



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2022



Spring arrived on the last weekend in March, and 20 Friends were driven outdoors by Omicron and beautiful weather. On Monday we were re-sewn into our vests.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings **every Sunday 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, or sometimes recently in a local garden, and (hybrid) also remotely by Zoom. *Arrangements still be subject to change. Please check emails on the day.* Joining information for Zoom is sent via our South Edinburgh Announce email list. To be added to the list, see <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>.

On the **First Thursday of each month** we also meet for **30 min at 8 pm** by Zoom, followed by chat.

Other local meetings

Central Edinburgh and Portobello-Musselburgh are closest. Times are listed in SESAME, but for full info and a map, see <https://quakerscotland.org>

Several South Edinburgh Friends also attend Central Edinburgh's **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee are available, and you can bring a packed lunch.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in May is for the **CARA Network**, which supports academics from countries experiencing catastrophe. Albert Einstein led their first appeal in London in 1933. Ola Oduku will speak to this. More info at www.cara.ngo To donate online, click on How to Help, top menu.

QUAKER EVENTS

Evening Meeting by Zoom on first Thursdays at 8pm, so **Thur 5 May**.

Area Meeting (SESAM) is scheduled on the evening of **Tue 10 Jun**, 7-9 pm at Central Edinburgh Meeting, Victoria Terrace.

Gender diversity – meeting for learning, via Zoom at 7.30 pm on **Fri 13 May** (new date). For Zoom link please email deirdre.armstrong@phonecoop.coop or ouduku@gmail.com

Britain Yearly Meeting is taking place **Fri 27 – Mon 30 May**, in London or you can join remotely: www.quaker.org.uk/ym

'Monumental Meeting' on Sun 29 May: No Zoom BYM this year offers local meetings the opportunity to join in Sunday morning meeting remotely. We will do this during our usual 10.30 am Meeting. *It will not therefore be possible to join our local meeting by Zoom on 29 May.*

However it is possible to join the online meeting as a remote individual BYM participant. Register (free) at www.quaker.org.uk/ym

Local Meeting for Business for South Edinburgh – after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 5 June**.

These Edinburgh Central events are open to South Edin too. They are back to in-person only. Qs to Rachel Frith of Central meeting.

Coffee – at Rachel's house on first and third Thursdays, from 10.15 am. Please contact Rachel in advance to ensure numbers OK.

Singing group at Victoria Terrace, 3.30 pm on First Tuesdays. So May 3rd

Book Group – meets 4th Sundays at 12.15 after Central MfW. This month *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn.



Displaced by an older sect: Victoria Terrace Meeting House was built to house a different congregation, and still bears this sign. More on page 2.

Short to provoke thought

Three 8 to 14 minute films, each in very different styles, all via *The New Yorker*. In turn restful and warm, amusingly familiar and poignant, and sad but inspiring. The first two are all-age, probably: frog dissection (in plasticine) features in number 2. The teacher is boring and the bully is a girl.



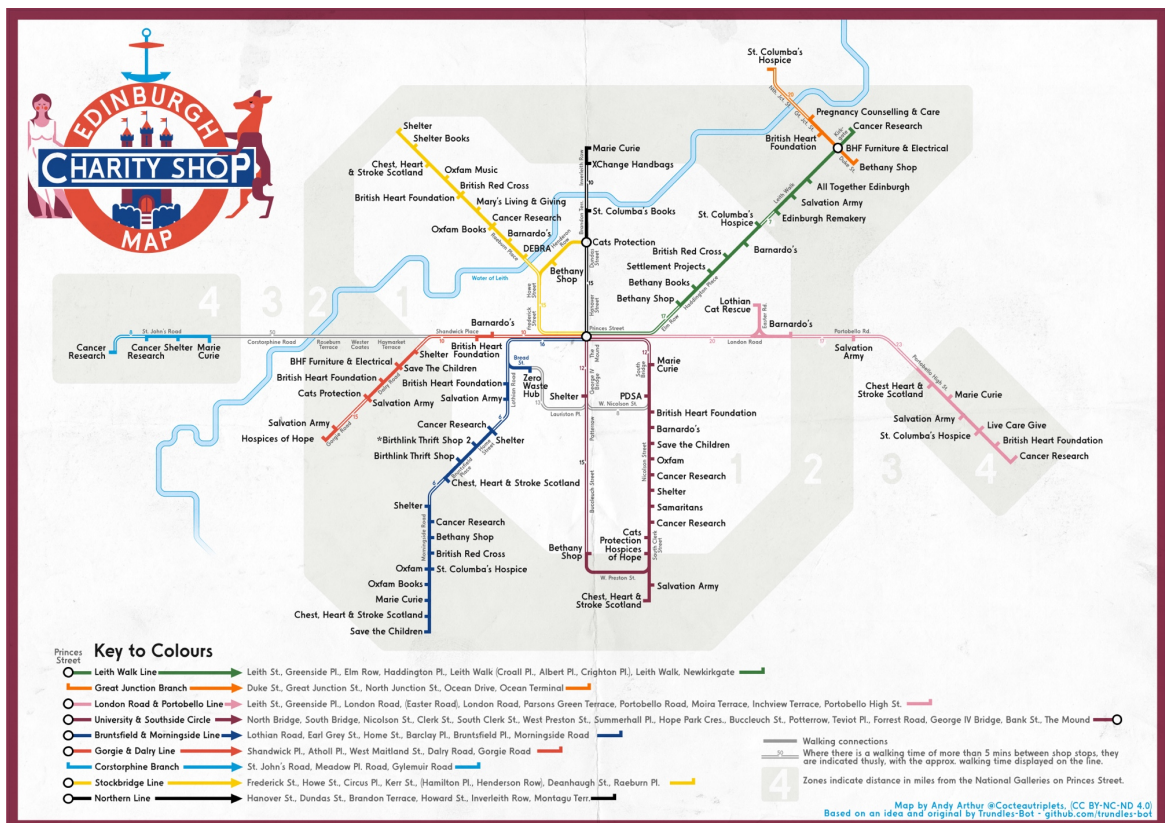
A Beloved Scottish Tradition – a quiet celebration of a children’s Scottish Country Dancing class observed in session, in the streets, and in Inverness countryside. https://youtu.be/x_80B-qTdzU

