



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

April 2011



Other people's worries. Also see page 3.

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.

At Portobello: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **4th Sun** at (**NEW LOCATION!**) for April, May and June, **10.30 am** at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

At Barony St: 4th Sunday for one year from March 2010. 7pm at 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors). More info: Tony Gross or 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

April's special collection is for the **Refugee Survival Trust**, which provides support to destitute refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland. David Turner will speak to this at a meeting in early April. www.rst.org.uk

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

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Mini-Mart is after Meeting on the first Sunday of each month.

Area meeting will be held at East Lothian Meeting on **Sat 9th April:** East Linton Community Hall, High Street, East Linton.

Visit another meeting – on **Sun 10th** Tweeddale will particularly welcome visitors.

Talk after meeting – **17th April** – David Turner on concern for animal welfare in farming.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Singing Group meets on second Tuesday of each month at Victoria Terrace. 'Singers with perfect pitch very welcome!'. Also **Taize singing** with the Penicuik Vault Singers in the sequence Penicuik, Dunfermline, Crichton and Rosslyn at 3.15 on Sundays. Contact Rachel Frith about either or both.

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship meets on 2nd Wednesdays, 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors) Contact Mary Woodward or edinburgh.glgf@gmail.com or 07543 975 590.

Reading the bible with Friends Third Tuesdays, 7pm at Victoria Terrace. Currently looking at Romans. More info at <http://bit.ly/9JgoU0>. Contact Alastair Reid, 447 4191 or AlastairReid@btinternet.com

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Shared (vegetarian) food followed by discussion or talk. Usually at Methodist Church, Nicholson Square. Contact Alison Burnley or Bronwyn Harwood.

Book Group. New! Usually Third Sundays at 1pm at Central Edinburgh Meeting House; here are the first six titles (Qs to Rachel Frith):

Quakers and Business, Spring Gathering and AGM 2011 at Edinburgh Central Meeting House, **Sat 2nd April.** Bringing Ethics to Mainstream Economies and Businesses for a Sustainable World. More at www.quakersandbusiness.org.uk or email Tim Phillips, clerk@qandb.org. £25.

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship Residential Spring Gathering at Scottish Churches House, Dunblane, **8-10th April.** Primarily for GLGF members but anyone may come to the Saturday. Contact Alistair Gault: alastair.gault@phonecoop.coop

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 16 January 2011

13 Friends were present. **Prevented:** Rachel Howell, Alastair Cameron

Minutes:

Minutes of the Local Business Meetings held on 18 July 2010 and 17 October 2010 have been circulated. We accept these, and they have been signed by the Clerk.

1/11 – Communications

We have heard from one Friend that there is a continuing problem with preparatory material from meetings not being available in an accessible format. This leads to some Friends feeling uninvolved in the life of the Meeting.

We agree that agenda items will be provided to the clerk well in advance so that the clerk can send out material electronically at least a week in advance. David Somerville will draw up a short document giving guidelines to good practise. We will also continue to provide printed copies, the week before if possible.

Once we have resolved our own best practice, we will raise this issue with Area Meeting and General meeting.

2/11 - AM Nominations Committee

Elders and Overseers have proposed that Alison Burnley be nominated as our representative on Area Meeting Nominations Committee. Alison is willing to take on the work and we agree to forward her name to Area Meeting.

3/11 – Door opening rota and arrangements

A rota for opening up at the Open Door has been organised by Sue Freshwater and has been running since September. We feel that the new system is working well and the instruction sheet is very helpful. We thank Sue for her work in organising this, and we also appreciate Dorothy Buglass, who did a great job previously for 15 years.

4/11 – Dates of LM business meetings for 2011

A table has been circulated showing dates for Area Meetings, General Meetings and other relevant events, along with proposed dates for Local Business Meetings until January 2012. We agree to continue with our practise of holding Business Meetings on alternate months, generally on the third Sunday, after Meeting for Worship. On the months when we do not have a Business Meeting we will organise a talk on the third Sunday. There will be a break in this schedule during the holiday periods in July and December. The date for a talk in September is still to be fixed in the light of the date for the Wiston Lodge weekend.

We agree to the dates for LM as shown on the table, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

We ask Elders and Overseers to take responsibility for organising speakers for the intervening months, and we agree to support E&Os by providing any ideas for speakers or topics.

5/11 – Clerking arrangements

We ask Elders and Overseers to consider the matter of a new co-clerk for LM Business Meetings. The clerk will provide them with a brief description of what is involved in the role.

We note that the clerking group has set the date of 29 March for a meeting to further review how arrangements are working.

6/11 – Special collections

We agree that the discussion after Meeting for Worship on 20th February should focus on the basic principles behind our giving. A discussion paper will be sent out well in advance.

