



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2019



MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

South Edinburgh: 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.

Portobello: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP. With children's meeting. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 also at Bellfield.

Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

Kings Buildings: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 1-1.30. UoE Common Room, Muslim prayer rooms, opp. Weir Building. sarah.martin@ed.ac.uk

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In January is for **Garvald**, which offers creative opportunities and support for people with learning disabilities. www.garvaldedinburgh.org.uk Esther Shreeve will speak to this.

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 13 Jan**.

Area Meeting will be held at Victoria Terrace Meeting House on **Mon 28 Jan**, 7-9 pm. Note that this year, these evening meetings are on a different day each time they meet.

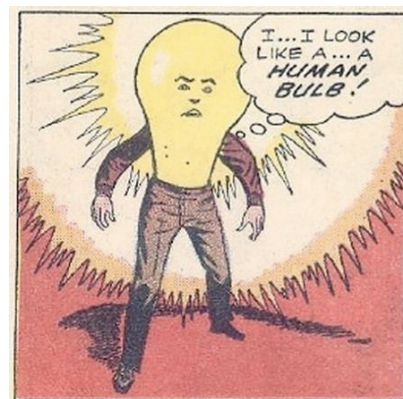
See dates for the whole year on page 2.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, including Jan.

Singing group will resume in **February**. It meets at Victoria Terrace on first Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after meeting on **Sun 20 Jan** (instead of the usual 4th Sunday) will discuss Jo Bates' novel *A Country Road, a Tree* about Samuel Becket's wartime experiences in France. Her previous novel *Longbourn* was *Pride and Prejudice* from the servants' point of view.



The light within leaks out.

From DC Comics House of Mystery #117, 1961, "The Three Who Changed", George Roussos.

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SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2019

Dates and details may change – please check later dates near the time

2019	Local Meeting (us. 3rd Sun)	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan	13 January	Mon 28 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
Feb			
Mar	3 March	Sat 23 (Central Fife) am + pm	Sat 9th GM – West (Glasgow) Sun 24 Meeting at Faslane (see info below)
April	28 April		Sun 14 Faslane
May		Tue 14 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sun 19 Faslane Fri 24 – Mon 27 Britain Yearly Meeting (Friends House London)
June	9 June	Sat 22 (Kelso) am + pm	Sat 8 th GM – South East Sun 16 Faslane
July			
Aug	25 August		
Sep		Wed 4 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sat 14 th GM – North
Oct	27 October		
Nov		Sat 9 (Portobello) am + pm	Sun 10 Faslane 16 th GM – East
Dec			

Local Meeting for business: Follows our Sunday morning meeting five times a year. Recently we have preceded it with a short shared lunch, and been finished before 2pm.

Meetings for Witness at the North Gate, Faslane: Faslane is about a 2 hour drive from Edinburgh. We aim to meet there at 11am. Please come with something to sit on, something that deals with the weather – from rain to midges – and something to eat before the journey home. Contact Alison Burnley.

Other things around the UK

LIST: www.quaker.org.uk/events has an excellent list. You can filter it to show type of event and who it's suitable for (young, old, workshops, conferences)

Woodbrooke Learning 2019 – the catalogue itself is fascinating. There's a copy at Meeting, or at <http://bit.ly/2GjYLu5> (there's a small prize for getting the list from www.woodbrooke.org.uk – it's not obvious). From TS Eliot to Being a Quaker Parent (you can bring children, but maybe don't have to?). Regrettably, *A Gathering of Fools* is exclusively for those who have already been on a beginners' fool course.

Courses at Swarthmore Hall usually look good too, www.swarthmorehall.co.uk (not yet showing 2019).

Hearing from us by email

Through **South Edinburgh Announcements** you can receive emails from South Edinburgh Quakers. This is used for short-notice news, and information about interesting events. To join this list, go to our webpage at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh and click on the link to the South Edinburgh Announcements mailing list. There you can enter your details, and someone will approve behind the scenes. We have to do this as otherwise the list accumulates advertisers and people we don't really know. You can unsubscribe there too.

The email list for the **newsletter** is broader, contact neilturn@gmail.com about that.

The screenshot shows the 'Quakers in Scotland' website. The main heading is 'South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting'. Below it, there is a section for 'Meeting for Witness: The Open Door: 400 Morningside Road, Edinburgh EH10 5HT'. A sub-section titled 'Meeting for Worship: Sundays at 10.30 a.m. Children welcome' offers a warm welcome to anyone who would like to join us for worship on a Sunday morning. There is also a section for 'The Open Door' which is a friendly space at the top of Morningside Road, just opposite Morningside dock. At the bottom right, there is a 'Newsletter' sign-up form for the period from April 2019 to December 2019.

