



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

September 2026



Abbreviated post-Festival issue

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. Contacting Sandra Riddell in person – details at www.quaker.scot/south-edinburgh

Children are welcome anytime. For details of planned activities, see online.

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

Other local meetings

Central Edinburgh and Portobello-Musselburgh are closest. For full info, times, and a map, see <http://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 charity in September is **Wiston Lodge**, which hosts our September retreat annually. Read about the work it does when we aren't there, or donate online, at <http://wistonlodge.com>

QUAKER EVENTS

Latest updates at <https://bit.ly/SEdQuakEvents>

Quakers in Scotland (QiS) pre-meeting Online from 7-8.30-pm on **Thur 17 Sep**. See email.

Wiston Weekend – this year's annual gathering clashes with QiS; **18-20 Sep**

Quakers in Scotland (QiS) in person Meeting in Inverness **Sat 19 Sep** 10.30-4.30. You can also join online. Agenda and booking/Zoom links by email.

Book group at 2pm on **Thur 17 Sep** – *The Deepening Stream* by Dorothy Canfield Fisher.

Meeting for Peace in Princes St Gardens **Sun 20 Sep**, 10.30 at the Peace Tree, between the bandstand and the Ross Fountain.

Open Doors Day – Edinburgh Meeting House will be one of the places open for visits on **Sat 26 Sep**. Info and supervision from volunteer Friends. John Phillips is lead organiser.



There is also a good account of the history of the Meeting House and Quakers in Edinburgh at <https://bit.ly/EMHhistory>

From Rachel Frith of Edinburgh Central: back to usual dates for September.

Coffee at Rachel's house, 10.15 – 12.30 first and third Thursdays. Please contact her in advance, rachelfrith162@gmail.com or as in book.

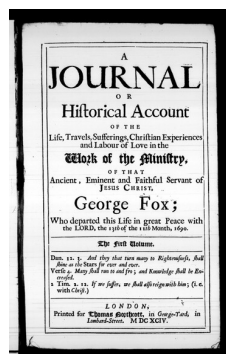
Central Book Group third Sundays after meeting and soup. September: *The Yield* by Tara Jane Finch – award-winning novel by an indigenous Australian about a fight to save ancestral land from mining. And bring your ideas for Autumn reading.



Partial eclipse, London. The effect of 'pinholes' created by sun shining through foliage. (via Jasmine and Sam).

Other news and future events

Classic Quaker books – Phil Noble is looking for a home for some books from his parents. Including George Fox's Journal* and a couple of late 19th century and early 20th century versions of the 'Book of Christian Discipline'. Please contact him if you're interested or have ideas for suitable destination.



* Not the 1694 edition shown here. (Image: Internet Archive <https://bit.ly/4xRL8ao>)

Photos of the books are available – contact Phil or ask Neil T.

Becoming a story teller – previously advertised SESAM event for October is now postponed till next year.

Enquirers day – a Scotland-wide day will be held in Perth on **Sat 3 October**. (Same date as SESAM).

The People's Emergency – this film about the climate emergency will be screened at Edinburgh Meeting House on **Sat 14 Nov** followed by discussion on actions. *Volunteers sought to help with organisation* – contact Janet Saunders jsaunders6@icloud.com

More events at <https://bit.ly/SEdQuakEvents>

Quakers in Scotland website

David Sterrat has revised both the technical apparatus behind the scenes (a large task), and some of the pages. Appearance and content are very similar, indeed you might not notice any differences.

www.quaker.scot

is the new address, but all old links to pages at quakerscotland.org are automatically redirected to the equivalent page on the new site. That includes our own Meeting page

www.quaker.scot/south-edinburgh

If you have issues or questions, Neil Turner is able to edit pages and may be able to help.

Happy Birthday

September birthdays of notable Quakers include:

John Dalton (260 years) Scientist famous for atomic theory.

George Cadbury (187) Founder of Bournville model village.

Eric Baker (106) Co-founder of Amnesty International and Quaker activist.

Donald Swann (103) Composer and musician (Flanders & Swann); conscientious objector, Friends' Ambulance Unit.

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Find this edition, plus archives of previous, at www.quaker.scot/south-edinburgh*

And online

Edi.bike at www.buttondown.com/edi.bike/archive is a regular email newsletter and website that provides cycling updates – a good read.



Te-voi-ot (reddit user dleoghan). These electric bikes have been visible everywhere and heavily used during the Festival, contributing significantly to a surge in cycling numbers this summer.

But I just want to walk – there are many free self-guided walks around Edinburgh, to be listed another time. This post-Festival month gives an opportunity to feature Richard Wiseman's magic walk <https://magicwalk.co.uk>

I just want to watch TV – don't miss *A House Through Time – Edinburgh*, 4 episodes on a fascinating old house on Calton hill. On iPlayer, <https://bbc.in/4qSTXOY>