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SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND AREA MEETING

2 pm on Saturday 29 November 2014 at Edinburgh Quaker Meeting House

We invite all members and attenders to take part in our Area Meeting this month, when we are starting on the process of reshaping our Quaker work and witness to address the opportunities and challenges of these very interesting times. After we have considered matters such as appointments and membership requests, we shall be working in groups to find answers to these questions:

- What is distinctive about Quaker work and witness, to us and to others?
- What is our vision of the ministry that we Quakers are called to, now and in the future?
- What are we led to do together?
- How could our structures and networks (locally and nationally) help Quakers to flourish?

These questions are asked of us by Meeting for Sufferings as Friends work on the renewal of our Yearly Meeting vision for the coming years. But they are also very relevant to the review we are about to start of the way we work in South East Scotland and to spiritual reviews of our local meetings. Please come to Area Meeting on 29 November prepared to contribute to our shared discernment.

Phil Lucas, Clerk

Notes on Endangered Species

The hopeso can be found scattered throughout Britain and further afield. The distinctive call from which hopesoes derive their name is heard only when they come together, mostly in small groups, although once a year they gather in larger numbers when the noise of 'chatter' can be considerable. This is generally in May or later in summer. The characteristic hopeso call is in response to a single bird of the same species, which has a different song ending in what sounds like "...ceptable".

The flock's organisation is fluid and this individual's place is taken by a different hopeso in due course, without obvious bloodshed.

Occasionally a hopeso gathering may be interrupted by a loud *ithink*, or the even brasher *ifiwereyou*, but hopesoes generally manage to quell the interloper simply by becoming very quiet; and indeed visitors, if they stay, will gradually adopt the manner and call of the hopeso, and become part of the flock.

Plumage is very varied, ranging from muted colours to vivid arrangements, with rainbows favoured. It is seldom shiny, especially among older hopesoes.

The hopeso is disinclined to fight its more vociferous neighbours for territory, and numbers in Britain are in steady decline. It would be a great loss to our countryside and towns if this unmistakable voice were to fall silent.

N.B. The hopeso needs to fly free, and takes its nourishment from an astonishingly wide range of sources. All captive breeding attempts have proved unsuccessful.

Jane Pearn

A Poet's Question

There is an early poem of Hugh MacDiarmid's, after the German of Rainer Maria Rilke, that commands attention by its very title. It asks the question 'What Will God Do?', and the reader is compelled to read on to discover what the situation is that the poet imagines God must face. The first line immediately reveals the predicament: 'What would God do if I should die?'

At first one may feel rather startled by the almost blasphemous arrogance of the question. Who does the poet think he is? We recall the psalmist's cry and find its tone more acceptable: 'What is man that thou shouldst remember him, mortal man that thou shouldst care for him?'

But the poet persists in his questioning:

I am his jar (if I should break?)
His fountain (if I should run dry?)

...

I am the sandal he must wear ...

And as we read we are once more forcefully and convincingly reminded of the undeniable truth that even with God in his heaven, all will be right with the world only through human agency. 'God can no more do without us than we can do without him' (Meister Eckhart).

There is a not entirely apocryphal story of the minister who found the beadle working in a much neglected corner of the manse garden and rather sanctimoniously said, 'I always think you are helping God when you work in a garden.' To this the gardener replied with some asperity, 'Weel, minister, ye should hae seen the gairden when God had it a' to dae himsel'.'

The wonders God performs are done by human hands. What will God do if I do not?

This piece, by Bill Aitken of Dunblane (who co-edited MacDiarmid's Collected Poems), appeared originally in the Scottish Friends Newsletter, and was reprinted in Quakers in Scotland: An anthology of the thoughts and activities of the Religious Society of Friends past and present (1989) – Eds.

As ithers see us ...

The Religious Society of Friends today is known for its pacifist witness, for its gentle and practical Christianity, and for its strong social conscience. Its meetings for worship are characterized by silence and inward recollection, and waiting for the spirit. There is, as Quakers would admit, an expected progression, an unwritten order within the meeting, but it is an order that can be broken or changed as the spirit moves. The membership today is, for the most part, educated, middle-class, and professional. It is undogmatic and demands no credal subscription from its members, but tolerates a wide variety of views. It has no ministry and observes no sacraments, though some Quakers would hold that every daily meal is the communion with the Lord. Peaceableness would seem to many the chief, and most attractive, quality of the Quakers.

