

Bainbridge Local Meeting ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Meetings for Worship have been peaceful and stimulating at Bainbridge and Countersett throughout the year. Good readings have been made regularly chosen from Quaker Faith & Practice and Advices and Queries.

We have welcomed many holiday making visitors and also occasionally made use of our two lovely meeting houses for Area Meeting and suitable outside events.

The sharing of responsibilities has continued positively. The work of Liz Burrage voluntarily receiving and filing mail and keeping us all informed has been greatly appreciated; likewise the work of Judith Warren as Local Meeting Treasurer and contact with the Quaker properties.

The Wednesday morning short Meeting for Worship has been discontinued for the time-being.

Outreach within Wensleydale continues through the Churches Together gatherings.

We continued to uphold Maggie Waterworth and David Pointon in their committed work in India and West Africa respectively.

The death of Robin West was a blow to us all. His quiet and good-humoured activity and participation in many spheres of Quaker life and work, not only for Bainbridge Local Meeting but also for Swaledale and Wensleydale Area Meeting and on a far wider scale, were an example to us all. His presence is felt every Sunday. He was a good Friend and friend in every sense.

The long-awaited repairs to the west wall were begun and will shortly be completed under the oversight of David Ladyman and we fervently hope the damp problem will not recur for many years.

Graham and Mary Watts