastair argues that consumerism is an addiction. It is an excess of what is needed for a dignified sufficiency of living. Here is a place where the Quaker testimony to Simplicity and our Quaker practice come into play. Quakers have important experience to bring to the table. It is incumbent however to see that everybody has enough for their needs.

Alastair provided the example of Lewis, the island where he grew up, and where rising sea levels are eating away at the land. In the nineteenth century the landlords evicted the people from the island. Many emigrated, many died, many went into the military and never came back. What did this do to people? In England, the Enclosures took place. (Incidentally, Alastair maintains that many people do not know the history out of which the Levellers, the Quakers, the Diggers, the Ranters and so on came. Quakerism was just taking shape at this time. Quakers are the last remnants of these radical English traditions, he says.)

Alastair suggests that with the clearance of people from the land came an inner collapse: a disconnection, a sense of rootlessness and a sense of having lost control. This emptiness makes us vulnerable to consumerism. When people are not held in the basket of community there is collapse. Alastair concluded by suggesting that the antidote to collapse is community. Building community is crucial and in order to build community we must build our inner strength.

And so Friends, I put it to you that the deepest work we can do towards climate change is what we bring of our presence, of our spirit. We have ways of creative listening, Meetings for Clearness, understanding spiritual journeys, and can help people to become spiritually alive. We may not succeed in riding the storm out; we may be among those who are already suffering from climate change. But our calling as people of faith is not to despair, not to give up hope, not to be over optimistic, but to bring depth and grounding so that we can deepen our humanity.

Voirrey is from Cornwall Area Meeting.

The Adderbury Gathering was held via Zoom and Alastair's talk can be watched on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAAA2dDSNxg

Autumn paintings by Louise McClary, Marazion Local Meeting



Churches Together in Cornwall Service for COP26

Roger Mills has drawn together contributions from across the Churches in Cornwall to create an Act of Worship for COP26 with a Cornish flavour.

The video version of the Churches Together in Cornwall Service for COP26 was premiered at 6pm on Sunday 31st Oct on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/559024365198598/>, YouTube: <https://youtu.be/lgSIHwWi02U>, Twitter: <https://twitter.com/CtcMissioner/>

The CTC infoHub web page <https://www.ctcinfohub.org/COP26> (which also contains these links) can be viewed on catch-up on the same links thereafter.

The Worship includes a Lament for our part in causing climate change, prayers for the delegates and expressions of hope.

YES, OF COURSE IT HURTS

Yes, of course it hurts when buds are breaking.
Why else would the springtime falter?
Why would all our ardent longing
bind itself in frozen, bitter pallor?
After all, the bud was covered all the winter.
What new thing is it that bursts and wears?
Yes, of course it hurts when buds are breaking,
hurts for that which grows
and that which bars.

Yes, it is hard when drops are falling.
Trembling with fear, and heavy hanging,
cleaving to the twig, and swelling, sliding -
weight draws them down, though they go on
clinging.
Hard to be uncertain, afraid and divided,
hard to feel the depths attract and call,
yet sit fast and merely tremble -
hard to want to stay
and want to fall.

Then, when things are worst and nothing helps
the tree's buds break as in rejoicing,
then, when no fear holds back any longer,
down in glitter go the twig's drops plunging,
forget that they were frightened by the new,
forget their fear before the flight unfurled -
feel for a second their greatest safety,
rest in that trust
that creates the world.

Karin Boye

“Lament” means “a crying out in grief”. Some common synonyms of *lament* are *bemoan*, *bewail*, and *deplore*. While all these words mean “to express grief or sorrow for something,” *lament* implies a profound or demonstrative expression of sorrow.

This was posted on Facebook by Quakers in Britain:

Calling all Friends!

If you're taking part in COP-related events in Glasgow or across the country, please share your photos and videos with us on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram by tagging @BritishQuakers and using #QuakersAtCOP. Or you can email them to us at climatejustice@quaker.org.uk

Find out more about getting involved at <https://www.quaker.org.uk/cop26-actions>

Join in! November 6th

COP26: Why does it matter?

World leaders and experts will meet in Glasgow in November at the global climate talks, COP26. The decisions made at COP26 will shape how governments respond (or not) to the climate crisis. They will decide who is to be sacrificed, who will escape and who will make a profit. COP26 is happening at a crucial moment in history. Across the world and across movements, we are seeing a new wave of resistance, global solidarity and grassroots organising. We have a unique opportunity to rewire our system as we recover from the pandemic. We can either intensify the crisis to the point of no return, or lay the foundations for a just world where everyone's needs are met.

On 6 November 2021, as world leaders meet in Glasgow for the COP26 Global Climate Summit, towns and cities across the world will take to the streets demanding global climate justice. Join us in one of the actions being organised across the world or organise your own so that we can be loud and clear to the world leaders discussing our future: we want climate justice now!

Global Day of Action for Climate Justice in Truro!

Quakers for climate justice and SusQIC are joining a march in Truro on November 6th.

Quakers will meet in the playpark (TR1 3TR) just under the viaduct along George Street on the right hand side going out of town. Lucy and Zoe are organising and will be there. We shall meet at 1pm and will walk the 4 minutes to Hendra Skate Park (TR1 3JD) at 1.15. At the Skate Park we shall assemble with other groups for a slow march with our banners through Truro. We shall go back to Hendra Skate Park at 3pm for a rally & speakers. If the whole march sounds too long for you, come and join us for part of it! All welcome!

WE NEED QUAKERS TO SUPPORT THIS AND TO HELP CARRY OUR BANNER! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Zoe Rawlence 07791 611 234; Pete Dangerfield 07980 606 188; Lucy Zawadzki 07854 903 327

Greenpeace March & Tides Reach 2050 in Penzance

Start: Saturday, November 06, 2021 • 11:00 AM End: 2:00 PM

Jubilee Pool • Battery Rd, Penzance, United Kingdom TR18 4FF

Greenpeace is hosting a peaceful march in Penzance, and then travelling on to Truro. Anyone who agrees with Greenpeace's values is welcome to join this. Find out more by searching on the internet.

The marchers will carry the Greenpeace banner and placards (all the way to Truro if you want). You can join them for the entire march or just part of the planned march. Banner provided. You can bring your own placards, or you can make an A2 placard holder as they will have 14 x A2 official Greenpeace posters, most importantly bring yourself. This is a good opportunity to meet up with Greenpeace supporters, and other organisations with like-minded people. * or you can carry your own Quaker banner or sign.*

Ordinary Christians, extraordinary times

The Green Christian Way of Life is offered to Green Christian members for whom care for God's creation in all its forms is a fundamental outworking of their faith. The Way of Life is a calling for deeper engagement and shared encouragement. Followers of the Way are called 'Companions'.

If you would like to register as a 'Companion' or simply find out more please contact George Dow at georgedow@greenchristian.org.uk. Green Christian is a national organisation, but George Dow lives in Cornwall.

