



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

September 2016



Wealth of nations

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. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

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: usually 1st Sun evening, 2nd and 4th at 11am, but venues and times are under review, if unsure please enquire to Kim Smith, kimsmith@yahoo.com, 0131 665 8166.

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 September is for **Wiston Lodge**. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. wistonlodge.co.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Local meeting for business After Meeting on **Sun 4 Sep**, with bring and share lunch. *Note date change; and that our next meeting is postponed to Sun 30 Oct instead of 14 Oct.*

Wiston Lodge – many of us will be there the weekend of **9-11 Sep**.

General Meeting for Scotland will be held in Aberdeen, from 11am on **Sat 10 Sep**.

We will be hosting **Area Meeting** at South Edinburgh on **Sun 18 Sep** from 2pm.

Spies in Archangel and Arctic Convoys. What Susie and Rufus did in Russia. Slides, chat and a cuppa on **Thur 22 Sep**, 6-7pm at Sylvia Massey's home. Please rsvp to Sylvia, 0131 229 4238 or sylviamassey293@btinternet.com

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 25 Sep**, contact Alison Burnley for details.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

Singing Group 1st Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

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

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group meets on 4th Sundays at Victoria Terrace after Meeting. Sep, Thackeray's *Henry Esmond* or *Vanity Fair*. Oct, Nan Shepherd *The Living Mountain*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Susie Reade is exhibiting in Portobello, p4

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Edinburgh cemeteries (iii): Newington Necropolis

This beautiful haven of peace, now called Newington Cemetery, is hidden in the triangle made by Dalkeith Road to the east and the Pow Burn and suburban railway line on the west, just before Cameron Toll. It opened in 1846 as another Edinburgh example of the 'garden cemeteries movement'. It had been neglected for many years when taken over by the council in 1994, but the north-west part has been set aside as a wild life area, and it is wonderful. Really worth dropping in one day. newington-cemetery.org.uk



Elie Wiesel

Nobel Peace Prize winner, 'preserver of the memory of the Holocaust', died 2 July 2016. Aged 15 he was deported to Auschwitz where his mother and sister were killed, then to Buchenwald where his father also died a few weeks before it was liberated in April 1945. He turned his later life to writing and speaking about these events, and pursuing human rights more widely. This is from his obituary in The Economist. There is also a good Wikipedia page.

Against the melancholy that never really lifted - for how could it ever do so? - he clung to these words "and yet". The sun set, and yet it rose again. Delirium struck, and yet it passed. He railed at God, and yet still strapped on his *tefillin* and recited his prayers as fervently as he had done on the day of his bar mitzvah. For ritual, too, was part of memory. And besides, how could he ever get closer to the mystery of God, unless he battered Him with his doubts?

Tefillin are a set of small black leather boxes containing scrolls of parchment inscribed with verses from the Torah. They are worn by male observant Jews during weekday morning prayers.

Rufus Reade

30 word reviews from the Festival.

We feel sure we've been to more, but this is what we've heard about.

This Evil Thing (Michael Mears) Enthralling and powerful one-man show exploring the experiences and context of Conscientious Objectors in WW2. Theatre at its best which lives on in the memory long after.
Hilary Davies

Dirty Fries – sweet potato chips with pork on top, shared while wandering between the food wagons and festival-goers on a Friday evening in George Square, a wonderful show in itself. *Helen Cameron*

Cosi fan tutte – Christopher Honore's controversial new interpretation set in Eritrea under Mussolini's rule ... comedy and shocking tragedy are bundled together in an incongruous, yet poignant, commentary on oppression and violence. ★★★★★ *Callum Booth-Lewis in the Glasgow Herald*

Pulse (Mairi Campbell) – 'A homecoming in viola, voice, movement, animation and storytelling' Fab show, go! vimeo.com/172108948 *Jane Lewis*

