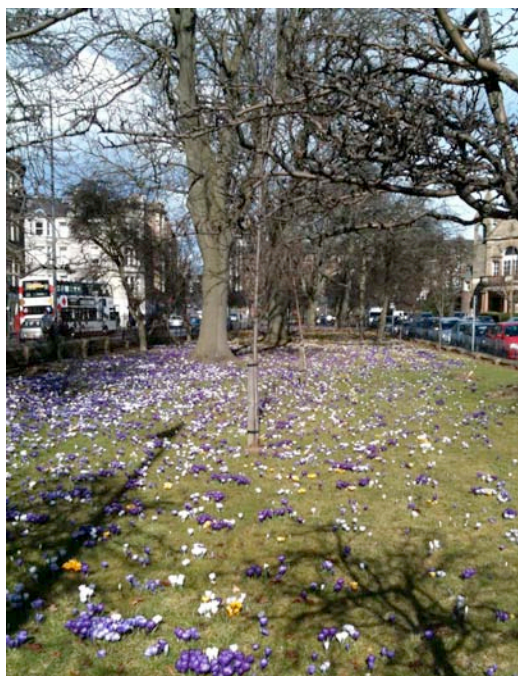




SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

APRIL 2010



Spring is potlatch time in the natural world, a great giveaway of blooming beyond all necessity and reason (Parker J Palmer). (Thanks Alastair, Kirsten)

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate Children's meeting.

Early Meeting in Central Edinburgh: Feb-July 2010. 9.30 for 45 mins. Young people welcome but no separate children's meeting. (Main meeting at 7 Victoria Terrace is at 11 am).

Every weekday at Victoria Terrace: 8am for 30 mins Mon-Fri.

At Portobello: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **4th Sun** at **10.30 am** at 3 Esplanade Terrace.

At Barony St: 4th Sunday for one year from March (25th April 9.30am, 23rd May 7pm) 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors). More info: Tony Gross or Marjorie Farquharson.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

4th Apr Mini-Mart after meeting in aid of Wiston Lodge www.wistonlodge.co.uk

Sat 17th Apr 1.30 pm **Area Meeting** at Kinghorn

18th April Talk and discussion after meeting: What Meeting Means to Me.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

The **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)** brings a protective presence to vulnerable communities and works for peace. www.eappi.org and see p4.

OTHER EVENTS

Easter Play – Princes St Gardens, Sat 3rd April 10.30 and 2.30. www.easterplay.org

Science Religion and Technology Project. 10th April 10am at Pollock Halls, *Do we need to naturalize religion?* Prof Lluís Oviedo (Rome). Free. www.srtp.org.uk

The **Drop-in group** is going to the Botanic on **Mon Apr 12th**. All welcome, contact Sylvia Massey for more information.

God, Science and Global Warming. 15th April 7pm, School of Informatics, Sir John Haughton (Panel on Climate Change). £7, £5. Part of the Science Festival. <http://bit.ly/a4CADh>

Ecumenical Accompaniers A two-edged sword. Jan Sutch Pickard 21-2 April at Scottish Churches House (Dunblane FK15 0AJ, 01786 825 844 www.scottishchurcheshouse.org

Singing Group at Victoria Terrace, second Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm. Contact Rachel Frith for info.

Reading the bible with Friends – meets monthly, Tue 7pm at Victoria Terrace. The 20th April subject is *The resurrection experience – still relevant today?* <http://bit.ly/c0CUGh>, contact Alastair Reid, 0131 447 4191

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship meet on 3rd Wednesday each month, 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors) Contact Mary Woodward or edinburgh.glgf@gmail.com.

Save resources by downloading me from quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

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**South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting
Local Meeting for Business Sunday, 21st March 2010**

14 friends were present. Prevented: Deirdre Armstrong, Chris Booth and Mary Jane Elton.

1. The minutes of the Local Business Meeting held on 17th January 2010 have been circulated. We accept these and they have been signed by the Clerk.

2. **Matters arising**

Non-violent Communication Workshop

This workshop was attended by 11 people who work with children. Attendees found it extremely useful and following points were made.

- Work on this involves learning a 'new language' with difficulty and great attention.
- This workshop is not only useful for those who work with children.
- It is strongly recommended for others for use in their everyday life and in prison settings.
- The book 'Non-violent Communication' by Marshall Rosenberg was also strongly recommended.
- It is hoped to hold another course, which would be available to people outside the Children's Committee.
- A group may be formed with the aim of becoming 'fluent in the language'.

3. **Memorial minutes for Peggy Potts and Albert Potts**

The Meeting heard the memorial minutes for Peggy Potts and Albert Potts, which are attached to this minute, and ask that they be included in the next issue of the Area Meeting newsletter.

The Meeting thanks Sylvia Massey for preparing Peggy's minute and Dorothy Buglass for preparing Albert's.

