



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2016



Duddingston Loch

### 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: *New! Changed!*** 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 7-7.30 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, or see [quakerscotland.org](http://quakerscotland.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In November is for the **Rock Trust**, which works with young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming so. Sylvia Massey will speak to this. [rocktrust.org](http://rocktrust.org)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Local meeting for business** After Meeting on **Sun 30 Oct.**

**The Testimonies – What's to Like?** Meeting for Learning on **Sun 6 Nov** at the home of Alison Chalmers. We will be thinking of QFP Ch 20 from 20.16 onwards. 12.15-1 shared lunch; finish by 2.15. Led by Catriona and Alison.

**Area Meeting** is at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 19 Nov**, from 11am.

**GM Residential Weekend** is in Perth, **Sat-Sun 12-13 Nov**. Details in Scottish Friend.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 13 Nov**. Contact Alison Burnley.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

**Singing Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Rachel Frith.

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

**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 Victoria Terrace after Meeting. Nov, Walter Scott *The Antiquary*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Jacob, with Rufus and Ola

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## Minutes of Meeting for Worship for Business Sunday 4 September

### 1. Opening Worship

We heard the first paragraph of 23.15 from Quaker Faith and Practice – where Pierre Ceresole wrote in 1947 of the importance of living simply.

There were seven members and attenders present.

### 2. Membership Matters

We recorded the death on Friday 17 June of our friend Pat Hattersley. As a young woman she had been Assistant Clerk of her meeting in England and had returned to Quakers after the death of her husband.

### 3. Matters Arising from Minutes of our meeting held on 26 June

#### • Short Term Review Group: Minute from 26 July AM in Peebles

We considered the minute and the request for feedback from Local Meetings. We look forward to participating in the emerging new pattern of Area Meetings in 2017.

We welcome the idea for an **Area Meeting Communications Strategy** and the opportunity to contribute if this were to be requested. With busy lives and lots of activities we felt that carefully targeted communications are needed; and that – as well as the web and emails conforming to all necessary good accessibility practice – the needs of those who do not use email must be carefully considered.

Four of our LM friends have no email address and need to be kept up to date by post or by telephone. We invite volunteers to maintain this contact.

### 4. Quaker Week Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October

We agreed to display the posters sent to us from Friends House in the Open Door window in the run up to and during Quaker Week 2016.

We decided to invite neighbours for “**Cakes with Quakers**” from 3-5pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and to advertise this in the window and by circulating a poster:

*“What do Quakers stand for? What makes us tick? Come share home-baked cakes and find out more.”*

### 5. Planned Meetings for Learning

Next Meeting for Learning is at the home of Susie Reade 6pm on Thursday 22 September.

A meeting entitled “**Seeking Sanctuary**” based on material from the national human rights campaign Liberty has been offered and a date is to be fixed.

We thought it might be very helpful to have a Meeting for Learning on **Demystifying Quaker Structures** and hope some people might come forward to lead this.

### 6. Welcome leaflet for new attenders

We approved the revised wording of the leaflet which can be offered to visitors and made available in the Open Door.

### 7. Announcements / Public Meetings

- **Faith Groups' response to migration crises** 6.30 for 7pm Wed 12 October, co-hosted by Area Meeting Quaker Social Responsibility Group as a Meeting for Learning at Quaker Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace during Edinburgh World Justice Festival 1-17 October – which focuses on Migration: Roots and Responses.

- **Festival of Faiths** at Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church: 7pm Sundays:  
4 Sept Sikhism / 11 Sept Islam / 18 Sept Buddhism / 28 Sept Bahai Faith.

- **Parliamentary Hearing** re the Quaker / Forces Watch Petition 1603 Increasing Militarisation in our community – Thursday morning 15 September.

### 8. Date of Next Local Meeting

We propose to meet again on Sunday 30 October after bring and share lunch.

## 350 years ago, the British equivalent of the Calais Jungle

100,000 people were made homeless by the Great Fire of London in 1666.

