

# **SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING** February 2020



Sunrise over South Edinburgh, 19th Jan

## **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 Belfield.

**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

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

In February is ... (this and other 2020 charities to be agreed at our Meeting for Business after meeting on Sun 26 Jan).

## LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Our local **Meeting for Business** will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 26 Jan**.

Jesus, a Quaker approach. Central Edinburgh meeting, 10-4 on Sat 22 Feb. Lunch provided. Led by Woodbrooke's Timothy Peat Ashworth. Register at Victoria Terrace Meeting House or by emailing David Clarke, Dgfclarke@gmail.com

Meeting for knitting and crochet A creative and spiritual outlet that benefits others – join Stasa and Katrina for this first meeting to make simple but beautiful shawls, scarves, blankets or other things for individuals within our community. Wed 19 Feb, 7-9 pm at Katrina McCrea's home, 51G Dalrymple Loan, Musselburgh EH21 7DL. 07783 658 881

## OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Young (18-30ish) Friends General Meeting is being held in York, 21-3 Feb. Further info at http://yfgm.quaker.org.uk or yfgm@quaker.org.uk

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 postmeeting lunch on 4th Sundays. In Feb and to follow: *Emma* by Jane Austen, *The East Wind of Love* by Compton McKenzie, and *Reservoir 13* by Jon McGregor.



Knitting and crochet: Local Events above

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## **Central Edinburgh email lists**

Central Edinburgh meeting maintains some email lists you might be interested in:

List	Receives	How to subscribe/unsubscribe	Maintainers
Central Edinburgh Announce	Notices (weekly), Local Meeting for Business agenda and minutes (every 2 months), urgent information that can't wait until the next Sunday and occasional important notices	The maintainers add all addresses in the book of members. If you're not in the book of members yet, leave your details in the red folder in the Meeting Room. If you move on from Central Edinburgh, please email edcen.clerks@gmail.com and we'll arrange for you to be removed.	Andrew Farrar, David Sterratt
Terrace Talk	Terrace Talk (monthly)	The editor adds all email addresses in book of members. People who have asked to be contacted by leaving their details in the red folder. Email tteditors@gmail.com to subscribe or unsubscribe.	Rosemary Hartill (TT editor)
Children and Young People	Information about Quaker activities for children and young people	To subscribe, fill in the form at http://lists.quaker.eu.org/mailman/listinfo/edinburgh-cyp To unsubscribe, click on link in footer of emails	Laragh Quinney, David Sterratt
Peace and Social Action	BYM Quaker Faith in Action newsletter, other relevant local events relating to Peace and Social Action	To subscribe, send an email to cem-peace-social-action+subscribe@googlegroups.com To unsubscribe, click on link in footer of emails	Clerks, David Sterratt
Ecumenical, Interfaith and World Quaker	CIRcular, http://fwcc.world/e-newsletters, Edinburgh Churches Together Newsletter, Edinburgh Interfaith updates	To subscribe, send an email to cem-ecumenical-interfaith-world-quaker+subscribe@googlegroups.com To unsubscribe, click on link in footer of emails	Clerks, David Sterratt
Spiritual Development and Outreach	Woodbrooke mailings, Information about outreach training events	To subscribe, send an email to cem-spiritual-development-outreach+subscribe@googlegroups.com To unsubscribe, click on link in footer of emails	Clerks, David Sterratt
Arts	Information about local concerts etc that the clerks receive	To subscribe, send an email to cem-arts+subscribe@googlegroups.com To unsubscribe, click on link in footer of emails	Clerks, David Sterratt

## From the Children





Climate change protest; Jacob and John gorge-walking at Wiston in September.

## **TOO MUCH INTERNETS?**





This Is Just To Say

I have written a message and sent it to your inbox

last week you were probably planning to respond

Forgive me for following up my deadline is so soon

## with a Tribute to Wikipedia

## **Quick Reference**

This poem is about the experience of looking up something quickly on Wikipedia.

