



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

December 2016



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: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Fisherrow Centre, South St, Musselburgh EH21 6AT. With children's meeting. Bus stop by Brunton Theatre. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7-7.30 at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Phillips), Brunstane Rd North.

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 December is for our very own **Open Door**. Sue Freshwater will speak to this. www.theopendoor-morningside.org.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Meeting for Learning on **Seeking Sanctuary** – experiences applying for asylum. **Mon 28 Nov**, 3-5 pm at 71 Nile Grove. Please say you're coming to david.somervell@ed.ac.uk or 447 7862.

We will be collecting **items for Rock Trust** (for young homeless or recently housed) on **Sun Dec 11**. Especially toiletries, dry foods needing little cooking, warm accessories, and things nice to have at Christmas.

Our **Christmas Party** will also be on **Sun Dec 11** 5-7pm at 71 Nile Grove. Bring an idea for an all-age, all-ability game, and some food to share. Lifts available if needed, contact Alison B or C.

Lanark meeting invite us to **Christmas singing and Meeting at Wiston Lodge**, followed by lunch. **Sun 18 Dec**. If you'd like to or could share travel, please contact Alison B or C.

On **Sun 25 Dec, Christmas Day**, there will be a meeting at Victoria Terrace, and also at the home of Sylvia Massey 12.30-1 (please contact Sylvia if you'd like to join her). Bring and share lunch at Victoria Terr from 1.15; contact Don Stubbings, djstubbings@cooptel.net 0131 336 1141.

On **Sun 1 Jan 2017**, we hope to hold a meeting at the Open Door as usual.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

Singing Group *not* 1st Tuesday *in Dec* – instead carols and mince pies on **Tue 13th**, 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 – but not on Christmas Day.

In Jan *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout



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Minutes of Meeting for Business Sunday 30 October 2016

1. Opening Worship

We heard 19.46 from Quaker Faith and Practice – a historic paper to the king in 1660 where Margaret Fell outlined our testimony for peacefulness of spirit and action. There were 13 members and attenders present.

2. Matters Arising from Minutes of our meeting held on 4 September

• Quaker Week events

We heard that Cakes with Quakers on Sunday 9 October had been a quiet affair with half a dozen dropping in for a chat and a cuppa. Combined with the two weeks' previous display – of Quaker Posters etc in the Open Door window – we considered this had worked well as a low-key outreach; and we hope to repeat in 2017.

• Faith Groups' Response to Migration Crises, Wednesday 12 October

Several friends had attended this evening event at 7 Victoria Terrace during Edinburgh World Justice Festival. This was one of 20 events around the theme "Migration – Roots and Responses". A follow-up meeting had been arranged to map all the initiatives that might contribute to **City of Sanctuary Edinburgh** being formally established: 10am-3pm Saturday 19 November at City Chambers.

3. Meetings for Worship December / January

We agreed NO MEETING at Open Door on Sundays 25 December and 1 January; instead, friends are invited to worship at 10.30am at the home of Sylvia Massey.

4. Planned Meetings for Learning

Our next Meeting for Learning is at the home of Alison Chalmers with a bring and share lunch before consideration of the topic: *The Testimonies – What's to Like? What's to Find Challenging?* We will explore QF&P Chapter 20 from 20.16 onwards.

Following that we shall meet at 3-5pm Monday 28 November at 71 Nile Grove to participate in a session entitled "**Seeking Sanctuary**" to discover the tortuous process facing forced migrants seeking asylum in the UK. Tea and cakes too.

We invite a volunteer to lead a future Meeting on **Demystifying Quaker Structures**.

5. South Edinburgh Christmas Party

We agreed to hold an All-Age Party 5-7pm Sunday 11 December at 71 Nile Grove. Young friends who have not been for a while and our children all invited to bring a friend along too. Lifts offered – contact Alison B or C who will coordinate.

6. Ensuring all wishing to attend meeting and/or hear about our news can do so

We noted 1) difficulty facing some friends re transport to meeting, especially in winter and 2) the importance of messages, invitations and news being passed on beyond email circulation to those without email. Volunteers agreed to provide 1:1 support.

