



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2015



### 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.

**At Portobello:** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP, on **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** at **7.30 pm** for half an hour in the church café area; and **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun** at **11 am** for 1 hr (includes children's meeting) in the church hall (note changed location on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays). Queries to Kim Smith, [kimsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:kimsmith@yahoo.com), 0131 665 8166.

**At Broughton St Mary's: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, Bellevue Cresc. More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

**Central Edinburgh** meeting has an early Sunday morning meeting at 9.30 am in addition to the regular 11.00 am meeting at Victoria Terrace.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In November is for the Quaker Campaign Against Torture. [quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/334](http://quakersintheworld.org/quakers-in-action/334).

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

There will be a **meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**. Further info from Alison Burnley.

**Sharing memories of the dead:** on **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** after Meeting, bring-and-share lunch at Sue and Stasa's home. Please bring something to share which honours someone you love who has died, or a culture which has nurtured you. More info from Stasa; please RSVP by Sat 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Remembrance vigil:** The Scottish Peace Network are organising a peaceful and quiet vigil at 10:30 on **Sun Nov 8<sup>th</sup>**, at Parliament Square in advance of the British Legion's march to the wreath laying at St Giles. A Quaker presence would be very welcome.

**Meeting with Ian Murray MP** at the Open Door, **Fri 13 Nov**, 4.30-5.30 pm.

**Residential GM** will be held in Edinburgh, **Sat-Sun 14-15 Nov**.

**Meeting with Jim Eadie MSP** at Holyrood, on **Fri 20 Nov** 4-5 pm (*to be confirmed*)

**Meeting for Learning:** Ch 21 from QF&P. After Meeting on **Sun 22 Nov**

**Area Meeting** will be held on **Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** at Portobello, from 2 pm.

### 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.

Rachel also offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays.

**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** meets on 4th Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Nov: *Testament of Youth*, Vera Brittain. Qs to Rachel Frith.

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## Minutes of Meeting for Business Sun 18 Oct 2015

Seven Friends were present. During opening worship we heard a short passage – on the process of sharing concerns – from Quaker Faith & Practice 13.09.

**Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> May meeting** - were circulated and signed by the Clerk.

**Matters arising** from the Minutes of previous meeting:

- **16/14 Open Door Board:** Susan Freshwater updated us on her role representing our Meeting as non-executive director of the charity which runs our premises. Nigel Griffiths is currently convener and Graham Bennett settling into a rather busy role as Manager replacing Sandra Dickson. Sue hopes to meet shortly with Graham to share ideas on way forward for the organisation.
- **04/15 & 05/15 Quaker Faith and Practice:** We welcomed the proposal from Elders and Overseers for two **Meetings for Learning** – one after Sunday worship led by Nicola Read [22 November] and the other an evening one [6-7.30 Wed 9 December] led by Susie Reade.

Both to consider **Ch 21 from QF&P: Personal Journey**.

The five who have expressed interest in an ongoing study group will be invited to both opportunities. We shall see where the spirit leads after these – and how **Becoming Friends Together** might in due course provide material for sharing.

**08/15 Wiston Weekend:** We heard that – after a very happy and successful weekend 4-6<sup>th</sup> September – Rufus had announced that our meeting was to lay down the main organising role for the September weekend away; and that volunteers from Polmont and Portobello / Musselburgh have taken up this role. We agreed that balance of funds carried forward be offered to the new organisers.

We thank all those who have contributed so much over the years to making this event so enjoyable and so strengthening of our wider Area Meeting community.

**09/15 Upcoming Dates:** The following were noted: [*the two MfL added since*]

- 1-3pm Sunday 8 November – Bring and Share lunch with more conversations on death and dying – led by Stasa at her home in Marchmont
- 4.30-5.30pm Friday 13 November – Meeting with Ian Murray MP at the Open Door [Pre-meeting to discuss agenda items after Meeting for Worship 1<sup>st</sup> November]
- 14-15 November – Residential General Meeting for Scotland at Victoria Terrace
- 4-5pm Friday 20 November [TBC] – Our Meeting with Jim Eadie MSP at Holyrood
- *Sunday 22 November after meeting – a Meeting for Learning: Ch 21 from QF&P*
- 10.30am Sunday 6 December – Christmas singing and Quaker Meeting at Wiston
- *6-7.30pm Wed 9 December – Meeting for Learning: Ch 21 QF&P at Susie Reade*
- 5-7pm Sunday 13 December – Local Meeting Festive Gathering at 71 Nile Grove
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Local Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship.

