



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2025



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

We meet on **Sundays 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, and remotely by Zoom (hybrid).

Recent notices and late changes are sent by weekly email. Join the email list by clicking the link at <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

On the **First Thursday** of each month we meet for **30 min at 7.30 pm** by Zoom, followed by chat.

Children are welcome anytime. For details of planned activities, see online.

### 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 **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee available, you can eat your packed lunch.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in June is for **The Trussell Trust**, which provides emergency food and practical support to people in their hardest moments. Alison Burnley will speak to this. [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) for more info. Online donation options prominent on home page.

## QUAKER EVENTS

Latest updates at <https://bit.ly/SEdQuakEvents>

**Local Meeting for Business** after Meeting for Worship and shared lunch on **Sun 1 June**.

**General Meeting for Scotland** meets in Aberdeen and online on **Sat 7 June**. A key item on the agenda will be to agree dissolution of the charity that that is the home of GM, and moving to the new 'Quakers in Scotland' (QiS) charity, which will be able to combine the legal and financial responsibilities of all Quaker charities in Scotland.

**South Edinburgh Book Group** meets on **Thur 19 Jun**. *Redhead By The Side Of The Road* by Anne Tyler, 2-4 pm at Alison Chalmers' house.

**Area Meeting** will be held on **Sat 21 June**, hosted by East Lothian Meeting. Details by email.

**Princes St Gardens Meeting** for witness and worship for peace at the Peace Tree **Sun 29 June**. Between fountain and the Ross Bandstand, 10.30-11.30. Coincides with meetings at Faslane. Dress for weather and bring something to sit on.

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From Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central:

**Coffee** at Rachel's house, from 10.15 am on first and third Thursdays. Please confirm with Rachel.

**Central Book Group** – third Sundays after soup: June: *Crawford* by Elizabeth Gaskell. July: *Queen of the Tambourines* by Jane Gardârn.



Cars then and now (Masham, Yorks)

## WCC campaign on Gaza

The situation in Gaza has led to the World Council of Churches campaign **Stop annexation, end the occupation: pave a path for a just peace in Palestine and Israel**. The Ecumenical Accompanying Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), organised by the World Council of Churches through an office at Friends House, is leading the campaign. Resources:

- Quakers ask the UK government “What more evidence do you need now?” <https://bit.ly/3HmPuBa>
- WCC executive committee minute from 15 May <https://bit.ly/45vzpTl>
- A recording of EAPPI Webinar *From Occupation to Annexation* explains the circumstances, <https://youtu.be/O34lrZLgQLQ> (1h)
- Register for the next EAPPI webinar (2pm on **Thur Jun 5**) at <https://bit.ly/4jBdz4Z>
- Talk to Rosamond, who has been an ecumenical accompanier
- About EAPPI <https://www.quaker.org.uk/action/palestine-and-israel/eappi>

## 109 years ago

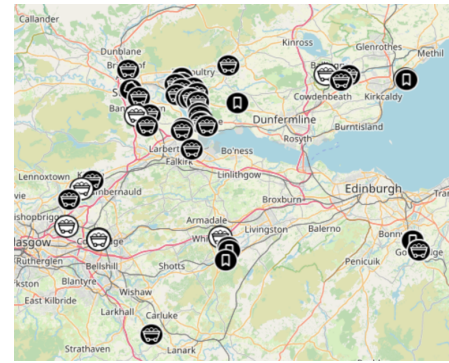


The naval power of the British Empire in 1916, after the Battle of Jutland. From *L'Illustration* (“le premier magazine au monde dès 1906 et est distribué dans plus de 150 pays”), 15 July 1916. “The ships outlined in white and whose names are written in black are those that our allies have lost since the beginning of hostilities until today.” (Via KW)



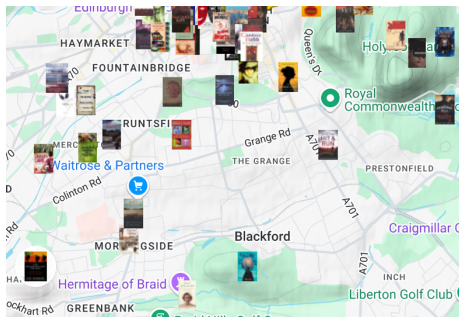
## Walking ideas

### MINING LANDSCAPES



25 walks – 1000 points of interest – mostly moderate circular routes around fascinating abandoned mining landscapes, with commentary on history and surviving features from local people. A project started with two walks grew with National Lottery and other funding to open in 2024. Info all online and free at [www.mining-landscapes.org](http://www.mining-landscapes.org)