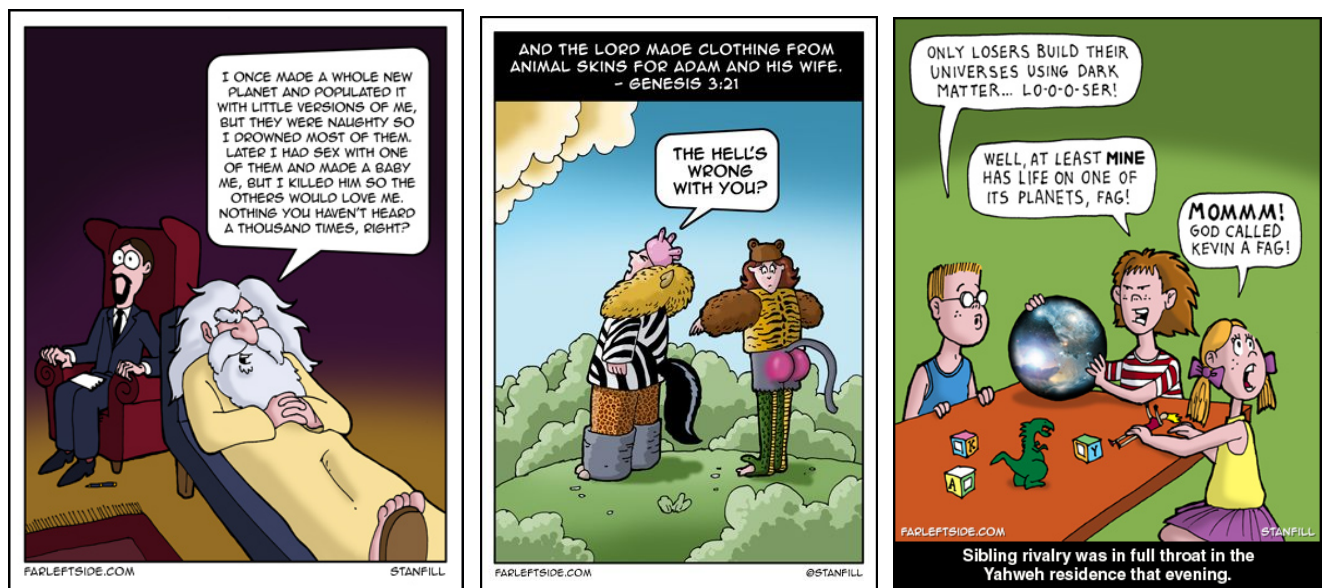
NewsRevue – acerbic, dirty-mouthed, fast-moving musical review of things in the (international) news. Excellent last year and better this. *Kate from Cumbria*

Driftwood – Stunningly beautiful physical theatre. Unsupported headstand on a swinging trapeze! Don't miss it. *Chris Booth*

Godfrey Thomson, The Man Who Tested Scotland's IQ – in order to help children from poor schools enter higher education, a problem that hasn't gone away. Answered many questions, and foundation for many more. Lovely exhibition, on in University Library in George Square till 29th Oct. *Neil Turner*

Atheist satire

In the spirit of the Festival, some edgier ones from 'atheist leftist' Mike Stanfill. At ragingpencils.com instead of farleftside, presumably following a domain-renewal mishap. There, religion has been laid aside, and Donald Trump is the theme of the moment.



MORE NEWS AND DATES

Porty Art Walk Susie Reade is exhibiting at Venue 24, St Phillips Church, Portobello, **Fri-Sun 2-4 Sep** (11-4). She will be there on Fri 11-4 and Sun 1-4 and would love to see Ffriends. www.artwalkporty.co.uk. Central Edin Friends Jane Angel and Simon Jackson also have work at the Studio gallery, 34 Adelphi Place.

The Church and non-violence: Just Peace, or just war? Pat Gaffney, sec general of Pax Christi UK, at the Jesuit Centre, 28 Lauriston St, 7.30pm on **Wed 14 Sep**. Organised by Scottish Christians Against Nuclear Weapons; Fellowship of Peace and Reconciliation; Scottish Commission for Peace and Justice.

Interfaith service for International Day of Peace, Annandale St Mosque, EH7 4AZ, **Wed 21 Sep** 7-8pm. Contributions from the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and many faith communities. Please RSVP to info@eifa.org.uk or 0131 283 5427.

General Meeting Family Weekend at Pitlochry Youth Hostel, Fri-Sun **14-16 Oct**. Contact Madeleine Harding, 0131 554 6794, madinleith@gmail.com

Radical Spirituality: The Early History of Quakers – free online course commences **Oct 3** futurelearn.com/courses/quakers (Quaker Week). Watch the video trailer there. Ben Pink Dandelion and Woodbrooke; looks good.

This newsletter is distributed on the last Sunday of each month, mostly. Send misinformation you'd like to see here to neilturn@gmail.com by the Sunday before. Want it at the speed of light/email? Same address.

Or it, archives, and more can be found at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

BIRTHDAYS

It's a quiet month for those, but not for these:



MUST-HAVE WEBS



Our **Facebook page of the month** is **Uncyclopedia** (18,432 likes), from uncyclopedia.wikia.com which is dedicated to humorously intended misinformation and lies. It is patchy, but has a notable page on Quakers:

"Many famous pirates have sailed under the Quaker banner ... William Penn was born in 1644 to Mary Penn and Bic Penn in a two-room rural cottage in Derbyshire"

Quaker relevance: 72%*.

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is **Adam Smith** (2,500 visits per day). 517 people receive notifications every time a change is made; 55 of these visited it to see recent edits.

Quaker relevance: 49%*.

* Further misinformation.