



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

May 2012



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: 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 CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

At Barony St: 4th 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

May's special collection is for Lend With Care, which supports people in the developing world through microfinance. Mary Woodward will speak to this. www.lendwithcare.org

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

First Sundays – focus for children. Bring 'em, do stuff; also followed by **Mini-mart** in aid of Wiston. www.wistonlodge.co.uk

Area Meeting at Kirkcaldy, **Sat 12th May** 2-5pm

Meet Ian Murray MP at 3pm on **Fri 18th May** at the Open Door.

Meeting for business after meeting on **Sun 20th May**

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

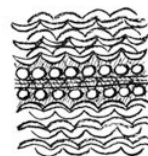
Give a kidney – one's enough Talk by kidney donor Matilda Mitchell at Kelso Meeting House, 7.30 pm on **Fri May 11th**.

Meeting at Faslane Sun 13th May. You will need something to sit on, something to eat, and weatherproof clothing. Contact Alison Burnley about 10 days in advance if you're hoping for a lift.

Yearly Meeting, 25-28 May at Friends House, London. More info and documents in advance from www.quaker.org.uk/ymg

The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons. Anyone who is interested and available is welcome, contact Sylvia Massey.

Quaker Knitting at the NLS cafe on Thursday evenings 5-6 pm. moragferguson@hotmail.com (or call)



Singing Group More singers needed please on second Tuesdays (May 8th), 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith.

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, 7-9 pm at Victoria Terrace. Using the Friendly Bible Study Method – no previous experience necessary. More info from Henry Thompson.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group. Talked through May's book in April, so for May, *Cambridge* by Caryl Phillips and *Equiano*. For June *Pay Back* by Margaret Atwood and/or *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* by Mordecai Richler. Third Sundays 1pm at Central Edinburgh. Qs to Rachel Frith.

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Meeting with Jim Eadie MSP

Six friends from South Edinburgh Meeting met with Jim Eadie, MSP for Southern Edinburgh, at the offices of Scottish Churches Housing Action on 30th March. Three topics were discussed:

NHS Management Culture – fiddling of waiting list statistics in NHS Lothian

Sustainability and the need to work towards a low-carbon society – and recent Quaker initiatives on this subject. An advanced discussion in which Jim Eady expressed broad support and particular interest in work at Edinburgh University.

Tackling homelessness and those seeking refuge/asylum – introduced by Alastair Cameron. Covered supply of affordable housing, benefits, and destitution of refugees. www.churches-housing.org/news/2012-homelessness-target

David Somervell has produced detailed notes (2 pages) and will be pleased to pass on a copy to anyone interested.

From www.snp.org/people/jim-eadie and elsewhere:

"Jim Eadie is the Scottish National Party MSP for Edinburgh Southern. Since 2008 Jim has run his own consulting business in the city working for healthcare clients in the corporate and voluntary sectors. Jim has 20 years experience including in a trade union and business environment.

He was the Head of the medicines industry trade association, ABPI Scotland for 5 years (2002-2007), representing a sector with an economic footprint in Scotland of over £3,000 million pounds. He has previously worked for the Royal College of Nursing in the constituency and for Scottish Television in Westminster.

His campaigning successes include helping to establish the first ever All Party UK Warm Homes Group at Westminster to campaign against fuel poverty and for a fairer deal for older people, influencing legislation on behalf of the nursing profession and securing funding to support life sciences in Scotland."

The Three Silent Monks

This ancient joke appears in many forms internationally but the oldest record is possibly Irish. Thanks to Chris Booth and www.smo.uhi.ac.uk/sengoidelc/donncha/tm/en

Three monks who had taken vows of silence were permitted an annual reprieve during which one monk was permitted to speak at the end of each year of silence. At the end of the first year, the first monk was allowed his opportunity to speak, whereupon he said "The soup is too hot." Another year elapsed, and it was the next monk's turn. The monks turned their attention to him, whereupon he said "The soup is too cold." Another year elapsed; it was the third monk's turn. The assembled monks turned to him, whereupon he said "The soup is neither too cold nor too hot. However, it is too salty." By the fourth year, the Abbess had posted a notice that it would be she who would speak at the end of that year. The assembled monks were particularly alert to hear the esteemed Abbess give her speech. One could hear the sound of a butterfly's wings in the silence which enveloped the hall. Whereupon the Abbess said "There will be no more of this quibbling about the soup."



Children's Meetings on the First Sunday in the month

There is a standing invitation to adults to join the children upstairs in the Open Door on the first Sunday in the month for the first 15 minutes of worship. After this period the visiting adults are asked to re-join the adult meeting, so that the children's meeting can then begin. We agreed to review this in 3 months to see how it has worked. Members of the Children's Committee might like to join the Sunday Children's Meeting to establish the culture of leaving the children after the first 15 minutes.

