



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

January 2025



North Bridge from Register House.

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

We meet on **Sundays 10.30-11.30 am** at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, and remotely by Zoom (hybrid).

Recent notices and late changes are sent by weekly email. Join the email list by clicking the link at <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

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

Arrangements for children: see online.

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 **Midweek Meeting on Wednesdays**, 12.30 for 30 mins at Victoria Terrace meeting house. Tea and coffee available, you can eat your packed lunch.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in January is for **Quaker Social Action**. The charity was founded as the Bedford Housing Institute in 1867, and includes Quaker Homeless Action. David Somervell will speak to this. More at <https://quakersocialaction.org.uk> (donations button at top).

QUAKER EVENTS

The year starts quietly. Latest updates at <https://bit.ly/SEdQuakEvents>

Area Meeting will be held at Victoria Terrace Meeting House, Edinburgh, 7-9 pm on **Mon 20 Jan**. Details by email.

Shared lunch (4th Sundays) on **Sun 26 Jan**. Bring and share.

Book Group – *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. **Thur 15 Feb** at 2pm. Get reading.

‘Quakers in Scotland’ – information on progress with work towards forming a single charity (QiS) in place of our current 6, and coming together more closely as Quakers across Scotland, is updated regularly online – see links at top of GM webpage <https://quakerscotland.org/general-meeting>

From Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central:

Coffee at Rachel’s house, from 10.15 am on first and third Thursdays. Please confirm with Rachel.

Central Book Group – third Sundays after soup: *January details not yet confirmed*.



‘Roots’ – Christmas lights at the Botanic

SOUTH EDINBURGH QUAKER CALENDAR 2025

Dates may change! They should be updated at <https://bit.ly/SedQuakEvents> or by email for short notice changes. There is a link to the Events table at the top of our South Edinburgh Meeting webpage.

2025	Local Meeting for Business	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan		Mon 20 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	
Feb	Sun 23 Feb		Thur 6 South Edin book group
Mar		Sat 22 (Central Fife) am + pm, all-age	Thur 20 South Edin book group Sat 8 GM – Edinburgh
April			
May	Sun 25 MfB	Tue 6 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	Thur 8 South Edin book group Fri 23 – Mon 26 Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) at Friends House, London
June		Sat 21 (East Lothian) am + pm, all-age	Sat 7 GM – North Thur 19 South Edin book group
July			
Aug	Sun 24 MfB		
Sep		Wed 10 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	Sat 20 GM – East
Oct			
Nov	Sun 23 MfB	Sat 1 (Edinburgh MH hosted by South Edin) am + pm, all-age	Sat 8 GM – South East
Dec			
Jan 2026		Mon 20 7-9 pm (Central Edin)	(Next GM will be Sat 7 Mar 2026, West)

South Edin Local Meeting for Business: Dates for these provisional. After Sunday MfW and a shared lunch.

Meetings for Witness for peace: In 2024 we held Meetings in Princes Street Gardens on the same days as those held at the North Gate, Faslane. 2025 plans to follow.

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 – 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 <http://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh> Enrolling includes an approval step to make sure it's people we know.

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



More regular Quaker news

- **Quake** is BYM's short interesting monthly email. www.quaker.org.uk/resources/newsletters/quake
- The **BYM blog** at www.quaker.org.uk/blog is refreshingly varied, interesting, and concise
- For a longer read, **The Friend** (weekly, subscription required), <https://thefriend.org>

ALL AGE QUIZ

A puzzle from *Treasure* magazine 1965 (target readership: about 8 years old). The artist was Don Harley (1927-2001), https://ukcomics.fandom.com/wiki/Don_Harley Via Helen Day, Twitter (but now BlueSky, p4).

THIS IS AN OBSERVATION TEST

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

See if you can find the twelve deliberate mistakes which the artist made when he drew this picture of a party.



Answers at the foot of page 4. Don't look till you've found them all!

Notes from Local Meeting for Business 1 Dec 2024

Full minutes have been circulated by email, but please ask if you need a paper copy. Key points:

- Main item: We agreed to continue to meet at the Open Door at present (detail in Minutes). Huge thanks to Rosamond for all her work, and Phil for the survey of Friends.
- Kate Arnot will be our representative on the Open Door committee.
- We agreed to an annual donation to *The Friend*, and a one-off contribution to Wallingford Meeting House appeal. Also to the Steiner School for our meeting there.
- **Sun Feb 23** is the preferred (not confirmed) date for our next Meeting for Business. We aim to meet quarterly on 4th Sundays, coinciding with our dates for shared lunch, but date clashes and room availability may alter this.

News and future events

Climate vigils – Christian Climate Action Scotland continues to hold a vigil outside the Scottish Parliament on the **last Tuesday of each month**, 12- 2 pm.

No more Twitter: X is ex. From Dec 16th BYM and other UK Quaker accounts joined other organisations and individuals who have moved away from posting on Twitter (X), instead using BlueSky (<https://bsky.app>) and other avenues, because of weakened moderation and increased levels of disinformation on X.

Others commented that their interactions with accounts they enjoyed have reduced, replaced by propaganda and angry politics.

For example Helen Day (p3) has the same ‘handle’ but at [@lbflyawayhome.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/lbflyawayhome.bsky.social)

Sue Freshwater Many Friends will already have heard of the extent of Sue’s generosity to the Society of Friends in her will. She left over £300,000 to South East Scotland Area Meeting.

The Open Door



Following closure of the Open Door café, the **ground floor is available to let**. If you know a charity or other organisation that would be a good fit, please help them to get in touch with the Open Door.



*Our newsletter is published near the last Sunday of each month. February confabulations to neilturn@gmail.com
Find this edition, plus archives of previous, at www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh*

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ANSWERS

The sheet of music on the piano has no notes and the piano has no black keys. One of its pedals is a spoon and there is a castor missing from the piano stool. The chair by the wall is upside down and the portrait above it has no face. One boy has a saucerpan instead of a paper hat on his head and the other boy has his bow tie the wrong way round. The balloons have no string, there are blackbirds flying around in the room and mushrooms in the fruit bowl. Mother is holding the teapot upside down.