



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

April 2018



Spring is here *Martin Burnell*

### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

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

**Weekdays at Victoria Terrace:** Wed 12.30-1.00. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

**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 April is for **Northern Friends Peace Board**. Karina Mackintosh will speak to this. [nfpb.org.uk](http://nfpb.org.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Local Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 15 April**. Finish by 2pm.

Our **Meetings for Learning** are usually on 3rd Sundays after Meeting, but not in April.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 22 April**. Further info in Jan newsletter and from Alison Burnley.

(Not local) **Britain Yearly Meeting** is in London Mon-Fri **May 4-7**.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

**Fly kites not drones**, Meadows, **Sun 1st**, see p4

The **Drop-In group** meets to do interesting things on the first Monday of each month, so this month on **Mon 2nd**. If you can be free then, contact Sylvia Massey to find out more. *More on page 3*.

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

**Singing group** meets at Victoria Terrace on **Tue 3 April** at 7.30 pm.

**Book Group** usually 4th Sundays after lunch at Victoria Terrace, but tbc for April. The book is fixed though; *Travelling to Infinity* by Jane Hawking. Contact Rachel Frith.



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

**Appendix to the Minutes of our last Meeting for Business** (which were in the last issue):

<b>Monthly Collections in 2018</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Month</b>
<b>Scottish Churches Housing Action</b> This was done in March 2014, May 2015 and June 2016	Alistair Cameron	Feb
<b>Edinburgh Young Carers</b> – helping support, inform, respite and personal development and training. <a href="http://youngcarers.org.uk">youngcarers.org.uk</a>	Susie Reade	March
<b>Northern Friends Peace Board</b> – encouraging “the active promotion of peace in all its height & breadth”. <a href="http://nfpb.org.uk">nfpb.org.uk</a>	Karina Mackintosh	April
<b>LINKnet Mentoring</b> – serving minority ethnic communities locally. <a href="http://linknetmentoring.com">linknetmentoring.com</a>	Catherine Lyons	May
<b>Friends World Committee for Consultation</b> – Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, & Changing Lives. <a href="http://fwcc.world">fwcc.world</a>	Alison Burnley	June
<b>Peaceworkers (Britain Yearly Meeting)</b> – QPSW placements for a year. <a href="http://www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/peaceworkers">www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/peaceworkers</a>	David Somervell	July
<b>Edinburgh Direct Aid</b> – Delivers aid to people in desperate need in far away places. <a href="http://edinburghdirectaid.org">edinburghdirectaid.org</a>	Deirdre Armstrong	August
<b>Wiston Lodge</b> This coincides with our weekend Gathering there. <a href="http://wistonlodge.com">wistonlodge.com</a>	Deirdre Armstrong	Sept
<b>Changing Faces</b> – empowering those with disfigurement, helping people take control of their lives. <a href="http://changingfaces.org.uk">changingfaces.org.uk</a>	Sylvia Massey	Oct
<b>Aid and Abet</b> – works with people leaving prison to live anywhere in the Edinburgh / Lothian area <a href="http://aidnabet.org">aidnabet.org</a>	Alistair Cameron	Nov
<b>Lend with Care (Care international UK)</b> - helps world’s poorest work their way out of poverty <a href="http://lendwithcare.org/donate">lendwithcare.org/donate</a>	Susan Robertson	Dec
<b>Garvald</b> – offers creative opportunities and support for people with learning disabilities. <a href="http://garvaldedinburgh.org.uk">garvaldedinburgh.org.uk</a>	Esther Shreeve	Jan ‘19

**Hearing from us by email**

Through **South Edinburgh Announcements** you can receive emails from South Edinburgh Quakers. This is used for short-notice news, and information about interesting events. To join this list, go to our webpage at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh) and click on the link to the South Edinburgh Announcements mailing list. There you can enter your details, and someone will Approve behind the scenes. We have to do this as otherwise the list accumulates advertisers and people we don’t really know.

The email list for the **newsletter** is broader, contact [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) for changes to that.



**Newsletter back issues**

On our webpage [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh) click on the **Older newsletters** link at the right hand side of the page, beneath the image of the latest newsletter (in tiny print in the image above).

## The Drop-In Group

*Apologies that the Drop-In Group failed to reappear in our listings after Christmas. Sylvia Massey writes:*

We are still operating! Though winter weather can be very restricting. The game Rummikub is very popular and a game that is relatively easy to play. Our activities are welcomed by those able to take part and as Spring approaches we look forward to seeing everyone again. Last Summer we were taken out of Edinburgh one afternoon by car by very kind Friends and we hope to visit Galleries etc again by bus, as the weather, hopefully, warms up.

