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G7 Summit came to Cornwall in June

The G7 summit was held in West Cornwall on 11th, 12th and 13th June. We know it caused disruption to roads and the coast path but do we know what this meeting was all about?

G7 is an organisation made up of the world's seven richest nations: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. The UK government announced that the focus for this year's G7 summit was to be on global trade, strengthening global response for any future pandemics and tackling climate change. And so it was. But despite the large numbers of non-violent demonstrations crying out "Put Climate First", the leaders came to no significant conclusion to change the way the world is heading. There are more pictures and articles inside.



This picture was taken on 22nd May, 3 weeks before the G7 summit, when nearly 30 Quakers and friends met on the beach at Marazion with St Michael's Mount in the background. The picture is being widely used, featuring on the front page of the national Quaker website, and being used as a link between the G7 event in Cornwall and the COP26 event to come.

Editorial I am sorry that personal circumstances have prevented me from completing this issue in a timely way, so it is nearly five months since Number 19. Apologies! Some of the articles in this issue are therefore some months old, but all are worth reading.

Quakers in Cornwall have certainly been in the spotlight recently, with several articles in the national Quaker magazine, "The Friend". I have reproduced these in full here, in case you missed them. The picture above has become something of a national icon.

It is heart-warming to have a contribution from children in this issue, and we have a wide range of subjects too, even though stories of our G7 witness take up many pages.

There is much going on in the "Quakers in Cornwall" world, so I shall aim for another issue in early September. Please send in your articles and pictures within the next few weeks.

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

Cornwall Area Meetings

Area Meetings were held by Zoom on 13th March, 8th May and 10th July, all as Zoom meetings. The next Area Meeting will be held on Saturday 11th September, arranged by Bude Local Meeting. Unfortunately, Bude Meeting is unable to supply a clerk.

The clerk of the Area Meeting in July, Graham Marsden said, "Please put in an advert for the next clerk in large red letters." So here goes:

Please consider volunteering to be the Area Meeting Clerk for 11th September 2021

Area Meeting is looking for a Friend with clerking experience to act as clerk from the present date until the Area Meeting in the 9th month (September), then assistant clerk until the Area Meeting in the 11th month (November). Your freely given service will be supported and upheld by Friends of Cornwall Area Meeting and hopefully it will be a joy to you to be of service in this way.

Communication about Cornwall Area Meeting

The following minute was put forward by Trustees and accepted by Area Meeting on 10th July 2021:

Any Friend as an individual Quaker may communicate their personal views and experiences. However, if a report, press release or similar relating to an event approved by Area Meeting is to be communicated then that communication should be submitted to Area Meeting or its appointed representative(s) and signed as appropriate before its release.

Please email Simon Ewart, Clerk to Nominations Committee, with your offer to volunteer. simonofskewjack@gmail.com

New Cornwall Area Meeting Website Coming Soon!

See Pip's article on pages 16 & 17.

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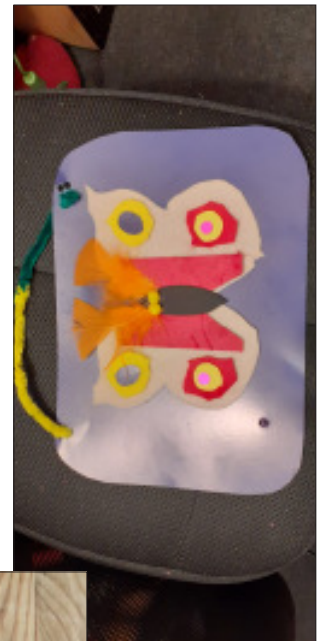
Do you take part as often as you can in meetings for church affairs? Are you familiar enough with our church government to contribute to its disciplined processes? Do you consider difficult questions with an informed mind as well as a generous and loving spirit? Are you prepared to let your insights and personal wishes take their place alongside those of others or be set aside as the meeting seeks the right way forward? If you cannot attend, uphold the meeting prayerfully.

Some of us are video stars!

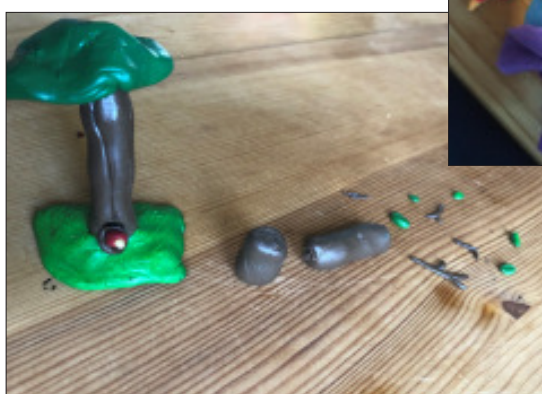
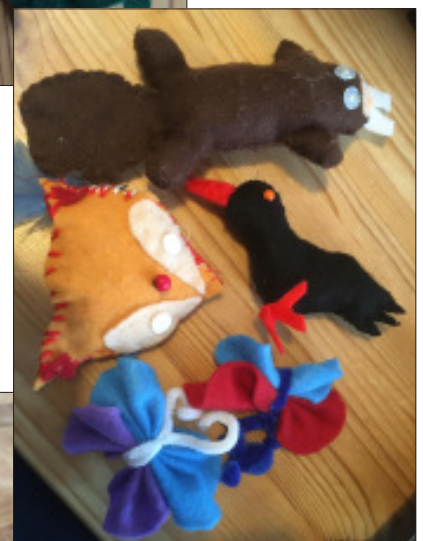
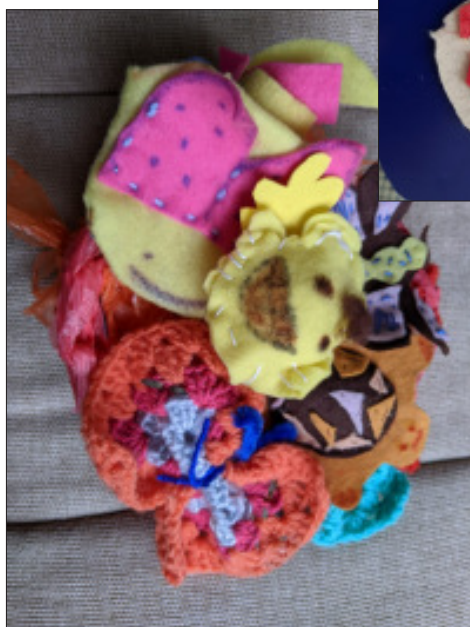
This year, instead of the usual email thank you that BYM staff send to regular donors, the fundraising team decided to do a video message from Paul Parker instead. Several Cornwall Friends feature in the video. How many can you spot? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0YPIWkX_CM

Protesting about Climate Change through Craftivism

Some time ago, me and my friends at Falmouth Quaker meeting met on Zoom to do some craftivism. We found out that craftivism is activism through craft and it is a type of peaceful protest. We made felt animals and other nature related arts and crafts for example, one of my friends made an animal mask. Our protest was about climate change because we all care about it greatly. Next, we took photos and wrote letters to send to our MPs. One family went in person to drop off their craft to George Eustice's office and the other bundles of crafts are on their way to Cheryllyn Mackrory. We hope we get a response! Craftivism and peaceful protest feels like a really good thing to be doing especially with friends.



*By Flo aged 10,
Falmouth Quaker
meeting*



Liskeard Local Meeting Annual Review to Area Meeting, March 2021

Meetings for Worship

The date of our last Annual Report to Area Meeting, on 15.3.2020 was also the date of our last 'normal' Meeting for Worship. Since then, we have held hour long Sunday Meetings by Zoom averaging 7 Friends (now rising), (but 17 attending at least once) and, while it was allowed and discerned, held 14 simple Blended Meetings. In-person attendance averaged 5 or 6, but 10 came at least once, held in the Quimperle Room, where we met years ago – it does not have wheelchair access but the traffic noise in our usual room (and another we tried) with windows kept open made Meeting very difficult, and interfered with sound via Zoom too. We have been very fortunate with the support and arrangements of the Public Hall.

We are aware that some Friends are unable, or have not wished, to participate in either the in-



The usual layout for Blended Meetings showing the laptops for the Zoom link.

person part of Blended or in Zoom Meetings. Several hold at least part of the Hour at home, or outside. However, Zoom has been an enabler to one Friend now moved to Austria and to another who would now not be able to attend as she cares for her husband (another dear Friend), and we shall need to remember this when we get 'back to normal'.

We hold about half an hour's 'Afterwards' time from 11.30 (with some Friends joining just for this), and share reflections on our Worship, together with notices and news of Friends.

Our A&Q monthly reading rota has been reviewed to include newer and different Friends.

Friends: loss, request to prepare a Testimony, growth, service

Our dear Elder, William (Bill) Brown, died at home on Good Friday 2020, aged almost 102. He and Liz had attended Meeting regularly until the Coronavirus outbreak began. We have minuted that we wish to prepare a Testimony to the Grace of God in his Life, and ask Area Meeting today to support this request. Several longstanding Friends, including Liz, have moved and/or are in ill-health. However, we have welcomed two new members by conviction (Cornwall AM routes 2 and 3), and one transfer in, and have a new attender (who had made enquiries through the swquakers website, which we're glad we kept up to date). We also welcome a young attender/enquirer studying comparative religion at University.

