



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

FEBRUARY 2010



The Pentlands in January

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY

Every morning Mon-Fri: 8am for 30 mins at 7 Victoria Terrace (Central Edinburgh Meeting), EH1 2JL

At Portobello: 1st **Sunday** at Old Parish Church Bellfield St EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for about half an hour; and 4th **Sunday** at **10.30 am** at 3 Esplanade Terrace.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

7th **Feb Mini-Mart** after meeting in aid of Wiston Lodge www.wistonlodge.co.uk

28th **Feb Area Meeting** held at South Edinburgh at 2pm

This month's **special collection** is for **Circles UK**. Circles of Support and Accountability are a successful community contribution to reducing sex offending, working in close partnership with criminal justice agencies. www.circles-uk.org.uk

NEWS

Josh Barnes now wishes to be called **Josh Hearn** and his new address is 4/10, Dumbiedykes Road, EH 8 9UR

Citizens for Sanctuary aims to protect those fleeing persecution and rebuild public confidence in sanctuary. www.citizensforsanctuary.org.uk or speak to Pol Yates. CfS Glasgow are supporting the campaign for Cameroonian Ntarh Pascal Ntarh and welcome help. More at www.ncadc.org.uk (Search site for Ntarh)

Edinburgh Churches together has a nice new website, see www.edinburghchurches.org.uk

Reading of advices and Queries in meeting – we are going to try making this a shared rather than an individual responsibility. More in AM Minutes below.

Newsletter looks different – it's shorter, and has a new editor. Feedback welcome, see panel at foot of page 3. Thanks to Chris Booth for doing such a great job for the last several years.

PLEASE DON'T BE LATE: E&O ask that we reintroduce a policy of asking latecomers to come into meeting together 10-15 mins after the beginning to allow meeting to start quietly.

OTHER EVENTS

Middle East Festival One World Peace Concert at the Roxy Art House on **6th February** kicks off the 2010 Edinburgh Middle East Festival. Further info at www.eicsp.org

Edinburgh CAAT group meets on **Mon 8th Feb** at 7pm at Victoria Terrace.

Singing Group at Victoria Terrace **Tue 9th Feb** at 7.30pm

Non-violent communication – a two-session course organised by Children's Committee. 7 Victoria Terrace, 10 till 4 on Saturdays **27 Feb and 6 March**. Contact Deidre Armstrong.

Spiritual Friendship – Woodbrooke on the Road. Victoria Terrace Saturday **20 March**. Contact Madeleine Harding.

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship meet on the **3rd Wednesday of each month**, 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors). Contact edinburgh.glgf@gmail.com or Mary Woodward.

Local Meeting for Business Sunday 17 January 2010

15 Friends were present. Prevented: Rachel Howell.

The minutes of the previous Business Meeting on 18 October 2009 have been circulated. We accept these and they have been signed by the Clerk.

Matters arising

Appointment of clerks

We note the new arrangements for sharing the job of Clerk among a team of people. A list of those involved and the tasks which they have agreed to take on was in the December calendar, and is posted on the noticeboard. These arrangements will be reviewed by Elders and Overseers in March, and we ask Friends to take any questions, comments or suggestions to the convenors of E&Os. We attach an outline of the task list to these minutes.

In connection with his role as our link with the Open Door, David Somervell gave us a brief update on current developments.

Christmas arrangements:

We heard a report on the Christmas event at Wiston Lodge, which, despite adverse weather conditions, was attended by many people from this and other meetings, including some who have not attended our Meeting for a while. We were told that "There was magic in the air".

Christmas boxes: Those filling the boxes found that they were short of time on the day, and it has been suggested that in future a 'meeting for covering boxes' be held beforehand. We hope to receive information at a future date about how these were received.

Letter to Barack Obama: David Turner and Chris Booth sent a letter on our behalf to Barack Obama to congratulate him on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize. We ask the Clerk to send a copy of this to the Scottish Friends Newsletter. We discussed a concern expressed by a Friend regarding a quote which was used.

01/01 Situation in Gaza

We have heard reports of the extremely difficult situation in Gaza, and considered our response. We are told that there has been very little progress with reconstruction of the essential infrastructure in the area, that little humanitarian aid has been able to get through, and that the situation continues to deteriorate for the citizens of Gaza. We ask David Turner and Alison Burnley to send letters on our behalf expressing our deep concern to the UK government, via our MP Nigel Griffiths, and to the Israeli consul and ambassador.

We asked Chris Booth to approach people whom he knows who have recently visited the area, to ask them to speak to us in connection with the April Special Collection for EAPPI. In the meantime, we ask David Turner to send copies of the letters and a donation of £50 to Medical Aid to Palestine, as an indicator of our concern and support.

02/10 Special Collections

We discussed how best we could give some financial support to those dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti. The following recipients were agreed for the forthcoming months:

March	Mercy Corps
April	EAPPI
May	Scottish Churches Housing Action
June	Prisoners Abroad

03/10 Use of Advices and Queries

Having discussed our use of Advices and Queries in Meeting for Worship, we encourage all Friends and attenders to consider the Advices and Queries, during Meeting for Worship and in their daily lives, and we agree that reading them aloud in Meeting for Worship should be a shared rather than individual responsibility. We ask Neil Turner to draw attention to this in the calendar, and the Clerks of MfW to mention it in notices.

