

24 September 2010 £1.70

the Friend

DISCOVER THE CONTEMPORARY QUAKER WAY



CONTENTS – VOL 168 NO 39

- 3 **Military spending faces cuts**
- 4 **New Meeting house in Salisbury**
- 5 **Draw near with faith**
Anne van Staveren
- 6 **Jews for justice**
Stevie Krayner
- 7 **Time to make a stand against poverty**
Mid Thames Area Meeting
- 8-9 **Letters**
- 10-11 **A visit to Friends House**
Sam McNair
- 12 **Can Quakers effect global change?**
Gwen Prince
- 13 **Art for action**
Jill Jesshope
- 14 **Quakers and sin**
Richard Bass & Joan Macalpine
- 15 **Everything is connected**
Marion Hussenbux
- 16 **Q-Eye**
- 17 **Friends & Meetings**



Cover image: A faithful friend. Photo: Jez Smith. **Images on this page:** Leiston Quakers celebrated 150 years in their Meeting house earlier this year. One hundred people gathered for a concert and Victorian tea (bottom). Member Gordon Crosse (top) had composed music for the occasion, inspired by text from *Quaker faith & practice* 2.41, with a quartet playing the piece. Photos courtesy of Di Hinves.

The Friend Subscriptions

UK £74 per year by all payment types including annual direct debit; monthly payment by direct debit £6.50; online only £48 per year. For details of other rates, contact Penny Dunn on 020 7663 1178 or subs@thefriend.org

Advertising

Advertisement manager:
George Penaluna

Tel/fax: 01535 630230
ads@thefriend.org
www.thefriend.org/advertise.asp

Editorial

Editor:
Ian Kirk-Smith

Articles, images correspondence should be emailed to editorial@thefriend.org or sent to the address below.

the Friend 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ Tel: 020 7663 1010 Fax: 020 7663 1182 www.thefriend.org

Editor: Ian Kirk-Smith editorial@thefriend.org • Production editor: Jez Smith jez@thefriend.org • Sub-editor: Trish Carn trishc@thefriend.org • News reporter: Symon Hill news@thefriend.org • Arts editor: Rowena Loverance arts@thefriend.org • Environment editor: Laurie Michaelis green@thefriend.org • Subscriptions officer: Penny Dunn subs@thefriend.org Tel: 020 7663 1178 • Advertisement manager: George Penaluna, Ad department, 54a Main Street, Cononley, Keighley BD20 8LL Tel: 01535 630230 ads@thefriend.org • Clerk of the trustees: A David Olver • ISSN: 0016-1268

The Friend Publications Limited is a registered charity, number 211649 • Printed by Headley Bros Ltd, Queens Road, Ashford, Kent TN24 8HH

Military spending faces cuts



Aircraft carriers such as this proposed ship might be axed after the review. Photo: Francisco Antunes/flickr CC:BY.

AS MINISTERS BICKER over cuts to military spending, Quakers have urged the government to address Britain's deeper security needs.

A decision to cut the Ministry of Defence's budget by between ten and twenty per cent has led to weeks of rumours and counter-rumours about where the cuts will fall. The government's Strategic Defence and Security Review (SDSR) is expected to report in October.

Suggestions include reducing army numbers, scrapping new aircraft carriers and grounding as many as seventy Tornado jets. But defence secretary Liam Fox has ruled out a merger of the air force with the army or navy. Leaks indicate that he is battling with the Treasury over the size of the cuts.

Philip Austin of the Northern Friends' Peace Board suggested that ministers are missing the point. He told *the Friend*, 'the review is supposed to be about defence and security, but actually it's defining security purely in military terms. Our concern is about sustainable security.'

He added that there are 'plenty of other measures' relevant to greater security and urged ministers to look at issues such as climate change and economic inequality.

The arms company BAE Systems recently cited changes to government spending when announcing around 1,000 likely job cuts in the UK. The trade union Unite has also argued against MoD cuts that would lead to job losses.

But Kaye Stearman of the Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) disputed claims about the economic benefits brought by arms firms. Questioned by *the Friend*, she said, 'the engineering and scientific skills used in military industries would be better deployed in alternative energy technologies and other green

industries' if the government invested in these areas.

Junior defence minister Nick Harvey last week revealed that the government is considering a delay to the final decision to renew the Trident nuclear weapons system. This option would see ministers go ahead with initial Trident spending but postpone the 'main gate' decision on buying submarines from 2014 to 2015 – after the general election.

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) welcomed the suggestion but said that it did not go far enough. A CND spokesperson told *the Friend* that when it comes to spending cuts, 'there's one very easy movement the government could make and that would be not to renew Trident at all'.

The news was revealed shortly before Liberal Democrat activists met for their annual conference. A poll conducted last week showed that only seven per cent of the party's members support Trident renewal.

But the comments provoked a backlash from members of the Conservative Party. Tory MP Julian Lewis predicted that Liam Fox would rather resign than agree to the 'breathhtaking betrayal' of abandoning Trident renewal.

Labour shadow defence secretary Bob Ainsworth reiterated his support for Trident, suggesting that the coalition's 'internal squabbles' are endangering Britain's 'future capabilities'.

The Green Party's Spencer Fitz-Gibbon told *the Friend* that while opposed to cuts in 'actual public services', the Greens are 'definitely wanting to see' cuts in military expenditure. He called for investment in 'green jobs' and insisted that 'it's possible to transform the economy in such a way that we're not simply throwing people onto the dole'.

Symon Hill

New Meeting house in Salisbury

FRIENDS IN SALISBURY have been celebrating the opening of their new Meeting house with a series of open house events, drawing in members of the public to visit them for the first time. Three open house days and a celebration fete last Saturday have drawn approximately 300 visitors. There are two more open house days on the Friday and Saturday of this week and a special 'after Worship coffee' for local churches on Sunday 26 September.

Lynda Smith, a member of the Meeting's outreach committee, said that 'the new Meeting house has raised the profile of Quakers in Salisbury and the wider area. The building had been a long-standing eyesore in the city and we made the local headlines when we bought it. We feel that a Meeting house is a way of reaching out to our local community. This building isn't just for Quakers. We are letting it out to charitable groups and private individuals and that is bringing a lot of people into the Meeting house who normally wouldn't cross the door.'

The new Salisbury Quaker property has been built at a time when some Friends are closing their Meeting houses. Over seven years Salisbury Friends raised funds (totalling over £500,000) before building work could begin in October 2009.

Lynda said that the process of building the new Meeting house had been challenging. 'It wasn't an easy



road. Two people left. For some people it was a step too far. It was a painful process.'

'We didn't all move forward at the same time. It took a lot of soul searching and reaching out to everyone in the Meeting so that we could find the unity to make decisions.'

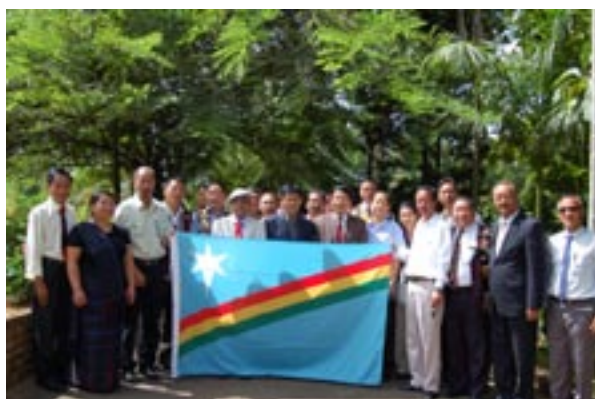
Inside, what had once been a dilapidated building was transformed into one with a light, spacious interior. Moving from the old Meeting house was an act of living adventurously.

