



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2014



MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

Every weekday at Victoria Terrace: 8am for 30 mins Mon-Fri.

Every Wednesday at Victoria Terrace: 12.30-1.00 followed by a simple lunch.

At Portobello: 1st **Sunday** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **2nd and 4th Sun** at **10.30 am** at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

At Barony St: 4th **Sunday.** 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (junction with Albany Lane). More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In May is for **Forest Schools** which aims to inspire people of any age to a long term, educational approach to outdoor play and learning. Susie Reade will speak to this. forestschoools.com

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Meeting our MSP – Friends have organised a meeting with Jim Eadie MSP at the Scottish Parliament on **Sat May 3rd**. Details from David Somervell, Phil Noble or David Turner.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun May 11th**. Details from Alison Burnley

Area Meeting will be held at Tweeddale on **Sat 24th May**, 2-5pm.

The same morning the **Christian Aid Spring Fair** will be held at Morningside Parish Church Hall (EH10 6DN at the foot of Braids Rd, 3 mins walk from Open Door), **Sat 24th May** 10-2. Sylvia is our representative and will be there. Stalls, games, storytelling, youth pipe band.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

Singing Group 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith, who also offers lifts for Penicuik Vault Singers on Sunday afternoons. www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults

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

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

Book Group on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. May – R Kapuscinski *Soccer Wars*. Qs to Rachel Frith.

Quaker Art Group – outdoor painting and sketching around Edinburgh and beyond during the Summer, commencing **Sat May 3rd**. Contact John Fox foxarch@btinternet.com or tel.



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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, 16 March 2014

8 Friends were present. During our opening worship we heard a reading from William Penn on silence of thought and word (Quaker Faith & Practice 20.11).

Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising from the minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Jan 19th 2014 have been circulated and were signed by the Clerk.

4/14 – We note the laying down of the Mini-Mart for the present

7/14 – Local Meeting Accounts

Our Treasurer Martin Burnell presented draft accounts for 2013 which are complete apart from the figure for donations made through Area Meeting and earmarked for South Edinburgh. This information is not yet available from the Area Meeting Treasurer. We authorise Martin to approach Paul Kenny to examine our accounts once figures have been received from the AM Treasurer and to bring finalised accounts to our next local business meeting in May, in order to approve a budget for 2014.

We agree to keep our account with the Coop Bank for the present, but ask Martin to write to the Bank about the importance to us of ethical banking, as suggested in his notes.

Clerk's note: a copy of the draft accounts will be filed with these Minutes but the usual summary for the newsletter is deferred until full returns are available.

8/14 – Political dialogue priorities for meeting with Jim Eadie MSP on May 3rd.

Although we leave it to our representatives to prioritise what to discuss on the day, we noted the following four areas of concern:

- Welfare cuts
- Is there a problem with lobbying in the Scottish parliament?
- Issues arising from centralisation of police services
- Ethical banking

9/14 – Special collections

We agree to support the following causes

Aug	The Open Door (Martin Williams)
Sep	Wiston Lodge (t.b.c.)
Oct	Prisoners Abroad (Sylvia Massey)
Nov	Trussell Trust (Alison Burnley)
Dec	Rock Trust (Alastair Cameron with Josh Hearn, t.b.c.)
Jan	Northern Friends Peace Board (Jane Lewis, t.b.c.)

Date of next meeting: Sunday 18 May 2014, at the Open Door.

A message from Syria

We sent our last donation from the Mini Mart to support Save the Children's work in Syria. Sam Turner is working for the charity in Antakya, in Turkey close to the border, and sends thanks and this news:

One part of Save the Children's work is supporting refugees who have managed to cross the border into Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan, where there are large and expanding refugee camps. The other, even harder, is attempting to support life in Syria itself, where normal services have broken down. I've been particularly involved in this angle, particularly a healthcare project. In the North of Syria there are not only casualties of war. The disintegration of normal health services and water and electricity supplies mean that remaining clinics are overwhelmed by demands. The re-emergence of polio is a terrible example of this. It is additionally difficult as we cannot safely send overseas workers into the country.

Antakya has historic roots. It is the ancient city of Antioch, a major city of the Roman and Byzantine empires, and a site of major fighting in the Crusades (1096-1272). Its huge ancient walls date back to then. It has some of the earliest Christian churches but is home to people of many religions. Both Turkish and Arabic are widely spoken. As a place to live there are certain advantages compared to my last post in Yemen.



