



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

April 2019



Beth Cross, from all-age meeting

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.

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In April is to support **Friends Therapeutic Community Trust** (Glebe House), which provides specialist interventions for men with harmful sexual behaviours. Alison Burnley will speak to this. www.ftctrust.org.uk

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Tree planting at Wiston We are invited to Wiston Lodge on **Sun 7 April**, for all-age meeting from 10.30, vegetarian lunch, followed by tree planting for about an hour. Ask at meeting about car-sharing. Please advise of other diet requirements.

There will be a **meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 14 April**. Details in Jan issue, or contact Alison Burnley.

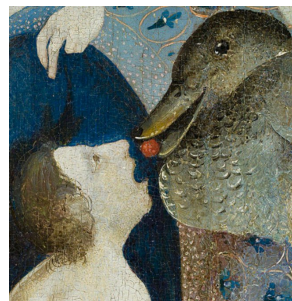
Local Meeting for Business will be held on **Sun 28 April** after meeting. Soup/ bring+share lunch, finish 2pm.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on **Thur 18 April** (skipping 1st Thur this month).

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace this month on **Tue April 16th** (usually first Tuesday) at 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after meeting on 4th Sundays. April: James Baldwin's *If Beale Street Could Talk*.



Hieronymus Bosch, c.1500, via @DamianKempf

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business held on Sun 10 March

1. Opening Worship

We heard from Quaker Faith & Practice 20.64 on prudent care of funds entrusted to us. We were 10 gathered.

2. Minutes of our 13 January 2019 meeting – Matters Arising:

The monthly Charities we agreed for 2019 are in our February Newsletter / online.

Mairi Campbell-Jack and Joyce Taylor were very grateful for our minute on the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Bill. Our contribution helped frame the Quaker response to the Committee of MSPs considering the Bill.

Next Meeting for Learning: **Sanctuary Meeting Skillshare**, Sunday 31 March.

3. Reporting our Income and Expenditure in 2018

Susan Robertson, our Treasurer, explained that guidance on accounting for a major audit of all our Area Meeting accounts required small changes, which compiled all income and expenditure into a single statement of our Local Meeting accounts.

In 2018 we received £6,435 of which £2,426 was for Special Collections we passed on to 12 charities listed in the annex* – so making a net income of £4,009.

Our net expenditure was £3,765 including just over £300 on training in Non Violent Communication for members of Children's Committee. Our overall surplus in 2018 was £243, which adds to our reserves of £8,000.

We are very grateful to Susan – and to Phil Noble who checked the records – for their service in preparing these accounts and we accept them as a true record.

4. Quakers and Extinction Rebellion (XR)

We heard more about XR and the planned Meeting to be held at 7 Victoria Terrace at 7-9pm Monday 11 March – where activists from local groups involved will share the background to this “Rebel Uprising”. See newsletter sign up at <https://rebellion.earth>

They will open discussions with Quakers who have experiences of other civil disobedience campaigns e.g. in Trident Ploughshares. We heard some concerns about how the movement is working and how effective it might be. We ask friends attending to share their thoughts on the former and only time will tell on the latter.

We hope Area Meeting might discern a way to corporately support XR as well as individual engagement in actions advocating more be done about climate disruption.

We also heard of the planned Global School Strike #FridaysForFuture on Friday 15 March at Scottish Parliament, where school students invite all to support them. www.facebook.com/climatestrike.edin

5. Any Other Business

- Absent friends – We shared news of several friends and hold them in the light.
- Venue 40 in August – We were invited to design and run “activities” in the Meeting Room at 7 Victoria Terrace for some days in August ... and considered supporting maybe an hour or so of “Quiet Reflection” with a couple of people in attendance say early afternoon? Clerk to advise Festival Committee.
- Venue 40 Volunteers – Notice of the request for local Quakers to occasionally join in the end of the day gathering / community meal offered to visitors helping staff the Meeting House during the Festival. Very convivial chat and companionship!
- Conscience Matters – A new exhibition explores “the little-known story of British the 60,000 conscientious objectors of the Second World War through paintings, poems, letters, music and speeches”. At National War Museum, Hospital Square, Edinburgh Castle till 20 Jan 2020. Curated by anthropologists at the University. <http://bit.ly/2JiS1hC> – and see March issue. Entry details back page

6. Date of Next Meeting

Our Local Meetings are on 28 April, 9 June, 25 August and 27 October, on Sundays after shared lunch after Meeting for Worship. Comments / clashes to clerk.

* See full minutes distributed by email, or request a copy.