Friends able to take on service in or on behalf of our Local Meeting have been limited, and currently several Friends take on more than one role, but this might well improve.

Our Local Meeting – our Elder and Overseer both finish at least a 2nd triennium at the end of 2021 and we plan to consider our provision of Eldership and Oversight well before then. We have Clerk (served 5 years), an a Treasurer (2nd year, but had served 13 before a break) who is also our Newsletter editor, a Librarian, and a QPSW (Quaker Peace and Social Witness) contact.

As part of AM we provide a Friend on Nominations, a Trustee, a SusQIC (Sustainability Group) rep., a Children and Young People contact and a Safeguarding Friend, but no-one on Premises.

Halbathic Burial Ground is being developed as wildflower garden, but we know the importance of maintenance of the trees and the walls with their attached burial stones. One Friend now scythes twice yearly and keeps a regular check, and others actively support the upkeep.

Newsletter and other communication

The Fountain is our monthly Newsletter, sent out by email or in hard copy, and helps to keep all our Friends in touch and aware. The Communication Chain seems to work well and we try to keep in personal email and/or phone contact with Friends who are prevented from Meetings. Several Friends have remarked that Zoom Meetings have actually increased both our knowledge and understanding of each other, and our appropriate sharing of news of Friends prevented.

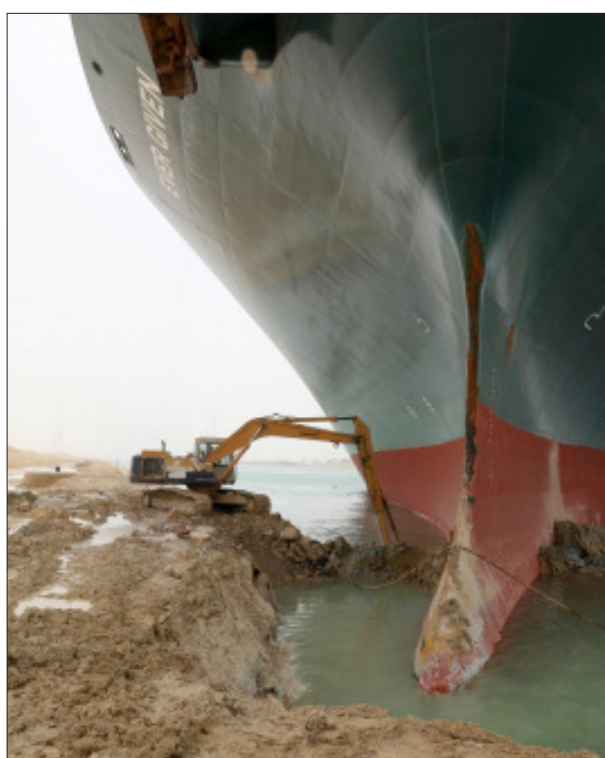
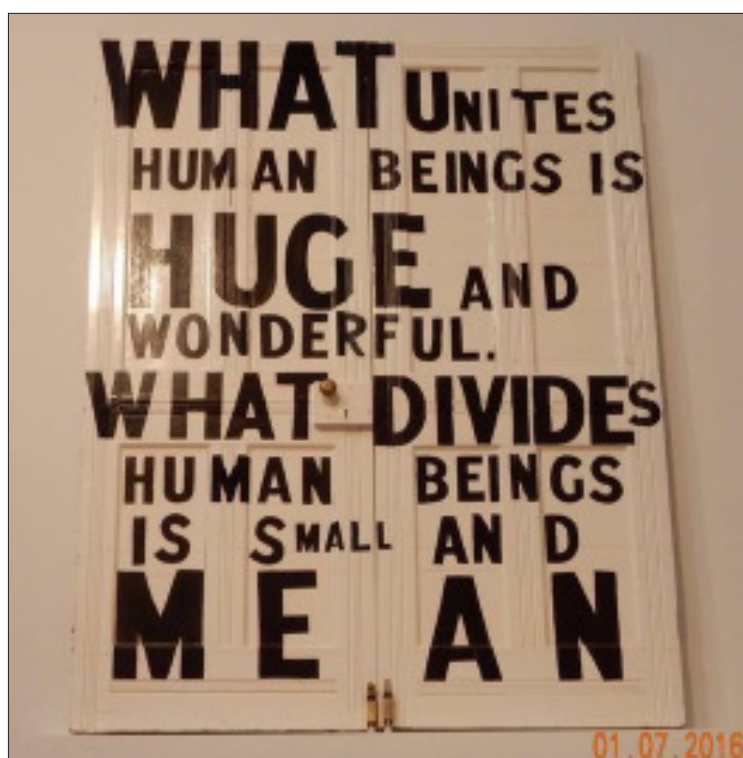
Meetings for Learning – A planned Meeting on Unity and Diversity was postponed a year ago, and there had been a hiatus, but recently some of us have discussed and contributed our thoughts on a Quaker Climate Vision for Cornwall, and nine of us joined a deeply moving Zoom session on ‘Sharing our Quaker Journeys’. A Meeting on what we mean by ‘holding in the Light’ is planned for late March.

Some Friends have attended on-line Learning eg) Woodbrooke day courses. Community Involvement : Churches Together in Liskeard has, sadly, shared very little this year, and other involvement has been limited in the current context. We have continued to write as individuals and as a Local Meeting to our Member of Parliament on issues, although so far the responses have been very predictable.

Charity support

We continue to collect for a chosen charity each two months. We add the money which would normally have been spent on rent to this. We continue to support Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support (where one of our Friends volunteers) too.

It is a time of change and development, sadness and joy for Liskeard Meeting, even without the Covid context, but we feel that we are more than ‘ticking over’ pastorally, with Faith in Action, and spiritually.



COP26 walk on April 10th

These photos were taken on our “Journey to COP26” walk on April 10th. We walked from Penzance to Marazion MH along the coast . This was especially significant as the path that we walked will be covered by the rising sea by 2040. We held a short but deeply moving Meeting for Worship in the garden, our silence being lovingly caressed by the beautiful sound of early spring birds.

By Lyn McLachlan, Marazion Local Meeting





*Meeting for Worship in
the garden of Marazion
Meeting House*



Let Yourself Be Useless

Prayer is not a way of being busy with God instead of with people. In fact, it unmasks the illusion of busyness, usefulness, and indispensability. It is a way of being empty and useless in the presence of God and so of proclaiming our basic belief that all is grace and nothing is simply the result of hard work. Indeed, wasting time for God is an act of ministry, because it reminds us ... that God is free to touch anyone regardless of our well-meant efforts. Prayer as an articulate way of being useless in the face of God brings a smile to all we do and creates humour in the midst of our occupations and preoccupations. Thinking about my own prayer, I realize how easily I make it into a little seminar with God, during which I want to be useful by reading beautiful prayers, thinking profound thoughts, and saying impressive words. I am obviously still worried about the grade! It indeed is a hard discipline to be useless in God's presence and to let God speak in the silence of my heart. But whenever I become a little useless I know that God is calling me to a new life beyond the boundaries of my usefulness.

By Henri J M Nouwen, The Living Reminder



Marazion Meeting Annual Report to Cornwall Area Meeting May 2020 - April 2021

Our report last year ended with a note of our establishing Zoom Meetings for Worship and making available daily Zoom chatroom sessions so we could keep in touch with one another and share news of Friends, issues and concerns as our understandings of the pandemic and the way we were being affected by it developed. More recently, that has been reduced to a weekly chatroom opportunity, but it has been little used of late.

When they began, our Zoom Meetings for Worship lasted forty-five minutes so that Friends might become familiar with the experience and then in February 2021 they were extended to the more usual hour. We held one or two all-age Zoom Meetings for Worship, with ideas from our young people themselves. Though we have not recently held any, we remain open to suggestions.

In May 2020 we tested out Zoom Meetings for Worship for Business, aiming to hold them as required rather than on a strict monthly basis. We have, in the event, held one almost every month. Like the rest of the world, we have become very familiar with Zoom and have done our best to make use of it in a Quakerly fashion. We try not to shout, "You're muted" too often into the silence!

Marazion Meeting House had no internet connection at the outset and so we purchased a 4G router so that we could obtain a connection via a mobile phone network. We already had a projector which could be connected to a laptop and also a screen, so it became possible later in the year to include the Meeting House in Meetings for Worship, even if only one Friend was present – as Zoom host. When risk assessments and detailed plans for the limited re-opening of the Meeting House were completed by our Covid-19 Group, and permission granted by Area Meeting Trustees, we were able to hold blended Meetings for Worship from 11 October, accommodating up to eleven Friends in the Meeting House in person and able to see others joining via Zoom.

We purchased hanging microphones, a high-definition camera and an audio interface giving higher quality sound and vision from the Meeting House such that ministry from Friends there could be more clearly heard (and seen). This has not always been successful and the 4G internet signal at Marazion has presented problems from time to time. We are still learning and taking note of the experiences of other Meetings. We have valued being joined by Friends who had not been able to attend in person before the pandemic and we are sure that blended Meetings will be a welcome lasting legacy of it.

After the interruption caused by the lockdown at the end of last year, we reverted to one Friend being in the Meeting House and other Friends using Zoom. Then, having reviewed our risk assessments and seating plans, we were able to re-open the Meeting House from 4 April this year. We have still kept contact with those Friends who either do not have or do not wish to use the technology to enable them to join a Zoom Meeting for Worship. We are anxious not to create different varieties of "Friend". At present, a "Beacon of Hope" baton is circulating around all Marazion Friends. This is a tube in which Friends are invited to place a written message of their hopes for the future beyond the pandemic and then pass the baton to another Friend. At a suitable future event all the messages will be compiled and shared.