Yet in its origins the movement was far from peaceable. Its attitudes were aggressive and, far from being silent, its meetings were marked by fierce denunciations of the 'steeple-houses', as George Fox, its founder, contemptuously called the Churches. The nickname Quaker, which they gladly accepted, testifies to the highly emotional (and presumably quite

noisy!) character of these revivalist gatherings. From 1653 on, bands of Quaker missionaries were entering Scotland, and some Friends who had retired from Cromwell's army were settling there. George Fox himself visited Scotland in 1657. The movement made converts in Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Inverness and the west of Scotland. There were probably always those who were irked by the dogmatic Calvinism of Scottish Presbyterianism, and looked for an emphasis on Christ-like living rather than on correct belief. Yet, at its height, the converts were few. The radical criticism of the Churches provoked at times opposition and persecution, which Quakers indeed expected, and reported to the 'Meeting for Sufferings' in London. But the Kirk was too much concerned with its own sufferings in the Covenanting period to give much attention to the Quakers, who remained few and became fewer.

After the revolution of 1689 they became more pietistic. They abandoned in time the archaism in dress and speech which had been their witness to simplicity and honesty, without deserting these virtues themselves. They had never abandoned their witness to the importance of the 'inner light', the testimony of the Spirit within, and the Christ-like life, as against credal conformity. Their meetings, always small, reflect a quiet spirit but now also a passionate concern for peace and for justice in the world. They play their part in ecumenical activity among the Churches, even though their rejection of sacraments makes it difficult for some to recognise them.

They remain few in number. There are fewer than twenty Quaker meetings in Scotland [*sic – this was written in 2006*], and few of these would have more than twenty members. Yet their influence, and the respect in which they are held, is out of all proportion to their numbers.

[From 'Other Christian Groups' by James A. Whyte in *Scottish Life and Society: Religion* edited by Colin MacLean and Kenneth Veitch.]

On Marriage

For the right joining in marriage is the work of the Lord only, and not the priest's or magistrate'; for it is God's ordinance and not man's; and therefore Friends cannot consent that they should join them together: for we marry none; it is the Lord's work, and we are but witnesses.

George Fox, 1669

According to George Fox the joining in marriage is God's work and that of no one else. Having found Friends rather late in life, when we were both approaching the age of sixty, the fact that in a Quaker marriage, partners marry each other appealed immensely to us and we so wished that this could have been our experience. Would it be possible to re-take our vows within a meeting for worship, we wondered? The elders of our meeting were approached and they could see no reason why, as part of the spoken ministry, we should not rise when we felt the time was right and make our commitment to each other using the words of the marriage ceremony but replacing the word 'take' with 'take again'. So on the first day of the ninth month 1991, exactly forty years to the day since we had been through a marriage service, we re-took our vows within a Quaker meeting for worship.

For us this was a wonderful experience. Several Friends felt moved to speak and after the meeting there were tears and hugs all round.

Don Grimsditch and Doris Mitchell-Grimsditch, 1994: Q.F. & P. 22.44

We recognize that many homosexual people play a full part in the life of the Society of Friends. There are homosexual couples who consider themselves to be married and believe that this is as much a testimony of divine grace as a heterosexual marriage. They miss the public recognition of this in a religious ceremony even though this could have no legal significance.

We have found the word 'marriage' difficult but we are clear that we have a responsibility to support all members of our meetings and to uphold them in their relationships. We can expect that some committed homosexual couples will ask their meeting for a celebration of their commitment to each other. Meetings already have the means whereby meetings for worship can be held for this purpose but we recognize that many find this a difficult matter. The acceptance of homosexuality distresses some Friends.

Meetings may well find it easier to consider this matter in connection with specific relationships rather than in the abstract, but we believe that meetings may be helped if something of the exercise of this meeting is shared with them.

Meeting for Sufferings, 1987: Q.F. & P. 22.45

Meeting for Sufferings, 4 October

As our meeting in October took place only four weeks after the previous one, it had been decided to use most of the time to reflect on how effectively we were working. The consideration was introduced by the Assistant Clerk who reminded us of the requirements of Meeting for Sufferings that are listed in Chapter 7 of *Quaker Faith & Practice*. Many of these are challenging and we also need to consider the challenges of the present time. Are we clear about our purpose? Are we being reactive rather than proactive?

