



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2014



Wauchope Mausoleum on Edinburgh's Open Doors day. All that's left of Niddrie Marischal House.

### 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun** at **10.30 am** at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

**At Barony St: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (junction with Albany Lane). More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

**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 October is for **Prisoners Abroad** which looks after the welfare of British prisoners held in foreign prisons. Sylvia Massey will speak to this. [www.prisonersabroad.org.uk](http://www.prisonersabroad.org.uk)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**Local Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

**Area Meeting** will be held at Polmont on **Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**, 11am – 5pm.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

**Singing Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith, who also offers lifts for Penicuik Vault Singers on Sunday afternoons. [www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults](http://www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults)

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays

**Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group** meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group** third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Oct: not sure! Qs to Rachel Frith.

**Quaker Art Group** – outdoor painting and sketching around Edinburgh and beyond during the Summer. Contact John Fox by phone or at [foxarch@btinternet.com](mailto:foxarch@btinternet.com).



Memorial to The Great Lafayette, a famous illusionist killed in a theatre fire in 1911 at the Empire Palace, predecessor to the Festival Theatre, and his dog Beauty, in Piershill Cemetery. In front is a memorial to infants historically buried in unmarked graves.

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## OUR LIBRARY – New books and more

Our library now has some new books to tempt you!

I was very fortunate to be at Yearly Meeting Gathering in Bath this August where I heard the Swarthmore lecture by Ben Pink Dandelion - it was very interesting to hear some of the many diverse and strong feelings his lecture aroused. The book of the lecture, *Open for Transformation* is now in our library.

Also new:

*From Christian to Quaker* by Tony Philpot (a publication of the Universalist Friends Group)

*New Light* - 12 Quaker Voices ed Jennifer Kavanagh

*Being a Quaker* - a guide for newcomers by Geoffrey Durham

*A Speaking Silence* - Quaker poets of today ed RV Bailey and Stevie Krayner

I do hope these will be of interest to many Friends. Please let me know if there is a particular book or theme you would like to see in our library.

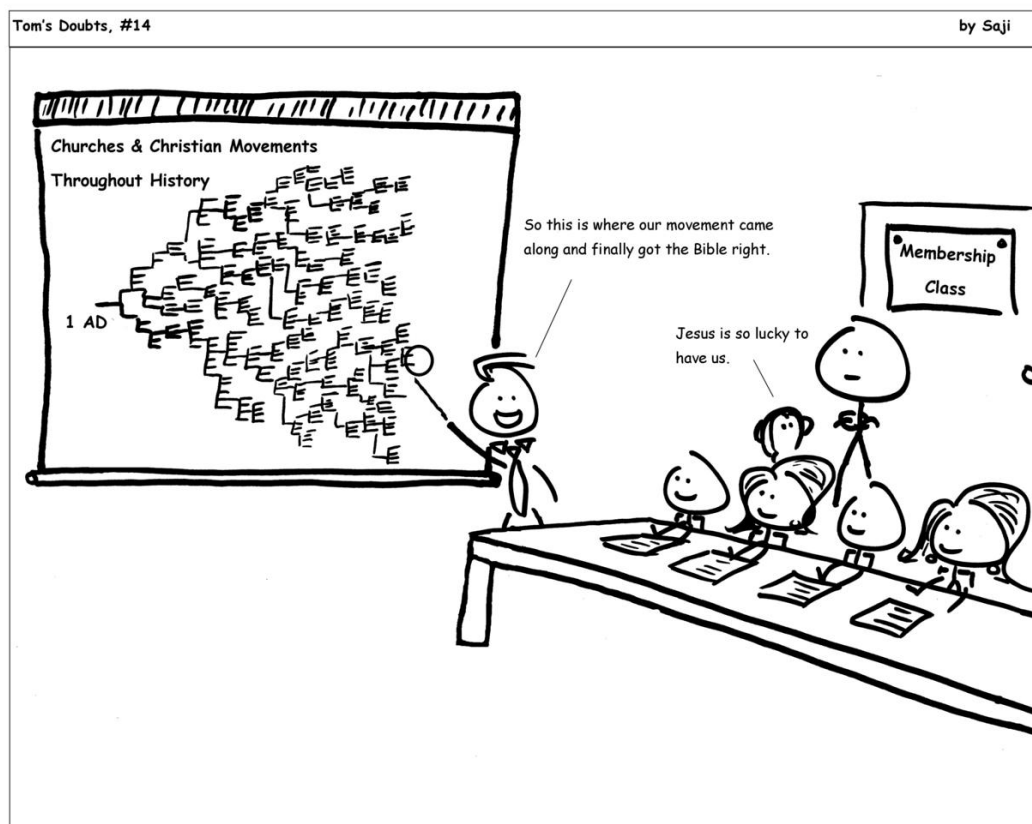
Nicola Read and I are aiming to display some of the books from the library at least once a month but you can borrow them any time - just leave a note of who you are and what you have borrowed. There is also a vast Quakerly library at Victoria Terrace which is for the benefit of all the local meetings

Online access is easy - if you want to see what is available within South Edinburgh and Victoria Terrace libraries you can simply go to [www.quakerbib.org.uk](http://www.quakerbib.org.uk) and browse there.

