



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

October 2019



Auld Lang Syne at Wiston

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: 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 October is for the **Peace and Justice Centre**, in particular their project to provide peacebuilding and conflict resolution skillsharing for primary schools. <https://bit.ly/2syVCwF>

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Link weekend for 13-17 year olds at Victoria Terrace, weekend of **Oct 11-12**. Please contact Madeleine Harding.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting on **Sun 27 Oct**. Finish by 2pm.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Quaker week continues till **Sun 6 Oct**. See www.quaker.org.uk/outreach for more info. This year's theme is Quaker Stories.

World Quaker Day is **Sun 6 Oct**. This year's theme is Sustainability: Planting Seeds of Renewal for the World We Love. Some resources at www.worldquakerday.org/resources

A Friendly introduction for those exploring Quakerism. Baptist Church, Stirling, 10.30-5.30 on **Sat 12 Oct**. Details at Meeting or on our webpage.

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on Tuesday 8th this month (usually 1st Tue), 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after post-meeting lunch on 4th Sundays. In Oct, books about the Trojan War – *The Iliad* (Homer), or Pat Barker *The Silence of the Girls*, or Adam Nicolson *The Mighty Dead*, or Natalie Haynes *A Thousand Ships*. Contact Rachel Frith.

So quakerly



Fleabag is moved to minister. 1-minute watch at <https://youtu.be/HymBi3pHAAw?t=164> (Caution: not so Quakerly)

More Events and News on the Back Page

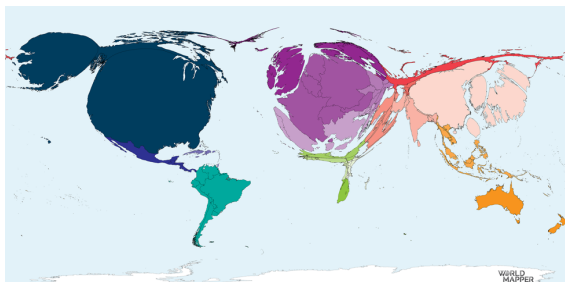
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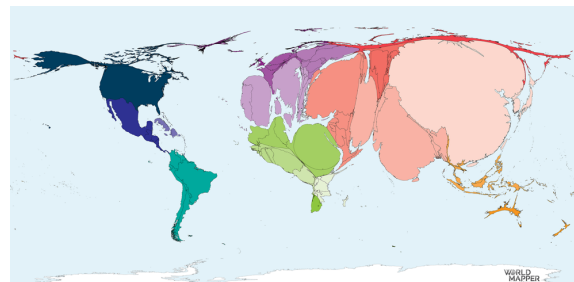
Climate Change protests in Edinburgh on Friday 20 Sep. Spot the Quakerly stewardship. *Photos: Rufus Reade and EMH.*

MORE MAPS

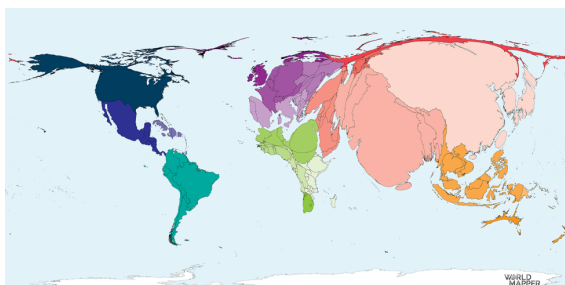
More maps David Sterrat points out more fascinating maps at <https://worldmapper.org> – the size of each country is shown in proportion to the frequency of the subject:



