

## Architecture Group Visit to Brant Broughton September 2021

A large group of 21 of us, including some new members, had a wonderful morning in glorious sunshine in the beautiful village of Brant Broughton .

We began our tour at The Friends Meeting House where the Friends, more generally known as The Quakers, have met since 1701. The Meeting Room itself was converted from an old barn and our host, Anne Wood, told us both about the building and Quakerism. She has been a Quaker all her life and the group asked her a wide range of questions about their Meetings and Philosophies.

There is a beautiful garden, orchard and simple graveyard outside and a modern meeting room where we had refreshments.

We then moved on to the Parish Church of St Helens where we were greeted by Jennifer Harvey one of the Churchwardens. It is regarded as one of the finest Medieval Churches in England and its highly decorated interior was a great contrast to the simplicity of The Friends Meeting House. We learnt how a much loved vicar, Frederick Heathcote Sutton, was responsible for its restoration in the 1870's. A great deal of the ironwork and other features were made in the Forge that is now the Village Shop.

To round off the day many of us went for a most enjoyable lunch at the village pub, The Generous Britton.

Kind Regards,

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