



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 2021



Emma Holiday

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Some meetings may be resuming limited in-person meetings in future weeks, but we do not expect to be able to do this at the Open Door.

20-25 Friends each week have been joining our meetings via Zoom, every **Sunday 10.30-11.30 am**. After a 5 min break we then share conversation over coffee. After successful trials, on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month we will share coffee in smaller breakout groups.

If you have technical problems joining, Martin Burnell has kindly offered to help. Joining instructions for Zoom meetings are sent in emails. You can find how to join our email list at <https://quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh>

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Our collection in March will be for **Britain Yearly Meeting**. Through loss of lettings and other income it has seen a large deficit in 2020-21. Alison Burnley will speak to this. Ways to donate, including directly online, are listed at www.quaker.org.uk/donate

QUAKER EVENTS

General Meeting for Scotland will be held at on **Sat 6 March**. Held by Zoom (nominally hosted by Aberdeen).

BLM bookgroup meets again on **Sun 7 Mar** at 5pm (to be confirmed).

A second Meeting for Learning on **gender identity**, led by Rici and Mairi, will be held after MfW at 11.45 am on **Sun 14 March**.

Area Meeting will be held on **Sat 20 Mar**, nominally hosted by East Lothian Meeting.

Quaker Cabaret Climate Ceilidh – Portobello and Musselburgh Meeting are organising an online ceilidh on **Sat 27 March** 7.30-10 pm. 20 x 5 minute slots envisage, primarily hosted and performed by their members, but all welcome. Book at <https://ctzn.tk/EquinoxCeilidh>

South Edinburgh Friends are very welcome to join the following Edinburgh Central Meeting events. All via Zoom: details from rachel.frith@waitrose.com

Singing Group – meets every first Tuesday (so March 2nd) at 7.30 pm

Online coffee – bring your own to an online conversation, 10.30 on **1st and 3rd Thursdays**.

Book Group – 12.15 (after Central MfW) on **Sun 28 Mar**, book to be agreed on 28 Feb.



Quaker donations to the Royal Infirmary (Infirmary St), 1739

Charities for 2021

A small group of Friends (Rici Marshall Cross, Deirdre Armstrong, Sue Noble, Susan Robertson and David Somervell) met via Zoom to discuss and evaluate the charities proposed for the Special Collections from February 2021 to January 2022. This is the resulting list.

Almost all of these accept direct donations online. It usually works to simply add [/donate](#) to the url shown. Or look for the Donate or Support button or link on the home page.

Name	Advocate	Type	Month
Samaritans – Scotland branch of their campaign to make suicide prevention a national and local priority. Staff and volunteers run nationwide and community campaigns to raise awareness and influence decision-makers. www.samaritans.org/Scotland	Ola Uduku	Local Scottish	Feb
Britain Yearly Meeting – BYM has a very large financial deficit this year having lost a lot of income during the Covid pandemic. www.quaker.org.uk	Alison Burnley	Quaker	March
Railway Children – fighting for street children. “We believe in a world where no child ever has to live on the streets”. Originally in railway stations in India, now all over the world. www.railwaychildren.org.uk	Deirdre Armstrong		April
Northern Friends Peace Board – a Quaker group that supports and encourages ‘the active promotion of peace in all its height and breadth’. https://nfpb.org.uk	Alison Burnley	Quaker	May
Freedom from Torture provides specialist psychological therapy to help asylum seekers and refugees who have survived torture recover and rebuild their lives in the UK. Plus training for professionals, and campaigning for change www.freedomfromtorture.org		Quaker values	June
Families Outside – works on behalf of families affected by imprisonment, providing information and practical and emotional support www.familiesoutside.org.uk	Deirdre Armstrong	Local	July
Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) works to end the international arms trade. For the Edinburgh branch www.edinburghcaat.org.uk	David Somervell	Quaker values	Aug
Wiston Lodge – to coincide with our annual weekend gathering at this learning development centre for children and young adults. www.wistonlodge.com	Deirdre Armstrong	Local, Quaker interest	Sept
Strengthening Communities for Race Equality Scotland (SCORE) addresses the causes and effects of racism to promote race equality. Aiming for full participation of minority ethnic communities in all aspects of civic life. Based in Wester Hailes, www.scoreScotland.org.uk	Deirdre Armstrong	Local	Oct
Aid and Abet offers peer-led support to those released from prison, working in Edinburgh, Lothian, and Glasgow. An annual collection since 2018. www.aidnabet.org	Alistair Cameron	Local	Nov
The Welcoming welcomes New Scots to Edinburgh, through language classes, job finding, friendship, connections and collaboration. www.thewelcoming.org	David Somervell	Local	Dec
Young Friends General Meeting – the organisation for young adult Quakers in Britain. Holds weekends at Quaker meeting houses in February, May and October each year. Open to anyone 18–30ish who is a Quaker or interested in Quakerism. http://yfgm.quaker.org.uk	Rici Marshall Cross	Quaker	Jan 2022

Morningside 100 years ago

Paterson's Farm, Jordan Lane Oral history from Dorothy L. Forrester in 2003

In the 1920s, we lived in Jordan Lane, in the biblical part of Morningside (with Nile Grove to the south, and Canaan Lane to the north). We got our milk from a farm along the lane, where there was a byre, a barn and a dairy - but no fields. The cows were fed on the grass and turnips which we saw being brought along the lane on horse-drawn carts. The cows no doubt remained there until their milk dried up, before being taken back to the country to be mated again, spending a few months in green fields. We used to take our metal pitcher to the Patersons' farm twice a day. If we were early, we might see the milk, fresh from the cow, flowing down the cooler. They must have had no other system of refrigeration, and the milk was certainly not pasteurised. The bottled milk from St. Cuthbert's Co-op probably was, but many people stubbornly preferred milk from the 'farm'. Much later, I discovered that it was one of a number of 'dry dairies' which had been supplying milk to Edinburgh since before the days of refrigeration and rapid transport. Ours continued until 1932.