One unexpected result of our Zoom connection at the beginning of this year was an approach from a member of Cornwall (New York) Meeting asking if our respective Meetings could join together in Meeting for Worship. (The New York Friend had visited Marazion on holiday some years ago.) This we did on 24 January with two New York Friends joining our Meeting for Worship (at 5.30 am their time!) and nine Marazion Friends joining the Cornwall Meeting later in the day. We are looking forward to developing the relationship.

There have been a number of changes of role in the past twelve months. Theresa Byrne laid down her role as Area Nominations Representative and this has been taken up by Jo Wren and Alan Newton. Theresa also laid down her liaison role with our Area Meeting Membership Clerk regarding membership issues and this has been taken up by Tony Fitt and our co-clerks, Geoff Watson and Alan Newton. Our SusQIC rep is now Theresa Byrne, after Lyn McLachlan laid down the role. Lyn is also now joint rather than sole editor of our newsletter, The Beacon, having been joined by Samson Thompson. Lyn has also taken on the role of sending birthday greetings to our younger members, succeeding Jean Redfearn.

Sadly, we recorded the deaths of two Friends in the course of the year – Roy Valentine in May and Peter Lang in November.

Jackie Carpenter had kept us informed of developments regarding her hopes and plans for a cohousing project and we were pleased to hear the news that a number of people including four Friends had begun to move into “Maningham” at Illogan during March. Some Marazion Friends have already been to visit the grounds and the links will grow as government guidelines change.

At the beginning of the year we were dismayed to hear the news of the misogynistic and racist treatment of the Mayor of Penzance, Cllr Nicole Broadhurst, following the removal of Union flags which had been hoisted on the Penzance promenade flagpoles without permission. As a Meeting we wrote a letter of support.

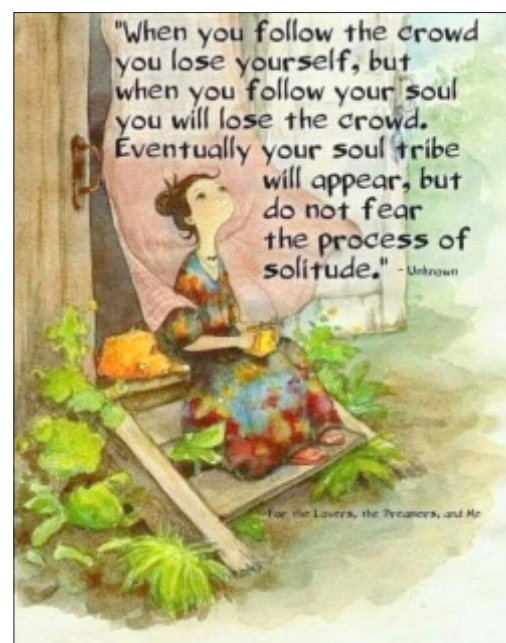
It has been difficult, of course, to hold events as a Meeting although once guidelines permitted a number of Marazion Friends joined by members of other local churches took part in a “Journey to COP 26 Walk” on 10 April. The walk (socially distanced) was from Penzance Station, along the beach at low tide to Marazion, culminating in a short act of worship in the garden of the Meeting House and thinking ahead to the international COP 26 international climate conference to be held in Glasgow in November.

Parking has remained an issue for Marazion Friends coming to Meeting as it is for many Meetings. Recently the management of the public car parks in Marazion run by St Aubyn Estates has been put in the hands of a third party, with camera controlled parking bays and ticket machines rather than parking attendants. St Aubyn Estates have graciously granted us ten Sunday parking permits so that Friends may come to Meeting for Worship without incurring a parking fee.

We look forward to being able to open the Meeting House more fully and host events over the summer as restrictions are hopefully lifted, not least in connection with our fund-raising towards the cost (£147,000) of the agreed works to be carried out on the Meeting House. As our 2019 – 2020 reporting year came to an end we had just been granted £15,000 by Cornwall Area Meeting and we ourselves had agreed to use £15,000 of our funds. Since then, we have applied for and received grants from Britain Yearly Meeting and a number of grant-making trusts. We recently appealed in The Friend and the Friends Quarterly and, as a result, over forty Meetings and a considerable number of individual Friends have responded, all bringing the total to date to £116,000.

Finally, we have just discovered that for many a long year we seem to have given out our address incorrectly. We thought we were to be found at Beacon Road, Marazion, TR17 0HF. It turns out that the Post Office records the Meeting House officially as at Back Lane, Marazion, TR17 0HE. Who knew! Apparently not the postman.

By Geoff Watson, Co-clerk Marazion Local Meeting, April 2021



Marazion Meeting House

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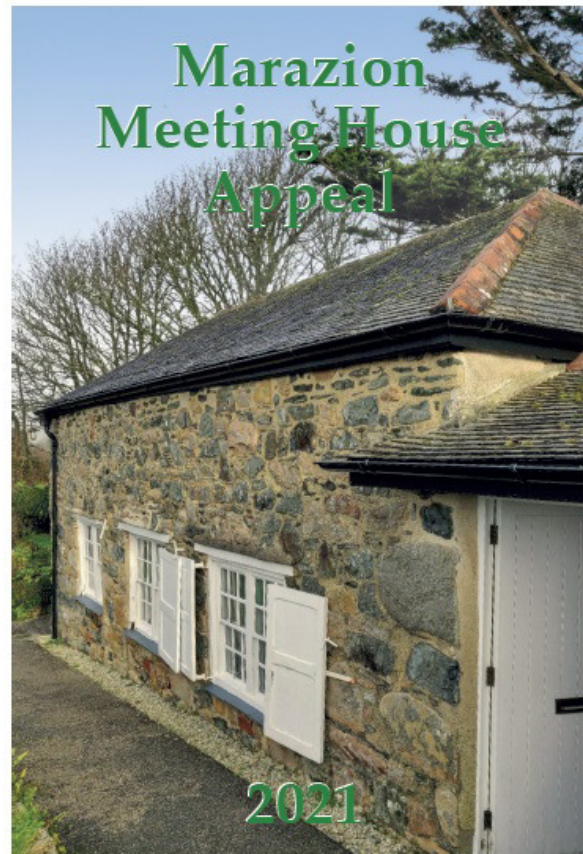
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We have heard from Mike Berris (Convener, Fundraising Group, Marazion Local Meeting) that to date all but £2,000 has been raised through our appeal for contributions to enable us to carry out the agreed works to Marazion Meeting House. More recently we have been advised by our surveyors, Scott & Co. that the boundary wall of the Meeting House grounds along Back Lane is in urgent need of repair at an estimated cost of £20,000. Rather than set up a separate appeal for wall repairs, the Fundraising Group originally appointed by the Meeting approached individual Friends and Local Meetings in Cornwall, who had already generously contributed to the appeal, to ask if they would be willing for their donations to be applied to the cost of repairing

the wall so that the appeal to grant-making trusts could continue to focus on the works to the Meeting House itself. So far, all individual donors concerned, and two Local Meetings have given their consent. We also await the result of our application to the National Churches Trust expected in November. Based on advice from our Environmental Consultant, (Dr Janine Bright), Scott & Co have been instructed to ask S.J. Quick, our agreed contractor, to prepare to begin work in April 2022 and to advise us of any change to the contract price agreed by us in March 2020. We thank our Fundraising Group and our Treasurer for their work.



Comments from donors to Marazion Meeting House Appeal

Your appeal in "The Friend" appealed to me. I had happy times in your part of Cornwall in the 1990s. I wasn't a Friend in those days, so I never visited the Meeting House, but I can see why it is so dear to so many. Anon.

My husband and I spent our very happy honeymoon in Marazion in 1957. We spent some subsequent holidays there with our children. It is a special place to me. With every good wish. AIB, Worsborough, Barnsley

Our Meeting House in the middle of Cirencester is dated 1673 and is also Grade II*, so we know how expensive but important it is to keep it in good repair. However, we are lucky that we do not have coastal weather to deal with. JG, Treasurer Cirencester

I have many happy memories from a pre-war holiday in Perranporth to more recent visits to St Mawes. So here's my extra bit to fund Marazion Friends Meeting House. EKC Leics.

It is the policy of Huddersfield Meeting to donate £100 to every Meeting House Appeal that we receive through 'The Friend'. We hope you raise enough money to carry out all the work you have planned. DH, Huddersfield

I was so moved by receiving your beautiful Appeal leaflet. My! -the memories it engendered, chiefly of the dear people who were such precious Friends, and some are still around! With love to you all. I think of the Gingko tree planted by Tony Manasseh with Ruth Philips's cyclamen around its roots. SK, Bexhill-on-Sea.

I have been moved by your appeal leaflet to send you this small donation. May you welcome and offer succour to all those seeking your help and company in the coming years. Go well, Friends, and enjoy the journey together. BR, Beverley, S Yorks.