Lynda concluded: 'I hope other Meetings will take inspiration from what we have done with the help of our Area Meeting and realise that what might look impossible can be possible.'

For photos and more about the new Meeting house go to www.salisbury-quakers.co.uk.

Raymond Mgzah

Bright new era beckons for Naga people after summit success



Naga leaders of the three main armed political groups together with members of the Forum for Naga Reconciliation. Photo courtesy of Jan Arriens.

AFTER A PERIOD of considerable uncertainty, the long-expected meeting of the leaders of the three main Naga armed factions took place in Nagaland on Saturday 18 September. This followed the Day of Prayer on 12 September, in which Friends took part (see 'Prayers for the Naga people', 10 September).

In its press statement, the Forum for Naga Reconciliation, which has worked so tirelessly to end the factional violence among Nagas, stated, 'We are humbled and profoundly mindful of God's faithfulness all through the journey – a journey sometimes filled with fear and hopelessness... The September summit may be considered as the greatest news of the decade for the Nagas! Indeed, a priceless gift to the Naga people from our highest level leaders... This signals the beginning of a new era of bright hope for the Nagas.'

Jan Arriens

Draw near with faith

Anne van Staveren gives a personal account of a service with the pope

‘Draw near with faith.’ Those familiar words from the Anglican liturgy kept coming back to me as we settled in Westminster Abbey for the service of evening prayer in the presence of pope Benedict and archbishop Rowan Williams.

The pope said he came as a pilgrim from Rome, ‘to pray before the tomb of saint Edward the Confessor and to join in imploring the gift of Christian unity.’

In the service we could draw nearer to each other and to God. In his address the pope referred to ‘the hope and joy of the ecumenical journey’ and said whatever unites us is greater than what divides us.

For my part, the service was a real drawing together of so many friends from the range of church groupings. I think of denominations as a rainbow, different maybe, separate maybe, but bound together.

Amid all the hymns and psalms, prayers, processions and blessings, I missed our Quaker stillness. I couldn’t see much, the tops of some mitres, that’s all. So I concentrated on being present. The abbey is a glorious masterpiece of craftsmanship with soaring pillars and wonderful stained glass. But for all the naves and transepts and choir stalls, one can’t see. I appreciate our Large Meeting House in Friends House where the seating is inclusive and open and helps us to listen. Media pictures of the visit showed open and joyful worship in Bellahouston Park and Cofton Park.

Archbishop Rowan Williams had some words about stillness. He spoke about saint Benedict, whose name the pope had chosen for himself. The abbey had been a Benedictine monastery and his rule for life ‘proved a sure foundation for an entire culture in which productive work and contemplative silence and receptivity—human dignity and human freedom—were both honoured.’

The archbishop said: ‘We live in an age where there is a desperate need to recover the sense of the dignity of both labour and leisure and the necessity of a silent openness to God that allows our true character to grow and flourish by participating in an eternal love.’

The service was part of the four-day schedule during which the pope spoke out about what he called the marginalisation of Christianity and the march of aggressive secularism. Settled in the abbey, we first listened to the addresses to politicians across the road in Westminster Hall. Marigold Bentley, secretary to the Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations, reflected on this: ‘The day was a sharp reminder for me of the simplicity and strength of Friends’ faith and action. For us there is no road in-between the public and religious life. There is no secular world to rally against and challenge, as our spiritual lives are constantly with us. We cannot walk away from one sphere of life (Westminster Hall) into another (Westminster Abbey) as we inhabit them both.’

‘So what do we have to offer those for whom faith is so different? We can demonstrate what primitive Christianity looked like before the structures were put in place. It was groups of people talking and listening to one another, trying to work out a way forward, a way to treat one another and to care for one another.’

And what about my faith?

Afterwards, Beth Allen and I made our way behind the high altar, to the tomb of Edward the Confessor. Away from the crowds, it was quiet and still. I could sit where the pope and archbishop had sat and breathe the incense still burning, gently filling the chapel and carrying our prayers. We drew near with faith.

Anne is the media officer for Britain Yearly Meeting.

Jews for justice

Stevie Kraye charts her journey for peace and justice

As I write this, we are halfway through the holy week of the Jewish New Year, culminating on 18 September in the Day of Atonement – Yom Kippur. Once again this year, I shall be fasting on that day.

Although I am ethnically Jewish, my family didn't observe this fast when I was a child. I was brought up in a secular household where Yom Kippur was just a good excuse for my father to wangle a day off work! I only got into the habit of fasting on Yom Kippur in 2002, and have maintained it ever since. Why 2002? Because that summer, I had the privilege (and pain) of participating in an international Quaker working party that spent three weeks in the Middle East, studying the knotted conundrum of Israel and Palestine. That, incidentally, was also the first time I had visited Israel.

For the first time, I saw with my own eyes the brutal realities of the Occupation, and listened to dozens of eloquent voices, mostly Palestinian or Israeli, mostly speaking up for peace and justice. I was confronted with the bigotry and double standards widespread in the Jewish state. I found myself alongside Friends (and others) who had been involved long-term in the region and who were able to teach me, from a gentle yet principled Quaker perspective, about much that was hidden from an ignorant observer like me. Among them was Jean Zaru, the remarkable Palestinian Quaker activist who is widely known and admired, by readers of *the Friend* among others. We ate together, talked together, wept together. When I invited the group to celebrate my birthday with me, Jean seemed a little unenthusiastic – then she confessed to me that my birthday fell on the same date that her brother had been 'disappeared' by the Israeli authorities. Yet she

embraced me, a Jew, and even called me her sister!

After that, how could I continue to sit on my hands as I had done all my life, swallowing my outrage at the actions of the Israeli government? I looked for ways to be part of the solution. I gave talks about my experience. I wrote letters: to the Israeli embassy, to my MP and my prime minister, to the press – even to *The Jewish Chronicle*. I supported the Ecumenical Accompaniers to Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) initiative. I did advocacy and fundraising for the Israeli organisation New Profile, which helps refuseniks and, in Quakerly fashion, works long-term for the demilitarisation of Israeli society. I tried to boycott goods from illegal settlements. And I signed up to a British organisation called Jews for Justice for Palestinians. I was thrilled to discover that there was a movement of Jews like me, who wanted to stand up and say 'Not in my name!'

And I fast on Yom Kippur. I do it in grief for the moral distortion of Jewish life across the world caused by defending this unequal conflict. I do it in solidarity with the empty bellies of Gazans. Above all, I do it to identify myself as a Jew – in that long tradition of Jews who care about justice for all, not just for Jews. Of course, a day's fast is not going to change the world. It's not going to ensure that the current talks will be any more successful than the previous rounds. It's just a symbol. The sin for which I am atoning is not mine, but it's a burden I feel called to share in. And I'll continue to work, and to pray, and to fast, until 'justice rolls down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.'

Stevie Kraye is a member of South Wales Area Meeting.

