



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 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: 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, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

More meetings are listed in Sesame, or see quakerscotland.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In July is for **Compassion in World Farming**. David Turner will speak to this. live1.ciwf.org.uk/about-us

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Children will be joining Central friends for all-age worship at Victoria Terrace on **Sun Jul 10**, and you would be welcome too.

Death café A drop-in event **Sun Jul 17**, 11-1, about those forms and funeral arrangements. Coffee with Friends and an undertaker, Tide Café, Portobello Prom /Kings Rd junction. A chance to discuss your death wishes. Described as one-off, but could catch on.

Our local Meeting for Business originally scheduled for Jul 17 was brought forward to June.

Area Meeting will be held at Tweeddale on **Sat 23 Jul** starting at 2pm. (see foot of p2)

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

Singing Group 1st Tuesdays, 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. July, Elena Ferrante's *My Brilliant Friend*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Study with dandelions

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Minutes from Local Meeting for Business, Sun 15 May

1. Opening Worship

There were around 10 members and attenders present. We heard a reading from Quaker Faith and Practice.

2. Local Meeting Finances

Martin Burnell has provided us with an update on how we have gathered and shared out funds over the past year. Altogether our income in calendar year 2015 was £11,533 and our direct expenditure was £9,393 meaning we had a surplus of £2,140.

Altogether we donated through the Sunday collections £1,580 for Local Meeting and £2,517 for Special Collections.

We heard that we have a little over £8,700 in the bank and decided to transfer funds to SE Scotland Area Meeting for possible onward transmission for central Quaker work managed by Britain Yearly Meeting.

We thanked Martin for his very clear accounts and noted his wish to lay down his Treasurer role after completing the 2016 Accounts. This post will this shortly be available for another to serve.

3. Special Roles people contribute to Local Meeting

We reflected on all the special roles people play (list provided in recent Newsletter) and acknowledged the considerable input made to our local meeting.

We considered if we knew someone who has an interest in our library?

We heard that Mairi McCormack had offered to lead on this and agreed to this.

We enquired if anyone might share with Alison Burnley the welcoming of newcomers / all comers at the front door before meeting? Vacancy noted.

4. Other ideas for Meetings for Learning:

We heard about the offer from David Somervell to lead a session on our changing climate / The Paris Agreement / what we can do? and asked him to fix a date.

Thoughts about Environmental Sustainability might be led by Eoin?

5. Who does what in our Area Meeting [list circulated]

We noted the many different roles played by Friends and Attenders in South East Scotland Quaker Meetings and thanked all who serve.

Our next meeting had been due to occur in July but as many were away that month it was agreed to meet again on 26 June.

STIR report on possible changes for our Area Meeting

The full report was published on 9 pages of the June issue of Sesame, the journal of South East Scotland Area Meeting. The group recommends halving the frequency of Area Meeting, to 4 meetings per year. It would like meetings to be less businessy and more community and family-friendly. A review of the informal and formal ways that we communicate is suggested.

At Area Meeting in Kelso in June a modified implementation was proposed, with 4 Saturday meetings outside Edinburgh in the current pattern, plus three evening meetings in Edinburgh lasting 1.5 - 2h. Some further discussion will take place at AM at Tweeddale on Sat 23 July.

More info from SESAME or on the pages at quakerscotland.org/south-east

During the Festival (events Aug 6-29th), Edinburgh Central Meeting House in Victoria Terrace becomes **Venue 40**. It provides an exceptional opportunity for quiet outreach, and income supports Quaker and other charities.

Our Festival Tea Room specialises in cakes and other baked produce, and your contributions will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help, please join us on a Baking Day - please let us know what you'd like to bake (and email a recipe if possible) so we can get supplies in and make sure we have a varied selection. No cream please (it's difficult to freeze and store), and gluten-free and dairy-free options are welcomed.

We'll be baking after Midweek Meeting on **Wednesdays in July** (6, 13, 20 and 27) starting approximately 1.30pm, and other dates are possible by arrangement. Please sign up in the Library, or drop us an email. So why not come along and help us stock up the freezer - all levels of experience welcome, we can learn from each other!

Other opportunities to get involved at Venue 40:

- We will have a team of volunteers from all over the country and beyond helping us run the venue, but we would also warmly welcome local Friends to help with tasks such as operating the tea-room till
- helping to serve the volunteers' evening meal
- and helping to host some additional concerts on the evenings of 6, 28 and 29 August.

