



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

June 2012



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### 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

June's special collection is for HIV work at J.L. Zwane Centre and Church South Africa. Pol Yates will speak to this. [www.jlzwane.sun.ac.za](http://www.jlzwane.sun.ac.za)

### 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](http://www.wistonlodge.co.uk)

**General Meeting** at Central Edinburgh, **Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June** More info

**Talk after meeting** on **Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June** – we will watch and discuss the Swarthmore Lecture, led by Mary Jane.

### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

**A summer evening of music** at Kelso Meeting House, 7.30 pm on **Wed June 13<sup>th</sup>**. John Harris and friends

**Meeting at Faslane** – **Sun Jun 24<sup>th</sup>**, please contact Alison Burnley 10 days ahead if you'd like a lift and to learn what to bring, leaving 8.30am.

The **Drop-In Group** 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:moragferguson@hotmail.com) (or call)

**Singing Group** More singers needed please on second Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith. Ask also about the Penicuik Vault Singers, Sunday afternoons in different places.

**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.glgf@gmail.com](mailto: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** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at 7pm. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group.** Third Sunday 1pm at Central Edinburgh. For June, *Pay Back* by Margaret Atwood and/or *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* by Mordecai Richler. For July, 2 books by Julian Barnes, *Flaubert's Parrot* and *History of the World in 10.5 Chapters*. Qs to Rachel Frith.

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## Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 18 March 2012

12 Friends were present. Prevented: Kerry Oliver, Rachel Howell, Mary Woodward, Deirdre Armstrong  
Section 2.89 of Quaker Faith & Practice was read during our opening worship.

1. **Minutes of the Local Business Meeting held on 15 January 2012** have been circulated and have been signed by the Clerk.

### 2. Matters Arising

(32/11) Sign outside the Open Door : David Somervell reported that Elders and Overseers have learned that it is possible to buy a board for a reasonable price (£38 + VAT). We agree to make the text black, in a sans-serif font, on a yellow background. The sign will read as follows:

Quakers worship here 10:30 every Sunday  
[followed by the Quaker Q logo]  
All welcome, including children

We thank Sandra Dixon for allowing us to use the existing base for the sign. We agree that David should proceed with ordering the sign, and we thank him for his work.

(1/12) **Wiston weekend.** We heard that Alison Burnley, on behalf of E&Os, has asked Anna Mitchell if she would help organise the programme for the Wiston Lodge weekend. Anna has agreed to this, and will work with a Friend from the Children's Committee. Lux Anderson may also help. Kerry Oliver is co-ordinating bookings.

(3/12) **Discussions after meeting for worship.** Our proposed discussion on 17 June on the Swarthmore lecture DVD (responding as a LM to the challenge of sustainability) clashes with a joint area meeting for Es and Os. We agree to move our discussion to June 10, the week before. We ask Mary Jane Elton to facilitate the discussion with assistance from David Somervell. We anticipate that the meeting will last for around two hours and invite Friends to bring lunch.

(4/12) **Board of the Open Door.** David Somervell explained that the Board of Trustees for the charity which runs the Open Door is made up of representatives from the Morningside churches. He explained that the role involves taking part in making decisions about such matters as employment and what services the Open Door should offer to the community. The job is not onerous. Typically the Board meets on Monday evenings (or sometimes Monday mornings) on a 6-weekly or 2-monthly basis. David will write a short note about this to be included in the Calendar. We ask E&Os to bring forward a name to take on the role. Sue Freshwater has offered to stand in if the appointed person is unavailable.

### 3. Local Meeting Accounts

Martin Burnell has presented our Local Meeting accounts for 2011. He explained that there are three ways in which Friends give to Local Meeting:

- through the black bowl (this method does not allow us to reclaim tax on the donation)
- via the Charities Aid Foundation
- via Area Meeting contributions earmarked for LM

We have not yet heard the amounts we will receive via AM, so this cannot be included in the accounts. We ask Martin to update the final figures once this information is available, and report back to us.

Overall, giving to LM seems to have decreased, and we ask Friends to be aware of this and consider whether they can increase their contributions. The budget, as presented, requires Friends to contribute around £800 more than in 2011. However this does not include a planned increase in rent payable to the Open Door from April 1st.

We thank Martin for his work on the accounts and his clear presentation of them.

### 4. Reporting to YM about our carbon footprint

As part of our commitment to becoming a low-carbon Society, Meeting for Sufferings has asked us to give them information about carbon emissions in our meeting – how much energy is used travelling to MFW and how much heating and light we use etc. They ask for this information to be sent by 31st March in order to go to YM in May. There is an outline form to be completed, asking about our use of fuel for heating and lighting and about our transport to meeting. The survey will be repeated in a year's time to allow comparison.

