



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2020



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### 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays** at 11am, Bellfield, 16B Bellfield Street, Portobello, EH15 2BP. With children's meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 also at Bellfield.

**Broughton St Mary's: 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://quakerscotland.org)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In January is for **Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture (QCAT)**, formed to remind people of the absolute ban on torture under international law, but also to inform the tragic facts that torture is carried out in many places. <http://qcat.org.uk> Michael Hutchinson (Glasgow) will speak to us about the charity on Sun 12 Jan, see top right.

### LOCAL QUAKER EVENTS

After Meeting on **Sun 12 Jan** please stay for a bring and share lunch and a chat with Michael Hutchinson, Glasgow Friend and treasurer of **Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture**, QCAT, which is our January charity.

**Area Meeting** will be held at Central Edinburgh on the evening of **Mon 20 Jan**, 7-9 pm.

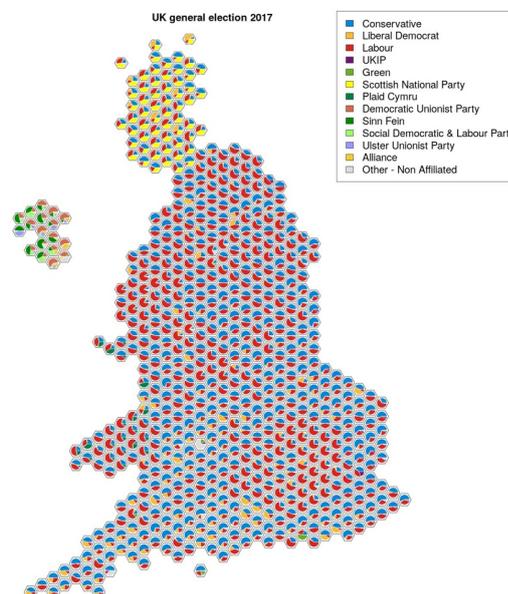
We have **Local Meeting for Business** after Meeting on Sun 26 Jan. Finish by 2.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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

**Singing group** meets at Victoria Terrace on the first Tuesday each month, 7.30 pm.

**Book Group** at Victoria Terrace, ~1pm after post-meeting lunch on 4th Sundays. In Jan, on South Edinburgh Meeting's recommendation, *West* by Carys Davies.



Data magic: David Sterrat redrew the map of the Dec 2019 general election to show outcome by equal-sized constituencies (rather than geographic areas). Slice sizes indicate results. In full at <http://bit.ly/34AjiRM>

[More Events and News on the Back Page](#)

## SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2020

**Provisional dates in italics.** But please double-check all later dates nearer the time.

2020	<i>Local Meeting</i> ( <i>us. 3rd Sun</i> )	<i>Area Meeting</i>	<i>GM and other meetings</i>
Jan	26 January	Mon 20 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
Feb			
Mar	<i>15 March</i>	Sat 21 (East Lothian) am + pm	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> GM – South East (Edinburgh) Sun 15 Meeting at Faslane ( <i>see info below</i> )
April			Sun 19 Faslane
May	<i>17 May</i>	Tue 12 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sun 17 Faslane
June		Sat 27 ( <b>South Edin</b> ) am + pm	Sat 13 GM – North (Aberdeen) Sun 21 Faslane – NFPB Day
July			
Aug			Sat 1 - Fri 7 Britain Yearly Meeting, Bath
Sep	<i>20 Sep</i>	<i>Date tbc</i> (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Sat 12 GM – East (Dundee)
Oct			Sun 11 Faslane
Nov	<i>29 Nov</i>	Sat 28 (Penicuik) am + pm	Sun 8 Faslane Sat 14 GM – West (Glasgow) (Next GM will be Sat 6 Mar 2021, North)
Dec			

**Local Meeting for business:** Follows our Sunday morning meeting five times a year. Kept brief. Sometimes with a short shared lunch.

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

### Other things around the UK

**LIST:** [www.quaker.org.uk/events](http://www.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 Learning 2020** – the catalogue is fascinating. There's a copy at Meeting, or you can browse and search at <http://bit.ly/2GjYLu5>

**Courses at Swarthmore Hall** look good too, [www.swarthmorehall.co.uk](http://www.swarthmorehall.co.uk)

### Hearing from us by email

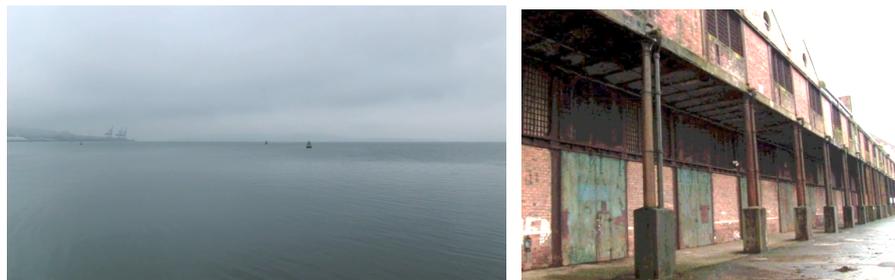
Through **South Edinburgh Announcements** you can receive emails from South Edinburgh Quakers. This is used for short-notice news, and information about interesting events. To join this list, go to our webpage at [quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh](http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh) and click on the link to the South Edinburgh Announcements mailing list. There you can enter your details, and someone will approve behind the scenes. We have to do this as otherwise the list accumulates advertisers and people we don't really know. You can unsubscribe there too.