We broke into groups to consider three questions. What are we doing well? What should we be doing differently? What should we be doing that we are not doing now? Groups used a variety of formats such as worship sharing, silent reflection or informal discussion and responses were gathered. These will all be considered by Arrangements Groups and may be reflected in future agendas. We returned to the topic in the main session in the afternoon. We agreed that sometimes Sufferings works well but often there are current concerns that need to be expressed such as issues about sustainability or current conflicts in the world and there is not space. It was felt that there needs to be space on the agenda to allow the Spirit to move.

Devon AM had sent a minute to Sufferings asking for support for their minute "Courage to save the planet" which asks us to observe a minute's silence at 9.00 pm to send prayers and thoughts to world leaders who will have to take hard and courageous decisions at the International Climate Conference at the end of 2015. It was suggested that we share this with our AMs and LMs.

We heard from QPSW about the conference held at Woodbrooke on "Quaker values in Education" which produced a statement and agreement to set up a cluster on the Quaker Life Network for those concerned.

We had a brief report from Trustees. They had been considering the trustees role in risk awareness and the importance of strategic planning. They have also been considering whether BYM should register under the Lobbying Act which compels organisations engaged in activities that could be construed as lobbying to register. Sufferings will be consulted about this at the next meeting when a briefing paper will be available. We heard from the Treasurer that contributions towards central work from individuals and Meetings were down by sixteen per cent for no clear reason. However legacies are covering the shortfall at present.

We agreed the terms of reference of the Sustainability group, which will oversee our on-going commitment in this area, and appointed six Friends to serve. We also agreed the dates for Yearly Meeting Gathering 2017, which will be held at Warwick University from 29 July to 5 August.

As usual there are full reports in *The Friend* of 10 and 17 October and all the papers are available on the BYM website.

Janet Grimwade

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND AREA MEETING

Minutes of Area Meeting held at 2 pm on Saturday 25 October 2014 at the Greenpark Community Centre, Polmont

2014/10/01 Worship

During opening worship, a passage from the 2014 Swarthmore Lecture by Ben Pink Dandelion was read to us. This places personal transformation at the heart of Quakerism and suggests we should, as a consequence, seek to transform. The hope has also been expressed that the Scottish Independence Referendum experience will have helped towards the transformation of our Scottish nation.

2014/10/02 Introductions

We have ensured those present know each other's names and meetings. The attendance will be recorded in the concluding minute.

2014/10/03 The minutes of our last meeting, held on 21 September 2014 at The Open Door, South Edinburgh, have been signed and entered in the minute book. One minute was adjusted before this was done. Nicola Read's term of service as an elder was corrected to from Jan 2015 to Dec 2017.

2014/10/04 Matters arising

- a) **Proposed Susan Stein performance about Etty Hillesum** (Minutes 2014/05/11a; 2014/07/05c; and 2014/09/4a refer)

Susan Stein responded to our planning group's suggestion that she might meet the expense of printing posters by explaining that she has little money, her project has no funding but she was willing to meet half the cost. The group felt that, in these circumstances, our Area Meeting should meet the full cost (£70) and we support them in this.

b) **Funding of Ramallah students at Summer Shindig** (Minutes 2014/01/09; and 2014/09/4 refer)

Our clerk has read the response he has received from the Hexham group and from Marwa, the Ramallah student who attended Shindig this year. Our treasurer has reported that we made no donation this year, though one was intended.

The cost of bringing each student is about £800, £500 for travel and £300 for Shindig. The Hexham group is planning to fund bringing two Ramallah students to Summer Shindig in 2015 and we agree to send them a donation of £300 now towards the expected £1600 total cost.

2014/10/05 Polmont Quaker Meeting

Polmont Friends have shared something of the life of their Meeting, which started over thirty years ago, initially in Linlithgow, then meeting in Greenpark Community Centre. There are now some young families in the Meeting, which have added greatly to its life. They have produced a book, *The Giraffe's Guide to Quaker Meeting*.

Becoming Friends groups and a monthly study group have contributed to deepening the life of the Meeting, which now feels very vibrant. The younger family members enjoy participating in Quaker hand-shaking. Members who have been able to attend Woodbrooke courses have brought richness back to the Meeting and the life of the Meeting is also reflected in the service members offer in the world. We heard how, through the Falkirk Peace and Justice Group, members interacted with other Christian groups, who appreciated Quaker involvement.

