

Centre for Research in Quaker Studies/Higher Education Awards Group

Gerald Hodgett Award 2024/25

for wider dissemination of Quaker research findings

Research conducted by Dr Andy Fincham (FRHistS and Woodbrooke Associate Tutor) has thrown a light on early Quaker practices that contributed to the growth of a strong and influential Quaker network in the first one hundred years of the Society of Friends. These practices included: a focus on education and apprenticeships to equip young Friends for success in life; promoting awareness of the opportunities within and across the Quaker world; sharing resources – including finances; and the agreement of Friends to abide by and uphold a set of shared values as represented by the emerging Quaker ‘Discipline’.

CRQS/HEAG have awarded Dr Fincham a grant to disseminate this research more widely to establish how these historic findings can help us understand our contemporary Quaker situation and enquire if modern Quakers can learn and apply any lessons for today.

We are suggesting that we use Area or Regional Meetings for Learning to deliver a short presentation, followed by a Q&A discussion with local Friends to explore together what such ideas might mean within BYM today. Meetings can be addressed both physical and virtually, with hybrid sessions held if possible to maximise engagement.

Ideas raised at the Q&A sessions will be collated, and a report produced on the key themes and opportunities. The report will be available as a download from Q&B, and publication will be pursued in *The Friend* and other suitable publications.

Physical copies will also be available on request, and provided to interested parties and participating Area Meetings and Local Meetings, and the discerning group, as well as to HEAG Group and CRQS/Woodbrooke.

We believe that this activity will be of benefit to BYM in linking contemporary Friends’ Meetings with our heritage with a view to building our future.

Project Proposal

Relevant Quaker Publications

Book Chapters

Andrew Fincham, 'George Cadbury', in W. Daniels and R. Grant, eds., *The Quaker World* (Routledge, 2022).

Andrew Fincham, 'Quakerism in the Long Eighteenth Century 1689-1800', in W. Daniels and R. Grant, eds., *The Quaker World* (Routledge, 2022)

Andrew Fincham 'Friendly Advice: the evolution of trans-Atlantic Discipline in the Long Eighteenth Century', in Robynne Healey, *Quakerism in the Atlantic World in the Long Eighteenth Century* (Penn State University Press, 2021).

Andrew Fincham, 'Cadbury's Ethics and the Spirit of Corporate Social Responsibility', in Nicholas Burton and Richard Turnbull, eds., *Quakers, Business and Corporate Responsibility* (Springer, 2019), 40-60.

Andrew Fincham, 'Factors Supporting the Rise of Quaker Commerce', in Stephen W. Angell and Pink Dandelion, eds., *Quakers in Business and Industry Quakers and the Disciplines vol 4*, (Friends Association of Higher Education, 2017), 9-41.

Journal Articles

Andrew Fincham 'Beyond the Law – George Fox, AntiChrist and the Bastard Norman Yoke', in *Quaker Studies* (April, 2025).

A. Fincham & N. Burton, 'Quaker Networks – a study in Social Network Analysis', in *Journal of Management History* (November, 2020).

Andrew Fincham, 'A sideways look at the World Turned Upside Down', in Paul Hilton, ed., *Wigan Diggers Festival* (September, 2019).

Andrew Fincham, 'Made for Sharing – George Cadbury, Industrial Betterment and Salvation', *Quaker Studies* (December 2019).

Andrew Fincham, 'Faith in Numbers—Re-quantifying the English Quaker Population during the Long Eighteenth Century', *Religions* 10(2), 83, (2019).

Andrew Fincham, 'Establishing Quaker Commerce – Occupations', *Quaker Connections*, Number 73 (March 2018), 23-35.