



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

December 2015



Jacob made one of these

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

Christmas: – there will be a Meeting for Worship on 25 Dec at Victoria Terrace followed by coffee and mince pies. *Also at Central Meeting for the two weeks from Mon 21 Dec: No Wednesday meetings, and Sunday meetings only at 11 am*

Every Wed at Victoria Terrace: 12.30-1.00.

At Portobello: at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP, on **1st Sunday** at **7.30 pm** for half an hour in the church café area; and **2nd and 4th Sun** at **11 am** for 1 hr (includes children's meeting) in the church hall (note changed location on 2nd and 4th Sundays). Queries 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, 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 December is for **Glasgow night shelter** for destitute women refugees. Pol will speak to this. glasgownightshelter.org

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Christmas singing and Quaker Meeting at Wiston on **Sun 6 Dec**, 10.30. Deirdre offers a lift returning after the renowned lunch (please let Meg.Beresford@gn.apc.org know if you'll be there for that).

Carols and mince pies organised by the singing group at Central Meeting, 7.30pm on **Tue 8 Dec**

Meeting for Learning on reading QFP. **Wed 9 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

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 13th Dec** (11am as usual). Tony Wilkes and Sue Proudlove will be taking on their role.

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

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

Singing Group 2nd 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 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group usually meets on 4th Sundays but this month Rachel Frith invites those wanting to discuss Tan Twan Eng's *The Garden of Evening Mists* to her home after meeting on **Sun 3rd Jan** with a simple lunch.



Craigmillar Castle

More Events and News on the Back Page

Peace Prize of the German book trade

This has been awarded annually since 1950. Rufus Reade draws attention to the acceptance speech of Navidl Kermani, who tells a long, moving and distressing story around the life of Jacques Mourad. The photos are Rufus' of Mamoussa and the community in 2005. www.friedenspreis-des-deutschen-buchhandels.de/1038404



Escalating the conflict in Syria

David Somervell writes (Sat Nov 28th):

This morning our Member of Parliament Ian.Murray.MP@parliament.uk indicated that he has not yet decided whether or not to vote with the Prime Minister to escalate UK military intervention in Syria. Ian did say that at present his post bag is divided between those for and against.

If you feel moved to email him perhaps do this BEFORE Monday morning when the Shadow Cabinet meets.

Of course if you live in another constituency best to write to your own MP. And always include your home address as MPs only respond to constituents.

Learning about the world from the UK

Small charity HOST is seeking friendly people who would like to learn more about other countries and cultures and share their home life with adult international students at UK universities. Young adults from many countries would love to have a short homely break and discover the real life of this country.

Host Kit Millington-Hore wrote "Meeting students from around the world is hugely fulfilling and satisfying. Watching their pleasure as you introduce them to our ways of living, particularly over Christmas, is extremely rewarding."

Visits can be for a day, weekend, or four days at Christmas. Offering a Christmas invitation to someone who would otherwise be alone on a University campus can make a big difference. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter their age, or how far they live from a university. To find out more, or to be put in touch with your local organiser, please visit www.hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292

For the ageless

A Quaker lawyer joke from 1843 ... and a militarist joke from 2015

THE SYMBOL, 1843
AND page 22
ODD FELLOW'S MAGAZINE
Is published on the 1st and 15th of each month,
AT 32 CONGRESS STREET.

A **Quaker** was called into court to give in his testimony in case at law. On being requested to hold up his hand to be sworn, he replied that his

Bible taught him to "swear not at all." "Well," said the limb of the law, "do you expect to arrive at heaven any sooner, by being so scrupulously exact?" "I cannot tell thee," said the **Quaker**, "but if I should not, I wish to do what seemeth to me right." "But did you ever hear of a **Quaker** going to heaven?" inquired the lawyer, quizzingly. "Yes." "Well, how in the world did he get there? Did he have no difficulty?" said the lawyer, heaping question upon question. "Why, yes," said the **Quaker**, "if thee wishes to know, I will tell thee. He arrived at the gate, and there was some dispute about admitting him, but they *looked all around for a lawyer, and could find none*, to decide upon the case, and he was forthwith admitted.



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MORE NEWS AND DATES

Quakers at a Christmas Fair. Sylvia will be representing us at the Fair at Morningside Parish Church Hall **Sat 5 Dec**, 10-12. Stalls for home baking, fair-trade cards and crafts, books etc. She would be delighted to be joined by any of us there.

Morningside Peace and Justice Group – meetings at the Open Door on Autumn Wednesdays 10.30-11.30. morningsidejandp.org

Dec 2 – TTIP – what is it and how can we stop it? (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership) Jane Herbstritt, Global Justice Now

Dec 9 – A coal- and nuclear-free energy future for Scotland: brilliant news or dangerous experiment? Paul Younger, Professor of Energy Engineering, University of Glasgow

Refugees in Lesvos A friend of Maeve's from her gap year in Honduras is volunteering in Lesvos. Read her experiences at asafeplacetocallhome.wordpress.com

What we're reading

The Invention of Wings – Sue Monk Kidd. Charleston S. Carolina before the Civil War. A girl is given a slave girl for her birthday and teaches her to read and write (available in City Library)

By Faith and by Love. A Southern States couple's upbringing and experience recognising the need for fair treatment of black people. They spent 6 years in Burma and returned to the US to work with Martin Luther King Jr. (in our library)

Alison Burnley

The newsletter is distributed on the last Sunday of each month, with ink still wet from the Gestetner. Send things you'd like to see in it to neilturn@gmail.com.

Deadline the Sunday before, or whatever. Not on the list to get it? Same address.

You can read this, past issues and more at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh



(No birthdays)

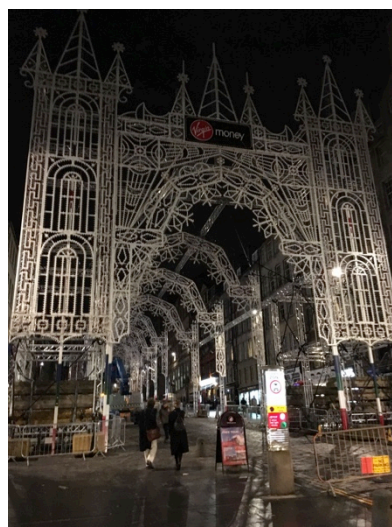
ON THE WEB



Our Facebook Page of the month is **A Human Love Story** (807 Likes). But it comes across better from ahumanlovestory.com/love-stories where you can listen to people describing how they met and fell in love. Rather lovely.

Quaker relevance: 44%

Our Wikipedia page of the month is **Quakers**. Long, comprehensive page and it seems very good. Hope it's accurate – but if it isn't, you can change it. *1500 views per day. 500,000/year.*



Temple to Virgin Money? High St.