Join our daily Zoom prayers during COP26

Green Christian's co-Chaplain, Andrew Norman, will be leading simple and contemplative-style prayers for 10 minutes at 8am every morning from 1 to 12 November, based on Why Faith Matters at COP26.

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/cop-26-glasgow-2021/>

The LOVING EARTH PROJECT

<http://lovingearth-project.uk/> celebrates people, places, creatures, and other things that we love but which are threatened by growing environmental breakdown. It offers a way to help people engage creatively and constructively with the issues, without being overwhelmed. It also offers a way to share initiatives and reasons for taking them with a very diverse audience.

Ecocide

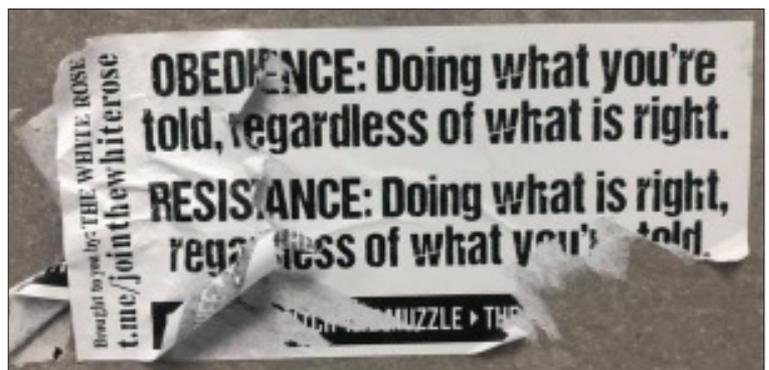
Hi everyone,

In connection with our Quaker environmental commitments, is the campaign for an international recognition of ecocide something we are collectively supporting?

This is a key issue - is there a Quaker position? There is a lot about it on Youtube. Polly Higgins was a lawyer who fought to make ecocide a crime. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZw0HWM9n8I>

I'd be grateful for Friends' thoughts and advice about what we could do to support this campaign.

In friendship, Deborah



*Yet well, if here would end
The misery; I deserved it, and would bear
My own deservings.*

From Milton's "Paradise Lost"

Adam speaking in despair over the lost glorious world; knowing his descendants will curse him, he finds himself wanting only death.

Movement of Movements

Letter from Mid Cornwall XR Group to other groups concerned about the climate crisis

Hi Everyone,

You might have noticed that at the Cornwall Council event on September 28th we were joined by other organisations. It was an event designed to engage with councillors and prompt thinking about how to get to net zero by 2030. Like the Carbis Bay action on the beach a few months ago, the power of engaging the local community amplifies the message.

We have a new idea, ambition, here in Cornwall, to have events not simply with XR attending, protesting, trying to engage, but to invite other organisations, to create a Movement of Movements so messages are amplified and become mainstream rather than just us. Imagine if this works, it builds community and change. Holding Cornwall Council accountable, keeping the pressure on them, is surely a cause that interests all environmental groups in Cornwall; and we are so much stronger together. The next council meeting at New County Hall is November 30th, where we aim to create even more of an impact with more groups represented.

But making those links with other organisations isn't easy, and we need your help. Do you know people in other groups? Can you help us make these links? Maybe you have a friend in Friends of The Earth, Surfers Against Sewage, youth groups, church groups, any local organisation that cares about the world, or maybe you are a member yourself. We've started to reach out to The Green Party, Greenpeace, BVC, First NOT Second Homes and others but we want far more, it isn't easy and a softer way, more informal contacts and group suggestions would really help get this happening quicker.

Here is a link to the Facebook page for this <https://www.facebook.com/CEECornwall>

Jackie Carpenter will be speaking in the session at 7pm on Friday 5th November entitled "A Faith Response to Climate Change", part of the event shown on the poster on the right.

What is the Parish of Kenwyn with St. Allen doing during COP26?

Climate Care Weekend: 5th - 7th November 2021

Climate-themed activities Services and Talks



At St Allen Church:

Friday 5 th : 2.00 - 4.00pm	Churchyard gardening - St. Allen Churchyard.
Sunday 7 th : 9.30-10.30	Climate Sunday Service, conducted by Rev'd. Ben Lillie, Truro Diocesan Environment Officer.

At Kenwyn Church:

Friday 5 th : 10.00am onwards	Prayer Stations on the themes of land, sea and air, including displays from local schools and environment groups.
7.00pm	A faith response to Climate Change, led by Canon Elly Sheard, Truro Cathedral's Canon for Creation Care.
Saturday 6 th : 10am onwards	Prayer Stations on the themes of land, sea and air, including displays from local schools and environment groups.
11.00am - 2.00pm	Litter Pick. From Kenwyn Church to Daubuz Moors.
3.00 - 4.00pm	Guided walk and talk through Kenwyn Churchyard
7.00 - 9.00pm	Truro's response to the environmental threat, featuring the work of local groups and organisations
Sunday 7 th : 11.00 - 12.00am	Climate Sunday Service, conducted by Rev'd. Ben Lillie, Truro Diocesan Environment Officer.
12.00am onwards	Prayer Stations on the themes of land, sea and air.
3.30 - 4.10	Child friendly tree survey, Kenwyn Churchyard.
4.15pm	Field Maple tree planting ceremony, Kenwyn Churchyard.
4.30-5.10pm	Family friendly teatime service with Rev'd. Chris Parsons.

What will you be doing?

Crash course: An epistle produced by a group of Friends working with Jackie Carpenter at Woodbrooke (From “The Friend”)

15 July 2021 | by Jackie Carpenter

‘Reframing the future allows us to recognise that the end might be nigh, but that life and love go on.’

The subject of climate collapse, or societal collapse in a time of climate breakdown, is overwhelmingly important. But our understandings of it are diverse. Some of us feel that collapse is now inevitable, with a real possibility of the end of life, at least for human beings and many other species. Others believe that moving to a sustainable future is still possible, and even likely. Either way, our differing viewpoints do not prevent us from experiencing a sense of relief in the discussion itself.

As Quakers, we believe in speaking the truth as we understand it, even when that truth is unpopular or unpleasant. We cannot know what the future holds, and The End Of The World As We Know It (TEOTWAWKI) may or may not be inevitable. But it seems clear that our lifestyle of driving and flying, and our denial of the spiritual nature of this finite Earth and its ecosystems, cannot continue. Humanity is facing a time of extreme challenge and holding onto hope for a miraculous turnaround may be avoiding the truth. Many people are already facing disrupted lives. Perhaps the time has come for more people to speak about this, and for Quakers to help them.

Studying the fear of death and hearing about terror management, we find that death-anxiety drives people to worldviews that protect their self-esteem and worthiness. These views can help us feel we play an important role in a meaningful world. This may be an illusion, but it is hard for humans to change deeply-embedded beliefs. We find that helping each other cope with a change of attitude, tending to each others’ grief, and finding new ways to think about the future, are becoming more important practices.

