



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

August 2017



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

**Weekdays at Victoria Terrace in August:** 12.30-1.00 on Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; 11am DAILY Mon-Sat for 30 mins during Festival. Mon and Fri 8am meetings suspended till Mon Sep 11.

**Central Edinburgh** on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at 9.30 am in addition to main meeting at 11.00. Victoria Terrace.

**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, and at [quakerscotland.org](http://quakerscotland.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In August is for **Freedom from Torture** which provides counselling, therapy, support, and medical assessments for victims. Pol will speak to this. [freedomfromtorture.org](http://freedomfromtorture.org)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Meetings at South Edinburgh as usual** during the Festival.

An evening **Area Meeting** will be held on **Tue 15 Aug, 7-9pm** at the offices of Scottish Churches Housing Action, 44 Hanover St. Agenda includes financial report for 2016, and library review.

## VENUE 40



The Meeting House at Victoria Terrace becomes **VENUE 40** from **Aug 7-16**. Excellent programme at [venue40.org.uk](http://venue40.org.uk) Tickets from the venue or Fringe box office.

The Venue 40 café this year, **The Eating House**, is run by Ben Reade (Edinburgh Food Studio and South Edin Meeting) and Ian Wilson (Susie's Diner). Classy affordable vegetarian food to sit in or take away, 12-8pm Mon-Sat.

Victoria Terrace Meeting House will also be open to the public on **Open Doors Day, Sun Sep 23**.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

*August may appear to be quiet for Edinburgh Quakers, but we attend both the most and least salubrious events. We look forward to your reviews, Friends.*

Assume none of our regular non-MfW activities are happening. Or check!



A quaker hoodie? No, zoodie – get yours at [bookshop.quaker.org.uk/quaker-zoodies](http://bookshop.quaker.org.uk/quaker-zoodies)

**More Events and News on the Back Page**

## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business held Sun 16 July 2017

**Opening Worship** – During opening worship we heard 19.48 from Quaker Faith and Practice – a Testimony of William Penn concerning early Friends written in 1694. There were 13 in attendance.

### 2. Minutes of our meeting held on 30 April – Matters Arising:

- We heard that a submission had been made to the Scottish Government opposing fracking and supporting the draft Energy Strategy.  
We agreed that a response be prepared in response to the further consultation on the next Climate Change (Scotland) Bill – due by 22 September.  
We hoped that Rachel Howell might contribute to this with the clerk – with a draft being circulated for information / comments.
- We ask the clerk to enquire of Area Meeting Trustees about Gift Aid on Small Donations scheme – which might be running in Area Meeting.

### 3. Supporting the Peace & Justice Centre

We recognised Quakers in our Area Meeting have consistently supported the work of the Peace and Justice Centre, and both Geoffrey Carnall and Elizabeth Seale Carnall were stalwart supporters – both by active volunteering and their financial support.

We would like to encourage individual Friends to support the charity by regular small giving and personal membership (details at <http://peaceandjustice.org.uk>), and we ask Area Meeting to consider becoming an Affiliate Member.

### 4. Promoting the spiritual life of our community

We heard that Esther Shreeve plans a further series of Becoming Friends sessions. All invited to sign the sheet at meeting indicating preferred times / days. Other topics also invited – e.g. Britain Yearly Meeting Gathering / more on Quaker Structures?

### 5. Celebrating 35 Years at the Open Door

Sue Freshwater – who represents Quakers on the Board of the Open Door – reported a lovely birthday celebration attended by well over 100 people at the Gillies Centre.

In a new initiative volunteers are preparing a Community Lunch on the first Sunday each month upstairs in the café area for local residents. They seek a guitar player. Childrens' Committee to note possible space restriction.

We asked the clerk to invite Joanne Dalton, Open Door Manager, to a future Meeting for Worship to share her vision for the community centre.

### 6. Forthcoming Dates

Note that Wiston Weekend this year is from **Friday 29 – Sunday 1 October**.

Our next Meeting for Worship for Business will be held on Sunday after Meeting for Worship on **29 October**.

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## Thoughts

If only I may grow firmer, simpler, – quieter, warmer.