Kerry Oliver

## FOR ALL AGES

### Christian sects i



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## Morningside Justice and Peace Group

**Autumn 2014** Wednesdays 10.30 – 11.30 at the Open Door.

Oct 1	What now – Reading the runes of the Scottish referendum	Paddy Bort, Lecturer in Politics, Univ Edinburgh
Oct 8	Human trafficking in Scotland	Graham O'Neill, Scottish Refugee Council
Oct 15	Problem solving courts – what are they?	Lynn Jolly, Cornerstone
Oct 22	Romania and Scotland – recent history and current priorities	Graham Carnie, Rep for Romania in the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce
Oct 29	Amnesty International – and ongoing movement	Jim Moffat, Secretary for South Edinburgh Amnesty group
Nov 5	What's happening to our weather	Local group members
Nov 12	Prison: a 19 <sup>th</sup> century problem for a 21 <sup>st</sup> century problem?	Prof Andrew Coyle, President of Howard League in Scotland
Nov 19	Royal Edinburgh Hospital redevelopment plans	Andrew Milne, project director
Nov 26	Tbc	
Dec 3	Russia today	Alexandra Smith, Reader in Russian studies, Univ Edinburgh

### Christian Sects ii

*(Parental advisory: black humour)*

Once I saw this guy on a bridge about to jump. I said, "Don't do it!" He said, "Nobody loves me." I said, "God loves you. Do you believe in God?"

He said, "Yes." I said, "Are you a Christian or a Jew?" He said, "A Christian." I said, "Me, too! Protestant or Catholic?" He said, "Protestant." I said, "Me, too! What franchise?" He said, "Baptist." I said, "Me, too! Northern Baptist or Southern Baptist?" He said, "Northern Baptist." I said, "Me, too! Northern Conservative Baptist or Northern Liberal Baptist?"

He said, "Northern Conservative Baptist." I said, "Me, too! Northern Conservative Baptist Great Lakes Region, or Northern Conservative Baptist Eastern Region?" He said, "Northern Conservative Baptist Great Lakes Region." I said, "Me, too!"

Northern Conservative Baptist Great Lakes Region Council of 1879, or Northern Conservative Baptist Great Lakes Region Council of 1912?" He said, "Northern Conservative Baptist Great Lakes Region Council of 1912." I said, "Die, heretic!" And I pushed him over.

*Emo Phillips*

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

The **Edinburgh World Justice Festival** is hosting a meeting on **Scotland's Place in a World of Climate Change and Competition for Natural Resources** on **Sat 4th Oct** in Appleton Tower EH8 9LE. More events in the series from 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, see [www.ewjf.org.uk](http://www.ewjf.org.uk)

**Young adult friends gathering** – Nottingham, **17-19 Oct.** [yfgm.quaker.org.uk](mailto:yfgm.quaker.org.uk) or email [yfgm@quaker.org.uk](mailto:yfgm@quaker.org.uk)

*Not enough quaker news here ... see below!*

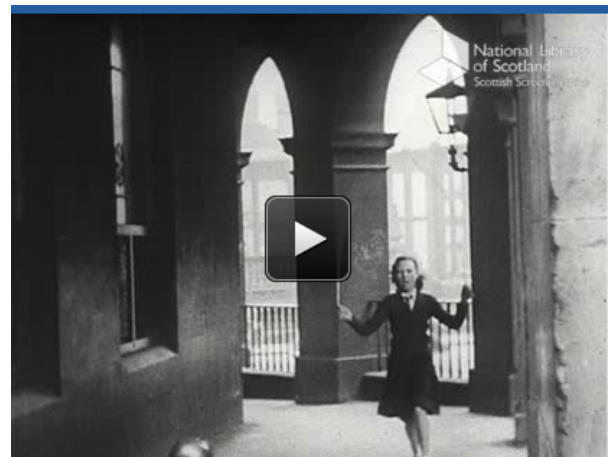
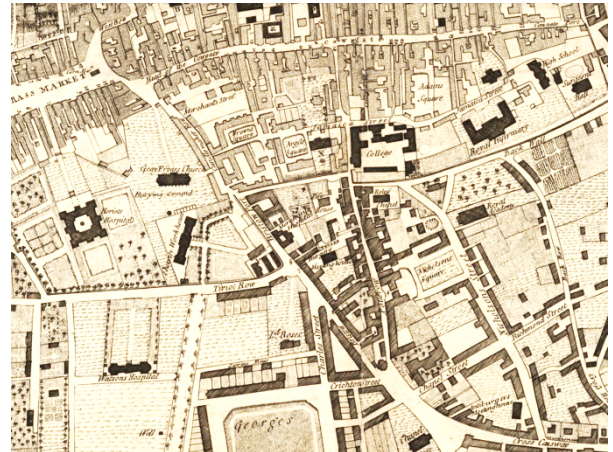
*The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see, for instance to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com).*

*The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday, or thereabouts.*

Read this and more at  
[quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)

## UNMISSABLE INTERNETS

Our **Facebook page of the month** is **National Library of Scotland** (11,640 likes), at whose own website [maps.nls.uk](http://maps.nls.uk) you can look at a fantastic array of historic maps online. This is a snap from a 1780 map on which the New Town is future outlines, University buildings limited to Old College, the Royal Infirmary an even older one.



Part of the NLS collection is the **Scottish Screen Archive**. Try *The Singing Street* which shows childrens' street games and songs in the quiet streets of Edinburgh in 1950 [ssa.nls.uk/film/0799](http://ssa.nls.uk/film/0799)

The songs were collected by science teacher James Ritchie from Norton Park School, where the film was made. Folk song collector Alan Lomax recorded many of the songs as well as some lovely fragments of interviews that you can get on the CD *Singing in the Streets* at the Museum of Childhood.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Singing\\_Street](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Singing_Street)

Lots more to watch at [ssa.nls.uk](http://ssa.nls.uk), or [youtube.com/user/NlofScotland](https://www.youtube.com/user/NlofScotland) is another way in.