

# An Interview with Malcolm Ede



On Sunday 4th July, members of Cross-Over Group interviewed Malcolm Ede and here is their list of Questions and Answers for you to peruse.

- Q1 Where were you born and live as a child?  
A *Perivale Maternity Hospital and I lived in North Greenford near Horsenden Hill.*
- Q2 What were you good at in school?  
A *Metal work, working with my hands and I was good at maths.*
- Q3 Do you have brothers and sisters?  
A *One brother David who lives in Newquay with his wife Pam.*
- Q4 Did you go to Church as a young person?  
A *No, but I was sent to All Hallows Sunday school. They gave the children envelopes to fill up with threepenny bits, but we didn't have enough so I never went back.*
- Q5 Do you still have school-day friendships?  
A *One distant friend who exchanges Christmas cards with me.*
- Q6 Are your family living near you?  
A *No, just a brother in Cornwall.*
- Q7 Did you attend a University? What did you study?  
A *I studied at Cranford Institute of Technology. It a University now. I studied for an M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering and Administration.*
- Q8 When and how did you meet your wife?  
A *On a visit to China in 1988. She was one of the Chinese Guides attached to our group.*
- Q9 Do you have hobbies?  
A *I used to love motorbike riding, and I still keep up with that circle of friends although I don't ride anymore. I suppose you could say that Damon, my 15 year old son is a kind of hobby?*
- Q10 What television do you enjoy?  
A *The News, current affairs and politics shows.*
- Q11 What are your favourite food and drink?  
A *Indian is my favourite – e.g. Lamb Curry with red wine.*
- Q12 Where do you like to go on holiday?  
A *Cornwall to visit my brother and his family. I get bored on a beach.*
- Q13 Have you ever been seriously ill?  
A *Yes, cancer of the prostate gland and had radical surgery. I also broke my femur in a motorbike accident in 1974*
- Q14 Do you support a football team?  
A *Not really. If anyone, it would be QPR.*
- Q15 Do you enjoy sports and do you cycle?  
A *Don't do any sports, not fussed by it. Sometimes ride my cycle.*
- Q16 Which is your favourite restaurant?  
A *None really, but I like the Greenford Tandoori.*

- Q17 Do enjoy going to the cinema? What is your favourite film?  
A *Not often. I have seen Sherlock Holmes which I thought was too bloody. Robin Hood was OK. I have Gettysburg on a 2 CD disc set.*
- Q18 What kind of books do you read?  
A *I like History best, like the Ragged Trousered Philanthropist and Bury my heart at Wounded Knee.*
- Q19 What kind of work do you do?  
A *I now only do voluntary work as I am retired. I am the PCC Hon. Treasurer and I do a lot of work making the churchyard look good, and I a Committee member of the Greenford Community Association.*
- Q20 Do you ever get upset?  
A *Yes, when things are not done properly*
- Q21 Do you deal with difficult things?  
A *YES Dealing with funding for the Church van be difficult*
- Q22 What other countries have you visited?  
A *Lots of different places, including France, Germany, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Russia, Siberia, Mongolia, India, Nepal, Australia, USA, Canada, Portugal and Tibet, etc... I prefer the more exotic places rather than Europe which is very similar to home.*
- Q23 Do you have lots of time for home and family?  
A *Yes, now I am my own boss, I can do what I like and choose what to do.*
- Q24 Who does the house work at home?  
A *Me!*
- Q25 Are afraid of anything?  
A *Heights. That is one of the reasons I can't pollard trees anymore. I am also concerned about the impact of the policies of the coalition government.*
- Q26 Are you allergic to anything?  
A *15 year old boys! Seriously, I don't like needles and I can't stand the sight of blood. When I was a serious blood donor, I had to look away all the time until the bleeding was covered up.*
- Q27 Do you like children's programmes on t.v.?  
A *I don't seek them out to watch. When a child, I enjoyed Bill and Ben, Andy Pandy and Muffin the Mule.*
- Q28 Have you ever contributed to a publication?  
A *I have written articles for the parish magazine, Magna, but writing is very tough for me.*
- Q29 What do you hope for in the rest of your life?  
A *Peace, love and Redundancy! and health, of course.*
- Q30 Do you have any questions for us?  
A *Yes, what do you want to be when you are gown up?*  
A *Tennis star, Swimmer and actress were some of the answers.*



Malcolm hard at work strimming by the Old Church wall