We wish you every success with your appeal and with what looks like extensive improvements to a delightful Meeting House. NY, Beccles Local Meeting

It was so good to have your letter and to hear from Marazion. I love that Meeting House and also Come to Good. I enclose a cheque which I hope will help with the roof. I do hope I get back to Cornwall before too long. My thoughts are with you all. Dame JD, Surrey

I am an 'exiled' Cornishwoman who returns to Cornwall from time to time and attend your Meeting with pleasure. I wish you every success with your appeal. Mrs DE, Chesterfield

We wish you every success both in raising what you need and the improvements that you plan. I was interested to read of your plan to introduce a sustainable heating system. For your information, Pickering Local Meeting installed an Air Source Heat Pump in 2013 in our building which is a similar age to yours (dates from 1793). The building environment has been transformed from a damp cold space constantly needing decoration to a warm inviting place enjoyed by Friends, visitors and hirers of the building. PE, Pickering

We visited Marazion with my mother many years ago in September and I still remember the experience of attending Meeting for Worship. The doors were open, a breeze blew in the odd leaf and the sounds of the sea were in the background - accompanied by an occasional grunt from one of the dogs! I have the memory stored for stressful moments. AG, Lancaster

We particularly want to make a contribution in memory of our good friend, Betty Mason, a member of Marazion, who sadly died in January 2020. PB and BT, Lancaster

Over 40 years ago 2 young Friends from Nottingham Meeting stayed for a week at Marazion Meeting House. I haven't forgotten the generosity of Marazion Friends so hope the enclosed cheque will help you reach your target. PM, Shrewsbury

Religious Liberty Day

It was on the 24th of Fifth Month, in 1689, that the "Toleration Act" "received the Royal Assent and thus became law in England and its dominions.

Why is this important to Quakers?

Because that's the day when Quakers & Quakerism became legal. It marked the successful conclusion to almost thirty years of suffering, organising and lobbying.

From all accounts, this long, often bloody history was tough: thousands of Quakers were jailed, many more lost property, and (at least) several hundred died as a result of their persecution.

Even those who simply wanted to be quiet Friends at home were not safe: informers and accusers earned bounties for denouncing others as heretics or "recusants." A recusant was

someone who refused to attend official Church of England services, and was thus presumed to be a Catholic. Recusants were regarded as traitors plotting to overthrowing the government.

Quakers did not resist their persecution violently, but they did not passively put up with it either: they continued to meet openly, and protested persistently. Leading Friend George Fox was imprisoned twice in this period, for a total of more than two years. Quakers created a centralised defence committee structure in London, headed by a new committee which they called "Meeting for Sufferings." This committee compiled details about individual cases of persecution. They presented stacks of this data and petitions for relief of those in prison to royal officials and Parliament. This effort soon became a continuing lobby. Such work was expensive even then: Friends needed to hire lawyers to draw up petitions and argue on their behalf, and soon the committee was keeping a lobbyist busy full-time. The petitions and lobbying not only aimed at getting individual Friends out of prison; they also called for a change in policy, to end persecution and make Friends and their Meetings legal.

Besides the persistent Quaker lobbying, other political factors soon came into play. In 1688, King James II, who was Catholic, was overthrown by nobles who wanted a Protestant monarch and favoured his Protestant daughter Mary and her husband William. This change, which happened with comparatively little bloodletting, came to be called the "Glorious Revolution." Part of the deal with William and Mary was that once crowned, they would support a formal policy of religious toleration. The Toleration Act was the result, which they signed into law on May 24, 1689: Religious Liberty Day.

The law allowed Friends [finally!] to meet openly, without penalty. And it respected Quaker scruples about taking oaths by permitting an unsworn declaration of loyalty to the Crown. It marked the dawn of religious liberty for them. It is important for Friends to remember this history, celebrate it, and keep it real.

May 24 is a fine day to do that. And so is every other day.

By Chuck Fager

(I found this on the internet on "afriendlyletter.com" and thought it very interesting: editor)

**May 24 is
Quaker
Religious Liberty Day**

On the 24th of Fifth Month 1689, the Toleration Act became law in England. Why is this important to Quakers? It was the dawn of religious liberty for them. Friends had suffered, petitioned and lobbied for almost 30 years to gain this liberty, to worship & witness freely. This Act also brought religious liberty to many others. Tragically, "Religious liberty" is often wrongly cited today to justify oppression. But it is meant to preserve and extend freedom & should be particularly precious to Friends.

**Religious Liberty:
Remember. Celebrate.
Keep It Real.**

Truth for authority,
not
authority for truth,
--Lucretia Mott

George Floyd Memorial Gathering



Four Cornwall Quakers attended the George Floyd Memorial Gathering in Truro on 25 May organised by *Black Voices Cornwall*. It was pouring with rain which made it more poignant.

The gathering featured speeches, poems, thought cards, a Police Officer reading out a Devon & Cornwall Police statement. We stood in silence for 9 Minutes and 29 seconds - the time it took George Floyd to die. It felt like a very long time. I chose not to watch the video of a man dying, but standing in silence with *Black Voices Cornwall* sharpened my awareness of how terrible the murder was. After the silence our spirits were raised by an amazing song: *Stand Up* from the Harriet Tubman film. It was uplifting, as were the voices of those who spoke of the constant unremitting pain of racism. The gathering was very emotional - there were many tears. It was very special.

By Voirrey Faragher, St Austell Local Meeting

Bees

The Last Bee



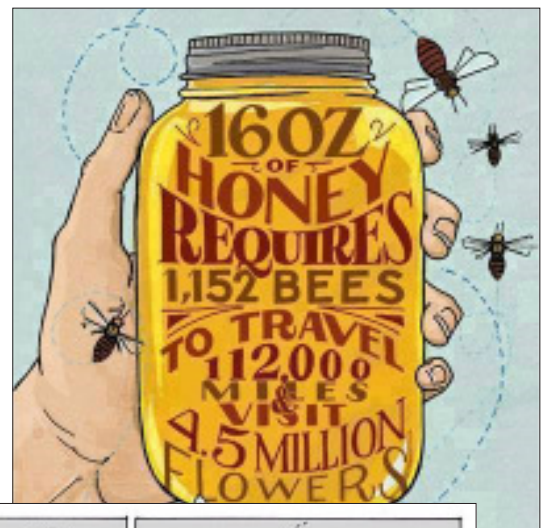
After the last bee
had buzzed its last buzz,

the birds and the butterflies
did what they could.

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Lilian Ilston



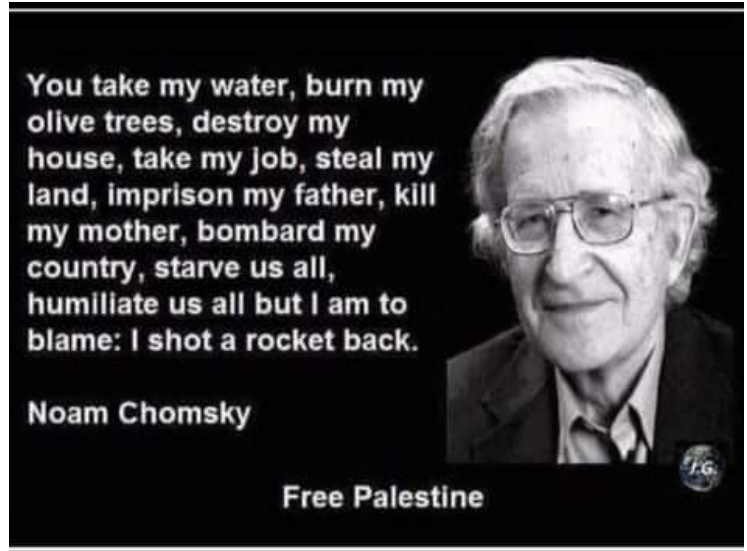
Injustice in Israel / Gaza

Aspects underpinning the imbalance and inequalities in the Israel/Gaza tragedy

Elections are always times of raised awareness and emotions. Israeli elections in March 2021 returned Mr Netanyahu who was the longest serving prime minister of Israel. Many feel that he relied for his power on the response of Hamas (the Islamic Resistance Movement). By pushing them into a corner and initiating a response, he aimed to ignite international support for the security of Israel and boost his popularity.

(In June 2021, since this article was written, as a result of the elections, Netanyahu was removed from the premiership and became leader of the opposition after Naftali Bennett formed a government with Yair Lapid.)

Palestinian elections to be held in May were indefinitely deferred as Palestinians living in East Jerusalem are unable to vote. During April and early May tensions, far from being reduced were instead raised by pushing all the right buttons at the right time, and this was expertly done.



Inflammatory acts were ramped up and put into operation.

- Repeated requests to halt the forced evacuation of Palestinian families and theft of their homes in Sheik Jarrah, an Arab area of East Jerusalem, were not respected.
- The Jerusalem Day March on 10th May 2021 celebrated the unification of Jerusalem by the Israeli State. This is a National Holiday in Israel, and many Zionists and settlers travel into Jerusalem to march and celebrate. However this is not a peaceful celebration, it is aggressive.
- On Friday 7th May on the 26th night of Ramadan Israeli troops stormed into Masjid al - Aqsa. They destroyed the wiring for speakers for prayers and fired tear gas, rubber bullets and sound bombs on worshippers. Much unrest and tension continued over the next week and during Eid al-Fitr, aggravated by Israeli troops.

Even ignoring the last 73 years of segregation, oppression and occupation, these recent events fuelled desperation and culminated in May in 11 days of bombing. The imbalance of power is displayed when the world's 3rd most technically equipped army unleashes bombs on one of the most densely populated and deprived places in the world.