Time to make a stand against poverty

Mid Thames Quakers have written an open letter to their fellow Quakers, politicians and decision-makers for wide dissemination ahead of the forthcoming spending cuts

Mid Thames Quakers are writing this letter to express concern that the poorest in our society may be disproportionately affected by cuts in public services, particularly when combined with reduced pay for those in work, jobs that are harder to find and benefits that are more difficult to access. Some specific examples are:

- *We know that many working age people are receiving benefits that remain well below the minimum income standard (research by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation).*
- *We know that many people in full time work earn less than the low pay threshold (twenty-two per cent in 2005).*
- *In our area those people must spend a very high proportion of their income on private sector rents because there is not enough social housing for those who need it.*
- *We know that many children are growing up in poverty and that a childhood in poverty reduces life chances and contributes to poor health outcomes.*
- *Many of us have already seen local government proposals to reduce the money going to organisations that help the homeless. These reductions in our area will mean fewer direct access beds, fewer tenancies and fewer tenancy support workers providing help to the most vulnerable in our society. This will inevitably mean more people on the streets, back in prison or admitted to hospital with drug and alcohol related illnesses.*

We are concerned that the cuts will push many of the poorest and the vulnerable in our society into destitution. We also share the concerns of many over the implications of rising inequality and falling social mobility for the whole of society.

David Cameron has said: 'We all know, in our hearts, that as long as there is deep poverty living systematically side by side with great riches, we all remain the poorer for it.'

We want the coalition government to ensure that cuts to public services, cuts in benefits and public service pay, and higher levels of VAT are targeted to ensure that the poorest fifth in our society are protected from any impact on their living standards and their well-being.

We are aware of the fairness test that the London Equality Group have produced and want you to commit to fairness in government policies that address the current economic situation.

We appreciate that your intention is to bring people out of poverty by getting people into paid employment but we want to see a safety net for poor people if these new jobs don't materialise at the same rate that cuts in benefits and public services are occurring.

Isabel Gowers
co-clerk to Mid Thames Area Quaker Meeting

Quaker Business Method

Roy Payne's letter (10 September) has not helped me over the question of the 'lone voice' holding up the acceptance of a minute in a Quaker Business Meeting. If the Meeting has discussed an issue and the clerk says 'Let me offer you a minute' and then reads out the draft minute, and then the Meeting mumbles, 'I hope so', but one member says 'That minute is not acceptable to me', what does the clerk say then? 'We must make a decision so we will adopt the minute regardless of that objection?'

If Friends who disagree are content to remain silent when a draft minute is offered, the business can go ahead, but is it our practice to overrule a determined lone voice? And if one objector can be overruled, what about two or three?

John Rose
Settle Meeting

My experience is that the Quaker Business Method works extremely well at Local and Area Meeting levels and very well in Meeting for Sufferings. It works much less well at Yearly Meeting (YM) in session because of limitations on time and the large numbers present; many who wish to speak are not called. I do not enjoy the proceedings and for this reason attend YM rarely.

I think Roger Hill (*letters*, 17 September) correctly dates what he calls the New Dispensation to the mid 1980s. In 1983 we took, in effect, a majority decision with dissent on the withholding of tax for military purposes. Since then we have taken decisions, again with acknowledged dissent, on joining the Council of Churches in Britain and Ireland (1989), where there were what *Quaker faith & practice* 9.09 delicately refers to as 'hesitations', and on same-sex marriages (2009), which 'a few Friends felt was a step too far' (7 August 2009).

The mechanism is for the clerk to say, as a time deadline approaches, 'I think I'm hearing support for...' It is difficult to disagree with his or her perception, and some of the unconvinced may have become convinced during the course of the deliberation, so the decision goes through.

I see no obvious alternative. Perhaps we could make more bottom-up use of the 'traditional decision tree' mentioned by David Holmes (10 September) and John Arnold (*letters*, 17 September). Area Meetings are entitled to send minutes to YM.

Phillip Gething
Surrey & Hampshire Borders Area Meeting

Doing justice to the Quaker business method does indeed call for more than an exchange of letters in these columns, as Roy Payne comments (10 September)! In fact, this interesting correspondence

sent me back to Michael J Sheeran's invaluable observations of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting undertaken in 1973-5. I recommend his book *Beyond Majority Rule* (2nd edition 1996) as still being highly relevant to the discussion.

Despite the 'folklore of Quaker dissent' that says if one person can't agree, the group is unable to proceed, Sheeran observed that the realities of Quaker decision-making were (and are) much more subtle: 'a whole spectrum of dissent is available'. We surely accept that there are many nuances: whether the dissent is recognised as Spirit-led or rooted in pre-determined opinions; whether it is seen by the Meeting as coming from a wise or foolish perspective; or influenced by time pressure or personal considerations; how well the clerk is 'reading' the feeling of the Meeting.

One thing seems clear: that unless we participate regularly in the business life of our Meetings, we cannot hope to achieve the corporate discipline, which is implicit in both Roger Hill's (13 August, 17 September) and Roy Payne's understanding of the Quaker business method, and which is easily undermined in our modern individualistic world. I believe that our Quaker decision-making process is an integral part of our religious experience, essential in maintaining our Quaker identity. It also provides a valuable contribution to discussion about decision-making in the wider community. It cannot be regarded as an optional extra to Quaker worship and witness.

Janet Quilley
Wensleydale & Swaledale Area Meeting

Roger Hill and other recent correspondents have suggested that if any Friend felt unable to support a decision in all conscience, then it would not proceed and that in recent years this 'long-standing tradition' has fallen by the wayside.

I would however draw their attention to *Quaker faith & practice* 3.07, which advises that 'There have been many occasions in our Society, when a Friend, though maintaining her or his personal convictions, has seen clearly that they were not in harmony with the sense of the Meeting and has with *loyal grace* (my italics) expressed deference to it. Out of just such a situation, after time for further reflection, an understanding of the Friend's insight has been reached at a later date and has ultimately been accepted by the Society.'

Metford Robson
Ipswich & Diss Area Meeting

Letters' page contact details

Could you ask both contributors and letter writers if their email addresses could be attached to their pieces when you publish them?

There have been several occasions when I would have liked to ask for more information about, for example, a local project. Then, sometimes people raise matters that touch people in ways about which they would like to correspond, but not to put into the public domain in your letters pages.

People who don't know each other may each have something in your pages that may develop into a matter of general interest or concern to Friends. Email addresses might allow them to explore further together.

John Nurse

West Weald Area Meeting

Ed: Our policy is to give letter writers a choice between email address, Meeting name or postal address with their name. Not everyone wants their contact details in the public domain. However, we do forward emails and post to letter writers and other contributors when we receive email or other written correspondence for them. On the website we don't include any of these details unless there is a specific request or obvious reason to do so.

