



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2017



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 January is for the **Peace and Justice Centre**, which offers a vision of ways to create peace. David Somervell will speak to this. peaceandjustice.org.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Local meeting for business After Meeting on **Sun 15 Jan.**

Area Meeting is at Central Edinburgh on **Mon 23 Jan**, from 7-9 pm.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Young people's Link Weekend for those 13-17 years old on 20 Jan 2017, at Victoria Terrace **3-5 Feb.** Organised by Scotland GM. Contact Madeleine Harding madinleith@gmail.com

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

Singing Group usually 1st Tuesdays but in Jan **Tue Jan 10**, 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. Jan, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout.



Autumn Leaves (Kenneth and Rufus Reade)

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SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2017

Dates for Local Meeting for Business have changed since this newsletter was first published as indicated in red. (Updated Mon 9th Jan).

2017	Local Meeting (us. 3rd Sun)	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan	15 January	Mon 23 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
Feb			
Mar	(deferred)	Sat 18 Mar (Polmont) time tbc	Sat 11th GM – South East (Edinburgh) Sun 26 Meeting at Faslane (see info below)
April	30 April		Sun 9 Faslane
May	(now in April)	Mon 15 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sun 28 Faslane
June		Sat 24 (Central Fife) time tbc	Sat 10 th GM – West (Glasgow) Sun 18 Faslane
July	16 July		29 Jul - 5 Aug –Yearly Meeting Gathering, Warwick (Sat to Sat)
Aug		Tue 15 (Scottish Churches Housing Action, 44 Hanover St Edin) 7-9pm	
Sep	(miss)	Sat 23 (Kelso) time tbc	Sat 9 th GM – East tbc
Oct	29 Oct		Sun 8 Faslane
Nov		Sat 25 (Portobello) time tbc	Sun 12 Faslane Sat-Sun 18-19 th Residential GM – North tbc
Dec	(miss)		

Meetings for Witness at the North Gate, Faslane: We leave Edinburgh at 8.30 am in order to meet at 11am, travelling via Helensburgh and Dino's. 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

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South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting

Meeting Place: The Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 6HY

Meeting for Worship: Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Children welcome

We offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for worship on a Sunday morning. There are usually between twenty and thirty people present, plus a varying number of children and young people of all ages. After Meeting for Worship, which lasts one hour, we have coffees and time to chat. The children's meeting is at the same time and they join the main meeting for the last ten minutes.

The Open Door is a friendly space at the top of Morningside Road, just opposite Morningside clock. Bus numbers 11, 15, 16 and 17 stop nearby. [Map for South Edinburgh Meeting](#)

Enquiries about South Edinburgh Quakers to Sandra Riddell, 0131-446 9663

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Email list: Ask to join it (or access it if you're already a subscriber) at [South Edinburgh Announcements mailing list](#). If you're asking to join, expect an email checking who you are first.

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Conflict Minerals

Electronics companies have been under pressure to ensure that their products do not contain unethically sourced materials. A chief concern is rare metals that are notoriously obtained from war-torn regions of West Africa, particularly Congo. The issues are summarised at globalwitness.org at bit.ly/2gvjZHn (Margaret Anderson)

Tantalum (or Coltan):

Key ingredient in many electronic gadgets, from mobile phones to your laptops and game consoles. Large quantities of tantalum are found in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where mining, smuggling, and illegal taxation has funded violent armed groups.

Tin:

Found in the solder in your pipes and electronics, in your car and tinned food. Mined throughout the world, including in conflict affected areas. Linked to the financing of armed groups and dangerous working conditions.



Gold:

The most famous precious metal. In many parts of the world gold can be mined, refined, and smuggled with relative ease, thus a frequent target for armed groups. An estimated two tonnes of gold has been smuggled out of the Central African Republic each year during the current conflict, which has left one-fifth of the population displaced.

Tungsten (or Wolfram):

Extreme heat resistance make it key to many tools, small electronics, and screens. Its production and transport has been linked to violent armed groups in central Africa and Colombia.

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.

quaker.org.uk/events – this excellent clear page lists national Quaker events, by theme, date, etc

This newsletter is distributed on the lastish Sunday of each month. Send contributions/suggestions, 30-word reviews and embarrassing photos to neilturn@gmail.com

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

What we're reading

Gorilla Dawn (Gill Lewis 2015). Imara is regarded as a talisman by a rebel group in the Congo. A widely praised children's heartbreaking adventure connecting threatened gorillas and humans and rare metal mining.

Margaret Anderson

What we're singing?



Silent Night (Quaker arrangement)
The No. 9 post of 2016 at patheos.com

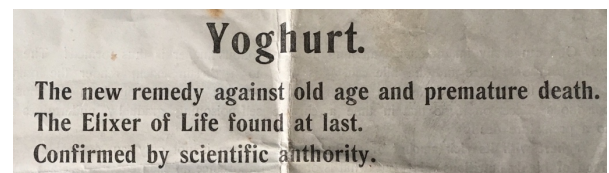
BIRTHDAYS

We don't have any recorded in January in the prescribed under-17 or round-number over-70 categories. Are we right?



More online

Want to live till 2117?



'A large proportion of those who regularly eat Yoghurt reach their hundredth year in the best of health.' From a 1908 leaflet at Lindsay and Gilmour (Smith Place), Edinburgh's oldest pharmacy.

Our **Wikipedia Page of the Month** is **Yogurt** (1,982 visits/day). It has an ancient history, but has been promoted as a superfood since the early 20th century, with some support from Nobel Prize winner Élie Metchnikoff. Reports suggested that it might explain the remarkable number of Bulgarian centenarians. He took it and died at 71. Its food science is interesting though.

Quaker relevance: 12%