**10/15 Roles that need filled:** We noted that no volunteer has yet come forward to help coordinate the selection and advocacy of the **Monthly Special Collections** and asked our clerk to discuss with Susan Robertson – who currently handles the money side – if she could collaborate with someone willing to learn the ropes?

We noted Alison Burnley seeks release from **AM Nominations Committee** and ask Elders & Overseers to propose names of members to serve in this role.

## Minutes of Meeting for business Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May

Eleven Friends were present. During opening worship we heard a short passage from Quaker Faith & Practice.

### Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> March meeting have been circulated and were signed by the Clerk.

### Minutes of previous meeting on 15 March 2015

Matters arising: Matters arising:

- **16/14 Trustee for Open Door Board:** We thanked Susan Freshwater for agreeing to represent us on the charity which runs our premises.
- **04/15 The Spiritual Life of Our Meeting:** We agreed that the two recent "Becoming Friends" groups had been very valuable for both the content and the opportunity to meet together. We agreed to extend an invitation to all to express interest in studying "*Being Friends Together*" material. See <http://together.woodbrooke.org.uk>

**05/15 Quaker Faith and Practice:** We have been encouraged by Hilary to regularly reflect on passages from QF&P. We considered how we use our Book of Discipline as part of our preparation for proposed revisions to QF&P.

**06/15 Tackling economic inequality: Minute 36 from Britain Yearly Meeting 2015:** We explored our concerns about the evil of social and economic injustice which creates a world in which the wrong things are valued. We upheld work already being done by Friends and in our name; recognised the way we can fund that work through our annual giving; and noted that the Area Meeting Quaker Social Responsibility Group plan an event in Edinburgh World Justice Festival in October.

**07/15 Our Annual Accounts for 2014:** Martin Burnell, our Treasurer reported that our income and expenditure are in balance with a small surplus during 2014. We have just under £7,000 in our current account and just over £3,000 in capital accounts – invested in Shared Interest and in Triodos.

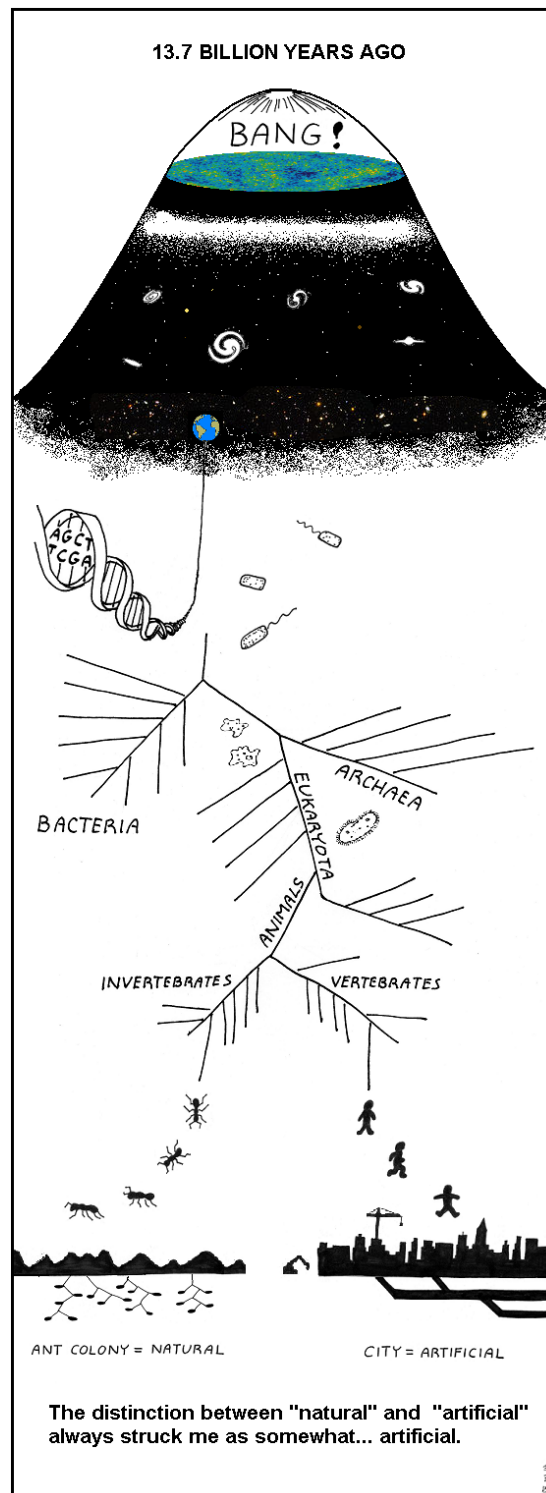
We noted that we laid down our regular Mini-Mart in Spring 2014.

