

Report of All Age Worship held at Stockport Meeting House Sunday 7th January 2024.

On Sunday 7th January 2024 Stockport Meeting welcomed around about 50 people to All Age Worship, shared lunch, games. This was followed by a visit to the centre of Stockport to go 10 pin bowling.

The theme for the day was titled Peaceful Resolutions 2024, and was concerned with Quakers as Bringers of Peace and Peace Builders in all aspects of life. The activity that people were invited to participate in for All Age Worship was drawn from Quaker testimonies and from inspiration and resources from The Quaker founded Alternatives to Violence Project.

Following Meeting for Worship Pat and Tim Carlisle ran their excellent games session, and the youngest and newest participants (and Jake, George's dog) were introduced to parachute games.

Following a shared lunch, 25 children and young people (age 2-16), adult volunteers and parents made their way into the centre of Stockport to enjoy a lively and energetic hour of 10 pin bowling.

There was more tea and cake and chat at 3.00pm when the bowling party arrived back at the Meeting house and parents came to pick up their children.

Participants to the event came from across East Cheshire, and from further afield, and the event was experienced as a wonderful opportunity to nurture our Quaker community. Many of the young people will be re-meeting at the Yealand Easter Camp, and again at Summer School in August.

It takes a significant amount of planning, and people power input on the day, to hold such a lively and full event. As well as being a meeting point for our wider Quaker community this annual event is an import event in the Stockport Quaker Meeting Calendar. We thank everyone who came and joined in, and those who enabled it to happen and to East Cheshire AM for providing the funds for the 10 pin Bowlingan excellent choice of activity.

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