For other uses, see <u>Quick Reference</u> (disambiguation).

The First Republic of Armenia.

Anthimus of Nicomedia.

The playing career of Jimmy Melia.

A quick dip into Wikipedia.

The diagnosis of synesthesia.

The cultural forms of psychedelia.

The definition of oenophilia.

Ten more mins on Wikipedia.

The legacy of George Bush, Snr. The track listing of *Quadrophenia*. Vratislaus II of Bohemia. Can't stop reading Wikipedia.

The distribution of crocodilia.

The reception of Millais' *Ophelia*.

Hypogammaglobulinemia.

All day spent on Wikipedia.

Brian Bilston

### **MORE NEWS AND DATES**

World Day of Prayer is recognised at many churches, including one near you, on Fri 6 Mar. Written this year by women in Zimbabwe. Meetings in preparation are held at the Church of Scotland offices at 121 George St, at 10.30 am on Fridays: Jan 10 (preparation); and Feb 7 and Feb 21 (Bible study).

**Yearly Meeting Gathering** will be held from **1-7 Aug** (Sat to Fri) at the University of Bath. Further info at www.quaker.org.uk/ym

## **BISCUITS**

Three Wikipedia pages of the month. Biscuits (621 views/day) explains the twice baked (bis-cuit) production method that makes the dry product keep well, used as a source of nourishment for armies and sailors since Roman times or earlier. In 1588, Samuel Pepys set the British ration of 'hardtack' at 1 lb (450g) per day, with a gallon of small beer to soften them.

Sweet biscuits weren't unknown, with gingerbread biscuits dating to the Middle Ages. But the increased availability and affordability of sugar, and machines, led to an explosion of variety and manufacturers in the few decades to 1850, followed by mergers and takeovers.

Early marketing of fancier biscuits was around health. The Digestive was pretty much like a sweet ship's biscuit. Then just deliciousness.

Our Twitter account of the month @LeahBroad tweets classical music lists, such as 50 best piano sonatas. But her most popular series matches each composer to a biscuit. Disappointingly few Quaker biscuits, and controversial views on caramel wafers.



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Quaker relevance: 12%

### **QUAKER BISCUITS**

Two Quakers embraced modern industrial techniques to become immensely successful in a keenly competitive industry.

Carr's of Carlisle (56 views/day): founded by Jonathan Carr as a small bakery and biscuit factory in 1831, 15 years later the largest baking business in Britain. Early products such as the Table Water biscuit seemed obviously derived from ship's biscuits, but by 1885, 1,000 employees made 128 varieties. Jonathan's son James joined Peek Frean in 1860. Carr's was bought by United Biscuits (see below) in 1972.



Huntley & Palmer's (120 views/d): James Huntley opened a shop in Reading in 1822. Local Quaker Samuel Palmer became a partner in 1841 and subsequently took over the business. The Palmer family rapidly grew it so that it became the world's largest biscuit manufacturer, with 6,500 employees in 1905. 50% of production was exported. During the First World War much production was for the army, and the biscuit tin manufactory instead generated shell cases.

Huntley & Palmers No. 4 Army Biscuit ('hard tack'), circa 1917. It was 10cm square, and so hard that it was difficult to eat without dunking in tea. Taste one: there's a recipe in both industrial and domestic quantities at http://bit.ly/2NAUjsb.



(Imperial War Museum)

H&P amalgamated with Peek Frean, producer of the Bourbon, in 1921, in response to death duties and the threat from the Scottish companies: McVitie & Price, the Edinburgh company that created the Digestive, and MacFarlane Lang. In 1948 these merged to create United Biscuits.

Quaker relevance: 94%

## **Further reading**

Wikipedia's List of Quaker businesses, organizations and charities (16 views/day) is an interesting read.

At the fascinating http://letslookagain.com
Thomas Farrell presents in-depth information on
many British brands, an impressive personal blog.