



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2015



Blue plaque for Prof John Barlow, Quaker and pioneer of vet science (1815-56)

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: 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 (note **changed location on 2nd and 4th Sundays**). 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, Bellevue Cresc. More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In October is for the Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship. Mairi McCormack will speak to this. qlgf.org.uk

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Imagine our world in 2040 Edinburgh Central Meeting, Victoria Terrace, **Mon 5th Oct** 5.30-7.30 pm, further details on back page.

Local Meeting for Business: after meeting on **Sun 18th Oct.**

Area Meeting will be held on **Sat 24th Oct** at Central Edinburgh, from 11 am.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

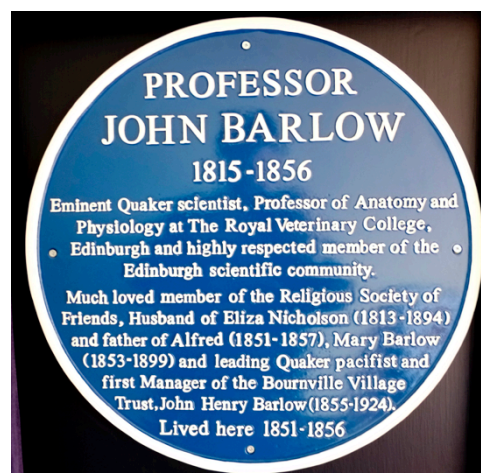
The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

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 meets on 4th Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Oct: *Elizabeth is missing*, Emma Healey. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Rufus Reade

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Wiston 2015



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Getting to know each other better: Wiston Lodge September 2015

Some of us went on a wonderful weekend at Wiston Lodge 4-6 Sep 2015 with a mixed age group from South Edinburgh, Portobello/Musselburgh, Polmont Meetings and a family from Central Edinburgh Meeting.

We did lots of different things (none of us did all of it!) – played fantastic games to settle us in, had fun at a campfire, told stories, had quiet times and chat, did a clay workshop with Susie, a Transformational Writing workshop with Anna, canoeing and watercraft, archery, a walk with Huw, discussed trying to help refugees... And we got together to eat, have All Age Worship and take part in a ceilidh.

‘Watersports was awesome – Paul was a great instructor who came up with really fun games’ *Kenneth*

‘I loved it when mummy was reading me stories in our room and when all the children stayed in our room – just for 2 nights though ...’ *Jacob*

‘When we did the clay we made someone else’s animal who was at our table - mine was Margaret’s animal – a rabbit (the animals were first part of our introductory games). I always want to call her Alison but I know now – she’s the one with nice patterned clothes’ *Kenneth*

It sounds packed but everyone picked what they wanted and the lovely weather meant we could be outside in the sun and just relax if that was our need! Both children and adults were able to get to know people in a different way both from other meetings and their own. It was enjoyed by families with children and single people alike, both older and younger.

At the end of the weekend people were very keen to carry on the annual event (especially the children! Kenneth and Jacob gave it 10 out of 10). South Edinburgh Meeting passed on the organisation of the weekend to the other meetings after doing it for many years, promising to provide advice and the benefits of experience where needed.

Deirdre Armstrong

From the children at Wiston



By Zella, Jacob, and Kenneth

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Join Friends to imagine our world in 25 years time.
Edinburgh Central Meeting, Victoria Terrace, **Mon 5th Oct** 5.30-7.30 pm

- Around tables with an informal meal we'll share our enduring concerns with participants' contributions.
- Quaker concerns include Peace, Justice & Equality, Truth & Integrity, Simplicity & Sustainability.
- We hope what will emerge is a shared idea of what each of us can do now to realise our emerging vision.

Part of Edinburgh World Justice Festival 2-11 Oct

Please book at qsrg-ewjf.eventbrite.co.uk or speak to David Somervell.

What we're poking around in

The Clydebank Museum, in the old Town Hall, is home to memories of the Singer works, shipbuilding history, some lovely art and a nice tiny café.

Your 30 word reviews welcome

You can read this, past issues and more at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh – where there is a slightly changed format; latest newsletter now in a panel on the right, with link to several years' past issues beneath.

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to neilturn@gmail.com. Not on the list to get it? Same address. Deadline the Sunday before.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

None in October but Nov's a bumper month

[no cake]

ON THE WEB



Our **Facebook Page of the month** is **Vintage Singer Sewing Machines of Montmartre, Saskatchewan** (1,320 Likes). The best of several VSSM pages.

Quaker relevance: 42%

Our **Wikipedia Page of the month** (bold experiment) is the **Edinburgh-Dalkeith Railway** (17 views per day*). Especially the Innocent Railway part of it, opened in 1831, so less than 10 years after the opening of the Union Canal (1822). Canal building took off in a big way in the 1790s; the Forth-Clyde Canal opened in 1790. Stephenson's Rocket ran in just 1829, and railways soon became dominant.

On the Edinburgh-Dalkeith line at first horse-drawn wagons carried coal, but a static steam engine seems to have pulled wagons up the incline into Edinburgh city. Steam locomotives were introduced in the late 1840s.

Quaker relevance: 10-20% (Innocent, but carried coal).

* Wikipedia page stats: stats.grok.se gives a view of dumps.wikimedia.org/other/pagecounts-raw