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THE YOUTHFUL FACE OF QUAKERISM

William Essex of Stone Meeting was one of the 81 Quakers between the ages of 14 and 17 at last year's Junior Yearly Meeting in Bath. They considered the theme 'The Changing Face of Quakerism - where are we going?' It looks, in the picture, as if William



thinks he has already arrived! The JYM epistle said: 'At times we are drawn to Quakerism for the spiritual nourishment it can provide; at others we seek the inviting & strengthening ties of friendship within our community.'

CATCHING UP WITH CHRISTMAS

- 'Just the job' - a Quaker Christmas quiz

REFLECTIONS ON THE MURDERS IN PARIS

The murders of 'Charlie Hebdo' staff, police officers and supermarket customers were completely inexcusable. They are traumatic for the many witnesses and the victims' relatives, and disturbing for everyone else.

Unfortunately, given the tensions which exist and the issues which have yet to be resolved, such attacks are likely to happen and similar things may occur. If we are realistic about that we should be able to cope calmly.

A few things may be said about satire. It is one thing to criticise our politicians for their poor decisions and war criminals like Osama Bin Laden and the leaders of Isis for their actions. After all they are our contemporaries and a great deal is known about their personalities and idio-

syncrasies. But such a figure as the prophet Mohammed is not a contemporary; we know very little about him as a person. So satire which portrays him as an adulterer serves no useful purpose. Furthermore we should all remember the Abu Ghraed scandal, shortly after our Iraq invasion. That demonstrates how Moslems detest nudity. In view of this most Moslems have taken a very tolerant and compassionate view of the murders of the 'Charlie Hebdo' staff.

Finally the killings completely overshadowed some environmental news the next day; 2 issues may be just as serious. What should not be surprising to an informed person, there was the warning that most reserves of fossil fuels should be left in the

ground. If they are extracted and burnt then the atmosphere will not cope with the exhaust. The increase in global warming is likely to be uncontrollable.

Second, something of a surprise, there was a warning from Professor Krebs, the biologist. If organic farming is not conducted intelligently that may be a significant contributor to global warming. If rich soils are not ploughed properly they can release significant amounts of carbon dioxide and methane.

So, Friends and everyone else, at all times maintain an informed environmental perspective.

John Nicholls
Wolverhampton

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BARBARA GLASSEY-PARTRIDGE, 18. 8. 1938 - 30. 10. 2014

This is just a short biography to share with others, those who have known Barbara, and those who did not, the strength and enthusiasm with which she inspired us. Her story is incomplete, it was something she rarely spoke of.

Born in Hamburg just before the start of World War II, we start with her walk, with many other children, into Poland to escape the bombing. In 1944 they walked back to Hamburg in fear of the Russian advance. We hear similar stories too often today. One memory which was highly significant to her was being asked to sing to keep up the spirits of the group. On her return to Hamburg, her mother being unable to care for her, she lived with a social worker, Gertrud Gess, along with foster-sister, Heidi, who has attended meeting here. Germans at this time were experiencing desperate poverty. As we were walking through woods one day she said that, as a child, they collected beechnuts to be turned into oil. One of the women used to be out all night and would return with bags of groceries, whose source was never explained.

Barbara attended school and also, with Gertrud, worshipped at the Lutheran church, where she found her love of singing; she had a good voice. She would assist at the organ, operating the

bellows and the stops. Music was always a big part of Barbara's life, particularly classical, including John Sebastian Bach.



She then left Germany, moving to Switzerland as an au pair; then to Shropshire, to join the staff at an adult education college, where she was able to attend classes. From there she went to work in a hospital, becoming a qualified nurse.

She married her first husband, Thomas Glassey, living in first in Gloucester and then in Scotland. They had three children, Alexander, Thomas and Barbara, whom some of us have met when they have attended Wolverhampton meeting. They then emigrated to Canada, living again in poverty. Thomas, father, would go out hunting for food. During this time Barbara had a variety of jobs including working at a pharmacy and with an estate agent. She was a strict mother - rules are to be obeyed.

In about 1982 she came on her own to England to be near Gertrud, who by now is a Quaker living in the Woodlands. Barbara came to Wolverhampton meeting, and at the time she was in poor accommodation, all she could afford. Then she was allocated a flat in a tower block, and later bought her own house. This was possibly as a result of being offered the role of matron at the Woodlands Quaker Home, where she worked until 1988, when she had to retire on the grounds of ill-health.