The email list for the **newsletter** is broader, contact [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) about that.

**I want more Quaker email Quake** is a lively, interesting, and topical monthly short read from Britain Yearly Meeting. See previous issues and sign up at [www.quaker.org.uk/resources/newsletters/quake](http://www.quaker.org.uk/resources/newsletters/quake)



## Seasonal sweetness



**The God of sugar** – part of a series of films commissioned by Absent Voices, focused on the Greenock Sugar Sheds. Poem by Vicki Feaver and film by Alastair Cook. <http://filmpoem.com/absent-voices-the-god-of-sugar> Sugar carries hints of some of the least attractive aspects of imperialism underpinning Britain's industrial expansion in the 1800s. Just one of a number of fascinating projects at <http://filmpoem.com> explained (rather longly) at <http://filmpoem.com/about>

How well it burns <http://filmpoem.com/absent-voices-how-well-it-burns>

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This 'wryly festive' 2-minute video from modern day China (<https://vimeo.com/115111246>) pairs so well with the cracker-manufactury in 1910 Britain that we featured in December, <https://youtu.be/kT2nqHU6f7I>

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## What we do with data – an occasional reminder, and our Privacy Notice

We followed the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for many years before it came into force in 2018. GDPR stresses that we should make it clear what data we hold, and why. We need active permission to keep non-essential details, or pass anything on. See also our info about emails (p2).

We keep contact details of members, and of attenders who have opted in to this, in our Local and Area Meetings records, and with General Meeting for Scotland. We don't pass details on to any other organisations, and we ask your permission before we publish them in our Book of Members.

We have to contact each other in order to function as a Society. So if you've given us your address, phone number, email, etc, we don't need additional consent to use them for core activities, but you can change your preferences about how we contact you at any time.

You can ask for your name to be removed from our records, and so far as we are able, we will do that. We are obliged to keep some of our records for varying time periods by law. Some non-sensitive records (minutes of our business meetings, for example) may be kept indefinitely as they are deemed historical. There is more information about these and some other intricacies, including a bold attempt to list all our lists, in General Meeting's longer document on data privacy, available from <http://quakerscotland.org/general-meeting>

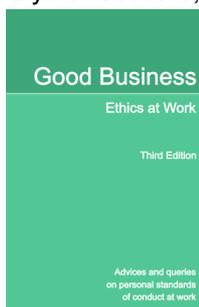
## MORE NEWS AND DATES

**World Day of Prayer** is recognised at many churches, including one near you, on **Fri 6 Mar**. Written this year by women in Zimbabwe. Meetings in preparation are held at the Church of Scotland offices at 121 George St, at 10.30 am on **Fridays: Jan 10** (preparation); and **Feb 7** and **Feb 21** (Bible study).

**Yearly Meeting Gathering** will be held from **1-7 Aug** (Sat to Fri) at the University of Bath. Further info at [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym)

**Quakers and good business** – From the Quakers and Business Group, an extensively revised 3rd, international edition of *Good Business: Ethics at Work*. Structured in Advices and Queries style, offering 50 pages of advice and questions.

Read it online or download it free, or buy the paperback, from <https://qandb.org/goodbusiness> – and there is a printout at meeting



## What we're reading

**The Leveller Revolution**, by John Rees – a weighty, fascinating, academic study of 1641-50, while George Fox was finding a different way. 'Our' Isaac Penington's father was a Leveller, so committed to "popular sovereignty, extended suffrage, equality before the law, religious tolerance". And they kept their hats on in court.

*Alison Burnley*

*40 words by special concession include 10 added during editing.* 'The Leveller Revolution' is available from the library at Victoria Terrace Meeting. For a concise factual introduction, the Levellers Wikipedia page is recommended (289 views/day).

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## BOURBONS ON THE WEB



Peek Frean's Bermondsey biscuit factory at the time of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1906. A fascinating 8 minutes at <https://youtu.be/8O2EYrueHNE>

The film is said to be one of the first film documentaries, and shows a mix of manual and newly automated production, and some notably young employees. And what a lot of people it took.

A longer version at <https://youtu.be/nC6o2ZIQIFs> starts with churns of milk arriving, and stoking the boilers to power the machinery, and is intercut with views of modernised processes in the mid 1980s. Spoken over it is a lovely, fond commentary from 1980s workers, just before the Bermondsey works closed.



*Photo: ST*

Our second **Wikipedia page of the month** is **Bourbon biscuit** (214 views/day). Celebrate its 110th birthday, as the first mass-produced cream sandwich, produced by Peek Frean's under the name 'Creola' in 1910.

The Wikipedia page is disappointingly short and could benefit from your input. A quick Internet browse reveals many probably apocryphal stories that probably can't earn a place there. For instance, that it was the first biscuit eaten on the moon. The recipes for making them at home look good though.

*Quaker relevance: 12%*

**Coming soon:** Quaker biscuits