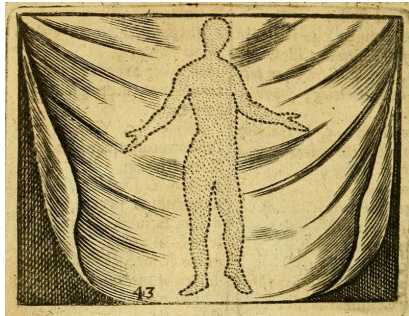




## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

February 2016



The human soul, John CORMENIUS, 1658  
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### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

**Every Wed at Victoria Terrace:** 12.30-1.00.

**At Portobello:** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP, on **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** at **7.30 pm** for half an hour in the church café area; and **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun** at **11 am** for 1 hr (includes children's meeting) in the church hall. Queries to Kim Smith, [kimsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kimsmith@yahoo.com), 0131 665 8166.

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

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

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In February is for **Friends World Consultative Committee**, which brings Friends of different traditions and cultures together. Alison Burnley will speak to this. [fwcc.world](http://fwcc.world)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**What Makes a Gathered Meeting?** After Meeting on **Sun 7 Feb** Katrina McCrea of Portobello and Musselburgh will describe her experience of Quaker Life Rep Council (Meeting for Learning).

**Area Meeting** will be held at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 27 Feb**, from 11am.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

**Singing Group** Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb (yes, 1<sup>st</sup> Tue), 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

Rachel also offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays.

**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** meets on 4th Sundays at Victoria Terrace after Meeting. Feb, John Aubrey's *Brief Lives*, ed. Oliver Lawson Dick. Qs to Rachel Frith.

### Thomas à Kempis

*I have sought everywhere for peace, but I have found it not save in nooks and in books*

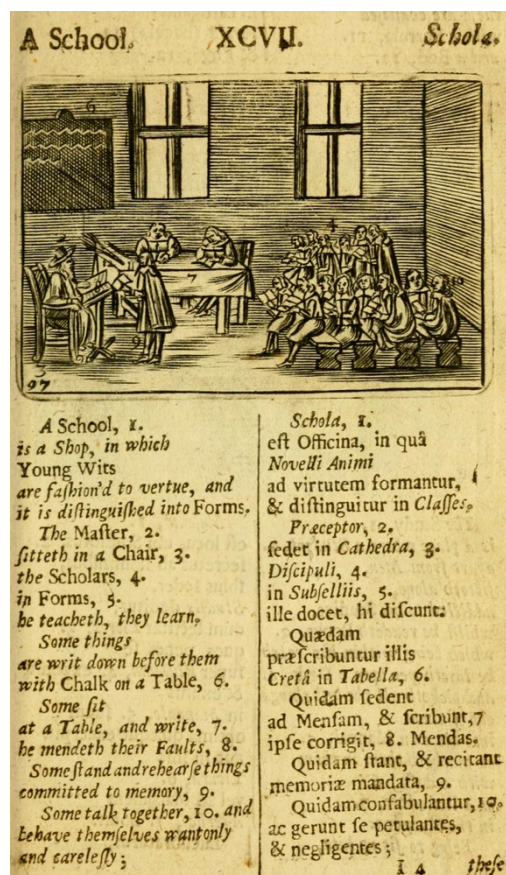
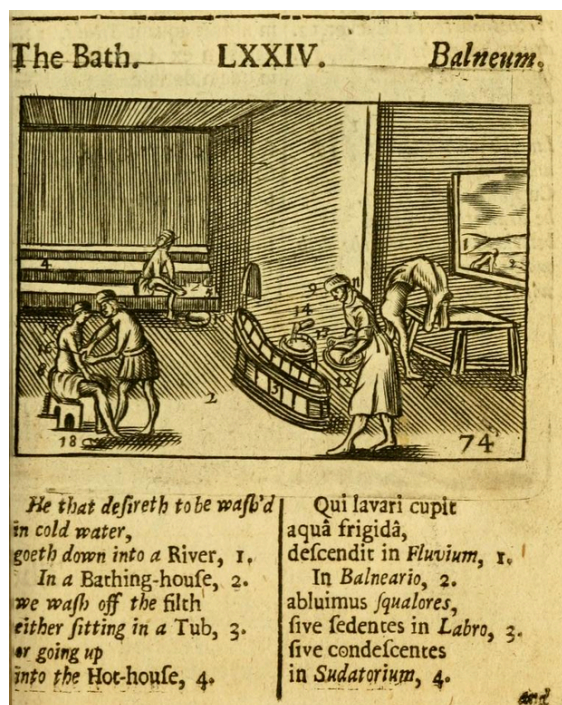


Thomas van Kempen 1380-1471, author of *The Imitation of Christ*. (p4. Photo: Wikimedia).

