

NEWSLETTERS

Sutton Quaker Commentary

This appeared in the 1940s. It was a 12-page small-format production in typescript and probably reproduced on a Gestetner or Roneo machine. The archives contain seven issues, starting with No. 4 (June 1948) and running through to No.13 (December 1955). The editor throughout that time was Dennis Scott.

Some news items:

June 1948

‘The measles germ during the past few months has been active in Sutton Meeting, popping in and out of Friends’ homes that it almost seemed it would as a matter of course apply for temporary membership. The Finch, White and Tucker children (and Uncle Francis too) were laid up, in some cases rather severely, but thanks to good care and attention they are all well on the road to recovery’.

‘A class for country dancing under the direction of Jack Finch has commenced at the Meeting House’.

December 1949

- ‘For the first time in its long history, Quarterly Meeting met this Summer in Sutton. Our good friends the Methodists allowed us to use their Church Hall’.
- The Young People’s Group which was formed under the leadership of Jessie Ritch has now established itself... Jack Finch has been speaking to the group for the past three meetings and Arthur White is to take over for the successive three meetings.

July 1950

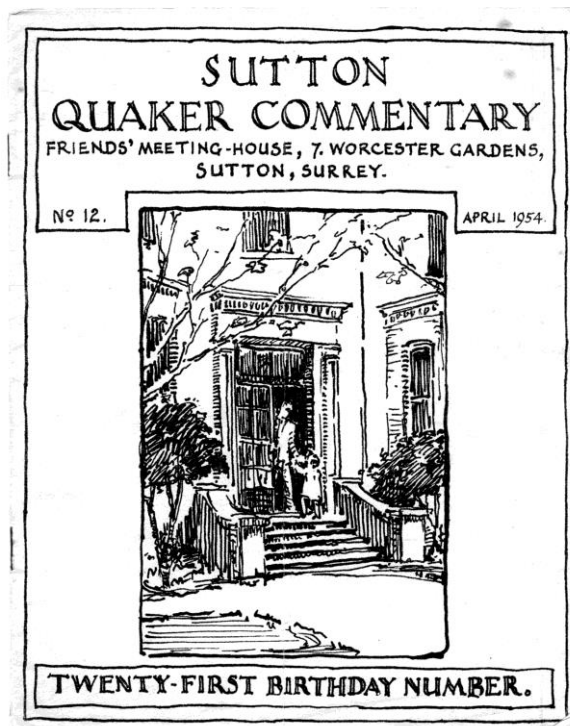
- Our Friend Geoffrey Thomas who until recently held an appointment in the Ministry of Agriculture has now taken over the post of Biology Master at Saffron Walden Friends’ School.
- We wish Susan Finch in advance all the best for when she goes to Sibford School in September.

December 1950

- After her training at St. Helier Hospital Ruth Stone has taken her SRN examinations.
- Percy Cleave was joyfully accepted into membership.

April 1954

- ‘It was good to have Ruth Stone with us in Meeting again after her stay in Malaya’.
- Tony White reports on the Sutton Young Friends’ Stamp Club.



December 1955

- Since the last edition of this newsletter we welcome into the fellowship of Sutton Friends the following new members: Belinda Emberson, Rowan Emberson, Rosalind Emberson, Harold Fassnidge, Edith Fassnidge, Hilary Fassnidge, Rosemary Fassnidge, Ann Barns, Frank Stevens, Connie Stevens, Peta Stevens, Audrey Sherringham, Marjorie Wood, Lavinia M. Roche.
- Since our last newsletter the following marriages have taken place: Diana Heath to David Hynard; Ann Thomson to Peter Barns.
- In the early summer at Beddington Park a team of Sutton Friends was defeated by nine runs by a team of Croydon Friends.
- At the recent Cheam Music Festival, adult students of our Friend Martin Wilson won the challenge cups in three classes: Brahms, Chopin and Beethoven. Another student won second prize in the Bach class.

Sutton Friends Quarterly

This 12-page newsletter appeared in June 1962 and went through 56 issues, the last in August 1977.

The attractive masthead was professionally designed, free of charge, and the newsletter was printed by Sankey (Nelson) Lancs. Ltd.