Recording clerk recruitment

I feel an essential quality of spiritual leadership and an exemplary maturity of faith are missing from the attributes required of a potential post holder, listed in the letter from Andrew Burns (*17 September*), though those terms would probably not be appropriate in an advertisement in the secular press. Could readers suggest better words than 'religious strength'? Difficult to specify, but so recognisable when met! In our discussions, though, we might consider these apposite and plain minutes from earlier Yearly Meetings in London:

'... And, dear friends, we earnestly recommend that... in the choice of [recording clerks], you be especially careful to choose such as are themselves of upright and unblamable conversation; that the advice which they shall administer to other Friends may be the better received, and carry with it the greater weight and force on the minds of those whom they shall be concerned to admonish.' (1752 minute on the appointment of elders and overseers on p211, section 45 of the *Book of Christian Discipline of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain*, 1883)

'We recommend that, in making appointments, care be taken to judge of the respective qualifications of those who are employed in the service of the church, and not to introduce Friends to matters, which may be beyond their religious strength.' (1821 minute is in Chapter iii section vii of *Christian Doctrine, Practice, and Discipline*. Fourth edition. 1861)

Anne Hosking

North West London Area Meeting

Britain Yearly Meeting and Christianity

Those who have visited the Holy Land can't but be impressed by the Christian churches promoting peace under appalling provocations. The organising and coordinating body is Sabeel, the Christian ecumenical movement. It takes the teaching of Jesus seriously and moulds their way of living on that.

Eleven different denominations have joined together to produce and sign a paper that outlines their peaceful opposition to the Israeli government's right wing policy. They have set aside their very different traditions, basing their statement on Jesus' teachings of love and peace. It is known as the Kairos Palestine document, which could well be studied by all Christian churches.

I have come to realise just how much our culture is based on Christianity, particularly when I read accounts of punishments meted out by others who base their legal system on the Old Testament teaching of 'an eye for an eye'. Women are stoned to death, thieves have their hands cut off and of course there is the death penalty.

Our culture is far from blameless, not only in the past, but today we don't listen to Jesus' teaching. We wage wars, ignore poverty, and revenge is very much the norm often fuelled by the tabloid press.

I am suggesting that if BYM Quakerism is to survive, then we need to take our Christianity seriously. Quite rightly everyone has their own view of Jesus but many Quakers do not see the relevance to our spirituality of New Testament Bible study. I am convinced that John's Gospel accurately shows the event sequence of Jesus' ministry, and that the beloved disciple was a lad at the foot of the cross. He helps us to understand the character of Jesus, portraying him not as a God, but as the mystical leader taking the world forward into the new age.

George Fox, who had remarkable insight, was able to see the importance of the Gospel and much of our Quakerism is based on John. As a minimum I think we need to see Jesus as the founder of Christianity in much the same way as we view George Fox as the founder of Quakerism, and perhaps study the gospels more thoughtfully.

Ben Barman

bencandia@waitrose.com

Send letters to: Letters to the editor, the Friend, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ
 Email: letters@thefriend.org
 Please include your full postal address and telephone number and a reference (issue, title) to articles. Please indicate whether you prefer your address, email or Meeting or other detail to be published with your name. We reserve the right to edit letters.

Our Yearly Meeting

A visit to Friends House

Sam McNair was one of a party of Friends from Bristol who recently visited Friends House, London

We began a fascinating tour of the diverse work that goes on at Friends House with a warm welcome and an introduction to the Quaker Centre.

A major theme of the day was how the Quaker Centre and other departments based at Friends House support the Society and its members through outreach and inreach. We learned how the new Quaker Centre serves both needs. While the café meets the needs of the physically hungry, those whose hunger is spiritual can browse the book shop or talk to the staff in the resources area. The enquirer's journey may continue on to the calm of the worship area.



In the impressive reading room, purpose-built in the 1920s as an essential part of the work of Friends House, Josef Keith introduced us to the work of the library. This treasure house of Quaker publications receives two copies of all publications by Quaker bodies and one of every relevant publication by adversaries. Joanna Clark, picture librarian, had laid out a selection from among the visual materials. This collection includes over 25,000 photographs, some 300 framed paintings and prints and many museum items such as an original Quaker bonnet.

Among the exhibits on display was the Nobel Peace Prize medal jointly awarded to British and American Quakers. There were photos local to us visitors – of Horfield Meeting House and of the inside of the old Quakers Friars Meeting House in Bristol.

An ongoing project to digitise material aims eventually to make as much of this material as possible available online. The archives include manuscripts of works by early Quakers including George Fox's autobiography. The library also has responsibility for record-keeping for London and Middlesex Area Six Weeks Meeting. We met some of the staff of *the Friend* and Quaker Peace & Social Witness and heard about their work.

Michael Booth, support for Meetings officer, described the work of the Quaker Life department. They support us both in our 'being Quaker' when we attend Meeting for Worship and 'doing Quaker' when we reach out to work in our communities and in pursuit of our concerns. Their work falls into six main areas: faith and practice, diversity and inclusion, children and young people, Meeting house staff, outreach and pastoral care.

The work of Quaker Life is complemented by Quaker Communications. Their dual role is to facilitate the flow of information from the Society to the outside world and from the key bodies to members and Meetings.



A peaceful Friends House corridor (below, left) and the Quaker Centre (above). Photos: Penny Dixie/Britain Yearly Meeting.

Gillian Ashmore explained to us that the recording clerk's office is the secretariat of the Society. It provides a number of functions. They manage the work and staff of Friends House. They provide a secretariat function to sixty-five committees. In rare cases of necessity the recording clerk is also the final arbiter on interpretations of *Quaker faith & practice*.

We were told about current improvements at Friends House and plans for the future. The lettings income from the meeting rooms is being increased by changes to free up the second floor space. Many union, church and other groups use the space. Friends House also holds public meetings to promote the work of the Society.

Eco-improvements are planned, mainly insulation of the walls as and when other works allow. More heat is lost through walls than windows. The roof is already highly energy efficient. Another major improvement that will happen at some time is the replacement of the boiler. That the building is already energy efficient in several respects is surely a testament to the far sightedness of the Friends who designed and built Friends House back in the 1920s.

Finally this full-on day of discovery took us into the magical world of Godly Play, presented to us by Chris Nickolay of the Children and Young People's team.

This very special form of storytelling is applied to tales old and new, biblical and secular. We witnessed a history of nuclear war and opposition to it. The words of the story are brought to life using artefacts while the storyteller works in an attitude of reverential engagement with the message. The questions that follow the telling of the story encourage existential reflection. It is a powerful and intensely moving process.

We closed with Meeting for Worship.

Recently I invited my mother, then aged 92, to Meeting for Worship. She has attended ever since. The first time her comment was: 'the Quakers are such nice people.' It was not until this visit, however, that I began to understand why I agree. I gained an understanding of how collective responsibility works in the Society and I learned how we care for each other in our daily dealings. I learned how we work together in our shared concerns. The work of all the Quaker organisations at Friends House is part of the work that we do and we are part of what they do. In this Society there is no 'they', only 'we'. I understand a little better that all of us have responsibility for and ownership of the work that is done in our name. We are all responsible for Britain Yearly Meeting as a community.

Sam is a member of Bristol Central Meeting.

Can Quakers effect global change?

What did the baby boomers ever do for us? Why the children of the sixties lived the dream and failed the future. This title caught my eye in the Quaker bookshop and, as a 'baby boomer', I have been reflecting on it. We were the peace and love generation, full of hopes and dreams of building a better world. Yet we have ended up trashing the planet and bankrupting our children's futures. What went wrong?

Can we redeem ourselves? Can we regain our vision and join with others to strive anew for a world of peace, equality and right relationship with the earth and all of life? And could Quakers take a lead in bringing this message to the world?