We ask Elders and Overseers to arrange a Meeting for Learning to look at them more closely, as well as to consider wider questions of ministry in Meeting.

We thank David Bell for his thoughtful contributions from A&Q during his appointment.

AOB

Meeting event: We agreed with the proposal from Children's Committee that we should hold an event for adults and children, and that we would like to hold this in June at a venue where we might, weather permitting, be outdoors. We ask Children's Committee to take this forward, and to ask for help from others when appropriate.

Nominations: Alastair Cameron reported that Area Meeting have agreed to set up a Sustainability Network (further information is in Sesame), with representatives to be appointed from Local Meetings. We ask our LM nominations committee to consider this.

We agree to give Friends the opportunity to make a donation at tea/coffee time on Sunday 31st January to support Scottish Churches Housing Action's 'Cup of Tea Sunday' appeal.

NVC workshops Children's Committee are holding workshops on Non-Violent Communication, and asked for financial support from the Meeting if necessary to help those who might not otherwise be able to attend. It is envisaged that this would not be more than £70. We agreed that we would be happy to do this.

Calendar: We thank Neil Turner who has agreed to take on the job of producing the monthly newsletter, and Chris Booth for previously carrying out this task.

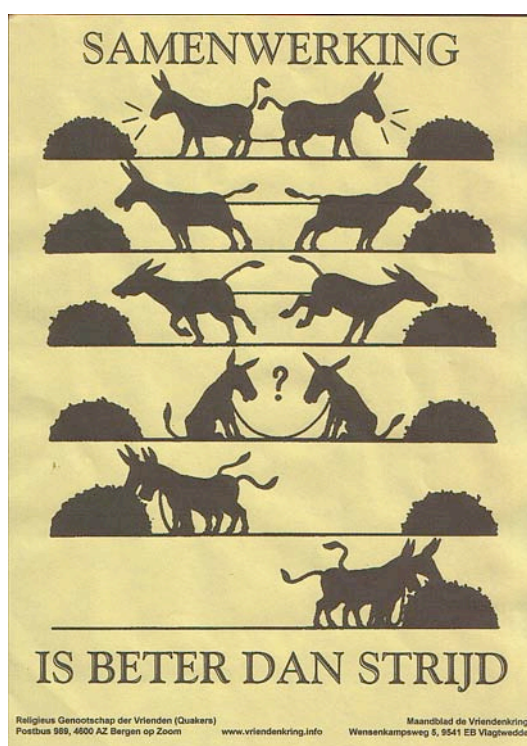
Date of next meeting: Sunday 21 March 2010 at the Open Door.

AND ...

Sewing machine – available to a good home for a donation to charity. Good condition, portable but quite heavy. Contact Alison Burnley.

Bread maker – Prima Home Bakery, makes lovely bread – contact Alison Burnley as above

Renault 5 automatic, low mileage but elderly, to share. New owner would like to share usage and running costs. Simon Jackson, 07847 122 113



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Yoni** who will be 5 on February 2nd

To **Saul** who will be 13 on February 17th.

FROM THE CHILDREN



Matisse for Peace, by Calum Cameron ... some time ago

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

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

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

List of Members

In the interests of saving paper, time and money, there is not going to be a new Book of Members produced this year. The GM Administrator, Bronwen Currie, has painstakingly made the necessary additions and amendments to the lists for the whole of the General Meeting, according to information provided by Friends and attenders in our Meetings. She has sent these updated lists by email to all Clerks, and to others such as Convenors of Overseers for Area Meetings.

How to get these into the hands of all in our Meetings has been open to Clerks and others to think about – this new way of doing things is an experiment this year, and we would welcome feedback.

Bronwen sent us three pdf files:

- the full updated list for South Edinburgh meeting (10 pages)
- the list of *amended* entries for South East Scotland Area Meeting (32 pages)
- an updated set of General and Area Meeting information (equivalent to the front pages and back cover of the published Book) (11 pages).

What I have done (as an ex-clerk!) is forward all of these to everybody on our e-mail list. I hope you have been able to access these, to use them as you wish. This might mean printing them out and keeping them for reference, or saving them onto the desktop of your computer so that you can easily open them and do a search for what you need, or perhaps using them to update the entries in your 2009 Book of Members.

If you need any more information about the electronic files, or need them in another format, please let me know, and I will try to help, or ask Bronwen if need be.

For those without internet or access to a printer, paper copies are available at Meeting. I am asking those who have printing facilities if they would be willing to print out one or two extra copies of our Meeting list, and bring them to Meeting, so that we have a plentiful supply. If these run out, please let me know. If you need a copy of the amendments for the whole Area Meeting, ask me also - as this is quite a large document, I will produce them on request.

As you use these, please bear in mind our data protection guidelines: that this information must only be made available to Friends and established Attenders. It will not therefore be put up on the South Edinburgh or South East Scotland website, as these are open access.

I also have (better late than never!) acquired a few spare copies of the old 2009 Book of Members, which cost £4.00. If anybody would like one of these, let me know .

Sandra Riddell

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