Sam waiting for the balloon to go up, Cappadocia



Bicycles will go down, Edinburgh

For the young at heart

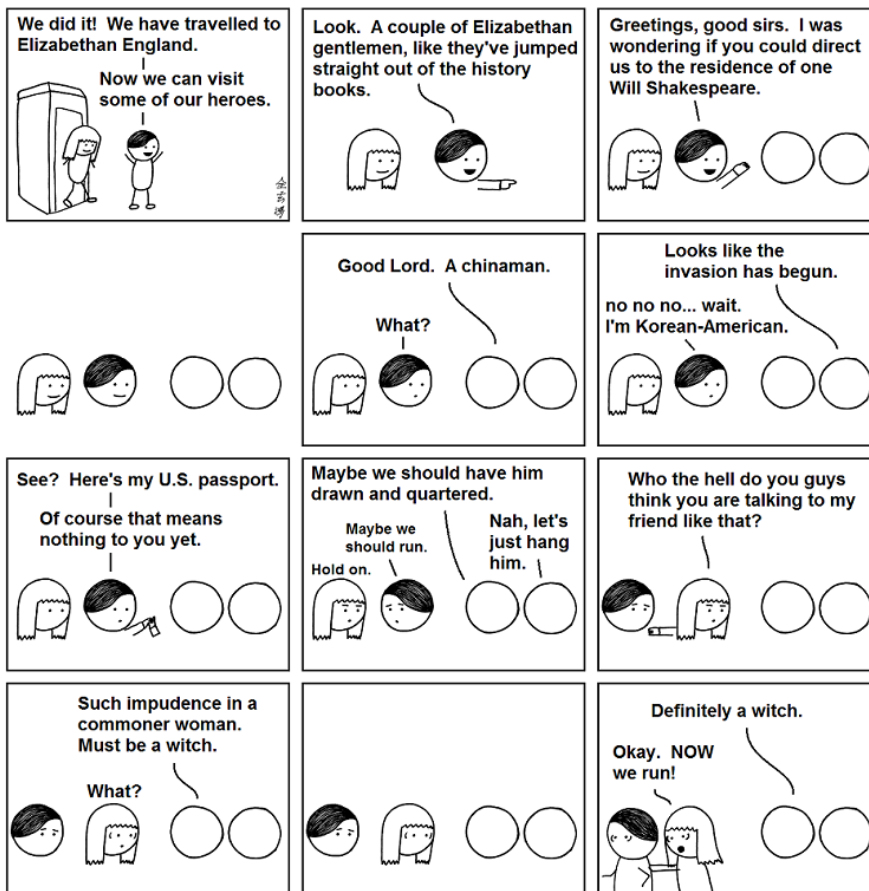
“Thou art a froward, fat-kidneyed moldwarp”

Compose Shakespearean insults at www.pangloss.com/seidel/shake_rule.html

Tenuous link with Quakers: each one begins with ‘Thou’

Re-used insults at pangloss.com/seidel/Shaker

Time machine: the joys of *not* living in Elizabethan England.



abstrusegoose.com

MORE NEWS AND DATES

The **Gifford Lecture** at 5.30pm on **Mon 19th May** at St Cecilia's Hall is by Justice Catherine O'Regan, judge in the South African Constitutional Court for 15 years. *What is Caesar's? Adjudicating faith in modern constitutional democracies.*

<http://edinburgh-university-232.eventbrite.co.uk> for more info and to book tickets

Quaker Campers are meeting in the Forest of Dean this year, Sat 26th Jul – Sat 2nd Aug. Booking essential. <http://campers.quaker.eu.org>

Yearly Meeting Gathering is in Bath, **Aug 2-9th**. Preparatory activities will include a meeting on **Sat 7th June**, and there is a wealth of information at groupspaces.com/QuakerYMG

BOOK NOW! – Our **weekend at Wiston** is **5-7th September**. With the theme of 'Pathways', there will be organised walks, craft activity, outdoor fun with Wiston instructors for the young people and a session on 'Spiritual Conversations' and of course the Saturday evening ceilidh. On Sunday morning we have All Age Worship which is a very special gathering point. We hope to hear about Britain Yearly Meeting from those who attended.

There are times when there is a crèche for younger children.

Fuller details and forms can be picked up at meeting but have also been emailed to all on our South Edinburgh email list.

Are you on our email list? If you aren't getting occasional emails from the South Edinburgh email list, there is a link you can click on our webpage at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh. Make sure you include your name, but if you think we might not know you, also email Sandra Riddell to explain.

This newsletter is sent to a slightly different email list, so contact Neil Turner if you aren't getting it but want to, or are getting it but want to stop.

What we're watching

Bag of Rice is a wonderful film that is part of the Cinema of Childhood season of 17. *The Boot* and *Hugo and Josephine* and many more. At the Filmhouse but several can also be streamed online. More at bit.ly/1ISeiAC. *Deirdre*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

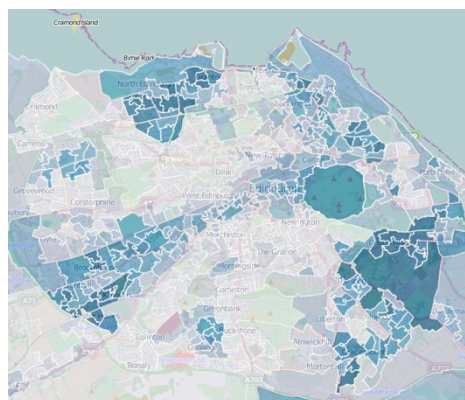
A very happy birthday to **Callum**, who will be 15 on the 5th.

UNWEBMISSABLE



Our **Facebook page of the month** is the wry and gentle **legography**, recounting the spectacular life of a Lego minifig photographer (9,111 likes).

Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics We've recommended this before, but the data at www.sns.gov.uk is remarkable. Type in a postcode, or go to interactive mapping:



Deprivation in Edinburgh

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see, e.g. 'not enough fish' to neiltturn@gmail.com.

The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday, except when it's sooner or later.

Read this and more at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh