

for future Church of England burials. In fact the Quakers have recently started to use the Meeting House more frequently. The building until about ten years ago was in a dreadful state; but fortunately the Quakers grasped the nettle and have had it fully, and sympathetically, restored at their own expense and now that it is used more it has that air of a building in use and cared for.



After all the early centuries of appalling treatment of the Quakers by the Establishment in the form of the law and the established church, this charming little building still maintains the magical aura of peace and serenity engendered by the Friends' presence over hundreds of years. I have, in the past, given talks to several parties of local primary school children and when they walk into the Meeting House they do so quietly and reverently entirely without prompting.

Adderbury's little Quaker Meeting House is very special; it is one of the very few Meeting Houses left in England that is still in its original state and in use. Incidentally Banbury's present Meeting House, not quite as old as Adderbury's, is also still very much alive and kicking and well supported by modern attendees from all over Banburyshire.