In that year she met Donald Partridge, an attender at our meeting, whom she married on 25 August 1990, a civil ceremony followed by a meeting for worship. By then she was a fully active member of the meeting, supported by Don, taking part in all that went on. She attended all business meetings, local and area, and initiated activities.

Barbara's rigorous integrity came to our aid when Britain Yearly Meeting changed the accounting systems for all Monthly (now Area) Meetings at the same time that she accepted responsibility as our treasurer. Financial practices within our Yearly Meeting had become outdated and were not carefully supervised. New processes and layout of accounts were required; digitally recorded, accurate and on time.

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BARBARA GLASSEY-PARTRIDGE (CONTINUED)

Treasurers still struggle to make our widely varying lifestyles, from one local meeting to another, fit into a pro forma which never seems to reflect any particular meeting. And some of us, while quite honest, are rather laid back when it comes to being on time and accurate. "Laid back" could never be said of Barbara. She threw herself into the work, taking every detailed requirement absolutely literally, "Rules are to be obeyed".

She was appointed, with Pip Turner, to arrange local vigils on Quaker issues, sometimes in co-operation with ecumenical bodies. Our memories of her often centre round her work with asylum seekers, when the first numbers arrived in about 2000. The youngest of one family, then aged

two, spoke at her funeral, recounting how he had cried when looking in a shop window, with no English to explain his problem. An elder brother explained, and soon after Barbara turned up with teddy bears, three sizes, one for each boy. There is no way to express the hard work, sensitivity, generosity and intelligence which she gave to these immigrants with whom she must have had a feeling of affinity. How do we describe her personality? Friendly, impulsive, warm, physical, very direct, sometimes explosive!

It was a shock when, in 2008, she was diagnosed with vascular dementia. She knew the full meaning of this diagnosis and she was very distressed. Inevitably she drifted away from us, though Don continued to bring her to meeting until it became

too stressful for them both. For a while she was moved from one type of care to another, until arriving at Bentley Court, where, as she lost touch with the world, she was always treated by the staff with love and respect, in spite of the fact that she regularly fought with them as she protected her personal privacy.

A meeting for worship to celebrate the life of Barbara Glassey-Partridge was held at Bushbury Crematorium, Wolverhampton on Friday, November 14, 2014. Her ashes were buried in the meeting house garden in a simple ceremony on Sunday 18 January.

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SPOT TWO STAFFORDSHIRE QUAKERS (TO BE)

Can you identify two people who later became Staffordshire Quakers in this photograph of a Rugeley Field Club outing which was published in the Express & Star on 3 December 1962?

Some Friends may recognise the man standing second from the right...

... and who is the eleven year old boy in the gabar-



dine mac and wellington boots directly in front of the diagram or map?

Do you want to find out, or know if you are right? See page 12.

VIOLENCE: QUESTIONING OURSELVES, QUESTIONING QUAKERISM



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'Fuck you, fuck you,' the soldier shouted moments after I'd seen him shoot two smoke grenades at a group of children, some of whom had just thrown a few small stones towards him at checkpoint 209. This checkpoint is just one of the many military posts that children have to walk through every day to get to school across the West Bank, Palestine.

Tear gas and sound grenades are a regular occurrence at these checkpoints - and last week, during Rosh Hashanah, my colleagues and I also witnessed live ammunition being used. The EAPPI team in Hebron stands near three of these checkpoints every day, twice a day - as children make their way to and from school. In the madness of it all, I have often found myself thinking: how did I end up

here? Well, I'm a Quaker.

But, I'm not a-fully-paid-up-type-of-Quaker. And, I'll be honest, I do sometimes question the whole venture: what does being a Quaker *really* mean anyway? That is probably a question for another article in the *Young Quaker* or, even better, a pint after a YFGM - which I've still not been to but I'd very much like to.

I found Quakers through my involvement in the peace movement when I was student in York. My university (like most) had large investments in the arms trade, and, along with a group of concerned students, we spent too much of our time (i.e. to the detriment of our studies) persuading the university management that it should divest, and also stop accepting research funding, from the likes of BAE Systems.

It was through this work that I heard the word 'Quaker'. After a 'spiritual crisis' (a.k.a. breakdown),

some 'time out from my studies', (a.k.a. a good counsellor), and some prolonged Googling, I found myself sitting, every other week or so, at Friargate meeting in York.

Three years, many hundred MfWs, and several thousand cups of tea later, here I am, writing an article in the *Young Quaker*. A belief in the inefficacy of violence, and the injustice that both causes it and is caused by it, is a fundamental part of the story of how I became involved with the Quakers. (I particularly like this last way of describing my connection to Quakerism: it makes it sound like a messy, complicated and confusing relationship - which it is.)

