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QuakeFlix – The Roots of power in Stranger Things Season 4 [SPOILERS!]

I've been watching the evolution of the super hero genre for a couple of decades now and two things stand out.

The first fully human FEMALE super-hero was Buffy the Vampire Slayer, played by Sarah Michelle Gellar. Buffy was released in 1997, *EVERY SINGLE* female super hero written before her was an alien, or an interdimensional interloper or some other form of non-human. Before Buffy the predominantly male screen-writers of Hollywood, simply couldn't imagine a fully human girl having super-powers. The first Marvel comic came out in 1939, in the grand scheme of super-heros 1997 was not that long ago!

The Marvel multiverse, which has come to dominate the super-hero genre, only imbues power to the already extraordinary: Peter Parker - Brilliant Scientist; Stephen Strange - extraordinary Doctor; Stan Rogers - extraordinary mental toughness, Tony Stark -extraordinary wealth and invention, the list goes on. Marvel tends to give power to the already powerful! A super power is rarely, if ever, given to the ordinary, in the Marvel multiverse at least

For me Milly Bobby Browns character, 11/EI, is unique because she is female and ordinary, from (initially) an ordinary home in an ordinary place. EI's extraordinary powers come from a place of ordinariness. Stranger Things is a portrayal of the ordinariness of the most boring town in America, that is until our ordinary hero, EI, blows a hole into the hellish Upside Down, using 001's back as a telekinetic sledgehammer.

Even though the nosebleed inducing showdown between 011 and 001 happens near the end of Season 4 the entire franchise has been written backwards from that point. This is the gateway moment, the point where ordinary Hawkins and the Upside Down bleed into one another. The slow and terrifying progression from ordinary to dangerous starts in this moment.

What about that moment then? In the moment where EI is beaten by 001 and lies there, sparked out on the floor, nose bleeding. Her memory of peer violence a few days previous not being strong enough to overcome the power arising from 001's hate and malice. She takes a moment then to remember her ordinariness, the ordinariness of her mother, her friendships, her boyfriend and in that bright, loving moment finds enough power to defeat (at least for a time) the malevolence of 001. Even in this moment of utter aloneness, 11's victory is a team victory; friendship = victory.

Bridget by Jo...

"I feel at home when I'm surrounded by Yorkshire accents", Bridget tells me, in her lilting accent. Smiling, she speaks warmly of the Aunties, Uncles and 'Quaker Grannies' of the Quaker community she grew up with in Hebden Bridge. It becomes clear that connection is everything for Bridget, as she carefully describes the weaving together of people and faith, ethereal skilens that runs through that place, her relationship with the Yorkshire countryside that surrounds it. "Quakerism is the container of my belonging," she tells me "I love that it's a broad enough vessel for all of my complexities, and that no-one judges me, or anyone else, for doing things their own way."

Describing herself as a Quaker Witch, Bridget and I chat about the persecutions and injustices of the Witch-Hunting times in Yorkshire and Lancashire (which were also times of Quaker ascendancy). I slowly come to realise that Bridget holds qualities which are absolutely invaluable to her work with Quakers, but also which would likely have gotten her killed, along with so many others in the 17th Century.

Bridget lives very close to nature, appreciating the seasons with wonder and curiosity in an obvious way. Our little office next to (but not in, dearest reader) Carlton Hill Meeting House, is full of illustrated verse beautifully calligraphed by Bridget. This verse constantly invites the reader to go out into the quiet of nature to let nature minister to screen-exhausted mind. Exploring this more in conversation she tells the story of forgetting that she'd packed a 3kg boulder in her carry-on luggage at the airport, as a memento of a sunny holiday.

"Well Ms Holton, if you can't tell me what this shape on the x-ray is, or how it got into your bag, we shall have to open it and have a look",

In my mind's eye I see the poor security person's expression when they reveal the stone, to a cry of

"oh that, my souvenir, don't worry I'll give it back to the land in Yorkshire at some point!"

Similarly, I recall waiting, laptop in hand in the refectory at Woodbrooke, waiting to grab Bridget to chat about some frightfully important piece of work or other, but at the same time not wanting to interrupt her clear, barefooted enjoyment of the fractal patterns of sunlight caused by the breeze running through the top of the Red Cedar that stands by the labyrinth.

Beyond her striking love of nature Bridget speaks her mind clearly and frequently, holding a level of social and interpersonal intuitiveness which ranges from uncanny to downright spooky.

Her ability to asks the right questions, at exactly the right moment, with little regard for the rank or station of the listener in a manner which feels both professional and witchy. There's a delicate weaving of kindness a challenge in Bridget's speaking that elucidates the truth in the structures of power she encounters and exposes in a non-violent, non-destructive way.

From Lollard to Leveller to Witch, the church of the 14th -16th Centuries persecuted religious dissidents who voiced the value of Commonality and Community. Values we now embrace as the heart of the Quaker way in the 21st Century. We are lucky indeed to have our own Quaker Witch in Yorkshire.

The Yorkshire Hammock


A Picture of a hammock with Young People in it, supported by two pillars one saying "faith", the other "action"

A flexible and occasional container for all things that intersect Quakers, Young People and Yorkshire – collated by Jo, for young Quakers

Welcome Pack.

Quakers are really good at a lot of things, being clear about roots and beliefs is not one them. You might have been going to meetings for years as still not quite know how everything links up, you may be completely new and not know anything about anything Quakerly. If you'd like a welcome pack, containing useful books and links to answer some questions (as well as providing a little sugar hit) HMU.