The stop-motion animation *If I was God* has a boy describing the complexities of managing classroom life, and fantasising about being God to make it easier. Nice. <https://youtu.be/KORZf5JL1hU>

An NYC Subway Operator’s Nightmare focuses on train drivers who have experienced hitting people on the track. How they can recover, but are changed by it. <https://youtu.be/HeKFI-uhdcA>

Edinburgh’s charity shops

Another feature from @cocteau triplets. Morningside Road is a main artery on this great construction.



New to add at 454 Gorgie Road (the red route), is the **Edinburgh Furniture Initiative**, where you can donate or buy furniture which is resold to support Foursquare (www.foursquare.org.uk), a charity to support the homeless or those threatened by homelessness. It has relocated from Logie Green Rd.

NEWS

Hilary Davies Our Friend Hilary Davies died on Sunday 3rd April, and her funeral was held on the 22nd. Hilary was born and brought up in South Wales, but came to Scotland in the 1970s, and had been a regular attendee at South Edinburgh meeting since 2008. She did a fascinating interview with Dorothy Buglass in 2009 for our biographical series 'Getting to Know' (GtK).

For links to download our two historic volumes of GtK, see the email with this newsletter, or contact neilturn@gmail.com

The Peace Testimony in the context of Ukraine *Quakers and peace: the hard questions in 2022* is the subject of online lunchtime discussions organised by BYM. 12.30-1.30 on **April 28, May 3, 12, 17**. Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3vur4fE>

Junior Yearly Meeting was held in Northamptonshire in April. Their Minute called for more action on the topics we feel strongly about, and fewer words (actually they said 'streamlined Quaker processes'). You can read it and their epistle at www.quaker.org.uk/ym/0-18s

The **Drop-in group** – it is hoped to re-launch this. Short walks, coffee times, theatre trips, museums, gardens. Used to be popular with more elderly or less able Friends. If you are interested, please contact Sue Freshwater, sue.fwq@gmail.com. No commitment, just let us know that you might like to join in sometimes.

Sue Freshwater's email has changed – see the paragraph above.

Peace at the Heart – *a relational approach to education in British schools*. This report is due to be released by BYM on **11 May** but you can read or watch the case being made for it on the BYM website at <https://bit.ly/3CTrEa>



Our neighbours have upped their yarn game.

INTERNETS

Our **Twitter account of the month** is **The Engine Shed @HESEngineShed** (6,274 followers, 11,400 Tweets), Scotland's Building Conservation Centre.



An April 28 Tweet was 'can you tell the difference between these lime mortar pointing styles?'



ALT text on an image is sometimes used as a way to sneak in a hidden joke, or extend the number of characters in your Tweet. Amusingly, the Alt text on each of these is 'A wall filled with lime mortar'.

Other recent topics have included handmade rope making, how to thatch with heather, lowering your building's carbon consumption, oriel windows, bats, and a pointer to a blog post on Exploring tenement details featuring Edinburgh photos, <https://bit.ly/3vvxBrv> More, including guides and hints on how to maintain, heat, cool, or clean your old Scottish house, at www.engineshed.scot and the blog at <https://blog.engineshed.scot>

Our newsletter is usually published on the last Sunday of each month, so a little late for May. June jottings to neilturn@gmail.com

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