



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2023



From Carriden towards Blackness Castle

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Meetings **every Sunday 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, or remotely by Zoom (hybrid, except on the fourth Sun of each month). *Late changes and notices sent by weekly email.* To join the South Edinburgh Announce email list, see <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

On fifth Sundays in Winter, an option may be strolling/sitting in Astley Ainsley grounds.

On the **First Thursday of each month** we meet for **30 min at 7.30 pm** by Zoom, followed by chat.

Other local meetings

Central Edinburgh and Portobello-Musselburgh are closest. Times are listed in SESAME, but for full info and a map, see <https://quakerscotland.org>

Several South Edinburgh Friends also attend Central Edinburgh's **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee are available, and you can bring a packed lunch.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in January is for **Toilet Twinning**, a charity recommended by Rachel Howell. TT helps communities and families to build basic toilets, and gain access to clean water. More info and online donations (top right) at www.toilettwinning.org

QUAKER EVENTS

Evening Meeting by Zoom on first Thursdays at 7.30pm, so **Thur 5 Jan** (Twelfth Night).

Area Meeting will be held at Victoria Terrace Meeting House in Edinburgh on **Mon 16 Jan**, 7-9 pm. Agenda circulated by email.

South Edinburgh Meeting's next **local meeting for business** will be held after Meeting for worship on **Sun 5 Feb**. Other dates for the year tbc.

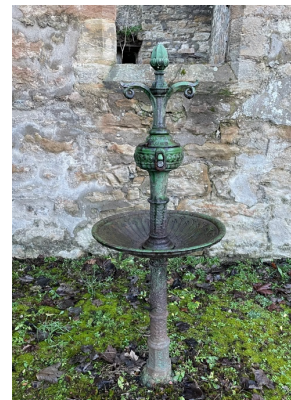
Other 2023 dates are listed on page 2.

South Edin friends are welcome to these in-person events organised by Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central Meeting.

Coffee – at Rachel's house, usually on first and third Thursdays from 10.15 am. Please contact Rachel in advance to ensure numbers OK.

Singing group, 7.30 pm on Tue 10 Jan (in place of usual First Tuesday) at Victoria Terrace.

Book Group – 4th Sundays at 12.15 after Central MfW. For January, *The Valley at the Centre of the World* by Malachy Tallack.



Cast iron drinking fountain at the old churchyard in Carriden, by Bo'ness (p 3)

SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2023

For later events especially, arrangements and dates may change.

2023	Local Meeting for Business	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan		Mon 16 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	
Feb	Sun 5 Feb		
Mar	<i>tbc</i>	Sat 18 (location tbc) am + pm, all-age	Sat 11 GM – West
April			Sat 1 – Wed 4 April – Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) Fri 28 April to Mon 1 May – Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM, London)
May		Tue 9 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	
June	<i>tbc</i>	Sat 24 (location tbc) am + pm, all-age	Sat 10 GM – South East
July			
Aug	<i>tbc</i>		
Sep		Wed 6 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	Sat 16 GM – North
Oct	<i>tbc</i>		
Nov		Sat 4 (location tbc) am + pm, all-age	Sat 11 GM – East
Dec			
Jan 2024		Mon 15 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	(Next GM will be Sat 9 Mar 2024, South East)

South Edin Local Meeting for Business: Follows our Sunday morning meeting five times each year.

Meetings for Witness at the North Gate, Faslane: In 2022 we held Meetings in Princes Street Gardens on the days of those at Faslane.

Other things around the UK

LIST: www.quaker.org.uk/events has an excellent list. You can click the headings in the side menu to show just one type of event or who it's aimed at – young, old, workshops, conferences etc.

Woodbrooke Learning 2023 – browse and search at www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/courses

Hearing from us by email

Through **South Edinburgh Announcements** you can receive emails from South Edinburgh Quakers. 1-2 per week, for short-notice news, additional information about interesting events, and Zoom details for online meetings. To join this list, see details on our webpage at <http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh> Enrolling includes an approval step to make sure it's people we know.

The email list for our monthly **newsletter** (you're reading it now) is broader. Contact neilturn@gmail.com



I want more Quaker news!