Sign-up sheets will be up in the Library during July. Nearer the time, contributions of flowers for tea-room tables, or herbs/fruit/veg for cooking, would be greatly appreciated. There are lots of ways for you to be a part of our Festival community, and we hope you'll join us this year. Many thanks in anticipation.

Sue Proudlove & Tony Wilkes, Meeting House managers

Rachel Frith reports that she has had a good response to her request for accommodation for volunteers, but she is seeking a few more in case of emergencies.

What's on at Venue 40 – see www.venue40.org.uk

Edinburgh Quaker B&B Scheme for travelling friends

The Edinburgh Quaker B&B Scheme runs all year round, *except* during the Festival, when accommodation is needed for Venue 40 volunteers. It is for Friends travelling just anywhere, rather than on Quaker business.

The scheme was originally started to help raise funds for the purchase and conversion of Victoria Terrace Meeting House. It now helps fund whatever repairs or building projects are needed throughout the Area Meeting. We now need to recruit more volunteer hosts. Several of our hosts have been with the scheme from its beginning, and they keep wanting to retire!

If you can offer a spare bedroom and a light breakfast, and enjoy meeting other Quakers, do please consider becoming a B&B Host. Guests are asked for a specified donation, which is currently £30 per couple/£18 single per night.

All our guests are Quakers or Quaker-connected, and you are never under any pressure to take in guests more often than is comfortable for you. For more information, contact the Co-ordinator Judith Benton, judith.benton@which.net, 0131 441 6080

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Sylvia would like to thank everyone who so generously sponsored her for an amazing £255 on the walk for Freedom From Torture on May 21st. She did manage to complete the walk .. just .. and enjoyed it too!

Wiston Weekend is 9-11 Sep. Contact Jessica Paterson (Polmont Meeting). Form and details have been previously circulated, or at Meeting.

General Meeting are holding a **Family Weekend** at Pitlochry Youth Hostel, Fri-Sun **14-16 Oct.** Contact Madeleine Harding, 554 6794, madinleith@gmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Kenneth** who will be 9 on the 21st.



What to go to in the Festival

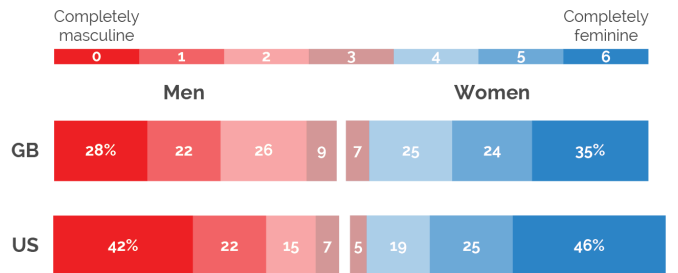
Further recommendations welcome

This Evil Thing – Michael Mears. A well-reviewed play about conscientious objectors in WW1. New Town Theatre (Venue 7), 96 George St. Aug 4-28 (except 16, 23). 12 noon. *Deirdre Armstrong*

ESSENTIAL INTERNETS

British masculinity is a fraction of America's

British and American people were asked to place themselves on a scale of masculinity / femininity, where 0 is completely masculine and 6 is completely feminine



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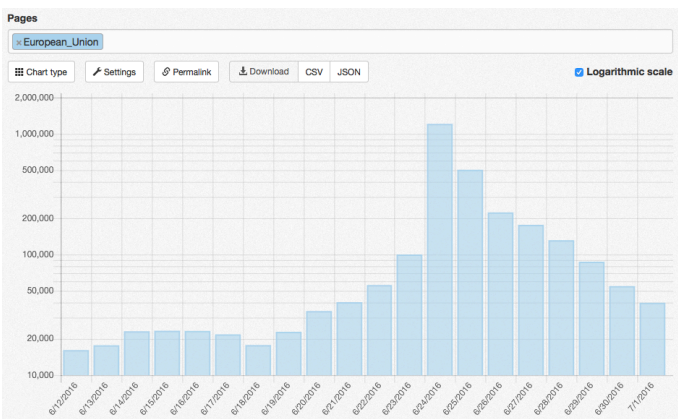
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Our **Facebook page of the month** is **YouGov** (179,014 likes). Lots of fascinating Qs, such as this one, many of them not political.

Quaker relevance: 33%.

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is **The European Union**. It received more than one million page views on June 24th.

Quaker relevance: 42%



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