South Edinburgh Meeting for Business, 28 October 2018

1. Opening Worship – We heard from Quaker Faith and Practice 20.20 – Harvey Gilman on how being a Quaker is an openness to the world in the here and now with the whole of the self. We were 7 gathered – family visits and a sunny afternoon prevented others joining us.

2. Minutes of our meeting held 26 August 2018 – Matters Arising:

Ian Murray MP has written to Foreign Office following our meeting with him about UK complicity in torture: Detainee Mistreatment & Rendition 2001-10

We heard positive feedback from the *Quakers for Peace* banner displayed in Open Door window during Quaker Week 1-7 October – a Peace Poppy had been requested.

3. Local Meeting Matters – We began considering the Spiritual Life in the Meeting but decided this best be done in a Meeting for Learning. Other ideas for Meetings for Learning were considered:

- Exploring our Spiritual Life through readings from Quaker Faith and Practice
- Bringing the History of the Society into the Present Day
- What is Sanctuary Everywhere / How can we contribute?
- Advices and Queries unpacked
- Promoting our Equalities Testimony.

We invite expressions of interest from ideally two people to explore one or more of these ideas – to be shared with the Clerk or convener of Elders & Overseers.

We reviewed the list of Special Roles in our Meeting and these are appended. Some opportunities for service available:

- We still seek a Quaker representative as a trustee of The Open Door
- One or two places on the Opening Up rota. Anyone else? [It's not hard!]
- We invite one or two friends to coordinate the next few Meetings for Learning.

7. Any other business – We considered how those friends not presently able to come to meeting were faring and upheld them all.

8. Date of Next Meetings: We plan to hold Local Meetings 13 January, 3 March, 28 April, 9 June, 25 August and 27 October after Meeting for Worship on Sundays

Our Feb issue will include a list of those holding special roles, which was appended.

What we do with data

We followed the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for many years before it came into legal force in 2018. GDPR 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. This is your reminder, and our Privacy Notice, which we intend to republish each year. The information about emails on p2 is relevant too.

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>

MORE NEWS AND DATES

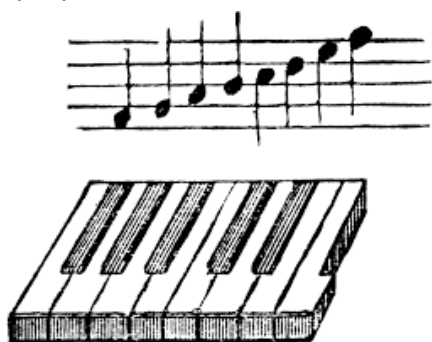
David Somervell thanks everyone for their donations totalling over £800 to his **Social Bite Sleep in the Park** appeal.

Week of Christian Unity – there will be an Ecumenical Evening Service at St Mary's Cathedral on **Mon Jan 21st** at 7.30 pm, followed by a reception. More about the week (which is in fact an Octave*, lasting 8 days) at <http://bit.ly/2QA4aRy>

World day of prayer – preparations at Church of Scotland Office, 121 George St, 10.30 am on Fridays **Jan 11, Feb 15 and 22**. Actual World Day of Prayer is **Sun March 1st**, when it is to be found at a church near you.

Experiment in International Living – EIL UK is a UK charity that is looking for families to host international High School or University students for a weekend or short stays. Contribution to costs offered. More info at <http://eiluk.org> or from Worcester (Bewdlay Meeting) Friend mary.griffiths@eiluk.org.uk 01684 562 577, who wrote to us.

* Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is **Octave: disambiguation** (21 visits per day). 13 different usages of the word are identified, plus it lists 2 computer programmes, 2 pieces of music, and 25 notable people called Octave.



Disambiguation pages: an underappreciated Wikipedia highlight. Their policy is at [Wikipedia: disambiguation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Disambiguation) (342 visits per day).

What we're watching

30 word review



Me and My Moulton Perceptive, poignant 13 mins: 7-year-old girl asks her hopelessly out-of-touch parents for a bicycle, but their unconventional ways prove to be a source of embarrassment and anxiety. £1.99 on iTunes. Trailer at https://youtu.be/5Xw_tH_sSVU

Quaker relevance: 76%, we fear

Don't forget to send your 30 word review of a film, book, work of art, place, person, favourite Christmas present ...

This newsletter is published on the last Sunday of each month. Upload your utterances to neilturn@gmail.com (U really should).

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

Also on the Internets

Our **Subreddit of the month** is **AVoid5**: in which folks avoid that symbol that sits amid "D" and "F" (known as a "fifthglyph"). Anybody can post about anything as long as that fifthglyph is totally missing. Although it calls for a lot of skill, you can grow familiar with this way of typing and start unconsciously using it in day-to-day talking. www.reddit.com/r/AVoid5

Quaking import: 6%