



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2017



The clay baby *Kenneth*

### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

**Every Sunday** at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

**Central Edinburgh** on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at 9.30 am in addition to main meeting at 11.00. Victoria Terrace.

**Weekdays at Victoria Terrace:** Wed 12.30-1.00. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

**At Portobello:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 11am, Fisherrow Centre, South St, Musselburgh EH21 6AT. With children's meeting. Bus stop by Brunton Theatre. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Phillips), Brunstane Rd North.

**At Broughton St Mary's: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

**More meetings** are listed in Sesame, or see [quakerscotland.org](http://quakerscotland.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In October is for **Quaker Council for European Affairs**, [qcea.org](http://qcea.org) David Somervell will speak to this.

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Our **Wiston Weekend** is **Fri 29 Sep to Sun 1 Oct**

**In turbulent times: be a Quaker.** Quaker week is **30 Sep – 8 Oct.**

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 8 Oct.** Information from Alison Burnley.

**Local Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 29 Oct.**

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

**A Divided Britain: what can we learn from the Nordics?** Philadelphia author and Quaker activist George Lakey 'Taking an entertaining look at the Nordic welfare state, showing us that we too can have a more equal and just economic system'. As seen at BYM, on Scottish leg of his book tour. Victoria Terrace, **Mon 9 Oct** 7-9pm.

The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

**Singing Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1<sup>st</sup> and (this month changed from 3<sup>rd</sup>) 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

**Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group** meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group** At Victoria Terrace after Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month. Oct: Robert Seethaler's *A Whole Life*.



From a nature walk, children's meeting. *Beth Cross*

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## Letter from Norway

*Hand delivered to Sue Noble when she had a chance encounter with Patience Cowie on a north-bound train following Yearly Meeting. Patience and her two girls Esther & Saskia used to come to South Edinburgh.*

Bergen

Dear Rufus

I really enjoyed reading the card that you sent and it inspired me to tell you about our Quaker life here in Norway.

In spite of being a small community there are lots of things happening and taking an active part in as much as possible makes a great deal of difference to everyone. We meet twice a year in Telemark with all the Quaker families for a long weekend. In Bergen we meet every second Tuesday evening in the centre of town for a discussion and a short meeting for worship. We also have regular meeting for worship the first Sunday of each month. In between these we try and visit other Quakers who live outside Bergen. These visits involve travelling for a couple of hours but is good fun because they live in some of the most spectacular places.

We have been running Quaker Quests but have not had a great deal of extra people who have shown an interest which has been disappointing. Norwegians are very keen on their traditional Lutheran roots even though church attendance is not great these days. A lot of the time I feel it is a bit touch-and-go whether we, as a group in Bergen, will survive (and thrive) or fizzle out. In Trondheim they are really trying to grow the Quaker group and I find this really inspirational. I feel that I am really needed and appreciated in this small community and I like that!!

Love from Patience

## Morningside Justice and Peace group

Has an impressive Autumn programme again. It meets at the **Open Door** on **Wednesday mornings at 10.30**. £1 contribution suggested. [morningsidejandp.org](http://morningsidejandp.org)

**Oct 4** *Ella Simpson, Chief Executive, Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council*  
Unequal Edinburgh. What do we want from Social Care? What is the role of Edinburgh's charities?

**Oct 11** *Morris Bradley and friends, MJ&P members*  
Thinking differently about climate change: and what we can do about it.'

**Oct 18** *Anthony Salamone, Completing Ph.D in Politics, Scottish Centre on European Relations, University of Edinburgh*  
Brexit: An Overview of Latest Developments and Future Prospects.

**Oct 25** *Dr Sarah Kyambi, Migration Policy Expert, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh*  
Brexit and Immigration: EEA free movement, proposed changes and their impact on Scotland.

**Nov 1** *Dr Kirsty Hughes, Director, Scottish Centre on European Relations*  
'Where next for the EU27 after the German, French and other elections of 2017/18?'

**Nov 8** *Colin Briggs, Associate Director of Strategic Planning, NHS Lothian*  
Development of mental health and rehabilitation services on the Royal Edinburgh Hospital Site

**Nov 15** *Erik Vlaeminck, PhD Student in Russian, University of Edinburgh*  
President Putin and Russian Foreign Policy: Image building, Perception and Reality.