*Rufus Reade*

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For to make learned chadults:



The first picture book for children is said to be this one from Czech teacher John Comenius' encyclopaedia *Orbis Sensualium Pictus*, originally published in Nuremberg in Latin and German in 1658. A Latin/English edition was published in London the year after. It is wonderful, and you can read it online at [bit.ly/1Q6iCJ8](http://bit.ly/1Q6iCJ8)

## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 17 Jan 2016

During opening worship we heard part of the Epistle of Black, White, Asian and mixed-heritage Friends, 1991 – about how we need to address unconscious racism in the Society – from Quaker Faith & Practice 10.13.

Minutes of the Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 18 October 2015 were circulated.

There were no matters arising from last meeting.

### 1/16 Special Collections for 2016

We considered the draft list of charities etc prepared by Susan Robertson and agreed twelve further organisations for support up to January 2017 (*March: Beyond FGM. Full list in the next issue.*)

We confirmed the priority of half Quakers and half small / local / marginalised groups for support and agreed to review criteria before next selection process next year. We thanked Susan Robertson for her investigations and Sylvia Massey for agreeing to alert named people each month.

### 2/16 Review of the "Welcome to our Local Meeting" leaflet

We discussed some small changes in the Welcome leaflet and asked David Somervell to liaise with Stasa Morgan-Appel in updating text and printing some for distribution.

### 3/16 Promoting the Spiritual Life of the Meeting

We agreed to continue the informal Meetings for Learning – sometimes after Local Meeting / sometimes at a friend's home – where either Quaker Faith and Practice chapter or perhaps material identified in the new Being Friends Together website is discussed. Deirdre Armstrong and Esther Shreeve will run the next one.

**Next Local Meetings:** Sunday 20 March and Sunday 24 April

## Morningside Peace and Justice Group

Every Wednesday during autumn and spring from 10.30-11.30am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road in Edinburgh. Open to all. Provide a view on a topic of national, international or local concern followed by questions and discussion. A contribution of £1 is requested at each meeting. [morningsidejandp.org](http://morningsidejandp.org)

**Jan 27 – *The recent politicisation of women in Scotland.*** Kirstein Rummery, Professor of Social Policy, University of Stirling

**Feb 3 – *Late Victorian marking of the working classes: visual stigma and the prisoner mugshot in Scotland.*** Professor Chris Holligan, Faculty of Education, University of West of Scotland

**Feb 10 – *The Refugee Crisis in Europe: a view from Germany*** Jens-Peter Voss, German Consul

**Feb 17 – *Speaking for Scotland and Edinburgh South at Westminster.*** Ian Murray, M.P. (Edinburgh South) and Shadow Secretary of State for Scotland

**Feb 24 – *Turkey today.*** Harriet Fildes, PhD student., School of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies University of Edinburgh

**Mar 2 – *Scientists against the bomb: Jo Rotblat and Pugwash – Nobel Peace prize winners.*** David Atiyah, Member MJ&P and social entrepreneur

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## Exploring Spirituality

A series of six talks at Victoria Terrace, monthly on Saturdays from 2.30–4.30pm. Tea/coffee will be available for a modest charge from 2; otherwise free, donations welcome. Usually a talk, questions and answers, sharing experiences and discussion, and a time of meditation or silent worship.

**Sat 6 Feb. Bob Harwood: Reconciling Spirituality and Science.** It is widely assumed that science is implacably opposed to religion and spiritual ideas. Or, “Science without religion is lame. Religion without science is blind.” - Einstein.

**Sat 12 Mar. Rev. Paul Newton: Rudolf Steiner and Modern Spirituality.** Rudolf Steiner (1861-1925) developed Anthroposophy as a modern ‘spiritual science’.

**Sat 2 April. Simon Jackson: Fuzzy definitions and personal choice.** Exploring the 2014 Swarthmore Lecture. Has the absence of teaching Quakerism within the Society of Friends allowed everything to be questioned and related to personal choice?

**Sat 7 May. Helen Holt: Mysticism, psychology and Rufus Jones.** Today’s Liberal Quakerism owes much to Rufus Jones and his psychologically informed interpretation of Quakerism as a mystical religion.

**Sat 25 June. Jim Pym: The message of the myth.** In 1988, Joseph Campbell, the distinguished scholar of ‘myth’, gave six hour-long recorded conversations with veteran journalist, Bill Moyers, entitled ‘The Power of the Myth’. The second of these will be shown here. Jim will lead a discussion afterwards.