Now the ceasefire is holding, Gaza can try and repair its water and electricity, covid clinics, schools, hospitals, etc. so that its people can exist. At the time of writing the death toll in Gaza was 248, with 66 being children and 1,948 injured. Bodies are still being discovered under rubble. Israeli figures are:- 12 deaths, 2 being children while the number of those injured is unresolved.

On May 18th 2021 a general strike was held by Palestinians in Gaza, West Bank, East Jerusalem and Israel. This unity of Palestinians is a strength that even the Iron Dome (Israel's defence system) is not designed to contain.

The following page contains information that may be helpful as these angles are not often covered by UK media. If you feel moved to do so, please write to your MP.



Tair and Atalya

Hello, my name is Tair Kaminer. In 2016 I refused to join the Israeli Military and was subsequently imprisoned in Military Jail for over 150 days. Last Saturday I was unlawfully detained in Jerusalem with my friend Atalya Ben-Abba, also a refuser from 2017 who was jailed for 110 days, after police illegally disbanded the Anti-War demonstration we held in Jerusalem's main square.

Mesarvot an Israeli network supporting those who refuse to be soldiers of the Israeli occupation info@refuser.org



The cease-fire is only the beginning. Change needs to happen now. For a short while the world's media focused on Gaza, but there are still many atrocities happening in the West Bank and East Jerusalem right now. The underlying causes remain. Please e-mail :

- Prime Minister: boris.johnson.mp@parliament.uk
- Middle East minister james.cleverly.mp@parliament.uk
- Foreign Secretary: Dominic Raab fcocorrespondence@fco.gov.uk
- Leader of the opposition: keir.starmer.mp@parliament.uk
- Your own M.P.

ARMS DEAL INFORMATION

Apr-June 2020 Britain exported £5,623,205 direct arms sales to Israel

Jan-Mar 2020 Britain exported £8,795,749 direct arms sales to Israel

Oct-Dec 2019 Britain exported £6,124,918 direct arms sales to Israel

July - September 2019 Britain exported £9,665,133 direct arms sales to Israel

April - June 2019 Britain exported £1,237,177 direct arms sales to Israel

Jan - March 2019 Britain exported £6,567,884 direct arms sales to Israel

Strategic export controls: licensing statistics, 2020 - GOV.

By Lucy Zawadzki, Come-to-Good Local Meeting, 24th May 2021

Send an email - Truth to Power

- In the besieged Gaza Strip, Palestinians have nowhere to hide from bombardment by Israeli warplanes striking residential areas.
- Israel uses military force to maintain its oppression of Palestinians.
- The UK government must urgently act to end its arms trade with Israel and its complicity in Israel's occupation and war crimes.
- The continued Israeli occupation of Palestine blocks any chance of achieving a peace based on justice and equality.

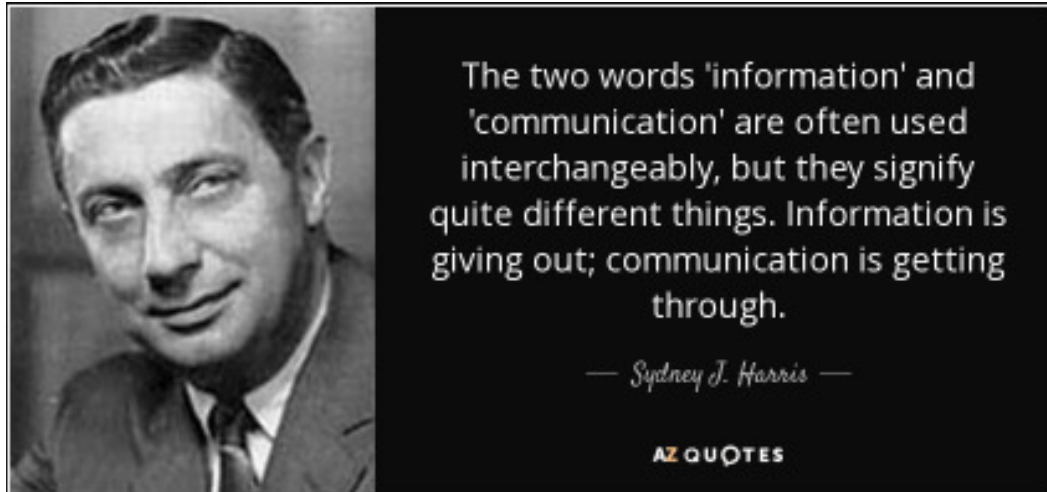
A communication about communication

by Pip Harris Quaker Life Local Worker (West Somerset, Devon & Cornwall), Late May 2021

It's not difficult to find some excellent quotations about 'communication'. Here's one from my great uncle Sydney:



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Well, no - that is actually misinformation, or rather *lying*. I don't have a great Uncle Sydney.

What I do have is a desire to get communication right and a frustration when I, or the people I work for and with, don't get it right either. It's not easy, we are human. And Quaker.

During the pandemic BYM staff have worked with a small team that produces Quake! It is an electronic newsletter that is emailed out weekly with news about Quaker happenings, mostly in Britain and sometimes further afield. A link to Quake! has been on the bottom of our email signatures for over a year: 'any Friend can sign up or check previous editions here'. [Quake! | Quakers in Britain](#)

Many Friends appreciate Quake! It has a strict limit on the numbers of items each week; it looks attractive having a brief summary and a link to click on if you wish to find out more. I have been given feedback from clerks that it is much appreciated and saves the need for the previous monthly mailings from 'Friends House'.

Of course, if you aren't online, and you don't have a kind internet buddy to share then it isn't communicating to you. If you have an email account or several email accounts it might be one of fifty or more emails which you receive daily from every conceivable direction, and it will sink quickly without trace. Even if you are interested, you may have no time. You may work and spend too much of your day on screen and in emails. So it simply adds to the information storm and it doesn't get through ... Communication fails.

So what can be done?

Firstly: do what I do when I want to *really* find out something – particular if it concerns me ... worries and nags at me ... speaks to me: set off on a journey. Talk to people who might know, listen to them (listening to understand, not to respond) and read around the subject (and not just the first thing you come across). Use a whole variety of tools – but whatever you use, make sure you have a conversation.

And secondly: help make sure that it is easy for any community you are involved in to communicate. It really helps if there is a “go-to place” to start your journey ... maybe it was “mum” when you are younger (or perhaps not so young), in days of yore it was the town crier, and then the news-sheets. In our digital age there is a plethora of choice, but usually one thing trumps everything: **websites**.

So there you are Friends. *I finally get to my point* and if you are still reading, maybe my communication is working? **We are very much in need of a website for Cornwall Quakers** – one that is simple to use, and contains easily located and up-to-date information, both for enquirers trying to find out more about Quakers, and for hard-pressed role holders swimming in emails, papers and messages.

Fear not! Help is at hand. A skilled group of Quakers (Quaker Meetings Network) have been working on this sticky issue for a number of years. Already many Local Meetings, some Area Meetings and some Quaker Groups (recognised bodies) are using their services with great reviews. Devon Area Meeting has already done much of the spade work, but we do need a small working group to come forward to consider this option for Cornwall. These people do not have to be IT experts: an interest in using websites and some ideas of what might help, and just a few hours over the summer is all we need. If you can persuade someone to step up, or feel you yourself may be able to help, please get in touch with Rachel Bennett at Liskeard Meeting . Or talk to me to find out more. *

Thank you for reading! I’ll sign off with another quotation:

Between what I think, what I want to say, what I believe I say, what I say, what you want to hear, what you believe to hear, what you hear, what you want to understand, what you think you understand, what you understand ... There are ten possibilities that we might have some problem communicating.

But let’s try anyway... Bernard Werber

And don’t start me on **Discernment**. That’s a whole ‘nother article and a Quaker essential that we *really* need to understand, and to practice.

Do get in touch if you’d like to talk about anything, whether it be as part of your Quaker role, or as an individual. Let’s communicate!