We currently have recipients for special collections fixed up to February, and a decision about the collection for March will be made at the meeting in February.

7/11 – Wiston Lodge weekend

(See back page for amended dates!)

We had some discussion about the best format for the event. We discussed whether we would like to include more young people from Central Edinburgh Meeting. We considered whether Wiston Lodge is the best venue for our Meeting's changing needs for the future.

We ask Mary Jane to take responsibility for asking people what they want from the event and for organising the programme. Alastair Cameron will look after the booking and money collection.

8/11 – Quaker Week

We have considered what we, as a local meeting, could do for Quaker Week. Quaker Week serves both as outreach and to strengthen our existing community of friends.

Alison Burnley hopes to attend the planning meeting for Quaker Week on 2 February at Victoria Terrace and will report back.

We will meet on 3 April after Meeting for Worship to discuss our ideas for Quaker Week and for outreach in general.

Good questions for candidates

From David Turner's letter:

How do you propose to

- Reduce the inequality gap that is so morally unjust and a UK scandal, bearing in mind the evidence that almost every social ill is at its most severe in countries with the widest gap?
- Protect the poorest and most vulnerable in society – those most disproportionately hit by drastic cuts to the public services on which they depend?

From the children



We read the story of Mary Kingsley's exploration of East Africa, and Sandra Riddell described her childhood in Ghana. In this episode, the intrepid children go exploring and witness the discovery of a crocodile in a quarry. Look carefully to see the outcome.

Illustrated by Athena.

MORE EVENTS

Networking for Sustainability Sat 30th April. 1-5pm at Central Edinburgh Meeting House. Representatives from local meetings will talk of their vision concerns and projects related to the environment and climate change. We are interested in what individuals do in their own quiet way to face up to this responsibility, and what we can learn from one another. Contact Simon Jackson.



NFSG/ Summer School/ Shindig 50th Year Reunion – at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 7th May.** Organised by Roz Currie, Bron Currie, Ken Latham.

summerschoolreunion@gmail.com, or
www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115818935143686, making it our **Facebook Group of the month.** This year's Shindig is 6th-13th August.

Mental health in our meetings – a Woodbrooke course, June 3-5.

www.woodbrooke.org.uk/courses

Yearly Meeting Gathering is at Canterbury, **30 Jul-6 Aug.** www.quaker.org.uk/ymg; preparatory papers available from

<http://www.quaker.org.uk/ymgprep>

IDEAS FOR COLLECTIONS?

Causes should have a local friend as advocate to speak once in meeting, and preferably fit in one or more of our preferred categories:

- Local charities
- Work in developing countries
- Peace
- Charities for people on the margins

Suggestions are brought to meeting for business from time to time. Please let Mary Woodward know your idea.

YOUR STORY HERE – The newsletter is usually distributed on and just before the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see or recommend to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com. The official deadline is the 2nd last Sunday.

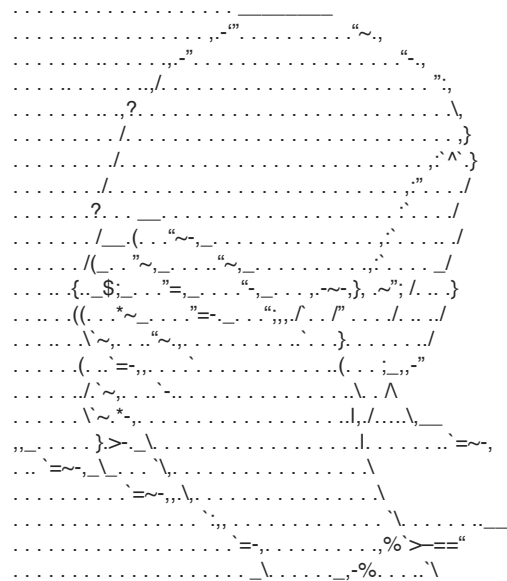
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Saskia** and **Tom** who be 9 and 15 on the 19th April.

To **Calvin** who will be 5 on the 25th.

UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERWEB

www.sleepingtime.org - find the sleeping hours of any Twitter user – oh no –



(Puts head in hand). From www.failblog.org – proceed with caution there.

WISTON DATE CHANGE

Our weekend at Wiston Lodge has been changed to the weekend of **2-4 September.** Mary-Jane is organising activities with the help of Emma, and Alastair is looking after the money. Contact Mary Jane at 669 5129 or maryjane@camell.me.uk. Forms and further info at Meeting in April.

Wanted: a Co-Clerk

We are looking for a Co-Clerk of our Local Meeting for Business, to join Chris Booth. Clerking our business meetings is a spiritual rather than just administrative role; it is a vital but not arduous job, and a way of serving our Meeting. Full details are being circulated, please think whether it could be you.