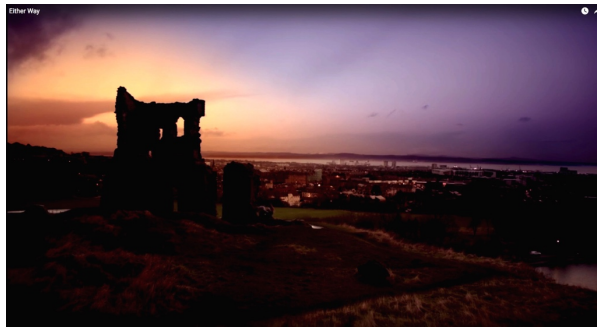




## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

February 2017



A still from Callum's latest 3-min movie, *Either Way*, [youtu.be/-Q-m8m-dCjM](https://youtu.be/-Q-m8m-dCjM)

### 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. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

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

**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 February is for **Church Action on Poverty**, a national ecumenical social justice charity. David Turner will speak to this. [church-poverty.org.uk](http://church-poverty.org.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

*February is the quietest month*

*And too early for lilacs.*

**Sun 5 Feb** is **Visit My Mosque Day**. Edinburgh Central Mosque in Potterrow is welcoming visitors between 12 and 6pm, or at 59 Lauriston Pl 11-5.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

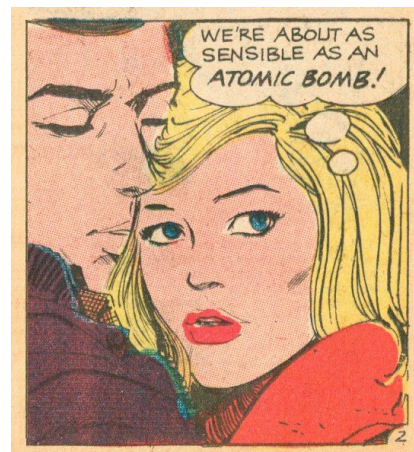
The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

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

Rachel also offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3rd Thursdays of each 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** meets on 4th Sundays at Victoria Terrace after Meeting. Feb, books by William Maxwell (more ideas for the year welcome).



via *Sequential Crush*

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

## SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2017 – REVISED VERSION

**Dates for Local Meeting for Business have changed** since the January newsletter. The updated calendar is reprinted here. We've also updated the January online version in case anyone goes back to check.

<b>2017</b>	<b>Local Meeting</b> <i>(us. 3rd Sun)</i>	<b>Area Meeting</b>	<b>GM and other meetings</b>
<b>Jan</b>	15 January	Mon 23 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
<b>Feb</b>			
<b>Mar</b>	(deferred)	Sat 18 Mar (Polmont) time tbc	Sat 11th GM – South East (Edinburgh) Sun 26 Meeting at Faslane <i>(see info below)</i>
<b>April</b>	<b>30 April</b>		Sun 9 Faslane
<b>May</b>	(now in April)	Mon 15 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sun 28 Faslane
<b>June</b>		Sat 24 (Central Fife) time tbc	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> GM – West (Glasgow) Sun 18 Faslane
<b>July</b>	16 July		29 Jul - 5 Aug –Yearly Meeting Gathering, Warwick (Sat to Sat)
<b>Aug</b>		Tue 15 (Scottish Churches Housing Action, 44 Hanover St Edin) 7-9pm	
<b>Sep</b>		Sat 23 (Kelso) time tbc	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> GM – East tbc
<b>Oct</b>	<b>29 Oct</b>		Sun 8 Faslane
<b>Nov</b>		Sat 25 (Portobello) time tbc	Sun 12 Faslane Sat-Sun 18-19 <sup>th</sup> Residential GM – North tbc
<b>Dec</b>			

**Who does what in our meeting** – Work by many makes our Meeting possible:

**AM and GM reps:** show of hands at Local Meeting MfB

**Children's Committee:** Deirdre Armstrong, David Somervell, Susie Reade, Rufus Reade, Sylvia Massey, Alison Burnley, Phil and Sue Noble, Ola Uduku