*In Friendship,
Pip Harris*

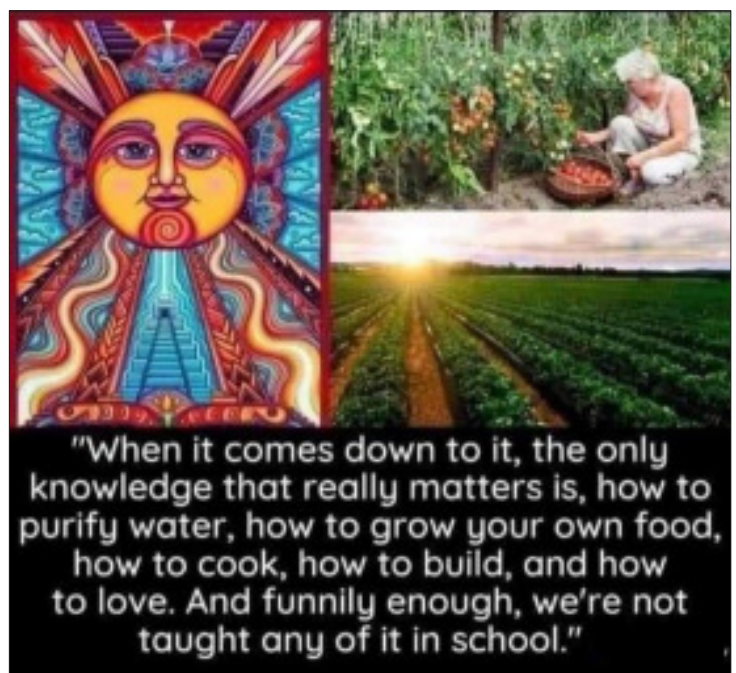
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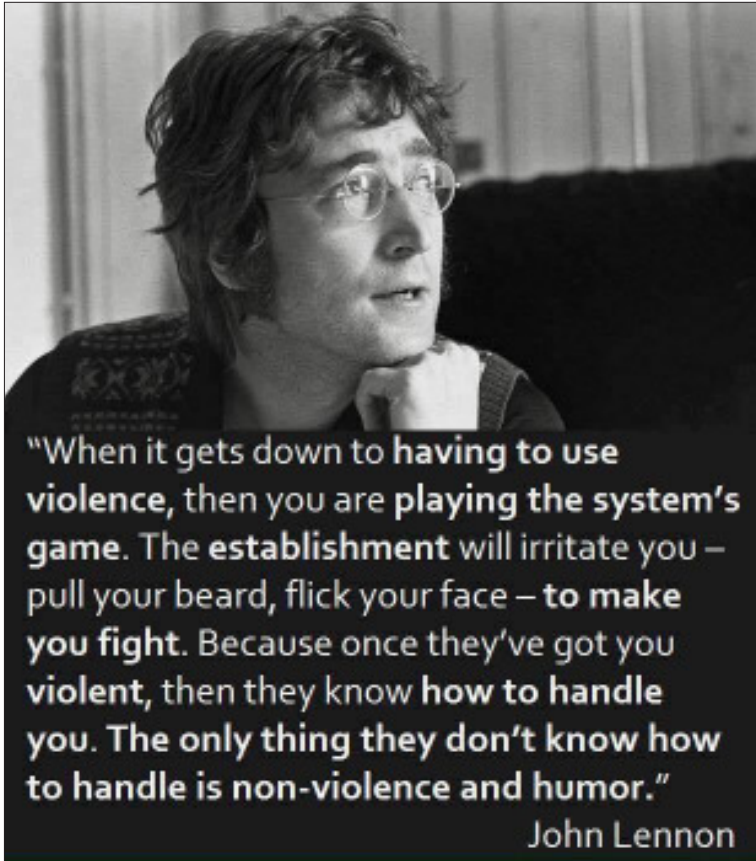


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* Good news! Since this article was written, a website group called together by Rachel Bennett has met on Zoom, and the website project is on its way! On 10th July, Area Meeting accepted that we go ahead using Quaker Meetings Network.



Non-violent demonstrations



Here we are, in our little corner of the quiet county of Cornwall, and the world leaders are coming **HERE!** All of them! (Well, quite a few of the ones we have heard of). Boris Johnson – UK; Joe Biden – USA; Justin Trudeau – Canada; Emmanuel Macron – France; Angela Merkel – Germany; Mario Draghi – Italy; Yoshihide Suga – Japan and Ursula von der Leyen – European Union (*not part of the G7*).

And the Queen's coming here too!

It's our once-in-a-lifetime's chance to tell the whole world what Quakers in Cornwall (and other local activists) think about really important issues . . .

Looking back, I feel really proud of the multiple demonstrations. They were all peaceful; some were really beautiful. The police were kind and supportive and even the weather was wonderful.

No shootings or burning cars, just many

lovely people in scenic Cornish locations saying similar things. **JUSTICE! PUT CLIMATE FIRST!** Many of us stayed home and upheld the activists in our prayers, sending love and positive energy to the summit, still feeling part of demonstrating the important message: **WE WANT A BETTER WORLD.** We long for peace and a new era of care for the planet and we said it peacefully. Well done the Cornish people! *By Jackie Carpenter, Marazion Local Meeting* (PS I was not so pleased with the G7 communique which promised more "business as usual".)



Meeting for Worship on Marazion Beach



The discussions of the G7 leaders at Carbis Bay on 11th - 13th June 2021 covered aspects of broad concern for all Quakers, for all human beings and for all life on Earth.

On 22nd May, Quakers in Cornwall held a Meeting for Worship to witness their faith and to hold G7 leaders in their thoughts, advocating for positive change. They met on the beach at Marazion, Cornwall, UK from 10 – 11am, near to the historic St Michael's Mount. Nearly 30 people including Quakers and people from other faiths joined the circle, as they sat silently in the stillness and the beauty of this Cornish beach. A member of the group spoke to passers-by about the significance of the G7 summit.

During the meeting there were two offerings of spoken ministry, when Friends in the circle rose to their feet and spoke the truth in their hearts. Ministry offered spoke of a Friend in Africa whose village had been destroyed by climate-induced flooding, destroying clean water supplies and causing death by cholera for many: an all too frequent symptom of climate catastrophe for millions around the world. Another Friend ministered his hope that all who have power in their hands - the power to make the big changes in the way we live together on the planet - use this power wisely, recognising that we are not all affected equally by climate change.

Later, Friends who has been at the meeting shared their experiences. "It was wonderful". "My lungs were full of the sea air." "No books, no technology: just simple worship in nature". "The sun came out from behind a cloud and a bird rose up singing". "The simplicity of being on the beach underlined the love between people".

By Jackie Carpenter and members of SusQIC

Quakers act in witness of G7 summit

Article including references to Cornwall that was in "The Friend"

'Friends attended the vigil to urge G7 leaders to take decisive action on climate justice, restore the cuts to the aid budget, and to cancel the debt burden on poorer countries.'

Manchester and Warrington Area Meeting held a vigil for G7 on 4 and 5 June

Quakers came together last week to pay witness to the G7 (Group of Seven) summit in Cornwall. As world leaders from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the United States gathered at the Carbis Bay resort, Friends walked from Falmouth to the venue, holding the leaders in their thoughts. Meanwhile, as Friends and other campaigners engaged in a range of action, hundreds of young people from Young Christian Climate Network (YCCN) and Christian Aid walked nearly 1,000 miles from Cornwall to Glasgow, dragging a boat behind them.

The acts of witness followed a Meeting for Worship held by Quakers in Cornwall on the Marazion beach at the end of last month. Alison Meaton, from Penzance Meeting, said: 'I welcomed this opportunity to bear witness to our testimonies of Equality and Peace. We held in our hearts the need for the leaders at G7 to show true responsibility for reducing all subsidies for fossil fuels and for helping people already suffering from the climate crisis as it unfolds.'

Quaker Jackie Carpenter also spoke on BBC Radio Cornwall about why the effects of fossil fuel should be addressed.

Roger Wade, a trustee of Cornwall Area Meeting, said: 'It is amazing that the leaders of the world are coming to our doorstep, and we feel that it is important to show a strong message from Quakers, who have been striving for truth, justice and peace for over 350 years. We urge the leaders to be bold in their proposals to address the climate emergency and ensure that they are fair to lower income families and marginalised people throughout the world, some of whom are already suffering from climate change.'

Many Friends were disappointed with the summit, however, like other campaigners. Both Oxfam's head of inequality policy, Max Lawson, and former prime minister Gordon Brown branded it 'a colossal failure'. Criticisms included: no early timetable to eradicate coal-fired emissions; only one billion extra offered for coronavirus vaccines to the world's poor over the next twelve months; and no new binding commitments to challenge China's human rights abuses.

Jonathan Dale, from Manchester and Warrington Area Meeting, which held a vigil for G7 on 4 and 5 June, told *the Friend* that their banners would stay up until COP26 in November. Friends attended the vigil to urge G7 leaders to take decisive action on climate justice, restore the cuts to the aid budget, and to cancel the debt burden on poorer countries. 'About forty cards were written [to Boris Johnson on climate justice] by passers-by as well as a good number by those on the vigil,' he said. 'We were pleasantly surprised that so many were keen to write a card, and that there was little hesitation about taking a leaflet. We had an interview on Salford City Radio [and] we are trying to use social media to extend the impact of the event. And the banners are staying up for the present, hopefully until COP26.'

17 Jun 2021 | by Rebecca Hardy

As you can see from the above, Quakers in Cornwall played a big part in the national Quaker witness to the G7 Summit. Pictures from a variety of G7 actions in Cornwall are included on the following pages.

You can hear Jackie's radio interview on: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p09lc5kr>

Four Meetings and a group of seven

Article from
Cornwall that was in
"The Friend"

The Group of Seven (G7) meeting is over. The tight security, which made parts of Cornwall a no-go area, has gone. I didn't have a problem with that; the police were friendly enough. Having been dragged across barbed wire, handcuffed, at Greenham, I was happy to accept the hand of conviviality.

It has been an intense spiritual experience, beginning with Meeting for Worship on Marazion Beach. It was cold and windy. I was so wrapped up that Friends didn't recognise me. We set up camp, pitched our banner and began holding the G7 leaders in the Light. I found it difficult to concentrate on them, though, being enthralled by the proximity of Friends after such a long time apart. I felt the closeness of the sea, the sound of the waves, the birds overhead, and Mounts Bay spread out before me.

Friends ministered through the wind, hoping for wisdom and compassion from our leaders, and remembering friends in Africa already devastated by the climate catastrophe.