In 2003 thirty-nine Friends met at Pendle Hill to consider the moral challenge of a global economic system that is destroying the Earth and the lives of millions of its people. The Quaker Institute for the Future, which aims to contribute a distinctive Quaker voice to the public dialogue on the future of the planet, was initiated and the Moral Economy Project emerged, which is set in the context of seminal Quaker contributions to the betterment of our world.

Right Relationship: building a whole Earth economy, edited by Peter Brown and Geoffrey Garver, is the fruit of these deliberations.

The book addresses the inter-related social, economic and environmental problems we face and proposes a new vision of the future. It outlines what can be done on a global scale and how each of us can contribute to this global vision. It provides a blueprint of how to move from an economy based on greed and unquestioned economic growth to a whole earth economy based on right relationships between people and the whole of life on earth.

The book answers five questions: What is the economy for? How does it work? How big is too big? What is fair? How should it be governed? Proposals are suggested for new global institutions to provide

for more effective world governance. Four global institutions are envisioned:

- An *Earth Reserve* to gather and analyse information on the ecological impact of the human economy, which would inform the other institutions.
- *Global Environmental Trusteeships* to protect the oceans, the atmosphere and other commons.
- A *Global Federal System* with the authority to adopt and administer binding international laws on the human use of the earth's resources to ensure fairness between people and between humans and other life.
- A *Global Court* to resolve disputes arising from the operation of these institutions and to hold them to their charters.

Most importantly the book shows how everyone can be engaged in building this new whole earth economy together, bypassing the political-financial establishment in witnessing to a new way of living. An important step is to inspire a social movement of nonviolent action that changes hearts and minds and sets the agenda for political change.

The authors of this book envision Quakers being at the forefront of this social movement, as Friends were in the anti-slavery movement.

I have just read the Friends World Committee for Consultation leaflet inviting Friends worldwide to explore 'a spiritual understanding and response to Global Change'. It calls on us to be 'messengers of the transforming power of love and hope'.

Are we ready to rise to this spiritual challenge?

Gwen Prince

Gwen is a member of Llanidloes Meeting. Right Relationship: building a whole Earth economy was reviewed in the Friend by Alick Munro, 19 June 2009.

Art for action

Jill Jesshope shares the story of a prompting that led to an auction

Our Friend Anna Currey spoke one day after Meeting for Worship of a leading she had to raise funds for a charity called Facing Africa.

This charity, profiled in June this year in a BBC programme about its work, sends out surgeons and nurses to sub-Saharan Africa. The teams work to rebuild the damaged faces and rehabilitate children afflicted by the terrible infection *noma*. This is an acute and ravaging gangrenous infection affecting the face. Its victims are mainly children under the age of six, caught in a vicious circle of extreme poverty and chronic malnutrition.

Anna told us how, when she first heard of it, she felt an immediate response to the plight of those affected and how, for a relatively small sum of money for each surgical treatment, lives could be changed in a very positive way. As a Quaker she feels prompted to 'look for the truth in all things' and to implement the 'practical application of our thoughts.' Quakerism is important to her because of its focus on 'putting ideas into action.'

'I like the quotation about living adventurously,' she says, 'It implies that you might come a cropper sometimes, but you have to carry on anyway.'

As an illustrator of children's books Anna told us of an idea to contact fellow illustrators to ask them if they were willing to donate a piece of work towards an auction to raise funds for Facing Africa.



'Zog', watercolour by Axel Scheffler from Zog by Julia Donaldson. Alison Green Books 2010.

Our small Meeting in Wiltshire gave enthusiastic support to this idea, and Anna moved into exploring possibilities for a local venue for an auction. An extensive period of networking friends, other illustrators and supporters then followed.

Thus a leading became a project, and gradually took on a life of its own, supported by the compassion and enthusiasm of many artists, individuals and organisations. The result of much time and effort will be an auction of over forty exciting illustrations, prints, photographs and paintings, at Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution on 25 September.

The donated work ranges from the quirkiest of contemporary artwork, to favourite children's book illustrations, many by well known and distinguished artists. It is presently on view in the corridors of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, where visitors have the opportunity to view this colourful, inspiring collection of artwork.

While the dedicated work of Facing Africa continues to work towards changing the lives of facially disfigured children, today we are offered an example of how one woman's caring response to a prompting has led other artists to join her in offering their gifts to us in a unique way.

Jill and Anna are members of North Somerset and Wiltshire Area Meeting. See www.facingafricaauction.com.



Quakers and sin

Richard Bass and Joan Macalpine question our relationship with sin

While sin, absolution and so on are quite central in many sorts of Christian faith, Quakers seem not to like thinking about sin. Maybe it's because we associate it with confession, priestly authority and other things we don't believe in. Or perhaps as Quakers aiming to 'let our lives speak', we hope that our lives have some good things to say. But – are Quakers without sin? More likely, many Friends, preferring not to think about the subject, live their lives carrying a burden that God could and would take away if he were asked.

For the moment, let's just think of sin as a burden: one we carry around within us, and that we are powerless to get rid of, because we do not find it easy to forgive ourselves; made up of things we reproach ourselves for; bad things we did, and good things we failed to do. They may not be big things. Even the most blameless of lives has memories that can bring a flush of embarrassment to the cheeks years later. An early Friend William Dewsbury writes of his spiritual condition:

There was much speaking of God, but I met with none that could tell me what God had done for their souls, in redeeming them from the body of sin which I groaned under, and which separated me from the presence of God.

Readers of *The Pilgrim's Progress* will remember Christian setting out staggering under the weight of the burden strapped to his back. Only when he reached the crucifixion were the straps unloosed by the grace of God. Then Christian gave three leaps for joy, and went on singing *Thus far did I come laden with my sin. Nor could aught ease the grief that I was in, till I came hither...*

Does this stuff sit quietly in our heads and not bother us? No way! What we get is noise in our heads – replaying old scenes, rehearsing what we might have done differently, justifying what happened. As Friends we try to listen to the Holy Spirit within us, but all this uninvited activity in our brains can make it really hard.

Fortunately, God (or Jesus) can take our burden of sin away, if asked. This central Christian belief is supported in other churches by formal structures of confession, absolution and so on. But what about Friends? In rejecting rituals and priestly authority, have we thrown out the baby with the bathwater? *Quaker faith & practice*, helpful on so many subjects, has nothing to say on this one.

For God to take away our sins, it seems to help if we acknowledge and confess them to ourselves and someone close to us. Not just our sins, but the bad character traits that caused them and are probably still making daily additions to our burden. Then, having got our picture clear, we can just ask God to take them all away. Daily prayers. Hourly, even. Gratitude helps. Taking a few moments to be grateful for the good things we have, and the troubles we haven't, does a lot to put us in touch with God. Asking Him to take away the rubbish from our minds and give us a chance to hear what His will is for us today, we really do get an answer. The junk brain activity recedes and, with persistence, we find that our burden, like Christian's, has started to fall away.

Richard Bass and Joan Macalpine are members of Dorking Meeting.

Everything is connected

Marion Hussenbux reflects on the seventh interfaith celebration of animals held recently at Golders Green Unitarian Church

Be still to know the absolute. Be active to know the outer. The two spring from the same source – all of life is one whole.

