



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 2015



Valentine's Day fancy dress at the Nomad's Tent

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: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **2nd & 4th Sun at 11.00 am (NEW TIME AND PLACE FROM 8th MARCH)** at St James' Church Hall, Rosefield Pl, Portobello EH15 1AZ – includes a children's meeting. Any queries to Kim Smith, kimdsmith@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. *(This is the meeting previously held at Barony St)*

Central Edinburgh meeting has an early Sunday morning meeting at 9.30am in addition to the regular 11.00am meeting at Victoria Terrace.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In March is for a charity combating Ebola. Stasa Morgan Appel will speak to this.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Area Meeting is at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 28th Feb**, 11am – 5pm (*NOTE – this was misprinted in our Jan/Feb calendar as being in March*)

General Meeting is at St Andrews on **Sat 7th Mar**. 11am at the Cosmos Centre, Abbey Walk, KY16 9LB (10.30 coffee) In the pm, issues faced by young people in our meetings.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 8th**. Details from Alison Burnley.

Local Meeting for Business – after Meeting on **Sun 15th Mar**.

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.

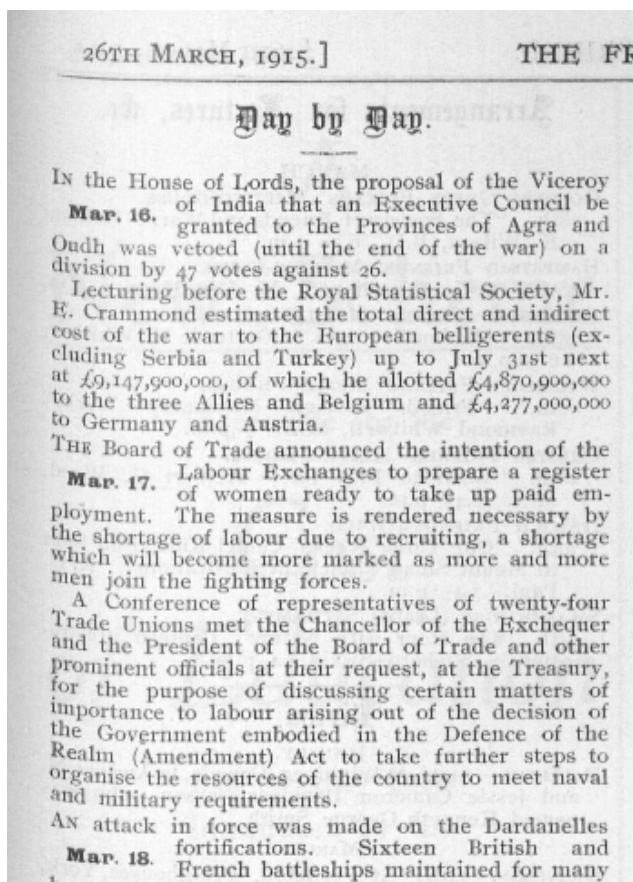
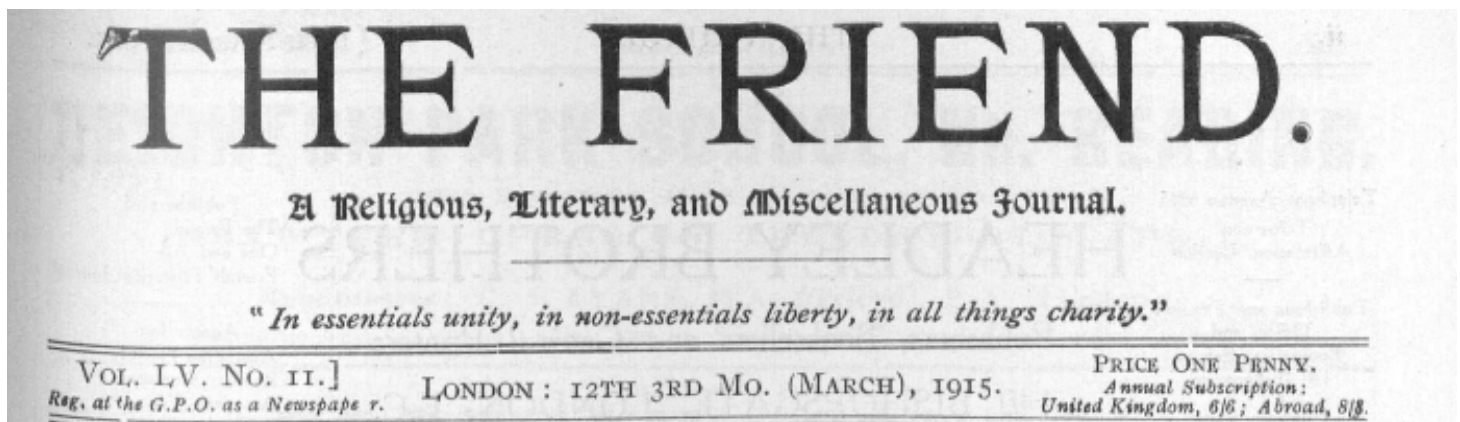
Book Group now **fourth** Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Mar *Travelling Sprinkler*, Nicholson Baker; Apr *Troubles*, JG Farrell; May *And the Land Lay Still*, James Robertson; Jun *The Adoption Papers*, Jackie Kay. Qs to Rachel Frith.