In sharing ideas about hope we discern that, for some of us, moving from feeling hopeful to a state of acceptance can leave us hope-free, not hope-less. Reframing the future allows us to recognise that the end might be nigh, but that life and love go on. We discover this reframing to be a powerful, even joyful, process of unburdening, finding it helpful to be free to discuss what living well and dying well might really mean. Giving up expectations of having to rescue the future can be liberating, allowing us to focus on living simply, staying local and building community.



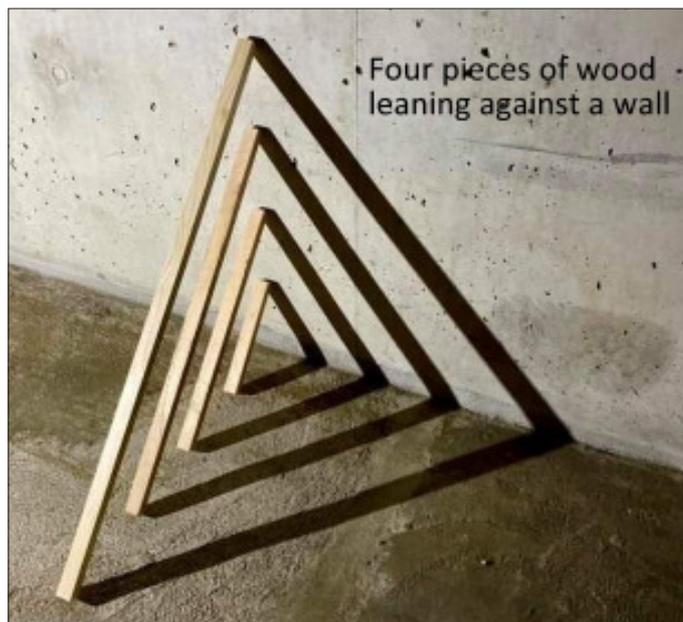
Peace Offering, by Caroline Stow of Kendal & Sedbergh AM, ‘inspired by our need to beg forgiveness from the natural world for our transgressions against it’.

Once we accept that climate collapse may be an imminent possibility, we may choose to change how we act. As we become more aware of loss of habitat and the anguish of inequality, we are inspired to work to reduce harm. Whatever the future may hold, we believe that it is important to walk forward with a sense of joy, love, and compassion, working to reduce injustice in all places.

In our discernment, we find that accepting the possibility of collapse is liberating. It becomes a relief and pleasure to talk about how to live with what is. It may lead us to listen with greater compassion to those around us, and to take steps to help them live and die better – helping one another up with a tender hand. We consider that Quakers could be poised to become midwives and comforters of the challenging times ahead.

Jackie Carpenter ran a course with Woodbrooke in July 2021 called, "A Quaker response to climate collapse", from which the above epistle emerged, written by the group together. Jackie is offering further on-line courses on his subject with Woodbrooke in 2022 and plans to hold a course for Friends in Cornwall soon.

Joke: As I get older I think more and more about the hereafter. Every time I go upstairs and get to the top I think to myself, "Now what exactly am I here after?"



Eternal Life

Eternal life. Where is it? When is it? For a long time I have thought about eternal life as a life after all my birthdays have run out. For most of my years I have spoken about the eternal life as the "afterlife," as "life after death." But the older I become, the less interest my "afterlife" holds for me. Worrying not only about tomorrow, next year, and the next decade, but even about the next life, seems a false preoccupation. Wondering how things will be for me after I die seems, for the most part, a distraction. When my clear goal is the eternal life, that life must be reachable right now, where I am, because eternal life is life in and with God, and God is where I am here and now. The great mystery of the spiritual life - the life in God - is that we don't have to wait for it as something that will happen later. Jesus says: "Dwell in me as I dwell in you." It is this divine in-dwelling that is eternal life. It is the active presence of God at the centre of my living - the movement of God's Spirit within us - that gives us the eternal life.

Henri Nouwen,
Here and Now.

Marazion Meeting House

Building works update



The picture on the left shows a group of Friends meeting at Marazion meeting house on Sunday 3rd October. This was the first time some of us had been to the meeting house since the beginning of the pandemic, but we were inspired to meet together in person to hold the repair and refurbishment works in the Light.

The Meeting House was cleared on Monday 4 October by a group of volunteers and the items were removed by Penzance Removals on 6 October for storage during the forthcoming works.

The Meeting House is now closed until the completion of the works.

We have heard from the convenor of our fund-raising group that we expect shortly to receive formal notification of the award of a grant by National Churches Trust in association with Historic England. The erection of the access scaffolding and temporary roof was started on Monday 25 October.

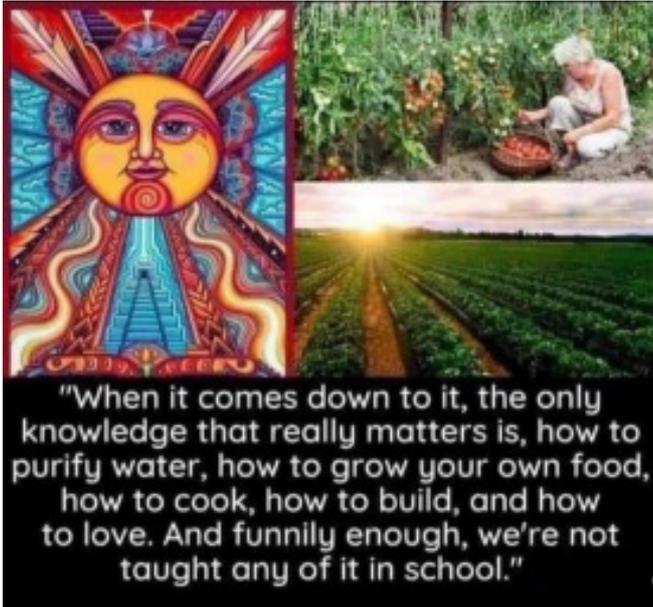
Meetings for worship will continue weekly via Zoom, with the addition of a physical meeting at Marazion Community Centre on the first Sunday of each month for those wishing to attend. Zoom meetings will be held in parallel, not blended because there is no suitable equipment at the Community Centre. Meetings for Worship for Business will be held via Zoom only. Contact Geoff Watson for details. geof_watson@talktalk.net

By Mike Berris, Marazion Local Meeting

Autumn paintings by Louise McClary, Marazion Local Meeting



Teachers teach well!



I must take issue with the (unattributed) quote about teaching. Far from not teaching children how to cook, grow food, build and to love, we teachers do all of those things and it smarts when people come up with this sort of thing, which I guess makes them sound sage.

We rarely teach about water purification, as we live in a country with clean water supplies, but schools raise money for all sorts of good causes as part of their citizenship education, Water Aid being one of them. My Headteacher in the nineties, taught one class for a month so our colleague, Paul Farnham, could go out to take and install a water pump to a village in Zaire.

