



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2019



Extinction Rebellion has attracted vigorous support. Justin (pictured) and Saul Kenrick were among those arrested in London. There have been tributes to the quality of debate, diversity, and atmosphere at their peaceful protests. May's Terrace Talk includes a detailed account of Edinburgh action.

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 May is to support the **Refugee Survival Trust** which provides support services to asylum seekers and refugees living in Scotland. Esther Shreeve will speak to this. www.rst.org.uk

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Area Meeting will be held on **Tue 14 May** at Victoria Terrace Meeting House, 7-9 pm. Agenda includes: Prison visiting, Ed Fringe, London Arms Fair (3 Sep; <https://rootsofresistance.org.uk>).

There will be a **meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 19 May**. Details in Jan issue, or contact Alison Burnley.

Britain Yearly Meeting is being held at Friends House, London, **Fri 24 – Mon 27 May** with the theme of *Privilege*. Preparatory reading at <http://bit.ly/2GHuna1>

General Meeting for Scotland meets at Victoria Terrace Meeting House on **Sat 8 June**.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

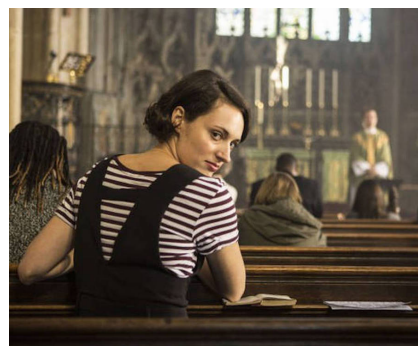
Exploring Spirituality. Monthly at Victoria Terrace, 2.30-4.30 (tea from 2). **Sat 11 May**, Jim Pym on Nisargadatta Maharaj (1897-1981), Bombay tobacco seller who became a contemporary sage. **Sat 1 Jun** Alan Spence (prof, poet, writer, Edinburgh makar) on Meditation.

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

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace this month on first Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, *no meeting in May*, but usually ~1pm after meeting on 4th Sundays. Jun: Thomas Mann's *Dr Faustus*.

IN THE NEWS



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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. To see it without paying a lot of money for a whole castle visit, please contact Dorothy Kidd a few days in advance at the National Museum of Scotland, d.kidd@nms.ac.uk, 0131 247 4076.

ON TV

Friends House tweeted a quote from the BBC hit drama/comedy *Fleabag* (illustrated on front page):



Quakerism is making a surprising appearance in some of the edgier TV shows. Lapsed Quaker Holly Williams welcomes this, and suggests why Quakers are receiving positive mentions. The widely applauded ‘electrifying, devastating’ drama/comedy *Fleabag* has just completed its Series 2 on BBC, but seasons 1 and 2 are still available on iPlayer, <https://bbc.in/2GIP84P>

Holly Williams article <http://bit.ly/2GxmWSo>
Anna Richmond analyses the episode with the Meeting (but watch it first) <http://bit.ly/2GGvkPz>

There has been some protest online at the acclaim awarded to *Fleabag*, based on the argument that as writer and lead actor Phoebe Waller-Bridge comes from a privileged white background, how can her messages be widely relevant? Thin thinking, in the end it seems that we’re all human. PWB also adapted/wrote and produced the very successful *Killing Eve*.

Quaker relevance: 49%
(edgy opinion)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

It’s two months till Kenneth’s birthday in July. He will be



ON YOUR 5G DEVICE



Greta Thunberg, Caroline Lucas, and others, can be seen talking on the emergency of climate change at a Friends House occasion hosted by young Friends, the Guardian, et al. Filmed live, watch at <https://youtu.be/ZyY8yarwI5g>

WHAT WE’RE READING

30 word review. The Catholic church doesn’t do so well in:

Derry Girls (Channel 4) A comedic riot of teenage life set in Londonderry during the Troubles. An unlikely setting for great escapist comedy, but also features Ealing comedy-style teachers and clerics. And priest-fancying, again.

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