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The Friend in March 1915

In March 2015 the First World War had been under way for 7 months. Issues of *The Friend* from 1914-18 can be seen online only and in a not particularly user-friendly format with a supplement to your Friend subscription. The issue from 7th August 2014, just after war was declared, is available as a free sample. thefriend.org/archive



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Minutes of South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting for Business 25 Jan 2015

12 Friends were present. During opening worship we heard Advices and Queries 10 & 14 – on the purpose and manner of holding Quaker Meetings for Business. (QF&P 1.02)

Minutes of the last meeting of 19 October 2015 meeting have been circulated and were signed by the Clerk. Matters arising:

10/14 Militarisation

Area Meeting on 17 January heard that replies to AM clerk's letters [to Conveners of Education] had been received from City of Edinburgh Council and Midlothian Council.

Edinburgh reports that the armed forces are represented at careers fairs in schools, and assist in outdoor education and teambuilding. The council feels it promotes a balanced view, and will take the matter forward with head teachers, including providing contact details of organisations such as Forces Watch, if asked. AM Clerk will follow up on this, and offer Quaker speakers on peace education. Our clerk agreed to circulate the City Council response so that individual members could pursue this with Convener of Education and local councilors.

Midlothian said it works within a code of standards that prevents head teachers from using schools to support the direct recruitment of young people by the military, and does not feel that the development of further policy is needed. AM Clerk will compile further responses as they come in and respond in due course.

Area Meeting had encouraged the new Scottish Quaker Parliamentary Engagement Officer [Mairi Campbell-Jack was appointed just before Christmas] to raise this matter at the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government level.

We noted the parliamentary vigil – planned by Campaign Against the Arms Trade and the Global Day of Action on Military Spending [13 April 2015] – in the week of Action on Military Spending (11-18 April) and "No arms sponsorship of Edinburgh Science Festival" 4-19 April 2015 – Contact caatedinburgh@live.com to get involved.

14/14 – Wiston residential weekend

Last meeting had enquired about funding for the weekend. Phil Lucas, Area Meeting clerk, had replied: "I think it would be entirely appropriate for the AM to offer bursary support to those wishing to attend the Wiston weekend [from any Local Meeting] – Mark Hutcheson [Treasurer] has the bursary guidance and applications should be made to him."

Alastair Cameron has agreed to do bookings again this year. He asks if someone would shadow him with a view to taking it on for 2016 - when he definitely doesn't want to do it.

Deirdre Armstrong is willing to co-organise weekend activities and will seek others to help.

We invited other volunteers from participating local meetings to help by shadowing bookings this year and bringing ideas for activities. Names to be forwarded to the clerk.

We observed that weekend costs fall in two parts: B & B Accommodation and Activities / Use of Rooms. We felt strongly that Wiston weekends greatly benefit the whole meeting and that Local Meeting funds should contribute to the latter and ask our clerk to approach other participating local meetings to make a contribution too.

17/14 Parties in December

Two parties had been held before and after Christmas – All Age had been great fun and The Veterans warmly celebrated the joy that some of our long-standing members bring – especially to younger friends. We thank Rufus and Susie for their generous hospitality.