Daoist meditation

At the celebration readings were presented by speakers from Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Jainism, Judaism, Paganism, Spiritualism and Unitarian Universalism.

‘I think I could turn and live with animals,’ a poem by Walt Whitman, who was the son of a Quaker carpenter, was the Unitarian contribution:

*I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so
placid and self-contain'd,
I stand and look at them long and long.
They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their
sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,
Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the
mania of owning things,
Not one kneels to another, nor to his kind that lived
thousands of years ago,
Not one is respectable or unhappy over the whole earth.*

The Quaker speaker’s theme of the interconnectedness of all beings was illustrated by an overview of the work of Quaker Concern for Animals (QCA).

The group has a wide network of overseas contacts, endorsing campaigns and, as funds allow, supporting their sanctuaries. Campaigns endorsed include those against bull fighting in Spain, hare coursing in Ireland, ritual sacrifice in Nepal, live exports and wildlife destruction in Australia, and circuses and zoos in the United States.

Intergenerational links have been established with the production of an animal rights issue for *Journeys in the Spirit*, which has been the inspiration for children’s worship in two British Meetings and one in the US.

QCA seeks to work with friends in other faith traditions. There is a special link with the Jains and valued connections with the Amida Buddhists in Leicestershire and the Golders Green Unitarians.

Reference was made to Audrey Urry’s reflection in *Quaker faith & practice* 25.04:

All species and the Earth itself have interdependent roles within Creation. Humankind is not the species to whom all others are subservient, but one among many. All parts, all issues, are inextricably intertwined. Indeed, the web of creation could be described as of three-ply thread: wherever we touch it we affect justice and peace and the health of all everywhere. So all our testimonies, all our Quaker work, all our Quaker lives are part of one process, of striving towards a flourishing, just and peaceful Creation – the Kingdom of God.

The address concluded with part of an invocation from the Lakota Sioux tradition:

*Mitakuye Oyasin... All my relations. I honor you in this circle of life with me today...
To the Creator, for the ultimate gift of life, I thank you.
To the mineral nation... To the plant nation... To the animal nation... To the human nation... To the Spirit nation, I thank you.
You are all my kin, without whom I would not live.
We are in the circle of life together, co-existing, co-dependent, co-creating our destiny. One, none more important than the other. One nation evolving from the other and yet each dependent upon the one above and the one below. All of us a part of the Great Mystery.*

It was a neat coincidence to find that ‘Lakota’ means ‘friendly, united’.

Marion Hussenbux is a member of Birkenhead Meeting.



Good Quaker?

'I WENT TO A BUSINESS SCHOOL and did my MBA in the United States, and there I started going to Quaker Meeting. Gradually, that philosophy began to take over. Most of my mother's family were Quakers (she isn't), and I suppose it stayed in the genes. I'm not a good Quaker, but the fundamental Quaker philosophy is how I would like to run my life... *Quaker faith & practice* isn't a sermon, but it's an absolutely wonderful commentary proving a wonderful guide to life...'

Chris Goodall, economist and author of *How to Live a Low-carbon Life*, interviewed in the *Church Times*, 3 September. A correspondent asks: 'Who is a good Quaker?'

Can we talk about breakfast?

ALNWICK QUAKERS are on a myth-busting mission during Quaker week *Eye* learns from a familiar source. They've decided to tackle that little misunderstanding that irritates Friends everywhere – the general perception that Quakers make porridge oats.

Our Friends in the north are taking a stall in the town's Saturday market on 2 October and giving away 100 servings of oats. Not to miss an opportunity of course, there will be one or two succinct messages on the bags about Quaker ways. And Friends will put shoppers straight about the Quaker Oats company, their famous logo of the wide-brimmed hatted gentleman and how an association with the Quaker reputation for integrity gave added value to their product.

'Everyone loves a freebie,' a former editor told *Eye*, 'so we'll have a captive audience, until the porridge runs out.'

Wandering watercolours

DO YOU HAVE a painting by Isabel Leach Swarbrick? Isabel (1900 to 1982, neé Remington) painted or drew almost daily in watercolours and oils from a young age for the rest of her life. The earliest one that her son Olaf and his siblings know of is dated 1915. Olaf tells *Eye* that, aged about seventy-five, he once put her onto the train in Sussex to return to Fife with a wet watercolour in one hand and brushes in a water pot in the other!

Olaf and his family wish to catalogue and make a database of Isabel's paintings, some of which are scattered across the UK and possibly overseas. They may be signed ILS, IL Swarbrick, IRS, Isabell Leach Remington or some combination thereof. In particular they have lost sight of a painting of Come-to-Good and Old Jordans Meeting Houses. Other Meetings or individuals may have paintings on their walls or in drawers. If you know of the location of any of these pictures please let Olaf know any information and whether he can obtain a photograph. Write to Olaf Swarbrick, The Cricket Field, Denmans Lane, Fontwell, Arundel BN18 0SU.

Waldo Williams

THE WORDS of 'Mewn Dau Gae' have a special place in *Eye's* heart. The poem, by Waldo Williams, features in *Quaker faith & practice* 21.33 in Welsh and there is a translation at the back of the book.

The poem features in Gwlad Beirdd – Waldo Williams, a programme broadcast on television channel S4C on 12 September.

Reader David B Lawrence used the channel's website to watch the programme. David tells *Eye* that at times it is quite moving and he encourages you to view it. The programme includes readings in Welsh from Waldo's poems and they visit the fields where the young Waldo had the vision that became the poem, 'Mewn Dau Gae'. Among the symbols on the bottom of the small viewing screen is an owl, which will switch on the English subtitles for you. You can use the link <http://tinyurl.com/waldow> to access the programme, but it is only available for a month after first broadcast.



Waldo Williams memorial. Photo: shirokazan/flickr CC:BY.

Births

Elon Zev BOYD 16 July. To David Boyd and Zahavit Shalev of Finchley, brother for Rosa and Asher, grandson for Howard and Esther Boyd of Cotteridge. Photos on picasaweb.google.com/DavidBoyd01

Marriages

Hilary BROOKS and Geoff TOMLINSON on Saturday 18 September in the manner of Friends at Marple Methodist Church, home of Marple Quaker Meeting.

Francis Medcalf DEAN and Isabel Evans at Jordans Friends Meeting House on Saturday 18 September. Their address will be 5 Pensby Hall Lane, Heswall, Wirral CH61 6XR.

Jennifer SMYLY and Gordon SLAYMAKER at Middlesbrough Friends Meeting House on Saturday 18 September. Jennifer will continue to be known as Mrs Jennifer Smyly.

Deaths

Richard WOOLRYCH 23 July. Companion to Caroline, brother to Jane, uncle of Emma. Member of Hertford Meeting, formerly of Welwyn Garden City and North West England. Aged 62. Memorial Meeting 1pm Saturday 16 October, Hertford FMH. 07840 959902. emma.rawsonlax@btinternet.com

Memorial meetings

Mary BOYD A Memorial Meeting for Mary will be held at Westminster Meeting House, 52 St. Martins Lane, London WC2N 4EA at 2.30pm Sunday 24 October. Friends with queries may contact Keith Gibson 01737 774104. jkg@dcs.bbk.ac.uk

Births, marriages & deaths
Live your life in *the Friend!*

Josephine (Jo) CLARKE A Memorial service for Jo, of Llanidloes Meeting, will be held on 16 October in the Church hall of St. Idloes Church, Llanidloes, from 3-5pm. Tea provided by local Friends. Enquiries: 01865 557807 or mariekeclarke@pop3.poptel.org.uk

Alan G PHILLIPS A Memorial Meeting for Worship will be held at Wandsworth Quaker Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PT at 2.30pm on Saturday 16 October. Enquiries 020 7228 1462 or wandsworthquakers@gmail.com

Diamond weddings

Jean BURMAN and Ralph WADGE on 30 September 1950 at New Barnet Friends Meeting House. Now at Ross on Wye (01989 763122). Arguing keeps us going!