At an interfaith gathering at Truro Cathedral I was deeply moved to hear speakers of several faiths express the same concerns. We are part of a global movement guided by faith and similar spiritual values. I left the gathering feeling that I had been touched by beauty.

As the talks began we met in Falmouth in a designated protest area, forming a circle near the waterfront. A Friend reflected on something he heard at the cathedral: 'If you knew this was the last hour of your life and you found you had a seed in your hand, you must plant it.'

The next day we shared Falmouth with a number of protest groups, like Extinction Rebellion (XR). A Buddhist banner was displayed, with a quote from Thich Nhat Hanh about how only love can save us from climate change: 'By recognising the interconnectedness of all life, we can move beyond the idea that we are separate selves and extend our compassion and love in such a way that we take action to protect the Earth.'

As Friends worshipped, we were aware of music and dancing all around us. Jazz was playing, and later the sound of chanting. Shouts came as protesters from Tigray arrived. A Friend articulated the thoughts of many of us: 'In our silence we must accept the noise made by others, as genocide is taking place in their country. We can look inwards to our silence but we must also look outwards.'

When we left the square we met the XR procession in all its glory. Hallelujah! Drummers, whistles, banners, flags, a huge globe of planet Earth, a ship made of pink paper, the Red Brigade, the Green Spirits, children, dogs, people of all ages. A blessing to witness.

On the final day of the talks, Quakers met again. Friends discussed whether we were too inward-looking when worshipping outdoors. This, it was thought, was reflected in the ministry of George Fox – 'Be patterns, be examples' – and of Martin Luther King Jr: 'Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.'

24 Jun 2021 | by *Voirrey Faragher*,
St Austell Local Meeting

Moving G7 music by children from Cornwall

"Hey Human" is a single released by children to give their message to the G7 leaders, calling for action on climate change.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPW3V91KgDk>

'Gee Seven' by Sir Tim Rice and Peter Hobbs sung by Truro Cathedral Choristers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2fUdLvSa3k>

A great variety of Quaker G7 actions in Cornwall

Drowning in promises

Friends participated in the event at Marazion on 6th June, leading up to the G7 weekend. This was

organised by a member of Friends of the Earth and supported by climate activists from several different groups including Quakers.



Lucy made a seaweed Q on the sand at Marazion

SWIMMING FOR THEIR LIVES

Performance event dramatising rising sea levels and urging the G7 to use their power to turn the tide

Marazion, June 6

10:30am - 12:30pm

Banners over the main road



As the time for the world leaders to arrive at Newquay airport approached, Friends were among groups of activists who put banners on the A30 bridges.



CCA marching to send their message to the G7 leaders

Christians for Climate Action (CCA) members walked from Newquay to St Uny church near Carbis Bay, where the G7 summit was being held. Some of the group were given camping spaces by Friendship Cohousing at Maningham, where several Quakers gave them a warm welcome.



Birthday party for our friend



Maningham was a place for Friends to stay so they could take action over the G7 weekend. We were all very busy, but some Quakers found time to prepare the food for the 60th birthday party of a disabled man staying at Maningham while the G7 event was on.



Sand-raking at Portreath



Quaker Felicity Sylvester was among those raking a message into the sand at Portreath.



Green Spirits



Feeling the grief we all share as biodiversity loss increases, the Green Spirits came to Cornwall to give a poignant message to the G7 leaders. Behind one of the costumes is Pip Harris, our Quaker Life Local Worker.



This photo was on BBC news!



Penitents



Richard Hall of Marazion Local Meeting is a penitent

Penitents, activists from XR, dress in sackcloth and ashes with signs around their necks denouncing the sins of the world. Based on the medieval idea of repenting transgressions against your community, the penitents demonstrated movingly during the G7 summit visit.

Meetings for Worship in Falmouth

A meeting for worship, holding the G7 leaders in the light, was held in Falmouth on each day of the summit on 11th, 12th and 13th June. Each meeting was an oasis



of quiet in a noisy area, but with a marvellous sense of solidarity with other groups calling for a better world.



Spiritually deep and moving, reaching out to the public.



Roger Wade with the Quaker pavement banner

Friend Kay travelled from Newport Meeting bringing their craftivism banners to join the Meeting for Worship held by Quakers in Cornwall



Time for a laugh!



Body building: community living

'A spiritual basis strengthens community life.'



Article from
Cornwall that was in
"The Friend"

Our mutual ownership principle enables a fine building like this to be shared.' | Photo of Maningham courtesy of Jackie Carpenter

Friendship Cohousing, a Quaker Recognised Body, has purchased a property in Cornwall and community members are moving in. We intend to create a centre that will enable and encourage people to set up

more cohousing communities. We also want to help with aspects of climate change, including climate justice, self-sufficiency, permaculture, rewilding, regenerative agriculture, adaptation and spiritual awareness.

Community living is an important option in this uncertain world. Cohousing communities are intentional communities, created and run by their residents. Each household has a private unit as well as shared community space and land. Residents come together to manage their community, share activities, and regularly eat together. I would like to work with Friends in other areas who wish to set up Quaker-based communities.

The new community members at Maningham believe that a spiritual basis strengthens community life, and they are looking forward to living with people who also consider spirituality to be important. This includes not only Quakers but Buddhists and others with an unspecified naturalistic approach. Although the new community will be for people of all faiths and none, its ethics are based on the Quaker testimonies of Truth, Peace, Equality and Sustainability.

In the community, quiet meetings will be held in the old dining room, where once the butler served meals. Maningham, built in 1783, is near the church in Illogan and close to the sea on the north coast of Cornwall. The community's mutual ownership principle enables a fine, quality building like this to be shared by ordinary people who are willing to club together. This can create spaces for people who don't have the capital to enable them to be equal members.

Twelve founder members are moving into the building. They will form a single household and will share communal spaces. The new owners plan to respect the beauty of the large gardens and establish areas for growing food, including a forest garden. An additional three acres of woodland is open to the public.

We are so lucky to be moving into this beautiful house and garden. Pooling resources and working together is going to make a big difference to our own lives, and we hope we shall be in a good position to help others develop sustainable lifestyles too. Once the community has settled in, we plan to hold open days, retreats and educational activities. Please do keep us in mind. *(Extra note - you are invited to visit on 14th August - please see page 31.)*

10 Jun 2021 | by Jackie Carpenter, Marazion Local Meeting

Jackie is a member of Marazion Local Meeting and until recently was a director of the UK Cohousing Network. For more information please visit www.friendshipcohousing.org.uk

Expanded Power of the Sea

After writing an NCMH blog on sea swimming last summer, I carried on swimming into autumn. I usually stop as winter starts, but because I wanted to help a research team out by raising money, I carried on toward Christmas. It's quite a different thing to swim year round. The sea loses heat more slowly than land, so it is at its coldest in April just as spring arrives. My fundraising swims ran from November 23rd to December 24th last year and took place on 10 different beaches, so it was surprisingly temperate. Well sort of...

I hadn't swum much in winter but now I wanted some sponsorship, I needed to be a bit harder. Normally, I'd be in and out rapidly in autumn or winter, but I set myself the task of staying in for 10 minutes with no wetsuit. I couldn't get one for love nor money last November anyway, so I just got on with it.

It's when I'm swimming that I find a sense of calm that isn't possible on terra firma. Maybe it's knowing you're in a more dangerous and a less familiar environment and you'd better respect it. You have to be fully focused on staying safe. No time for rumination. The colder it is the more you obsess about it. As I got to eight minutes, I would count out the last 120 seconds because my hand and feet were so numb, I just wanted to be anywhere else. But what the experience does, is to make you oblivious to all that chatter in your head. You cannot worry or catastrophise about what's going on in your life. You are absorbed in this alien world; aware of nothing else.

As I wrote last year, I use the sea as a meditation. Try doing that when the sleet's hitting your exposed skin, or the breakers are knocking you all over the place. The sea in summer, when you're swimming for fun, is womblike. It seems to breathe gently and cradle you. Not in December when you have an undertaking to complete. You can't pick and choose the conditions. I still observe safety slavishly. Never with an offshore wind or on an outgoing tide and never when the seas are really rough. I'm not a big, beefy, twenty something surfer. My only buoyancy aid is me, so I pick and choose. Given the higher stakes of fundraising and having to get the job done, I did really love some of those swims. I also have memories of the ones when I wish I had never been in that day.

When I finished fundraising, I just carried on, but no longer for 10 minutes. Then a couple of hospital treatments intervened, so it was inadvisable to swim. Now I can return to the water and I just can't wait. For me, the missing eight weeks has been a penance.

I'm not a great swimmer and there a plenty out there who are harder than me, but I get such a wonderful feeling when I swim. If you're struggling, catastrophising, ruminating or anxious, find some way of connecting with nature. It doesn't have to be by getting wet, but finding solace in being outdoors will give you more pleasure and peace that you can imagine if you haven't taken that first step.

Written for Mental Health Awareness Week

By Kit Williams, St Austell Local Meeting, May 2021



Image of embroidery by Dominique

Water is what we are

When I'm in the sea
I've left the world behind.

It's where I know I'm me
I control my mind.

I've left the sad, the bad,
The cruel, the harsh, the mad.

But I've left so much that's good
That courses through my blood.

My head is quiet, calm.
Only peace from harm.

Thought flies from the heart.
The sea of which I'm part.

The womb from which we've come
Our first watery home

Releases us to earth
The instant of our birth

To stand on good, dry land
To grow and to expand.