It really winds me up when I read this sort of ignorant misrepresentation of what happens in schools. Agencies from the Water Safety Campaign to supermarkets all pitch in with special cooking vans and lavish education packs and visits to great facilities like Heligan, Slapton Field Studies Centre. I have great memories of kids doing zonations of the rocky shore and nearer home in Cornwall my kids' annual water quality survey of the River Lynher, supported by SW Water, was a highlight of their academic year.

It can't go on all the time because there is a crammed curriculum to to teach, but when one sees the delightful productive gardens at St Winnow and Lanlivery primary school gardens, it's clear that values are being heavily emphasised. Kids in West Cornwall schools did some amazing work preparing for the G7 too. When I see the chestnut and oak trees my classes of kids planted decades ago, providing shade and food for animals now, I get a sense that we were doing the right thing then. And I think within a very tight timetable teachers are still doing the right thing wherever they can.

By Kit Williams, St Austell Local Meeting

Glenthorne 2022

Glenthorne is a Quaker Guest House and Conference Centre in the Lake District with a programme of Special Interest Holidays & Courses. Visit the website for additional information: www.glenthorne.org



Open Studios at Krowji

Perhaps Friends would like to know that we are having Open Studios at Krowji (a subsidiary of Creative Kernow) in Redruth during the last weekend in November, that is Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th. You are all welcome to come and see my work in G12 in the Percy Williams building, where I will be open from 10am until 4pm on all three days.

I call myself "Holier Than Thou Resurrection Services" and am doing visible mending, specialising in moth eaten woollens. I feel that this is one way to reduce the waste generated by the clothing industry.

By Stina Harris, Marazion Local Meeting

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‘Actively anti-racist’ training course

The Actively Anti Racist training course was delivered by Black Voices Cornwall on 28th June 2021. The session was held on Zoom and lasted 2 hours. Beresford Lee and Abi Hutchinson were the trainers for the session.

The training objectives (learning outcomes), agreed in advance, were as follows:

- To have a clearer understanding of the different types of racism and the history of racism
- To have some insight into what it feels like to be Black
- To understand definitions and terminologies of race
- To begin to explore bias and white privilege
- How we as individuals or an organisation can become actively anti-racist

In discussion about setting up the training Beresford told us “The training will take everyone on a safe and frank journey”.

The training was intended as an introduction to the subject of racism for those Friends who had not yet considered these issues in depth.

The training was delivered using discussion, overheads, video clips and links to other resources. Questions and discussion were actively encouraged by Beresford and Abi.

There were 12 participants from Cornwall LM’s. Friends from Falmouth, Penzance Come to Good Truro Marazion, St Austell and Liskeard attended the training.

Several participants mentioned the trainers in positive terms “What lovely people Abi and Beresford are.” “The course leaders Beresford and Abi were both articulate and their introductions to the course was well set out” “The leaders allowed us to be vulnerable to facilitate change within ourselves during that short session”.

Deepened understanding of racism? Thanks yes - not least because of the welcoming and non-judgemental approach of the presenters”.

Evaluation

Attendees were asked to consider three questions. Firstly, how has the training deepened your understanding of racism? Secondly, how has the training deepened your understanding of ‘white privilege ?’. Thirdly, how has the training impacted upon you / changed the way you hope to behave?

The responses to these questions were as follows:

Q1. how has the training deepened your understanding of racism?

“It has deepened my understanding of racism by making it more personal. I can feel how hurtful it must be to be overlooked just for the colour of your skin or to have your child attacked or bullied for that reason.”

“The definition was useful and the explanation of different types of racism. It made me think again about times when I have been racist and ask myself whether there are other times when I’ve not been aware.”

"It deepened my understanding of racism as I hadn't really thought about the different categories of racism there are. For instance I hadn't thought about racism in some cases being hereditary. This may be because for me I always had to challenge and think things out for myself from my teenage years and many of my core beliefs do not match any of my parents and other influences in my life."

"The training helped me to realise how racism takes on many roles and how easy it is to forget that the affect on many of the ethnic minority who have to live a life so different to ours 'the white middle class' we tend to go through life living our own comfortable selfish way".

"I have a clearer understanding of racism and the relevant terms, so I already feel more confident to take part in conversations about race."

"Deepened understanding of racism? Thanks yes - not least because of the welcoming and non-judgemental approach of the presenters. Probably main thing I took away was the thought that this is everyday stuff racism not confined to right wing etc but we're all products of our history and conditioning the hopeful thing is that it's sortable if we want it to be."

"The training has deepened my understanding of racism by opening the lines of communication to share how deeply rooted the systemic racism is in our society."

"I think the training was very helpful in being specific about what is and what isn't racist in terms of language and terms used by others. The reading by the young adult from Plymouth, as well as Beresford Lee's poem, was very emotive in hitting the spot about uninformed 'white people' treating 'People of Colour' in a racist way. It deepened my understanding that racism is still happening and made me realise how out of touch people in the SW (particularly in Cornwall) are (myself included)".

Q2. How has the training deepened your understanding of 'white privilege'?

"By reminding me of the issue – awareness of this must be the first step".

"I understand now what we white people take for granted. Beresford's story about being concerned about going out while G7 was on really hit home. Like other participants found Evey's poem very moving".

"I hadn't given much thought to the concept of white privilege. Of course I'd thought about privilege but not in context particularly in being white but had I suppose thought of inequality to do with wealth and social standing etc."

"White privilege is something I take for granted and hardly considered until now."

"At one moment I expect you heard me voicing that I thought almost too much attention was given to the Black Lives Matter movement but I now am revising that as I think in my sheltered life now that I'm retired I do not see enough of how prejudice impacts people in the world. I found the small sentences or hash tags ** useful and will try and run through them when faced with any potentially racist situation".

"I had only heard of 'white privilege' but I now understand what a huge issue this is".

"White Privilege? In that white people don't have to deal with 'ethnic' discrimination I think I understand the term better now - however I have a feeling that it's a term that can easily be misinterpreted - particularly by 'left behind' poor whites."

“Although I was aware of the term as well as some of the history behind racism in Britain, the training helped to show me that things have basically not got better for people of colour because not enough has been done to educate white people about the privileges they enjoy because of their colour. I was shocked to realise that I need to do a lot more to challenge other people’s racism in order to be actively anti-racist myself. I feel I am now more well informed and understand how ‘white privilege’ helps racism to continue”.

Q3. How has the training impacted upon you / changed the way you hope to behave?

“The training has helped me realise that I need to think before I speak. Age is not an excuse but after 70 years of thinking in certain ways I will need to try to be more conscious of my mindset.”

“By reminding me about the need for care in the use of language. By pointing to the need for skills to question in situations where racist attitudes seem to be an issue. The ‘Is that helpful? Is that respectful’ prompts are really useful.”

