



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

July 2013



Riverside Museum, Glasgow

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

In July is for the **Poverty Premium**. David Turner will speak to this.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

On first Sundays a **Mini-mart** is held after meeting, in aid of external charities.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting for Worship on Sun 21st July

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1st Monday afternoons, contact Sylvia Massey.

Singing Group is on holiday in July and August

Reading the bible with Friends meets third Tuesdays 7-9pm Victoria Terrace.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group is usually 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm, but instead is visiting Dunfermline Abbey in July. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace, has decided against a holiday in July, instead Ali Smith's *There* on the 21st. Some substantial books coming so start reading early: Sep, John Lanchester *Mr Phillips*; Oct, RL Stevenson *Weir of Hermiston*; Nov, Monica Ali *Brick Lane*; Dec, Dickens *Our Mutual Friend*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



Catherine Holmes and Innes Watson got engaged!

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 19 May 2013

15 Friends were present. Prevented: Kerry Oliver, Phil Noble, Sue Noble, Sue Sierra.

During our opening worship we heard a passage by Isaac Pennington, Quaker Faith & Practice 26.70.

Minutes: of the Local Business Meeting held on 17 March 2013 have been circulated and signed.

- **(07/13) – Tackling the Poverty Premium in Scotland** We had asked that this concern be discussed at Area Meeting. We have heard that Area Meeting has agreed to contribute £500, and will also send a minute to Meeting for Sufferings informing them of what is happening in South East Scotland.

13/13 – Arrangements for holding meetings for worship for church affairs

Several Friends have raised strong concerns at the proposal first discussed at our March meeting: there might be issues around visitors not being welcomed; interruption to the gathered meeting; issues around care of the children; and a concern that people might feel obligated to attend. It was clarified that the experiments we have heard of in Northumberland applied to Area Meeting rather than Local Meeting. We heard from Stasa Morgan-Appel, who has had experience of a similar process in another meeting. She felt that the concerns can be addressed, and spoke of her experience of a deepened sense of spirit and community in business meetings, which were much less governed by “good ideas”. It is an essential of the Quaker way that our business meetings are held as meetings for worship.

We can see three possible ways forward:

- We could ask Judy Kirby from Northumberland to come and speak about how it works and why it works. We ask Alison Burnley to approach her at Yearly Meeting if possible.
- We could also sound out the reasons and needs of those in our meeting who do not generally come to business meetings.
- We could hold a Meeting for Business and Learning, focussing only on this topic. We ask Peggy Bartlett and Stasa Morgan-Appel, and possibly others, to work together to write something on this topic, to be available before this meeting. We ask those with suggestions to communicate these to Stasa and Peggy. We agree to set a date for such a meeting at our July business meeting

We are agreed on the need to move forward slowly and with great discernment, but also in a spirit of living adventurously and with openness to what the spirit shows as best for our Local Meeting.

14/13 – Meeting accounts for 2012

Martin Burnell presented our annual accounts, which are attached to these minutes. He explained that much of our income as a LM comes to us through our donations channelled via Area Meeting. In the past few years there has been some delay in accounting for this. Happily, this year's accounts can now show an accurate figure, although we have received the money several months late. We are now getting slightly less income from Friends' donations, and it would be helpful if Friends could consider increasing somewhat the amount earmarked for LM (perhaps by about 5%). It is difficult to give more precise guidelines as people's circumstances vary so widely.

Friends are reminded that overall South East Scotland Area Meeting does not contribute as much as it should to central funds (as a result of the expenses of work at Victoria Terrace), and are asked to take this into account.

Martin noted that he has had a problem with getting money from our special collection to the JLZame Church AIDS programme – he is still working on finding a channel to transfer the funds.

We agree to the suggested outline budget for 2013, also in the attached accounts. We agree to ask Paul Kenny to examine the accounts, and we thank him for this. We thank Martin Burnell for his work in preparing these accounts.

