



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2013



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

**Every weekday at Victoria Terrace:** 8am for 30 mins Mon-Fri.

**Every Wednesday at Victoria Terrace:** 12.30-1.00 followed by a simple lunch.

**At Portobello:** 1<sup>st</sup> **Sunday** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; 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 October is for **Friends World Committee for Consultaton.** 'To encourage fellowship among all branches of the Society'. Alison Burnley will speak to this. [www.fwccworld.org](http://www.fwccworld.org)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

On first Sundays a **Mini-mart** is held after meeting, in aid of external charities.

**Political dialogue:** Meeting with Jim Eadie MSP at the Scottish Parliament, **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct** 12 Noon

**Shared Lunch after Meeting** on **6<sup>th</sup> Oct** at the home of Alison Chalmers. Volunteers to give lifts welcomed, but it's not too far to walk.

**Local Meeting for Business** after MFW on **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct**

**Memorial Meeting for Islay Dow** at Victoria Terrace on **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** at 1pm, followed by tea and cakes. Please contact Rufus if you intend to come, [rufusreade@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:rufusreade@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Area Meeting** will be held at Central Edinburgh Meeting on **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Oct, 11-4.**

### 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 continues to offer **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.30 on first and third Thursdays

**Reading the bible with Friends** meets third Tuesdays 7-9pm Victoria Terrace.

**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. Oct, RL Stevenson *Weir of Hermiston*; Nov, Monica Ali *Brick Lane*; Dec, Dickens *Our Mutual Friend*. Qs to Rachel Frith.

**Hill Walking** Some Glasgow F/friends go hillwalking each month on a Saturday. The next date is **Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**. If interested in joining walks or the mailing list, please contact Daphne Wassermann, [daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com](mailto:daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com) 0141 357 0396.

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## Islay Dow

Our Friend Islay Dow's funeral was on .



*Lizzie Ogle read the poem below at the meeting held on the day of Islay's cremation. There will be a memorial meeting at Victoria Terrace on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct (see page 1).*

### **This is the Life**

'This is the life', she says after every meal together, 'food for the Gods', even though it is almost always jacket potatoes.

Small luxuries. An ice-cream sundae *before* a plate of chips. Skinned tomatoes. Golden chocolate coins hidden in a cupboard every Friday.

Granny, who adopted us. Who makes soup. Who cannot say my name without saying both my sisters' names first. Whose Shetland blue eyes speak compassion and truth and, above all, a pragmatism as stern as faith.

Balancing herself on swollen ankles,  
to see me off the premises,  
I see how this balance has spanned a century,  
wars and deaths and electricity,  
on a strict, instinctive diet of survival:

The ability to laugh.

The acceptance of pain.

A blazing curiosity in the world and all its strange inhabitants.

The capacity - when confronted with a baked potato - to say, and mean:

This is the life.

*Lizzie Ogle*

## Wiston, 6-8 September



We had some very interesting times at Wiston. All the young people played games, were very helpful with the babies and made wonderful ceilidh contributions. We are so lucky to have so many people who have so much to give the rest of us in our Meeting - and Wiston is a lovely place to realise those gifts thanks again to Meg and the team there.

Alison Chalmers did a fascinating workshop on Writings we Love - everyone shared their favourite writings which were hugely varied. Sandra Riddell introduced the Alexander Technique in another workshop which several people found very helpful. It probably needs following up with further workshops or sessions with Sandra (its her job).

A few people made it to the top of Tinto Hill and a larger group did a nice low level walk while the young people learned about archery. They did several exercises in cooperation and teamwork with the idea that when they did the archery they were responsible and careful of each other. The archery didnt seem to need great height or strength, more concentration.

Alastair, Rufus and Justin gave talks on Travel and Discovery: treading Lightly on the World while Exploring - about how they had been on trips abroad where they tried to think beforehand about what the impact of their presence would be. Alastair had tried to ensure that in Madagascar most of the money he spent would be in local hands, using local guides and trying to limit his trip so he could meet people for longer. Rufus also with his trips tries to get to know his destinations well and tries to ensure that money gets to the lowest paid. Justin does the job in Africa of lobbying for groups of people seeking to prevent their homes from being ruined by western business interests. It was all very stimulating and inspiring for anyone and especially if we are making trips abroad.