## Reading ideas



Edinburgh Libraries' **Edinburgh Fiction Map** locates 129 books set in Edinburgh, with short descriptions. You'll have to search for reviews though. Find books near you at <https://bit.ly/4mtruwf>

Their 2018 list was too early for Alexander McCall Smith's *The Perfect Passion Company* (now also a series), in which one recurrent venue is Bruntsfield Place's 181 delicatessen-café. Two quotes about Edinburgh and Scotland:



This first exchange takes place in 'a slightly shabby Edinburgh Bistro'; perhaps you know one like it. A woman looks askance at the two women as she leaves.

"That's what I like about this city", whispered Ell. "It can still actually look disapproving. Where else does anyone actually bother?"

The second is spoken in a remote Canadian town.

"He says Patty and Maddy drink a lot, but it's mainly because of the cold. People drink a lot in the winter, Jacques says, and then, when the summer comes, they forget to stop. It's much the same in Scotland, I think."

## Other news and future events

**The work that reconnects** – Chris Booth, Jane Lewis, and Jonathan Baxter are running this series of five weekly evening workshops again from **Mon Jun 2**. £, bursaries available, supported by SESAM. Further details in emails. Book at <https://bit.ly/43AziE9> Contact Chris or Jane or [jb4change@gmail.com](mailto:jb4change@gmail.com) for more info.

**Parliament reflection** – Richard Ragget (Forres) spoke to MSPs on 13 May about listening, respect, and kinder ground. Watch or listen at <https://bit.ly/4dt5yNO>

**Edinburgh Meeting House Fringe 2025** The Meeting House will again be a “C Venues” location. From **Sun 20 Jul** to **Sun 31 Aug** there will be reduced space in the Meeting Room; 9.30 am Meeting will be online only; teas and coffees afterwards served in the Meeting Room itself, and there won't be soup afterwards.

**Wiston weekend** our annual all-age weekend near Biggar, is **Fri 5 – Sun 7 Sep** on the theme of **Building Community**. £140, or lower for concessions, and bursaries available. We have the whole venue this year, and the event is advertised across Scotland. More info and booking at <https://bit.ly/wiston25> or send Qs to [QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com](mailto:QuakerWistonWeekend@gmail.com)

*Our newsletter is published near the last Sunday each month. July junketing to [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) Find this edition, plus archives of previous, at [www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh)*

## Happy Birthday

To **Esther MC** who will be 5 on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Lovely to see you a few weeks ago.

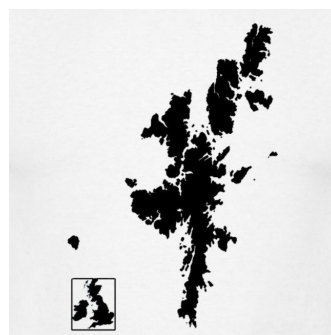


Moffat duck race

## Info for enquirers

**Discovering Quakers** is an outreach initiative for those who are curious. Look for their website [www.discoveringquakers.org.uk](http://www.discoveringquakers.org.uk) and **weekly Tuesday** Zoom sessions 7-8pm. These include a 10 min Meeting for Worship, a little about the background of Quakerism, and a guest speaker describing how being a Quaker has enriched their life (click on Events on the website).

**What is the Quaker Way?** is a series of informal Zoom sessions for newcomers to meet and discuss aspects of Quaker practice and community. Ending with a short period of silent worship. Organised by Craig Barnett, Quaker Development Worker for Yorkshire. **Monthly on Thursdays** 7.30-8.30pm. Join at any point in the series, as many times as you like. Remaining dates for 2025 are 19 Jun, 17 Jul, 18 Sep, 23 Oct, and 20 Nov. Book at <https://bit.ly/455gu1V>



Map of British Isles, Shetland's-revenge version. Apologies to Orkney. (TerribleMaps)