

## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2020



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

We are not holding Meetings for Worship in any of our usual locations during the current epidemic.



But you are very welcome to join our meeting online, as above. **Sunday 10.30 am** via Zoom. Instructions in emails, or ask someone who gets email. Note that joining now also requires a password. You can also join by phone, which isn't quite as good, but gets you there. Questions to David Somervell or Martin Burnell.

### QUAKER EVENTS

**Online events this month:** For all of these, please contact Rachel Frith (Central Meeting) for login details, [rachel.frith@waitrose.com](mailto:rachel.frith@waitrose.com) Phone-in may work for the second and third?

**Singing Group** – via Zoom, so the first one must have worked! 7.30 pm on **Tue 5 May**

**Online coffee** – bring your own to an online conversation, 10.30-12 on **Thur 7 May** and **Thur 21 May**.

**Book group** – will discuss the Charles Dickens' *David Copperfield*, at about 1pm, after Central Edinburgh's online MfW, on **Sun 24 May**. (Also 26 April; please bring ideas for future books)

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

In May is for **Action Village India**, which supports local groups working on disability, girls' education, land rights, economic development, and organic farms [www.actionvillageindia.org.uk](http://www.actionvillageindia.org.uk) – Deirdre Armstrong will speak to this at Meeting.

We might also continue to remember and support the **Edinburgh Foodbank**. Their website gives information about who they help and how. <https://edinburghnw.foodbank.org.uk/give-help>



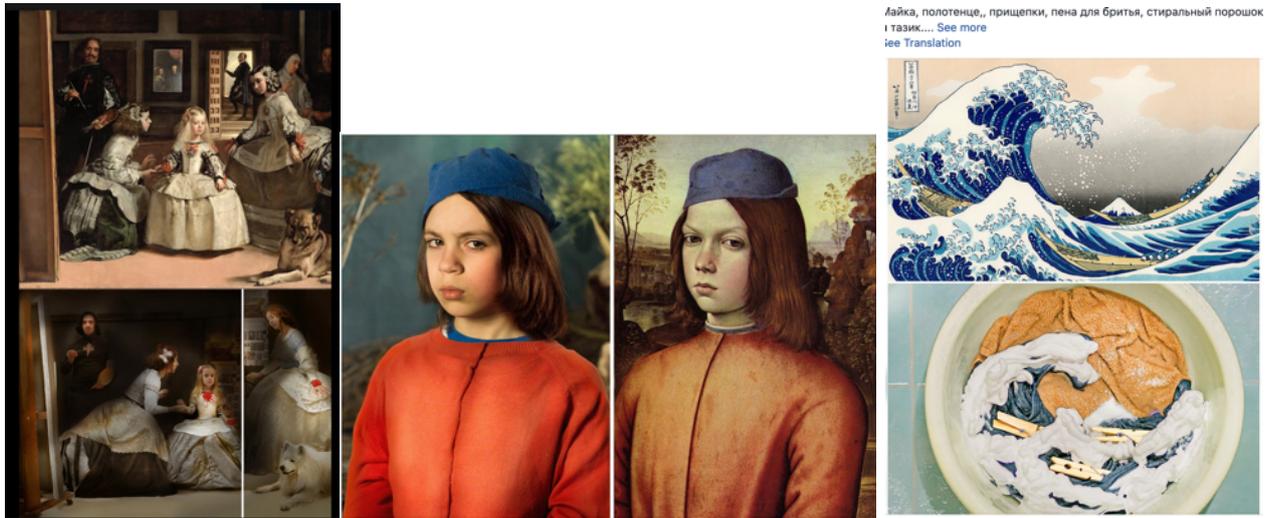
Our Friend Patience Cowie died on 7th April. Her funeral was held in Bergen on Wed 15th. Only a very few people were permitted to go in person, but there was remote attendance from far and wide. Friends report that it was very effective and moving. A memorial meeting may be held in the future.

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

## WHATEVER SHALL WE DO?

### ART

There has been a wonderful flowering of home-recreations of works of art, published to the world.



Лайка, полотенце,, прищепки, пена для бритья, стиральный порошок  
и тазик.... See more  
See Translation

The examples above come from a remarkable Russian Facebook group at <https://bit.ly/2VaArQQ> which has every variety of genius and also humour.

Molly O’Cathain (@MollyOCath) found herself stranded in isolation with her parents, and is up to day 36 of a tremendous, tender, daily series of Parental Pandemic Portraits, <https://bit.ly/2VCxfxq>



The last image is from the Russian stream again. Great use of biscuits.



For those who prefer a brush, Deirdre’s Zoom-guided coffee ground art was a great success. Or if you like the lines drawn for you, you could try the Public Domain Review’s stylish, downloadable colouring book at <https://bit.ly/2KwLgpU>



## The children protesteth

But we did that years ago! Indeed so:



After Matisse



After Gossaert



The Graham children 1742 (William Hogarth); the South Edinburgh Quaker children 2008.

## Dance

The Sottish Ballet has a wonderful 4 min 26-dancer ballet in which bistro customers are transformed one by one by a strange virus into waiters, and perform *with jellies* <https://youtu.be/6XSIDcl-KyA>

## Japan



After a slow start with COVID in Japan, Tokyo saw a sudden, stretching surge. The posters are from the 1919 influenza pandemic; the habit of wearing masks persisted there, and some attributed the previous slow rise in cases to that. The remote graduation ceremony of one university, with robots, attracted a lot of attention <https://youtu.be/jYaZBadsWfY>

**Want More Japan?** This was softening you up for *Terrace House* (Netflix series). A more real Reality Show, with nicer, more natural people, better food, less cursing and makeup. But a sub-Gogglebox group of commentators, and why do the women do all the cooking?

Sarah and Elizabeth

## MORE NEWS AND DATES

### Quaker Meetings online

Woodbrooke's list of resources for holding meetings online has added a guide to holding an all-age worship online, linked from <https://bit.ly/2x5wN1b>

### The Friend, a free copy.

The issue for 24 April can be downloaded free. They'll be hoping you'll subscribe ... try it at <https://bit.ly/2zsqiqa>

### Correction

Apologies that the link to Rhaya Ghul's short article *Reduce stress, stop worrying* was broken by Word autocorrect ('fixing' two capital letters together), causing stress: <https://bit.ly/2QQwCgY>

### Cancelled

June's **General Meeting for Scotland**.

August's **Yearly Meeting Gathering** – perhaps till 31 July – 6 Aug in 2021 (provisional). The possibility of a smaller event later in 2020 is also being contemplated. [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym)

## INTERNET FASHION

Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is **Shetland Scrubs**, whose impressive efforts to equip staff at the Gilbert Bain Hospital in Lerwick got them onto BBC News



## MORE INTERNET FASHIONS

Our **Twitter account of the month** is the Not-Quaker-Grey **@18thCent\_Kitty** (Kitty Pridden, 15,000 followers). Her **#FridayNightFrills** certainly improve the tone of a Twitter feed at the end of a week.



Every Friday, she posts beautiful 1700s fabrics and garments. Outrageous or gorgeous depending on your views on Quaker gray and privilege. Above, 1750s dress from Tullie House Museum, Carlisle; below, a 1730s man's silk waistcoat (V&A).



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(outrageous or gorgeous)*

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