



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 2016



### 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 March is for **Beyond FGM**, (female genital mutilation) who work with African midwives and families to change views. Peggy Bartlett will speak to this. [beyondfgm.co.uk](http://beyondfgm.co.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**General Meeting for Scotland** meets at St Andrews, 11-4 on **Sat 5 Mar**. Holy Trinity Church Hall, Queen's Terrace, KY16 9QF. Tea/coffee from 10.30. Bring something to supplement

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

**Welcoming babies and children** at Victoria Terrace on **Sun 13 Mar** at 11am – semi-programmed all-age worship for 30 mins followed by tea and cake.

**Local Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 20 Mar**

There will also be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 20 Mar**.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

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

Rachel also offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on March 17<sup>th</sup> (not first Thur in March).

**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** usually meets on 4th Sundays at Victoria Terrace after Meeting, but Easter Sunday's is postponed to **Sun 3 Apr** for Anne Tyler's *A Spool of Blue Thread*. Rachel Frith.



But March will be warmer.

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**Our special collections for 2016** from Meeting for Business Jan 2016\*. Q=Quaker and L=Local

February: <b>Friends World Committee for Consultation</b> <a href="http://fwcc.world/">http://fwcc.world/</a> <i>We depend on your generosity to support the Quaker experience by Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, and Changing Lives. We inspire Friends locally and globally connecting isolated Friends.</i> Alison Burnley	Q
March: <b>Beyond FGM (Female Genital Mutilation)</b> <a href="http://www.beyondfgm.co.uk/">www.beyondfgm.co.uk/</a> <i>We work with African midwives, young girls and their families, to empower and educate all involved in female genital mutilation, to help change their views and change the future of young women.</i> Peggy Bartlett	
April: <b>Swarthmore Lecture 2016 funding</b> <a href="https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/pages/swarthmore-2016.html">https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/pages/swarthmore-2016.html</a> <i>The 2016 Lecture will be given by Esther Mombo &amp; Cécile Nyiramana. They will focus on the peace building work of East African Quakers.</i> Alison Burnley	Q
May: <b>Peace Direct</b> <a href="http://www.peacedirect.org/">http://www.peacedirect.org/</a> <i>In conflict zones worldwide local people are building peace. Stopping violence, saving lives, healing their own communities. We help these local heroes.</i> [Founded by Scilla Ellworthy <a href="http://www.scillaelworthy.com/personal-bio/">www.scillaelworthy.com/personal-bio/</a> ] Deirdre Armstrong	Q
June: <b>Scottish Churches Housing Action</b> <i>We bring together the main Churches in their work to eliminate homelessness in Scotland and connect them with a major social problem affecting 80,000 people in Scotland.</i> [Agreed annual collection.] Alistair Cameron	L
July: <b>Compassion in World Farming</b> <a href="http://live1.ciwf.org.uk/about-us/">http://live1.ciwf.org.uk/about-us/</a> <i>We campaign peacefully to end all factory farming practices. We believe that the biggest cause of cruelty on the planet deserves a focused, specialised approach – so we only work on farm animal welfare.</i> David Turner	
August: <b>Positive Help</b> <a href="http://www.positivehelpedinburgh.co.uk/">www.positivehelpedinburgh.co.uk/</a> <i>Positive Help offers four services to support those affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C in Edinburgh: Transport service, Home support service, Study Buddies and Children &amp; young people's befriending service.</i> Gwen Rowland	L
September: <b>Wiston Lodge</b> <a href="http://www.wistonlodge.co.uk/">www.wistonlodge.co.uk/</a> <i>The residential centre that specialises in Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) particularly relating to young people and at-risk adults.</i> [Annual Collection to coincide with our w/e gathering.] Deirdre Armstrong	L
October: <b>Forces Watch</b> <a href="http://www.forceswatch.net/">http://www.forceswatch.net/</a> <i>Forces Watch scrutinises the ethics of armed forces recruitment practices and challenges efforts to embed militarist values in society.</i> David Somervell	
November: <b>Rock Trust</b> <a href="http://www.rocktrust.org/">www.rocktrust.org/</a> <i>We work with young homeless people advising and supporting them in the personal skills and resources to make a positive move to adulthood, while avoiding or moving on from homelessness.</i> Sylvia Massey	L
December: <b>The Open Door</b> <a href="http://www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk">www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk</a> <i>We have supported older people, people with mental health issues and vulnerable people in Morningside for over 32 years. Inclusion is our byword.</i> Sue Freshwater	Q
January 2017: <b>Peace and Justice Centre</b> <a href="http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/">http://peaceandjustice.org.uk/</a> <i>Since 1980 we raise awareness of complex causes of war and offer a vision of ways to create peace through nonviolence, conflict resolution, human rights, alternatives to war and ecological responsibility.</i> David Somervell	Q /L

