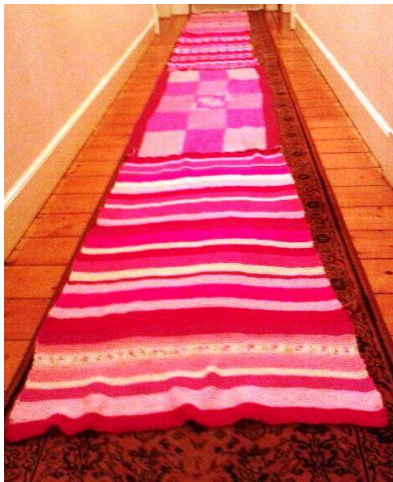




SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

February 2014



Weapon-free zone (see page 2)

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

Every weekday at Victoria Terrace: 8am for 30 mins Mon-Fri.

Every Wednesday at Victoria Terrace: 12.30-1.00 followed by a simple lunch.

At Portobello: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **2nd and 4th Sun** at **10.30 am** at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

At Barony St: 4th Sunday. 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (junction with Albany Lane). More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

Central Edinburgh meeting has an early Sunday morning meeting at 9.30am in addition to the regular 11.00am meeting at Victoria Terrace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In February is for the **Destitution Network**, which supports those made destitute following refusal of asylum applications, and other vulnerable migrants. Pol Yates will speak to this. www.destitutionaction.wordpress.com

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

On first Sundays a **Mini-mart** is held after meeting in aid of external charities. We're looking for a volunteer to organise these, see inside.

Talk after Meeting – on **Sun 16th Feb** David Turner will lead a discussion on Prison Friendship.

Area Meeting at the Open Door – hosted by us, 2-5.30pm on **Sun 23rd Feb**.

End of life concerns – Sharing thoughts on **Sat Mar 1st** 10.30-3.30 at the home of Alison Chalmers, see back page.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

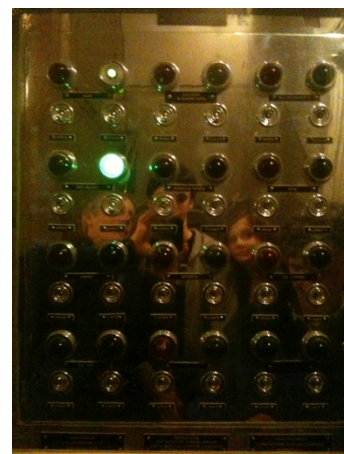
Singing Group 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith, who also offers lifts for Penicuik Vault Singers on Sunday afternoons. www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults

Rachel Frith continues to offer **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays

Reading the bible with Friends meets third Tuesdays 7-9pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Henry Thompson for more info.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm.. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Feb Margaret Elphinstone *Voyageurs*; Mar Mrs Gaskell *Wives and Daughters*; Apr John Williams *Stoner*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Switches at Pemberley

[More Events and News on the Back Page](#)

Mini Mart Coordinator – could this be you?

Mini Mart has been a monthly event at South Edinburgh Meeting on the 1st Sunday of the month for many years. It is the wish of our Meeting is that this regular Social/fundraising event continue if possible, and as Kerry Oliver wishes to lay it down after 3 years we are looking for a new person/people.

Mini Mart has a dual function of raising extra funds for a 'good cause' (the exact causes have changed over the years) and enabling a way of sharing home-grown and home-made produce, home-baking (including baking for people with food intolerance such as to gluten) and finding a new home for good quality books, CDs and bric-a-brac that other people at Meeting may wish to buy.

I have taken on the role of organising Mini Mart for about 3 years. It has been a sociable and enjoyable task for me in that time,

The main requirements have been:

- to be there on the 1st Sunday of the month (or find someone else who can run it if necessary)
- to set out the donations and produce before Meeting.
- to suggest prices or suggest people donate what they feel is fair
- to ensure that the monthly proceeds are sent to the the treasurer
- maintain a small cash float
- ensure everything that is not sold is put away at the end of the Mini-Mart. There is a small amount of space in the cupboard. Anything superfluous to this space that is not sold within a few months goes to a charity shop or is otherwise suitably moved on.

This job would be well suited to being shared by 2 people, which should mean neither would feel overburdened. There have also been months when it has not happened for some reason and that is fine too.

If you want to discuss any aspect of the job please contact Kerry. I would be very happy to do a joint Mini Mart to help someone ease into the role. I am also sure that my way of doing it is not the only or necessarily best way so feel free to be creative with the role!

Knitting and Crocheting Friends

Jane Lewis writes that we are creating a Scottish section of the **Wool against Weapons scarf** that will stretch 7 miles on **16th August 2014** between the Women's Peace Camp at Aldermaston and Burghfield (the other Nuclear Weapons Establishment site) in Berkshire.

The idea is that individuals knit or crochet a scarf (100cm long and 60cm wide) in pink wool on large needles, any design. More at www.woolagainstweapons.co.uk

You don't need to be a fantastic knitter, you just need to cast on and get started. And if you've never knitted or crocheted, this is a good incentive to learn the basics!

Some meetings in Scotland have started already, and if we each encourage others to take part and sew all of our scarves together we could create a Scottish length that could stretch part of the way down the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. This would be an excellent way of attracting publicity to the issue of trident and keeping it on the agenda during the independence debate. If there is enough interest we could have a knit-in after meeting one Sunday, where less confident knitters could also contribute a few rows each.