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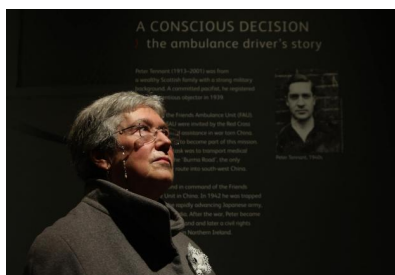
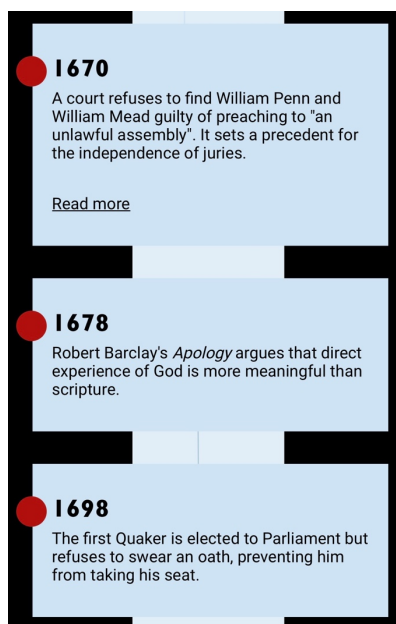
This 'old Yorkshireman' tale is probably derived from an original old Quaker version:



If only

Quaker timeline

In turbulent times – be a Quaker A Timeline on the BYM website. Works well on mobiles www.quaker.org.uk/times



March 2019 Alison Burnley was pictured on the website of the National Scot, <http://bit.ly/2J6QR8G> next to a display on her father Peter Tennant's conscientious objector story.

Also relevant: 8 badass Quaker women www.quaker.org.uk/blog/8-badass-quaker-women

South Edinburgh Quakers Newsletter

Sunday, January 13

SCREEN TIME

9:00 AM

Weekly Report Available

Your screen time was up 1,083% last week, for an average of 6 minutes a day.

YouTube: your questions answered

All that stuff from China is well and good, but Isn't it time you featured a British vlogger talking about Quakers?



Indeed. Jessica Kellgren-Fozard (436,232 subscribers) is a completely typical modern quaker. This (216,278 views) is nice, and the comments too <https://youtu.be/E8RDjg0Mhyw>

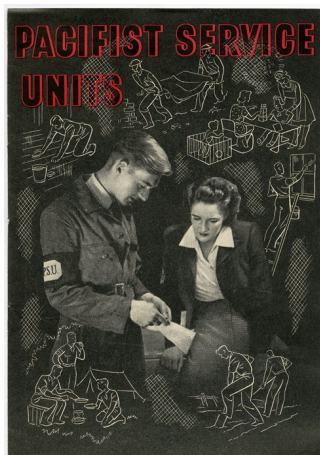
Do you have anyone Irish talking thoughtfully about their Quaker upbringing?



Of course. This is megastar singer-musician-songwriter Hozier. Many nice comments again, up to: "How would one go about marrying this man and having his babies? Asking for a friend." <https://youtu.be/qtn-gAQX2z4> (101,310 views)

Quaker relevance of this entire page:
an exceptional 98%

MORE NEWS AND DATES



Conscience Matters This exhibition, rather remarkably in the Army Museum at Edinburgh Castle (see March issue) runs till the end of Jan 2020. There is said to be a way to get to it without paying for a whole castle visit – please confirm. Result of a project into conscientious objectors in Britain led by the University of Edinburgh. <http://bit.ly/2JiS1hC>

Family weekend at Pitlochry This popular Scottish Friends weekend at the Youth Hostel, Fri-Sun **May 31-Jun 2**, is a real treat for adults, reportedly, but you can only go if you bring children. Or as a monitor for the parents, or something. Contact Madeleine Harding madinleith@gmail.com

Venue 40 during the Festival – could you help? Susan Robertson is looking for help to organise some quiet times in Victoria Terrace meeting house.

Also anyone willing to have supper with our visiting volunteers in the evenings. Please speak to Susan.

Ecumenical accompaniers in Palestine & Israel the opportunity to join them for 3 months in 2020 is coming up again. Further info and application (by April 23) at www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi

This newsletter is published on the last Sunday of each month. 30-word excerpts especially welcome. neilturn@gmail.com

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Jacob**, who will be 8 on the 2nd, a very happy one.



THE TIME CHANGED



Jesus, is that the time?

The Bad Friends Facebook Group demonstrates Quakerly intolerance of tacky religious imagery and marketing.

Twice every year some Friends are caught out by the clocks changing. This season's victims were: