

SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2015



Portraits of Thomas and (Lady) Juliana Penn, Philadelphia Museum of Art. Thomas was 10th of his 16 children. And perhaps not the best Quaker role model.

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: 1st **Sunday** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and 2nd and 4th Sun at 11 am at St James' Church Hall, Rosefield PI, Portobello EH15 1AZ (includes children's meeting). Queries to Kim Smith, kimdsmith@yahoo.com, 0131 665 8166.

At Broughton St Mary's: **4**th **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 June is for the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel, **EAPPI**. The organisation is coordinated by the World Council of Churches to offer protective presence and monitor and report human rights abuses. eappi.org.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Area Meeting will be held at Kelso on **Sat 30th May** from 11.30 am.

General Meeting for Scotland will be held in Aberdeen on **Sat 6th Jun**.

If you're missing that, come to an adults and children **Picnic** with members of Central Edinburgh Meeting, **Sun Jun 7**th – 11-2.30. Meet outside 3 Esplanade Terr EH15 2Es, bring buckets, spades, picnics.

SES Friends are invited to join Tweeddale meeting on **Sun 14th June**. 10.30, Beat, Cavalry Park, Peebles.

There will also be **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 14th June** –Alison Burnley has details

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.

Rachel also 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 meets on 4th Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Jun And the Land Lay Still, James Robertson; Jul The hundred years old man who jumped out the window. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Hear the 1919 classic jazz instrumental version of this at http://1.usa.gov/1QtUP5H (Library of Congress)

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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 minimize disruption. At this time the door keeper will come downstairs and will join any latecomers to enter together.

Sue's back

Sue Freshwater writes expressing thanks to all who supported her during and after her two spells in hospital recently. She hopes to be playing as full a part as she can in the Meeting again soon.

"Useful advice was: Don't stand on your proud independence, but let your friends in. To accept and even to request help. Friends are glad to help and it makes the friendship more solid. I talked and shared more and community was strengthened. We all gain in spiritual strength. The story about Jesus washing the feet of his followers came very real for me.

"My overseer also taught me to be a better overseer myself. A phone call on a regular basis is a way to keep in touch. Emails are popular, especially for Quaker business, but the voice is a special way of connecting.

"At Area Meeting's Elders and Overseers we were called to consider how well we support those Friends who fill positions. Do we make the job requirements clear and check that the Friend feels supported in his or her duties? Are they clear what to do if they have a problem?"

For all ages



I can't feed these people, It will destroy their incentive to better themselves.

'An example of the casual left-wing bias in the church' (according to an article in the Spectator)

Funeral arrangements

Area Meeting's Funeral Arrangements Committee has members in each of our local meetings. They would be pleased to discuss, in confidence, any matter relating to the arrangements for organising a funeral whether your own or that of a partner or other family member.

Leaving notes about how you want your funeral to be conducted can be of great help and comfort to people bereaved and also to local Friends who would be glad to know that the arrangements being made are just what you would have expected.

To aid in the process of arranging a funeral and to ensure that the funeral is just as you would wish it to be, the Area Meeting has produced its own guidance and a request form to be completed:

To find out more or to obtain a form, please speak to your overseer, go to quakerscotland.org/south-east (see under Documents at the right hand side) or contact Laurie Naumann, 01592 890346 or the.naumanns@phonecoop.coop

Death is but crossing the world, as friends do the seas; they live in one another still. For they must needs be present, that love and live in that which is omnipresent.

William Penn

Interesting fact: The quotation above from *Some Fruits of Solitude* (1693) is used as an epigram to the 7th and final novel of JK Rowlings's Harry Potter series, *Deathly Hallows* (2007). It goes on:

In this divine glass, they see face to face; and their converse is free, as well as pure. This is the comfort of friends, that though they may be said to die, yet their friendship and society are, in the best sense, ever present, because immortal.



FINE ART



Plans for a bedroom, Kenneth.

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Could you help accommodate volunteers for Venue 40 during August? B+B needed for 14 each week from Aug 19–30. Many from Europe value contact with Edinburgh Quakers. All costs reimbursed. Please contact Rachel Frith at Edinburgh Central.

There is an online petition for a **Conscientious Objectors memorial** to be placed in Princes St Gardens. Sign it if you feel able at bit.ly/1FOp3dK. Several Friends were on the committee making this proposal from the Peace and Justice Centre. Open until **June 4**th.

Alison Chalmers is hosting a **Bring and Share Lunch** on **Sun 2nd Aug** at 25 Greenbank Road. A warm welcome to all to meet together informally and have a happy time together – just come up after Meeting and we'll take it from there. 10 mins walk from the Open Door; alternatives, plus guide/ directions, on the day.

Our local meeting's **Wiston weekend**: **4-6 Sep**. Application forms at meeting, and also sent to those on the newsletter email list.

What we've been listening to

Quaker parody songs from 100 years ago at bit.ly/1FmvZAm (Haverford College) (see also illustration on page 1)

Your 30 word reviews welcome

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Jacob Blue who will be 14 on the 19th!

Helen and Rufus debating how much to spend.



ON THE WEB

Our Facebook Page of the month is Tunnock's Caramel Wafer Bar Appreciation Society (5 million sold every week). One of over 30 pages about Tunnock's. The page lifted from Wikipedia has 4,767 Likes.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tunnock's



The Tunnock's factory in Uddinston. Founded 1890 (tunnock.co.uk; 426 more photos on Flickr)

Quaker relevance: 34%.

Cyclists: it's summer. Have you tried Skirt Garters? (also effective with kilts) etsy.com

You can read this, past issues and more at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to neilturn@gmail.com. Not on the list to get it? Same address. Deadline the Sunday before.

