



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2019



Where the Wild Things Are. Performance costumes at Edinburgh College of Art's end of year show.

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 June is to support the **Dorothy Peace Centre** – a clinic, school, and orphanage for Ebola survivors in Sierra Leone. Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this. www.dorothypeace.org

LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

Walk of Unity for Scottish Churches Housing Action. **Sat 7 Jun.** Details on back page.

General Meeting for Scotland meets at Victoria Terrace on **Sat 8 Jun.** Alison Burnley is coordinating offers to help with catering, thank you.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting for Worship on **Sun 9 Jun.** Finish by 2pm.

There will be a **meeting at Faslane** on **Sun 16 Jun.** Details in Jan issue, or contact Alison Burnley.

Area Meeting will be held on **Sat 22 Jun** at Kelso.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

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

Book Group at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after meeting on 4th Sundays. June: Thomas Mann's *Dr Faustus*. July, *The Return of the Soldier* by Rebecca West; no meeting in Aug; Sep, *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville.

QUAKERS IN THE NEWS



Saved for the nation – Pardshaw's 1729 meeting house is one of 17 in the UK that have been granted protected status, or had their status upgraded, receiving widespread coverage. Be proud. <http://bit.ly/2vS1anx>
<http://heritage.quaker.org.uk> has detailed photos and accounts of 354 buildings. Ingrid Greenhow describes the project at www.quaker.org.uk/blog/a-living-heritage
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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business held on Sun 28 April

1. Opening Worship We heard from Quaker Faith & Practice 24.58, where Duncan Wood wrote in 1962 that the tears shed over international conflicts may not simply blind us but “*wash the windows of the spirit that with a clearer vision and a surer sympathy we may take up again our unfinished task of declaring the glad tidings*”. We were 7 gathered.

2. Minutes of our 10 March 2019 meeting See report of Quaker involvement in Extinction Rebellion in Terrace Talk [attached at the meeting].

3. Caring for absent friends. Esther Shreeve, convener of Elders and Overseers (Es&Os), shared her thoughts.

We now have a full complement of seven Es&Os and at next meeting on 4 June they will review their pastoral care lists.

We all agreed that each one of us is enjoined to consider how and when to reach out to absent friends and offer a listening ear or a helpful presence.

We hugely value all the loving behind-the-scenes care and visits made and recognise the value of simply holding someone in the light.

We reflected on the second part of Advices and Queries 18: “*As we enter with tender sympathy into the joys and sorrows of each other’s lives, ready to give help and to receive it, our meeting can be a channel for God’s love and forgiveness*”

4. Roots of Resistance: Opposing DSEI Arms Fair 10-13 Sept 2019 We were inspired to hear of the engagement of friends in disrupting past Arms trading exhibitions and of the plans to bear witness against the Arms Fair planned for 10th to 13th September in London Docklands.

Some friends in Scotland plan to join 1,000 Quakers in London this September under the auspices of Roots of Resistance. We considered how can we best support them? Cathy Holman for Portobello - Musselburgh LM is coordinating a growing network of RoR contacts in Scotland.

We heard about plans to co-host a “How We Win” workshop led by Emily Johns and Gabriel from Peace News on Saturday 18 May <https://hww18may.eventbrite.co.uk>

This addresses a very long held concern of our Local Meeting – supporting Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT). We hope that friends in the Area Meeting might lend their support and share news of how people can become involved. We feel compelled to call out the UK government complicity in arming violent regimes across the globe.

This concern reflects the Britain Yearly Meeting Peace Testimony.

5. Any Other Business We are delighted to hear of the plans for re-establishing the Dundee Meeting House as a walk-in centre in the city centre and agreed to donate £100 towards their appeal. www.quakerscotland.org/news/dundee-quakers-plans-return-home

6. Date of Next Meeting Our Local Meetings are due 9 June, 25 August and 27 October - on Sundays after shared lunch after Meeting for Worship. Comments / clashes to clerk.

People at work and life (v)

Film fragments giving insights into life around the world.