Martin proposed a budget for 2015 of just over £4,000 which we approved.

We thanked Martin for all his careful work as our Treasurer.

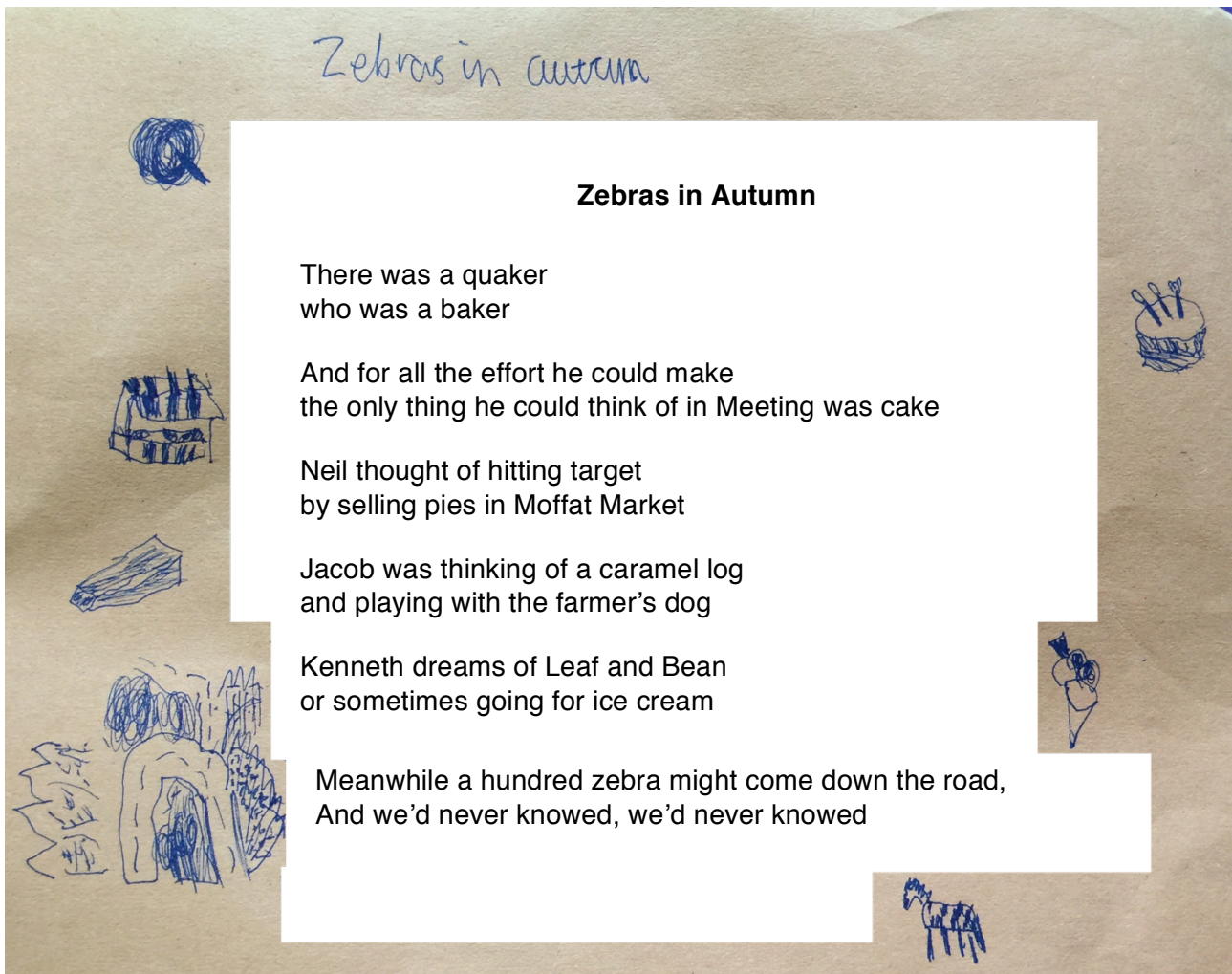
**Date of next meeting** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2015 after Meeting for Worship.

