

# THE JOURNAL OF THE FRIENDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## EDITORIAL

The Editor regrets the late despatch of this Journal.

It is with sadness that several deaths must be noted in 2012.

Sir Christopher Booth, President of FHS in 2005. An honorary Professor at the Wellcome Centre for the History of Medicine at University College, London, he made contributions to both medical and Quaker history. His Presidential Address 'The Quakers of Countersett and Their Legacy' was much enjoyed and appreciated at Britain Yearly Meeting, 2005. (JFHS, Vol. 60, No 3, pp 157-176).

Melanie Barber, President of FHS in 2007, whose distinguished career as Deputy Librarian and Archivist at Lambeth Palace Library was reflected in her Presidential Address 'Tales of the Unexpected: Glimpses of Friends in the Archives of Lambeth Palace Library' (JFHS, Vol. 61, No 2, pp 87-123).

Melanie gave much valued service to the Society as a member of the Executive Committee. Some FHS members attended Melanie's Memorial Service at Lambeth Palace Chapel on 20th November 2012, an occasion of appreciation, respect and affection.

Clifford Crellin gave quiet and faithful service on the Executive Committee, particularly as Assistant Treasurer.

Each is remembered with gratitude for their contributions to FHS.

Starting with the 2012 Journal each year's Journal will be a volume in its own right. Thus 2012 is Volume 63.

In his Presidential Address David Boulton re-evaluates a key question of early Quaker history. Were Quakers pacifists in the English Republic or was 1660 a new departure made necessary by the Restoration?

David Blamires explores the range and different purposes of Quaker educational books for children between 1670 and 1800 and

the Friends who prepared them.

Nigel Lemon investigates the contribution of Quaker poetry and Quaker hymn writers to the hymn books of the Dissenting tradition now within the United Reformed Church.

Winston Duguid and Timothy Phillips introduce a major historical research project being undertaken by the Quakers and Business Group.

The Assistant Editor, David J Hall, has again secured reviews of a broad range of Quaker historical scholarship and research.

The Editor welcomes articles or short items for consideration in future Journals. He is willing to read drafts and advise where appropriate. He would like to include annotated Quaker historical documents, of reasonable length, i.e not too long, from contributors who have the expertise and enthusiasm to prepare them. Contributors are advised to use the MHRA (Modern Humanities Research Association) *Style Guide* in the preparation of material. This is available from the Subscription Department, Maney Publishing, Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL ([www.mhra.org.uk](http://www.mhra.org.uk)).

The Editor's decision is final as regards publication or revision.

The Editor regrets the delay with the issue of the Supplement.

*Howard F Gregg*