Changes of clerk

ANDOVER LM From 1 October, clerk: Christopher Coffin, 3 Holly Walk, Andover SP10 3PJ. Email: kriskoff@gmail.com

ORKNEY LM From 12 September, clerk: Alison Elliman, Cobbler's Cottage, Back Road, St Margaret's Hope, Orkney KW17 2SP. Tel: 01856 831404. Email: alison.elliman@btinternet.com

PORTSMOUTH LM From 1 October, clerk: David Lewis, 130 Old Rectory Road, Farlington, Portsmouth PO6 1AJ. Tel: 023 9232 5285. Email: iorwerthlewis@gmail.com

Meeting notices

DERBY MEETING welcomes students and newcomers to Meeting for Worship, Sundays 10.45am (with children's meeting) and Tuesdays 12.30pm. FMH St Helen's St, Derby DE1 3GY (next to Radio Derby). Tel: 0845 4580842.

KENDAL MEETING Midday Meeting on Friday 8 October. 12.30pm Rex Ambler: The Quaker Way. 1pm Meeting for Worship followed by soup lunch at 1.30pm. Enquiries Fran Woolgrove 01539 737715. All welcome.

Diary

QUAKER HISTORY MEETING Love and Marriage in the London Quaker community 1660-1719. Tuesday 28 September, 6.30-8pm. Quaker Centre, Friends House. Registration free but essential at www.quaker.org.uk/quakerhistory Enquiries 020 7663 1030/1031. quakercentre@quaker.org.uk

THE CHRISTIAN MUSLIM FORUM'S SAFE SPACES PROJECT QPSW daytime talk by Daniel Edge, Wednesday 29 September, 2-3pm. Quaker Centre, Friends House. Registration free but essential at www.quaker.org.uk/qpswday Enquiries 020 7663 1030/1031. quakercentre@quaker.org.uk

FAREWELL TO GILLIAN ASHMORE

BYM Trustees & Meeting for Sufferings Clerks

Invite all those who can be present at 4pm on Friday 1 October in Friends House Restaurant to come to tea to thank Gillian Ashmore, our departing Recording Clerk, for all her hard work on our behalf, to give her all our best wishes and wish her well in her future activities. Do let us know (via Helen Griffith) if you plan to come.

Friends wishing to contribute to a token of our thanks to her are asked to send contributions to:

Helen Griffith, Recording Clerk's Office, Friends House, 173 Euston Rd, London NW1 2BJ 0207 663 1161, or email Heleng@quaker.org.uk

Cheques payable to BYM.

Classified advertisements

George Penaluna, Advertisement Manager, 54a Main St, Cononley, Keighley BD20 8LL T&F: 01535 630230 E: ads@thefriend.org

jobs

THINKING OF RECRUITING A WARDEN or Resident Friend? Contact Quaker Life for friendly, helpful advice. Richard Summers 020 7663 1096. richards@quaker.org.uk

YORK FRIARGATE QUAKER MEETING

Wishes to appoint a
**Part-time assistant to the
Meeting House Manager**

in their busy city centre premises,
to be in post from 1 December 2010.

S/he will be well organised,
with good computer, telephone,
administrative and people skills.

Salary in the region of £7,600pa,
plus accommodation in the adjacent
3-bedroomed modern house, for
30 hours work per week

Further details from:
**Chris Edwards, Manager
Quaker Meeting House
Friargate**

York YO1 9RL
york.friargate.quakers@googlemail.com

Closing date for applications: 11 October.
Interviews: 22 October 2010.

jobs wanted

LOOKING FOR A LIVE-IN JOB IN THE UK.
Please contact Christine:
c_diessner10@live.de

where to stay

GUESTHOUSES, HOTELS, B&BS

EDINBURGH. City centre accommodation
at Emmaus House. Tel. 0131 228 1066.
www.emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk
Email: info@emmaushouse-edinburgh.co.uk

LONDON: B&B IN CENTRAL, quiet com-
fortable family homes. Double £25 pppn.
Single £36 pn. Children's reductions.
020 7385 4904. www.thewaytostay.co.uk

SELF-CATERING HOLIDAYS

14TH CENTURY CORNISH COTTAGE
overlooking sea. Basic accommodation.
October-March: weeks £140, w/e £65.
April-September: weeks £190, w/e £75.
destoneberyl@yahoo.co.uk or
0117 951 4384.

Classified ad rates

Standard linage 50p a word, semi-
display 76p a word. Rates incl. vat.
Min. 12 words. **Series discounts**
5% on 5 insertions, 10% on 10 or
more. Cheques payable The Friend.

**Ad Dept, 54a Main Street
Cononley, Keighley BD20 8LL
T&F: 01535 630230
E: ads@thefriend.org**

BEAUTIFUL, RUGGED PEMBROKESHIRE.

Two eco-friendly, recently converted
barns on smallholding. Each sleeps 4.
Coastal path 2 miles. 01348 891286.
holidays@stonescottages.co.uk
www.stonescottages.co.uk

GARDEN COTTAGE, CORNWALL.

Beautiful 2 person cob cottage by listed
farmhouse within 2 acre walled garden.
Superb walks. Meditation studio. Beach
nearby. 01326 221339 or see
www.build-art.co.uk/caervallackgarden.html

PENZANCE. Cosy town cottage. Sleeps 3.
Ideal for an Autumn break. Telephone
01736 330726.

OVERSEAS HOLIDAYS

BAD PYRMONT (SPA), near German
Quaker headquarters, ideal 'wellness
holiday', self catering or B+B, airport
Hannover. nsahanna@kabelmail.de
+49 (0)5281 794 4120.

VISIT VIENNA OCTOBER ONWARDS

Comfortable apartment, sleeps 4.
Convenient location. City of culture and
cafés. Telephone 01904 416840.
anne.reynolds@uwclub.net
www.holidayapartmentinvienna.co.uk

for sale & to let

ECO-HOUSE FOR SALE, STROUD, GLOS.

Part of award-winning Springhill
Cohousing. 4/5 bed Scandi-style open-
plan, built 2004. Ideal family home,
access to 3-storey common house,
sharing meals and activities with 34
households. £425,000. Tel 01453 840458
or visit www.27springhill.net

SPRINGHILL COHOUSING, STROUD.

2 bedroom flat for sale. Large deck. Share
of Common House. Details: www.
cohousing.org.uk/springhill-cohousing

Britain Yearly Meeting

Head of Library and Archives



Initially fixed term twelve month contract. Salary: £39,520

We are looking for a librarian or archivist to lead our library team,
initially for a minimum period of one year. The role involves managing
staff, developing and promoting the Library, its diverse range of
collections and services. Also, implementing and developing the
Library's strategic plan. We are committed to widening access to
these unique and rich collections and making them better known.
This is an exciting period in the history of the Library.

