



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2019



Quaker week

### 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 Victoria Terrace at 9.30 am in addition to the main meeting at 11.00 am. Half-hour meetings at 8am on Mon and Fri, Midweek meeting 12.30 Wed.

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

**Broughton St Mary's: 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://quakerscotland.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In November is for **Aid and Abet**, which works to support prison-leavers in Edinburgh and the Lothians. Alastair Cameron will speak to this on Sun Nov 10th. [www.aidnabet.org](http://www.aidnabet.org)

### LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

**Area Meeting** will be hosted by Portobello and Musselburgh at Bellfield, 16b Bellfield Street, Portobello EH15 2BP, on **Sat 9 Nov**. Tea and coffee 10 am, All-age Meeting 10.30, Business 2-4. Theme: 'Attend to what love requires of you, which may not be great busyness'.

There will be a **Meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 10 Nov**. Further info in January newsletter, or speak to Alison Burnley.

**General Meeting for Scotland** will be held in Dundee on **Sat 16 Nov**.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on the 1st and 3rd Thur of each month.

**Singing group** meets at Victoria Terrace on the first Tuesday each month, 7.30 pm.

**Book Group** at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after post-meeting lunch on 4th Sundays. Nov: the book of your choice by Evelyn Waugh.



Peace Poppies from Hammersmith Meeting as part of their protest against the 2016 arms fair. Each carries the name of someone who has suffered or died from the use of weapons of war. Via Catriona Courtier, who also supplied the photo of embroidered squares created during and after meeting at South Edinburgh in August.

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## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business held on Sunday 25 August 2019

### 1. **Opening Worship**

We heard from Quaker Faith & Practice 21.21 on Living a Full life and Art of living.  
We were eight gathered after a shared meal together.

### 2. **Minutes of our 28 April 2019 meeting – Matters Arising:**

**DSEI:** We heard that three members of our meeting will participate in *No Faith in War* in London on Tuesday 3 September, along with several others from Area Meeting. Many have created tapestry mini-banners. As with the Climate Emergency, we recognise there are many ways of supporting which do not involve direct action.

### 3. **Climate [and Ecological] Emergency - CALL FOR ACTION**

We reflected on the appeal sent by Adwoa Bittle, clerk, General Meeting for Scotland.

We recognised that individuals do what they can, that even small actions help and that wider change is needed. We delayed decisions about how to support those incurring legal fees and other expenses – following the nonviolent direct action at North Bridge on 16 April and other actions – until we have clarification as to what is required.

Some of the Meeting are happy to support Extinction Rebellion (there was a strong Quaker presence during their Festival Residency at Summerhall); while others with reservations find other organisations with which they are more in sympathy.

We heard the UN Climate Change Conference is due in Glasgow in December 2020.

We are very concerned about the Ecological and Climate Emergency and wish to be part of the civil society movement responding to it.

We heard of the QPSW initiative to appoint field staff to support local work on a zero carbon future and we hope that Area Meeting and General Meeting for Scotland will consider making the case for one of the staff appointed being located in Scotland.

We ask that this appointment be allied to the evolving Vibrancy initiative as we feel this is spiritual work – the Quaker emphasis on faith and action being totally integrated.

We will approach school strikers associated with our meeting to see if they might attend General Meeting for Scotland on 14 September in Aberdeen – not long before a General / Climate Strike called by Scottish Youth Climate Strike Friday 20 September.

### 4. **Quaker Week Saturday 28 September – Sunday 6 October**

We agreed to request a window display at the Open Door [now booked].