2014/10/06 Minute from South Edinburgh LM on militarisation in society

We have received the following minute from South Edinburgh Local Meeting:

David Turner drew attention to a climate of increasing militarisation, promoted both directly by government and indirectly in the way that 1914 has been commemorated, going beyond remembrance to 'supporting troops'. QPSW has drawn attention to this. David Turner will ask for more copies of their briefing.

We agreed to raise this in our next MSP dialogue. We ask AM and GM to consider how we can react to this, for instance by presence on Armed Forces Day, and in schools.

Alastair Cameron has spoken to this concern. Area Meeting is being asked specifically to:

1. Encourage local meetings to review the QPSW Briefing www.quaker.org.uk/militarism

2. Encourage friends to join with others and organise vigils, display Quaker banners, run stalls etc to challenge Armed Forces Day (Saturday 27 June 2015) and similar events;
3. Encourage friends with school age children to oppose visits to schools by the military, and work with others to offer alternative speakers/stalls *etc* where possible;
4. Support ForcesWatch – the UK campaign to discontinue recruitment of under 18s and to critically review and hold the armed forces to account for their practices;
5. Write to elected Conveners of Education in our local authorities – with copies to Directors of Education – asking them to critically review their policies on visits by military personnel to their schools and consider only allowing such visits when a balancing view is made available to pupils at the same time; and
6. Refer this concern to General Meeting for Scotland as a national issue on which friends might advocate a principled view through Scottish Parliament *etc*.

We respond positively to the minute and adopt South Edinburgh Meeting's concern. It has been suggested that Quakers could possibly work co-operatively with the Educational Institute for Scotland and with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom to take this forward.

We ask our Local Meetings to respond to the first three requests in South Edinburgh's list. We ask General Meeting for Scotland to join us in supporting ForcesWatch and to take the concern forward to the Scottish Parliament through our advocacy work there. We ask our clerk to write to Local Authorities in South East Scotland as requested at 5 above.

We send this minute to General Meeting for Scotland.

2014/10/07 Minute from Portobello and Musselburgh LM on Israel/Palestine

We have received the following minute from Portobello and Musselburgh Local Meeting:

Jane Lewis has raised the matter of the conflict in Israel and Palestine, and has read the statement on the situation issued by Yearly Meeting Gathering. The issue is also one which is being highlighted by Northern Friends Peace Board.

We agree to send a copy of the statement to our local MPs, and also to our local Council of Churches. We encourage individual Friends to write to our political representatives and to take whatever other action they feel appropriate. We will send the statement round the email list to ensure that all our Friends are informed.

We agree to invite Bronwen Currie to speak to us about her recent experience as an ecumenical accompanier. We feel it would be valuable to advertise this widely as many others may be interested. We ask Jane Lewis to contact Bronwen with a view to setting a date. We will also invite our MPs to this meeting and also consider whether a specific meeting with political representatives would be useful.

We agree to forward this minute to Area Meeting with a request that they consider the matter.

Chris Booth, of Portobello and Musselburgh Local Meeting, has spoken to the concern. They have had positive response from both their local MPs and we have heard of action already taken by individuals and by Central Edinburgh Meeting. We encourage all members and attenders to support Quaker action on this issue and look forward to hearing of any events organised by Portobello and Musselburgh Friends.

2014/10/08 Report on Junior Yearly Meeting – Callum Booth-Lewis

Callum Booth-Lewis has reported on Junior Yearly Meeting, part of Yearly Meeting Gathering 2014 in Bath, where he represented South East Scotland Area Meeting.

He read the Junior Yearly Meeting epistle: 81 people between the ages of 14 and 17 explored 'The changing face of Quakers – where are we going?'

Callum said he had felt overwhelmed, having just come from Summer Shindig. The contrasts included: a lot more people, and a very full programme with not much free time. However, it integrated well with Yearly Meeting Gathering. He enjoyed the base groups. He felt the theme for the week was inward-looking, and he would have preferred an approach that allowed more room for ideas of evolution. He found the Swarthmore lecture prescriptive in its criticisms of Quaker fuzziness; and he felt excluded by an emphasis on the spiritual, through not having had a clear explanation of what was meant.

He enjoyed the Wednesday relaxation day, and got a good impression of the formal aspects of the Quaker business method in action. He got a wider view of the Quaker community, despite the packed programme. He feels a focus in the internal process of Quakers should be secondary to what impact Quakers collectively make on the world.

We thank Callum for representing us, and for his presentation.

2014/10/09 Festival Committee financial report and allocation

Alan Sayle has given, on behalf of our Festival Committee, a brief summary of this year's Festival activities and presented a draft projected financial account.

