



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2013



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 November is for the **Rock Trust**, which works in Edinburgh and the Lothians with young people between the ages of 16-25 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Sylvia Massey will speak to this. www.rocktrust.org

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

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

Meeting with Ian Murray MP. 2.15pm, **Sat 16th Nov** at Sylvia Massey's house.

Residential General Meeting, Aberdeen, **Nov 16-17th**, "Taking Action for Economic Justice". Info and booking at quakerscotland.org/node/249

Talk after Meeting by Anna Mitchell, **17th Nov.**

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Stillness and Reflection a retreat day at Kelso Meeting House. **Sat Nov 2nd** please phone Phyllis Wigham 01890 820 380 to book a place.

Meeting at Faslane Sun 10th Nov

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

Singing Group 2nd Tuesdays, 7.30pm at Victoria Terrace, contact Rachel Frith, who also offers lifts for Penicuik Vault Singers on Sunday afternoons. www.kosmoid.net/penicuik/vaults

Rachel Frith continues to offer **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.30 on first and third Thursdays

Reading the bible with Friends meets third Tuesdays 7-9pm at Victoria Terrace. Contact Henry Thompson for more info.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group meets on 3rd Wednesdays at 7pm.. www.edinwig.org.uk.

Book Group on third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Nov, Monica Ali *Brick Lane*; Dec, Dickens *Our Mutual Friend*. Qs to Rachel Frith.

Hill Walking Some Glasgow F/friends go hillwalking each month on a Saturday. If interested in joining walks or the mailing list, please contact Daphne Wassermann 0141 357 0396, daphne@aquarius1000.plus.com.

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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 20 October 2013

12 Friends were present. During our opening worship we heard from Quaker Faith & Practice 2.68.

Minutes:

Minutes of the Local Business Meeting held on July 21st 2013 have been circulated and would be signed later by the Clerk.

(22/13) – We thank Alison Chalmers for hosting a delightful Bring and Share lunch on Sunday 6th October. This provided an opportunity for many who were not able to go to Wiston to share some time together.

23/13 – Arrangements for holding meetings for worship for church affairs

Several Friends reported on the valuable discussions held after meeting on 29 September. There was not readiness to test the integration of a business meeting with meeting for worship at this stage, but Friends felt that other options could be usefully further explored. We would like to strengthen the sense of worship in our meetings for business, and ask Friends to remind each other of the correct Quaker disciplines for these meetings.

We ask Friends to give further thought to trying an occasional different time for Meeting for Business, and possibly to a limited trial of discussing a single item of business at the end of a Meeting for Worship.

24/13 – Talks after meeting for worship and meetings for learning

Susie Reade reported on the survey requested on Meetings for Learning. We were impressed by the ideas and offers to lead topics, and ask Elders and Overseers to consider how and when to deliver them. We suggest discontinuing after-Meeting talks on other topics (e.g. Getting to Know) for the present, after Anna Mitchell's talk in November.

25/13 – Sustainability policy for Area Meeting

We commend the idea of a Sustainability Policy drafted for AM but do not feel that we have had adequate time to discuss the document due to be considered by AM on Saturday.

26/13 – Representative on the Open Door Board

Hilary Davies asks to be released from this role. We thank her for her service and ask that she writes an account of the role for the newsletter so that expressions of interest may be sought.

27/13 – Date for Wiston 2014

Deirdre Armstrong to confirm the booking for 5-7th Sep and Martin Burnell to pay the £100 deposit. Susie Reade and Deirdre have agreed to be part of the organising group. We ask that notices and the newsletter are used to seek additional Friends to help, who should contact Deirdre or Susie

28/13 – Special collections

We agree to the following (with local Friend to speak):

- Jan CAAT (David Turner/Sylvia Massey)
- Feb Destitution Network (Pol Yates)
- Mar Scottish Churches Housing Action (Alastair Cameron)
- April Friends of the Bereaved Family Forum (Margaret Anderson)
- May Forest Schools (Susie Reade)
- June Global Green Grants (Deirdre Armstrong)
- July Coach House (Hilary Davies)

29/13 – Other business

1. We ask AM to support a visit to the Quaker Network on Dying and Death by Stasa Morgan-Appel.
2. The Clerk is asked to keep the Open Door informed of dates when we will be on the premises beyond usual hours.

Date of next meeting: Sunday, 19 January 2014, at the Open Door.