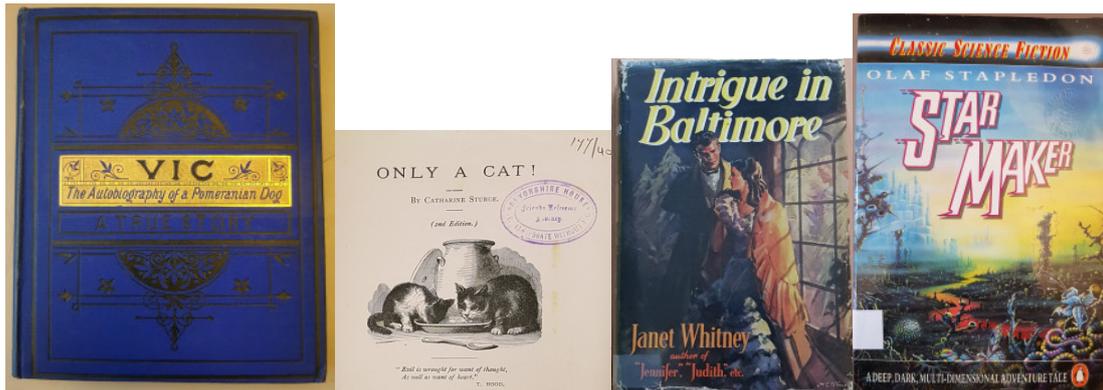
### 5. **Any Other Business**

We agreed to send small £10 contributions to Oxford and Littlehampton Local Meetings' appeals and to the Bradford Peace Museum.

### 6. **Date of Next Meeting**

On Sunday 27 October we shall review our decision last year on After Words.

## Quakers in literature



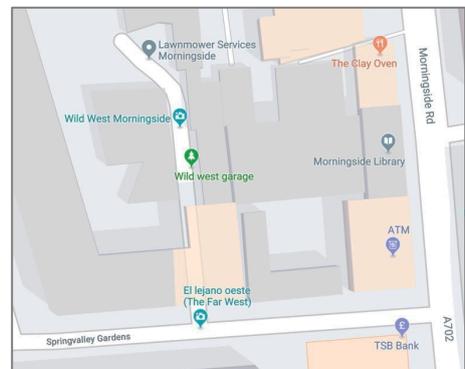
Friends House library has now collected and catalogued 338 fictional works with Quaker characters. All listed at <http://bit.ly/33NyZW0> , so we have no excuse for not reporting on them all. A task intriguingly hinted at on their Quaker Strongrooms blog at <http://bit.ly/35O6ZmM> – which also reports the strictures of the first printed Quaker Book of Discipline in 1783:

*This meeting being sorrowfully affected, under a consideration of the hurtful tendency of reading plays, romances, novels, and other pernicious books, it is earnestly recommended to every member of our society, to discourage and suppress the same.*

See what we've been reading on page 4.

A title to be reckoned with: What would *you* put into a modern Quaker Book of Discipline?

## Quakers in the movies



Play out your own movie script at the unexpected *Wild West Morningside* behind Morningside Library. Entrance through the arch on Springfield Gardens.

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

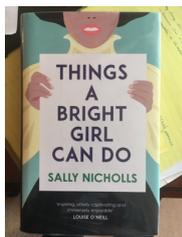
There's a vacancy for a General Meeting Administrator, 8h per week, £4990 per annum. Working from home. Details from [www.quakerscotland.org/vacancy](http://www.quakerscotland.org/vacancy) or email [gm@mbees.net](mailto:gm@mbees.net), or speak to our Martin Burnell at meeting or on the phone.

Apologies that the link in the last issue to Fleabag in Quaker meeting was taken down from YouTube. An excellent longer, more coherent clip at <https://youtu.be/M3CYix9PoeQ> will probably suffer the same fate. You may just have to watch the whole thing.

Terrace Talk editor Rosemary Hartill, plus Gerald Priestland, can be heard for one week more on **Auntie Beeb and Religion** (radio prog) at [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007777j](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007777j) First aired in 2007.

Rosemary's latest Terrace Talk summarises our membership statistics. Worth a read.

## What we're reading



Sally Nicholls' *Things a Bright Girl Can Do* is a quality and lively, read-in-two-sittings tale of 3 very different young women, one a Quaker, fighting for women's rights, in 1914 with war in the background. *ANT*

*Your 30-word reviews required.*

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Ted**, who will be 9 on the 24th.



This rather alarming antique life-sized laughing doll can be seen at Neptune's Kingdom in Santa Cruz.

*Getting there sustainably: yacht and bicycle to the west coast of the USA, then ask for a lift in a Tesla.*

## ALSO ON THE INTERNETS

Ancient Greek Sculptures in hipster clothing  
<https://imgur.com/a/QJ5mB>



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