*'The poor inhabitants were dispersed about St. George's Fields, and Moorfields, as far as Highgate, and several miles in circle, some under tents, some under miserable huts and hovels, many without a rag or any necessary utensils, bed or board, who from delicateness, riches, and easy accommodations in stately and well furnished houses, were now reduced to extremest misery and poverty.*

*The King announced that 'all Churches, Chappels, Schools, and other like Publick Places' should be available for safe storage of the goods of those who had lost their homes.*

John Evelyn, 5 September 1666



Immediately after the disaster a range of charitable operations were put in place, but this group of distressed, homeless people (coming from a much wider social range than Evelyn suggests) were also seen as dangerous by the civic authorities. The camp lasted 8 years, when a proclamation for closure was made. From radio programme Making History; 6 minute clip at [bbc.co.uk/programmes/p047q9mx](http://bbc.co.uk/programmes/p047q9mx)

Image: Painted by Robert Walker 'in the fashionable deshabillé'. The 'selfie' of the era. National Portrait Gallery, London; Creative Commons.

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## The world's first Fashion Blog, 1520-60

Two Christmas present ideas

*Mesh-sided jersey leggings black, £15*

*Missguided.co.uk, 2016*



*The doublet made from a light mix of wool and silk with taffeta edgings, the placard linen, the bands made of silk satin.*

*Aged 25 and  $\frac{3}{4}$ , December 1522.*

## The Books of Clothes of Mattheus and Veit Conrad Schwarz of Augsburg

In 1520, aged 23, Mattheus Schwarz (above right) was made chief accountant to the Flugger merchant company in Augsburg. At the same time he began a collaboration with a 19 year old artist to document his outfits, looking back to before he was born and continuing till he was 63. Each image is accompanied by a description of the clothes, and hints of surrounding events and lives.

A fascinating tale told in **The First Book of Fashion** (Bloomsbury), which reproduces the images beautifully, with detailed exposition of the circumstances around Schwarz's life, and the fashion, politics, and religious transitions of the times. Realistic and naturalistic portrayals in Northern European art coupled with worldwide trade (and its profits to spend), and new fabrics and colours triggered rich new tailoring. All spinning, weaving and sewing was by hand. Large Venetian mirrors were just becoming available to the rich, and could be seen in the magnificent Flugger 'golden writing chamber'.

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**Do you drive? Could you bring someone to Meeting?** Some older friends can't make it on public transport. The number of us who drive to Meeting is now small, but if you were able to pick someone up occasionally it could be a great help. Please mention to Alison Chalmers.

**Christopher Spiers** has moved from his home in Canonmills into a care home in Kirriemuir. His address is in the email with this newsletter or at meeting. He will appreciate cards. Christopher went to a Quaker school and frequently attended South Edinburgh meeting.

**Suggestions for special collections** Susan Robertson is collecting suggestions for 2017. There are spaces for both Quaker and non-Quaker causes. You will be given an opportunity to speak to it on the first Sun of the chosen month.

**Radical Spirituality: The Early History of Quakers** – this free online course is now complete, but you can still join and read the materials [futurelearn.com/courses/quakers](http://futurelearn.com/courses/quakers) *If you did it, would you like to review it?*

**Activist Gathering** at York Meeting House. **Sat 3 Dec.** More on this at ...

[quaker.org.uk/events](http://quaker.org.uk/events) – this excellent clear page lists national Quaker events, by theme, date, etc

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*It, archives, and more can be found at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)*

## What we're watching

**About Time** (2013 Richard Curtis film). Fun but thought-provoking. A boy can time-travel, and attempts to use it to improve his relationships. Ultimate message; appreciate everything the first time as if living it for the second.

*Alison Chalmers*

## BIRTHDAYS

A very Happy Birthday to **Aran**, who will be 12 on the 1<sup>st</sup>; also to **Athena**, who reaches 13 on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and to **Daniel**, 15 on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



At [jellotime.com](http://jellotime.com) this is animated with sound effects *Rafaël Rozendaal (see Oct issue)*

## WONDERFUL WEBS

Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **History of Western Fashion** (243 visits/day). Its subpage 1500-50 in Western European Fashion is a veritable course in the history of fashion, all free.

Quaker relevance: 2%, unless part of a background study of what plain Quaker Dress was reacting against, in which case, 32%

## Scottish Statistics

Infographics and fascinating data from the National Records of Scotland. [bit.ly/2cyHwCH](http://bit.ly/2cyHwCH)

Scotland's population the highest ever at 5.4M; lowest ever stillbirth and infant death rate (3.8 and 3.2 per 1000). 51% of babies are now born outside marriage/ civil partnership. The influence of film and media on babies' names. And more.

