



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2018



### 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 June is for **FWCC, Friends World Committee for Consultation** – Connecting Friends, Crossing Cultures, & Changing Lives. Alison Burnley will speak to this. [fwcc.world](http://fwcc.world)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Welcome for new children and babies** All are welcome to all-age worship at Victoria Terrace from 11am on **Sun 3 June**, followed at about 12.15 or so by picnic in Princes St Gardens.

**Scotland General Meeting** will be held in Aberdeen on **Sat 16 June**.

**Meetings for Learning** – often on 3rd Sundays, but taking an early summer break now, returning in the Autumn.

**Area Meeting** will be hosted by South Edinburgh Meeting (that's us), at Greenbank Church Halls, Braidburn Terrace, EH10 6ES, on **Sat 23 June**, 11-4. Tea/coffee from 10.30. Peace will be the main theme.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 24 June**. Further info in Jan newsletter or from Alison Burnley.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey (further info in April edition).

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 the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm.

**Book Group** 4th Sundays after lunch at Victoria Terrace. June: V.S.Naipaul's *The Enigma of Arrival*. Rachel Frith.



Urgent activity (p3). They'll need a biscuit (p4).

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## From the children



**Log book from Sunday 15th April 2018** – on returning from Morningside cemetery\* Ted explained very carefully that they had been listening to sounds, and drawing them to show how loud or soft they were. Jacob drew a bar chart and represented birds and cars by the level on the chart. Ted drew shapes and showed the level of noise by the size of the shape and the edges off it, e.g the wind in the centre was in an oval shape to show it was an even level of sound, and the bird had a star shape around it to show the level changed. A bird sounds almost as loud as a car when you are in the cemetery ....

Urgent activity then had to happen on what felt like the first day of Spring. No stones or bones were moved.

\* As previously featured in our Cemeteries of Edinburgh series (March 2016), and illustrated on p1.

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## People at work

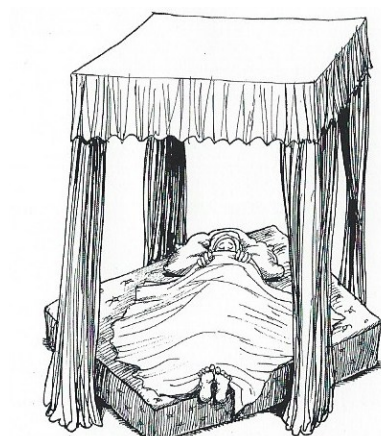
Four astute, self-narrated short films (each 4 mins) showing people at work in China.

A polystyrene box re-seller who has moved to the city leaving her little son far away in the country; a Taobao catalogue model who can be photographed in up to 150 outfits a day; a hair trader; and a Chinese opera performer. All at [noahsheldon.com/work](http://noahsheldon.com/work)



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## Comment on a wedding



*My brother Toby, quoth she, is going to be married to Mrs. Wadman. "Then he will never," quoth my father, "be able to lie diagonally in his bed again as long as he lives."*

Laurence Sterne, *Tristram Shandy* (1759-67)

*(If I thought you was able to form the least judgement or probable conjecture to yourself, of what was to come in the next page, – I would tear it out of my book.)*

## QUAKERS IN NATIONAL NEWS

Read more at [quaker.org.uk/news](http://quaker.org.uk/news)

**Quakers condemn provocative US embassy move** – the action “emboldens moves to undermine peace and destabilise the region”

**Less God? Reviewing QF&P in the News.** The suggestion around BYM that a new version of Quaker Faith and Practice might cut back on references to God attracted media attention. The article links to an item on Radio 4's Today programme featuring BYM Recording Clerk Paul Parker.

Simon Jenkins' Guardian article *Quakers are right, we don't need God* has also been widely discussed. Read it at [bit.ly/2s65FZA](http://bit.ly/2s65FZA) (reference to Quaker Oats has been removed!).

## MORE LOCAL

**Lifts to meeting** Please could you let Esther know if you may be able to offer lifts to and from Meeting? This is not a rota, simply contacts who may be asked from time to time if they can help.

A new **Climate change group** is to start meeting on the 4th Wed of each month, commencing at Morningside Library (1st floor), **Wed May 30**, 2-4 pm. Aim to provide a 'course' covering issues. [morris.bradley@btinternet.com](mailto:morris.bradley@btinternet.com) Hilary Davis

**Christianity & War** Reclaiming the nonviolence of Jesus A day of prayer, study and organising. 10:30-4 **Sat 30 June** Threshold Centre, Perth PH2 8LJ St John The Baptist Episcopal Church, Princes Street, Register via Rev David Mumford [mumford@phonecoop.coop](mailto:mumford@phonecoop.coop)

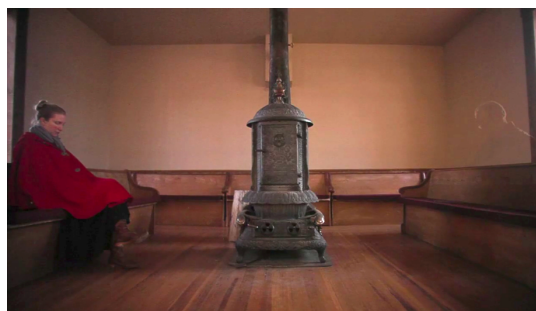
**Venue 40 volunteers in August** – each summer we welcome volunteers to assist with the Festival at Victoria Terrace. Aug 5-26. Could you offer B&B for some or all? Expenses reimbursed. Rachel Frith, [rachel.frith@waitrose.com](mailto:rachel.frith@waitrose.com)

Beyond the Festival, the **B&B scheme** seeks new hosts. By offering B&B for travelling Quakers it helps to raise funds for Meeting House repairs. Even occasional offers helpful. 0131 441 6080 [judith.benton@which.net](mailto:judith.benton@which.net)

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## Definitely Quakerly online

No birthdays in June, but maybe they're quite unquakerly things. Instead, watch this, and remember last month's winter:



**Silent worship in a Quaker meeting house where only the fire in the stove is heard.** Video. Just 5 minutes, but you may want to put it on a loop. [bit.ly/2vNeDQm](http://bit.ly/2vNeDQm)

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## Possibly Quakerly online

**The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman** (quoted on p3) is our **Wikipedia page of the month** (556 views per day). Truly scholarly on this anarchic, bawdy, modern-feeling comic novel from Georgian England. Dr Johnson predicted it wouldn't last, and in revenge it regularly appears in lists of best English novels. Includes a description of Sterne's abolitionist writing in 1766, for which reason

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*So it appears that the Café Noir through thoughtful restraint and elegant styling has managed to carry off the feat of being coffee flavoured, whilst preserving its dignity.*

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