<http://bit.ly/2w3HEog> takes you to a map on which many more snippets of South Edinburgh oral history, mostly to the East of Morningside though.



Maypole Dairies was the largest UK retailer of its day, with over 1,000 shops, the Tesco of 1920. The photos come from their shop in Morningside Road, now a charity shop for Chest Heart and Stroke. Its growth was based on margarine production from West African groundnut oil. There is a brief history on the shop window, or you can read a typically fascinating detailed account at the secretive Tom Farrell's impressive and extensive 'History of branded Britain' website <http://letslookagain.com> <https://bit.ly/3kqYJRB>

Children 20 years ago



Purchased from Aberdeen City Art Gallery, this poster hung in S's room from 1996-2000, when on February 19th, when he was 14, it was replaced by a poster of Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

Edwin Landseer (1802-73) was immensely successful, particularly famous for his often romantic or heroic paintings of animals. Some of his images were darker. (Wikipedia page: 96 views/day, versus Buffy the Vampire Slayer's 9,797)

Flood in the Highlands (Landseer, 1860)

Visual description from Aberdeen City Art Galleries: <https://youtu.be/f64LT80nYJc>

Aberdeen University has a poem about it in Doric (and more at www.abdn.ac.uk/elphinstone/kist/category/art)

Coos are deed. She is greetin!
Bairn, shhh, please!
The cat is ettin the eggs
Hens are feart
An the horses are feart

Bide on the reef, haud on ticht
Till the flood has gaen awa
We'll be fine
Sae bide up here!

Darren O'Hagan

NEWS

Meetings at Faslane – it seems unlikely that these can resume soon. But for when they can, provisional dates are/were: Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 27, Sep 26 (? joint with NFPB), Oct 10, and Nov 14. Details as in Jan newsletter, or from Alison Burnley.

COP26 explained – BYM's Activism Support Coordinator, Oonagh Ryder, writes on the BYM blog about the COP26 meeting on climate change scheduled for Glasgow in November, and lists 6 things Quakers can do in preparation. Number 1: on **Sat+Sun 10-11 April** celebrate the natural world by making a short journey to any place that is sacred to you, take photos. <http://bit.ly/3bzcmtC> (there are some nice 'related posts' at the foot also)

Britain Yearly Meeting 2021 will be online only, 31 July to 8 Aug. www.quaker.org.uk/ym

Short of the month: Huntsville station



A commentary-free 14 min observation of men released from a Texas gaol as they pass through the nearby bus station. Uncertainty, anxiety, hope, maybe some despair, and a lot of wasted years. So personal you feel an intruder looking in on it. <https://vimeo.com/499782087>

Our newsletter is usually published on the last Sunday of each month. Gherkins with strawberries to neilturn@gmail.com

This edition, plus archives of previous issues, at www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Ben**, who will be 16 on the 18th. An age so mature that this is the last time you will appear in this section till you are 70.



MORE ONLINE

Are there ghosts in your house?

If your street is Victorian or earlier, find out who they could be in three complicated steps that doctors are completely happy that you understand:

ONE Find out who was living there from Post Office directories. Find Edinburgh 1846-1911 at <https://digital.nls.uk/directories/browse/archive/83686240> – for 1911 substitute /84310796 at the end of the url)

In the directory, search for your street name. It will come up with many hits, but one of them quite far down will be a number by number list of householders.

Kilgraston Road. 4.	
Grange Road.	
1A	Moncrieff, Miss
1A	Paterson, Robert A.
1	Lawson, George
Grange Parish Church	
3	Bliss, Mrs Joseph
5	Wallace, Dr Robert Neilson
5	Wallace, Mrs R. S.
7	Stark, Mrs
9	Smith, Mrs Henry, Norwood
11	College for Daughters of Ministers of the Church of Scotland and Professors in the Scottish Universities
13	Grant, Alex.
10	Aitchison, John, Monkwood
6	Taylor, Rev. Prof. William, D.D.
4	Lyon, John S.
2	Edmondston, Misses

TWO search census returns (every 10 years 1841-1911) for the householder o see who was at home, at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk (You need to register, and to pay £7.50 to see up to 6 records.)

487	do.	1	John Stark	Head	Mar	56	Whitten, Whitham
			Jessie J. Stark	Wife	Mar	53	
			Mrs C. Stark	Servant	✓	50	Isletoor
			Alfred Robertson	Serv	✓	23	General Serv.
			Alfred do.	do	✓	24	do
			Marjaret Aber	do	✓	25	do

1901. By 1911, number 7 had just Jessie with 2 servants.

THREE Maybe you've had enough now, but you can also explore births, deaths, marriages and more at www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk (click on Advanced Search)

For real gloom, at <https://astreetnearyou.org> find out who near you died in WW1.