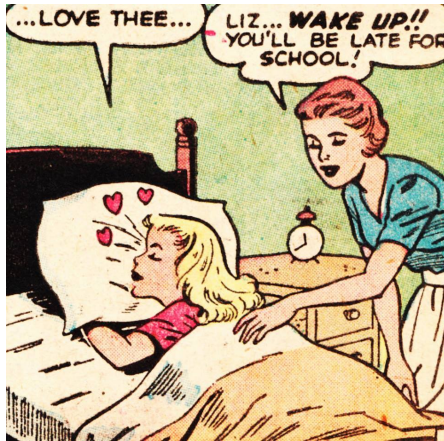




SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2018



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MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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.

Weekdays at Victoria Terrace: Wed 12.30-1.00. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

At Portobello: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Fisherrow Centre, South St, Musselburgh EH21 6AT. With children's meeting. Bus stop by Brunton Theatre. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Phillips), Brunstane Rd North.

At 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 January is for the **Edinburgh Campaign Against the Arms Trade**. David Turner will speak to this. caat.org.uk & [facebook.com/edinburghcaat](https://www.facebook.com/edinburghcaat)

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Building and nurturing an all-age community Training Workshop at Victoria Terrace Meeting House, 11-4 on **Sat 13 Jan**. Understanding, ideas, confidence building for all involved or who'd like to be. Facilitated by Madeleine Harding. Tea and coffee; please bring your lunch.

Meetings for learning now on the 3rd Sunday of each month after Meeting: so **Sun 21 Jan**. Please bring a sandwich or equivalent. Finish by 1.30.

Area Meeting will be held at Victoria Terrace Meeting House, 7-9pm on **Mon 22 Jan**

Mini-mart on Homeless Sunday, 28 Jan. Please bring along baking goodies, allotment surplus and any items you might have left over from Christmas on the day, for a mini-mart after Meeting. Funds to Scottish Churches Housing Action.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting on **Sun 4 Feb**

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on second Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group (Victoria Terrace, 4th Sundays after meeting, so ~1pm) will discuss *Golden Hill* and non-fiction by Francis Spufford. Feb, Henry James, *The Awkward Age*; Mar, Jane Hawking, *Looking Ahead*. Contact Rachel Frith.



From Blackford Hill, Jan 1st.

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SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2018

Dates and details may change – please check later dates near the time!

2018	Local Meeting for business	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan		Mon 22 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
Feb	4 February		
Mar		Sat 17 Mar (East Lothian) 11am	Sat 10th GM – (Edinburgh Central) Sun 25 Meeting at Faslane (<i>see info below</i>)
April	15 April		Sun 22 Faslane
May	27 May	Mon 14 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Mon 4 - Fri 7 Britain Yearly Meeting , Friends House, London Sun 27 Faslane
June		Sat 23 (South Edinburgh) 11am	GM – tbc Sun 24 Faslane, with Northern Friends Peace Board
July			
Aug	26 August	Tue 14 (SCHA, Edin) 7-9pm	
Sep		Sat 22 (Penicuik or Polmont) 11am	GM – tbc Celebration with ICAN on Sat Sep 15
Oct	22 Oct (t.b.c.)		Sun 7 Faslane
Nov		Sat 24 (Penicuik or Polmont) 11am	Sun 11 Faslane Residential GM – tbc
Dec			

Local Meeting for business: Follows our Sunday morning meeting five times a year. Recently we have preceded it with a short shared lunch, and been finished round 1.30 pm.

Meetings for Witness at the North Gate, Faslane: Faslane is about a 2 hour drive from Edinburgh. We aim to meet there at 11am. Please come with something to sit on, something that deals with the weather – from rain to midges – and something to eat before the journey home. Contact Alison Burnley.

Other things in EDINBURGH

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group meets quarterly in January, March (International Women's Day), July (outing), November (Interfaith Week). More info at edinwig.org.uk or speak to Alison Burnley.

Other things AROUND THE UK

LIST: quaker.org.uk/events has an excellent list. You can filter it to show type of event and who it's suitable for (young, old, workshops, conferences)

Woodbrooke has a fascinating list of events and courses. Explore at woodbrooke.org.uk where again you can filter according to what interests you. Here are just some of the titles from in the next couple of months:

Jan: Being a Quaker Treasurer; Exploring eldership; Exploring oversight; Open to wonder.

Feb: Politics - finding your way; Being a Quaker clerk (online); Navigating life's changes; Sex and the Spirit

Winter in Edinburgh: the unrefulgent sun

Robert Louis Stevenson, 1878

Edinburgh pays cruelly for her high seat in one of the vilest climates under heaven. She is liable to be beaten upon by all the winds that blow, to be drenched with rain, to be buried in cold sea fogs out of the east, and powdered with the snow as it comes flying southward from the Highland hills. The weather is raw and boisterous in winter, shifty and ungenial in summer, and a downright meteorological purgatory in the spring. The delicate die early, and I, as a survivor, among bleak winds and plumping rain, have been sometimes tempted to envy them their fate.

