



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

March 2013



### MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

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

**Every Wednesday at Victoria Terrace:** 12.30-1.00 followed by a simple lunch.

**At Portobello:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at 7.30 pm for half an hour; and 4<sup>th</sup> Sun at 10.30 am at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

**At Barony St:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (junction with Albany Lane). More info: Marjorie Farquharson.

**Central Edinburgh** meeting has an early Sunday morning meeting at 9.30am in addition to the regular 11.00am meeting at Victoria Terrace.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION

March's special collection is for **Scottish Churches Housing Action**. Alastair Cameron will speak to this. [www.churches-housing.org](http://www.churches-housing.org)

### LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

**General meeting for Scotland** – in Glasgow, **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 11-4. In the afternoon Paul Burton will be speaking about Scottish Quaker records and history over more than 350 years.

We will have an all-age programmed meeting on **Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>** with the theme 'Making Choices'. As it is a first Sunday it will be followed by **Mini-mart** in aid of Wiston. [www.wistonlodge.co.uk](http://www.wistonlodge.co.uk)

**Local Meeting for Business** will take place on **Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Mar** after meeting.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

**Singing Group** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, more singers welcome. Rachel Frith also offers lifts for Penicuik Vault Singers on Sunday afternoons. [www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults](http://www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults)

**Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays, 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors) Contact Mary Woodward or [edinburgh.qlgf@gmail.com](mailto:edinburgh.qlgf@gmail.com) or 07543 975 590.

**Reading the bible with Friends** \* – meets third Tuesdays 7-9pm Victoria Terrace. (\*apologies that this read with 'Friend' last time)

**Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group** Next meeting in Jan, but usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group** not as usual on third Sunday, but in March on Sun 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Sven Lindqvist's *Exterminate all the brutes*. On April 21<sup>st</sup> Voss by Patrick White. Qs to Rachel Frith.

Rachel also continues to welcome Friends to coffee at home in East Parkside at 10.30 am, first and third Thursdays each month (but not 4<sup>th</sup> Apr).

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## Spot the Quaker – answers to last month's quiz

We asked, which *isn't* a Quaker?



The inventor of the Clangers, Bagpuss, and Noggin the Nog was Oliver Postgate. He was a Quaker, was imprisoned as a conscientious objector in the Second World War, and worked for nuclear disarmament and on environmental issues.

The Music Festival creator Gerard Hoffnung came to London from Berlin to escape Nazism in 1938. He became hugely successful as a speaker, radio personality, cartoonist, and organiser of his famous series of humorous Hoffnung Music Festivals. He became a Quaker in 1955 and was well known as a prison visitor.



TV presenter Charlie Brooker does keep mentioning Quakers, but gives his religion as Atheist. In 2009 his contribution to The Atheist's Guide to Christmas was entitled 'We don't need God, we've got biscuits'. It is said that his grandparents were Quakers. So he is the non-Quaker on this list.



It's hard to believe that Vietnam War enthusiast Richard Nixon was a Quaker. He was brought up in a very conservative version of North American Quakerism which he reportedly felt handicapped his ability to communicate with ordinary people when working as a family lawyer.

**We have a winner!** The first correct entry came from Isaac Turner. Unfortunately because of standing competition rules about family members, he was not eligible for the prize. Yum, yum. [Want more Quakers?](#) However thanks and a small prize to Isaac for pointing out that anyone wanting to study a longer list of famous Quakers can feed their frenzy at [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Quakers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Quakers). Hundreds there, with links.

### DATES 2013

| 2013        | Local mtg for business | Talk after MfW (3rd Sun) | Area and General Meeting dates                                    | Other events                     |
|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| Feb         |                        | 17 Feb                   | Sun 24 Feb (South Edin) 2 - 5.30                                  |                                  |
| Mar         | 17 Mar                 |                          | <b>GM:</b> Sat 2 Mar, Glasgow                                     |                                  |
| Apr         |                        | 21 April                 | Sat 13 Apr (East Lothian) 11.30 - 4                               |                                  |
| May         | 19 May                 |                          | Sat 18 May (Central Fife) 2 – 5                                   | Yearly Meeting 24-27 May, London |
| Jun         |                        | 16 June                  | Sat 29 June (Kelso) 11.30 - 4<br><b>GM:</b> Sat 15 Jun, Edinburgh |                                  |
| Jul         | 21 Jul                 |                          |   | Shindig, 27 Jul - 3 Aug          |
| Aug         |                        | 18 Aug                   |   |                                  |
| Sep         |                        | (miss)                   | Sun 15 Sep (South Edin) 2pm - 5.30<br><b>GM:</b> Sat 7 Sep, Perth | Wiston Lodge 6-8 Sep             |
| Oct         | 20 Oct                 |                          | Sat 26 Oct (Central Edin) 11am - 4                                |                                  |
| Nov         |                        | 17 Nov                   | <b>Residential GM:</b> Nov 16/17, Aberdeen                        |                                  |
| Dec         |                        | (miss)                   | Sat 14 Dec (Central Edin) 2pm - 5.30                              |                                  |
| <b>2014</b> |                        |                          |   |                                  |
| Jan         | 19 Jan                 |                          | Sat 11 Jan (Central Edin) 11 - 4                                  |                                  |
| Feb         |                        | 16 Feb                   |   |                                  |
| Mar         | 16 Mar                 |                          | Sun 23 Feb (South Edin) 2 - 5.30                                  |                                  |

## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 20 January 2013

12 Friends were present. **Prevented:** David Turner, Alastair Cameron, Mary Jane Elton, Deirdre Armstrong.

**Minutes** of the Local Business Meeting held on 21 October 2012 have been circulated and signed.

### Matters Arising

**(22/12) – Wiston Lodge** We have heard about work towards planning our next Wiston Lodge weekend (6 to 8 September 2013). It had been very good that we were joined by Friends from other meetings last year. A toolkit has been prepared describing the process – this is available to anyone helping.

