



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

November 2014



Wiston September 2014 (*Rufus Reade*)

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Every Sunday at 10.30 am at the Open Door, 420 Morningside Road, EH10 5HY, with separate children's meeting.

Every Wed at Victoria Terrace: 12.30-1.00.

At Portobello: 1st Sunday at Old Parish Church Bellfield St, EH15 2BP at **7.30 pm** for half an hour; and **2nd and 4th Sun** at **10.30 am** at CHANGES Community Health Project, 108 Market Street, Musselburgh EH21 6QA.

At Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, Bellevue Cresc. More info: Marjorie Farquharson. (*This is the meeting previously held at Barony St*)

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 Trussell Trust** which works on poverty and exclusion in the UK and Bulgaria. Alison Burnley will speak to this. www.trusselltrust.org

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Meeting Jim Eadie MSP – a meeting at Holyrood has been arranged for 4pm on **Fri 7th Nov**; there will be a preparatory meeting after Meeting on **Sun 26th Oct**. For the Holyrood meeting, please confirm with Phil Noble.

Faslane There will be a meeting at Faslane on **Sun 9th Nov**. Contact Alison Burnley.

General Meeting for Scotland (residential) will be held in Glasgow on the weekend of **15-16th Nov**. We will be looking at experiences of YMG in Bath. Quakerscotland.org/general-meeting/dates (please book at least two weeks in advance)

Area Meeting will be held at Central Edinburgh on **Sat 29th Nov**, 2-5pm.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

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 offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on first and third Thursdays

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

Book Group third Sundays at 1pm, Victoria Terrace. Nov, Joseph Conrad *Special Agent*. Dec, Ruth Padel *The Mara Crossing*; Jan, Richard Flanagan *The Narrow Road to Deep North*; Feb, *The Travels of Mungo Park*. Qs to Rachel Frith.



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Minutes of Local Meeting for Business Sunday 19th October 2014

Ten Friends were present. During opening worship we heard Sue Norris's words on true reconciliation from the heart – written in 1982. (Quaker Faith & Practice 20.68).

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the July 20th meeting have been circulated and were signed by the Clerk.

10/14 Militarisation (matter arising from last meeting)

We thank Alastair Cameron for agreeing to raise our concerns on the new tide of Militarisation in society at Area Meeting to be held at Polmont, 25 October. We agreed to specifically ask Area Meeting to:

1. Encourage local meetings to review the QPSW Briefing www.quaker.org.uk/militarism
2. Encourage friends to join with others and organise vigils, display Quaker banners, run stalls etc to challenge Armed Forces Day (Saturday 27 June 2015) and similar events
3. Encourage friends with school age children to oppose visits to schools by the military and work with others to offer alternative speakers / stalls etc where possible
4. Support ForcesWatch – the UK campaign to discontinue recruitment of under 18s and to critically review and hold the armed forces to account for their practices
5. Ask the clerk to write to elected Convergors of Education in our local authorities – with copies to Directors of Education – asking them to critically review their policies on visits by military personnel to their schools and consider only allowing such visits when a balancing view is made available to pupils at the same time
6. Refer this concern to General Meeting for Scotland as a national issue on which friends might advocate a principled view through Scottish Parliament etc.

14/14 – Wiston residential weekend

We heard a report of a very successful stay at Wiston Lodge in September this year with 49 people including 20 children: mainly from South Edinburgh and Portobello / Musselburgh Meetings with 2 families from Polmont and 1 from Central Edinburgh. On Sunday Lanark Meeting hosted an All-age Meeting organised by Polmont Quakers.

There was a great atmosphere for children and ways for all to get to know each other – especially helpful for our Children's Meeting where we only have one child regularly. We thank everyone who helped make this such an enjoyable weekend event.

We agree to book Wiston the same weekend 4-6th September 2015 and for our treasurer to put forward the deposit payable shortly to secure the weekend.

We noted the financial help given by South Edinburgh Meeting towards this event. A few years ago we were anxious about the residential weekend due to low numbers and it is now established as a good way to bring Meetings together, especially our young people.

We ask our clerk and treasurer to discuss with others in the Local Meetings enjoying this event – and the clerk of Area Meeting – possible ways to continue financial support especially for the activities at this residential Meeting and report back.

We ask our clerk to request Portobello / Musselburgh Local Meeting to nominate one person to help with the 2015 bookings and one other co-organiser to join one or two people from our Local Meeting in planning next year's event. Request to go in Newsletter.

15/14 Updated 2013 accounts (updated from Minute 7/14)

Martin Burnell updated accounts for 2013 to include late-arriving figures for income from Friends who allocate donations to South Edinburgh via giving to Area Meeting.

We asked that the clerk raise concern with AM Treasurers' Team about the very delayed payments – only received early October for 2013 donations. We ask for reports and payments to be made timeously for 2014 – a year of major changes for our meeting.

16/14 – Representative on Open Door Board

We thank Martin Williams for his service and invite nominations for a new person to serve as our representative – request to be placed in the Newsletter with short description.

17/14 – Party on 14th December

Susie and Rufus Reade have kindly offered their home for an all-age party on Sunday 14 December. All are warmly invited – bring and share food, games and songs.