Notes to these minutes

Friends agreed that it was not necessary for the minutes to list those Prevented, unless it was to explain absence of a report from a specific individual. Friends agreed that it was not necessary to note appointment of representatives to AM

The John Wigham Enjoyment Trust

The John Wigham (Enjoyment) Trust has made over 100 financial awards to people in Scotland in recent years. The Trustees want F/friends to know that there is now approximately £1500 left in the funds to be distributed to those whose straitened circumstances entitle them to apply for grants up to £500. The Trustees would wish to encourage F/friends to consider whether they are able to make a donation to enable the Trust to continue its work. Donations both small or large would be very welcome. If donors can make a Gift Aid declaration that would be appreciated. Cheques should be made out to South East Scotland Area Meeting and sent to John Phillips, Treasurer of JW(E)T, indicating the intention of the donor.

NEEDED: COULD THIS BE YOU?

Open Door Could you be our rep on the Open Door Board? Committee Meetings take place usually on the first Monday each month from 6.30 to 8pm. There are occasional task groups for which people are asked to volunteer. Hilary Davies is handing this role on, please ask her for more information.

Wiston Team We're looking for F/friends to join the team planning and running bookings for our **Wiston weekend, Sep 5-7 2014**. Please contact Deirdre Armstrong or Susie Reade.

Political dialogue Someone to support David Turner and David Somervell in arranging meetings with our parliamentary representatives. Could you? Find out more from one of the Davids.

From the Children



From the eccentric but excellent blog of the Beaker Folk of Husborne Crawley cyber-coenobites.blogspot.co.uk

Which along with Archdruid Eileen deserves more attention another time

"OK we can go in now. But try to be quiet during notices."

MORE NEWS AND DATES

Singing on Mondays at the Open Door The Edinburgh Solstice Choir is learning songs for the 3rd Annual Edinburgh Winter Solstice Celebration on 14th Dec. All voice parts and experience levels welcome.

tinyurl.com/EdinburghSolsticeChoir

We'll be having a **Christmas Party** at the Reade's home, **Sun 15th Dec**, 4-6pm.

Singing and Christmas lunch at Wiston, Sun 22nd Dec

UNMISSABLE ON THE INTERNETS



Our **Facebook Page of the Month** is **VW Split-screen camper vans** (3483 likes) [facebook.com/Splitty83](https://www.facebook.com/Splitty83) The last new VW Kombi campervan will be made in Brazil this year, 63 years after its first production in Germany.

What we're reading

Active Hope by Joanna Macy and Chris Johnstone. 'How to face the mess we're in without going crazy'. A inspiring book, insightful, has many extending concepts and is practical. It works building in spirals through gratitude to honouring our pain for the world to seeing with new eyes to going forth. www.activehope.info MA

What we're watching

The full length film **Show Me Love** (it has another title NSFN*) is somehow available free at youtu.be/spGW5p9p1c4 Moving, realistic, funny Swedish tale of small-town frustration, school age yearning, cruelty, redemption.

* not suitable for newsletter

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Yo ho ho and a bottle of Irn Bru to **Aran**, who will be 9 on the 1st; **Athena**, who will be 10 on the 26th, and **Daniel** who will be 12 on the 28th.

Also to **Robert Louis Stevenson**, who died in 1894 but would have been 163 on the 13th.

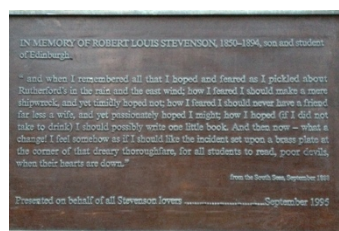


If you keep on drinking rum, the world will soon be quit of a very dirty scoundrel – Robert Louis Stevenson, Treasure Island.

"and when I remembered all that I hoped and feared as I pickled about Rutherford's in the rain and the east wind; how I feared I should make a mere shipwreck, and yet timidly hoped not; how I feared I should never have a friend far less a wife, and yet passionately hoped I might; how I hoped (if I did not take to drink) I should possibly write one little book. And then now – what a change! I feel somehow as if I should like the incident set upon a brass plate at the corner of that dreary thoroughfare, for all students to read, poor devils, when their hearts are down."

From the South Seas, September 1888

More info: www.robert-louis-stevenson.org/edinburgh



Note: This has been set on a brass plate – in Drummond St, close to the corner with Nicholson St.

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

quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh