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ADVICES AND QUERIES READING VOLUNTEERS

December – Claire Totman

January – Peter Totman

Alyson Bellenes gave October's reading: **7.** “Be aware of the spirit of God at work in the ordinary activities and experience of your daily life. Spiritual learning continues throughout life, and often in unexpected ways. There is inspiration to be found all around us, in the natural world, in the sciences and arts, in or work and friendships, in our sorrows as well as in our joys. Are you open to new light, from whatever source it may come? Do you approach new ideas with discernment?”

QUAKER LIFE FOR CORNWALL

Jude Whitby reported that there was a groundbreaking Cornwall Area Meeting on Saturday the 14th of November. There were **THREE** reports at AM about how we can make Area Meetings more dynamic, more vibrant and spiritually deeper, as well as getting more Friends to attend. There was a proposal from Cornwall AM's Residential Planning Group to run *THREE separate* days next year in support. Jude promised to send Local Meeting clerks, a report from October's Quaker Life Representative Council (QLRC), together with the Cornwall responses to the 'Discover the Best in your Area Meeting'.

Jude said she hoped our Meeting would like to know Area Meeting gave plenty of prompt deep thinking and challenge so together we can become the best we can be, and make our meeting even better. **Quaker Life reps. can visit Local Meetings if required.**

Jude went on to say that **Leaflets** that outline the work of Quaker Life and give details of how Quaker Life can support our meeting are available from Friends House just by emailing Aidan Fallon AidanF@quaker.org.uk with a request for materials that will inspire and support our Local Meeting.

Quaker Life is looking to 'grow' the membership of the **QL Network**. **Those with the internet can** go to <http://www.quaker.org.uk/qln-interest> for lots more information on how it works and what local meeting can expect.

TOWARDS A LOW CARBON FUTURE

At BYM Canterbury this year, attended by Mike and Felicity, minute 36 gave ‘our

Canterbury commitment'. In essence it sets out a framework to make all our local meetings look to their energy use and sustainability.

“ Sustainability is an urgent matter for our Quaker witness. It is rooted in Quaker testimony and must be integral to all we do corporately and individually.”

The minute has galvanised AM into action and even before BYM produced its Sustainability Toolkit it had asked each LM how it intended to reduce its environmental impact.

On meeting's behalf, William, Mike and myself reported to AM that we rented a meeting place in a multi-use building. The Public Room was old but Liskeard Town Council had installed environmental controls to minimise impact. We also had thermostatic control of the room heating and control of the lighting during our usage. We recycled all we could and consumed fairtrade goods.

Being a disparate group our biggest impact was in getting to meeting. To reduce that our best option was all to stay home and hold the group in our thoughts.

BYM, through the LIVING WITNESS; Quakers for Sustainability group, has issued every LM with a Sustainability Toolkit together with a 'Climate impact calculator' to allow us to work out exactly how much carbon our meeting represents as a first step to reducing our footprints. This should be done as a group activity, firstly to define meeting's effects and then our own and to stimulate discussion as to how we can make reductions.

The kit is with meeting in the cupboard but I can supply the calculators to any interested persons on request.

Peter Totman

Life moves on and, as I have read somewhere, "Loss is nothing else but change, and change is Nature's delight." So, in an effort to be current and to use resources wisely Friends would like to ask whether you wish to continue receiving The Fountain? **I will stop sending to you after the December edition if I hear nothing from you.** If you wish to continue "keeping in touch" please either tell me in person, send a letter (see back of envelope), send an email or leave a message on my answerphone before the end of the year.

DATES NOT FOR YOUR DIARIES

As Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays this winter, the Public Hall will be closed and we will not be holding our Meeting on either day. Last Meeting for December will be on the 18th and first Meeting for January will be on the 8th.

In Friendship

Claire Totman

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