7. Date of Next Local Meeting [... was not decided as meeting finished quickly]

*The clerk subsequently suggests we meet again on **Sunday 15 January** after lunch.*

Gardens

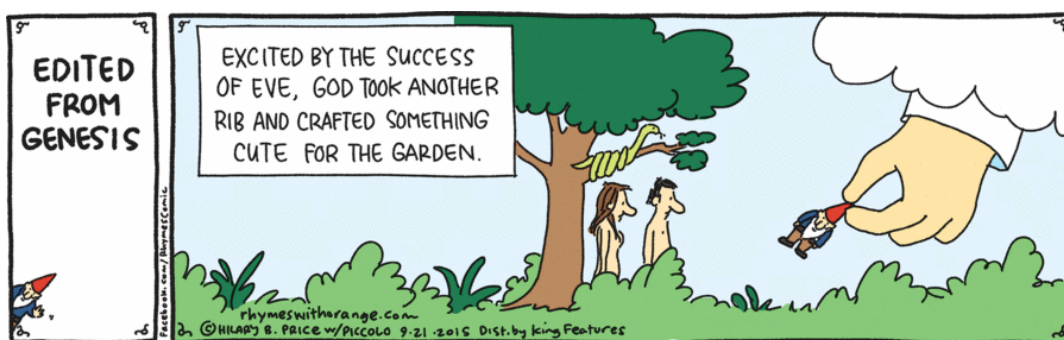


Dr Neil's Garden, Duddingston



William Turner's Herbal, 1568. Morpeth *

* *Some make their hair yellow with the flower of this herb, not being content with the natural colour which God have given them*



From our weekend at Wiston

We had a fantastic time at Wiston Lodge this year - both young and old.

South Edinburgh people were a minority and that made it fun seeing new people especially for the children (who had 17 other children to do exciting things with!) There were friends from Polmont, Portobello and Musselburgh and Central Edinburgh Meetings and it was a great way to meet people properly. Kenneth said 'It was fun seeing everyone again' and 'the outdoor Wiston games were good'

Margaret's regular Chiang Gung exercises in the morning were even attended by babies ... we also had lots of dancing at the ceilidh with a ceilidh band made up of people from several Meetings....and those who wanted went up Tinto too so loads of outdoors and energetic activity.

Then on Sunday we had a very contemplative all age Meeting for Worship where the children stayed throughout.

So...something for everyone and there is enthusiasm to carry on next year at Wiston. Nicola will be part of a planning group. If you have been before or you want to experience this great weekend for the first time put next year's Wiston dates in your diary – 1-3 September 2017.

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MORE NEWS AND DATES

World Day of Prayer is on March 3rd, but in preparation a series of meetings for bible study and preparation are held on Fridays at 10.30, at 121 Georg St – Church of Scotland offices, on **Jan 13**, **Feb 19**, and **Feb 24**, and some go for lunch locally afterwards.

Spirituality and end of life A 1-day conference in York, 7th March. grahams@quaker.org.uk

Toolkit for action Eight guides to help Friends take more effective action on issues they care about quaker.org.uk/toolkit-for-action

QPSW newsletters: Earth and Economy, quaker.org.uk/eartheconomy ; Educate and Disarm quaker.org.uk/educate-disarm

What we're listening to

Radio 4 in 4 has 21st Century short clips from a fascinating range of broadcasts: Why the Japanese have fallen out of love with love; the cheery chef who kept everyone alive from the 1914 Shackleton expedition; and much more. bbc.in/2dknlHv

What we're reading

Our Friend Margaret Elphinstone's 2006 book about a lighthouse – *Light* – is lovely *Alison B*

This newsletter is distributed on the lastish Sunday of each month. Keep the January issue short by sending no contributions to neilturn@gmail.com

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

January's issue will include a looking-ahead calendar of dates of local, area meeting and other events in 2017. To brighten the dark months and peruse over residual chocolates.

INTERNETS

Guns that are OK for Christmas



Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **Quaker guns** (132 visits/day). Mock guns to confuse the enemy. The instance cited here is from the American War of Independence in 1780, but likely there are earlier. The illustration (US Library of Congress via Wikimedia Commons) is from the American Civil War in March 1862.

Quaker relevance: confusing, but low

More Quakerly than a Quaker gun:



Landscape with Gun and Tree
Cornelia Parker 2012 (Jupiter Artland)



Switch it at onandoff.org (*Rafaël Rozendaal, see Oct issue*)