



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

August 2014



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### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

**Every Sunday** at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate Children's meeting.

**During the Festival** 5-24 Aug, **every day 1-1.30 pm** at Victoria Terrace.

**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 August is for our meeting venue **The Open Door**. Martin Williams will speak to this. [theopendoor-morningside.org.uk](http://theopendoor-morningside.org.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Not many in August but don't miss VENUE 40 (see back page).

**Yearly Meeting Gathering** is in Bath, **Aug 2-9<sup>th</sup>**. See [groupspaces.com/QuakerYMG](http://groupspaces.com/QuakerYMG)

Our **weekend at Wiston** is 5-7<sup>th</sup> September.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

*Many things don't happen in Edinburgh in August, to make space for all the extra things that do. Where August arrangements aren't mentioned, please check.*

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

**Singing Group** is on holiday.

**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** is on a break in Aug, but usually on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. 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).



Farewell to Shrubhill Social Work Dept.

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## The life of our meeting

We have been asked how we would describe the life of our meeting. Local Meeting for Business on 20<sup>th</sup> July (minutes on page 3) suggesting posing the following questions to each member and attender:

- How does the spirit move in our meeting?
- What do you value in our meeting?

Please give/send your thoughts to Susie Reade, [susiereade@gmail.com](mailto:susiereade@gmail.com), who will collate them to inform the report that we are to give to Area Meeting when it is held at South Edinburgh on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September (from 2pm). Further information below.

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## The life of other meetings

Area Meeting in April noted that Elders had initiated a programme to encourage each other and all members and attenders to participate in in each others meetings, and also to receive periodic reports on the life of each local meeting. The schedule for this for the remainder of 2014 is shown below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>To be held at</b>	<b>To hear the life of ...</b>
Sun 21 Sep	South Edinburgh	South Edinburgh
Sat 25 Oct	Polmont	Polmont
Sat 29 Nov	Central Edinburgh	Central Edinburgh

## What will be in the report?

This is flexible, and South Edinburgh will be the pioneers, but here is Phil Lucas' (AM Clerk) initial summary of thoughts about the idea and format:

“It would help us to build our Quaker community if we could hear, in turn, about the life and work of each Local Meeting. It was felt it would be helpful if, rather than being a report read out to us by the clerk or another member, it would be good if several from each Meeting could share aspects of the life of the Meeting with us.

How many attend worship? Are numbers increasing or decreasing? Does your community include children or young people? What activities do you engage in beyond your regular meetings for worship? What challenges and what hopes do you have? Or you may choose to focus on just one aspect. The livelier the style of presentation, the better.

We don't want this to be a burden to your Meeting. Ten minutes will be enough, or you can fill twenty if you wish.”

## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business of Sun 20<sup>th</sup> July 2014

11 Friends were present. During our opening worship we heard a reading from Gerald Priestland (Quaker Faith & Practice 21.25).

### Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising from the minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 have been circulated and were signed by the Clerk. The meeting scheduled for May had been cancelled.

**7/14 Local meeting accounts** – Martin Burnell (prevented) had informed the clerk that he still does not have the information from AM that was outstanding in March, but that there was no immediate financial risk. We hope to finalise the accounts at our next meeting.

### 10/14 – Militarisation in society

David Turner drew attention to a climate of increasing militarisation, promoted both directly by government and indirectly in the way that 1914 has been commemorated, going beyond remembrance to 'supporting troops'. QPSW has drawn attention to this. David Turner will ask for more copies of their briefing.

We agreed to raise this in our next MSP dialogue. We ask AM and GM to consider how we can react to this, for instance by presence on Armed Forces Day, and in schools.

### 11/14 – An account of the spirit of our local meeting

Area Meeting has asked local meetings to reflect and report this and South Edinburgh's turn is due at AM at the Open Door on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>. We began to reflect on it. It was suggested that we ask our members and attenders two questions:

- How does the spirit move in our meeting?
- What do you value in our meeting?

We ask Susie Reade and David Somervell to coordinate and bring our response to AM.

### 12/14 – Area Meeting at South Edinburgh, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2-5pm

We look forward to this and thank Sylvia Massey who has agreed to coordinate the tea.

### 13/14 – Roles supporting our meeting

We thank Sue Freshwater for looking after Opening Up the premises for our Meeting for so long, Alison Burnley for looking after this temporarily, and Susan Robertson for taking on the organisation of the rota from August.

**Date of next meeting:** Sunday 19 October 2014, at the Open Door.

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## FOR ALL AGES



## MORE NEWS AND DATES

# VENUE 40



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

has an exciting programme but is only a fraction of the things in the Festival!

### Children during August

Usually any Central Edinburgh children displaced by Festival activities are welcome to our children's class at the Open Door in South Edinburgh. But on these two dates when there will be activities at Victoria Terrace Meeting House:

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Komedia, one of the theatre companies using Venue 40, are going to run a workshop in the theatre space at 11 am.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Aug** – Beth Cross will run a storytelling session, again in the theatre space at 11 am.

### Quaker Quest in Norway

Patience Cowie writes that they are organising a Quaker Quest event in Bergen on Sep 17<sup>th</sup> – please contact her if anyone from Edinburgh is interested to come! [patience.cowie@geo.uib.no](mailto:patience.cowie@geo.uib.no)

*The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see, maybe you photographed a hatfull of hats during the Fringe, to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com).*

*The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday, except in months with vowels in them, which can make it earlier or later.*

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

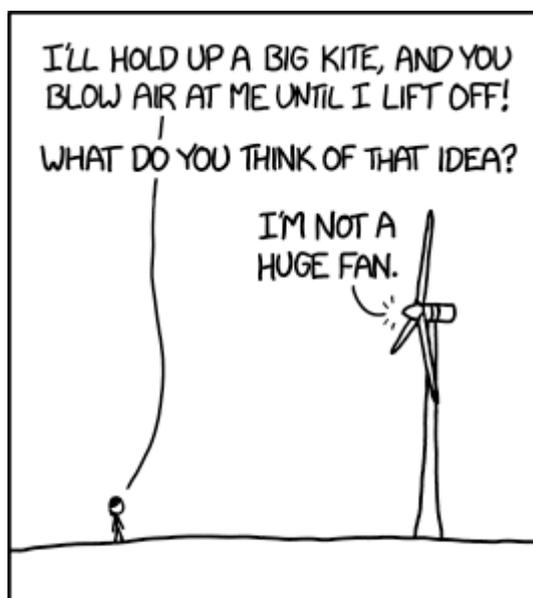
David Turner has a birthday on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The obvious present is 90 yards of Candy Buttons ...

## UNMISSABLE INTERNETS



Our **Facebook page of the month** belongs to geeky MatheMusician **Vi Hart** (42,619 likes). Really she's a YouTuber, where the ones to watch include some about Microwaves, Doodling in Math Class, and how to eat Candy Buttons.

## Rare Sustainability joke



[xkcd.com](http://xkcd.com)