What you do when you grow up – In *True Love in Pueblo Textil*, 9 year-old Maribel talks about her unrequited love for schoolmate Jose, and imagines how it should play out. We see hints of her life and imagine more. But at least her rabbit loves her. A thought-provoking, touching, award-winning 5 mins. <https://vimeo.com/315298268>



We all eat from the same plate here – In *Shampoo Summit*, Jewish Israeli Iris Zaki takes a job as 'shampoo girl' in a Christian Arab hair salon in Haifa, and records customers reflections on religious and ethnic tensions, and on the value of eating and doing things together. 7 mins at <http://bit.ly/2PKo09T>

Quakers in the media some more

Quakers involvement in climate action hasn't used the same techniques as in the 17th century, but is exciting comment. Is that leading to greater interest in Quakerism in general? As there seems to be more of it about than usual.

'Rooted in rebellion from its inception' *From eco activists to anarchist allies, Quakers are redefining what it means to be Christian.* An extended quality piece on Quakers from New South Wales. <https://ab.co/2QsXYIC>

Quakers and their key role in the early Industrial Revolution are also described in Walks of Life episode 8: Severn. Very friendly review of modern Quakerism includes a short meeting in Abraham Darby's house, followed by questions to a Friend. Around 4-14 minutes into the programme, available for about a week more at <https://bbc.in/2QoErsE>

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Walk of Unity for Scottish Churches Housing Action. **Sat 7 Jun.** Between churches of different denominations, Princes St Gardens, crags, Arthur's Seat and Portobello Beach, via 3 segments of 2.5-5.5 miles. Limited to 50 places. Info at <http://bit.ly/2Q3lg7P> or 0131 477 4500.

UN Day Against Torture is Wed 26 Jun – photoshoot for cyclists and supporters outside the Scottish Parliament at 5pm.

Cycle for Freedom from Torture – this ride from Hastings to Edinburgh reaches Scotland at its Wooler to Melrose stage on **Tue 23 July**, travels to Biggar, then Glasgow where it rests on Fri 26, then Falkirk Wheel, reaching Edinburgh on **Sun 28 July**. Ride, support, or just cheer; further info at <https://edinburghfft.org/cycle2019>

Wiston Weekend This famous event for South East Scotland Quakers takes place **Fri 6 – Sun 8 September**. For Friends and attenders of all ages, with a range of activities to suit all. Very family friendly. Stay in the Lodge, or camp. More info and bookings at www.boe.scot/wiston

CLIMATE ACTION



Cath and Lesley at the Edinburgh Extinction Rebellion protest (Photo: Cath Dyer) <http://bit.ly/2Qawllp>

The Time is Now: Quakers will join a mass lobby of the London Parliament on environment and climate change on **Wed 26 June**.

Edinburgh Interfaith Association encourages us to engage with our political representatives, and sign a statement of support as an organisation or individuals to MSPs. Text under the heading **Climate Disruption: Actions Speak Louder Than Words** – on the front page of their website www.edinburghinterfaith.com

How to: Alan Frith draws attention to two books in May's Sesame: George Lakey's *Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning* and Michael Walzer's *Political Action: A Practical Guide to Movement Politics*. Also to the remarkable May Drummond, who made waves in the early 1700s. She could have spoken at Pardshaw (front page).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

None this month, but it's nearly July, and we're on tenterhooks here about getting it wrong again.

ON YOUR 5G HUAWEI DEVICE

Slow TV is quite the thing, and more Quakerish than oats.



Norwegian train driver [Hinducowgirl](#) (29,552 YouTube subscribers) posts almost silent, complete journeys filmed in high definition from her cab. Some over 3h long. Bewitchingly calming.

Search on 'Slow TV' to bring up many more, including real time film of barges, bubbling streams, and more. We especially enjoyed a 3h ship journey from the Greenlandic Broadcasting Corporation: <https://youtu.be/heiD4L5N724>

Quaker relevance: 39%

Our **Wikipedia page of the month** is [Cattle in religion and mythology](#) (230 views/day). Inexplicably it has nothing on the environmental slant on keeping cows. But it's Wikipedia, so you could change that, thereby altering its ...

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