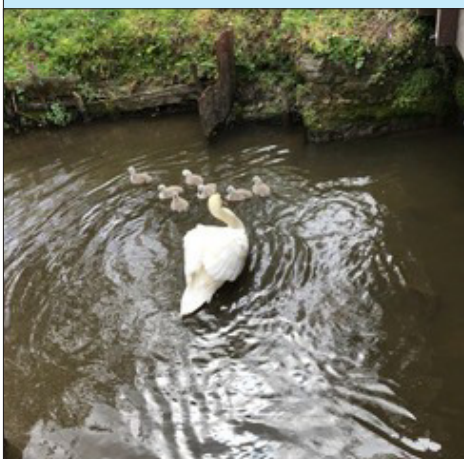
Our minds, our bodies our souls,
Love all that's good and whole.

We're water in our cells
And water serves us well

Earth and fire and air
They hold us in their care,

But water, it's what we are
I love it most by far.

*By Kit Williams,
St Austell Local Meeting*



Worship

People ask me why I go to my little church each Sunday. It is very difficult to put into words the deepest experience of one's life, and when I stumble and say that I want to worship, to pray and give thanks, to receive inspiration and a power for living from day to day, those words do not convey anything of what I feel.

My neighbours tell me that they could do all this without attending a church. It is not for me to say that they can't and yet while I believe that solitary communion with God in the quietness of a wood or garden is truly significant, my greatest joy is worshipping with those who feel the same way as I do about important things.

Those with whom I worship, with whom I pray, sing hymns, and listen to eternal truths; those with whom I share the silence in a service become part of the mystical union with God and myself. I go from church with fresh insight, new visions and renewed endeavour.

A handful of stones lifted from the river bed do not look particularly beautiful, but washed, by running streams and by sunshine, they are worth looking at. So it is with daily life. Ordinary things, if touched with the devotion which comes from worship can shine with lustre and significance. *From an unidentified old book*

Postscript My answer to the question – Why do I go to Church/Chapel/Meeting is that I believe that worshipping regularly with others helps me be a better person than I would be otherwise. The above reading demonstrates my belief that a reading can often express my feelings in a better way than I can articulate myself.

By Gavin Mason, Marazion Local Meeting

Yearly Meeting Gathering (YMG)

An inspirational array of events highlighting Quaker faith in action are lined up for the YMG of Quakers in Britain – including mindful dancing, singing and theatre, worship, business and lectures. The Gathering begins on 19 July and runs for three weeks.

Already nearly 1,500 have booked their place on this virtual Gathering. Clare Scott Booth, clerk for Yearly Meeting said, "For centuries, Quakers have come together in fellowship to see each other's faces. This year we'll be together on our screens, though apart. In deep stillness we can listen for the promptings of love and truth in our hearts and discern the work we are emboldened to do. We're delighted to welcome so many, particularly children and young people."

Covid

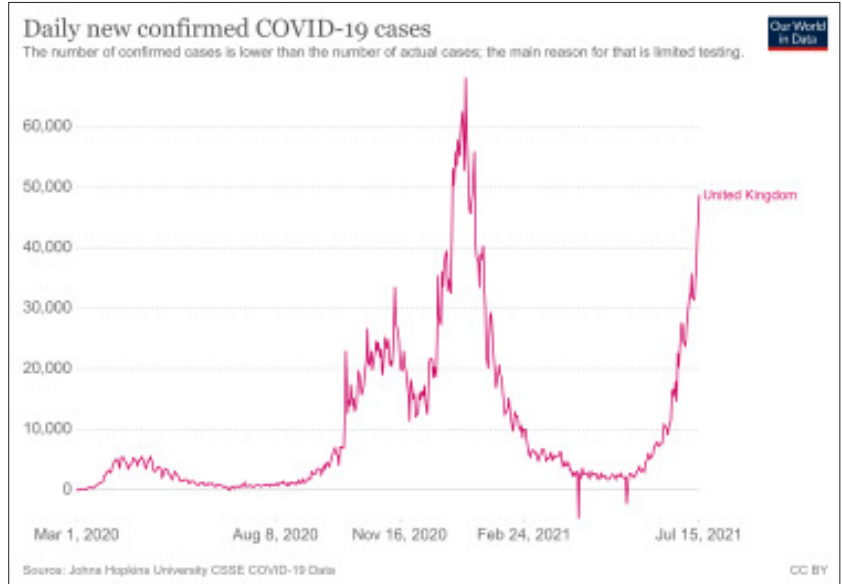
Looking back to 2020, great parts of the issues of An Krenner Kernewek were taken up with Covid news. Now it's no longer news . . . or is it?

The UK is about to launch an interesting experiment, removing restrictions just as the number of confirmed cases is going up steeply. No other country has tried this approach!

Because so many people have been vaccinated, the time has come, so it seems, for us to learn to live with this virus. It looks as though many people will catch it but only have mild symptoms. What will be needed is not high technology in the hospitals, but a Quakerly approach to caring for each other with love and kindness if we are afraid of catching the virus, or if we catch it and feel rather unwell.

It sounds as if Local Meetings will soon be able to "get back to normal" but Cornwall Area Meeting Trustees' guidelines must be followed. Some Meetings are already arranging face-to-face activities, for example, Marazion Local Meeting is planning a picnic in the garden of the Meeting House in August.

By Jackie Carpenter



A COVID LOCKDOWN POEM

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree.
I'll sanitise the doorknob and make a cup of tea.
I won't go down to the sea again. I won't go out at all.
I'll wander lonely as a cloud from the kitchen to the hall.

There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of
Katmando.
But I shan't be seeing him just yet, and nor, I think will you.
While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to
Mandalay,
I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.

I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye.
Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye.
About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go.
To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow.

And no, I won't be travelling much, within the realms of
gold.
Or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold.
Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends.
Nor come within a mile of you, until this virus ends.

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COP26

Cornwall Area Meeting has given its support for SusQIC (Sustainability for Quakers in Cornwall) to work out activities in the run-up to COP26, the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties, being held in Glasgow 31st October - 12th November.

SusQIC will give financial support for travel and accommodation to some Friends travelling under spiritual concern. If you wish to apply, you are asked to write a paragraph saying why you wish to go to COP26 and send it to Jackie Carpenter by 26th July. Tony Faragher, Pam Hogans and Roger Wade will agree Friends to be supported on 29th July.

Keeping alive our witness to the climate crisis between G7 and COP26, we shall hold several outdoor Meetings for Worship with the Climate Justice banner. The next one is described below.

Peter Belton, a Quaker from Norfolk, is organising a national multifaith pilgrimage. Contact Alison Meaton ameaton@clara.co.uk or Pam Hogan pam@hogans.org.uk if you'd like to join this, so Friends in Cornwall link from Penzance to others going towards Glasgow.

Jackie Carpenter,
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Meeting for Worship at Maningham on 14th August

There will be a Meeting for Worship at Maningham, Illogan Churchtown, Redruth, TR16 4QZ on Saturday 14th August from 11.30 to 12.30. Please note the date in your diary.

This is the home of the embryonic Friendship Cohousing Community. You are invited to come to our large garden to worship with us, holding the world leaders in the light in this year of making decisions about the climate crisis. Please bring a folding chair and your own refreshments. There will be a marquee if the weather is wet. You are welcome to spend time in the garden and have a picnic together afterwards, following any Covid rules from CAM Trustees that may be in force at the time. Maningham is less than 3 miles from Redruth station and the 47 bus stops close by. You can ask Jackie Carpenter for a map showing you where to come and where to park if you come by car. All Friends and friends will be welcome: no need to let us know you are coming.

A Participatory Pilgrimage to Glasgow for COP 26



The challenges of climate change are huge and, for an individual, it is very difficult to see how one could contribute in significant way. But as Quaker history has shown, acting together to bear witness can make truth prevail. I felt that it was important to engage as many people as possible, so thought about a pilgrimage in which most people could take part.

Instead of walking or cycling all the way to Glasgow, participants would walk from their home meeting house to the next nearest in the direction of Glasgow. This would then continue on from meeting house to meeting house. The pilgrimage could be done in relays so that the actual distances covered would only have to be quite small. In addition, each participating Friend would be asked to carry a letter addressed to some person of influence stressing the need for action and a real commitment to change. These letters would be posted in the town of each meeting house at which a group of pilgrims arrive. This would ensure a constant flow of letters arriving during the whole period of the pilgrimage. So far a number of Friends from across the country have expressed interest in this idea and together with the Diocese of Norwich we have a very active and advanced group working in Norfolk.

Pilgrimage is a time of meditation, atonement and joy. It should be a spiritual exercise in which we walk cheerfully over the world to demonstrate our commitment to our testimonies.

I hope that in this way Friends can make the point of their concern, gain publicity for the need for radical change and increase their own awareness of the issues.

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www.multifaithpilgrimage.org




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

Your chance to go to COP26 in Glasgow! Apply for funds by 26th July. Please see page 31.



	<p>Did you know, Monopoly is a Socialist board game, invented around 1900 by a Quaker woman named Elizabeth Magie? She called it The Landlord's Game and it's purpose was to give a "practical demonstration of the present system of land-grabbing with all its usual outcomes and consequences."</p> 		

Our next Area Meeting will be held on Saturday 11th September, hosted by Bude Local Meeting.

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