4. **South Edinburgh Quaker Meeting Statement of Accounts**

The accounts for South Edinburgh Local Meeting for 2009, which are attached to this minute, were presented to the Meeting by Martin Burnell. He reported that they were in a very healthy state and informed us that there is a surplus of £3,000 over the amount needed for foreseeable changes in circumstances and recommended that it be used rather than kept in our accounts.

We ask Martin to send this £3,000 to the Area Meeting treasurer with a suggestion that £1,500 be used to increase the amount sent by Area Meeting to Britain Yearly Meeting and £1,500 be added to the Area Meeting Capital Account.

We ask Martin to contact Paul Kenny to ask him to examine the accounts.

The Meeting thanked Martin for all his work as treasurer during the past year.

5. **AOB**

Hearing Ministry

We held a discussion about hearing ministry. Alastair Cameron will report back on his research on radio microphones for the hearing induction loop.

We were reminded that the Discussion Meeting on 3rd Sunday in April will be about Meeting for Worship, which will provide an opportunity for further exploration of this matter.

Door keeping

Some discussion was held about door keeping / welcoming and the avoidance of disturbance in the early part of Meeting. We ask Elders and Overseers to consider this and bring it to the Local Meeting on 16th May 2010.

The next Local Meeting for Business will be held on 16th May 2010.

Items appended to Minutes: If you would like a copy of the Accounts, or of the memorial minutes before they are published in SESAME, please contact Neil Turner (neilturn@gmail.com).

Getting to know each other: short questionnaire version

On 7th March the younger children thought “What would someone need to know about you if you were going to stay?” While the older ones thought of a short series of questions to give a thumbnail sketch of anyone:

The questions

1. What are you like to live with?
 2. What is your earliest memory?
 3. If you had 60 seconds to leave your house, and could never go back, what would you take with you, and why?
 4. What is the most interesting experience you've ever had?
 5. What would be in your ideal world?
 6. What do you avoid (or who)?
- And possibly ...
7. What made you the way you are?



You can read some people's answers in a booklet at Meeting, but here is a sample

Alison Burnley *(photo overleaf)*

What are you like to live with?

My husband would say difficult and untidy!

What is your earliest memory?

Aged 3 or 4 living with my grandmother in the Cotswolds, hand sewing grass seed – podding peas with Grandma. Grandma teaching us to plait with 3 skeins of coloured wool.

If you had 60 seconds to leave your house, and could never go back, what would you take with you, and why?

Jewellery, handbag and photos, things that mean something and can never be replaced – and a blanket.

What is the most interesting experience you've ever had?

Living in Ghana

What would be in your ideal world?

I like to live near hills and rivers – deciduous trees – small animals and birds; flowers wild and cultivated – and friendly people.

What do you avoid (or who)?

Conflict (I try) – which is why I am very trying – plinky music – musac.

What would your answers be? [Let the children know.](#)

NEWS

Sanctuary Pledge Over two-thirds of the public still think it is important that the UK provides sanctuary to people fleeing persecution. We need to convince our political representatives to sign the Sanctuary Pledge at the General Election. www.sanctuarypledge.org.uk and talk to Pol Yates.

Pol is also promoting a petition asking for granting of political asylum to Cameroonian refugee **Pascal Ntarh**, who is living in Glasgow. He faces danger if returned home and in a previous deportation attempt was returned to the UK from Kenya after suffering injuries while travelling with escorts. More information: <http://bit.ly/d8SIB1> or speak to Pol.

Friendly walks About once a month, some Edinburgh and Glasgow Friends walk in Perthshire, sharing transport. April 24, May 22, June 26 are the next dates. To join the email list contact annemarie.procter@phonecoop.coop

The **Book of Quaker Meetings** will be available in April from www.quaker.org.uk/bom

Yearly Meeting May 28-31, at Friends House in London. 'Documents in Advance' £6 from www.quaker.org.uk/yearly-meeting or call 0207 663 1109.

Scottish Churches House is hosting a retreat led by our Friend Jim Pym May 17-20: **Spiritual Healing as a fruit of your spiritual practice.** www.scottishchurcheshouse.org Dunblane FK15 0AJ, 01786 825 844

Read this (and more) online at
www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

Send suggestions and things you'd like to see in the newsletter to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com, on or before the second last Sunday of each month.

Tell us what you'd like to see on the Web too

AND ON THE WEB



Eye witness accounts from EAPPI at <http://bit.ly/bQXiPm> – where there is also a blog and newsletter. Edinburgh's **Phil Lucas**, who is in Bethlehem, featured in an Al Jazeera blog in February: <http://bit.ly/9Gjbr0>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Thomas** who will be 14 on April 19th

To **Saskia** who will be 8 on April 19th too

To **Calvin** who will be 4 on April 25th

FROM THE CHILDREN ...



Alison Burnley (after Matisse)



Still growing ... Computer scientist, politics graduate, dentist, Spanish linguist, chemical engineer.