18/14 – Special collections

We discussed possible recipients of our monthly giving. In broad terms we affirmed these principles for selecting such organisations:

- That for around half of the time we support Quaker initiatives seeking assistance
- We generally support smaller organisations where our donation will make a difference
- Where possible local organisations – or ones where we have a direct connection – are considered before well-funded national bodies
- We ring the changes and would not normally give to the same non-Quaker body in successive years ... exceptions being Wiston and Scottish Churches Housing Action.

We ask Pol, David and Martin to bring a draft list to next meeting.

Date of next meeting: **Sunday 18 January 2015, at the Open Door.**

Collection totals Oct 2013 - Sept 2014

These are the amounts raised by our collections in the last year (*Martin Burnell*).

	Weeks	Collection	Charity
October	4	£139.08	FWCC
November	4	£237.26	Rock Trust
December	5	£166.00	Womankind
January	4	£185.50	Campaign Against the Arms Trade
February	4	£244.00	Destitution Network
March	5	£258.00	Scottish Churches Housing Action
April	4	£228.30	Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum
May	4	£121.00	Forest Schools
June	5	£146.88	World Development Movement
July	4	£88.00	Coach House
August	5	£242.50	Open door
September	4	£122.10	Wiston Lodge

Towards a Quaker view of justice for people and planet

Sat 22nd Nov, 10.30am - 4pm (tea and coffee provided, please bring your own lunch)
7 Victoria Terrace, Edinburgh

Public engagement in politics is riding high in the wake of the referendum last month and we want to be part of the conversation! The newly formed (AM-wide) Quaker Social Responsibility and Witness (QSRW) group believe that Quakers have something valuable and unique to say about securing a more just and sustainable future for people and planet. But we need your help. Please come along on Saturday 22nd November.

Jonathan Dale of Central Manchester LM and QPSW's economic justice and sustainability group will be speaking about what the world might look like if we all lived out our Quaker testimonies to the full. In the afternoon, Tim Slack from Liverpool LM will facilitate our discussions using 'Appreciative Inquiry'. This facilitation process encourages people to focus on the positive aspects of a situation and the strengths of the people involved. It seeks out the best of "what is" to help ignite the collective imagination of "what might be".

The QSRW group hope that this day will be the start of a process of gathering thoughts and opinions (from both within and without the Quaker community) to put together into a pamphlet for publication that will offer policy makers and others an insight into the Quaker view of justice for people and planet.

For more information, please contact Rachel Fitzgerald (Central Edinburgh LM):

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MORE NEWS AND DATES

Justice for people and planet – a meeting at Victoria Terrace on **Sat 22nd Nov**, see page 3.

Christmas Day lunch at Victoria Terrace – there will be a list in the library at 7VT if you'd like to go and/or help prepare. Further information from Annie Miller or Jim Pym.

Tweeddale Meeting's temporary meeting place is proving not so temporary and will remain the same till the end of the year at least. At 10.30 on 2nd and 4th Sundays: Nomad Beat, 10-11 Cavalry Park, Peebles EH45 9BU. More info, including how to get there, at quakerscotland.org/tweeddale

A Christmas Party will be held on **Sun 14th Dec** at Rufus and Susie's – thanks to them – bring and share food, games and songs.

Wiston weekend 2015 is arranged for **4-6 Sep**.

NEEDED

Please contact an Elder/ Overseer after notices if you might be interested to help with:

Planning Wiston 2015 (4-6 Sep) – one or two names to join the group planning this.

Our representative for Open Door Board – Martin Williams has asked to be released from this role and will explain it, or a more detailed account will be ready for the next issue.

The newsletter is usually distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Send things you'd like to see to neilturn@gmail.com. For instance we've had very little about fish recently.

The deadline is sometimes very strictly the 2nd last Sunday of the month.

Read this and more at
quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To **Aran** who will be 10 on the 1st, and to **Athena** who will be 11 on the 26th, we dedicate this delicious bowl of natural corticosteroid 11 beta-dehydrogenase inhibitors:



UNMISSABLE INTERNETS

Our **Facebook page of the month** is **Lifebuoy** (4,284,441 likes). Clever advertising it may be, but a big company like Unilever does have the capacity to transform health. They showcase their campaign to 'Change the handwashing behaviour of 1 billion people by 2015' with the aim of reducing deaths from gastroenteritis and pneumonia. And of course selling more soap.



Myriam Sidibe's TED talk: bit.ly/1nuch50

Lifebuoy soap contained carbolic acid (phenol) when it was first marketed by Lever Brothers in 1894, following the discoveries and inventions of Pasteur, Semmelweis and Lister in germ theory, hygiene and the prevention of infection. Phenol has since been taken out of Lifebuoy – it turns out that antiseptics don't contribute significantly to how well soap works. Hand washing is the key.

William Lever was a Congregationalist who built the 'model town' Port Sunlight for his workers. Sunlight Soap was their first product in 1884.

History – lifebuoy.com/about-us/history-of-health
Videos – youtu.be/Jzb4VC9Wyd0 and related.
Commercial aspects not hidden there.



'Our brands'
(Unilever Vietnam)