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To none but those who have themselves suffered the thing in the body, can the gloom and depression of our Edinburgh winters be brought home. For some constitutions there is something almost physically 'disgusting in the bleak ugliness of easterly weather; the wind wearies, the sickly sky depresses them; and they turn back from their walk to avoid the aspect of the unrefulgent sun going down among perturbed and pallid mists.

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The days are so short that a man does much of his business, and certainly all his pleasure, by the haggard glare of gas lamps. The roads are as heavy as a fallow. People go by, so drenched and draggled-tailed that I have often wondered how they found the heart to undress. And meantime the wind whistles through the town as if it were an open meadow; and if you lie awake all night, you hear it shrieking and raving overhead with a noise of shipwrecks and of falling houses. In a word, life is so unsightly that there are times when the heart turns sick in a man's inside; and the look of a tavern, or the thought of the warm, fire-lit study, is like the touch of land to one who has been long struggling with the seas.

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About Hogmanay (Christmas doesn't get a mention)

There are an infinity of visits to be paid; all the world is in the street, except the daintier classes; the sacramental greeting is heard upon all sides; Auld Lang Syne is much in people's mouths; and whisky and shortbread are staple articles of consumption. From an early hour a stranger will be impressed by the number of drunken men; and by afternoon drunkenness has spread to the women. With some classes of society, it is as much a matter of duty to drink hard on New-year's Day as to go to church on Sunday.

From *Edinburgh, Picturesque Notes*, 1878. Read the whole thing, fascinating and does include nice things about Edinburgh too, free at archive.org/details/edinburghpictur00stev

Could you be our next AM treasurer?

The duties are:

- To oversee the financial matters of Area Meeting and liaise with a professional accountant to ensure that effective financial measures, controls and procedures are in place.
- To oversee the development of financial strategy, including reserves and investment policies, and bring these before the Area Meeting trustees.
- To liaise with the accountant about the formal report and accounts each year, reporting to the trustees and to the independent examiner.

Contact Don Stubbings for further information or to discuss: 0131 336 1141 djstubbings@cooptel.net

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Patterns and examples A day for Quaker role holders. One of three meetings around the UK organised by Quaker Life and Woodbrooke, **Sat 17 Feb** at Victoria Terrace. £20 includes lunch and refreshments. More info at bit.ly/2jmNTwG or oliverw@quaker.org.uk 0207 663 1007

World Day of Prayer – the service, written by the women of Surinam, will be held at a church near you on **Fri March 2**. Meetings in advance at Church of Scotland offices, 121 George St, 10.30:

Fri Jan 12 – Preparation day

Fri Feb 9, 16 – Bible studies

What's in the library

You can search or browse local Quaker libraries (Central, South Edinburgh and Kelso) at quakerbib.org.uk Click on the library location to browse all its books, and see a list of key words.

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

Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is **Sequential Crush** (1,746 likes) – see front page. A scientific look at romance comics.

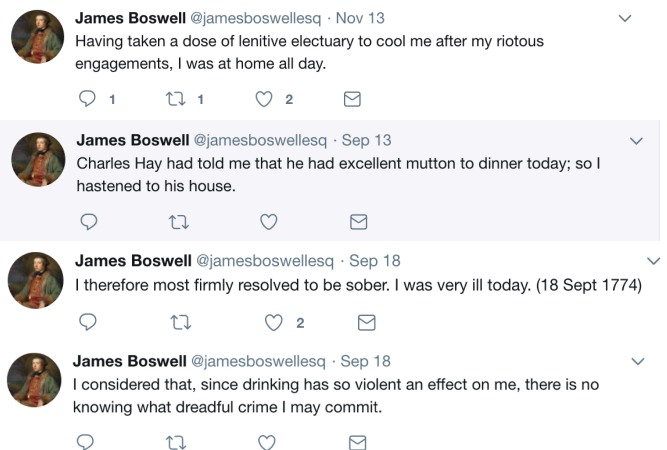
Online: what's up

Twitter account of the month is famous Scot James Boswell (1740-95), [@jamesboswellesq](https://twitter.com/jamesboswellesq) 'inventor of modern biography', and 'the most charming companion in the world'.



Mr Johnson and I walked up the High Street to my House in James Court; it was a dusky night. I could not prevent his being assailed by the Evening effusives of Edinburgh. As we marched along he grumbled in my Ear "I smell you in the dark".
Journal p13. Published May 15th 1786

Tweets are fragments from his diaries. His chief Quaker relevance must be as a bad example, though he does demonstrate a beguiling talent for plain-speaking self-criticism.



'Lenitive electuary' was a mix of senna, prunes, coriander seeds and tamarind pulp.

Further horror at *Too, too plain was Signor Gonorrhoea* wp.me/p8tvQR-iF

If still not alarmed enough, try bit.ly/2hS2lfV

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