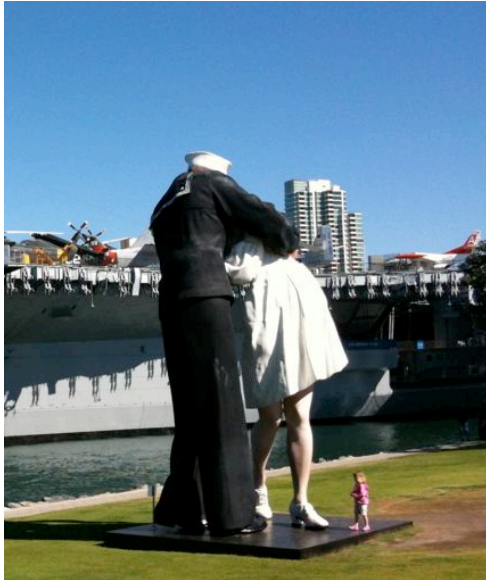




SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 2011



'Unconditional Surrender' (discussion point, last page).

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.

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

At Barony St: 4th Sunday. 7pm at 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors). More info: Tony Gross or 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

July's special collection is for the **Refugee Survival Trust**, which supports destitute refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland. David Turner will speak to this. www.rst.org.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

3rd July – meeting after MfW about course on Introduction to Becoming Friends – see page 3.

Mini-Mart in aid of Wiston Lodge is after Meeting on each **first Sunday**. Except not in August or September. www.wistonlodge.co.uk

9th July (Sat) – Area Meeting at Central Edinburgh Meeting House, 2-5pm.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Singing Group meets on second Tuesday of each month at Victoria Terrace, but will take a break in August. 'Sopranos, altos, tenors and basses welcome!'. Also **Taize singing** with the Penicuik Vault Singers in the sequence Crichton, Rosslyn Penicuik and Seaton at 3.15 on Sundays. Contact Rachel Frith.

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship meets on 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors) Contact Mary Woodward or edinburgh.glgf@gmail.com or 07543 975 590.

Reading the bible with Friends Third Tuesdays, 7pm at Victoria Terrace. Currently looking at Romans. More info at <http://bit.ly/9JgoU0>. Contact Henry Thompson

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Shared (vegetarian) food followed by discussion or talk. Usually at Methodist Church, Nicholson Square. Contact Alison Burnley or Bronwyn Harwood.

Book Group. Usually Third Sundays at 1.15pm at Central Edinburgh Meeting House; 17th July detective fiction and Reginald Hill's *Arms and the Women*. There will be a break in August, then JM Coetzee's *Youth* and S Yizhar's *Khirbet Khizeh*. Qs to Rachel Frith.

Yearly Meeting Gathering is at the University of Kent in Canterbury, **30 Jul – 6 Aug**. www.quaker.org.uk/ymg

Save resources by downloading me from quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

[More events on the Back Page](#)

Volunteer opportunities at Venue 40

A good way of meeting and working together with our national volunteers

The Tea Room

The Tea Room specialises in *in-house* baked produce and your contributions will be greatly appreciated. Our 'Come Along' baking afternoons (from 2 pm) are popular and a great way to help build community. You can bring your own supplies and recipe(s) if you wish, but no cream please. Both regular volunteers and anyone who would like to 'give it a go' are most welcome. And even if you don't bake, your help is valuable. You may pick up new ideas and get to know each other better whilst helping to stock up the freezer! Note: our gas oven is newly refurbished, with a new thermostat and dial!

Possible dates in July are: Wednesday July 6th, Friday 8th, Tuesday 12th, Monday 18th, Wednesday 20th
Please phone Sue Buxton or Cathie McCurrach to confirm.

Extra Daily Volunteer Baking

Maybe you are an 'Early Bird' who is willing to bake fresh daily produce (scones, muffins) which would be ready for the Tearoom opening at 10 am.

Till

As in previous years our national volunteers will welcome help with our simple till and menu. Sufficient training will be provided so that you feel confident. Shifts are 11 am until 1.30 pm and 1.30pm until 4.30pm. Refreshments and lunch are available.

Evening kitchen help

This year the team of national volunteer staff is about the same as last year. Duties will include serving the evening meal and generally leaving the Tea Room and kitchen ready for use the following day. Local and national volunteers have the chance to meet and work together as part of our Festival community.

Charity concerts

A number of charity concerts are being given in addition to the main programme and help will be needed for welcoming visitors to the Meeting House, ticket/ programme selling at the door and serving teas/ coffees on the following dates in August.

Fri 6 August - from 6.30 pm onwards (EMGO) Sat 7 August - from 6.30 pm onwards (EMGO) Sun 28 August - 12 noon onwards (John Harris and Leon Coates) Mon 29 August - 6.30 pm onwards (The Dunya Ensemble)

Last but not least

Local Quaker produce is appreciated too, e.g. flowers and herbs, and fruit and vegetables for crumbles etc. are very popular.

Please contact the Victoria Terrace Meeting House if you would like more information or would like to volunteer. Or add your name to the sign-up sheets.

A big thank you in anticipation!

Festival Committee

From the children



Can you identify these profiles?

Archives

Do you have any old documents relating to the meeting tucked away?

