



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2016



Great War stone, Newington Cemetery

### 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 May is for the **Peace Direct**. "Stopping violence, saving lives, healing their own communities". Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. [peacedirect.org](http://peacedirect.org)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**What can Quakers do about Militarism?** A workshop – what action can Quakers take to challenge the increasing trend? **Sat 7 May** 10-12 noon, 7 Victoria Terrace, facilitated by Sam Walton of QPSW. Qs: [mairic@quaker.org.uk](mailto:mairic@quaker.org.uk)

**Local Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 15 May**. This is also Conscientious Objectors Day; [nomorewar.org.uk](http://nomorewar.org.uk)

**Christian Aid Week** is 15-22 May

**Being Friends Together** Meeting for Learning on **Wed 18 May** at Alison's home 7-8.30, with a shared meal of soup bread and cheese from 6.00. We will share our thoughts on chapter 20 of Faith and Practice, Living Faithfully Together. (Sylvia Massey and Alison Chalmers)

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 22 May**.

**Britain Yearly Meeting** is being held in London Fri 27-30 May.

### 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 first and third Thursdays.

**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. May 22: Elizabeth Taylor, *A View of the Harbour*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



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## Northern India and the Pakistan border

Two major tourist destinations are well known. One is the Golden Temple at Amritsar, centre of the Sikh religion. The other is the extraordinary Wagah border ceremony (see page 4), where the crossing is closed at sundown in an extraordinary showy manner in front of large and raucous audiences.



*The Golden Temple in Amritsar is said to feed 100,000 people a day (and twice that at weekends), for free. To do this they have a volunteer workforce of 25,000. It was so impressive: the place was friendly, clean and tidy, there was no pushing and shoving, no litter, no rudeness. All was orderly and everyone was really working hard.*

*It was in distinct contrast to the border crossing with Pakistan which is a short drive away from Amritsar. The Indian army was in chaos: the place was no longer friendly, it was far from clean and tidy, there was lots of pushing and shoving. And they were also catering for 25,000 people (so I was told) though in a much tighter time frame.*



*The only consolation at the border checkpoint was that the Indian and Pakistani armies would seem to collaborate, so that flags are lowered simultaneously, and the large border gates are opened and closed in unison.*

*Rufus Reade  
(Who also took the photos)*



## Who does what in South Edinburgh Meeting

Many Friends share the work of looking after our meeting. Interested in taking something on? Please speak to David Somervell or an elder/ overseer. The list was compiled by our Keeper of the Lists, Susan Freshwater. Please let her know of any needed alterations.

- **Convener of elders and overseers:** Susie Reade.
- **Elders:** Susie Reade, Nicola Read.
- **Overseers:** Dorothy Buglass, Mairi McCormack, Susan Freshwater.
- **Clerk:** David Somervell. Assistant: Neil Turner
- **Treasurer:** Martin Burnell.
- **Funerals:** Rufus Reade, Helen Cameron.
- **Library:** **vacant**
- **Sunday opening:** Susan Robertson arranges a rota.
- **Doorkeeper, meet and greet:** Alison Burnley and **vacancy**.
- **Flowers:** Margaret Anderson or vacancy.
- **Tea and coffee:** volunteers.
- **Monthly collections:** Susan Robertson to arrange charities, agreed list exists for the next year, Sylvia Massey to remind people listed.
- **Weekly collections:** Susan Robertson collects for treasurer.
- **Open Door – rep on Board:** Susan Freshwater.
- **Newsletter:** Neil Turner.
- **Children's committee:** Deirdre Armstrong, David Somervell, Susie Reade, Rufus Reade, Sylvia Massey, Alison Burnley, Phil and Sue Noble, Ola Uduku, Margaret Anderson.
- **Area meeting and general meeting (AM and GM):** show of hands.
- **Wiston Weekend:** rotates around local meetings, next one being Polmont.
- **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. Correspondence clerk: Sandra Riddell.
- **Christian Aid committee:** Sylvia Massey.
- **Catering committee:** Alison Burnley, Sylvia Massey.
- **Food bank:** Sylvia Massey.

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## What we're listening to

Tinariwen (p1) is a Tuareg group from Northern Mali that has become prominent in World Music over the last 20 years. Fascinating fusion of styles, influences, ages – [tinariwen.com](http://tinariwen.com) (ANT)

## More like this?

Our archive of previous issues, and more, are available at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)

## No, more like something else, please

The duplicator rolls to print this for the last Sunday of each month, but you should send things you'd like to see in it to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) by the Sunday before.

We'd also love your 30-word reviews of books, film, TV, radio, music, shows for *What we're listening to/ reading/ watching* ...



## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Howard League Lecture** – ‘We do the sentence too’: Families, imprisonment and legitimacy **Thur 12 May**, 6.30-8pm, The Project Room, 50 George Sq. Dr Cara Jardine, Univ. Strathclyde.

**Genetics and Ethics** – **Thur 12 May**, 7.30, Victoria Terr. Panel with speakers from Univ. Edinburgh, Roslin Inst., Humanist Society, Church of Scotland. Info and tickets via [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) – search for “Science faith”.

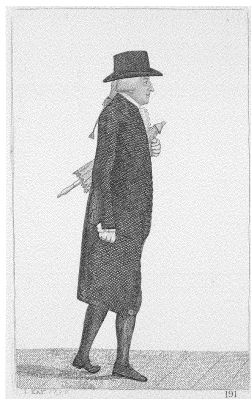
**Human rights history, arts and social change** – a taster session followed by a bring-your-own communal lunch. **Mon 16 May**, 9.30-1, Victoria Terrace. [journeytojustice.org.uk](http://journeytojustice.org.uk) Carrie Supple, 07711199198

Could you provide **B+B for Venue 40 volunteers Aug 7-28?** (or some of that time) Expenses paid. Please contact Rachel Frith at Edinburgh Central.

## Are YOU doing enough on the Web?

Hamish Horsburgh has put a number of outstanding Edinburgh historical books online in fairly high quality at [edinburghbookshelf.org.uk](http://edinburghbookshelf.org.uk) – all with Creative Commons licences, which means you can use them freely, plus a page of links to other local history resources. Includes:

**John Kay’s** outstanding engravings of Edinburgh characters of the 1700s, with later commentaries



*“In 1807 Dr Duncan proposed the erection of a Lunatic Asylum at Morningside ... the want of which had been long felt in Edinburgh.”*

**Old and New Edinburgh** by John Grant, 1880s – richly illustrated accounts district by district, originally published as periodicals. Browse at [oldandnewedinburgh.co.uk](http://oldandnewedinburgh.co.uk)

**Edinburgh Past and Present** by William Ballingal, 1877.

Such treasures!

## BIRTHDAYS

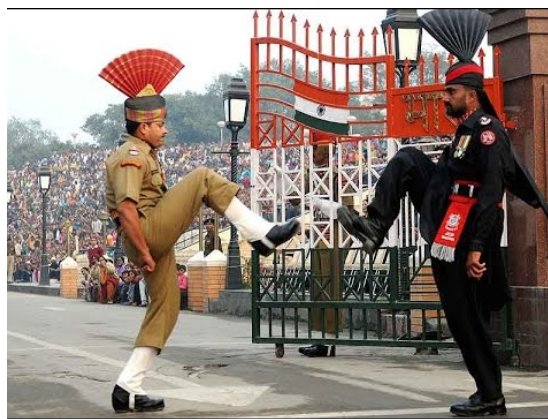
[Clean sheet in May]

## UNMISSABLE INTERWEBS



Apologies that our **Facebook page of the month** is **AwakenWithJP** (142,789 Likes). *Yoga Photos for Instagram* video (recommended) has had 1.8M views. You may also excruciate at *How to Be Spiritual*, and *How to Become Gluten Intolerant* (3.6M views. Unsuitable for those with non-coeliac gluten sensitivity).

*Quaker relevance: 10%*



Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is the camp, ostentatious but slightly threatening militaristic buffoonery of the **Wagah Border Ceremony** (12,000 readers per month), which occurs at the Pakistan/India border every evening. For the full flavour, watch the 5 min video at [youtu.be/pHIUHfgRfXA](http://youtu.be/pHIUHfgRfXA) (CC licence, AbbTak)

*Quaker relevance: confusing*