



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2011



Memorial to people who died saving others, Postman's Park, London. More at www.thejoyofshards.co.uk/london/tiles/ppark

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 10.30 am at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA. (trial till June)

At Barony St: 4th Sunday. 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

June's special collection is for Young Carers. Susie Reade will speak to this.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

4th June (Sat) General Meeting in Aberdeen from 11am at the Crown St Meeting House. Tea and coffee from 10.30.

5th June Alastair Cameron will be speaking after Meeting at Victoria St on funding cuts and their effects on charities, from the perspective of Scottish Churches Housing Action.

5th June Friends are particularly invited to join Penicuik Meeting at 11am

Mini-Mart in aid of Wiston Lodge is after Meeting on each **first Sunday**. www.wistonlodge.co.uk

19th June All age worship with the theme of 'inter-connectedness'

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Sunday 12th June Meeting at Faslane. Contact Alison Burnley 10 days before; leave at 8.30am

Singing Group meets on second Tuesdays at Victoria Terrace. Also **Taize singing** with the Penicuik Vault Singers in the sequence Crichton, Rosslyn Penicuik and Seaton at 3.15 on Sundays. Next 19th June. 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, 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. Usually Third Sundays at 1.15pm at Central Edinburgh Meeting House; 19th June 'Three Cups of Tea', by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin which may lead on to discussion of relief work. In July, detective stories, in particular Reginald Hill's 'Arms and the Women'. (Qs to Rachel Frith).

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

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 15th May 2011

14 Friends were present. **Prevented:** Rachel Howell, Alison Burnley, Mary Woodward, Alison Chalmers, Mary Jane Elton, Alastair Cameron.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Local Business Meeting held on 20 March 2011 have been circulated. We accept these, and they have been signed by the Clerk.

15/11 Local Meeting Annual Accounts

Our Treasurer, Martin Burnell has presented the meeting accounts for 2010. We accept these accounts, a copy of which is attached to these minutes, and we thank Martin for his work on them.

We note that £3000 has been transferred to Area Meeting as previously agreed. The amount raised for special collections has slightly increased.

Mini-Mart contributions are slightly up, but not enough to maintain the £30 per month contribution to Wiston Lodge. Payments to Wiston Lodge have been temporarily decreased to £25 per month. We have heard that while Wiston have had more visitors, they have severe cash flow problems and they are suffering from the effects of cutbacks to some of their client groups. We agree to continue our contribution for a further year and to review then. The amount of our contribution is relatively small, but we also recognise the importance of our support in terms of solidarity. We thank Kerry Oliver for her work in organising Mini-Mart.

Interest rates on our Shared Interest and Triodos accounts are now very low. We agree however to keep our capital reserve in these funds since they actively invest in causes which we wish to support. We ask the treasurer to keep the level of the capital reserve under review and transfer funds to this if required in the light of inflation.

We agree that Paul Kenny should be appointed, if he is willing, as the examiner for our accounts.

16/11 Special Collections

We agree to hold special collections in coming months for the following causes:

- July: Refugee Survival Trust (David Turner will speak about this)
- August: Thandi orphanage and school in South Africa (Deirdre Armstrong will speak)
- September: Parents' Circle Families Forum (Hilary Davies will speak).

17/11 Quaker week and outreach group

We note that the LM minute from our last meeting suggested that we would run our own outreach events. However we feel that the feeling of that meeting was more that we would offer to support Central Edinburgh events. Alison Burnley from South Edinburgh is involved in the planning group, and others are invited to join.

We note that the window display at the Open Door has been booked for Quaker Week. We ask Elders and Overseers to ensure that someone takes charge of preparing a display.

18/11 All age worship

We have heard from the group which is planning the All Age Worship to be held on 19 June. The theme is to be "Our Community". The form of the meeting will be a little different, but it will share the same elements of any meeting: seeking, and feeling a presence. We ask Friends to open their hearts and minds to this.

19/11 Clerking arrangements

We note that Elders and Overseers have organised a clerk training session to be led by Phil Lucas on 20 November. This will deal not just with clerking, but also with how we all contribute to business meetings.

Alison Chalmers has agreed to assist and support the clerk for business meetings, particularly with preparing agendas.

20/11 Custodian of records

Scotland General Meeting has issued a set of recommendations with regard to archiving of Meetings' records. All Meetings (AMs and LMs) have been asked to appoint a custodian of records, or at least nominate a Friend (who might for instance be the clerk or correspondent in a small meeting) to take responsibility for this. The GM Custodian of Records (Paul Burton) will co-ordinate the gathering together of records at specific times.

We note that the newsletter editor has a file of back issues of the newsletter. The clerk and the treasurer have copies of fairly recent minutes and accounts, but we are unsure where older records are stored.