Volunteer requested to become **Custodian of Records**. Here is Minute 20/11 from May's Meeting for Business:

"Scotland General Meeting has issued a set of recommendations with regard to archiving of Meetings' records. All Meetings (AMs and LMs) have been asked to appoint a custodian of records, or at least nominate a Friend (who might for instance be the clerk or correspondent in a small meeting) to take responsibility for this. The GM Custodian of Records (Paul Burton) will co-ordinate the gathering together of records at specific times.

"We note that the newsletter editor has a file of back issues of the newsletter. The clerk and the treasurer have copies of fairly recent minutes and accounts, but we are unsure where older records are stored.

"We will put a request for a volunteer in the newsletter and we ask Elders and Overseers to follow the matter up if a volunteer is not forthcoming. We ask longstanding members of our meeting to support whoever takes on this task."

Discovered in the basket the other day: a photocopy of a document by Ronald Halliday describing the first fourteen years of South Edinburgh Meeting's history. For reproduction another time, but here is a tiny snippet:

St Ninian's

Our meeting met first on 27th September 1970 at 10 a.m. in the committee room of a church in Fountainhall Road. The congregation of

Please contact Chris Booth or whoever is doing Notices if you would be interested to become Custodian of Records.

Introduction to Becoming Friends

Becoming Friends is a course devised by Woodbrooke and Quaker Life for people who would like to increase their knowledge and understanding of Quakers. It is designed both for newcomers and established Friends, and can be used by both groups and individuals. [you can find out about the course on line -

Alison Burnley and Mary Woodward have been on the Becoming Friends Companions course, and are planning to start a course in the coming months. Some people have already expressed an interest, and Alison and Mary would like to invite anyone else who is interested to join them.

There will be a short meeting after Meeting for Worship on Sunday 3 July, to discuss preferred days, times and venue[s] for the course. Please come!

If you are unable to come on 3 July, please get in touch with Mary [0131.665.9192 or m.p.w@btinternet.com]

You can see a demo of the Becoming Friends online course at <http://moodle.woodbrooke.org.uk>

- Scroll down to the bottom of the main site page and click on Becoming Friends in the course categories list.
- On the next screen, click on Becoming Friends: Living & learning with Quakers free demonstration course
- When prompted to log in, click on login as a guest.
- The next screen will be the Becoming Friends demo.

MORE EVENTS

Our weekend at Wiston Lodge is **2-4 September**. Mary Jane is organising activities with the help of Emma, and Alastair is looking after the money. Contact Mary Jane at 669 5129 or email maryjane@camell.me.uk for info and forms. Forms also at Meeting.

Quaker week – first week in October

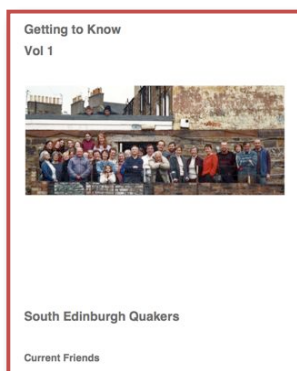
Geoffrey Carnall and Marianne Ferguson Rice are seeking help with ideas and publicity tasks, please call Geoffrey on 447 1156 or Marianne on 332 2996

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Accommodation for Fringe Volunteers Aug 7-28th – Rachel is looking for just 1 or 2 more spaces in each week – rachel.frith@waitrose.com

Getting to Know ...

Kerry is now co-ordinating these interviews of people in our Meeting with Alison Chalmers. Please contact Kerry or Alison if there is anyone you fancy interviewing. Many haven't been interviewed yet, and it's always lovely to find out more about people we may have sat next to silently for years!



Read previous interviews – 74 pages cover 33 current and 19 previous friends.

Available electronically (free), or for £4 printed.

Contact Neil Turner.

Energetic or what?

Sylvia would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored her to walk in aid of Freedom from Torture (the new name for the Medical Foundation for Victims of Torture). It enabled her to send £200 to that fund, *and* she enjoyed the walk along the Canal very much!

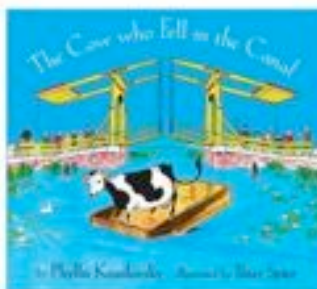
The **Nobles** are cycling 400 miles from Merseyside to Devon in aid of Practical Action, which works on simple, low tech, solutions to poverty in the developing world. Donate at www.justgiving.com/Phil-Noble, or sign up at Meeting.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ...

Wot, no children with July birthdays?

UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERWEB

Patience and Leo's blog on househunting in Norway, and more – gezenn.wordpress.com



Facebook group of the week: **Fans of The Cow Who Fell in the Canal** by Phyllis Kraslowsky, illustrated by Peter Speir, 1957 (26 members).

Zombies arrested at the Royal Wedding

A tweet from The Friend (yes, really)

<http://fb.me/URLdCMCa>



This month's front page photo

shows Alfred Eisenstaedt's 8-metre statue at the US naval base in San Diego. It commemorates the end of the war with Japan, and is taken from a photo of a sailor kissing a nurse in Times Square, New York, on V-J Day in 1945. Striking, moving, brings home that wars are fought by people – but victorious, Mills'n'Boon secondary meaning of title, location what do you think? <http://1.usa.gov/EVLhp>

YOUR STORY HERE – The newsletter is usually distributed on and just before the last Sunday of each month, except when it is late. Send things you'd like to see or recommend, from Eskimos to Facebook, to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com. The official deadline is the 2nd last Sunday.