- The **BYM blog** at www.quaker.org.uk/blog is refreshingly varied, interesting, and concise.
- **Quake** is BYM's short topical monthly email. www.quaker.org.uk/resources/newsletters/quake

For a longer read, **The Friend** (subscription required) at <https://thefriend.org>

Short films for 2023 attention spans

The Attendant – alternately troubling and heart-warming, humorous tale of overcoming financial hardship. 12 mins atmospheric of its Northern Ireland location, and maybe based on a true story. <https://youtu.be/R1HyisEtjsM>

The Silent Child – beautiful Oscar-winning 20 mins illustrating both challenges and opportunities for a deaf girl in a hearing family. Stand-out story, cast, direction. You'll want to know what happened later. <https://youtu.be/2GbxFIVQv8c>

If you enjoyed that, you should go on to **A Glimpse**, starring Rachel Shenton again. A whole relationship played out in glimpses (of imagination or reality?) over 10 mins during a chance encounter in a coffee shop. <https://youtu.be/3MM5eipKjI0>



Longer film if you're up to it



Hit the Road – A 2022 Iranian road movie which is funny, beautiful, and uplifting, while gradually the reasons for the trip leak out. Hints of a distressing refugee tale, triggered by only vaguely defined events, emerge slowly. Uncertainty, and risks and hopes of those staying behind, give a poignancy that is countered by the exuberant daughter, who is not in on the secret. There is also a broken leg and a sick dog.



93 mins. 97/83% on RottenTomatoes.

Websites of welcome obsession



<https://memorialdrinkingfountains.wordpress.com> is close to celebrating its 10th birthday, and 267,000 hits. In several hundreds of searchable posts it documents cast iron drinking fountains around the world, most made in Scottish ironworks.

The entry on the drinking fountain in Carriden churchyard (page 1) identifies it as item 4 in Walter Macfarlane's Saracen Foundry catalogue. As Carriden is next to the famous Carron ironworks at Bo'ness, and many of the local population worked in iron works, initially it seems surprising that the water fountain was purchased from a Glasgow foundry.

However Walter Macfarlane specialised in fountains and items of complex architectural ironwork. Its 1880-1910 catalogues can be seen online via the Internet Archive. Item No. 4 would have cost £2 10s 3d (date of catalogue not clear).

As is frequently the case, the identity of the fascinated website author is not clear, identified only by initials or nickname HIS.

Image: an 1895 water fountain at a convent in Larnaca, Cyprus, erected in memory of sister Sophie Chambon. No. 8 in the Walter Macfarlane catalogue, £27 13s 2d. *Posted 25 October 2022*

NEWS

First Sunday evening events for young people

On **Sun 8 Jan**, but usually in first Sundays, BYM offers nationwide Zoom meetings:

5pm for children and families (40 mins), 'Giant Online Children's Meeting'.

6.30 pm Young People's Epilogue for those aged 11-18 (90 mins).

You need to register to join these. Further info from www.quaker.org.uk/events

The joy of less – Marie Kondo meets Woodbrooke in an online course from **23 Jan**, see <https://bit.ly/3HYFHjk>

In preparation you could read Kyle Chayka's not minimal 2020 argument about the deceptive appeal of minimalism <https://bit.ly/3GeiBUg> (Guardian)

More from Woodbrooke includes *Building on Peace That is There* from 23 Jan, and much more.

Revising Quaker Faith and Practice – two samples from the revision group are available, with further information about the ongoing work. <https://bit.ly/3WwOxIZ>

Cost of living – At gov.scot/costoflivingsupport there is guidance on support, grants, benefits, and advice for anyone struggling to cope with increased living costs this winter.

Where's the good news?

Did good news seem even more easily drowned out in 2022? Remedy that with 99 examples of good things from the year, listed at <https://futurecrunch.com/goodnews2022> under headings of human rights, conservation, global health, decarbonisation, development, animals.

You can follow their cheering messages on Twitter (@future_crunch) or sign up to a weekly newsletter at <https://futurecrunch.com>

BBC News keeps up two separate lists with positive content but broader remit: Uplifting Stories and Inspiring Stories.

In the BYM blog, Olivia Hanks celebrates a **success from COP27** in the agreement to set up a loss and damage fund. Links at the foot to get involved with the Quaker campaign for climate justice.

www.quaker.org.uk/blog/the-cop27-outcome-on-loss-and-damage

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