He has reported on a full international programme, which had made use

of the meeting room as well as the hall. He commended the effort going into this work, which is reflected in a lot of enjoyment. Nearly twice as many tickets were sold as in the previous year, with knock-on effects on the tea-room income, resulting in a tea-room surplus of over £3,400. Major outgoings include seating hire and technician fees.

The sum to be transferred is a substantial increase on last year's £6,000. The proposal for Quaker work in the UK and overseas is to be earmarked for use by the AM Treasurer as appropriate. The Committee has asked him to recommend a transfer to AM Treasurer of £10,250, with the proposal that this be allocated as follows:

Refugee Survival Trust	£1750
Mines Advisory Group	£1750
Quaker Work in UK & Overseas	£1750
SE Scotland Area Meeting	£5000

We accept this proposal.

Alan thanks those who have contributed to the success of this work, including about 25 volunteers from outwith Edinburgh and those who hosted them. We concur, and warmly thank Alan and all members of the Festival Committee and Meeting House staff.

2014/10/10 Membership matters

[We received a membership application.]

Transfer out certificates for Jean Bryden and Rosie Roberts have been sent.

The Tabular Statement is due for review and we appoint Janet Grimwade to undertake this task again.

2014/10/11 Appointments

Our Nominations Committee has brought the following nominations for consideration:

to Festival Committee – **Alan Sayle** and **Andrew Farrar**; both reappointments to serve for an additional year from October 2014 to the end of September 2015. We appoint them accordingly.

as Overseer – **Laurie Naumann** (re-appointment for a second triennium) to serve from October 2014 to the end of September 2017. We appoint him accordingly.

Marjorie Farquharson has asked to be released from service on the Festival Committee. We do so, and thank her for her service.

[Visitors were appointed, further to the application in 2014/10/10.]

2014/10/12 Dates and venue for Area Meeting in 2015-16

We agree the following dates and venues:

2015	18 Apr, 2 pm	Central Fife
	30 May, 11.30 am	Kelso
	12 July, 2 pm	South Edinburgh
	29 August, 2 pm	East Lothian
	24 Oct, 11 am	Central Edinburgh
	28 Nov, 2 pm	Portobello & Musselburgh
2016	10 Jan, 2 pm	South Edinburgh
	27 Feb, 11 am	Central Edinburgh

2014/10/13 The future of our Area Meeting – challenges and opportunities

Don Stubbings, convener of our Nominations Committee, has spoken to an article he has written for the current issue of *Sesame* about the challenges facing our Area Meeting and the opportunities for discerning our future together which these challenges present. At our last meeting the financial challenge was mentioned by the Clerk of our Trustees and the challenge facing our Nominations Committee by Don himself.

Don started by reading Advices and Queries 27 ('Live adventurously') and asked us to ponder it and its implications as if we were hearing it for the first time. After touching upon some of the issues facing the Area Meeting (and indeed our Yearly Meeting too) Don suggests setting up a short-term working group to use the 'Appreciative Inquiry' methodology to take a radical look at our Area Meeting's way of being, our structures and how we might, as an Area Meeting, live adventurously.

In response, a number of suggestions for addressing the difficulty with nominations were made and we were told that the new Portobello and Musselburgh Meeting had been able to take a completely fresh approach to being a Meeting. We were reminded that, in his 2014 Swarthmore Lecture, Ben Pink Dandelion talks about an American Meeting which radically simplified its approach under three headings: Us, Them and Stuff. Another Friend, who has been engaged in our nominations process, agreed that the time has come for the radical review suggested.

Do we make enough and appropriate use of Meetings for Clearness? Do we need to find more appropriate ways of equipping Friends and attenders to serve us? Thomas Swain's workshop approach may be helpful. Reference was made to the fact that we are a Do-it-yourself (or perhaps a Do-it-together) Society with a theology based on the priesthood of all believers.

We agree to set up a short term working group as suggested by Don Stubbings and will return to this matter at our next meeting, when a suggested remit for the group will be brought by our clerk, assisted in its preparation by Alastair Cameron, John Phillips and Don Stubbings.

2014/10/14 'What Happens Before the Funeral Wishes Form?'

Stasa Morgan-Appel has led us in a participative session arising from the work she has done on death and dying. Initially we were all invited to complete in writing and to share with everyone a sentence or two beginning, 'A good funeral is one which'.