“I have begun to share how my attitude to racism has already changed, how I feel we need to be actively challenging attitudes and actions, beginning with our own”

“Impact - personally, feel more relaxed, less jumpy about ‘getting it wrong’ “

“I hope to behave more compassionately and learn to trust the ‘other’. I hope I have the courage to go forth and stand up for discrimination on all levels in our society, when I witness abuse to do what I can to stop the violence.”

“It was definitely a wake-up call for myself personally, as I had not really understood that by doing nothing, I was guilty of being complicit in racism.

After the training I went online and looked up some of Martin Luther King’s quotes. I did a project many years ago at school for my RE O Level about the anti-racism movement in the USA led by MLK. I had forgotten how passionate I used to be about equality, and equal rights for everyone. I was ashamed to realise how I have become so complacent about the racism in the UK that is still going on. The training has definitely changed the way I would like to behave in the future. I would like to become more Actively anti-racist.”

“I hope that though I live in this quiet area of Cornwall I will think more deeply of those less fortunate than I. Whether I can take it further is a question I will think about this course has put these problems to the fore”.

Some further thoughts by Friends

“I would value further discussion on how we as Quakers can apply the training in our Meetings in Cornwall. It would also seem relevant in exploring how we welcome all people whom we may see as ‘different’ from ourselves, and where bias and fear may affect our behaviour.”

“I found the session incredibly powerful, very moving and insightful. The leaders allowed us to be vulnerable to facilitate change within ourselves during that short session. The resources and ‘top tips’ mean we can carry on learning and challenge from a position of knowledge and facts. I will share my experience of the course and ask LM to buy the books for us to share.”

“Some other thoughts.... how to promote anti-racism with neutral/unsympathetic groups ? How do we show the gains/ demonstrate that there are no losses if we sort this? There are real fears out there - not just a ‘fascist’ thing imho. Can there be such a thing as a just immigration policy?”

“Is there a place for acknowledging/celebrating some Cornish history.... the sugar boycott started by Wesley (still going on today!! Only a couple of years ago I heard ‘Proper Cornish - doesn’t take sugar’) Also the lingering tales of black US soldiers over here for D day often receiving respect from UK whites they’d never had from whites at home....?”

And finally ;

“I can’t thank you enough for providing us with the opportunity to take part; It was inspirational and fitted perfectly with our self education plan.”

“However much one reads, nothing has the impact of lived experience which was the case here! Beresford being too scared to go out during G7...Evie’s experiences as a child *** and the student in Plymouth - powerful stuff!”

** Questions to remind oneself ; # IsThatHelpful? #IsThatRespectful?

*** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-devon-52984877>

Notes from BLMQAC (Black Lives Matter Quaker Alliance Cornwall)

BLMQAC and E&O’s hope to run a second ‘How to become actively anti-racist’ course in the near future for those Friends who weren’t able to attend the first course that ran in June of this year.

This is a 2-hour online course facilitated by Black Voices Cornwall. Participants on the first course found it very informative and stimulating.

Please contact Tony Faragher as soon as possible (tonyfaragher@msn.com) to book a place on the course or to ask for further details. The course is free to attend.

Black History Month

Are you aware that in the UK October was “Black History month”? Why a whole month for one ethnic group?

Black History is British history.

Black history month was officially recognised in the UK in 1987. People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been an important part of British history but their value and contribution to society has been largely overlooked or ignored. To address this UK schools began to focus specifically on Black History during each October. In 2014 however, Michael Gove then the Education Secretary, removed the curriculum’s explicit focus on racial and ethnic diversity, particularly within Britain. No longer a compulsory subject, the amount of time and resources used by schools to teach Black History is variable. Black Voices Cornwall has developed a black history curriculum for schools, supporting teachers to broaden Black History beyond teaching about slavery.

Black History month isn’t only for school children. It is a focus for TV, cultural events and media articles. We all benefit from Black History Month, we gain a broader understanding of Black Histories, going beyond racism and slavery to also spotlight Black achievement. It helps us all to see that Black History is also British history. We should be asking why every month isn’t Black History month.

Suggestions for reading:

“Black and British a forgotten history” by David Olusoga

“Black and British a short essential history” by David Olusoga Teenage readers

“Black and British an illustrated guide” by David Olusoga Young readers

“Staying Power: The History Of Black People In Britain” by Peter Fryer

“100 Great Black Britons” by Patrick Vernon, Angelina Osborne

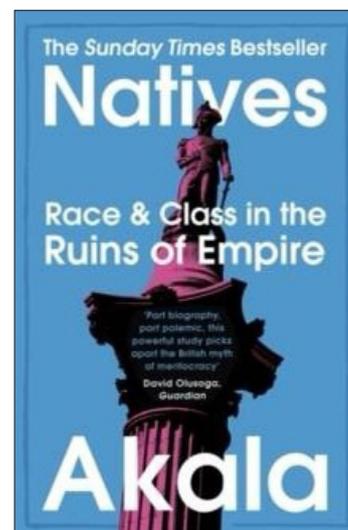
by Alison Meaton, Penzance Local Meeting

BLMQAC Reading Group

Our next BLMQAC reading group is planned for 11 January 2022 at 6.00pm. We will look further at 'Natives' by Akala and also at the autobiography of Benjamin Zephaniah: *The Life and Rhymes of Benjamin Zephaniah*. Don't worry if you don't get to read all of a book which we choose - you might choose one passage to focus on, for example. We are a friendly and supportive reading group and all Friends are welcome.

See below link to Zephaniah's website which refers to the book we have chosen. https://benjaminzephaniah.com/?doing_wp_cron=1635271202.8980219364166259765625

For further information please contact Voirrey, Alison, Alethea, Deborah, Jan, Tony Faragher or Lesley. *Black Lives Matter Quaker Alliance Cornwall*



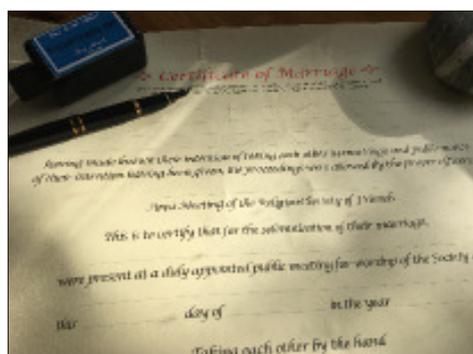
Quaker Weddings

From the earliest days, Friends were anxious to ensure that Quaker marriages were legally accepted and since 1753 Quaker weddings have been formally recognised by English law. In May this year, changes to marriage law made by Parliament came into force which require some changes to Quaker marriage arrangements. This note outlines the implications for Friends and Attenders who wish to be married in a Quaker Meeting for Worship.

The paper marriage registers formally kept by the Area Meeting Registering Officer (RO) have been withdrawn and ROs will no longer be able to issue certificates for use as the legal evidence of the marriage. These changes relate to the legal registration aspects of a wedding.

