



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 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: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Fisherrow Centre, South St, Musselburgh EH21 6AT. With children's meeting. Bus stop by Brunton Theatre. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Phillips), Brunstane Rd North.

At Broughton St Mary's: 4th 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In July is for BYM's **Peaceworkers programme**, which places volunteers for a year each. David Somervell will speak to this.

www.quaker.org.uk/our-work/peace/peaceworkers

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

What, none?

It's July. Schools are off, and August is almost upon us. Meetings for Worship as usual, but please check whether any of the other usual monthly activities are happening. Where we know, it is indicated below.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In group** usually meets on 1st Monday afternoons, but is *on vacation until October*.

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on First Tuesdays at 7.30 pm, though July not confirmed, and not in August.

Book Group 4th Sundays after lunch at Victoria Terrace. July 29: book not yet decided. After an August break, will reconvene in September. Rachel Frith.



Eco-friendly transport, captured by Kenneth



Magical transport, St Bride (John Duncan 1913, Nat Gall Scotland) via Deirdre

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Worship for Business Sunday 27 May 2018

1. **Opening Worship** – During opening worship we heard from Quaker Faith and Practice 24.35 – on the challenges of engaging with those caught up in webs of conflict and violence – Adam Curle from Bradford University School of Peace Studies.

There were eight in attendance [six from our meeting were at Faslane!].

2. **Minutes of our meeting held 15 April 2018** – Matters Arising:

- We thank Tom Leonard who has agreed to represent us on Morningside Christian Aid Committee – so long as the meeting locations are accessible
- There remains a vacancy for representing us on the Open Door management board
- We thank Alison Burnley for serving as second rep on AM Nominations Committee
- We ask David Somervell and Esther Shreeve to draft a positive statement of support for refugees arriving in Edinburgh / living in Edinburgh for sending to Evening News during Refugee Week coming up 18 – 24 June.
- Rici Marshall-Cross offered to participate in next Sanctuary Everywhere Policy Call at 5.30 - 7.00pm on Tuesday 3 July.

3. **Preparing for the Area Meeting we host on 23 June**

We heard that the main theme will be on Peace and were delighted that Kirsten Bayes, Local Outreach Coordinator for Campaign Against Arms Trade, will contribute.

Karina Mackintosh offered to provide a lift for David Turner if he wishes to attend.

The Children's Committee are planning using a story about peace building in the morning All-Age Worship.

We ask David Somervell and Deirdre Armstrong to draft a description of catering arrangements for the Area Meeting clerks' planning meeting on 4 June.

4. **Peacebuilding: How can we create a culture of peace?**

David Somervell has raised the issue that in today's world of aggressive and polarising public behaviours we should explore how to bring our Peace Testimony to bear in actively developing solutions.

As this is in line with our core principles we do not see this as a new concern and we suggest that in the coming Area Meeting we consider how to develop practical Peacebuilding activities in the longer term.

We agreed to return to this issue in next Local Meeting.

5. **Future Meetings in 2018**

Next Local Meetings for Worship for Business are on 26 August and 28 October.

Area Meetings are on 23 June, 14 August, 22 September and 24 November.

VENUE 40



Programme highlights below – but we're also pleased that **The Eating House** team will be back to offer an exciting menu of fresh vegetarian food.

Many Friends will remember the **Tibetan Monks** from **Tashi Lhunpo monastery**, who have performed here previously. They're back with another spectacular show, plus interactive workshops in the Meeting Room.

Other returning regulars include the excellent **Newbury Youth Theatre**, with ***Of Rags and Bones***, inspired by the short stories of Anais Nin.

Syracuse University are here for their biennial visit, with an adaptation of **Nathaniel Hawthorne's *A Scarlet Letter*** for the #MeToo generation.

Tobermory Main Street Players, who were here last year, bring a haunting story of an ill-fated polar expedition: ***A World Beyond Man***.