We then shared exercises in which we reflected on our thinking about our own funerals and the planning we have or haven't done. We shared our thoughts in groups before plenary worship-sharing. These questions were before us:

- How can we look after the people who will be left behind when we die?
- How far do you want to be in charge of what happens after you die?
- What possible conflicting needs do you anticipate your mourners having, especially spiritual and religious needs?
- How do you decide whom you want to make decision? Who are the important people you want involved in making decisions? Whom would you trust to make good decisions, especially if matters and relationships are complex or people are geographically spread?

We thank Stasa for facilitating a challenging and interesting session. Laurie Naumann, convener of our Funeral Arrangements Committee, has reminded us of the value of using the Area Meetings Funeral Wishes Form, which is available from him, from the Edinburgh Meeting House and on the Area Meeting website. Friends who have not completed one are encouraged to do so.

2014/10/15 AOCB

- a) Our attention has been drawn to the fact that Andrew Farrar has completed his service on the staff of Edinburgh Meeting House, having served for over ten years. We thank Andrew warmly for his long service to our Meeting.
- b) John Phillips has reported to us that the John Wigham Enjoyment Trust has recently received an anonymous donation of £10,000, so the fund is still open for business.

- c) Annie Miller has reminded us that we have just a few more days to make submissions to the Smith Commission on proposals for further devolution of powers to the Scottish Parliament and urges Friends to make personal submissions.

2014/10/16 Correspondence and notices

John Fox has told us about the new Being Friends Together learning resource which was launched at the October meeting of Quaker Life Representative Council. We shall learn more about this at our next Area Meeting but those with internet access can meanwhile visit the material on together.woodbrooke.org.uk

2014/10/17 Concluding minute

27 members and 5 attenders from 6 Local Meetings have attended all or part of this Area Meeting, as indicated below:

Central Edinburgh 10	Central Fife 1	East Lothian 2	Kelso -	Penicuik -
Polmont 13	Portobello & Musselburgh 4	South Edinburgh 2	Tweeddale	

We next meet at Central Edinburgh, on Saturday, 29 November 2014 at 2 pm, during which Central Edinburgh Local Meeting will be sharing the life of their Meeting with us.

(Signed)
Phil Lucas, Clerk

Quaker Meetings for Worship in South East Scotland

Every Sunday

Central Edinburgh: 7 Victoria Terrace	9.30am&	11.00am
South Edinburgh: Open Door, 420 Morningside Road,	10.30am	
Polmont: Greenpark Community Centre	10.45am	
Kelso: Quaker Meeting House, Kelso	10.30am	

Every Wednesday

Mid Week Meeting: 7 Victoria Terrace	12.30pm- 1pm
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First Sunday in the Month

Penicuik & Peebles Valleyfield House, 17 High St., Penicuik	11.00am
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Children welcome, bring and share lunch.

Portobello & Musselburgh: Old Parish Church Hall, Bellfield Street 7.30pm

First Tuesday in the Month

Edinburgh University Common Room, Muslim Prayer Rooms	1pm-1.30pm
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(opposite the Weir Buildings) at Kings Buildings: contact

Sarah Martin 07818050853 or sarah.martin@ed.ac.uk for more details

Second Sunday in the Month

Portobello & Musselburgh CHANGES Community Health Project

108 Market St, Musselburgh, East Lothian EH21 6QA	10.30am
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Tweeddale Nomad Beat, 10-11 Cavalry Park, Peebles

All welcome but please phone to confirm.

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Central Fife: Hunter Halls, Kirkcaldy	10.30am
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(in Kirk Wynd opposite the Old Kirk)

East Lothian: St Andrew's Centre, Dunbar	11.00am
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Third Tuesday in the Month

Edinburgh Uni Common Room, Muslim Prayer Rooms	1.00- 1.30pm
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Fourth Sunday in the Month

Portobello & Musselburgh CHANGES Community Health Project

108 Market St, Musselburgh, East Lothian EH21 6QA	10.30am
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Tweeddale: Nomad Beat, 10-11 Cavalry Park, Peebles

<i>Details as Second Sunday above</i>	10.30am
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Central Fife Hunter Halls, Kirkcaldy as above	10.30am
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Barony St Meeting, Broughton St Mary's Church Edinburgh	7.00 pm
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Last Sunday in the Month .

East Lothian: St Andrew's Centre, Dunbar	11.00am
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Distribution of Sesame & Scottish Friends Newsletter

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