*Hammar skjold. Via Sylvia*

## Where we're watching



Happy 105<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> birthday to the **Bo'ness Hippodrome**, Scotland's oldest cinema (1912), beautifully refurbished 10 years ago. It now shows a mixture of family and arthouse films. Before, you can pick up a kebab, or more extravagantly book at the Village Bistro. It has a nice public **Bo'ness Hippodrome Facebook Group** and you can find the programme online, and book there or pay at the very friendly door.

On your daytrip to Bo'ness, visit Kinneil House, mostly a ruin alongside James Watt's secret workshop for advancing the steam engine, and the end of the Antonine Wall. Or on a summer weekend, ride the steam train. And wonder at the history of the place.

*ANT and HSC*

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## Our faith in action

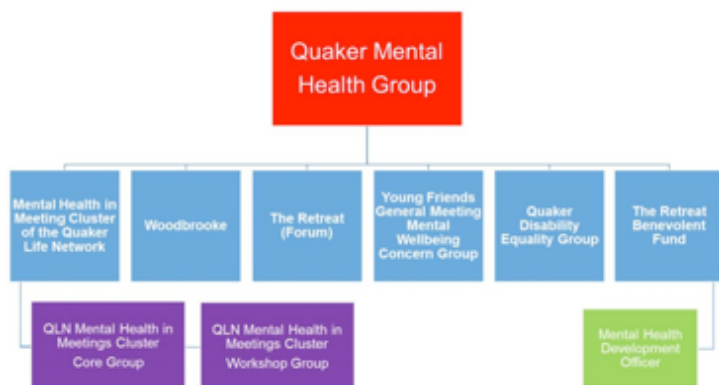
This document describing Quaker work in 2016 gives a brief taste of the range of work carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting on behalf of Quakers in Britain last year. Among its featured stars is our own David Turner, this time focusing particularly on his work highlighting military visits to schools. Read it and feel proud (but only slightly. We are Quakers).

*Our faith in action* and the 2016 financial statements are available online at [www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport](http://www.quaker.org.uk/annualreport). For paper copies please email [resources@quaker.org.uk](mailto:resources@quaker.org.uk) or phone 020 7663 1015

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## Mental Health in Quaker Meetings

Please consider completing the online survey at [forms.quaker.org.uk/ql-mental-health-survey](http://forms.quaker.org.uk/ql-mental-health-survey) This comes from the Mental Health in Meetings Cluster of the Quaker Life Network, and asks How do meetings respond to mental health issues that arise? Also to elders and overseers, but individual responses welcome.



*How mental health work is supported in BYM*

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Quakers against fracking** – case presented at [quaker.org.uk/our-work/sustainability/fracking](http://quaker.org.uk/our-work/sustainability/fracking)

Our **Wiston Weekend** is **Fri 29 Sep to Sun 1 Oct**

**Quaker Week 2017: In turbulent times: be a Quaker.** Quaker week is **30 Sep – 8 Oct**.

**Art and Spirituality** – Susie recommends this course at Leith School of Art. It's a significant commitment (1 day/wk for a year and costly, some bursariest available). [www.LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk](http://www.LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk) enquiries@LeithSchoolofArt.co.uk

## New: on Twitter

With apologies to the camel's back

**Twitter account of the month** is **Orkney Library** (35,000 followers; 19,200 Tweets). Clever, funny, and sparring with Shetland library. A follower: *'main reason for having Twitter'*.



## Birthday: an apology

Kenneth's age presents inexplicable challenges. If we said he was 14, and ou averaged that with what we said in July, you'd be more correct. Or, reflect on the fact that he's in S1 now. Or, count these, before wondering why they are assembled:



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## Also online

Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is the variable but fascinating online magazine of ideas and culture **Aeon Magazine** (217,439 Likes). The still is from an 8 min film on playing the cello in mountains; [bit.ly/2t4GQML](http://bit.ly/2t4GQML)



Quaker relevance 19%

**It's August – send Festival Reviews.** *This newsletter is usually published on the last Sunday of each month. Your daring essay Diatribes on Dobbinsism could be in it. Or other things.*

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