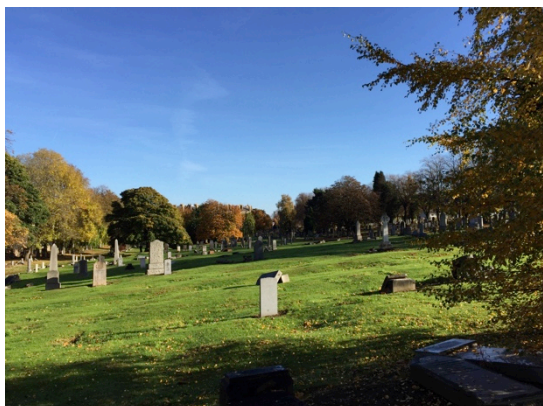
\* Full minutes of January's Meeting for Business were in the February issue.

## Edinburgh cemeteries (iii): Morningside



This comparison between 1894 and today made with the NLS historic map overlay - [bit.ly/1OoCjvI](https://bit.ly/1OoCjvI)

Just around the corner from us. The edges of Morningside Cemetery have been eaten away by sales of plots for housing when it was privately owned. Lost areas include the original grand entrance, though its gateposts remain in their original location in Belhaven Terrace. The new entrance is a disappointment, but the interior impressive.



A Nobel Prize winner and University Principal and family are overlooked by intruding flats and cyclist

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is [Morningside Cemetery](#) (90 views per month).

The page has been almost entirely written by Stephen Dickson, who has published an extensive autobiography on his Wikipedia author's page. He reports being trained as an architect and employed by Edinburgh City Council in various roles including Surveyor of Graveyards and Cemeteries. He is a prolific Wikipedian: 8 of what looks like hundreds of contributions are about Edinburgh cemeteries.

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**PUNCTUALITY** ... *our tolerance is almost as tight as for newsletter copy.*

**We aim to be seated in Meeting for Worship on Sundays just before 10.30.** We ask those arriving after 10.30 to wait until 10.40 to minimise disruption. At this time the doorkeeper will come downstairs and will join any latecomers to enter together.

**Summer Shindig** is a memorable week for Northern Young Friends (age 11-16y on 30 June). This year at Ackworth School in Yorkshire, **30 Jul - 6 Aug**. Info and sign-up forms have been emailed to all on those lists, or contact [summershindig@gmail.com](mailto:summershindig@gmail.com) well before the application deadline of 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Britain Yearly Meeting** is at Friend's House, London, **28-30 May**. Young People's Programme 27-30 May at Felden Lodge, Hemel Hempstead. Bookings close 16 March.

**Petition** to the Scottish Government on armed forces visits to Scottish schools. Please consider signing it at [bit.ly/1XQf8g1](http://bit.ly/1XQf8g1)

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

*Deadline the Sunday before. Not on the list to get the newsletter hot? Same address.*

You can read this edition, our archive of previous issues, and sign up to our South Edinburgh Announcements email list at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)

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p1 Braemar Castle (Wikimedia)  
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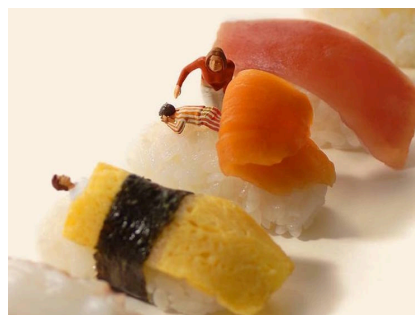
## BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Ben** who will be 11 on the 18<sup>th</sup> March, and to **Esme** who will be 14 on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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## UNMISSABLE INTERNETS



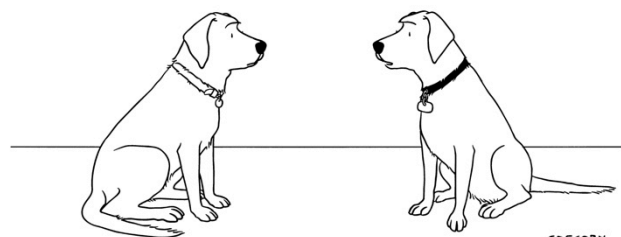
Miniature calendar

Our **two Facebook Pages** of the month feature minifigures in Lilliput-like scenes. Tatsuya Tanaka adds one each day to his **Miniature Calendar** (74,795 Likes); British artist **Slinkachu** (86,263 Likes) is also arresting.

[miniature-calendar.com/category/news](http://miniature-calendar.com/category/news)  
[artnet.com/artists/slinkachu](http://artnet.com/artists/slinkachu)

Quaker relevance: 28%. (Small, peculiar, remarkable)

## Are you doing enough on the Web?



*"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant barking."*