The Quaker requirements about holding a Meeting for Worship for a wedding remain the same. The signing of a Quaker Marriage Certificate as a record of the Meeting for Worship remains unchanged and Area and Local Meetings are still responsible for all the preparations and subsequent marriages which take place within the Area Meeting. Elders have special responsibility for the right holding and upholding of the marriage Meeting for Worship and the Registering Officer has a duty to ensure that the correct legal procedures have been met.

The RO will need to confirm that all the details on a Schedule provided by the local registrar are correct prior to the wedding Meeting for Worship. It is the Declarations which are made during that Meeting which will allow the Schedule to be signed and witnessed and accepted by the RO for return to the local register office where details will be entered into the electronic register. 21 days after that has been done a printed marriage certificate will be available from the register office.



I will be pleased to answer and queries which individuals or meetings have about the new arrangements. I know that many Friends will be concerned about the withdrawal of the marriage registers which provide an historical record of Quaker weddings, and I will be trying to source a suitable hardback book to use as an informal register for future Area Meetings weddings.

By Terry Faull - appointed as Cornwall Area Meeting Registering Officer at September AM
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New history book on Quaker Doctors in Georgian Bristol

I've just written a non-profit book about the importance of Quakers as medical practitioners in Bristol during the 18th and early 19th centuries. I think it will be of great interest to Friends throughout the South West.

Its full title is 'Pills, Shocks & Jabs - the Remarkable Dissenting Doctors of Georgian Bristol'. The book explores how religious dissenters, mainly Quakers, defied establishment prejudice against them to become some of Bristol's most prominent and successful physicians, surgeons and apothecaries. They achieved this by mutual cooperation and by practising shared moral values within a tiny but close-knit religious and social community.

Main characters include: Joseph Fry (an apothecary originally making chocolate for its alleged medicinal benefit to his patients); Dr Abraham Ludlow (jabs specialist who led the introduction to Bristol of free smallpox vaccinations); Dr Edward Long Fox (great reformer of brutal "madhouses" for the mentally ill); Ann Till Adams (ran a thriving chemist's shop despite, as a woman, being denied formal medical training); and Dr Thomas Pole (American physician who combined man-midwifery in Bristol with being a travelling Quaker minister and talented artist).

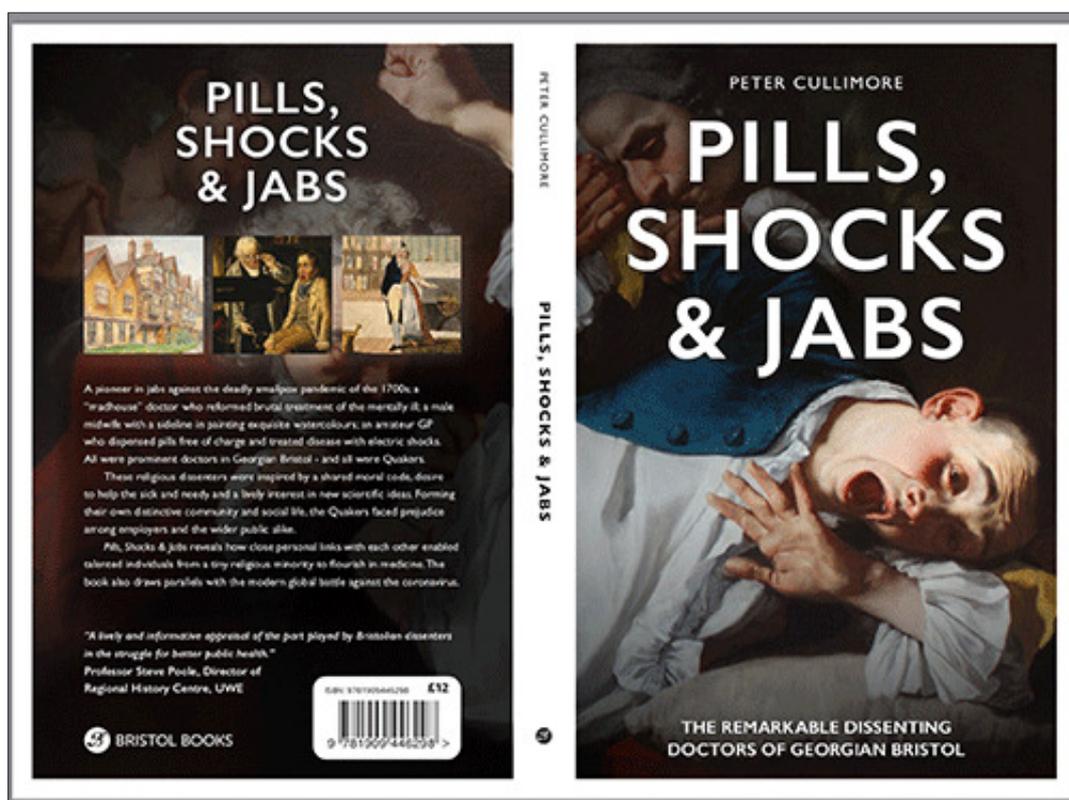
Although my book is mostly about Bristol, Cornwall does feature. The pioneering mental health reformer Edward Long Fox was the son of a family doctor in Falmouth, where the pair worked together as a medical partnership for a while. It all makes the book a gripping and enjoyable read for the whole region. (Despite their name, they were not related to George Fox.)

I'm a retired health journalist turned local historian. Although not a Quaker myself, I hope you're able to spread the word about my book among your Friends throughout Cornwall.

'Pills, Shocks & Jabs' is published on a not-for-profit basis by Bristol Books and priced at £12.

Copies are available via your local independent bookshop, or the Quaker Bookshop in London (ISBN number: 9781909446298), or you can order the book directly from the publishers on their website www.bristolbooks.org and they will post it to you.

Peter Cullimore
(Author)



Truro Local Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Annual Review October 2020 - September 2021

Truro Meeting has continued to worship either via Zoom or in a simple, blended format. We have regularly seen 4-6 Friends on screen and numbers at the Meeting House have been between 10 and 16. We have welcomed several visitors and new attenders and had a Friend accepted into membership. We have also been saddened not to see some Friends as they confront difficult life changes; we truly miss them.

In spite of technology issues, we have aimed to remain as *one* Meeting. Blended worship has:- enabled Friends who have been shielding or in poor health to be included in our Meetings for Worship and for Business; brought longstanding Friends back into the fold; enabled those who live beyond Cornwall to maintain a link to us and allowed role-holders to meet together online. We know that technology brings challenges as well as hinting at new ways of being and doing.