The post holder will be an experienced professional with strong
communication, team leadership, planning and organisational skills.
You should have up to date knowledge of the key issues in libraries
and archives and best practice in their management. Previous
experience of managing an archive or library service is essential, as
is management of staff and budgets. The Library is located in
Friends House, Euston Road, London.

Applications close: 5pm, 25 October. Interviews: 3 November.

**Further details and application pack are available at
www.quaker.org.uk/jobs or contact
quakeremploy@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1111.**

Registered Charity No. 1127633.

personal

50 YEAR OLD FRENCH MAN, friend of Friends, seeks UK homestay (work for board) or residential position, to improve English. 8/12 weeks ASAP. Offers/suggestions welcome. Jean-Claude 00 33 4 777 733 096. jcngando@hotmail.fr

EDINBURGH/LONDON HOLIDAY SWAP. One-bedroom flat in central Edinburgh with excellent public transport links, to exchange for similar in London for occasional short breaks: vale_benson@yahoo.co.uk

TWO MATURE QUAKER WOMEN house-sitters available mid-December to summer. Keen gardeners. Prefer Midlands southwards, near transport. 2es@actrix.co.nz

miscellaneous

ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Charity Accounts prepared.
Independent Examinations carried out.
Bookkeeping Services.

Contact **David Stephens FCCA**
on 07843 766685.

Email: davidstephens@ukonline.co.uk

CHARTERED ARCHITECT AND CERTIFIED EUROPEAN PASSIVHAUS DESIGNER

Able to give consultancy advice
and/or take lead design role on your
low energy building projects,
refurbishment or new-build.

See www.ctat.co.uk
or e-mail janet@ctat.co.uk
for more information.

ETHICALINTERNET.CO.UK - website/
online shop/intranet: £250-£350 fully
inclusive. Established 2003.
07729 103263.

Friends & Meetings

Notices should preferably be prepaid. Personal entries (births, marriages, deaths, anniversaries, changes of address) £16.85 incl. vat. Meeting and charity notices £14.34 (zero rated for vat). Max. 35 words. Entries accepted at editor's discretion in a standard house style. A gentle discipline will be exerted to maintain a simplicity of style and wording which excludes terms of endearment and words of tribute. **Details: 01535 630230. The Friend, 54a Main St, Cononley, Keighley BD20 8LL.**

FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP OF HEALING
Restoring the Quaker tradition of healing.
www.quaker-healing.org.uk

INVESTING ETHICALLY LTD

Independent advisors planning your
secure future in line with your concerns.

Pensions, investments, mortgages and
life insurance.

Call Tracey on 01603 309020

for a free brochure.

www.investing-ethically.co.uk

Investing Ethically Ltd is Authorised and
Regulated by the Financial Services Authority

Copies of the Quaker Week issue can
now be ordered - £10 for 10 copies.

TRADITIONAL PIANO AND PIANOLA
specialists. All enquiries welcome, servicing, restoration, removals, hiring and purchase. Member Quakers & Business Group, Association of Blind Piano Tuners. www.cambridgepianolacompany.co.uk
Tom Poole 01223 861507.

WELCOME TO FOOT COMFORT with orthotic insoles and shoes from James Taylor & Son, Bespoke Shoemakers, 4 Paddington Street, (near Baker Street), London W1U 5QE. Tel. 020 7935 4149. www.taylormadshoes.co.uk



Quaker School Open Days

Ackworth School Pontefract, West Yorkshire

Co-ed 2-18
Saturday 9 October: 10am
T: Rebecca Stephenson
01977 611401. E-mail:
admissions@ackworthschool.com

Bootham School, York

Co-ed 3-18
Saturday 6 November: 10.30am
T: Jenny Daly 01904 623261
E: admissions@boothamschool.com

Friends' School

Saffron Walden, Essex
Co-ed 3-18
Saturday 16 October: 10am
T: Alison Stanbury 01799 525351
E: admissions@friends.org.uk

Leighton Park School Reading, Berkshire

Co-ed 11-18
Saturday 2 October: 10am
Tuesday 12 October: 10am
T: Rachael Bolding 0118 987 9600
E: admissions@leightonpark.com

The Mount School, York

Girls 3-18; Boys 3-11
Saturday 9 October: 10am
Saturday 27 November: 10am
T: Julia Hampshire 01904 667529
E: registrar@mountschool.york.co.uk

Sibford School, Banbury

Co-ed 4-18
Monday 11 October: 10am
Friday 19 November: 10am
T: Elspeth Gregory 01295 781203
E: admissions@sibfordschool.co.uk

Sidcot School

North Somerset
Co-ed 3-18
Friday 1 October: 9.15am
T: Valerie Kennedy 01934 845212
E: admissions@sidcot.org.uk



For further details see www.quakerschools.co.uk



Ackworth School Annual Peace Lecture

In the Fothergill Theatre

The History of Toleration

Dr Michael Langford

Professor of Philosophy emeritus

The Memorial University of

Newfoundland, Canada

currently Divinity Faculty

University of Cambridge

Thursday 7 October at 7pm

All Friends are welcome to attend.
For further information please contact
head@ackworthschool.com

School Open Morning

Saturday 9 October at 10am

ACKWORTH SCHOOL

Ackworth, Pontefract WF7 7LT

Tel: 01977 611401

www.ackworthschool.com

Britain Yearly Meeting

Quaker Life Network Development Officer



Full-time. Starting salary £27,222. Based Friends House, London

Quaker Life is the department at Friends House that works with Friends to strengthen and sustain the fabric of Quaker life in Britain Yearly Meeting.

We are looking for someone with a good knowledge of the Religious Society of Friends and its structures and processes to assist with our work of supporting meetings and to take responsibility within the department for sustaining and developing the Quaker Life Network as a way of bringing Friends together to support and nurture each other.

This is a key role in the developing work of Quaker Life and we are prepared to consider flexible ways of filling this post. The job will involve some travel and weekend working.

Further details and application pack are available at
www.quaker.org.uk/jobs or contact
quakeremploy@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1111

Applications by 29 October. Interviews 12 November.

Registered Charity No. 1127633.

Britain Yearly Meeting Donor Support Officer

Full time 35 hrs pw. Initial Salary £27,222 rising to £31,237 plus pension.
Fixed term contract to 2013. Based Friends House, London



Quakers put faith into action around the world and in the UK working on human rights, support of peace, social justice, development of young people as peacemakers and fostering the spiritual growth of our members. A vacancy has arisen in the fundraising team based within the communications department.

This job has responsibility for developing high quality donor support packages and managing our legacy development. Your writing flair will be a key asset in producing the material for our fundraising and legacy campaigns. You will collaborate with the information team members to develop the visual aspects of the material and to produce it in a variety of formats. Running our campaigns will develop your project management skills.

Applicants should be in sympathy with Quaker values, have an understanding of raising money in a faith context and excellent oral and written communications skills.

For an informal discussion telephone 0207 663 1112. For full job description and a job application pack go to our website: www.quaker.org.uk/jobs or email us on: quakeremploy@quaker.org.uk

Closing date: Friday 8 October. Interview date: Friday 15 October.

Registered charity, number 1127633.