



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 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.

Edinburgh University has a Facebook group EUQuakerSoc.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In March is to support bursaries for **Summer Shindig**, a hugely appreciated week away for Quaker teenagers. Susie Reade will speak to this.

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

General Meeting for Scotland will be held in Glasgow on **Sat 9 Mar.** 11-4.30, Coffee from 10.30, soup and sandwich lunch provided. Theme of finding people for Quaker roles. Parallel event for 11y+ children. Further details in Scottish Friend.

Local Meeting for Business – note changed date Sun 10 March (previously scheduled for 3rd) after meeting. Soup/ bring+share lunch, finish 2pm.

Area Meeting will be hosted by Fife meeting on **Sat 23 Mar**, at the Community Centre, Kinghorn, KY3f9SS, from 11 am.

There will be a **meeting at Faslane on Sun 24 Mar.** Details in Jan issue, or contact Alison Burnley.

Brexit night The managers at Victoria Terrace will be keeping the Meeting House open till midnight on **Fri 29 Mar.**

Sanctuary Meetings Skillshare David Somervell will lead a Meeting for Learning after meeting and an informal shared lunch on **Sun 31 Mar**

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

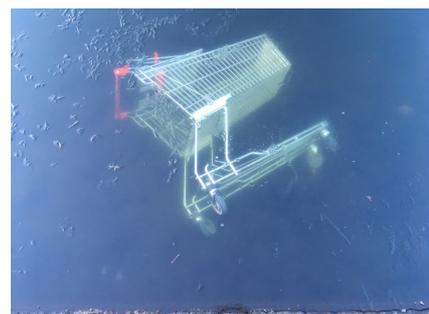
Quaker World Relations Committee is at Victoria Terrace across the weekend 1-3 Mar, with an interactive event 4.30-6pm on **Sat 2 Mar**, followed by a catered meal and then by the **Central Edinburgh Winter Ceilidh** 7-9pm. More about the QWRC event in Sesame.

Nationwide Quaker Day of Healing – organised by Friends Fellowship of Healing on **Sat 2 Mar** www.quaker-healing.org.uk/view/about/dayofhealing.aspx

Rachel Frith *usually* offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. *But not on 21 Mar or 4 Apr.*

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on first Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after meeting on 4th Sundays. Mar: Chris Patten's *First Confession*.



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TWO OR FOUR POEMS

Refugees

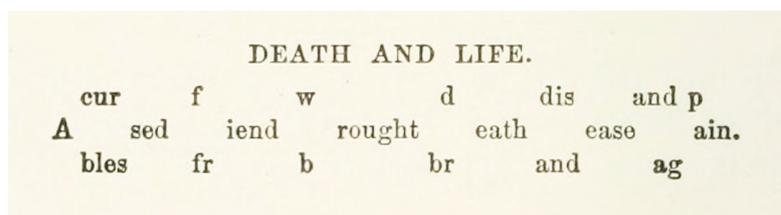
They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or I
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way

(now read from bottom to top)

Brian Bilston

From [@Brian_Bilston](#)

This next poem , from 1819, is read by first using the top set of letters to complete the words on the middle line, and then using the bottom set of letters to complete the words on the middle line.



Appears as 'The Origin of Life and Death' in "The citizen poets of Boston: A collection of forgotten poems 1789-1820" edited by Paul Lewis.

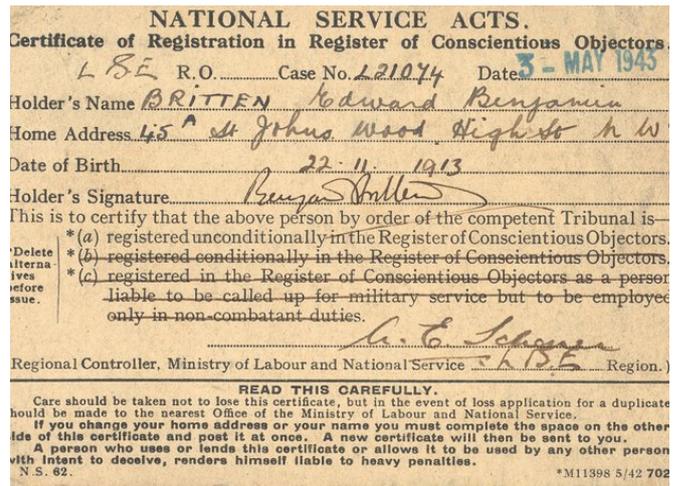
From [@HaggardHawks](#)