[This was postponed due to holiday period / no urgent business, and given over to a discussion of 'whither AM', previously recorded]

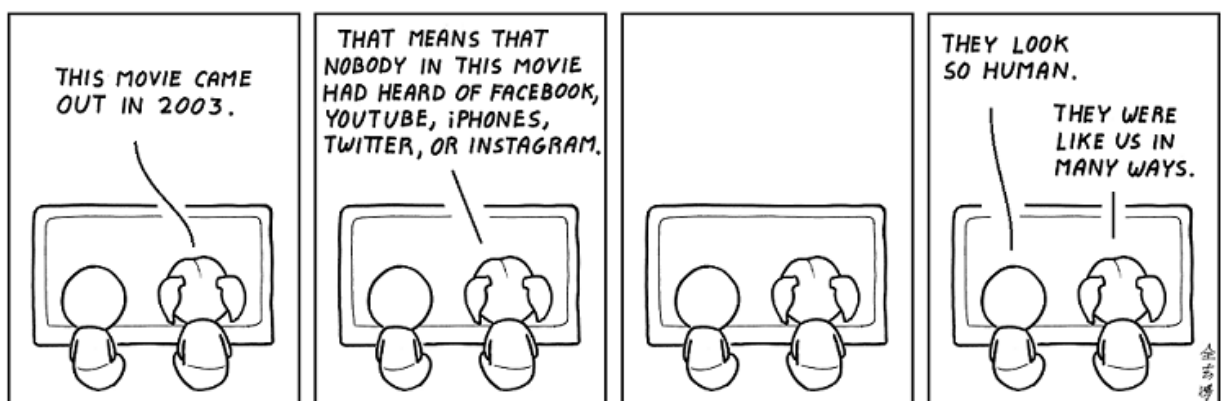


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## From the children



## For those born before or after 1991 \*



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\* The World Wide Web is 24 this year.



## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Four Quartets** An intimate telling of Elliot's greatest work. **Mon 16 Nov**, 6.30- 8.30ish at 40 Pilrig Street. Bring a plate of simple food to share. Book a limited space via 0131 554 1078 or [susiereade@gmail.com](mailto:susiereade@gmail.com). Suggested donation for performers' expenses: £5-£10.

**Morningside Peace and Justice Group** – meetings at the Open Door on Autumn Wednesdays 10.30-11.30. [morningsidejandp.org](http://morningsidejandp.org)

**4 Nov** The 'housing system' we need to work for everyone Keith Anderson, chief Exec Port of Leith Housing Assoc.

**11 Nov** Fracking and threats to public health – is it all hot air or hot toxics? Prof Andrew Watterson, Univ. Stirling.

**18 Nov** What is at stake at the Paris UN Conference on Climate Change?

**25 Nov** Dig-in: the charming reality of community ownership? Isla McCulloch and Catherine Francis, Vice-Chair and Chair of DIG-IN Community greengrocer

**Christmas singing** and Quaker Meeting at Wiston on **Sun 6 Dec**, 10.30.

**Local Meeting Festive Gathering** at 71 Nile Grove 5-7pm **Sun 13 Dec**.

**Meeting for Learning** on reading Quaker Faith and Practice. **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** 6-7.30 at 40 Pilrig Street. This session will concentrate on Spoken Ministry. Please read 2.55 - 2.73 in preparation and bring some simple food to share at the end. Please contact Susie if you plan to attend or have any questions. 0131 554 1078, [susiereade@gmail.com](mailto:susiereade@gmail.com)

**Edinburgh Central Meeting House Managers.** There will be an all-age worship to say goodbye to Anthony and Sue Buxton, Victoria Terrace meeting house managers for the last 8 years, on **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Dec** (11am as usual). Tony Wilkes and Sue Proudlove will be taking on their role.

**Militarisation in Society** – AM have booked two fully funded places at this Woodbrooke weekend course **12-14 Feb 2016**, one was still available as we went to press. Contact Phil Lucas.

*The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com). Not on the list to get it? Same address. Deadline the Sunday before.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November is a bumper month:

- Aran will be 11 on the 1<sup>st</sup>
- Athena will be 12 on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- Daniel will be 14 on the 28<sup>th</sup>

Happy birthday to all!



## ON THE WEB

Our **Facebook Page** of the month is **Doctor Who** (5,087,203 Likes).

Quaker relevance: 2%, unless any of our members/attenders are shape-shifting aliens\*.

### What we're reading

*'We supped on dried venison dipped in bears oil'*  
**The memoirs of Lt Henry Timberlake** (1765). In 1760 Lt Timberlake volunteered to join the Cherokee as a sign that hostilities with the British had ended. His memoir (online at [bit.ly/1Wubjwy](http://bit.ly/1Wubjwy)) is a pretty amazing tale. *'I cannot much commend their cookery'* is the least of it.

*Your 30 word reviews welcome*

\* Wikipedia page of the month: Reptilians (reptoids) – 800 views per day.

You can read this, past issues and more at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh) – where there is a slightly changed format; latest newsletter now in a panel on the right, with link to several years' past issues beneath.