I should add that the peace testimony is no longer the core of my Quakerism. I found in Meeting for Worship something deeper - but, still, the root of my connection remains an interest, both personal and academic, in the causes of violence and the way to peace.

Working for an organisation (EAPPI) which has an explicit message of nonviolence is one way to really challenge and explore these beliefs. I'm not sure I'll ever be able to say - in the ilk of that famous US politician - that any of my truths are self-evident. If living and working under military occupation teaches you one thing

VIOLENCE (CONTINUED)

it's that nothing is obvious, most things make no sense, and your brain might explode if you try too hard to make them.

I find the Quaker peace testimony is also a bit like this. On the one hand, violence seems to solve the problem – ask the soldiers at checkpoint 209 mentioned earlier: they fired the tear gas, shot the rubber bullets and the children stopped throwing stones. There's no denying it – albeit that we might have

other things to say about firing weapons at children. But, on the other hand, we know that violence of this sort can further entrench hatred and anger, move communities further apart, destroy the chances of peace, and ultimately, create and justify more violence.

As I understand it, the idea that violence breeds violence is core to the Quaker peace testimony. The soldiers have been firing tear gas and rubber bullets for many years

now, and nothing has changed – violence has solved nothing. In fact, the situation in Hebron continues to deteriorate. For me, the peace testimony, with all its paradoxes, truisms and truths, continues to be a challenge and one I suspect I will struggle with for a very long time.

The views in this article do not reflect the views of EAPPI, the World Council of Churches or Quakers in Britain.



PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Last Saturday I helped out with the monthly market stall run by Leek's Palestine support group. The stall is one of many in the fine food market on each 3rd Saturday and we sell fair trade products such as za'atar (a mix of herbs including sumac), freekeh (durum wheat, harvested when green and then roasted), maftoul (hand-rolled from bulgur and whole wheat) and olive oil produced by the Palestinian cooperative Zaytoun. We have recipe cards for people unfamiliar with these products, leaflets about the Israel/Palestine situation and a selection of Palestinian handicrafts, largely based on embroidery.

The group responded initially to a feeling of desperation generated by a screening in Leek of the film *Five Broken Cameras*. An Israeli and a Palestinian co-directed this cinematic diary of life and

non-violent resistance in Bil'in, a West Bank village surrounded by encroaching Israeli settlements.

We also have a sense that Western media treatment of the Arab-Israeli conflict is not even-handed. This is particularly true in the USA where Zionist voices tend to outcompete more moderate Jewish views. But it also seems to be the case in Britain. We have an inherited responsibility for creating a Jewish homeland in the aftermath of WWII and hence displacing the indigenous Arabs. This means that we have an equal responsibility to try to support a solution to the problem, realising that there are rights and wrongs on both sides. The ongoing violence is an all-too-familiar corollary of sectarianism, which can be exploited both by the desperate and the criminal.

As several members of the group are Quakers, we know of the work of EAPPI. I also read with interest the article in Quaker News, Winter 2014, by Teresa Parker, Programme Manager, Middle East. She highlighted the plight of Israeli peace group *Other Voice* as exemplified by member Nomika Zion. She receives anonymous threatening calls for continuing to argue that 'war is not a rational solution ... and that when you stop seeing others as human, you stop being human yourself'.

Our Palestine support group recognises that there are 'Other Voices' talking about making peace, not war, in both Palestine and Israel and we hold them all in the Light.

Andy Collins
Leek

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CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION: GETTING IT STRAIGHT



Anthony takes up position
at Lichfield Speakers
Corner

'If we had all been COs in 1939, we would be speaking German now'. So commented Lichfield MP Michael Fabricant after listening for a few minutes to Anthony Wilson of Lichfield Meeting as he addressed passing shoppers at Speakers Corner. Anthony had been invited to speak about COs during the First World War. Here are edited extracts from an exchange of e-mails which followed.

Dear Michael

I appreciated your taking the time to join the group at Speakers Corner, and your comment that 'we'd all be speaking German' was fed in to the debate which my remarks generated. I'd like to modify the response which I made in your absence.

My reply was in two parts. First, hypothesizing that Britain might have taken a pacifist stance in 1939 is not a useful exercise: no way could that have happened, so reconstructing events on that basis tells us nothing. And second, a pacifist stance does not involve opting out of peaceful action, but finding ways of getting involved.

I could more usefully have taken the debate back to the 1919 Treaty of Versailles - about which pacifists could do nothing - and the starvation which took hold of Germany. Here, pacifists could and did act, by mounting the feeding programme which became known as Quäkerspeisung. Had that been the approach of the victorious allies, history might indeed have been different.