If you are up for taking part please contact Jane Lewis so that we keep in touch as the knitting grows and join the [wool against weapons scotland facebook group](#) (89 members).



Prayer

Some days, although we cannot pray, a prayer
utters itself. So, a woman will lift
her head from the sieve of her hands and stare
at the minims sung by a tree, a sudden gift.

Some nights, although we are faithless, the truth
enters our hearts, that small familiar pain;
then a man will stand stock-still, hearing his youth
in the distant Latin chanting of a train.

Pray for us now. Grade 1 piano scales
console the lodger looking out across
a Midlands town. Then dusk, and someone calls
a child's name as though they named their loss.

Darkness outside. Inside, the radio's prayer -
Rockall. Malin. Dogger. Finisterre.

The author, Carol Ann Duffy is currently the poet laureate. Brian Cope, who used to come to South Edinburgh Meeting, has composed a choral and organ piece using the words of this poem. It will be performed for the first time in public on Friday 21st March at 7.30 at St.Giles Cathedral.

A new Local Meeting for some South Edinburgh friends

Formal recognition of a new local meeting, Portobello and Musselburgh Quaker Meeting, was agreed at Area Meeting in January, and further discussed at our own Local Meeting for Business on Jan 19th. Plans are progressing but it is important to say that no big changes are imminent. We continue to meet jointly on least alternate Sundays. P&M are looking for a better location for their twice monthly morning meetings though. At present those who go regularly to Portobello/Musselburgh are listed as South Edinburgh friends, and Area Meeting has not yet appointed Elders and Overseers for the new meeting. All hope and expect that strong links between us will continue. More information as it arises!

Sustainability

7–9 March 2014, Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire

In 2011 Britain Yearly Meeting committed to become a low-carbon, sustainable community.

www.quaker.org.uk/canterbury-commitment

Grounded in worship, this national gathering will aim to refocus our work and energise our Quaker community. Area meetings have been invited to send at least one representative. Please forward possible names to your area meeting. Applications from individual Friends wishing to attend the conference are also welcomed. Contact Anne Wilkinson, annew@quaker.org.uk, 0207 663 1062

Adult Education Grants

Grants are available to help members and attenders entering further or higher education, particularly those equipping themselves to serve society and/or the Religious Society of Friends. Applicants should be mature students or graduates (not school/college-leavers), either in membership of Britain Yearly Meeting or attenders of at least five years, and in need of financial support to undertake the course. The course should be of at least one academic year in duration, offered at a reputable institution within the UK. Application packs are available with a submission deadline of 30 April for courses starting in the 2014–2015 academic year. email grants@quaker.org.uk to request an application pack or call Helen Thomas 020 7663 1117.

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Opening Up, could you join the team?

Nominations, including self-nominations, sought for anyone who could join our "Sunday opening" team. We open up the premises and prepare the meeting room. Training is given, and one Sunday in about 9 is required. Any thoughts/Qs to Sue Freshwater susan_freshwater@talktalk.net

World day of prayer – the theme is *Streams in the Desert*, chosen by Christian Women of Egypt. In preparation there will be meetings on Fridays **Jan 31st, Feb 7th and 14th** at 121 George St at 10.30am. World Day of Prayer itself is **March 7th**

End of life concerns Many of us may know of our Area Meeting "Funeral Wishes" form but have not completed it. Other end of life tasks for ourselves and those dear to us may not yet have found space in our busy lives. On **Sat Mar 1st** 10.30-3.30 we hope to share our thoughts and experiences and learn together, at Alison Chalmers house. Soup provided, please bring a sandwich. More info from Stasa Morgan-Appel or Hilary Davies.

Geneva Summer School Jul 6-18 attracts young adults from round the world. More info at www.quaker.org.uk/quano

Yearly Meeting Gathering is in Bath, **Aug 2-9th**. Preparatory activities are planned, more news later, and there is a wealth of wonderful, clear information at groupspaces.com/QuakerYMG

Haiku

Flickering candles
Red, gold and yellow flames leap
The magic wax melts.

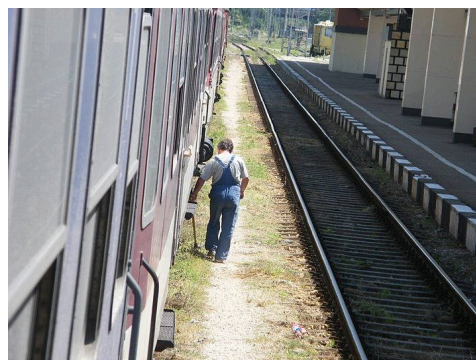
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Yoni who will be 9 on the 2nd. Let there be cake.



AND ON THE INTERNETS



Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is **Wheel tapper**. It has only 5 likes, and is lifted from Wikipedia, but its photo is from the remarkable repository of Chris Booth Creative Commons photos. A collection which, like wheel-tapping in Bulgaria, deserves a wider audience. His monkey puzzle photo made the American Journal of Gastroenterology in January!

Not carbon-friendly but fascinating – commemorating the **100th anniversary of passenger air travel**, bit.ly/1e25Xeb (Guardian) has a beautiful interactive account. And it doesn't dodge the carbon-unfriendly bit.

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com. The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday. Read this and more online at

quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh