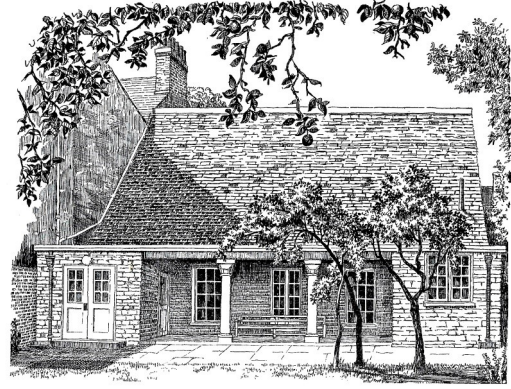


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Meeting for Worship for Business is the Beating Heart of Quakerism Can you hear it?

Sue Smith & Judith Atkinson
Co-Clerks of Oxford Meeting

A **Meeting for Worship for Business** (note the name) is where we attend to our affairs, as a community. Everyone who attends a Meeting for Worship is part of that community, and welcome to Business Meeting. It is where we organise what needs to be done on behalf of all of us.

What is on the agenda? We mark and celebrate the stages of our lives. Babies are welcomed, marriages are organised, records of remembrance and memorial meetings are arranged. *'We meet together for common worship, for the pastoral care of our membership, for needful administration, for unhurried deliberation on matters of common concern, for testing personal concerns that are*



SL Granum

brought before us, and to get to know each other better in the things that are eternal, as in things that are temporal.' (Quaker Faith and Practice 3.02)

Anyone who has something they would like the wider Meeting to hear, can bring it to a Meeting for Business (by arrangement with the Clerks). Testing a personal concern for action by bringing it to the community of Friends is an important way in which individuals can feel supported, first in a Meeting for Clearness with Friends they choose, and then at Business Meeting.

National and international events are usually somewhere on every agenda. This year, we have heard about the work of OxFAP on growing poverty and inequality in Oxford. We have offered help to Afghan refugees. We have agreed a public meeting on the climate crisis. We have considered truth and integrity in public affairs. We have responded to the war in Ukraine – deploring Oxford City Council's decision to terminate its relationship with the Russian city Perm (we got an

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answer the following day!) We have given prayerful support to a group of international Friends who have been asking Quaker international bodies to press for diplomacy to stop the war.

We also use Business Meeting to attend to our spiritual lives and support each other through difficult times. It has played an important part in bringing us together during the pandemic, helping to keep us all in touch with what's going on in our community although we have been physically separated. Elders have brought issues of concern about the right holding of Meeting for Worship, for the benefit of wider discernment in Business Meeting.

How do we make decisions?

Our business method is known, rightly, as unique. It is based around worshipful listening and waiting. We wait for the right path to become clear to those present at that time. When this happens on an important issue on which Friends hold a wide range of views, its occurrence can seem miraculous. One of our first experiences in Oxford Meeting for Business was the end of a long and controversial consideration over many Meetings of whether we should hold a solemnisation of same-sex unions. We finally achieved unity and it felt such an incredibly positive occasion.

How should we participate?

There are times when the pattern of our lives makes it difficult to attend Meeting for Worship for Business. The way we do it is not set in stone. The timing and place of Business Meeting can be altered to enable greater or different participation. Quaker Faith and Practice (3.03) is clear that *"sometimes we may need to vary the ways in which we manage our meetings for church affairs in order to make better use of the talents, time and energy of our members"*.

While not everyone is able to attend, the arrival of virtual participation on Zoom from your living room has significantly reduced the barriers preventing attendance. We are all part of the Quaker community, and we owe it to each other to consider attending when we can. The Meeting as a whole, and each of us, will be richer as a result.

Monthly Appeal -- October 2022 Oxford Winter Night Shelter

The [Oxford Winter Night Shelter](#) (OWNS) is a service set up and run by representatives of [Churches Together in Oxfordshire](#) (CTIO). It aims to relieve some of the suffering experienced during the coldest months of the year by people who have no accommodation.

Elisabeth Salisbury has told us of the increasing need for this service and of the huge amount of work involved in organising warm and safe places for people to spend their nights. Please give as generously as you can and make your payment to Oxford Winter Night Shelter.

Cheques (CAF* or otherwise) should be made out to Oxford Winter Night Shelter and sent to The Secretary OWNS
c/o St Michael at the Northgate
OX1 3EY.

The website gives very clear guidance on paying by card or Paypal.

*CAF is the Charities Aid Foundation



Photo by SL Granum

Review of Irene Gill's Memoir, *How to be a Refugee: Life Lessons Learned by One Who Escaped the Holocaust*

Glen Williams

Oxford Quaker Irene Gill has written a truly remarkable book about the first 90 years of her life.

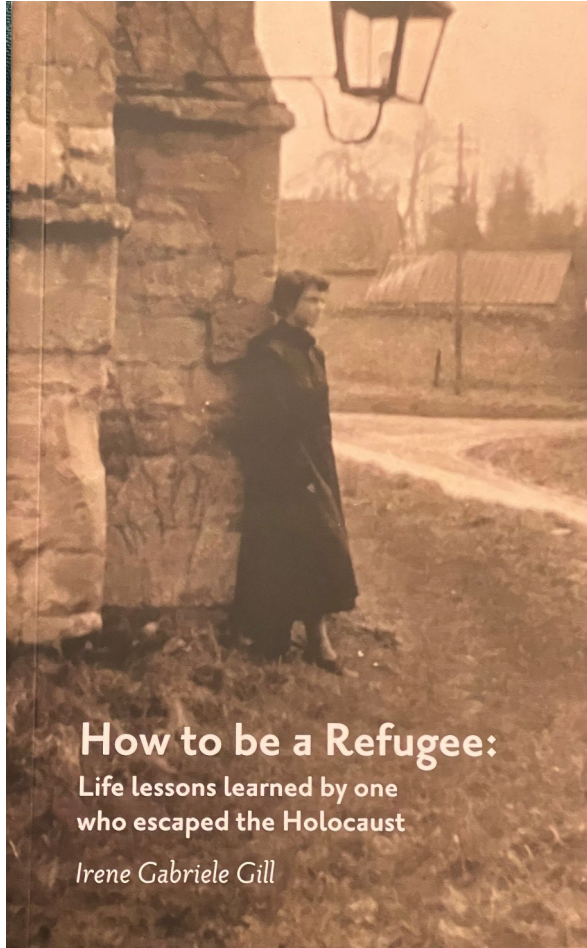
Entitled *How to be a Refugee*, her book starts by describing how she, her parents, and her younger brother arrived in Oxford in 1938. Both her parents were part Jewish, and they needed to escape from Nazi Germany. The family managed to settle in Oxford, where her father – a scholar of Ancient Greek language, literature, and philosophy – found employment at the University.

When Irene arrived in Oxford she spoke no English at all. She learned English quickly, but when war between the UK and Germany broke out in May 1939, her whole family suffered. Her father was interned as an 'enemy alien', and Irene found herself ostracised and isolated at school. She felt particularly hurt when a fellow pupil repeatedly taunted her as a 'dirty German rat'.

Nevertheless, Irene attended primary and secondary schools in Oxford, where she made rapid academic progress, passing her A-level exams with flying colours. Rather than going straight on to tertiary studies, she tried to get into acting as a career. This led to some interesting short-term jobs, for example as a props designer, a dance hostess, and a member of a female swimming group – the Mayfair Mermaids – performing 'water ballets'.

Irene's life took a turn for the better in 1953, when she enrolled at University College London (UCL) to study German and English. Although she hated

academia, she was awarded a First Class degree, and later found that she enjoyed teaching. It was at UCL that she met a fellow student, David Gill, whom she describes in her memoir as "*shy and gauche, but kind and intellectually brilliant*". They became a couple and were married in 1958. If ever a marriage was made in heaven, this was it. For the next 60 years, Irene and David's lives were tightly intertwined and mutually reinforcing.



They moved to Oxford, where David taught English and German at Magdalen College School and also wrote beautiful thought-provoking poetry. Irene taught German at three Oxford language schools. The couple had two boys, Tom and Nick, and also adopted a baby girl, Jackie. They threw themselves into political action in support of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and also campaigned against the war in Vietnam. Irene also started a women's group called Oxford Aid for Children in Vietnam.