... the network of organisations through which the feeding programme had been organised very quickly picked up on the nature of the (Nazi) regime. So the pacifist Quakers again stepped in, playing their part in enabling Jews to leave in the face of growing persecution. This culminated in the Kindertransport, by which thousands of children were saved: (It) took much more political and bureaucratic effort to convince the British government to accept the Jewish refugees than it did to enable them to leave Germany.

(This) reply raises two questions at least for people in your position. First, let's assume that you would have pressed the Chamberlain government, against its instincts, to admit the Jewish refugees: what steps are you taking now to open our doors to asylum seekers who are experiencing comparable conditions, when every measure adopted by the present government is to keep people out?

And secondly, are you prepared to recognise the validity of human rights as exemplified in the legislation which permitted exemption from military service on grounds of conscience?

Anthony Wilson

Dear Anthony,

... I agree with many of the historical points that you make. However, I still have reservations about allowing

for legislation for conscientious objection, I think that this might be used as a 'loophole' by the unscrupulous and abused...

Michael

Dear Michael

... The immediate answer to your concern about provision for conscientious objection was the tribunal system, created to judge the sincerity of the application. The tribunals were generally harsh in the First World War; during the Second World War, they were more prepared to look for the integrity of those appearing before them.

All COs recognised the quality of government which allowed for recognition of conscience on this scale, Britain was the first to provide for conscientious objection; it is now recognised as a human right by the UN, although its application is uneven. I'm not sure if you are suggesting that Britain should step back from the lead which we have given? At a personal level for me, this would have involved time in prison rather than 2½ years serving in hospitals and children's homes, amongst other useful placements; internationally, it would represent endorsement of totalitarian values now that democracies recognise the legitimacy of conscientious objection to military service.

Anthony

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PEACEMAKERS: STARTING YOUNG

Peacemakers (West Midlands Quaker Peace Education Project) is based close to the Quaker meeting House in Bull Street Birmingham. Peacemakers Whole School Approach, (WSA), operates by invitation in primary and junior schools by offering Peacemakers and Peer Mediation courses. Peer Mediation courses have trained 1,000 children in 35 schools in three years. These young mediators say that “when people have a problem they come inside fighting and come outside smiling”. Since 2013, teacher training courses have also become available. The Peacemakers programme is funded by charitable contributions and by the fees paid by the schools using the service. A legacy donation in 2012 provided the finance needed for teacher training courses. Just over 200 teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors and other support staff benefited from this training between September 2012 and the end of 2013.

The aims of the project are to create a safer school with better conditions for learning; to develop skills for life in the area of conflict resolution; to encourage every member of the school community to be better equipped to make, maintain and repair relationships and to explore ways to help schools build and maintain peaceful relationships at all levels. (Quite a tall order).

When a school has signed up for the programme, a Peacemakers WSA programme involves a co-ordinator investing one or two days a week over an extended period of time (often two years) helping the school to achieve these aims. At the start of the programme an audit of relationships is carried out, and a Champions’ Group is established to promote and develop the work. Over the two years as many people as possible are trained in the techniques of Circle Time, peer mediation and restorative discipline. Some of the work is delivered by formal training sessions, and some of it takes place informally in classrooms, staff rooms, offices and playgrounds. Throughout the project relationship audits continue to inform the direction of the on-going programme.

The Peacemakers programme requires everyone in the school, all the children and all the adults, to take part in the venture. It is egalitarian and in every way compatible with Quaker philosophy. If children can learn to make and sustain peaceful relationships and to resolve conflicts peacefully, then society as a whole will benefit. The following is a quote from South Birmingham Primary school: “Peacemakers forms a seamless underpinning of a proactive safe-guarding policy; the empowering confidence and resilience the restorative

process gives to children helps them to meet challenges they face in modern society”.

Every Peacemakers course is tailored towards the needs of the class, so each one is unique although all have common themes around language, co-operation, feelings, conflict escalation and resolution. Some of the children who have given feedback to the Peacemakers say ‘I have learned to calm down when I’m angry and not to use blame language’.

My role as a member of the Steering Committee ends in April 2016. There have been opportunities for the steering committee members to visit the schools and see the Peacemakers in action. At the last meeting of the steering group an evaluation report commissioned by Peacemakers into their programme by a working party of academics concluded that positive impacts for pupils were an increased ability to resolve conflict without relying so heavily on adults and reductions in name-calling and teasing for some. Positive impacts for school staff were greater confidence in resolving conflict with pupils and improved relationships. (I would have liked Peacemakers to have been operational when I was in junior school.....)