01/15 Special Collections

We agreed the following Revised Draft Guidance on Special Collections:

We value the opportunity to choose one special cause or issue to support each month. We recognise a Special Role of Special Collections Coordinator to compile ideas from friends in the meeting for future Special Collections and to bring proposals to Local Meeting for Business.

We also recognise a Special Role for someone to gather in LM and Special Collection donations after meeting and bank them – advising Treasurer of weekly totals.

Friends are encouraged to consider these principles when suggesting Special Collections:

- That for around half the time we select Quaker initiatives seeking assistance – ideally specific projects to support if collecting for main Quaker causes like QPSW
- We generally support small organisations where our donation will make a difference
- Where possible local organisations – or ones where we have a direct connection – are considered before well-funded / national bodies
- We consider organisations in these categories: helping marginalised groups and neglected / unpopular causes [e.g. penal reform, refugees and asylum seekers, people with mental health problems], peace & justice, global development issues.
- We ring the changes and not normally give to same non-Quaker body in successive years ... exceptions being Wiston Lodge and Scottish Churches Housing Action.

The causes chosen need to have an advocate in the Meeting. Friends can research a charity they feel deserves wider support, and bring suggestions to the Special Collections Coordinator and then to Local Meeting for Business. Once LM has approved a list, proposers are invited to speak about “their” cause on the first Sunday of the month.

We agreed the following Special Collections for 2015 [person to speak at meeting]

February 2015	Scrap Trident [Alison Burnley]
March	A charity combating Ebola [to be confirmed by Stasa Morgan Appel]
April	Q – Quaker UN Office development appeal, Geneva [David Somervell]
May	Scottish Churches Housing Action [Alastair Cameron]
June	EAPPI in Israel / Palestine [possibly invite Phil Lucas to speak]
July	Q – Quaker Peace & Social Witness [project identified by Alison B]
August	An Israeli Peace group [identified by Hilary Davies]
September	Wiston Lodge [our second long-term local charity]
October	Q – Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship [Mairi McCormack]
November	Q – Quaker Campaign Against Torture
December	Glasgow Night Shelter for destitute women refugees [Pol]
January 2016	Q – Circles of Support and Accountability [David Turner]

We invite a volunteer to take up the Special Role of Special Collections Coordinator for the subsequent collections. They should consider the following possible organisations:

- **Quaker Causes:** Friends World Committee for Consultation, Woodbrooke Study Centre, Northern Friends Peace Board, Quaker Social Action, Leavers Theatre, Common Fund
- **Other Causes:** HIV-Aids / Waverley Care Edinburgh, Parents Circle - Families Forum, Rock Trust, Apopo – training rats in Africa to find land mines, Freedom from Torture

02/15 The Quaker Way Ahead

Lack of time prevented us considering how best to contribute to the work of the Long-term Framework Working Group which seeks to discern the broad vision of Quakers in Britain for the next few years. They had asked Local Meetings, Area Meetings and other Quaker groups and individuals to discern what we are led to do together and offer ideas by end January 2015.

They offered these questions as prompts in our discernment:

1. What is distinctive about Quaker work and witness, to us and to others?
2. What is your vision of the ministry that your local meeting and Quakers in Britain are called to, now and in the future?
3. What are we led to do together?
4. How could Quaker structures and networks help Quakers in Britain to flourish?
5. Any other feedback (it is not intended to list specific projects or programmes)

We invited friends in our meeting to review documents at www.quaker.org.uk/way-ahead including the original Consultation Invitation Letter issued in August 2014 at www.quaker.org.uk/sites/default/files/Way%20ahead%20letter%20and%20guidance.pdf.

Friends can submit their thoughts either using the online Response Form or by email lff@quaker.org.uk and contact Peter Sender by phone at 020 7663 1114 if you'd prefer to discuss any queries. OR use the simple Response Form you can access at <https://quakersinbritain.wufoo.com/forms/the-way-ahead-2015-2020/>

03/15 Special Responsibilities needing people

- **Coordinating weekly / monthly collections**

We thanked Pol very warmly for compiling Special Collections proposals these past three years and seek a new volunteer to gather ideas for 2016 onwards.