Gordon Steel was the editor for most of the life of this publication and he

handed over to Walter Rich at the end of 1976. The following year Friends felt that we should close our Sutton Meeting newsletter in order to emphasise and give our support to the Monthly Meeting News. Kurt Strauss became its editor, with Ann Barns as 'typist/compositor'.

Sutton Friends Quarterly contains a wealth of archival information about the life of Sutton Meeting during that 15-year period.



Some news items:

June 1962

- Death of Belinda Emberson. 'Her ministry was not vocal, but through the medium of flowers, flowers from her own garden that she provided regularly for the Meeting House table'.

March 1962

- We published a letter written to Dr. C.H. Dodd, author of *The Parables of the Kingdom* and an eminent biblical scholar, thanking him for his work.

June 1963

- Christina Mary Lawson writes from Ghana of her experiences in working there as a teacher, and of the annual conference of Friends in Ghana.
- The Sewing Meeting meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Meeting House.

December 1965

- Cecil Heath, taken urgently into hospital, receives a telegram from Temperance Workers in Poland: "Hearty congratulations on your election as Leader of the Opposition".

March 1966

- The final cost of building works on the Cedar Road meeting house was £10,603. Six Weeks Meeting paid £4,797 and Sutton Friends raised £5,805.

September 1966

- Gewn Bagwell brought to PM her concern for efforts to remove the causes of war. This was supported by the Meeting and became known as the Positive Peace Project. It ran for a number of years and was warmly supported and raised considerable funds.

March 1967

- Sutton Meeting takes over the Public Hall for two showings of the film *The War Game*. 5000 handbills were distributed and 440 people came to see the film.

June 1970

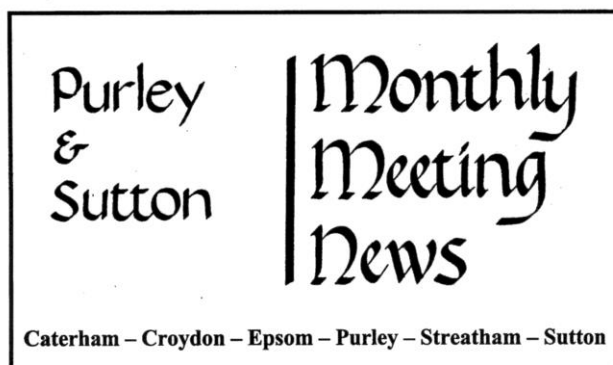
- On Sunday 31 May we held our first meeting for worship in our new meeting house in Cedar Road, Sutton.

Purley & Sutton Monthly Meeting News

The archives contain two batches of issues of MM News. From May 1978 Kurt Strauss was the editor but by May 1984 this was taken over by Maggie Goodrich, to be soon followed by Ann Barns.

Patricia Roberts was editor for a few years before handing over to Gordon Steel at the end of 2003. The masthead illustrated was drawn by him. The 12-page newsletter was composed on a word-processor and printed by Sheila Buckley, a printer in Croydon.

In October 2008 David Parlett took over as editor.



February 2004

Some news items:

February 2004

- On Sunday 25 January, Peter Barns gave a talk entitled 'Quakers who helped me survive'. He spoke movingly about Manfred and Lilli Pollatz and their family who cared for him and many other Jewish children in their home in Haarlem, Holland. He was there from 1938 – 1945, before at last being reunited with his mother here in Surrey.

June 2004

- Caterham Meeting has now closed.
- Malin Andrews' biography of Emilia Fogelklou *Whirlwind of Life* was published in March.

October 2004

- Kirsty Noble has completed her degree in American Studies at Swansea university. She is taking a gap year working in London before going back to Purdue University to do a masters degree.

SUTTON FRIENDS NEWS SHEET

In 2001 Sutton Friends decided to start a monthly news-sheet. In order for this to be simple to produce the format was to be two sides of an A4 sheet, composed on an electronic typewriter or word-processor.

Thelma Cranford produced this newsletter for six years to 2007, handing over to Ann Barns and then to Teresa Bailey in March 2010.