June Nicholls.
Lichfield Meeting



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COMPOST

John Nicholls of Wolverhampton Meeting reports on progress with his composting initiatives.

There are 2 plant troughs which contain a good water supply and should resist drought. One is in the garden of Wolverhampton Meeting House. In the spring I will plant herbs in it. From the summer onwards both Wolverhampton Friends and other users of the Meeting House will be invited to help themselves.

The other trough is my front garden. This contains very rich compost made from domestic waste. I shall plant a variety of food crops. Also given the richness of the compost I shall experiment with planting some seeds closer than normal.

I want as many people as possible to have access to this work so they may copy & adapt it.

SHELTER

Here John Nicholls reports on progress with his accommodation shelters.

The first will be having its acid test this year – to see if it can be dismantled quickly and its modules stored compactly in a fraction of its space when assembled. It has a ‘quadrant construction’, i.e. each module consists of 2 adjacent sections of wall with either a section of floor at its base or a section of roof at its top. The second shelter is a ‘flatpack design’, i.e. adjacent sections of wall are connected by hinges which allow rapid dismantling & reassembly with compact storage. It will be taken to the Heritage Conserved environmental site in Llanrhaeadr-Ym-Mochnant, where it will stay permanently. I hope to spend several weeks there, where the shelter will provide my accommodation.

ENERGY

Alison Crane, once of Stafford Meeting, recommends the opportunities offered by a local initiative. Further details are available at chasesolar.org.uk.

This is a great scheme for people looking for an ethical investment, with the added benefit it is also investing locally. The investor buys shares in the Co-operative, which are used to install solar photovoltaics on the roofs of Council bungalows in the Cannock Chase area. The Feed in Tariffs provide a 7% return on the investment. The bungalows’ tenants benefit from free solar electricity, reducing their fuel bills, and the use of solar electricity reduces carbon emissions. So it is an ethical, local, co-operative, carbon saving scheme which reduces fuel poverty and provides community benefit. At least 150 council houses in Staffordshire are set to benefit.

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PLAYING AND PRAYING IN THE LIGHT *Photography Retreat at Swarthmoor Hall*

One of Sandra's photographs from the course

Reading the course description one word jumped out at me ‘CREATE’. Yes I badly needed some time and space that such a retreat would offer, and yes learning how to use my camera properly was long overdue.

I knew that at Swarthmoor I would find spiritual refreshment too. However an opportunity to be contemplative and focus on being creative sounded wonderful.

Our small group was led and guided by Jasmine Piercy in a way that gave us

new insights. The activities encouraged us to pause, reflect and appreciate.

One of the most fascinating exercises was when we were instructed to find a place and be still. This heightened our visual awareness and sense of wonder with pleasing results.

By the evening we had created prayer-poem slide shows of our photographs and shared them by the firelight. Exploring Swarthmoor’s historic environment we had all been in the same

place at the same time, and yet surprisingly our creations were totally different. In fact I suspect the images spoke to each of us in different ways too as we viewed them in turn.

The words ‘Rejoice in the splendour of God’s continuing creation’ (*Advices & Queries* 42) spoke to me loudly and clearly as I walked across the fields to the station in the dawn’s light.

Sandra Chambers
Stafford

MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS, DECEMBER

Firstly we heard the Trustees Report, including:

- We should note that there has been a **continuing decline in contributions** from meetings and individuals to Britain Yearly Meeting.

- **New Large Meeting House** 'the space offers us an opportunity to embrace change in the way we use the room because of flexibility, simplicity, accessibility and the use of technology... We give grateful thanks for all the work that has gone into creating this beautiful and exciting space which is conducive to worship, and for those who have worked to ensure it will meet the needs of Yearly Meeting.'

- **Vibrancy in Meetings** A Regional Workers Scheme is being set up to provide inspiration and support to meetings around the country.

- **Quaker Meeting Houses Heritage Project** In a pilot project, a survey of 6 Area Meetings in East Anglia has been completed. The new project will provide BYM with an updated record of Meeting houses, a snapshot of how they are used, their potential for change and sustainability, and information that will assist with

making grant and planning applications.

- The objectives '**Promotion of Quakerism**' and '**Witness through Action**' are not always compatible. We need a more coherent balance between the two.
- **Lobbying Act** Trustees recommended our registering. 'We would be able to speak out on any issue secure in the knowledge that we were being open and honest about all our campaigning activities. Although the Electoral Commission does not ask for an estimate of all campaigning costs to be made public (only for it to be submitted to it), we could put everything on our website. We could lead by example and become a model of transparency.' We support their recommendation.