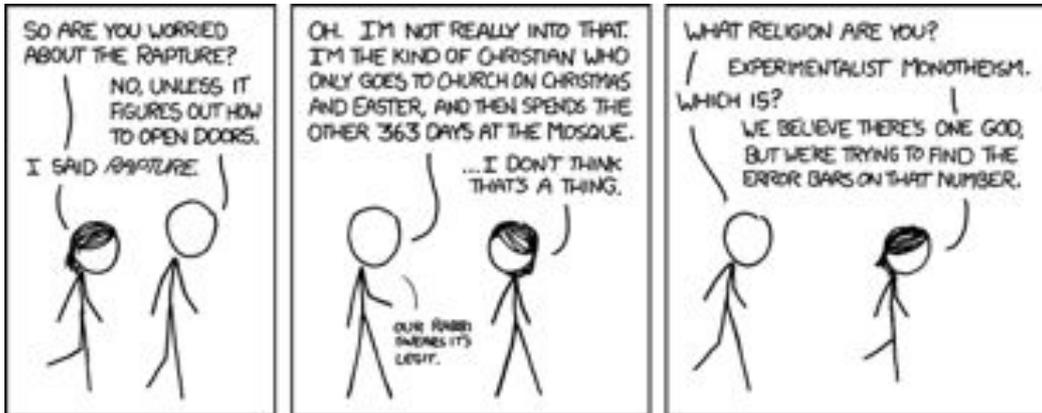
We will put a request for a volunteer in the newsletter and we ask Elders and Overseers to follow the matter up if a volunteer is not forthcoming. We ask longstanding members of our meeting to support whoever takes on this task.

21/11 New MSP

We wish to continue to engage with the new MSP for the constituency (Jim Eadie), in a manner similar to what we have done in the past with Mike Pringle. We ask David Turner to take this forward and propose meeting. We suggest that Saturday would be a good day for meetings if possible.

Date of next meeting: Sunday, 21 August 2011 at the Open Door.

Religions Scientists Seeking



xkcd.com

Bed and Breakfast for Venue 40 volunteers

For each of the three weeks (7-28 August) I am looking for 16 beds. This is a chance to make new friends at no expense (because you can claim any expenses) and with very little effort (in my experience volunteers are good at laying, eating and clearing away their breakfasts). In addition you can enjoy the Fringe vicariously through their visits to plays concerts etc. If you can help please let me have your offer. I shall be away until 14th June but ready to swing into action on 15th. *Rachel Frith* – rachel.frith@waitrose.com

From the children



Calum's model of the Flying Scotsman, number 22 in the competition at www.nrm.org.uk/scotsmancomp, where you can **vote for it!**. Great model. Good choice of fonts.

MORE EVENTS

Shadows of the Divine an exhibition from the Methodist Art Collection including work by many well known artists – New College, The Mound, Mon-Sat 10-5, till June 11th.

Faslane meetings dates: 12 June, 28 Aug, 25 Sep, 13 Nov. Speak to Alison Burnley.

Yearly Meeting Gathering is at Canterbury, **30 Jul-6 Aug**. Page 3 and www.quaker.org.uk/ymg

NFSG Shindig is 6th-13th August.

Our weekend at Wiston Lodge is **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 email maryjane@camell.me.uk for info and forms. Forms also at Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collections

In 2010, collections after Meeting raised a total of £2638, £814 for local meeting funds and £1824 for twelve charities.

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

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

Ecumenical Companiers

20 vacancies available for Human Rights Observers in the West Bank and Israel in 2012. Usually for 3 months. Living allowance and benefits covered. Deadline 23rd June; more info at www.quaker.org.uk/applyeappi

Library at Victoria Terrace

The website address for the Quaker Library catalogue is: www.quakerbib.org.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Blue** who be 10 on the 19th June, and to **Samuel** and **Emily** who will be 3 on the 28th. Next is a birthday treat for you from ...

UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERWEB



Nyan Cat – <http://youtu.be/QH2-TGUiWu4>. So named because if you listen really carefully, at 2.04 the cat says 'Nyan'. Also known as Pop Tart Cat, or the 'best kind of cat'.

ALSO ON THE WEB – twittering Quakers



QuakerQuotes Tweets

True godliness does not turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it – William Penn 5:30 PM Feb 15th via [Tweet Spinner](#)

Pride makes us artificial; humility makes us real – Thomas Merton 5:30 PM Feb 13th via [Tweet Spinner](#)

The golden opportunity you are seeking is in yourself. It is not in your environment, it is not luck...it is in yourself – Orison S Marden 5:30 PM Feb 11th via [Tweet Spinner](#)

Very little is needed to make a happy life. It is all within yourself, in your way of thinking – Marcus Aurelius 5:30 PM Feb 9th via [Tweet Spinner](#)

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, from Eskimos to Facebook, to: Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com. The official deadline is the 2nd last Sunday of each month.