



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 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.

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. 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 January is for **Quaker Circles of Support and Accountability**, who work with sex offenders to support reintegration and prevent sexual reoffending. David Turner will speak to this. www.circles-uk.org.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

South Edinburgh hosts **Area Meeting** at the Open Door on **Sun 10 Jan**, from 2pm (see back page).

Local Meeting for Business will be held after MfW on **Sun 17 Jan**.

Meet some of the **Book of Discipline Revision Group** for tea at Central Edinburgh Meeting, 3-5 pm on **Fri 29 Jan**. They are holding their Jan committee meeting in Edinburgh.

What Makes a Gathered Meeting? After Meeting on **Sun 7 Feb** Katrina McCrea of Portobello and Musselburgh will describe her experience of Quaker Life Rep Council (Meeting for Learning).

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. **Not Thur 7th Jan*

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 its December meeting was postponed to Sun 3 Jan at Rachel's house after a simple lunch, for Tan Twan Eng's *The Garden of Evening Mists*; in Jan (Sun 24) *The Blue Guitar* by John Banville.

Ideas for 2016 include *A Spool of Blue Thread*, Anne Tyler; *The Year of the Runaways*, Sunjeer Sahota; John Aubrey's *Brief Lives*, ed Oliver Lawson Dick; *Wolf Solent*, J.C.Powys; *The Judge*, Rebecca West. Qs to Rachel Frith.



[More Events and News on the Back Page](#)

Gender in our Tabular Statement

This year's Tabular Statement returns ask for numbers of Friends whose gender identity isn't "man" or "woman", as well as numbers of men and women. If anyone wants to be recorded in this way please tell an overseer, elder, or David Somervell who completes the Tabular Statement records.

Online info on gender identity:

- Stonewall stonewall.org.uk
- Quaker LGBT fellowship (UK) glgf.org.uk
- Gendered Intelligence genderedintelligence.co.uk is especially aimed at young people
- PFLAG UK pflag.co.uk has resources for parents, family and friends of LGBTQIA young people

SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2016

2016	Local Meeting (us. 3rd Sun)	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan	17 January	Sun 10th (South Edin) 2pm	
Feb		Sat 27th (Central Edin) 11am	
Mar	20 January		Sat 5th GM – St Andrews Sun 20 th Meeting at Faslane (see info below)
April		Sat 9th (Central Edin) 2pm	Sun 21 st Faslane
May	15 May		Fri 27-30 th May – Britain Yearly Meeting, London Sun 22 nd Faslane
June		Sat 4th Jun (Kelso) 11am	Sat 11 th GM – Glasgow Sun 19 th Faslane
July	17 July	Sat 23rd (Tweeddale) 2pm	
Aug			
Sep	(miss)	Sun 18th (South Edin) 2pm	Sat 10 th GM – Aberdeen Sun 25 th Faslane
Oct	16 Oct		
Nov		Sat 19th (Central Edin) 11am	Sun 13 th Faslane Sat-Sun 12-13 th Residential GM – Perth
Dec	(miss)		

Meetings for Witness and the North Gate, Faslane: We leave Edinburgh at 8.30 am in order to meet at 11 am. Please come with something to sit on, something that deals with the weather – from rain to midges – and something to eat before the journey home. Contact Alison Burnley for more information.

Hearing from us by email

Through **South Edinburgh Announcements** you can receive emails from South Edinburgh Quakers. This is used for short-notice news, and information about interesting events. To join this list, go to our webpage at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh and click on the link to the South Edinburgh Announcements mailing list. There you can enter your details, and someone will Approve behind the scenes. We have to do this as otherwise the list accumulates advertisers and people we don't really know.

The email list for the **newsletter** is broader, contact neilturn@gmail.com about that

The screenshot shows the 'South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting' page on the Quakers in Scotland website. It features a blue header with the organization's name and logo. The main content area is white with blue text. It lists the meeting place as 'The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 9HY' and provides details about the meeting times and contact information for Sandra Riddell. There is also a small image of the 'The Open Door' building and a 'Newsletter' section on the right side of the page.

100 years ago (or 300, or 50 years)

The National Library of Scotland has a series of historic maps online over which you can fade in and out a current satellite image. This is the 1894 map for Haymarket/ West end of Princes St. bit.ly/1JaUzba



The Princes St Railway Station, and the East end of the Union Canal, are now all gone, with associated lines and sidings. The Caledonian Railway line is now the Western Approach Road, and the Lothian Rd Odeon sits in an old canal basin, the original terminus of the Union Canal.

Unmissable in 2016



breadfaceblog “giving the people something they didn't ask for” since Aug 2015.

The Internet is a wonderful place. At instagram.com/breadfaceblog the unknown presenter chooses background music and a bread type, then makes 15 second films of herself holding then mashing her face in it. Strangely absorbing.

With poems (?) at twitter.com/breadfaceblog – or if you seek more commentary (not explanation), breadfaceblog.tumblr.com has reviews of the tactile bread experience.

Elsewhere, bit.ly/1NNpfkJ – never mind the bread, look at her shirts. Others offer paeans to her choice of music.

MORE NEWS AND DATES

(No birthdays in Jan)

Area Meeting at the Open Door on Sun 10 Jan

- Margaret Mortimer will describe work on our behalf as prison minister, and with Northern Friends Peace Board.
- Reflecting on the sharing we have been doing on the lives of our nine local meetings
- Reflection on ministry
- Exploring our attitude to Earl Haig fund red poppies in response to a concern
- Seeking representatives for General Meeting for Scotland in St Andrews on 5 March.
- And someone to join a conference on the Book of Discipline, at Woodbrooke 22-24 April.

What we're watching

Paddington Bear won't change your life, but is lovely, funny, and very transparently carries a tolerate-differences, welcome-refugees message. Has a very bad baddy to love to hate.

Star Wars – the Force Awakens – harks back to its 1977 original in every possible way. Great escapism. Frown at comic-book warfare, celebrate conscientious objection (partial) and strong female leadership roles.

A visiting accountant

Send things you'd like to see in this newsletter to neilturn@gmail.com. It is distributed on the last Sunday of each month, except when there's an exception.

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

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

Welche Thiere gleichen ein-
ander am meisten?



Kaninchen und Ente.

The rabbit-duck illusion 1892
(Wikimedia Commons). More
at [ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/
~kihlstrm/JastrowDuck.htm](http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~kihlstrm/JastrowDuck.htm)

ON THE WEB



Our Facebook Page of the month is [Ada 'LEGO' Lovelace](#) (15,234 Likes). Ada Lovelace (1815-52) was centrally involved in work around Babbage's very early computer, the Analytical Engine, one of the very earliest 'computer programmers'.

You can vote for Lego to make this model – bit.ly/vote-ada It will house a mini-computer.

Quaker relevance: 32%

Our Wikipedia page of the month is [Cement](#) – fascinating history and chemistry (23,000 views per month). But Ada Lovelace and Charles Babbage have good pages too.

Quaker relevance: 12%



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