



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

August 2018



Getting ready, George Sq 2018

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

Central Edinburgh on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at 9.30 am in addition to main meeting at 11.00. Victoria Terrace.

Plus daily during the Festival, Aug 6-27. Mon-Sat, 11 am for about 30 mins.

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 7.30-8 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 August is for **Edinburgh Direct Aid**, which delivers aid to people in desperate need in far-away places. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. edinburghdirectaid.org

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

We're all at the Festival in August, or having none of it. Please check anything you think is due. The **Drop-in group** is on vacation until October. **Singing group** and **Book group** resume in September.

Annie Miller will be holding an informal **garden party** at her home in Morningside, **Sat 4 Aug**, 2-5pm, all Friends welcome.

VENUE 40



Victoria Terrace Meeting House hosts Venue 40.

Some events were listed in July, full programme at <http://venue40.org.uk/programme> We didn't mention the Luath Press sessions 20-24th though. Tickets from <https://tickets.edfringe.com> or on site from Aug 6th. Ben Reade and Ian Wilson will be providing classy vegetarian food at the cafe again.

Book launch: Our Friend **Marjorie Farquharson's Moscow Diaries** will be launched at the Amnesty bookshop in Marchmont on **Wed 22 Aug**. Details on back page.



Another book launch, George Square 1960: burning a copy of *Lady Chatterley's Lover* outside Jim Haynes bookshop. The rhino head is remembered on the Informatics building that stands there now. <http://bit.ly/2Ks9i7Y>

More Events and News on the Back Page

People at work (iii)

The Mauritania trans-Saharan railway transports iron ore in some of the longest trains in the world, plus a scattering of human travellers plying their lives and trades <http://bit.ly/2IQHKne>



Photos also illustrate current colour of grass in parts of the UK.

What we do with our data

The GDPR is with us. This update to our April message amounts to a short privacy notice, and points to further information.

We have always been thoughtful about issues around confidentiality and privacy, so the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) doesn't change much for us. It stresses that we should make it clear what data we hold, and why, and that we need active permission to keep non-essential details, or pass anything on.

We keep contact details of members, and attenders who have opted in to this, in our Local and Area Meetings and with General Meeting for Scotland. We don't pass details on to any other organisations, and we ask your permission before we publish them in our Book of Members.

We have to contact each other in order to function as a Society. So if you've given us your address, phone number, email, etc, we don't need additional consent to use them for core activities, but you can change your preferences about how we contact you at any time.

You can ask for your name to be removed from our records, and so far as we are able, we will do that. We are obliged to keep some of our records for varying time periods by law. Some non-sensitive records (minutes of our business meetings, for example) may be kept indefinitely as they are deemed historical. There is more information about these and some other intricacies, including a bold attempt to list all our lists, in General Meeting's longer document on data privacy, available from <http://quakerscotland.org/general-meeting>

Email: We have two email lists, one for sending round occasional short-notice news and another for the newsletter. You can choose whether to receive messages via either or both. We put a more detailed message about this in our newsletter annually in January, but there is a line about making changes to these lists in the email that delivers each issue of this monthly newsletter, and in occasional messages from the 'listserv' system.

Neil Turner and David Somervell

An old Quaker said?

A London doctor voices the opinion that in 100 years from now there will be more lunatics than sane people. As the old Quaker said, "Everyone is queer except thee and me and sometimes I think there is something queer about thee."

The Salina Evening Journal, Kansas, August 8, 1912

Rather than an old Quaker, this quote is attributed to Robert Owen (1771-1858), the Welsh 'Utopian socialist' who built his model factory at New Lanark. He wasn't a Quaker, though one of his co-investors was, but many of his priorities seem shared with Quaker industrialists of the era. These included better treatment of workers, education, even an 8 hour working day.

More on Owen's remarkable history on **this month's Wikipedia page**, [Robert Owen](#) (490 visits per day). In 1817 Owen declared that all religions were false, but in 1854, when 83, he adopted Spiritualism.

Quaker relevance 52%



If a Quaker wears it, it's a Quaker hat

After Joe Dator

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Posthumous launch of **Marjorie Farquharson's Moscow Diary**, on **Wed 22 Aug**, 6-8pm, Amnesty Bookshop, 12 Roseneath St, Marchmont, EH9 1JH. Marjorie set up Amnesty International's first Information Office in Moscow in 1991. Her colleagues Ian Martin and Nicola Duckworth will talk about Marjorie and Amnesty's work in Russia. No charge, donations welcome, booking essential: 0131 560 1486 or info@scotlandrussiaforum.org

Victoria Terrace meeting house is participating again in **Open Doors Day, Sun 29 Sep**. There will be lots of other exciting buildings to see then too: <http://cockburnassociation.org.uk/edinburgh-doors-open-day> – click on 'What to do in Edinburgh' for a tempting checklist of 86 buildings that have participated in the past.

Woodbrooke Courses The catalogue of Woodbrooke Courses is out, find it at meeting or <http://oodbrooke.org.uk/learning> In addition to courses on Quakerism (spiritual aspects, historical, and for those holding or considering specific roles), on other topics from TS Eliot to storytelling. An increasing number are offered online, too.

Positions vacant – can you help?

Three important and useful roles – please think whether it could be you, and ask for more information. Expressions of interest to David Somervell, or someone who knows!

Representative on the Open Door's Management Board – they would like to have one of us join them. Could it be you?

Opening up each Sunday in time for meeting

MSP Liaison – with our MSP Daniel Johnston. We have had very useful MP/MSP meetings and hope to continue them.

This newsletter is published on the last Sunday of each month, most of the time. Your palinodes, parables, and prose (but especially palinodes) sought by neilturn@gmail.com

This edition, plus archives and more, available from quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

Happy Birthday

There aren't any. Instead



Instead of Meeting: in the Hermitage while we were hosting AM in June, with the theme Peacemaking.

Definitely Quakerly online



A half-hour **live recording of a Meeting for Worship** in Nottingham is Episode 4 of an impressive series of **Young Quaker podcasts** each on different topics (#1 Beginnings; #3 Young Quakers and witness; #7 What makes a quaker a quaker). It's mostly silence, with rustling and noses, but rather wonderful.

All at <https://youngquakerpodcast.libsyn.com>

The image appears in Craig Barnett's interesting blog at <http://transitionquaker.blogspot.com> – but is from Hobart, Tasmania.

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