Meeting for Worship made us all think about air, breathing and life. Some wonderful mobiles were made.

Afterwards Ade gave us a moving and impressive account of Junior Yearly Meeting. Then Rufus shared some of his knowledge of Syria to help us understand the situation better.

*Deidre Armstrong*

## Breathe

*Jane Lewis' poem was read at all-age worship at Wiston. 'Read slowly'*

Rise breath  
smile breath  
tall breath  
fall breath  
in breath  
out breath

Gurgling breath  
learning breath  
delicate breath  
chocolate breath  
in breath  
out breath

Deep breath  
squeak breath  
ice breath  
spice breath  
in breath  
out breath

Soft breath  
tossed breath  
frosted breath  
lost breath  
in breath  
out breath

My breath  
your breath  
pale breath  
stale breath  
in breath  
out breath

Love breath  
hate breath  
late breath  
open the gate breath  
in breath  
out breath

Long breath  
strong breath  
dancing breath  
laughing breath  
in breath  
out breath

Coffee breath  
tea breath  
inside out breath  
upside down breath  
in breath  
out breath

Twitching breath  
pounding breath  
sharp breath  
dark breath  
in breath  
out breath

Whistling breath  
bristling breath  
clipped breath  
tight-lipped breath  
in breath  
out breath

Steamy breath  
beaming breath  
eggy breath  
forgotten-to-brush-my-teeth-breath  
in breath  
out breath

Rise breath  
smile breath  
tall breath  
fall breath  
in breath  
out breath

## MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

**3 Short Films about Peace** at the Bo'ness Hippodrome on **Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct** at 7.30pm. The Hippodrome is Scotland's oldest cinema, and was restored a few years ago. Films from 1936 (Hell Unlimited), 1952 (Neighbours) and 1959 (March to Aldermaston). More at [bit.ly/1fJRIEI](http://bit.ly/1fJRIEI)

**CAAT** (Campaign against the arms trade) Andrew Feinstein on *The shadow world inside the arms trade* **Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** 7.30pm Augustine Church George IV Bridge

### Further ahead

**Stillness and Reflection** a retreat day at Kelso Meeting House. **Sat Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Meeting at Faslane Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Nov**

**Meeting with Ian Murray MP.** 2.15pm, **Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.** Venue tbc.

## NOTICES

**Political dialogue** We need someone to support David Turner and David Somervell in arranging meetings with our parliamentary representatives. Could you? Find out more from one of the Davids.

**Laptop wanted** Mary Woodward is looking for a laptop that is still functional, but superfluous through replacement or similar.

Mary also has a new email address, please change to [mpwfisherrow@gmail.com](mailto:mpwfisherrow@gmail.com)

Hilary Davies commends an article in the July edition of Quaker Voices *Meeting for Worship, the Gathered Meeting and Ministry*. If you would like to read it Hilary can email a copy.

### What we're reading

Wanted – your recommendations here. Books, films, blogs, progs, vlogs, in 50 words.

*Anita and Me* by Meera Syal deservedly won awards when published in 1996. 'Tom Sawyer meets Cider with Rosie' in a near-Wolverhampton ex-mining village. Hilarious, cringe-worthy, moving growing-up drama of a nine-year old who feels different. *ANT*

## UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERNETS



Jessica Paterson's video made with a nursery class about picking up litter: [youtu.be/JL0zDi4yItk](https://youtu.be/JL0zDi4yItk)

Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is **Moffat Toffee Shop** (401 likes)



Sweet rationing ended 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 1953, 60 years ago, after 11 years. Nice account at [www.woolworthsmuseum.co.uk/pnrationing.html](http://www.woolworthsmuseum.co.uk/pnrationing.html)

*The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to Neil Turner, [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com). The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday.*

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