



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 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 Wed at Victoria Terrace:** 12.30-1.00.

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

**At Barony St:** **4<sup>th</sup> 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 July is for the **Coach House Trust** which promotes integration of people into their communities, working particularly with mental health, addiction and learning problems. Hilary Davies will speak to this. [www.thecht.co.uk](http://www.thecht.co.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Area Meeting** will be held at Kelso on **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July**, 11.30am - 5pm.

**Local Meeting for Business** for South Edinburgh will be held after Meeting on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> July**. Contact David Somervell with items for the agenda.

**Yearly Meeting Gathering** is in Bath, **Aug 2-9<sup>th</sup>**. See back page.

Activities at **Venue 40** (page 2) from August

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

**Singing Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group** on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. July: *No Great Mischief* by Alistair MacLeod. Ideas for the autumn include Graham Swift, Sebastian Barry, Robert Twigger, Murakami. Plus Darwin, George Eliot, Thos Hardy? Further ideas and Qs to Rachel Frith.

**Quaker Art Group** – outdoor painting and sketching around Edinburgh and beyond during the Summer. Contact John Fox by phone or at [foxarch@btinternet.com](mailto:foxarch@btinternet.com).



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## Getting to know you in South Edinburgh

It has been lovely to see recent interviews in our newsletter with Martin Burnell and Christopher Speirs; what they shared about themselves helped me feel like I knew them on a deeper level than previously and in particular helped me feel more connected with them and their spiritual journeys in a way that isn't possible over a snatched cuppa after Meeting for Worship

This type of informal interview has been going on in South Edinburgh Meeting for many years and we have copies of all of them, to read or to keep (contact Neil Turner or Kerry Oliver)

And anyone can either interview or be interviewed, with the level and depth of private and public sharing totally up to the individuals involved – so if there is anyone in our Meeting you would like to get to know better, just check with Kerry Oliver (co-ordinator) in case they have been interviewed before (as many of our current members and attenders have) and then go ahead and ask them.

I am still waiting to reveal all about Neil Turner when he has finished his book ....

*Kerry Oliver*



Our Friend Catherine Somerville died on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Catherine was influenced by the philosopher John Macmurray ([johnmacmurray.org](http://johnmacmurray.org)), one of her tutors at Edinburgh University, who has been influential in Quaker thinking. Two of her poems have appeared here recently.

*Photo: Rufus Reade*

## Volunteer opportunities at Venue 40 in August

A great way to meet and work together with our national volunteers.

### IN ADVANCE

#### **Baking afternoons – Wednesdays in July from about 1pm** (after Midweek Meeting)

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. Supplies are provided, but 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!

Or at other suitable times by arrangement

Please phone Sue or Cathie to confirm.

### DURING THE FRINGE

**Reviewers for Shows** – Pick up a Press ticket for the first performance and write up a review of one of our shows. The review should arrive at the Box Office for 10 am the following morning - preferably emailed as a Word Document. Check the sign-up sheet/programme.

**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 10.30-12.30:12.30-2.30pm and 2.30 until 4.30. Refreshments and lunch are available.

**Evening kitchen help** – This year's 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/ programmes at the door and serving teas/ coffees on the following dates in August.

Fri 3 August - from 6.30 pm onwards (EMGO)

Sat 4 August - from 6.30 pm onwards (EMGO)

Mon 27 Aug - from 4.00 pm onwards (Songs of the Hebrides)

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

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

A big thank you in anticipation from the Festival Committee (and [camcurrach@hotmail.com](mailto:camcurrach@hotmail.com))

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## Accommodation for Festival volunteers

Rachel Frith is still hoping to hear from anyone who can offer accommodation for Venue 40 volunteers in August. The dates are 3-10, 10-17, 17-24 Aug and beside a bed they would only need breakfast. Any expenses should be claimed.

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

Plan your August to include

# VENUE 40



[www.venue40.org.uk/programme](http://www.venue40.org.uk/programme)

Opportunities to help on page 2.

**Yearly meeting Gathering** – Documents in advance are now available at [quaker.org.uk/ym](http://quaker.org.uk/ym). It's full though, please don't try to book or arrive without a booking.

Our **weekend at Wiston** is **5-7<sup>th</sup> September**. Details and forms can be picked up at meeting but have also been emailed to all on our South Edinburgh email list.

**Scottish Friends Family Weekend** – General Meeting is organising a weekend at Braemar Youth Hostel **Fri-Sun 3-5<sup>th</sup> October**

**Thanks** Sylvia wishes to thank all those who so generously sponsored her recent walk from Stockbridge to Balerno. This enabled her to delight in sending £210 to Freedom From Torture, who also called it "an amazing amount"!

**Opening up on Sundays** Sue Roberston will take over looking after the Opening Up rota from August. Alison Burnley is looking after it in July. Thanks both.

**Small grants for young Quakers** Wigton and Ayton School Friends Trust offers £75 towards educational expenses or for attendance at Quaker events, if you are under 25 and you or a parent are a member or attender of a Meeting in Scotland. Ask an elder or overseer for a letter of support. [ncam.org.uk/WAFST.htm](http://ncam.org.uk/WAFST.htm)

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see, e.g. coconuts in an apple tree, to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com).

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

Read this and more at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)

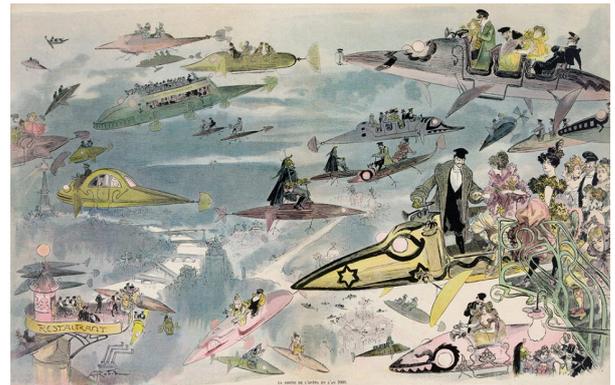
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To anyone we've missed, for we have no young people's birthdays listed for July or August.

So guess who will have to eat the haggis strawberry and avocado pizza on page 1.

## UNMISSABLE INTERNETS

Our **Facebook page** of the month is [publicdomainreview](https://www.facebook.com/publicdomainreview) (19,000 likes).



*Leaving the opera in the year 2000* by Albert Robida, 1882. Flying cars predicted before the invention of the car! More at [bit.ly/1rLGLuz](http://bit.ly/1rLGLuz)

[publicdomainreview.org](http://publicdomainreview.org) has a wonderful range of historic images that you can re-use freely, with attribution.



*Life and death contrasted* (Valentine Green ~1770) is in male and female versions at [wellcomeimages.org](http://wellcomeimages.org). See their Top 10 at [bit.ly/1hWuxuC](http://bit.ly/1hWuxuC)