**Nov 22** *Emilia Hanna, Air Pollution Campaigner, Friends of the Earth Scotland*  
Clean Air as Environmental Justice.

**Nov 29** *Dr Helen Zealley, Formerly Director of Public Health, NHS Lothian.*  
*Food Glorious Food... Who is responsible for all this obesity?*

**Dec 6** *Naima Minhas, Manager, Nari Kallyan Shango.*  
Nari Kallyan Shangho – supporting South Asian women and families living in Edinburgh.

## Food bank

Donations from South Edinburgh go to Burdiehouse /South Edinburgh Food Bank and to Tollcross/ Central Edinburgh depending on who takes them .

If people want to donate at Meeting or to donate at Tollcross they are particularly looking for long life milk, long life juice and sanitary products but they take any long lasting food and personal or household cleaning products. Donations can be made on Fridays between 2 and 4 at the shop under the Central Halls at the crossroads in Tollcross.

*Deirdre Armstrong*

## Ad hoc mini-mini-mart for refugees

Occasional sales of allotment/garden produce have made over £150 over the last year for the following charities

- Re Act Edinburgh
- Refugee Survival Trust
- Glasgow Night Shelter Destitution Fund

*Deirdre Armstrong*

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Morningside Justice and Peace Group** meets at the Open Door on Wednesday mornings at 10.30 for an hour. **Weekly from Wed Oct 4**. See their programme on p3.

## Dfntly Quaker online

**Quaker blog** The new Quaker blog from BYM at [quaker.org.uk/blog](http://quaker.org.uk/blog) is worth a look. They put 'reading time' on each post, assuming a generous 200 words per minute – should we comment with Readability scores?

## And a thought

**Walt Whitman on George Fox** From the latest Sesame, an interesting discovery. In your paper copy or from [quakerscotland.org/south-east](http://quakerscotland.org/south-east) Here's an extract:

*I say whoever labors here, makes contributions here, or best of all sets an incarnated example here, of life or death, is dearest to humanity – remains after the rest are gone.*

Readability:

Gunning-Fog index 16.4  
Flesch-Kincaid level 13.8  
Average 'College level', difficult to read

## Errors again

If last month you went to Dundee for AM, or Kelso for GM, you will have found a probably fascinating and worthwhile Meeting – but the wrong one. The locations were correct but the titles were transposed. Sorry again.

Oh, and this episode is technically late too.

No birthdays to get wrong this month, thank goodness.

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## Almost Qkrly online

Is your writing clear? Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is **Readability** (254 pageviews per day). It nicely discusses methods used to calculate 'readability scores', and their pros and cons. Follow the links to each if you're serious.

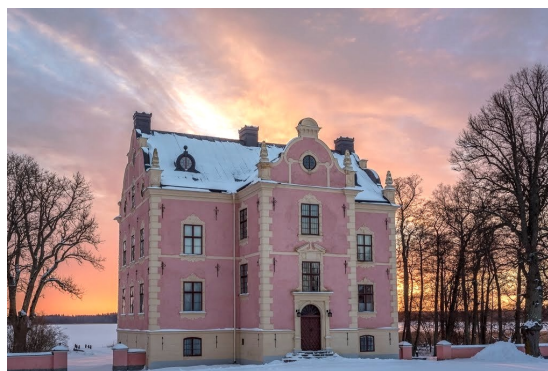
Simple formulae are based on number of syllables in words and/or words in sentences. These are mostly reported as averages for US school grade levels, where grade 6 corresponds to age 11-12, which would count as easy to read for an adult; 10-12 'fairly difficult'.

There are a number of online calculators. The one at [readabilityformulas.com](http://readabilityformulas.com) applies multiple tests.

Here are some scores for Patience's letter on p2:

Gunning-Fog index	11.7
Flesch-Kincaid level	9
SMOG index	8.3
<i>Average around age 15</i>	

Quaker relevance 89%



Friends might enjoy the **reddit** channel [AccidentalWesAnderson](#) – just Google that. (Have you seen Grand Budapest Hotel?)

The Reddit phone app is nicer than the website, but a dangerous time trap.

Our NE Edinburgh Correspondent writes: For more beauty, try the BBC's rather wonderful, and beautiful itself, website about Cassini, the mission to Saturn, [bbc.in/2fZoRmf](http://bbc.in/2fZoRmf) *Rufus Reade*