Our Care Group is now reduced to two Friends, with the LM Clerk assisting ex-officio. We have found it both a privilege and a struggle to try to keep everyone connected and in contact throughout the Covid pandemic. However, small networks of Friends have emerged who look out for each other and, somehow, tabs are kept on how most of us are. We gather news of Friends each week to send out to everyone. Each weekend, a suggested reading or reflection is circulated, often linked to a topical theme. A small group of us meets on Wednesday evenings for a mid-week Zoom chat. We feel uplifted to be able to share news and laughter. Every two-three months a spiritual newsletter is published and many of us have discovered something new. A bring-your-own picnic in July was well-attended and a highlight for many of us.

Truro Friends have been active at Area Meeting level, serving on Nominations Committee, as AM Membership Clerk, as Trustees, in Safeguarding, on SusQuiC and as AM Treasurer. One Friend participated in the Black Lives Matter training earlier this year. Many of us are currently unable to travel far, but we have taken an active interest in Area Meeting activities and held



Friends in the Light when they act under concern. We have a longstanding link to the IVDT charity in India and were keen to raise money for a partner charity in Delhi when the pandemic was at its worst there.

We are very slowly beginning to discern what being a Simpler Meeting entails - out of necessity, as there are fewer Friends to "do all the jobs" - hopeful that we can find a way forward together.

Report to Area Meeting, September 2021

WATCH THIS SPACE !

I wonder how often you have heard someone say: "If only I had found out about Quakers earlier in my life." We can be very hard to find, but now that looking for something usually means turning to Google, it should be much easier.

The only snag is that the Southwest Quakers Website will greet you with the words 'scheduled closure'. One enquirer looking for Marazion Meeting thought that meant our Meeting was closing down, rather than the website!

Yes! The old website is closing soon.

Times have changed and what people expect to find on their screen is very different now. As an enquirer I would not expect to be told on the first page: "Quakers have 42 Advices and Queries." Yes, we do, and we love them, but is this the right note to strike?

Knowing that we need a new website for Cornwall Quakers, a group of us has, with Area Meeting's blessing, been looking at how other Meetings present Quakerism to see if we can encourage rather than harangue. The whole visual presentation of websites has developed rapidly in the last few years. We need to keep up with it technically and The Quaker Meetings Network is giving us the tools so that we can show people who we are and what we do.

Our aim is to develop the new Cornwall site in two stages:

The first stage will be to present ourselves to enquirers and provide basic information (and live maps!) to help people find our Meetings. We shall include links to the national website, but our own pages will be very much about Quakers in Cornwall with photos of us and our concerns.

The second stage will be to develop an 'intranet' i.e. a secure area of the website where members and attenders can find news of events and special interest groups. We hope this will enable Area Meeting to reduce the avalanche of emails that descend on all of us whilst still providing the information. This phase will allow every local meeting to have control of its own website page or pages. This will be as user friendly as we can make it. We do not want to add fresh burdens and we will try to help where needed.

This is all very exciting, but please be patient. There are only five of us (plus of course Pip Harris, who will make sure we keep a strong link with Devon).

On behalf of Chris Bevington, Jackie Carpenter, Lesley Easton, Clare Robison,

By Tony Fitt, Convenor of the Quakers in Cornwall new website group



From 22nd November you will be welcome to visit our new website:

Quakers

in

Cornwall

The new website of
Cornwall Area Meeting

www.quakersincornwall.org.uk

DSEI Defence and Security Equipment International

A brief account of my experience going to London to take part in the Stop the Arms Fair....

Held every two years in London. DSEI is one of the world's largest arms fairs. This year it was from September 14th - 17th and well over 30,000 dealers and buyers attended.



The UK government promotes and supports the UK arms industry in production and selling their products all over the world. Of the list of 53 countries classified as "not free" the UK has sold arms to 39 of them. During those three days more than 1,600+ arms companies were displaying their wares

from bombs to helicopters, warships to drones, tear gas to varied instruments of repression. BAE systems is the UK's largest arms company. In 2020 they had revenues of £19.28 billion, their vast array of weapons is used all over the world.

This year the action organised by Pax Christi and QPSW was not blocking the entry of products for sale but trying to be a presence and give light on those who were attending.

Despite the wet weather and Covid restrictions there was still a good and colourful gathering of protestors. There was singing and moving talks from those on the receiving end of the violence and misery these arms promote. Meaningful conversations were had with both other protestors and those attending the fair.

The candle light vigil was a moving and powerful experience. Only 100 people were allowed through to the Excel site, which was a smaller number that had previously been agreed upon. So 2/3 of us were outside the fence. In fact the high wire fence that divided us, united the circle much more than if we had been together and symbolised the barriers, walls and divisions that war creates.

During the three days of action I was able to join one of the largest and united actions, which was the "Stop arming Israel" march. It was hugely impactful and well attended, marching from Forest Gate to Central Park in East Ham. It was well organised and attended by so many different peoples, all well behaved and had plenty of support from pedestrians and motorists!

There was a small camp at the loading gate at Excel and it was here that a brave individual managed to scale a high well-guarded fence and climb on top of one of the helicopters that was on display. He had been quiet and thoughtful earlier as we helped to prepare the vegetables being cooked for a curry that evening, looking back we then knew why.



Despite not getting much coverage in the media, it was a good experience, testing out our right to gather in public. But I was sad that I had to return on the 15th September and so missed the pilgrimage from Friends House walking to Piccadilly where many arms companies have their London Offices, unmarked and anonymous looking. The group stopped at each office and read relevant quotes and held those working there in the light. That would have been an amazing action to have been part of.



Sadiq Khan has indicated that the next DSEI in 2023 should not be held in London. We wait to see if there will be a follow-up or whether it will be business as usual.

By Lucy Zawadzki, Come-to-Good Local Meeting



Update: Pip Harris Quaker Life Local Worker

Continuing in role for a while yet

I came into role in September 2016, five years ago now. Quaker Life is still settling in to its new structure; during the pandemic I have been kept busy, working with new colleagues and helping a little more outside the SW too. Like the sound advice given to all Friends holding Quaker roles, I am not expecting to continue much beyond two triennia. The team forming will continue for much of next year, and I hope to remain in post into 2023 partly to support this process ...

Remember “Our Faith in the Future”:

Before the local workers were even in role, we were introduced to an essential document called “*Our Faith in the Future*”, which became a touchstone for us, and it continues to be so. It starts with the words:

Facing turbulent times, Quakers in Britain seek a future where ... [leading on to six hoped for statements of how we hope to be as Quaker Communities]

Little did the main Quakers across Britain contributing to this vision in 2015 know quite what turbulent times were ahead.

Turbulent times and overwhelm:

Early on I started to explore and understand more deeply the many and interlinking pressures that mean that many Quaker Meetings are feeling a little unsteady – whether it be in finding names to bring forward to Nominations; how to discern the best way to maintain channels of communication; how to link and support role holders; or how best to continue to learn and share together ... and more.

The pandemic has accelerated and accentuate some of these pressures and their effects.

And meanwhile the pressing external concerns shout for our attention: from YMG, the global Climate Emergency, how to be anti-racist communities, and from our young Friends particularly a plea to understand ‘gender diversity’ and be truly welcoming. And many of us feel pushed to act on other concerns as individuals and groups: our varied “Faith in Action”.