Deirdre Armstrong, from Children's Committee has agreed to take part in the leadership team. Elders and Overseers are working to identify more people to assist in planning. They have identified two people to do bookings and other people are being approached to help with planning activities.

Kerry Oliver stressed that it is up to all of us in meeting to contribute what we can to organising Wiston. A section will be added to the application form inviting people to indicate what contribution they can make. It will also be noted on the form that the cost of activities and group rooms is around £10 per head, and everyone will be invited to make a voluntary contribution towards this.

**01/13 – Dates for LM business meetings in 2013** We agree to the list of dates for meetings which is attached to these minutes and we ask that this be published in the newsletter.

We ask Elders and Overseers to consider topics for talks for this year. Pol Yates suggested that a discussion on the economy would be useful. Anna Mitchell offered to talk on the Caledonian System, which offers a group work programme for domestic abuse offenders and support for their families.

### 02/13 – Coffee and tea after meeting for worship

Following our experience during the period when the upstairs room has been unavailable due to repair works, some Friends have suggested that we have tea and coffee downstairs, as this gives more opportunity for people to mingle. We agree to continue with this arrangement, and to review it at our July meeting.

We remind Friends of the need to be aware of safety when young children and hot drinks mix. We will use the large table for serving drinks, and small tables are available for those who wish to sit and have a place for drinks. We ask the person who opens up to take responsibility for bringing the big table through.

We ask the person giving notices to invite volunteers for preparing and clearing up drinks, and to emphasise that these are jobs which nearly everyone can take on; new people can do it with an experienced buddy.

We agree that it will be helpful to have a regular round at the end of each meeting for worship where people say their names, with a pause between names. This would be helpful to new people, to children, and to those who have visual impairments. There is some concern that this will add to the time for notices, so we will review this at our May meeting.

**03/13 – Morningside-Fairmilehead Christian Aid Committee** We have been asked if a representative from our meeting could join this group. Sylvia Massey will contact them to ask exactly what is involved. She will then put an item in the newsletter asking for a volunteer.

**04/13 – Edinburgh Churches Together** Don Stubbings has asked us to find a Friend from South Edinburgh who would take part in Edinburgh Churches Together. The exact nature of the group is in a state of flux at the moment, so the nature of the work is not exactly clear. Alison Burnley has said that she would be interested in this, and we ask her to speak to Don, and to keep us informed about developments.

**05/13 – All-age programmed meeting** We heard a minute from Children's Committee proposing an all-age meeting on 3rd March. The theme will be "Making Choices". We agree to this, and invite anyone who would like to be involved in planning this to contact Deirdre Armstrong.

**06/13 – Meeting with political representatives** Our next meeting with our local South Edinburgh MP, Ian Murray, will be at 4pm on Friday 8th February, at the Labour Constituency Offices, 31 Minto Street.

**Date of next meeting:** Sunday, 17 March 2013, at the Open Door.

## MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

**Trident Action Group** – Are you willing to join an email group of Friends working together on disarmament, and on Trident in particular? The group will be used to advise you about potential actions that you might take in this campaign and to send you updates.

If you are interested please contact the convener of the Parliamentary Liaison Function Group, Elizabeth Allen at [essallen@msn.com](mailto:essallen@msn.com) by Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March** is **World Day of Prayer**.

**Edinburgh Festival of Middle Eastern Spirituality and Peace** has a number of interesting discussions and lectures on Saturdays and Sundays in March. Sandra circulated a list by email, or see [www.mesp.org.uk](http://www.mesp.org.uk)

**Mindful Peace Walk** with the Wild Geese Sangha Botanic Garden, EH3 5LR, **Sun 17 Mar**. Meet at West Gate, Arboretum Place, 9.30am. There will be an introduction to mindful walking as a meditation practice at 9.45am and the walk is 10-11 am. More info from Chris Booth.

**Edinburgh's Easter Play** is in West Princes Street Gardens at 2pm on **Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March**.

**Britain Yearly Meeting** is in London, **May 24-27**, focusing on 'Trusting in the Spirit and Discernment'; under the broader 4 year theme 'What it means to be a Quaker today'. If you'd like to go, please contact Alison Burnley. A parallel programme runs for 15-18 year olds. [www.quaker.org.uk/ym](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym)

**Geneva Summer School** is for young people from all over the world. [www.quaker.org/geneva-summer-school](http://www.quaker.org/geneva-summer-school).

*The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to Neil Turner, [neilturn@gmail.com](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com). The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday.*

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Ben** who will be **8** on the 18<sup>th</sup>,  
and to **Saul**, who will be **11** on the 22<sup>nd</sup>

## UNMISSABLE ONLINE

Our **Facebook Group of the Month** is **Abandoned Scotland** (14,382 Likes).



Garthland House Staircase.

[www.lochwinnoch.info/history/local-tales/the-glory-that-was-garthland](http://www.lochwinnoch.info/history/local-tales/the-glory-that-was-garthland)

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## For the Children

