



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

September 2012



Outside SNP HQ (from *The Scotsman*)

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

September's special collection is for Liberty – protecting civil liberties, promoting human rights. Pol Yates will speak to this. www.liberty-human-rights.org.uk

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

Our weekend at Wiston Lodge is 7-9th September. See quotes on page 3.

General Meeting in Nairn clashes with Wiston as it is on **Sat 8th Sep**, 11am – 4pm. Woodbrooke and more. Details in *Scottish Friend* for August.

Area Meeting at the Open Door, 16th Sep, 2-5.30 pm

Quaker Week begins on 28th September. More info at www.quakerscotland.org/quaker-week

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

The **Drop-In Group** 1st 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 (or call)

Singing Group Still on holiday but resumes Oct 9th; 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 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, 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 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group. Third Sundays 1pm at Central Edinburgh. For Sep 16th David Daiches *Two Worlds* and Chinua Achebe *Things Fall Apart*. In Oct, Sylvia Beach *Shakespeare & Co* (a Paris bookshop). Qs to Rachel Frith.

House meeting for Full Moon 30th Sep, 6.45 for 7. Please contact Stasa Morgan-Appel and Sue Sierra, 668 0964 or stasa.website@gmail.com

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The heart within Morningside

30 YEARS CELEBRATION

The Door first opened into our community coffee shop on the 2nd February 1982, made possible only by the support of our churches and the many volunteers they provided. Since then we have grown but the friendship and care have remained the same; we now provide:

- A coffee shop open 5 days a week, where a warm welcome is guaranteed and prices are kept intentionally low to promote inclusion.
- Two registered day care support services for the elderly, frail elderly and those suffering from memory loss and dementia.
- Weekend respite services for the carers of people suffering from dementia (the only such service in south Edinburgh).
- A Community Centre for use by other groups, charities and faiths.
- Over 80 volunteer placements.

The one thing that never changes is our continual struggle to maintain financial viability. We were fortunate to have been left a legacy in 2010 by the late Mary Elliot, a former member of our Good Neighbour Club. And not a moment too soon; as along with our good fortune came the collapse of the banks and a global recession. Someone is surely watching over us.

Things are changing again as the Scottish Government sets legislation that allows people a choice in how they wish to be supported. This change in service provision will be achieved through a system known as Self Directed Support, a payment made directly to the service user. This is a wonderful goal and we should be proud of a society that aims to give freedom of choice to all. Unfortunately there is no extra money to fund this transition and monies which have until now been used to commission and procure services on the users behalf will be redirected.

Where does this leave The Open Door and many other voluntary service providers? In truth we do not know, but we must change and adapt to continue in our mission of providing friendship and support to some of the most vulnerable people in our community. We know that we must turn again, as always, to our churches for support through difficult times. The Board is currently seeking a member who has skills in business and change management with time to commit to help guide us.

We ask for your continued support in **volunteering** so we can provide a safe and friendly environment for our services users

Support our fundraising events - Come and join us for a wonderful evening at Greenbank Church on Saturday 22nd September 8pm for our **'Sing in the City' concert**. Tickets are £8 or £6 concessions, available from the Open Door and on the 25th August during our celebrations.

Become a **'Friend of The Open Door'** membership is **£2 per month** or an annual subscription of £24, if this can be Gift Aided even better, or join our 200 club – ask staff for details.

Whatever you can do, even if it's popping in for coffee and a cake, it all makes a difference to someone.

Many Thanks

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Manager

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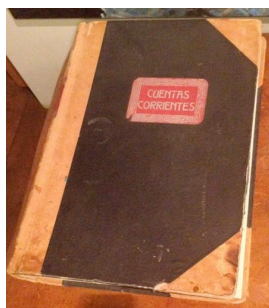
Elders and Overseers are for, umm ...

