



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 2017



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

At Broughton St Mary's: 4th 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In March is for **Corrymeela**, which works to heal divisions in Northern Ireland. Alison Burnley will speak to this. corrymeela.org

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Liberty Briefing on Human Rights on **Sun 5 Mar**. At the home of Catriona Courtier after meeting on **Sun 5 Mar**.

General Meeting is at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 11 Mar**. From 11 with coffee before. Gretchen Castle from FWCC on the nature of God. Shared lunch, then business 2-4pm.

Area Meeting will be held at Polmont on **Sat 18 Mar** at Greenpark Community Centre, Greenpark Dr., FK2 0PZ. This first all-day AM commences 10am for 10.30-11 all-age worship. Discussions on refugees and rights, and lunch, before business 1.30-3, with parallel children's session, coming together again from 3. Then shared activities for an hour from 3.30, to which some refugee families are invited.

Come for part or all, and helpers welcome: dallasfalkirk@btinternet.com. If bringing children please let anna.levin@phonecoop.coop know.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 26 Mar**. Info from Alison Burnley.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

Singing Group 1st Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on the 3rd Thursday of March (missing the 1st this month).

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

Book Group meets on **Sun 19 Mar** instead of the usual 4th Sunday. At Victoria Terrace after Meeting. March, *Benediction* by Kent Haruf.



Classic Cinema at the PPP, Fri 10 Mar – see p4.

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business held on Sunday 15 January 2017

1. Opening Worship

We heard 20.43 from Quaker Faith and Practice – an extract for the 1964 Queries – on Honesty and Integrity in our financial dealings. 14 members & attenders present.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes of meeting held on 30 October – none

3. Special Roles in South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting

[Updating the list from the last newsletter]

We reviewed key small jobs many people do to support our meeting. **Bold** = new:

- AM and GM reps: show of hands at Local Meeting MfB
- Children's Committee: Deirdre Armstrong(c), David Somervell, Rufus Reade(c), Sylvia Massey, Alison Burnley, Sue Noble, Ola Uduku, Margaret Anderson.
- Clerk: David Somervell. Assistant Clerk: Neil Turner
- Convener of Elders and Overseers: Susie Reade
- Elders: Susie Reade, Nicola Read, **Esther Shreeve**
- 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
- Liaising with elected reps – Daniel Johnston MSP: **Pol and Catriona Courtier** and Ian Murray MP – **Deirdre Armstrong with Pol**
- Library and literature: Mairi McCormack
- Organising lifts to Meetings: Alison Burnley, Alison Chalmers
- Meetings for Learning: Elders and Overseers arrange these. Recent contributors include Alison Chalmers, Sylvia Massey, Susie Reade, Esther Shreeve, Deirdre Armstrong, Catriona Courtier
- Morningside Christian Aid Committee: Esther Shreeve
- Newsletter: Neil Turner
- Quaker representative on Open Door Board: Susan Freshwater
- SESAM Funerals Committee: Rufus Reade, Helen Cameron
- SESAM Trustees: Rufus Reade and David Somervell
- SESAM Registering Officer: Rufus Reade
- SESAM Nominations Committee: Alison Chalmers, **Sandra Riddell**
- Special Collections: Susan Robertson compiles, LMfB approves and Sylvia Massey reminds people listed each month
- Sunday opening up: Susan Robertson arranges a rota
- Treasurer: **Susan Robertson**
- Weekly donations banking: **Alison Chalmers**
- Wiston weekend Planning: **Nicola Read** on the wider Planning Group which rotates (next Polmont + Portobello / Musselburgh)

4. Formal Minute regarding change of Treasurer:

We appointed Susan Robertson as Treasurer of South Edinburgh Local Quaker Meeting with immediate effect until 31st December 2019 and authorised the Clerk and current Treasurer to complete the necessary paperwork from the Cooperative Bank, Triodos Bank and Shared Interest to add Susan Robertson as a signatory for these accounts immediately; to add the Clerk as a reserve signatory and to remove Martin Burnell as a signatory.