The Retreat triennial report.

'The Retreat is a charitable, not-for-profit provider of specialist mental health care. We work closely with the NHS to provide services for people with complex and challenging needs in an open, calming environment designed to enable recovery and independence. The Retreat was established over 200 years ago and was the

first place where people with mental health problems were treated humanely and with dignity and respect.'

I was impressed by the knowledge and commitment of the three staff of the Retreat who presented this informative report. What do they do? The work is described under five different themes:

- Trauma,
- Eating disorder
- Family and couples service
- Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
- Psychiatric and therapeutic dialogue.

And they held an Autistic Awareness event.

We also considered:

- **Quaker Life Central Committee**, with **Leeds AM**. Dying and Death, a very broad subject
- **Cambridgeshire AM. Tax justice**, supporting the Salter lecture, with further comment by Peter Ullathorne, Treasurer to BYM Trustees.
- **Sussex West AM. 'search and rescue'** of immigrants at risk around the Italian coast
- **Brighouse West Yorkshire AM. Islamophobia.**

Win Sutton
Wolverhampton

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ACCOMMODATION SOUGHT IN WOLVERHAMPTON AREA

Looking for a room in the Wolverhampton area, Sunday evening to Friday morning. April to July. Coming

up to work in D/deaf education (BSL Level 4). If you have a room available to rent, or know of someone

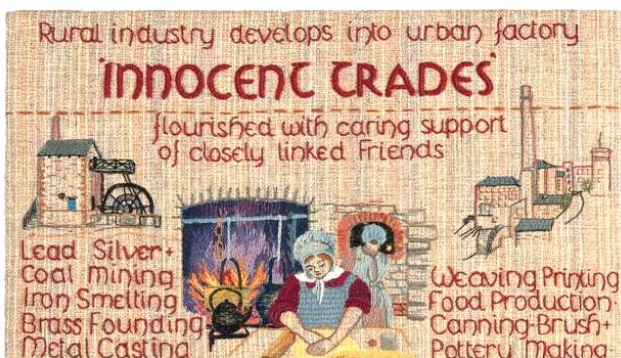
who does, please contact me on 0783 7936 335. I'm happy to call straight back.
Eve

QUIZ: 'JUST THE JOB' (SOME 'INNOCENT TRADES')

All days are sacred to Quakers, so there is no problem about setting a Christmas quiz in February. This one was produced by Chris Bullard, a trustee of the Quaker Tapestry, who in the past occasionally attended Staffordshire MM as a visitor from Warwickshire MM.

The quiz anticipates the opening, in early 2015, of a new exhibition at the Quaker Tapestry in Kendal. "Money, Shoes, Chocolate and All That!" will feature what earlier Quakers called "Innocent Trades" - occupations that were considered to do no harm.

- The answers are an alphabetically arranged list of jobs.
- In the answers, the word 'maker' is used over 25 times and the words 'manufacturer' and 'merchant' appear regularly.
- Generally the words 'he/his' are interchangeable with 'she/her' but not in 58, 65 & 80.
- Anagrams have the letters to be re-arranged printed in italics.
- Answers on page 12.



1. A recent *IOU* arranged for a middleman (10)
2. His dozens could be unlucky (5)
3. Is your dough safe with him? (6)
4. One not hampered by getting the cane? (6-5)
5. Do her workers pay lip service to the Queen? (9)
6. Is a lot of puff required for tipsy *mellow bakers*? (7-5)
7. She could be crackers or a smart cookie (7,5)
8. *Balm shtick* hammered out by him (10)
9. Noah a *load tubbier* and all at sea? (4-7)
10. Hundred degree old chicken producer? (6,5)
11. Is she tied down by volumes of work? (10)
12. *Mao book adherents* reform - his work was made to last! (4,3,4,5)
13. *Rosebuds Fran* distributed to one at the mint? (12)
14. Did he need to employ a tea boy? (6)
15. With feet of clay was his job as safe as houses? (5,5)
16. Clean work for a fox 88 we hear? (5,5)
17. In his house he'll need a 21, 53, 71, 83, 87, 91 and a 92! (7)
18. We hear he will meet your requirements (7)
19. Her job requires no zip (6,5)
20. A job for a wooden Prime Minister? (7,5)
21. He took a *pre-canter* stroll with a walrus (9)
22. Is he floored by an auto dog or cat and wig creator? (6,3,3,5)
23. His plans are all mapped out (12)
24. I can't say his job isn't worth the candle (8)
25. Wensleydaler was said to be blessed during "The Life of Brian" (6-5)
26. Nonconformist *archangels in damask* have tabled your dining needs (5,3,5,5)
27. Is he nutty or soft hearted? (9,12)
28. A second hand dealer with time on his hands! (5,3,5,5)
29. He makes *uncheerful tram coats* (7,12)
30. Tutor 17 with good carriage (5-7)
31. Spurious concrete info - she's a sweetie! (12)
32. He could have you over a barrel (6)
33. Police worker beaten up? (11)
34. *Fond nocturnal charmer* converted grain to powder (4,3,5,8)
35. *More turf accountant* distress - has he lost his shirt? (6,12)
36. Does he spoon out *murky treacle*? (7,5)
37. She covers up curious *red rap* (6)
38. *Red maskers* distorted her costume (5,5)
39. Colourist says he's kicking the bucket? (4)