We thanked Susan Robertson and Martin Burnell for their work gathering, banking and sending on our donations for our chosen organisations and Local Meeting.

- **Representative on Open Door Board [16/14 refers]**

This important role remains vacant.

Date of next meetings for business 15th March (others listed in Feb Newsletter)

Special Collections 2012 - 2014

2012	No of Sundays	Amount	
January	5	£261.47	Common Fund
February	4	£186.70	Destitution Network
March	4	£152.38	FWCC
April	5	£162.30	Coach House
May	4	£120.25	LendWithCare
June	4	£129.50	HIV/Aids at JLZwane Church, South Africa
July	5	£135.90	Woodbrooke
August	4	£193.10	SOS Sahel
September	5	£183.20	Liberty
October	4	£225.42	Q-CAT
November	4	£141.50	Northern Friends Peace Board
December	5	£172.50	Rock Trust
		£2,064.22	
2013			
January	4	£171.42	Circles UK
February	4	£144.90	Reprieve
March	5	£220.55	Scottish Churches Housing Action
April	4	£151.80	Unity in the Community
May	4	£180.75	Bhopal Medical Appeal
June	5	£166.53	BYM
July	4	£212.50	Poverty Premium (Church Action on Poverty)
August	4	£178.10	War Resisters International
September	5	£209.54	Wiston Lodge
October	4	£139.08	FWCC
November	4	£237.26	Rock Trust
December	5	£166.00	Womankind
		£2,178.43	
2014			
January	4	£185.50	Campaign Against the Arms Trade
February	4	£244.00	Destitution Network
March	5	£258.00	Scottish Churches Housing Action
April	4	£228.30	Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum
May	4	£121.00	Forest Schools
June	5	£146.88	World Development Movement
July	4	£88.00	Coach House
August	5	£242.50	Open door
September	4	£122.10	Wiston Lodge
October	4	£260.70	Prisoners Abroad
November	5	£280.50	The Trussell Trust
December	4	?	Rock Trust
		£2,177.48	

Notes: Quaker charities shown in blue (none for 2014)
Four highest collections each year shown in majenta.
Amount for Dec 2014 not yet notified.
Small but steady increase in amount donated each year.

MORE NEWS AND DATES

World day of Prayer is at a church near you on **Fri Mar 6th**

Quaker Equality Week is **Mar 6-15th**. More info at bit.ly/1Ac83hx

Scrap Trident Coalition are organising a demo in Glasgow on **Sat Mar 28th**. Plus a blockade of Faslane's North Gate on **Mon Apr 15th**; non-violent training available.

Britain Yearly Meeting 2015 will be held at Friends House in London, **1st–4th May** (Fri-Mon)

Our local meeting's **Wiston weekend: 4-6 Sep**.

Morningside Peace and Justice Group

continue to offer a fascinating programme at the Open Door on Wednesday mornings at 10.30.

Feb 25 - The true costs of renewables. *Prof Anthony Trewavas*, Molecular Plant Science, Univ Edinburgh

Mar 4 – Evolving: the Constitutional outcome of the Smith Commission for Scotland and the rest of the UK. *Prof Paul Cairney*, History & Politics, Univ Stirling

Mar 11 – Why is there a conspiracy to silence charities? *Martin Sime*, Chief Exec, Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

Mar 18 – The Kurds in Turkey: integration and other challenges. *Ceren Şengül*, Dept Sociology, Univ Edinburgh

Mar 25 – Looking Forward: N.H.S. Lothian: people, priorities and plans. *Shulah Allan*, Vice-Chair, Board of NHS Lothian

morningsidejandp.org

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to neilturn@gmail.com. The usual deadline of the 2nd last Sunday of each month.

You can read this and more interesting things at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Ben**, who will be 10 on March 18th, and **Esme**, who will be 13 on the 22nd.



ON THE WEB

Our **Facebook Page** of the month is [EngledowArtPhotography](https://www.facebook.com/EngledowArtPhotography) (196,374 likes).



“Pressing matters”

Dave Engledow's series of exquisitely composed, usually calamitous photos featuring Alice Bee span her three first years. Supplement to his PVG scheme membership application we think.



Also at fotoblur.com/people/engledow

Quaker relevance: 30%.