



## SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 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

**July'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)

**Local Meeting for Business** – after meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> July**.

**Chris and Jane** were married on June 23<sup>rd</sup>!



### OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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, EXCEPT Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July day trip to Samye Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre, Eskdale Muir. [www.edinwig.org.uk](http://www.edinwig.org.uk).

**Book Group.** Third Sunday 1pm at Central Edinburgh. 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 20 May 2012

11 Friends were present. Prevented: Kerry Oliver, Sue Freshwater, David Turner, Ida Turner

During our opening worship, we heard from Quaker Faith and Practice 20.1, on the source of our strength.

Minutes:

1. **Minutes of the Local Business Meeting held on 8 March 2012** have been circulated and have been signed by the Clerk.

2. **Matter Arising:** (1/12) Wiston Lodge weekend

We have heard that planning for the weekend is progressing well, and that many people have made bookings and paid deposits.

3. **Special collections** We agree to hold special collections in the coming months as follows:

- July **Woodbrooke Study Centre** (Hilary Davies to speak to this)
- August: **SOS Sahel**, an NGO in Sudan (David Turner to speak)
- September: **Liberty** – protecting civil liberties, promoting human rights (Pol Yates to speak)
- October: **Q-CAT** – Quaker Concern for the Abolition of Torture (Sylvia Massey to speak)
- November: **Northern Friends Peace Board** (Alan Frith or Jasmine Perinpanayagam to speak)
- December: **Rock Trust** (Alastair C to ask for someone from Rock Trust, possibly Josh Hearn)

4. **Sharing South-East Scotland Sustainability Stories** Area Meeting in March has asked Local Meetings to appoint a representative or correspondent to be part of a group whose remit is to respond to our Yearly Meeting's challenge regarding sustainability and economic justice.

The core members of this group, the Sharing South-East Scotland Sustainability Stories group, are Rachel Fitzgerald, Phil Lucas and Don Stubbings. They have now written to ask us to appoint someone who is interested in environmental issues to be a member of the group. We agree to raise this as a notice after Meeting for Worship for the next 3 weeks, to broaden the pool of potential volunteers. We will also provide a list for people to sign up and indicate that they are willing to talk about their experience.

At our meeting for learning on June 10 about the Swarthmore Lecture, we will have a chance for sharing our experiences on this issue.

5. **Becoming Friends** Alison Burnley reported that Lux Anderson and Anna Mitchell had been very enthusiastic about the course. There is interest in running another course, probably in the Autumn. We ask Alison Burnley to place an item in the July calendar about this, and to order 5 copies of the book from Friends House.

**Date of next meeting:** Sunday, 15 July 2012 at the Open Door.

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## Reflections from Britain Yearly Meeting May 2012

After hearing the Epistle from yearly Meeting read at our Meeting on June 10, I would like to share with F/friends the two highlights for me this year.

The first was the talk on **The Good Economy** by David Cadman on the Saturday morning. As someone with very little understanding of economics, I found this was inspiring and challenging. He offered a critique of our national commitment to growth and shared a vision of an economy where waste, selfishness and greed are much less in evidence. His talk can be heard at [bit.ly/KCG95G](http://bit.ly/KCG95G) (given the right software it should play automatically) or go to [www.quaker.org.uk/ym-updates](http://www.quaker.org.uk/ym-updates) where there are various links, including links to documents and to files containing the spoken introductions to the sessions. For those without a computer, I now have a print copy of the talk, or can send as a Word document.

The other highlight was a workshop which focussed on the booklet **Being Quaker, Doing Quaker** which is now available in our Meeting. This might be a useful focus for some learning groups which could enable us both to learn more about each other and to explore what being Quakers mean to us as we journey together.

*Hilary Davies*

## Elders and Overseers



Three South Edinburgh Elders and Overseers joined a day on E+O – ship in Glasgow on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Shown here playing a dangerous card game.

Our E+Os meet every 6-8 weeks. More next time.

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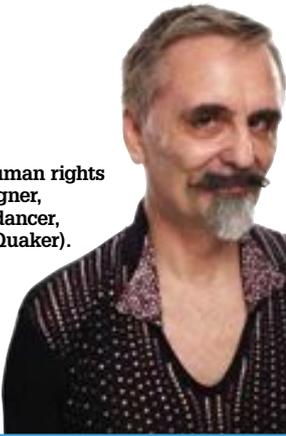
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Your editor had to eat the prize for last month's competition.



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## MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

Sylvia thanks everyone who gave so generously in sponsoring her recent Walk. Due very largely to this amazing support she was able to send £200 to Freedom from Torture.

## Future Dates and Volunteers

**Accommodation for volunteers at Venue 40**  
We still need 2 places for **August 19-26<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Rachel Frith.

**Volunteering at Venue 40** – the Quaker Tea Room welcomes your help. Come Along Baking sessions follow Mid Week Meeting on Wednesdays at Victoria Terrace, about 2pm. Do come, you don't need anything except to call Sue Buxton or Cathie McCurrach 225 4825 to confirm.

**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 ...

**The Sky is Always There** – Camilla Carr and Jonathan James (book) went from quiet rural England to Grozny to rehabilitate War-traumatised children. They were taken hostage, but survived by practising Tai Chi, Yoga and meditation and their belief in the power of love. A powerful story.

**Funny blood** – Juliet Batten (book). A family finds that their adopted daughter has von Willebrand's Disease, an incurable bleeding disorder. Treatment is painful and disruptive, but Ros achieved an independent life, a degree and a job. She is strong, courageous and funny; the family supportive and loving. Interesting and gripping.

*Alison Burnley read these, and has a copy of each to give away – just ask her.*

**Your selections here:** Items up to 50 words on your latest Soap, book, film, favourite ad for hair products. [neilturn](#) by gmail/ fbk/ Siri/ toss of the head.



Ducks swimming on the re-forming South Loch

## UNMISSABLE ONLINE

Our **Facebook Group of the Month** is [Clickflashwhirr](#) (3005 Likes), from a young woman who has taken a photo of herself every day for 5.5 years. Watch the changes flash over 1 minute, beautifully presented at [youtu.be/xgxxxKwIra8](https://youtu.be/xgxxxKwIra8)



Also impressive is this one of a Lotte age 0-12 in video clips: [vimeo.com/40448182](https://vimeo.com/40448182)

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