QUIZ (CONTINUED)

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| <p>40. He might invite you to see his etchings (8)</p> <p>41. Animal instincts crop up in his work (6)</p> <p>42. Touched producer of cloth (4-5)</p> <p>43. <i>Funkier maturer manipulated</i> the table? (9-5)</p> <p>44. You have to hand it to her she's a good mistress! (6)</p> <p>45. Eco 46 (11)</p> <p>46. Knight told to get larger for household goods (6)</p> <p>47. Put cap on loony tea party host (6)</p> <p>48. <i>Hero</i> is resolved to go to work on foot (6)</p> <p>49. An octopus will mark your card (3,5)</p> <p>50. Irregular <i>Korean derailments</i> due to his metal fatigue? (4,3,5,5)</p> <p>51. The knave can do all these jobs except be 58 (4-2-3-6)</p> <p>52. She tries to conserve but gets in a pickle (3,3,9,5)</p> <p>53. One who belongs to things wooden? (6)</p> <p>54. A needled head lice remover? (7)</p> <p>55. One who does dirty washing in public (9)</p> <p>56. <i>A mercantile fun run</i> involved flaxen covering (5,12)</p> <p>57. A key operation on the canal? (4,5)</p> <p>58. She can do just as much as 51 (4-2-3-4)</p> <p>59. Strange <i>rat smelt</i> in vinegar? (8)</p> <p>60. Swede produces <i>green trademark</i> variety (6,8)</p> <p>61. Set alight by Jane Austen's Emma (5,5)</p> <p>62. Dusty fellow is ground down by his job (6)</p> <p>63. Young person we hear goes below (5)</p> <p>64. Pungent but keen worker from Dijon? (7,5)</p> <p>65. <i>Runners may</i> disperse seedily for him (10)</p> <p>66. He puts his coat on a mooring rope (7)</p> <p>67. <i>Make rapper</i> rearrange her sheets (5-5)</p> <p>68. On drugs <i>I march past</i> chaotically (10)</p> <p>69. <i>Alert reps</i> arrange bandage for 'er? (9)</p> <p>70. Does he keep a straight furrow? (12)</p> <p>71. His work could just be a pipe dream (7)</p> <p>72. Harry goes for a gentle walk? (6)</p> | <p>73. You might not read this without one (7)</p> <p>74. Hers could be just a work of fiction (9)</p> <p>75. <i>Eerily Wagnerian</i> discord but he's on the right lines (7, 8)</p> <p>76. He never ties himself in knots (4,5)</p> <p>77. He helps mount wonky <i>ladders</i> (7)</p> <p>78. Does he try to catch the wind? (4,5)</p> <p>79. <i>Alters</i> mixture of worker from Epsom? (6)</p> <p>80. <i>Masses rest</i> awkwardly but she is working on the edge (10)</p> <p>81. Planter packet from charmed teens (4,8)</p> <p>82. Would comic Frank give you a good hiding? (7)</p> <p>83. <i>Alters</i> deployment on the roof (6)</p> <p>84. He notices her perfume he says? (7)</p> <p>85. Creator of The Archers? (4,5)</p> <p>86. One who tells yarns? (7)</p> <p>87. <i>Note: Samson destroyed</i> - he'll be needed again (10)</p> <p>88. Listen to one who follows - he has his work cut out (6)</p> <p>89. Does he sell his products at 6d? (6)</p> <p>90. His products are probably going to pot (3,3,6,8)</p> <p>91. Ex PM won't be spending a night on the tiles (8)</p> <p>92. Like 83 and 91 he won't want to let in rain (5)</p> <p>93. Can he <i>mint this</i> malleable metal? (8)</p> <p>94. His work goes up when the rain comes down! (8,5)</p> <p>95. <i>Rush to repel</i> refurbishment by her (11)</p> <p>96. Kendal walker carted off the fells? (10)</p> <p>97. This bird knows its warp from its weft (6)</p> <p>98. Does this spokes person correct what he says? (11)</p> <p>99. <i>A cow drover</i> makes his mark on trees (4,6)</p> <p>100. His misleading <i>allowance from untrue</i> 97s and 54s (7,12)</p> <p>© C.C.Bullard 2014</p> <p>Answers on page 12</p> |
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THE MYSTERY QUAKERS (SEE PAGE 3)