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Quaker Youth Events in Yorkshire and Beyond				
Online	Residential	Day Event	Worship	
<p>A note about sign up forms and links: Broadly speaking there are two forms that govern Quaker Youth work in Yorkshire: Yorkshire online Youth work form Yorkshire in person youth work form</p> <p>Certain activities have ancillary or proprietary booking forms, for example JH, YFHS & <i>Finally in 3D</i>. BVM events, notably Epilogue, have central sign up forms.</p> <p>How to be kept in the loop The Youthworkers direct mailing list, communications are targeted by demographic; young people, parents, meeting role holders, newsletter editor and notice readers are all encouraged to sign up Click to sign up to regular QIY youth work updates</p>				
What	Where	Date	How to book	Description
La Vuelta: all age cycling watch party	Quaker Meeting at 188 Woodhouse lane (aka Carlton Hill)	27/8/22	Unaccompanied young people - Yorkshire in person youth work form	An all age cycling watch party, with little talks about cycling between the action and special guests
Ride for Peace with Tore Naerland	Quaker Meeting on 188 Woodhouse In (aka Carlton Hill)	28/8/22 after MfW	Yorkshire in person youth work form	A ride out after Meeting for Worship and lunch for all ages with various Peace luminaries
Goodbye holidays picnic.	Thorne Park Wakefield (meet at the skate park)	29/8/22 1200-1600	Yorkshire in person youth work form	The cousin of the Hello Holidays Picnic; sandwiches, cake, games and worship
First Leeds Area Teenage Meeting	Meeting House 188 Woodhouse Lane (Carlton Hill)	4/9/22	Just show up	The very first meeting of a revived teen worship community in Leeds.
Online Epilogue	Online	04/9/2022	Enrol for Epilogue 	Online youth Epilogue
Yorkshire Link Group Online	Online	5/9/22	Yorkshire online Youth work form	Online Yorkshire Youthwork with Jo, themes, games and worship
Junior Holiday Barmoor	Barmoor, Huttling Pickering	16-18/9/22	Junior Holidays Barmoor booking form	A fun, safe and outdoorsy residential for the younger age group. Places are limited and filling fast. Book now to save disappointment.
Online Youth work with the West region	Online	18/9/22	Yorkshire online Youth work form	Formerly known as SWYFAN. Games, Quaker themes and worship with Jo and Zephyr
Youth Walk	Location TBA	24/9/22	Yorkshire in person youth work form	An accessible walk followed by lunch with some outdoor worship
Online Epilogue	Online	02/10/2022	Enrol for Epilogue	Online youth Epilogue
Yorkshire Link Group Online	Online	5/9/22	Yorkshire online Youth work form	Online Yorkshire Youthwork with Jo, themes, games and worship
Finally in 3D		21-23/10/22	Finally in 3D booking form 	A high octave, adventurous residential in Shropshire to celebrate being able to do things in person again.
Online Epilogue	Online	06/11/2022	Enrol for Epilogue	Online youth Epilogue
Yorkshire Link Group Online	Online	7/11/22	Yorkshire online Youth work form	Online Yorkshire Youthwork with Jo, themes, games and worship
Online Youth work with the West region	Online	20/11/22	Yorkshire online Youth work form	Formerly known as SWYFAN. Games, Quaker themes and worship with Jo and Zephyr
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Link Group residential	Keighley (TBC)	10-11/12/22	Details to follow SAVE THE DATE	The first Yorkshire Link Group residential. Activities Saturday day, Christmas party in the evening, a sleep over then all age MfW on the Sunday.

Testimony Focus – The next PM

Truth. The most dishonest British political figure of our generation is finally leaving. Good riddance. I can't imagine that any Quaker could watch Boris lie, mislead parliament and manoeuvre without feeling the affront to our Testimony of integrity. What use is a politician that seems an almost compulsive liar?

Equality. Liz Truss, (currently winning!) is making great efforts to be seen having the most conservative view on gender, thinking that engaging with the perceived "culture wars", will win her votes with the 0.25% of population (Conservative party members, mostly male, mostly white, mostly 65+) who will get to decide who the next PM is. Truss ceased the gender self-identification programme as culture secretary.

Peace. Both Sunak and Truss have made commitments to continue to support the beleaguered and invaded Ukraine. In this case *support* equals *more weapons*. Very little diplomatic progress has been made with Russia as the effect of our economic sanctions wane.

Simplicity. Rishi Sunak (formerly Boris' right-hand man, fined for partying) makes out that the only sensible thing to do in the extraordinary cost of living crisis we all face is, well, nothing. The furlough scheme Sunak initiated, drove many families (especially self-employed small business owners) to the food banks. Being able to eat is the simple foundation upon which our society is built, simple enough, or so you'd think.²³

Sustainability. Meanwhile, as Rishi and Liz take pot shots at one another, Alok Sharma, the cabinet minister responsible for our woeful showing at COP26 (so bad that many Quakers protested) is on record saying that all of the candidates were "lukewarm" on climate change and our agreed net zero targets. It says something to when Tories don't think Tories are doing enough about climate change.

In these turbulent times it is easy to find fault in our prospective leaders, but we are reminded of George Fox's teaching, to walk cheerfully over the earth, answering that of God in everyone. Have you considered writing to your local MP to tell them about the kind of world you'd like to see?

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>



When you are in meeting for worship and you want to take your coat off because it's hot

But your jacket is too loud so u sit in silence

Goodbye
Holidays!
Picnic

*Summer comes and summer goes, all too quickly.
Snacks are forever!*

*Monday 29th August; 1200-1600, Thorne
Park, Wakefield (meet at the skate park)*

**We got the food, just bring yourselves.*