**Clerk:** David Somervell. Assistant Clerk: Neil Turner

**Convener of Elders and Overseers:** Susie Reade

**Elders:** Susie Reade, Nicola Read

**Overseers:** Dorothy Buglass, Susan Freshwater, Mairi McCormack & Susan Rigg

**Correspondence clerk:** Sandra Riddell

**Doorkeeper,** meet and greet: Alison Burnley or Sylvia Massey

**Flowers:** Margaret Anderson or Deirdre Armstrong

**Food Bank Collections:** Sylvia Massey.

**Funerals:** Rufus Reade, Helen Cameron

**Liaising with MPs** – Derek Johnson MSP and Ian Murray MP – **Vacancies**

**Library and literature:** Mairi McCormack

**Lifts to Meetings:** Alison Burnley

**Meetings for Learning:** these are arranged by Elders and Overseers. Recent participants include Alison Chalmers, Sylvia Massey, Susie Reade, Esther Shreeve, Deirdre Armstrong, Catriona Courtier

**Morningside Christian Aid Committee:** Esther Shreve

**Newsletter:** Neil Turner

**Quaker representative on Open Door Board:** Susan Freshwater

**Special Collections:** Susan Robertson compiles, LMfB approves and Sylvia Massey reminds people listed

**Sunday opening up:** Susan Robertson arranges a rota

**Treasurer:** Martin Burnell passing on in 2017 to Susan Robertson

**Weekly donations banking:** **Vacancy**

**Wiston weekend Planning:** rotates meetings (next Polmont & Portobello/Musselburgh)

**Special collections for 2017** Agreed at our Local Meeting for Business on Sun 15 Jan

<b>Cause</b>	<b>Advocate</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Month</b>
<b>Edinburgh Peace and Justice Centre</b> <a href="http://peaceandjustice.org.uk">peaceandjustice.org.uk</a>	David Somervell	Small Local	Jan
<b>Church Action on Poverty</b> <a href="http://church-poverty.org.uk">church-poverty.org.uk</a>	David Turner	Faith	Feb
<b>Corrymeela</b> <a href="http://corrymeela.org/about/our-community">corrymeela.org/about/our-community</a>	Alison Burnley	Small	Mar
<b>Edinburgh Remakery</b> <a href="http://www.edinburghremakery.org.uk">www.edinburghremakery.org.uk</a>	Eoin Rutter	Local	April
<b>Quaker Action Against Torture</b> Working on policy. <a href="http://qcat.org.uk">qcat.org.uk</a>	Sylvia Massey	Quaker	May
<b>Scottish Churches Housing Action</b> <i>[Agreed Annual Collection]</i> <a href="http://churches-housing.org">churches-housing.org</a>	Alistair Cameron	All	June
<b>Glasgow Night Shelter</b> <a href="http://glasgownightshelter.org">glasgownightshelter.org</a>	Pol Yates	Small Local	July
<b>Freedom from Torture</b> Supporting individuals <a href="http://freedomfromtorture.org">freedomfromtorture.org</a>	Pol Yates		Aug
<b>Wiston Lodge</b> <i>[Agreed Annual Collection]</i> <a href="http://wistonlodge.co.uk">wistonlodge.co.uk</a>	Deirdre Armstrong	Small Local	Sept
<b>Quaker Council for European Affairs</b> <a href="http://qcea.org">qcea.org</a>	David Somervell	Quaker	Oct
<b>The Prison Phoenix Trust Scotland</b> <a href="http://theppt.org.uk/scotland.php">theppt.org.uk/scotland.php</a>	Rachel Howell	Small Local	Nov
<b>Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel</b> <a href="http://eappi.org">eappi.org</a>		Quaker	Dec
<b>Edinburgh Campaign Against Arms Trade</b> <a href="http://caat.org.uk">caat.org.uk</a> and <a href="https://facebook.com/edinburghcaat">facebook.com/edinburghcaat</a>	David Somervell	Small Local	Jan 2018



Both **Sylvia Massey** and **Margaret Anderson** have given so much energy, thought and time for all the children who have attended at South Edinburgh Meeting over a long period. Sylvia began caring for the Meeting children when South Edinburgh Meeting was first set up over 30 years ago. She always has children's interests and needs foremost in her mind and has contributed hugely with such good ideas and kindness.