The man second from right in the page 3 photo is Len Leech. He may not have started attending Stafford Meeting by 1962. The boy is Rob Horton. Rob's recollection of Len is that he had a compost loo, which seemed weird at the time but may be an essential part of a sustainable society. Rob says. 'If that's a map we're looking at, I still do not know where I'm going, although what

I'm about and how I go about it is becoming clearer.' He started attending Stafford Meeting 8¾ years ago. The taller boy in the other stripy pom-pom hat behind Rob is his now deceased younger brother, Andrew (their mum was a great knitter). Rugeley Field Club was a natural history society with members who on outings shared their biological and geological knowl-

edge with other adults and, in the days before mass television ownership, games consoles and social media, a fair smattering of young people. Knowing natural history helps us live in tune and touch with Earth. Living in tune and touch with Earth is an essential facet of a sustainable society. Thanks to William Ives for sending Rob the picture. The two have been friends since primary school.



QUIZ ANSWERS (SEE PAGES 11-12)

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| 1. auctioneer 2. baker 3. banker 4. basket-maker 5. beekeeper 6. bellows-maker 7. biscuit maker 8. blacksmith 9. boat-builder 10. boiler maker 11. bookbinder 12. boot and shoe maker 13. brassfounder 14. brewer 15. brick maker 16. brush maker 17. builder 18. butcher 19. button maker 20. cabinet maker 21. carpenter 22. carpet and rug maker 23. cartographer 24. chandler 25. cheese-maker 26. china and glass maker 27. choco- | late manufacturer 28. clock and watch maker 29. clothes manufacturer 30. coach-builder 31. confectioner 32. cooper 33. coppersmith 34. corn and flour merchant 35. cotton manufacturer 36. cutlery maker 37. draper 38. dress maker 39. dyer 40. engraver 41. farmer 42. felt-maker 43. furniture-maker 44. glover 45. greengrocer 46. grocer 47. hatter 48. hosier 49. ink maker 50. iron and steel maker 51. jack- of-all-trades 52. jam | and preserves maker 53. joiner 54. knitter 55. launderer 56. linen anufacturer 57. lock maker 58. maid-of-all-work 59. maltster 60. market gardener 61. match maker 62. miller 63. miner 64. mustard maker 65. nurseryman 66. painter 67. paper-maker 68. pharmacist 69. plasterer 70. ploughwright 71. plumber 72. potter 73. printer 74. publisher 75. railway engineer 76. rope maker 77. saddler 78. sail maker 79. salter 80. | seamstress 81. seed merchant 82. skinner 83. slater 84. smelter 85. soap maker 86. spinner 87. stonemason 88. tailor 89. tanner 90. tea and coffee merchant 91. thatcher 92. tiler 93. tin-smith 94. umbrella maker 95. upholsterer 96. wainwright 97. weaver 98. wheelwright 99. wood carver 100. woollen manufacturer |
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LICHFIELD STUDY PROGRAMME

Come and join Lichfield Meeting's new study programme starting in April. Until now we have met once a month during the evening in someone's home. This works in a way which does not feel open to everyone and the regular participants form a relatively small group. We want to try a more inclusive model and have constructed an entirely

new programme to take place once a month immediately after meeting for worship. Well, not quite immediately. We are not abandoning coffee and biscuits!

This is how our programme looks. Each session will start at 11.15 am and last an hour. We hope to have stimulating speakers, and there will be time for ques-

12 April
The Quaker Testimonies

10 May
Advices and Queries

14 June
The Peace Testimony

12 July
Belief

tions and discussion. Anyone is welcome to join us for any or all of the 7 sessions: either just for the session, or for coffee and biscuits first or for meeting for worship as well which starts at 9.45 am. We meet in Martin Heath Hall, Christchurch Lane, Lichfield. Further information: Rosemary Crawley, 01543 529 834.

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