We ask David Somervell to manage the process of gathering information and consider the best way of doing this.

## 5. Meeting archives

Paul F. Burton, General Meeting for Scotland Archivist, has written to arrange for the deposit of the first set of documents with National Records of Scotland. He has suggested that documents which are 30 years old or more should be deposited (ie up to and including 1981). Sylvia Massey told us that indexing of our archives has still to be done. She is consulting with Pat Lucas about this. Unfortunately our early minutes still cannot be found. We ask Sylvia to speak to Paul about the best way of proceeding with this.

6. **Date of next meeting:** Sunday 20 May at the Open Door.

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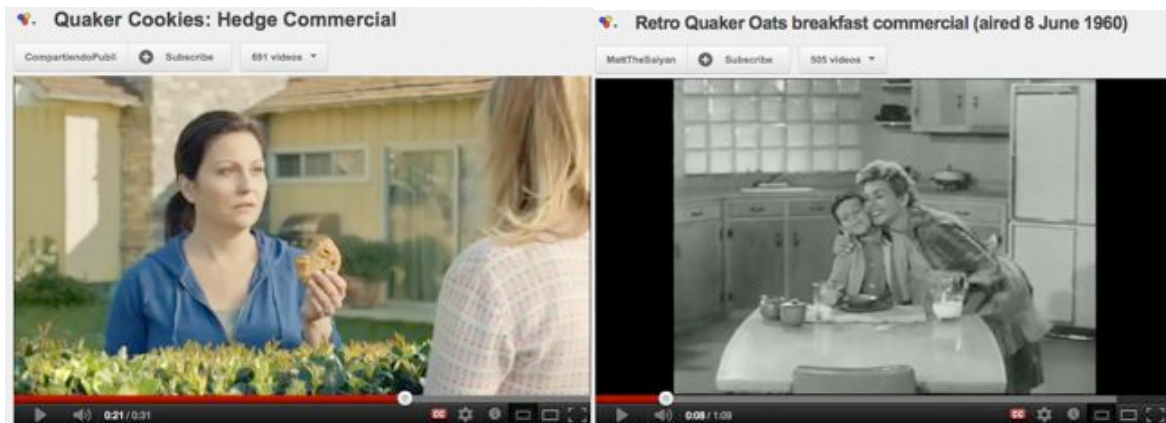
## Wanted: Representative for the Open Door's Board of Trustees

Typically the Board meets on Monday evenings (or sometimes Monday mornings) on a 6-weekly or 2-monthly basis. Further details from David Somervell.

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## Quakertainment

Followers of #quaker will have picked up on the first two (YouTube) – the Pepsico link again.



Quakers have very likely been to the one on the right on one of the things on the left: How to make a bicycle: [player.vimeo.com/video/39401575](http://player.vimeo.com/video/39401575). And er, how useful is the 'Useful Info' board at the station above?=  
**QUIZ: Where is it?** (Tie breaker: can you guess the prize?)

## MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

**Getting to know** – separately from the newsletter electronic copies of Getting to Know interviews with Kerry Oliver and Anna Mitchell (now) have been circulated. There will be some copies of these with paper copies of the newsletter as well as distributed electronically to those who use email.

## Future Dates and Volunteers

**Accommodation for volunteers at Venue 40** – 11 or 12 places each week **August 5-12, 12-19 and 19-26<sup>th</sup>**, and need to find some new homes this year. Expenses paid. Please contact Rachel Frith if you can help.

**Our weekend at Wiston Lodge** will be **7-9<sup>th</sup> September**. The theme will be Reflections. Please contact Alison Burnley if you can help.

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

**One Day** by David Nicholls is a novel about a relationship across 20 years, described on each anniversary of their first meeting on Graduation Day in Edinburgh. Well written, believable, touching, frail. Helen Cameron.

(34 words, 184 characters)

Your selections here: Items up to 50 words on your latest book, film, TV prog. [neilturn](mailto:neilturn@gmail.com) by gmail/ Fbk/ Tweet/ Papyrus

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Jacob Blue**, who is 11 on the 19<sup>th</sup>

## UNMISSABLE ONLINE

Thanks to Maeve Armstrong for our **Facebook Group of the Month**, [PinkstinksUK](https://www.facebook.com/PinkstinksUK) (5,532 Likes)



On a similar theme, apologetically unquakerly :



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