Officially, Elders are to look after the Proper Holding of Meeting, while Overseers are to look after Us. This oversimplification is not so relevant to us in South Edinburgh, as like many small meetings, Elders and Overseers (E+O) both do both, we have no clear distinction between the roles.

E+O meet together about every 6 weeks to think about the Meeting, its Friends, Attenders and friends. They discuss the wellbeing of the meeting and the planning of its religious affairs. They decide who will close meeting and make announcements, and how we will organise ourselves to ensure that meetings are held so that we all get most out of them. To ensure we don't forget any individuals in thinking of all at our Meeting, each E/O has a list of people to think on especially, but not exclusively. We update this list from time to time and will send one around with this newsletter.

A full and daunting list of E+O responsibilities appears in Quaker Faith and Practice, but it is balanced by Beatrice Saxon Snell's wonderful account of how she was persuaded to be one, culminating in 'My dear, we have to take what we can get.' (QFP 12.08)

We have 3 elders and 3 overseers: Alison Burnley (E), Alison Chalmers (O), Kerry Oliver (O), David Somervell (O), Neil Turner (E), Mary Woodward (E)



Book of Meetings

Alison Burnley holds and keeps up to date our Book of Meetings. If you need to know a clerk, or other information about a meeting, and it isn't falling out of the Interweb for you, Alison will have it on printed paper, modified where necessary with a Pen.

Quotes from last year's Wiston weekend

'A theme of the weekend for me this year was finding God in our relationships, - with ourselves, our families, our community and the natural world.'

'My heart feels warmed by such good company, good humour, good food and deep sharing'

'...I managed to finish conversations for the first time since Jacob was born'

'I was anxious about coming as I didn't know people well, but it has been really good. It is hard to find a sense of community but I see it here.'

A haiku from Anna in the creative writing group, inspired by a walk up Tinto Hill:

Rachel running home
I can tell how far ahead she is
I see the sheep scatter

From the children

On Aug 5th Madeleine Harding came and Athena made this for the windows of Victoria Terrace Meeting House. Highlighting their Windows Appeal.



MORE EVENTS AND NEWS

September lecture series hosted by Morningside Parish Church and Greenbank Parish Church:

- Faith and the City (2nd September)
- Faith and Politics (9th September)
- Faith and Money (16th September)
- Faith and Scottish Identity (23rd September)
- Faith and the Theatre (30th September)

Sunday evenings at 7pm, refreshments from 6.30, at Morningside Parish Church Halls (corner of Braid Road and Cluny Gardens). All welcome.

Residential General Meeting in St Andrews, **Nov 17-18th** More news and booking forms at the end of September via local meetings and www.quakerscotland.org.

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

The Festival, obviously. But no reviews this month ...

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

The newsletter is published on the last Sunday of each month, with deadline the preceding Sunday. Please send items and comments to Neil, neilturn@gmail.com

Read this and past issues online at quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Esther**, who will be 13 on the 25th



UNMISSABLE ONLINE

Keeping an orderly life

The morning question, What good shall I do this day?	5	Rise, wash, and address <i>Potent</i>
	6	<i>ful Goodness</i> ; contrive day's busi-
	7	ness and take the resolution of
	8	the day; prosecute the present
	9	study; and breakfast.
	10	Work.
	11	
	12	Read or overlook my accounts,
	1	and dine.
	2	
	3	Work.
	4	
Evening question, What good have I done today?	5	
	6	Put things in their places, sup-
	7	per, music, or diversion, or con-
	8	versation;
	9	examination of the day.
	10	
	11	
	12	
	1	Sleep.
	2	
	3	
	4	

Then (Benjamin Franklin)

SCHEDULE	
7:00 AM	WAKE UP
7:15 AM - 8:00 AM	POST ON PRODUCTIVITY BLOGS ABOUT MY SCHEDULE
8:00 AM - WHENEVER	AROUND

Now (xkcd.com)

E+O (page 3) are supposed to help you steer closer toward the Benjamin Franklin.