From Anna Mitchell, our librarian

I have been appointed Librarian for South Edinburgh meeting and wanted to update everyone on what I am planning. Having had a good look at all the books we have, I was so pleased to see the range of topics covered. I want to try to make sure the books we have can be used and enjoyed by all! My plans over the next wee while are:

- to catalogue all the books. There is an online catalogue system and a section for South Edinburgh has been added. Any one can browse the catalogue and can search by author, title, published or keyword. Please see www.quakerbib.org.uk
- for those of you less technologically inclined (mentioning no names, Alison Burnley) I will print out a copy of the catalogue. Cataloguing is a long process, as you can imagine, but I'm slowly working my way through.
- The borrowing system is the same – just write your name and the book in the notepad and date it when it is returned. However, I will be going through the borrowing book and seeing if anything has not been returned – so beware!
- I will have a box of books set out for each meeting and will spread them out on the table. If there are any particular topics to highlight I can pick books which relate to them.
- The library is for everyone so I am going to look into how we can get some audio books for people who can't see so well.

Please get in touch with me if you have any ideas about how to develop the library. I have some suggestions of what folk can do to make sure the library is a well used resource for the meeting:

- If you read a particular book which you enjoyed, write a small review in the South Edinburgh newsletter.
- Tell people in meeting about books which you found in the library which you enjoyed.
- If you are looking for particular books just ask me and I can show you how to use the online system.
- let me know if there are particular topics which you would like me to highlight when I choose the books to display on the table.
- There is a small budget for books, so get in touch if there are any books you would like to request.
- If you have books at home which you borrowed ages ago and haven't read please return them so someone else can have a turn.

Thanks! Email me at mushroomhouse@hotmail.co.uk

We're reading/ watching/ listening to ...

Your editor enjoyed local author Steve Potts' young teen novel **Abigail's Gift**, a Western Isles/ London tale of Clearances and romance and derring do intertwined with that of a modern schoolgirl troubled by bullying and illness (or is it?).

Your recommendations here! Up to 50 words on your latest book, film, TV prog. Send them by mime, meme, message or mimeograph. neilturn@gmail.com.

MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

Refusing to be enemies – Palestinian and Israeli nonviolent resistance to the Occupation. **Tue 1st May**, 7pm at Victoria Terrace, a talk by Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta, a Quaker Jewish Middle-East activist living in Canada. UK tour sponsored by Canadian Friends Service Committee and Independent Jewish Voices Canada. Her book is based on interviews with over 100 nonviolent activists. refusingtobeenemiesthebook.wordpress.com

The Spirit of the Child a talk and discussion led by Rebecca Nye, researcher and author of *Children's Spirituality – what It Is and Why It Matters*. **May 2nd** 8pm Salisbury Parish Church, 18 West Mayfield EH9 1TQ in the Upper Hall (tea/coffee from 7.30)

The final Gifford Lecture this year on **Thur May 3rd** is **Silence in modern and future Christianities** at 5.30pm at St Cecilia's Hall, Cowgate. Given by Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church at Oxford. To book search for 'Diarmaid' at www.ed.ac.uk.

Former Edinburgh Central member Gregory Norminton will be launching his new book *The Lost Art of Losing* at Victoria Terrace MH, **Thur 3rd May** at 5.30pm. Free with refreshments. Gregory will also be hosting an ecological reading and writing retreat in the Peaks, at the Quaker Community in Bamford, 7-12 May, £240. gregorynorminton@yahoo.co.uk

Gardens Open Day in Stenton is Yearly Meeting weekend, but Friends are very welcome to visit Pat and Phil's garden the week before, 2-6pm on **Sat 19** or **Sun 20th May**. Tea and scones!

Future Dates and Volunteers

Accommodation for volunteers at Venue 40 We need 11 or 12 places each week **August 5-12, 12-19 and 19-26th**, and need to find some new homes this year. Please contact Rachel Frith, noting that she is away during most of May so an email would be best.

Our weekend at Wiston Lodge will be **7-9th September**. The theme will be Reflections, contact Anna Mitchell and Lux Anderson to help!

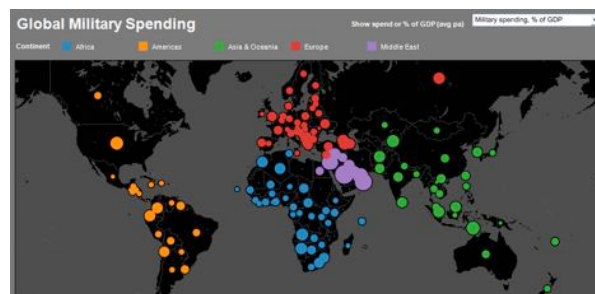
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The link for last month's charity, the Coach House Trust, seemed plausible but it was the wrong one, sorry. Use instead www.coachhousekilmuir.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Callum**, who is 13 on the 5th

UNMISSABLE ONLINE



Military spending map of the world (The Guardian) bit.ly/KdXz6F Interactive and with timelines.



The Fading Ads blog fadingad.com/fadingadblog

Leading us to our Facebook Page of the Month, **Old adverts were always the best** (988 Likes). It is selected on the assumption that its illustrations were chosen for ironic value, but just in case, an antidote is planned for the next issue.

The newsletter is published on the last Sunday of each month, with deadline the preceding Sunday. Please send items and comments to Neil, neilturn@gmail.com