Margaret has also been helping for a long time and has always had the children in her thoughts, offering remedies and massage as well as emotional support. Both have modelled Quaker ways for the children and are much loved.

Kirstyn Cameron combined contributions from many of the young people, very creatively making them into beautiful pictures. These were given to Sylvia and Margaret at the South Edinburgh Christmas Gathering on the 11th Dec 16. We hope they will still be part of supporting the presence of children in our Meeting for years to come.

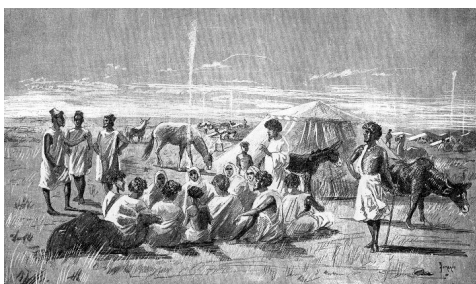
## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Liberty Briefing on Human Rights on Sun 5 Mar.** Location tbc

**Northern Young Friends Summer Shindig** Sat 29 Jul – Sat 5 Aug, Ackworth School. Ages 11-16, apply by 4 April to [summershindig@gmail.com](mailto:summershindig@gmail.com). £300 / £285, bursaries available.

### *Thank you for subscribing to Cement Facts*

Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **Tragacanth Gum** (141 visits/day; 11 edits/year); food additive E413. It is the dried sap of the goat's thorn plant, and has hundreds of uses as emulsifier, thickener, stabiliser in food and pharmaceutical products, and also a herbal remedy. It grows mostly in the Middle East, Iran is the biggest producer. The gum oozes from the plant and dries into flakes which can be powdered. It absorbs water to become a gel, which can be stirred into a paste. It has been in use for at least 2000 years.



*Meeting to trade gum arabic on the Senegal River, 1890 (Jeannot - Bibliothèque nationale de France)*

**Bonus: Gum arabic** (E414; 939 visits/day, 43 edits/year) oozes from acacia trees across the Sahel from Somalia to Senegal but Sudan is the major source. It is mainly used in food, but also in inks and traditional lithography, and cosmetics. It was used in ancient Egypt 5000 years ago.

**More fascinating gum facts** from ISC, 'the natural home of gum arabic', at [bit.ly/2kbHhUa](http://bit.ly/2kbHhUa)

Quaker relevance: 15%

*This newsletter goes out on the last Sunday of each month. To send a 30-word review, or a diatribe on Wikipedia's account of Morris Dancing, contact [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com)*

*Newsletter, archives, and more can also be found at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)*

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Yoni** who will be 12 on the 2nd.



A rhubarb pancake

### What we're listening to

**Sounds of The Earth** – Sun R3 for 15 mins soon after 8.10am. Javanese forest; Blyth beach; South African pond with bullfrogs; blends into varied, often unusual music, and back into nature. Beautifully done. **ANT**

### Unmissable online



Before and after

Our **Facebook page of the month** is **Tree Change Dolls** (499,229 likes). Sonia Singh started creating make-unders of second-hand Bratz dolls for fun, with her mum making the clothes. It all 'went viral' in 2015; the video at [youtu.be/IG-7e1vaB18](https://youtu.be/IG-7e1vaB18) has had 21M views. But it's a wonderful project and they've controlled it well. Instructions, patterns, and rarely a pricey doll at [etsy.com/shop/treechangedolls](https://etsy.com/shop/treechangedolls) Recommended by Hannah Reade and Beth Cross.

Quaker relevance: 68%