15/13 – Special Collections

We have agreed at previous meetings to hold special collections for the Common Fund (in June) and for Wiston Lodge (in September). We now agree to the following collections:

- July – the Poverty Premium (David Turner to speak)
- August – War Resisters' International (Chris Booth to speak)
- September – Wiston Lodge (David Somervell or Deirdre Armstrong to speak)
- October – Friends World Committee for Consultation (Alison Burnley to speak)
- November – The Rock Trust (Sylvia Massey to ask Josh Hearn to speak)
- December – Womankind (Margaret Anderson to speak)

16/13 – Food Bank

We ask Sylvia Massey to find out details of our local food banks and to inform us about this.

17/13 – Photos of Friends

We ask Sue Freshwater to approach Douglas Niven about updating photos of Friends in our meeting, and to consult with Rufus Reade about the best way to present the photos.

18/13 – Disclosure PVG checks

The usual procedure is for the clerk of the Local Meeting to be the verifier for disclosure forms. Sandra Riddell has done this in the past and knows the procedure very well. She is happy to continue to do this for us and it will simplify things if she carries on. Churches Agency for Safeguarding says she can continue if Local Meeting sends a minute to Michael Booth confirming this has been agreed. We agree to this, and we thank Sandra for her work.

Date of next meeting: Sunday, 21 July 2013, at the Open Door.

Collections

We are looking for someone to take over the job of picking up and counting collections from Sue and Phil. It will suit someone who comes to meeting regularly and tends to stay for tea and coffee (as you need to leave people a decent amount of time to put their collection in). If this sounds like you, the job is really quite quick and easy to do, you just need to be able to count money and keep a simple record of the amount of each collection each week.

In slightly more detail, the job involves:

- Collecting and counting the money from both bowls after meeting each Sunday.
- Recording the weekly amounts for each collection
- Once a month passing to Martin Burnell (our Treasurer)

Recently tasks 2 and 3 above have been done on computer. Both are straightforward and Phil would be happy to run through them with whoever takes over. However it is also possible to do them 'by hand', this would involve periodically passing the records and cash to Martin instead of doing this electronically.

It would also be useful to have volunteers to act as a reserve for when the main collector can't be at meeting. A 'job share' might also work, especially for people who live close to each other (the money needs to end up in one place)

Can anyone who might be willing to take over the task, or act as a reserve, please get in touch with Sue or Phil on 667 3076 or philnoble1961@yahoo.co.uk.

Department of Further Error

Harvey Gillman writes to reluctantly disclaim authorship of the fine poem attributed to him in the last issue. He has used and quoted it, but it was written by Wallace E Chappell. Sorry again.

For all ages



From Edinburgh's museums of Modern Art

MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

Circus people - Do you have spare unicycles, unicorns, juggling sticks, diabolos or other circus equipment? The teenagers need these on the summer shindig event in August. During the week they may decide to join a circus or/and maybe Quakers..... Please donate to Susie Reade (staff on the shindig) 0131 554 1078

Ade Cross HAD all his hair cut off. It's not too late to support his charity War Child at: www.justgiving.com/adesbigbaldybash

One of these photos must be him:



Accommodation for volunteers at Venue 40
Rachel Frith would still be grateful for offers to help – please consider offering B+B for 1 or 2 for at least one of the Fringe weeks 4-11, 11-18, 18-25 August. Expenses paid. Call/email her if you can help. Thanks! rachel.frith@waitrose.com

Rachel F also continues to offer **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.30 on first and third Thursdays (4th and 18th July)

South Edinburgh Meeting's annual weekend at Wiston is Sep 6-8th.

We'd love to see your Festival recommendations here in the August issue

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

... none recorded for July or August. But if you should be here, let us know! You qualify if you are compulsorily still in school or younger, or reaching big fat round numbers over 70.

UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERWEBS

Plan your August, don't miss ...

VENUE 40

Quaker
Meeting
House 

www.venue40.org.uk/programme



The Quaker jargon buster at easyweb.easynet.co.uk/pdaniels/qjargon.html appears to be on a poetry website funded by the Arts Council and last updated in 2002.

Our **Facebook Group of the Month** (115 Members) is **Quakers in Scotland**. It's a closed group, so no peeking. And no photos unless your editor is accepted.

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com. The deadline is the 2nd last Sunday.

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