National War Museum, Hospital Square, Edinburgh Castle. An exhibition exploring the little-known story of British conscientious objectors of the Second World War through paintings, poems, letters, music and speeches. It emerges from a major research project into COs in Britain led by the University of Edinburgh.

Following the stories of conscientious objectors, the exhibition will examine the application process, the reasons people had for opposing conscription, and what happened to them as a result. If successful in their application, conscientious objectors could be exempted from national service altogether, or more commonly assigned to other non-combatant roles such as bomb disposal, hospital work or agricultural labour. Some of those whose applications were unsuccessful were ultimately imprisoned.

During the Second World War, over 60,000 men and women chose not to fight for religious, political or moral reasons, including many Quakers. The Library and Archives at Friends House are lending a small number of objects and have provided some images for use on graphic panels in the exhibition.

www.nms.ac.uk/national-war-museum/plan-your-visit/



People at work (iv)

Two short films, again from China. Chalk and cheese and chastening.



Take Me to the Moon – Work-life balance and the Chinese dream. Feel cold in the underheated premises as you watch workers and the manager of their clothing factory. Both ambitious in their own ways. Beautifully and poignant fly-on-the-wall, and almost a slice of history too, as these could be British factories some decades ago. Oriol Martínez and Enric Ribes, 14 mins at <https://vimeo.com/188838760>

Live streamer – when being watched is your work – Apparently tens of thousands of people tune in daily to watch Jing Zi broadcast live from a phone. Such a stark contrast, truly fly-in-the-floodlight. You wonder how anyone can sustain this – can it be for real? 14 mins from Noah Sheldon's impressive series. <https://vimeo.com/284067647>

MORE NEWS AND DATES

World Day of Prayer is Fri 1st Mar.

Zero Carbon Scotland – what do we need to do?

Rachel Howell is organising this event at Paterson's Land, Holyrood Rd, on **Thur 7 March** at 5.45-7.45 (6pm start). Hear from Richard Dixon, head of Friends of the Earth Scotland, Gina Hanrahan, WWF Scotland, and Extinction Rebellion. <https://zerocscot7mar.eventbrite.co.uk> for booking and more details.

Money and opportunity At a special AM meeting on Feb 16th there was discussion around AM's finances, particularly in the light of an exceptional legacy received. Some were enthusiastic about an opportunity to do things that broaden the outreach of our meeting, and place us in a financially more stable long term position. Others favoured supporting particular Quaker aims. Local discussions to follow, please.

WHAT WE'RE READING

30 word review:

The butchering Art *Lindsey Fitzharris*. Quaker-born Joseph Lister's quest to transform the grisly world of Victorian Medicine. Her research on Quakerism is excellent and clear; presumably that on medicine is as accurate. Gripping, enlightening, enheartening.

Alison Burnley, who can lend a copy

So our **Twitter account of the month** is [@DrLindseyFitz](#) who has 58,000 followers



Radium hand cleaner, 'Removes everything but the skin'. One of her less gruesome images.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Ben**, who will be 14 on the 18th.



Galaktoboureko is semolina custard in filo.
(Badseed, Wikimedia Commons)

MORE INTERNETS

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is [list of custard desserts](#) (180 views per day). Recommended by our Californian correspondents, who find themselves in a sad corner of the world where custard is not widely available.

A second **Twitter account of the month**, [@HaggardHawks](#) (55,000 followers) is Paul Anthony Jones, from Newcastle. He tweets a string of obscure words and language facts such as:

A YAFFLE – the quantity of something that can be held in the arms.

In Victorian slang, saying that a man had a **well-displayed title page** meant that he had a handsome face.

And the miniature poem on page 2.

Quaker relevance: 29%

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