



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

MAY 2010



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.

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

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

2nd May Mini-Mart after meeting in aid of Wiston Lodge www.wistonlodge.co.uk

16th May Meeting for Business after meeting at the Open Door

SPECIAL COLLECTION

This month's special collection is for **Scottish Churches Housing Action** www.churches-housing.org bringing together 13 Christian denominations or organisations in Scotland to promote practical support for homeless people as an integral part of outreach and pastoral ministry.

OTHER EVENTS

The **Drop-in group** is going to Seabird Centre at North Berwick on **Mon 10th May**. All welcome, contact Sylvia Massey for more information.

Singing Group – in March we had descants, in April some alto bits. What next? Come to Victoria Terrace on the second Tue each month (**11May**, 8 June) at 7.30pm to find out. Contact Rachel Frith.

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

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.

Reading the bible with Friends – meets monthly, Tue 7pm at Victoria Terrace. The 18th May subject is religious experiences, looking at the letter to the Ephesians. <http://bit.ly/c0CUGh>, contact Alastair Reid, 0131 447 4191, alastairreid@btinternet.com

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.

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

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Ecumenical Accompaniers for Palestine/Israel

In the UK and Ireland Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine & Israel (EAPPI) is managed by Quaker Peace and Social Witness. We are now recruiting volunteers to serve in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories for 3 or 4½ months during 2011.

Eye witness accounts from EAPPI at <http://bit.ly/bQXiPm> – where there is also a blog and newsletter. Edinburgh's **Phil Lucas** (East Lothian Meeting), who has now returned from Bethlehem, featured in an Al Jazeera blog in February: <http://bit.ly/9Gjbr0> – so for more info, speak to Phil.

EAPPI was set up in 2002 by the World Council of Churches and since then has sent over 600 volunteers from 14 different countries. Living in one of 6 locations across the West Bank the volunteers (Ecumenical Accompaniers) provide protection to communities at risk of violence from Israeli settlers or from the loss of their land to the erection of the 'separation barrier' and monitor and report violations of human rights. They stand at checkpoints that dissect the West Bank, or at agricultural gates in the barrier, to reduce harassment and abuse of Palestinian civilians while they go about their daily lives, accessing their farming land, medical facilities or education. On their return home they engage in a public speaking programme advocating for an end to the occupation. An application form can be found on www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi.

What do we mean by Peace? Quaker Peace & Social Witness Conference – 3-6th August 2010

Quaker Peace & Social Witness are holding an event for Friends of all ages. Whether you come alone or with family and friends we will work together to explore what we mean by "Peace". We will examine our personal understanding of peace and seek to link the spiritual with the practical. We aim to explore the theme at different levels and to look at work being done by Quakers locally as well as centrally managed work. There will be workshops, activity groups, reflection time and speakers.

The conference is open to individuals as well as those nominated by their area meeting. Under 18's must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more details and further information, please contact Anne Wilkinson in Quaker Peace and Social Witness on annew@quaker.org.uk or 020 7663 1062.

Further details at <http://www.quaker.org.uk/all-age-conference-3rd-6th-august-2010>

Quaker Outreach Gatherings for Attenders and Enquirers 2010

Charney Manor, Oxfordshire

Considering membership 11-13 June 2010

Enquirers' gathering 5-7 November 2010

Swarthmoor Hall, Cumbria

Enquirers' gatherings 14-16 May and 8-10 October

carmelk@quaker.org.uk, 0207 6631017

NEWS AND MORE

Sylvia Massey's email is wrong in the Red Book. It should be sylviamassey293@btinternet.com (no dot after Sylvia). Sorry.

The Cross family are returning to Edinburgh and looking for accommodation. Mum and two boys looking in South Edinburgh for any/all of:

- Short term accommodation while we look
- Long term flat w. bath and washing machine
- Similar single parent family interested in sharing

beth_cross@yahoo.com or 07889 122 619

Venue 40 Accommodation The Festival Comm. will shortly be choosing volunteers and I hope your enjoyable experiences in previous years will lead you to offer accommodation again for the 11-12 Friends who will come for each of 3 weeks in August. I shall be grateful for your offers – Rachel Frith

YOUNG FRIENDS EXPANDING

Northern Young Friends Summer Shindig, 31st July – 7th Aug, for Friends and Attenders aged 12-16 on 30th June. At Loretto School, Musselburgh. Theme: Are we living in a divided world? Contact Roz Currie: summershindig@gmail.com or 0141 423 7746

Tim Crump of Hexham meeting is seeking sponsorship to bring two 15/16 year-old Palestinians to the Shindig. He is going to cycle the equivalent of Hexham to Ramallah, 2408 miles. See his webpage at <http://bit.ly/cwPKE>

Transitional group at Yearly Meeting welcomes any 19-25 year olds who would like to experience Britain Yearly Meeting.

transitionalgroup@googlemail.com or join Facebook group **Transitional Group @ BYM**

Slightly older Young Friends Group (SOFA) went up Arthur's Seat recently (pictured) but are contemplating cycle rides, and visiting other Meetings in South East Scotland. Send an email to carolineevens@hotmail.com to join the Google group.



GETTING TO KNOW (short version)



Neil Turner, your editor. Dressed for editing.

What are you like to live with?

Easy for me, but for others it's a bit more patchy. I get up a little earlier than some. Sometimes I play weird loud music. Sometimes I get enthusiasms and ignore everyone, or try to draw them along. In an online test I came out as a Cool Light-Weight Nerd. I think I can be infuriating at times, and I've been told I can be stubborn, but that's certainly not true, whatever you say.

What is your earliest memory?

I was about 4. Watching the cows being milked on holiday at Port Appin, and our dog Pete being given lovely fresh warm milk to drink.

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

My old blue teddy bear, and some tea bags.

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

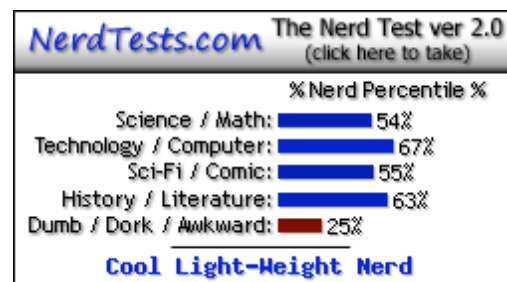
Bringing up children.

What would be in your ideal world?

My ideal world would be Polly Pocket's.

What do you avoid (or who)?

Bad things. Helen says I try to avoid conflict, but not in a good way.



FROM THE CHILDREN ...



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

Our photo lacks: the cat stalking the caged bird ... unaware of this, Richard smiles at its agitated chirping ... Elizabeth holds two cherries, the 'fruit of paradise' associated with childhood and virtue, while on the clock behind her Cupid holds Time's scythe as a reminder that in the end, Time triumphs over Love.

And the story of our photo?

AND ...

Unmissable on the web

Scottish neighbourhood statistics – for a wonderful or creepy experience, enter a postcode at www.sns.gov.uk for an amazing array of statistics about your local crime, health, unemployment, and more. www.sns.gov.uk

COMPETITION: What's this?

Prize for fullest answer is a **Sherbet Fountain** (20p cash alternative. Prize rewards can go up or down). Speak to neiltturn@gmail.com, Neil.



(mmmm!)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Callum** who will be 11 on May 5th

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

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

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