



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 2023



Grange Road elephant

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings **every Sunday 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, or remotely by Zoom (hybrid, except on the fourth Sunday of each month).

Garden and other options will be added some weeks – see *late changes and notices sent by weekly email*. Join the email list via <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

On the **First Thursday of each month** we meet for **30 min at 7.30 pm** by Zoom, followed by chat.

Other local meetings

Central Edinburgh and Portobello-Musselburgh are closest. Times are listed in SESAME, but for full info and a map, see <https://quakerscotland.org>

Several South Edinburgh Friends also attend Central Edinburgh's **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee are available, and you can bring a packed lunch.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in July is for **Quaker Bolivia Link**, which since 1995 funds clean water supplies, improved food security, and other actions to promote health in collaboration with villagers in impoverished high-altitude regions of the Andes. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this in late July. <https://qbl.org> – donate button top R. Richly illustrated newsletter downloadable from there.

QUAKER EVENTS

Area Meeting will be held on **Sat 1 July** at the Bleaching Field Centre, Countess Crescent, Dunbar EH42 1DX, from 11.30 (refreshments from 11). Details in emails. This is the rescheduled AM originally for 24 Jun.

No Princes St Gardens or Faslane meetings in July or August.

Evening Meeting by Zoom on first Thursdays at 7.30pm, so **Thur 6 July**.

South Edin summer garden party – on **Sat July 29**, 2.30-5.30, at Neil and Helen's house – 5 mins south from Open Door. Details at meeting and in emails.

South East Scotland Quakers annual **Wiston weekend** is now confirmed for Fri-Sun **8-10 Sep**. Details and booking at <https://bit.ly/46dnl7w> Deadline 6 Aug, but by 7 July preferred.

From Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central:

Coffee at Rachel's house, generally on first and third Thursdays from 10.15 am. Please contact Rachel in advance to confirm numbers.

Singing group *probably not meeting in July. Not meeting in August.*

Book Group – usually 4th Sundays at 12.15 after Central MfW. July: title tbc.



High Street unicorn

All ages under the sun



Left: Children and Young people's gathering on the Meadows on 18 June. From all parts of Edinburgh and from Polmont, East Lothian, Fife and Glasgow. Games and good meet ups for some young people who had been at Shindig Summer Gathering, and for some who are thinking about it for next year. Some had met at the Pitlochry Family Weekend.

Right: Links picnic for more local and more senior Friends, after meeting on 4 June.

Jacob joined the children's gathering after a football match. His pink strip was also on display at after he was given a Hearts calendar signed by all the players, at a visit to Sick Kids before Christmas.



Deirdre Armstrong sends this ministry, spoken while the Open Door was inadvertently muted at Meeting on Sun 21 May. It was written by a non-Quaker friend's 10 year old granddaughter:

Whether you live in a stable and unaffected country or whether you live in one that is not so safe, war still happens.

Whether it is a big war or a small one it is still a horrible thing. And it is also very unnecessary if two people or countries don't agree on something then there are so many things you can do instead of war.

War has got to stop because firstly, it is teaching the wrong message! That fighting is the way to sort your problems out. When kids are experiencing war That is what they are taught and we all know that is not true.

Next, families are separated from their children. Not only would it be horrible to be separated from your family during an unsafe time but also having to sleep not knowing if your parents are safe.

And lastly, it forces people to do things that they don't want to like soldiers are forced to kill people when they might really not want to, lastly it is horrible for the earth! It is damaging buildings and killing animals but we'll get to that later

NEWS

7 Victoria Terrace is Fringe Central this year

The Fringe is renting the premises throughout August to use as the Fringe Hub. So no 'Venue 40' this year. It will remain available for Quaker meetings on Wednesday and Sunday. Fringe staff will run it at other times.

Thinking about membership? Please do! In-person in Falkirk on **Sat 23 Sep**. Further details and booking by contacting Mariot Dallas, dallasfalkirk@btinternet.com or 01324 639245.



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