I had hoped to be able to work with you on some topics identified earlier in the year: some more ambitious plans around “*Learning, Understanding and Sharing in the Spirit*” and of how we fit with the wider “Britain Yearly Meeting – Quakers in Britain”. But that has felt too much to bring it back as a wider topic at Area Meeting at the moment ...

It is too much for many of us: our energies and resilience is low... So what to do?

When facing a very difficult situation, a dear colleague once gave me some sound advice: “*Don’t stop bailing ... when it feels like you are emptying an ocean, just concentrate on ‘one saucerpan at a time’*”. In other words keep going with the essentials. As the first paragraph of “Our Faith in the Future” suggests . “*in Turbulent times ... seek a future where Meeting for worship is the bedrock ...*” The pandemic has of course had a profound effect on how we worship: it might still feel ‘not quite the same’, it might have become less frequent, hardly there, or you may have found exciting and totally different ways of coming together.

We are encouraged to hold to knowing that the Spirit is the source of strength and guidance for everything we do. If we are feeling distant from each other and divided, then there is work for us all to do. I’ve expressed this before as the first of the ‘ABC’ of the Quaker Way, or the first of the three legs of the stool.

To help this there is a “RESTORE” framework that has been used by many school communities, and ever the plagiarist I have used this to suggest a way of having conversations about where we find ourselves 18 months into the pandemic.

It focuses on the recent months and our experiences & the effects on us. It then looks ahead to how we would like to be as a result of the experiences going forward (still facing uncertainties of course). If you are interested in this then please think about how your Meeting might be able to work on something together - do have a conversation with me – it is one of the reasons I’m here and I do enjoy a conversation in the midst of so many emails!

In friendship, Pip 12/09/21

Pip Harris Pronouns: she/her Local development worker for West Somerset, Devon & Cornwall Quaker Life piph@quaker.org.uk | www.quaker.org.uk Mobile: 07422 973 089

Restoring Conversations – where are we now?			
‘RESTORE’ is a lens through which communities can look at what is needed in these ‘turbulent times’. There are seven key areas to focus on and to discern around in order to move forward together in these uncertain months. The areas intersect, interconnect and affect each other, as we all do.			
R	Recognition of our experiences the pandemic: different, life-changing for many and significant for us all.	Recognise: How do we share our stories?	This part focuses on the recent past and our experiences & its effects on us.
E	Empathy for the mix of emotions that we have in response to events at home, in our Quaker communities and in the wider world.	Empathise: How can we respond with empathy, compassion and self-care, whatever our stage of life and personal health?	
S	Feeling safe is paramount, both emotional and physical.	Build a sense of Safety : How do we re-establish a sense of safety so that all Friends are able to worship and all are able to feel part of our Quaker communities?	
T	Trauma as a result of pandemic is now a collective as well as an individual experience. It is continuing.	Reflect on our trauma : how does our Quaker community process this? How do we support people who have experienced very particular traumas during lockdown?	
O	We have an opportunity to change what needs to be changed, to reflect on what matters to us and if we’d like to do anything differently.	Take hold of this opportunity : Despite possible low energies how do we learn from this experience, perhaps questioning even seemingly fixed aspects of our Quaker worship, community and faith in action?	This part looks ahead to how we would like to be as a result of the experiences going forward (still facing uncertainties of course)
R	Relationships are key, as they always have been. Reconnecting after times apart.	How do we reconnect , and (re-)build inclusive, responsive relationships at all levels in our communities? Were we as good at building these relationships in the past as we would like to have been?	
E	Engagement in our own spiritual health and living out our Quakerism in the wider world: the issues facing us locally and globally.	How do we foster a community that engages with the challenges faced by Britain Yearly Meeting as it looks at becoming an anti-racist, diverse community facing a world in a climate emergency?	

Dear Friends,

When we wrote to you last year, we hoped the pandemic would be behind us by now. We looked forward to coming together in person at Yearly Meeting Gathering and to seeing our trading activities bounce back. Sadly, this hasn't happened.



It has been a year of contrasts. We have faced the challenges of Covid-19 and seen our Quaker meeting houses, Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall close for long periods. But we have also seen rapid change, with innovative forms of Quaker worship and witness.

Because of a reduction in income at Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall, we have to make savings. But our determination to support and deliver Quaker work is unchanged.

- Hundreds of Quakers have taken part in preparations for COP26, coordinated by our Sustainability and Social Justice team.
- In May we held an online conference that looked at how education can create sustainable peace and heal divisions. We were joined by over 500 people from 63 countries.
- In August more than 1,000 Friends came together online for Yearly Meeting Gathering.

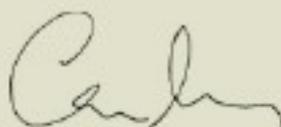
Sustaining this work is a challenge. A loss of £2 million in trading income means we cannot continue to run a deficit and draw on reserves. Meetings, members and attenders increased their giving by 50 per cent last year. If this can be maintained, it will make a huge difference.

Quaker work needs Quakers' financial support.

Some are better able to contribute than others. If we all give what we can afford, we can support Quaker work equitably. Help us ensure that Quaker communities thrive and that Quaker voices are heard.

In Friendship,

Go to
www.quaker.org.uk/giving



Caroline Nursey
Clerk of BYM Trustees



Paul Parker
Recording Clerk

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



Our next Area Meeting is to be held by Zoom on Saturday 13th November 2021. It will be hosted by Truro Local Meeting.

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I shall continue to print newsletters and send them to local meetings and will print more if requested. Let me know if there is a Friend in your local meeting who would appreciate a printed copy this time.

Dates for your diary

COP26 events

Saturday 6th November, march in Truro with Quaker banner. See page 17.

Also Greenpeace march in Penzance.

Area Meetings

(Host meeting shown in brackets.)

Saturday 13th November 2021, (Truro)

Sunday 16th January 2022, (Liskeard)

Saturday 12th March 2022, (Penzance)

Saturday 7th May 2022, (St Austell)

Sunday 10th July 2022, (Marazion)

Saturday 10th September 2022, (Falmouth)

Saturday 12th Nov. 2022, (Come to Good)

Sunday 15th January 2023, (Bude)

Saturday 11th March 2023, (Truro)

Other dates to note

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th November, open studios at Krowji. See page 23.

Tuesday 11 January 2022 at 6pm: BLMQAC reading group. See page 28.

This statement comes in George Fox's letter to ministers, which he sent in 1656 when he was in prison in Launceston in Cornwall:

Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone.

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter by end of November 2021. News from your Local Meeting; short insights; poems; pictures (as separate jpegs please); weighty articles (but **brief**) - all are welcome. Please send by email, & put "Quaker newsletter" in the subject line. Thank you. jackie@friendshipcohousing.org.uk 07592 741 065