**Sat 16 July. Janet Saunders: Playing with the cosmos: The journey of the soul from Plato to Ficino.**

For further information, contact [anniemiller15@gmail.com](mailto:anniemiller15@gmail.com), or tel: 0131 447 3268.

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## Interesting places to see interesting films

### New Town Community Cinema

Every second Friday  
Glasite Meeting House / 33 Barony Street  
2.30pm - Children's film  
7.30pm - Adult's film

[facebook.com/newtowncommunitycinema](https://facebook.com/newtowncommunitycinema)

### Social Justice Film Night

Every Thursday at 7pm  
Shrub, 13 Guthrie Street

[facebook.com/shrubcoop/events](https://facebook.com/shrubcoop/events)

Thanks to Ken Latham, via Rufus, for this list

### CinemaAttic

Every month, in Summerhall  
Spanish, Iberian and Latin-American (short) films  
[cinemaattic.com](http://cinemaattic.com) (though this seems a bit out of date)

The **oldest cinema in Scotland** is in Bo’ness, where the Hippodrome (1912) is now in the care of the Falkirk Community Trust and seems to show some good films. Have you been? Could you review it for us? Info and Programme at [falkirkcommunitytrust.org/venues/hippodrome](http://falkirkcommunitytrust.org/venues/hippodrome)

*Why did cinema houses begin in 1910?*  
[screenonline.org.uk/film/cinemas/sect1.html](http://screenonline.org.uk/film/cinemas/sect1.html)

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Warriors** is being shown at the Cameo, **Mon 8 Feb** at 9pm. A documentary following young Maasai who formed a cricket team in remote Kenya, and are campaigning against female genital mutilation. Not on regular Cameo programme: [ourscreen.com/screening/40825](https://ourscreen.com/screening/40825) (The Cameo is another of Scotland's earliest cinemas, opened 1914).

**White Feather Day** The centenary of the right to conscientious objection is **Wed 2 March**. Want to do something? For an info pack: Elizabeth Payne, 020 7663 1158, [elizabethp@quaker.org.uk](mailto:elizabethp@quaker.org.uk)

**Being Friends Together** – Meeting for Learning after MfW on **Sun Mar 13**: A creative approach to talking about Social Responsibility. Includes having fun with art materials, sharing our thoughts, and looking at Faith and Practice chapter 23. With Deirdre Armstrong 07815 305 150 and Esther Shreeve 07762 584 121. Bring and share something to add to soup provided, finished by 2pm.

### Films we're watching

*Inside Out* – High level script, funny, realistic portrayals, psychological insights into stress in young and adult life. Animated, but who'd notice. Forgive slight slowing in the middle.

*Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* – Impressively not a weepie. Portrays nice young people, great banter. Includes short films watchable in their own right. Only a tad implausible at times, but lots of bells too.

*PopQuorn Quaker*

Your 30-word review could be here ...

*The newsletter is distributed on the last Sunday of each month, with carbon papers freshly removed. Send things you'd like to see in it to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com).*

*Deadline the Sunday before, David. Not on the list to get it? Same address.*

You can read this, past issues and more at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)

## BIRTHDAYS

Yoni will be 11 on the 2nd!



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## ON THE WEB



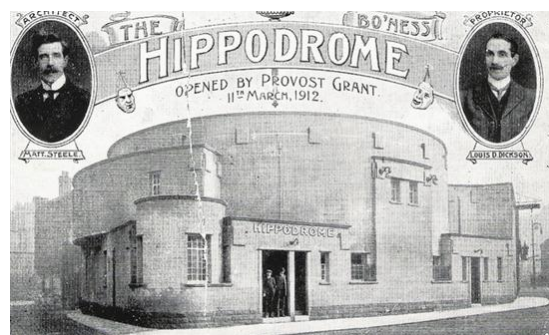
Our **Facebook Page** of the month is **Mike Harvey TAXI project** (646 Likes) – several slices of life in the back of his taxi in Neath, on the outskirts of Port Talbot. Touching. But the photos are better seen at [mikeharvey.co.uk](http://mikeharvey.co.uk)

Quaker relevance: 41%

Our **Wikipedia page** of the month is **Thomas à Kempis** (3823 views last month). His 1441 book *The Imitation of Christ* has been described as one of the most-read Christian devotional books of all time. Another of his more Quakerish quotations:

*At the Day of Judgement we shall not be asked what we have read, but what we have done.*

Quaker relevance: 63%



The opening of the Bo'ness Hippodrome (more history from [bit.ly/1SrAY8q](https://bit.ly/1SrAY8q) [bit.ly/1m52VWM](https://bit.ly/1m52VWM) [bit.ly/1m537W1](https://bit.ly/1m537W1) )