Through all these activities, Irene seemed to be a dedicated, effective, self-confident person. In fact, she

was plagued by self-doubt. As she writes in her memoirs, "*I felt that there was something fundamentally wrong with me, like a bad smell – a fatal flaw which made me incapable of success. ... No doubt It went back to my childhood, when I was an 'Enemy Alien', a 'Jerry', a 'dirty little German rat', when the Germans wanted me dead because I was half-Jewish, and the English wanted me dead because I was German.*"

Yet Irene has also received plenty of praise and reassurance from people who have known her and worked with her. A colleague at a girls' high school in High Wycombe, where she was a teacher, remarked "*She brought wonder and delight and rigour into the classroom. ... She cared about her*

students, she cared about her subject, but she never allowed a concern for the subject matter of the lesson to overcome her concern for individuals. She was someone that students could talk to."

When their three children were reasonably independent, Irene and David went on several long trips – to Israel, Poland, Japan, Vietnam, and Uganda. These came to an abrupt end in 2012, however, when David was diagnosed with dementia. The most poignant chapter of the book is entitled 'Living with Dementia'. It describes how David descended rapidly into outbursts of uncontrollable behaviour. Irene wrote at the time: *"I am a carer now – that's all. It means my days – and nights – are entirely devoted to keeping the routines going: guiding him, coaxing him through the days. Helping him to get up, washed, dressed. The reverse process at bedtime. Trying to keep him active, to stimulate his darkening mind, thinking of games, outings, TV programmes ... giving him simple jobs to do, like stirring the soup, or washing up, or putting things away, anything to make him feel useful, to ward off the despair that's hanging over us both..."*

On 11 March 2017, David was transferred from home to the Fullbrook Centre at the Churchill Hospital in Oxford, where Irene visited him every day. The staff reported that David had been furiously resisting the carers' efforts to move, wash and feed him. On 16 May 2017 he had difficulty in breathing and was transferred to the hospital's Accident & Emergency Department. On 19 May 2017 David stopped breathing.

Irene came to live in Headington, where she attends Quaker Meeting for Worship on Sunday mornings. She also takes part in a small discussion group of members of the Oxford Friends Meeting, and remains a strongly committed member of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament.

Note: Irene's memoir, *How to be a Refugee: Life lessons learned by one who escaped the Holocaust* (303 pages), was published in Spring 2022 by the Caserom Press, and is available at £10 per copy (plus postage) from the author herself: irenegill@btinternet.com.



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Have We the Spark?

Richard Seebohm

I reported on a meeting of the Oxford Council of Faiths in the May edition (no. 516) of *Forty-Three*. A particular concern of the Council was the lack of Oxford burial spaces for communities with specific needs.

So far this year, I have also been to two meetings of Churches Together in Central Oxford. At both, Elisabeth Salisbury was held in prayer. At both meetings we also recalled the Interfaith Friendship Walk on 19 May, which was very well supported (including by Friends). A service was held on 4 June for the Oxford Pride event.

The next agenda item both times was the shared use of a live donkey at Palm Sunday events, successfully this year. I did not feel called to speak. We hoped that Christmas carols this year could be ecumenical and not church by church

Our main concern now, however, was for Oxford rough sleepers. The current Council estimate for numbers of rough sleepers was 40, but one suggestion was more like 70. The main coordinating person was Mary Gurr, not able to come to the current meeting.

The Oxford Winter Night Shelter (OWNS), for which St Mungo's acted as intermediary, had run during March and into April this year. It was for discussion what the (City) Council would be doing this winter, but the night shelter's normal period was January to

March. (In fact, our Friend Tany Alexander is their staff coordinator.)

In the current year, while still under COVID restrictions, the government had run an 'Everyone In' programme for January and February to place street sleepers in hotels and other places. We were told that in the various forms of emergency accommodation, female users and volunteers had sometimes felt apprehension, given the mainly male clientele.

In the meantime, there was the 'Living Room' at St Clements, a daytime provider of comfort and counsel. It now functions all five weekdays. Volunteers would be welcome.

There is also the Oxford Gatehouse, 10 Woodstock Road, which provides a walk-in service in the early evenings for a wide range of the needy requiring food, toilet necessities and showers. Volunteers are needed here too. In the coming cost of living and fuel crisis, we should be thinking of more initiatives, such as 'warm hubs' and emergency food parcels. Perhaps we should find relevant targets for any unneeded winter fuel allowances. (I perhaps should have spoken of OxFAP, though its role is slightly different.) We didn't talk about refugees.

We noted that the County Council's proposals for traffic filters, coupled with raised City parking costs, would be a serious deterrent for out of town congregation members. Hospitals would also face this problem, as well as churches. The consultation would end on 3 October. (Oxford Meeting, of course, has a car park.) I mentioned the Bodleian 1871 Project. This invites dissenting denominations to report on their involvement with Oxford University after 1871, when the Universities Test Act made it unnecessary for students and academics to accept by oath the Anglican 39 Articles of Religion. The response of those present was muted. (A Quaker submission is now in draft.)

Finally, I found myself talking to one of the Jesuit priests who ran the Catholic student centre in St Aldates. He was familiar with us Quakers and, in the context of falling church attendances in this secular age, he wondered whether it was with the Quakers that the spark of the Spirit now resided.



Sunday Morning

Photo by Janie Cottis

Young Adult Friends September Retreat

Matt Rosen

Young Adult Friends spent the last weekend of September in Faringdon, Oxfordshire, in worship and reflection, in a community of 'love and peace and tenderness'.

On Saturday, eleven of us descended on the old Faringdon meeting house, constructed nearly two decades before Quaker worship became legally permissible. Faringdon Friends were extraordinarily welcoming from the moment we arrived. We had a late brunch in the meeting house walled garden – once a burial ground for Friends who couldn't be buried in consecrated ground – and began the weekend in a groove that stayed with us: with much laughter and abundant lovingly-made baked goods. After brunch we walked to the nearby Folly Tower and delighted in the open fields, early autumn foliage, and wide vistas, as well as in each other's company.

Returning to the meeting house, we had our weekend's first meeting for worship. Our worship was gathered in community; we experienced openings and felt the breathings of the Spirit. We reflected on imagery of a divine seed in each of us, the idea of God-given occurrences, and what we as young Friends are called to do together. After worship, we had a curry extravaganza for dinner and celebrated Julia's birthday with cake, games (including a nonviolent rendition of werewolf), and

5 hugs into the evening. That night, we had a short

epilogue, where we heard readings from Isaac Penington and a past generation of young Friends, before heading off to bed.

We woke on Sunday – a bright and chilly morning – to a wonderful breakfast of porridge with Claire’s famous compote. We joined Faringdon Friends for meeting for worship. It was such a joy to be with them. We reflected on the presence of God in our daily lives and how we can attend to and nourish this. We also reflected on how much we had both enjoyed and felt challenged by the amount of waiting worship we experienced over the weekend. At the rise of meeting, we all shared tea, coffee, and baked goods, and it was a pleasure to get to know the Faringdon Friends a bit better, and to have a chance to thank them for their warm and generous hospitality.

We then went for a walk to Great Coxwell Barn, about two miles away, which is more than 700 years old. We explored the structure and had wonderfully searching conversations. We returned to the meeting house for a late lunch, reveling in our many leftovers, before settling in for Experiment with Light, a form of guided contemplation. Many of us



Walking to Folly Tower

Photo by Matt Rosen

felt refreshed and moved by that exercise, and we talked about what it had uncovered for us, about our lives and what they could be, late into the evening.

When we finally went to prepare dinner that night, we discovered that the cooker was not going to cooperate with us – amazingly, the weekend’s first mishap. With the help of Faringdon Friends, we decided to pack up and reconvene for a late dinner back in Oxford, with some of the finest sultana cake



Near Coxwell Barn, spelling 'Quakers'

Photo by Bryony Insula-Summerhays

and a real sense of profound community. We felt a bit less like friends and a bit more like family. We were sad to go our separate ways after dinner but glad that we would be together again the next night, for our weekly Young Adult Friends worship.

The weekend left us feeling rejuvenated, excited, and held in deep unity, even in our diversity. We got to know each other in things both eternal and temporal, all mixed together in holy and ordinary communion. It all felt sacramental, which is to say, pervaded by love for each other. We hope to keep

this sense alive as we return to Oxford meeting, and we hope it will be the first of many joyful excursions together.



Saturday Brunch

Photo by Matt Rosen

Come Along to a New Programme of Fridays with Friends!



Quaker Bahá'í friendship Evening

Friday 21 October, 19:00 for 19:30 (finish by 21:00ish)

Anne Watson

This meeting is organised by Quakers and Bahá'í. Both are faith communities trying to bring together prayerful contemplation and social action for a more peaceful and just world. We have much to learn from one another and we're curious to get to know each other a little better. Come to hear Bahá'ís and Quakers talk about what their faith means for them – and to share your own experiences too. Everyone is warmly welcome, whether Bahá'í, Quaker, or neither. We hope the evening will bring a little spiritual refreshment for all of us. And there'll be cake.

Extended Meeting for Worship

Brigid Schroer

An Extended Meeting for Worship / Silent Retreat will take place at 43 St Giles on Saturday 8 October, 10:15 for 10:30 finishing about 13:30.

We will have use of the garden and a meeting room.

All are welcome.

The meeting will be in-person only.

Please bring your own lunch.



Photo by SL Granum



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Oxford/OSAM Meeting about Ukraine Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC)

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Wednesday 26 October, 19:15 for 19:30, a blended meeting will be held about Ukraine in Oxford Meeting Garden Room.

Tim Gee, the General Secretary of [Friends World Committee for Consultation \(FWCC\)](#), is currently worshipping with Oxford Meeting and will report back to Friends in our area on his recent FWCC visit to Friends in European countries bordering Russia.

Friends can join the meeting using this link (Oxford's Afterword link):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89355942467pwd=MHZEZmF3UWVwVGtqRnFuM>

Greetings

Julia Dover

Youth, Children and Families and Development Worker (Thames Valley)

I'm delighted to introduce myself as the brand new Youth, Children and Families Development Worker for Mid Thames and Oxford and Swindon Area Meetings. This role is a fabulous opportunity to bring imagination and play into the experience of being spirit in form, whether we're young or old, in-between, or all together. I land in the Quaker community with an extensive background as a facilitator and creative, having worked as a documentary producer, performance artist and a director of site-specific theatre with non-actors. I've also taught drama to teenagers. My own spiritual ground is at once eclectic and universal, nourished in part through wilderness, Tibetan Buddhism, European shamanism, and First Nations spiritual traditions; I also hugely enjoy working in collaborative cross-cultural and ecumenical fashion.



Photo supplied by Julia Dover

Please don't hesitate to contact me at JuliaD@quaker.org.uk to share thoughts and ideas or simply to introduce yourselves, and I look forward to playing, creating, and exploring with you.

Making the Case – the Importance of a Good Story A Conversation with Tany Alexander

Juliet Henderson

Editor's note: We are all aware of the local lack of homes for the homeless. But how many of us know how desperate the situation is concerning homes for homeless women? I confess I did not until I was recently alerted to some short films about a housing project for otherwise homeless women produced by Tany Alexander. Films that won awards at two film festivals. Having watched the films, inspired by what I had learnt about the project, Aspire Women, I wanted to hear more about what had led Tany to produce them. She kindly agreed to share her story of how they came into being which I summarise below.

I work in the rough-sleeping team at Oxford City Council, but last year between September 2021 and March 2022 I was seconded to the Communications Department. I had applied for this secondment because I'm really passionate about telling stories. When they work well, they can be so helpful in getting messages across. Even if they don't go so well, they can provide a useful start for reflective learning. Sadly, there is no time for this in my role as Adult Homeless Pathways Coordinator.

When working for Communications they wanted me to help with #oxfordneedshomes. This is a grand plan to build new homes where some are constructed to sell at a profit and others for social housing. The former is intended to subsidise the latter. Such newbuilds are not an easy sell with all since they involve use of green land. For me, they also initially represented a crisis of conscience when thinking of all the wildlife that might be lost.

However, the need for more affordable housing is a genuine issue, so I set up all sorts of interviews with people willing to be filmed on this subject. Some already had social housing. Other key workers – such as those in the ambulance service – made clear that they can't recruit or keep people since the price of housing means they need to commute. More social housing for key workers is vital. I also talked to Danny Dorling, the geographer who reminded me the initial reason for social housing was to put slum

landlords out of business. The powerful case he made was mind-opening and convinced me this needed to be done.

In the middle of all this it came to me that I wanted to do something about [Aspire women's](#) house that is part-funded by the city council. The charity [Aspire](#) is involved in a range of superb innovative work intended to support those facing homelessness and unemployment. As such, their work has included taking over condemned houses in the vicinity of the railway station for a three-year contract. They have done amazing ground-breaking work here providing a new vision of the particular needs of homeless women.