We agreed that the Current Account should have the name "S Edinburgh Local Quaker Meeting" in place of "S. Edinburgh Meeting of Soc. of Friends".

We also authorised the Clerk and current Treasurer to complete any paperwork necessary to give Susan Robertson online access to the Co-operative Account; and to remove online access from Martin Burnell once the accounts for 2016 have been completed.

We also authorised application to be made for our new Treasurer to be issued with a debit card for use with the Co-operative account.

We very warmly thanked Martin for his 12 years of exceptional service as our Treasurer.

5. Monthly Collections for 2017

We discussed the draft from Susan Robertson and David Somervell and agreed a list as shown [*as published in Feb newsletter*].

We noted that friends also generously supported Christian Aid with a mini-mart during Christian Aid Week 2016 and plan to do so again in 2017. And we noted that – through sales of allotment and garden produce etc – we have sent much-needed funds to several refugee charities.

6. Meetings for Learning

We thanked Alison Chalmers for hosting lunch and discussion on QF&P Chapter 20 on the Testimonies on 6 November and Pol and a friend for leading the Seeking Sanctuary session on 28 November.

We look forward to Susie Reade's Journey to Murmansk in her Mum's footsteps at her home at 6-7pm 25 January.

We heard that Deirdre Armstrong and Pol will share a Liberty Briefing on UK Human Rights Act at the home of Catriona Courtier after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 5 March.

We invited Alison Chalmers to explore options with friends in Portobello and Musselburgh Local Meeting for a shared Woodbrooke on the Road session.

Alison Burnley and Alison Chalmers with the clerk undertook to explore a sharing session – perhaps in preparation for the Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering 29 July until 5 August at University of Warwick, or as an outreach activity – on Demystifying Quaker Structures.

7. Dates for future Meetings:

Our Meetings for Worship for Business will be held on the following Sundays following Meeting: 30 April, 16 July and 29 October. We also noted Wiston weekend this year is unusually later from Friday 22 – Sunday 24 September.

MORE NEWS AND DATES



The Pilgrimage Penultimate Picture Palace (home of Rufus and Susie) will be screening **Brief Encounter** at 6.30 on **Fri 10 Mar**. Bring and share supper in the interval. The classic 1945 David Lean version of Noel Coward's play, black and white with Rachmaninov sound track. Wonderful but unlikely to engage the very young. To reserve seats, contact rufusreade@blueyonder.co.uk

Geneva Summer School 2-14 July for young people interested in international affairs and the United Nations: closing date 15 March 2017. More at quno.org/geneva-summer-school

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

Quaker chaplains needed – further information quaker.org.uk/chaplaincy or from Marleen Schepers, chaplainsupport@quaker.org.uk, 020 7663 1143

What we're reading/ listening to

Ann Veronica, a modern love story, HG Wells 1909. Sensational then, about the changing position of women, growing up, love and life. At bbc.co.uk/programmes/b08fdkd1 lightly told and excellent. Probably also a good read.

John Crace digests ruthlessly at bit.ly/2kN4loP

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This is not my hat, Jon Klassen, 2012. A lovely illustrated, short, upbeat, slightly wicked children's story – if you follow the words.

While the pictures tell a parallel, more real, darker tale. Take pocketful of breadcrumbs and handkerchief.

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This newsletter goes out on the last Sunday of each month. Work deceptive magic on its content by sending ideas, gingerbread, and 30-word reviews to neilturn@gmail.com

Newsletter, archives, and more can also be found at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Ben**, who will be 12 on the 18th, and to **Esme**, who will be 15 on the 22nd. .



Unmissable online



Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **Three-Card Monte** (414 visits/day, 38 edits/year). This classic street con trick apparently dates back to the 15th century. We still disapprove.

Quaker relevance: 25%



"Look, if I have to explain the meaning of existence, then it isn't funny."

Our **Facebook page of the month** is **New Yorker Cartoons** (981,629 likes). Makes a break from sad political posts.

Quaker relevance: 8%