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## More error

The dates of **Margaret Bulkley (James Barry)**, the subject of an essay in last month's edition, were misprinted in some copies of the newsletter. She was almost certainly born in 1789, and died in London in 1865. James Barry was an Edinburgh medical student 1809-1812, so during the Napoleonic Wars, and the building of Edinburgh's New Town, and at the height of Jane Austen's writing.

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## The GDPR is coming! What we do with our data

We have always been thoughtful about issues around confidentiality and privacy, so we hope that the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), which comes into effect in May, shouldn't change much for us. It stresses that we should make it clear what data we hold, and why, and that we need individuals' active permission to keep non-essential details, or pass them on.

We keep contact details of members, and attenders who have opted in to this, both locally and with General Meeting for Scotland. We don't pass them on to any other organisations, and we already ask your permission before we publish them in our Book of Members.

We have to contact each other in order to function as a Society. So if you've given us your address, phone number, email, etc, we shouldn't need you also to 'consent' to us using them for core activities. You can change your preferences about how we contact you at any time.

We have two email lists, and you can choose whether to receive messages via either or both. We put a message about this in our newsletter annually, and this year's is on page 2 above. We will add a line about opting out to the email that comes around with this newsletter each month.

The implications of the GDPR are being discussed further both locally and nationally. More guidance is likely to follow.

*Neil Turner and David Somervell*

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## An appeal for Area Meeting Trustees

**Could you be an AM Trustee?** Trustees are appointed to ensure that AM's assets and affairs are operated with integrity in accord with good practice and with legal requirements. They report to AM in session, and to the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), to whom they submit an annual return.

There are about 10 trustees, who meet 4 times each year, with email business in between. It is desirable that the trustees body includes a wide range of skills and experience, but no particular prior experience is essential. New trustees are encouraged to attend a short residential Woodbrooke course on trusteeship.

Rufus Reade and David Somervell can report from experience, or for further info or to express interest, please contact Alan Sayle (Nominations Committee) 0131 332 5566 [alansayle@btinternet.com](mailto:alansayle@btinternet.com) or Ken Jobling (clerk to AM trustees) 0131 552 4590 [kjobling@btinternet.com](mailto:kjobling@btinternet.com)

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## MORE NEWS AND DATES



**Fly kites not drones** on the Meadows **Sun 1st April**, 1-4pm, Pavilion Café. [flykitesnotdrones.org](http://flykitesnotdrones.org)

**Venue 40 volunteers in August** – each summer we welcome volunteers to assist with the Festival at Victoria Terrace. Could you offer a bed? Please contact Rachel Frith, [rachel.frith@waitrose.com](mailto:rachel.frith@waitrose.com)

Registration for **Yearly Meeting**, in London **4-7 May**, is open at [quaker.org.uk/ym](http://quaker.org.uk/ym)

QPSW has funding to support two **UK-based peace workers** for one year from September 2018. [quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities/jobs](http://quaker.org.uk/job-opportunities/jobs)

**Ecumenical accompaniers** (human rights monitors) sought for postings in the West Bank or Israel for 3 months in 2019. See info pack at [quaker.org.uk/applyeappi](http://quaker.org.uk/applyeappi)

Could you write to your MP about **climate change**? Info at [quaker.org.uk/climatejustice](http://quaker.org.uk/climatejustice)  
**Nuclear disarmament?** [quaker.org.uk/nuclear-disarmament](http://quaker.org.uk/nuclear-disarmament)

## Children of all ages



We discussed Lent

## Happy Birthday

To **Jacob**, who will be 7 on the 2nd, and to **Saskia**, who will be 16 on the 19th. Congratulations but that's your last birthday mention till you're 70 😞

You might like to try ...



### What we're tasting

**Vidal Tongue Painter lollies**, red and green

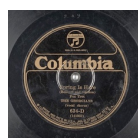
First licks delightfully, eye-screwingly sour, quickly soothed by crystals of sugar. Body not too sweet and tastefully green- or red-flavoured. Painting a bonus, but minuses for plastic stick, so overall



*Vegan-for-Lent*

↑ *Saskia or you could be in this section any time; your 30-word review welcome*

## Online



**Spring is here.** 1926 song, listen at [bit.ly/2GCwD1B](http://bit.ly/2GCwD1B)  
Hundreds more digitized 78s at [archive.org/details/78rpm](http://archive.org/details/78rpm)

Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **Lent**. Viewing is highly seasonal: around 10,000 views per day just now, but 109,000 just before it began on 14 Feb. Describes many variations, from complete fasting to missing out just chocolate.

Lent is 46 days from Ash Wednesday (day after Shrove Tuesday) to Holy Saturday (between Good Friday and Easter Sunday). That's 40 days if you exclude intervening Sundays, on which in some traditions you may indulge. Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter.

Quaker relevance 12%  
(because we don't indulge ever)