Moved by the passion of April, the vision behind the housing for women project, in my role I had made a point of meeting her and the women housed. I thought it would make a compelling film in the #oxfordneedshomes series. Allow all to see what miracles can be done with condemned houses if you have the right attitude, have boldness and vision, and supply support. The City Councillor's film maker Sharon Woodard, who has won awards outside her council work was very keen to get involved too. There was a tense moment on the day since we were not sure if the women would turn up. But luckily thanks to their trust in April, and in the film makers, they very graciously told us their stories. Given that women nationally with experience of rough sleeping die younger than men my hope is that this model of good practice could lead the way to a new, evidenced understanding of what homeless women need. The two awards for the films at the Mountain View International Film Festival and Oasis International Film Festival (OIFF) should help with that.





Rachel in the hills of Wales over the Irish Sea (2013)
Photo provided by Brian Terrell

Remembering Rachel Howell

Brian Terrell

Maloy, Iowa

14 September 2022

Forwarded by Tina Leonard

On September 6, the world and the worldwide Catholic Worker movement in particular, lost a great friend with the death of Rachel Howell in Edinburgh, Scotland. Rachel was 48 years old and died only a few weeks after being diagnosed with cancer.

Rachel first met the Catholic Worker at St. Francis House in Oxford, England, visiting in 1993 while she was in her second year at Durham University where she studied mathematics. After graduating and spending three years with the Student Christian Movement, Rachel joined the Oxford Catholic Worker community in August 1998.

In 2001, she traveled to the United States to visit Catholic Worker communities, including Strangers and Guests Farm in Maloy, Iowa, where I live. The following summer Rachel returned to Maloy and except for a three-month residency at Pendle Hill (a Quaker study center in Pennsylvania in the winter), she lived with our family and our guests for about a year.

In Maloy, Rachel learned to milk goats, weave rugs,

joined us in prayer, singing, dancing, cooking and gardening. She made friends in our little town and in the broader Catholic Worker movement in the states, attended the annual Midwest CW retreats at Sugar Creek, Iowa, twice, winning the coveted “Football Mary” talent show trophy in 2001.

She joined us in protests at the School of the Americas in Georgia, at the Strategic Air Command in Omaha, the Iowa Air Guard in Des Moines, then flying missions in the no-fly zone over Iraq.

After returning to England and to St Francis House, Rachel resumed her studies in 2006, getting a Masters and then a PhD, eventually becoming a lecturer at the University of Edinburgh and an “interdisciplinary Environmental Social Scientist specialising in human dimensions of, and responses to, climate change.”

I returned Rachel’s visits several times, seeing her in Oxford, in Birmingham and the last time in Aberystwyth, Wales, in 2013 when she was in grad school there. She understood the perils of climate change before most of us and was convinced of the urgency of humans changing our behavior patterns. After returning from the states in 2002, Rachel made and kept the commitment not to fly again.

Rachel was one of my most honest, persistent and loving critics, but she did not judge me for my burgeoning carbon footprint in the last years of our friendship; speaking tours, my repeated trips to Afghanistan, to protests at Jeju Island in Korea,



Rachel with goats in Maloy (2002)
Photo provided by Brian Terrell

resistance at various NATO nuclear weapons bases in Europe. Last summer, Rachel wrote to me: "So, keep flying for as long as you discern that the symbolic/practical/spiritual worth of the thing you have to fly to do outweighs the symbolic/practical/spiritual harm of flying. I really do understand that it's possible for us to come to different conclusions about our own behaviour without either of us necessarily being wrong." I will be forever grateful for having such a friend.



Rachel with 'Football Mary', Sugar Creek CW Retreat (2001)
Photo provided by Brian Terrell

Two days after Rachel's death, Queen Elizabeth II died, also in Scotland as it happened. The media circus around the death of a 96-year-old monarch would have been irksome to me in any case, but it was a painful distraction while mourning the loss of a dear young friend.

Rachel would not have minded, though, and her love for her queen was for me her most puzzling

attribute. On the Christmas Day that Rachel was with us in Maloy, she downloaded the queen's annual address and read it aloud to the assembled celebrants in her poshest accent, with a green crepe paper crown on her head.

For those friends of Rachel who are only now finding out about her illness and death that transpired so quickly, I am sorry. Raised a Catholic, Rachel came to recognize that she was a Quaker.

On August 31, Rachel sent an email to some of her friends, "those of you for whom 'God' is a meaningful concept will perhaps know the saying 'With God there is no time' i.e. it really doesn't matter when prayers are offered, and I'm sure the same is true of loving thoughts - I'm very grateful for them any time."

Prayers and loving thoughts for Rachel are still in order, all the more for her parents, Geraint and Kathleen Howell, her five siblings, her students and her many friends.



Jacqui and Sue taming the wisteria.

Photo by SL Granum

Quaker Videos In this Month's *Forty-Three*

'Aspire Women' is a film produced by Tany Alexander, of Oxford Meeting. It describes the activities of the 'Aspire Women's Project'. The film— short clips of which are shown below — has won awards from the Mountain View International Film Festival and the Oasis International Film Festival (OIFF).



April McDonnell

[Aspire Women: What the Services Are](#)

April McDonnell
Housing Led Project Manager,
Aspire Women's Project, Aspire Oxfordshire

1 Minute

<https://youtu.be/6ktba62stao>



April McDonnell

[Aspire Women: Why Women Services?](#)

April McDonnell
Housing Led Project Manager,
Aspire Women's Project, Aspire Oxfordshire

2 Minutes

https://youtu.be/w_xEw00Unis



Rachel

[Aspire Women: Rachel Starting Again](#)

Rachel
Aspire Women's Project
Resident

2 Minutes

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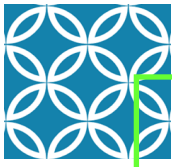
Karen

[Aspire Women: Karen Starting Again](#)

Karen
Aspire Women's Project
Resident

2 Minutes

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Events October 2022

Poems in the Library. Monday 24 October
and on Afterword Zoom
16:00-18:00

“A Breath of Fresh Air”
a topic to follow or not as you choose ...



Autumn displayed at Burford Meeting
arrangement by Ruth Jennings-Day
photo: Deb Arrowsmith

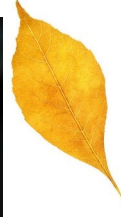
Quaker Enquirer Meetings
open to all
across OSAM.

First session
13 October:
What happens in a
Meeting for Worship?

Oxford Meeting House in
person only 18:00-19:30

All welcome!

further details: Matt Rosen email
matt.rosen@new.ox.ac.uk



Next Session:

Bible Study

23 October at 13:00



Quarterly Zooms

Zoom Gatherings for all interested in collaborative work across the OSAM area.
Come along to share and exchange ideas and solutions - to help us find common ground.

Communications – Zoom – website – newsletters Tuesday 11 October

Outreach – Zoom (including schools outreach) Tuesday 18 October

Premises management – Zoom – Lettings/ bookings/ buildings. Tuesday 25 October

All 18:00-19:00 Afterword Zoom

in and around **43**

Who's in this month – just so you know...



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From Quaker Faith and Practice

The individual and the community

Compassion, to be effective, requires detailed knowledge and understanding of how society works. Any social system in turn requires men and women in it of imagination and goodwill. What would be fatal would be for those with exceptional human insight and concern to concentrate on ministering to individuals, whilst those accepting responsibility for the design and management of organisations were left to become technocrats. What is important is that institutions and their administration be constantly tested against human values, and that those who are concerned about these values be prepared to grapple with the complex realities of modern society as it is.

Grigor McClelland, 1976

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OXFORD MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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First Sunday of each month:

Meeting for Worship 10:30-11:30 (in person & Zoom)
MfW for Business 12:15 (in person & Zoom)

All other Sundays:

Meetings for Worship 09:30-10:15 (in person & Zoom)
11:00-12:00 (in person & Zoom)

Monday:

Young Adult Friends 19:00-21:00 (in person & Zoom)

Tuesday:

Meeting for Worship 07:30-08:00 (in person only)

Wednesday:

Meeting for Worship 07:30-08:00 (Zoom only)
Meeting for Worship 11:30-12:15 (in person & Zoom)

Friday:

Meeting for Worship 07:30-08:00 (Zoom only)



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