Hull's Theatre on the Edge present an innovative show about same sex marriage, ***You Are Cordially Invited***, in which audience members will be seated as guests at the reception, ready to listen to the speeches! They promise laughter, tears and a few surprises.

A Certain Demographic, meanwhile, are bringing ***Conchies!*** about Conscientious Objectors in WWII – bound to resonate with a Quaker audience.

Quaker poet **Lucy Aphramor**, who delivered a stunning solo show last year, is back with two shows: ***Raising the Roof*** and ***Enough***. Both tackle powerful themes.

For lighter entertainment, **Nelson Youth Theatre**, all the way from New Zealand, present their family-friendly musical ***Holy Moses!***, **Theatre Arts Academy** perform the school comedy ***3 Cheers for Maisy!***, and **The Sorries** will be here with their usual irresistible blend of Scottish songs and humour.

Ian Crawford will educate us about the perils of cutlery-usage with his show ***Accident Avoidance Training for Cutlery Users, Level 2*** – a must for anyone who has ever sat through a health and safety training course.

And of course, **Majk Stokes and friends** will be here to entertain us in various guises and combinations, including a reprise of Majk's show at the Adelaide Fringe.

To complete the picture, we have **Luath Press** with their usual programme of talks and discussions in week 3, and our own **Quaker Art Group** will be running workshops making white poppies, to create a display here, as well as adding to an evolving national installation called ***Collateral Damage***.

To find out more or book tickets (for most events), see <https://tickets.edfringe.com>

Sue Proudlove & Tony Wilkes

People at work (ii)

Following on from last month's snapshots of people at work in China, two more moving short films:

Manhood as a balancing act in Modern Japan, <http://bit.ly/2sHsTFN>

Three Mexican window-washers working on skyscrapers in Chicago, <http://bit.ly/2Hex8O0>

If that second one isn't dizzying enough, try Nelson on the back page.



MORE NEWS AND DATES

Food Bank Thanks to the generosity of members of our Meeting we have send many food items, £505 in cash, and many day to day items such as washing up liquid and toilet paper, all of which have been greatly appreciated. Alison Burnley continues to work at the Food Bank and would be happy to give further information. *Sylvia Massey*

Nelson Mandela's 100th birthday bash – singing freedom songs. Portobello Beach, **Sat July 21** from 7pm. Near the Dalriada. Led by Penny Stone and others. Bring a song; wood for the fire; food or drink. All welcome.

There will be an opportunity to learn a few songs at the **Open Community Singing Group** which has a South African special 6.30-8.30pm on **Thur July 19**. Eric Lidell Centre, £5.

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Scare the adults



Re-watch John Noakes climbing up Nelson's Column in 1977, on a ladder, without a rope, in flares. Full version is on Facebook at <http://bit.ly/2HfbsBw> – short version (BBC archive) <https://bbc.in/2HdMEdg>

Is there a joke about that? Nelson was 5' 6" in real life. His statue in Trafalgar Square is 17' 4". That's a Horatio of around 3:1. *@kateejamieson*

Happy Birthday

To **Kenneth**, who will be 13 on the 21st. Yes really, we've checked twice. Once for sandwiches and once for cakes.



Definitely Quakerly online



Quakers in Edinburgh 1653-1938 A brief but fascinating account from a historic edition of SESAME is published at <http://bit.ly/2Hh2mEe>. Includes locations of multiple meeting places before a longer stay at the Pleasance, 1791-1944. 28 Stafford St (in the New Town) was purchased in 1938, and the move to Victoria Terrace took place little more than 30 years ago.

South Edinburgh Quakers first met in 1970 – our history was documented by Ronald Halliday and is available at the foot of our own webpage <http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh> For a map showing locations of our meeting places since 1970 see <http://bit.ly/ocYXPJ>

Quaker relevance 98%

Not Quakerly online

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is **Trafalgar Day** (39 views per day), which 'celebrates' the victory of the British Navy over the combined French and Spanish fleets off South West Spain on 21 October 1805.

Edinburgh's Nelson Monument is on Calton Hill.

Quaker relevance 24%