

# THE JOURNAL OF THE FRIENDS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## EDITORIAL

The Editor regrets the late despatch of this *Journal*.

It is a pleasure to record the ceremony which took place on 2 December, at which Edward H Milligan, Heather Rowland, Janet Quilley and Michael Darby planted three 'Abraham Darby' roses in the garden and courtyard at Friends House. These were the gift of an anonymous donor and given in appreciation of the contribution to Quaker historical research made by Friends House Library and the Friends Historical Society. Gerald Hodgett represented our Society.

It is also a pleasure to read about the success of the Glenthorne F.H.S. visit in 2006.

Will readers please note carefully the FUTURE EVENTS page which gives notice of two key events in the F.H.S. calendar for 2007.

Please also note carefully details of the new registration system for all library users at Friends House Library from 2 January 2007, which the Librarian, Heather Rowland, has sent to me.

Responses to Ben Gosling's letter will be welcome but, *please note*, that though the Editor is the first point of contact, he is not the expert to answer all queries!

Volume 61, Number 1 begins with Sheila Wright's stimulating Presidential Address, which was well attended at St. Pancras Church Centre on 28 May. A contrast of urban and rural communities between 1780 and 1860 allows a fascinating exploration of some important Quaker historical issues for the period and the areas covered.

Kenneth L Carroll brings the early years of the Maryland Quaker community to life in vivid presentation and scholarly detail. Thank you to Kenneth for his appreciation of Edwin Bronner.

Two short articles explore William Penn in a European context. Marieke F Clarke has provided a translation of research into a significant episode in the history of early European Quakerism with Penn's powerful appeal for religious toleration and understanding undiminished by the centuries since. Elisabeth Alley examines current European constitutional difficulties in comparison with Penn's proposals for establishing a frame-work for a continental peace in late seventeenth-century Europe.

David Matthews details Quaker involvement in an interesting episode in the history of the British coinage.

Claus Bernet, drawing on new research and documentation, recounts the courageous and principled efforts of Corder Catchpool for peace, reconciliation and justice between 1914-1952.

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 Subscription Department, Maney Publishing, Hudson Road, Leeds LS9 7DL (email: [maney@maney.co.uk](mailto:maney@maney.co.uk)) or online at MHRA'S website ([www.mhra.org.uk](http://www.mhra.org.uk)). The Editor's decision is final as regards publication or revision.

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