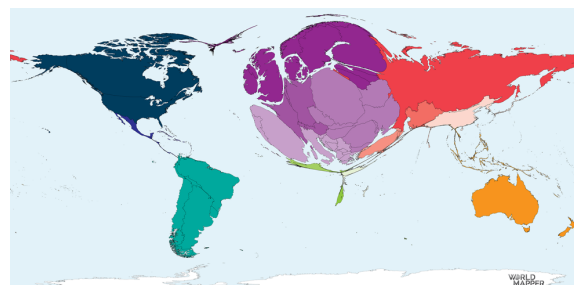
Expenditure on diabetes



Tomato production. *The cause of diabetes? **



Adults with diabetes

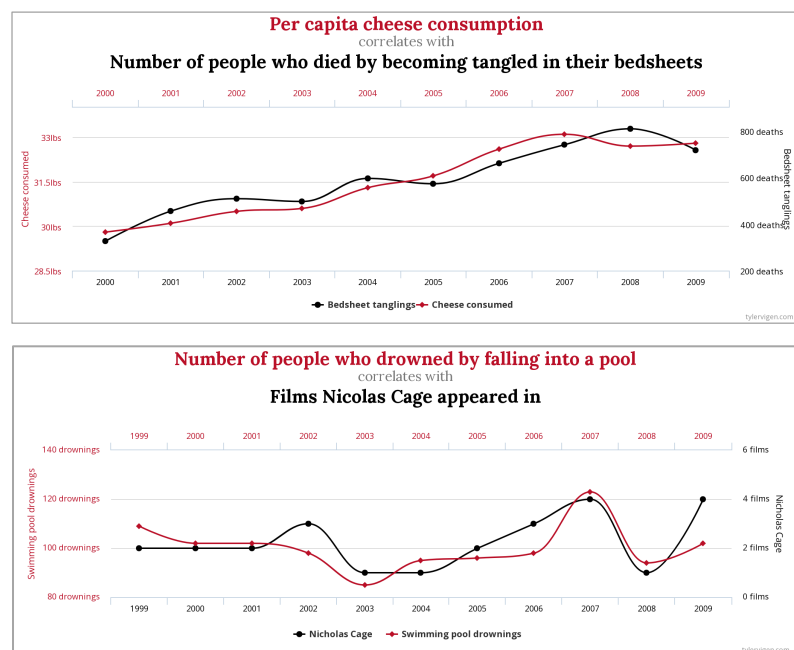


Oat production. *The crop not the milk.*

* No.

Good Quakers avoid spurious correlations

Those maps bring to mind the cautionary tales presented at **Spurious correlations**, www.tylervigen.com. There's no commentary there but a useful message.



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A girl and a boy



Bernard Sindall's *Girl in a Hat* (1972) stands confidently, casually, coolly surveying the central campus of Birmingham University. She wears only a hat, perhaps from the suffragist era. 150 years ago, in 1869, the 'Edinburgh Seven' became the first women to enter a British university, other than through subterfuge. It's a torrid tale, but they were finally awarded honorary degrees at this year's medical graduation ceremony (60% women).

Her pose strongly echoes Donatello's bronze *David* (1440s), which was apparently the first freestanding male nude since the classical period. He is more languid. That's Goliath's head he has his foot on, with feathers from the helmet running high up his inner right thigh, but it was proudly and prominently exhibited in Florence in the 15th century. For more, see Wikipedia page mentioned overload.

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MORE NEWS AND DATES

Glastonbury 2020 Young adults (18-35) have till Mon 30 Sep to apply for a funded opportunity to help run the Quaker Tent at Glastonbury in 2020. Go to <http://bit.ly/2IBf7EP>

Over-35s who are paying their own way but interested in getting involved, please email youngadults@quaker.org.uk

How to prepare for a General Election is the subject of a recent post at www.quaker.org.uk/blog

Life of Julie tapestries Last chance to see Grayson Perry's extraordinary full scale tapestries depicting scenes from the life of an imaginary ordinary woman from Essex. At the Dovecot Studios, Infirmary St. Sat Nov 2 is the last day at its final stop on a 2-year UK tour. Entry £9/£8 but it is impressive and moving.



Julie Cope 2 (fragment)

It's worth stopping at the concise *Our Linen Stories* exhibition on the top floor too, and that's free. Look down onto tapestry-making below, where once people swam in the first public baths in the city.

What we're reading/ watching

Injustice by Miko Peled. Five Palestinians imprisoned in America for 'Terrorism' by dint of mistranslated Arabic writings, minutes and plans. Horrifying and gripping. *Alison Burnley*

Eugene Onegin by Tchaikovsky. Fancy worldly young man fights a tragic unnecessary duel, and turns down country girl Olga. Both bad decisions, it turns out. Great tunes. *Helen Cameron*

Your 30-word reviews welcome. Cutting out all unnecessary words. These examples are like only 24 and 19 words mind.

ALSO ON THE INTERWEBS

Spurious correlations are featured on p3. Many more gems for science-lovers at www.tylervigen.com

Quaker relevance: 72%

Our **Wikipedia pages of the month** are **Eugene Onegin** (184 visits/day) which has a nice explanation of the Pushkin novel that became 1879 Tchaikovsky opera, film, and more.



Leonid Sobinov as Vladimir Lensky, 1898. Does he merit the trending term *historical hottie*? Maybe that would be excessive, like his shirt.

And also **David (Donatello)** (443 visits per day). Fascinating, probably hot, free of offensive shirts.

Quaker relevance: 44%

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