



SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING DECEMBER 2010 – JANUARY 2011



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.

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 3 Esplanade Terrace.

At Barony St: 4th Sunday for one year from March 2010. 7pm at 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors). More info: Tony Gross or 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.

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LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Mini-Mart is usually after Meeting on the first Sunday of each month, but we'll skip January so the next will be on Sunday Feb 6th.

Gifts for the Rock Trust – Please bring on 12th Dec. They would welcome food, toiletries, sweets, presents, for young people in crisis and for those learning to cope on their own.

Christmas Party Saturday 18th Dec 4.30-6.00pm – party for all ages. Bring some food to share and an idea for a simple game (and anything you need to play it).

Meeting at Wiston followed by lunch and some Christmas singing – Sun 19th Dec at 11am. We need to let Wiston know numbers for lunch in advance. Deidre will be driving and will have spaces, please call her.

Local meeting for business 16th Jan after Meeting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

December's special collection is for the **Refugee Survival Trust**, which supports refugees and asylum seekers in Scotland through Destitution grants. www.rst.org.uk

January's special collection is for the **Prison Phoenix Trust** which encourages prisoners in the development of their spiritual welfare through meditation and yoga. www.theppt.org.uk

OTHER EVENTS

Christmas day at Victoria Terrace includes tea/coffee at 10.30, Meeting 11.00, more tea/coffee, then lunch, ending by 4pm. Please contact John Fox, 337 6846, by 2pm on Dec 12th.

Singing Group meets on second Tuesday of each month at Victoria Terrace. 'Singers with perfect pitch very welcome!'. Contact Rachel Frith.

Quaker Lesbian and Gay Fellowship – NOTE CHANGE OF DAY - from January will meet on 2nd Wednesdays (instead of 3rd as previously), 7pm at the Glasite Meeting House, 33 Barony St (buzzer 7 via Albany Lane doors) Contact Mary Woodward or edinburgh.glgf@gmail.com.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Shared (vegetarian) food followed by discussion or talk. Usually at Methodist Church, Nicholson Square. Contact Alison Burnley or Bronwyn Harwood.

OTHER EVENTS

Reading the bible with Friends Third Tuesdays, usually 7pm at Victoria Terrace. Dec 14th - reading that Old Book, and Christmas stories. More info at <http://bit.ly/9JgoU0>. Contact Alastair Reid, 447 4191 or AlastairReid@btinternet.com

RECOMMENDED WATCHING

The foods that make billions – the untold story of how big business feeds us by transforming simple commodities into everyday necessities and highly profitable brands. See www.bbc.co.uk/i/w8c11 First episode is on Water, second on Cereals. *Ola Uduku*

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

Travels in West Africa by Mary Kingsley – extraordinary, often hilarious tale of a remarkable woman's adventures travelling into the jungle in a Victorian skirt with native guides. Crocodiles, malaria, ultimately cholera, and some very fine writing. *Neil Turner*

RECOMMENDED SOMETHING ELSE?

Your recommendations here!

Items of 20-50 words welcome by email or in scrawly writing on the back of an envelope, or of a sheep. Send them to Neil.

Minutes of Local Meeting for Business, Sunday 17 October 2010

14 Friends were present. Prevented: Margaret Anderson, David Turner, Ida Turner.

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting of 18 July 2010 had not been circulated by email and a final copy was not available. This will be made available and approved at our next meeting.

17/10 – Review of clerking arrangements

The clerking group had met 10 days ago and had heard reports of the various functions being performed by different people. Although there had been some small difficulties, there were no problems we could not live with. The group will meet again in 6 months to review arrangements.

Children's Committee had welcomed Rachel Howell's invitation that children say what they have been doing in Children's Meeting, right after the welcome to visitors at the end of meeting for Worship. We wish for this to continue.

We agree that it should be a priority to circulate agendas and minutes in advance, to help those with accessibility needs.

We have heard that Judith Shepherd has resigned her membership of the Society and therefore cannot continue in the role of co-clerk. Judith has written to Elders and Overseers explaining her reasons for this, and we ask Elders and Overseers to offer any appropriate support. We thank Judith for her work as co-clerk, and we also thank Alastair Cameron for stepping in for today at short notice.

We feel that this Meeting does not require a formal Nominations Committee, and that Elders and Overseers can fulfil this role. We therefore ask Elders and Overseers to consider the matter of a replacement co-clerk at their next meeting on 1 November. We will mention the need for a co-clerk on the email list and in the newsletter, with a description of what the role involves, and inviting expressions of interest.

Mary Jane Elton has volunteered to co-clerk for the next LM if no one has yet been appointed, and we accept her offer.

18/10 – Arrangements for Christmas

We will hold a Christmas party on Saturday 18 December, at the Open Door, for everyone associated with South Edinburgh Meeting.

It was felt that some members without children do not feel involved in the Christmas party, so we propose that we also hold a lunch after Meeting for Worship, followed by games and quiet reflection, some time in

January. We ask Elders and Overseers to take this forward and set a date, and we ask them to make arrangements for care of the children during the time of reflection.

We note that Lanark Meeting will hold Meeting for Worship at Wiston Lodge on 19 December, followed by lunch, to which all are invited. There will also be Meeting for Worship at the Open Door as normal that day.

We note that the filling and covering of shoeboxes for Oxfams is no longer solely the responsibility of Children's Committee. Sylvia Massey will announce a date for adults to help with covering boxes. Sylvia will also liaise with Peggy Bartlett to organise.

We plan to have a time for singing carols and other seasonal songs after Meeting for Worship on 12 December. We will ask Jane Lewis if she would be willing to facilitate this.

19/10 – Special Collections

Mary Woodward has met with Hilary Davies and Judith Shepherd to discuss the process for deciding on the causes for special collections, which needs to be reviewed in the light of the new clerking arrangements. We feel that it would be valuable to reflect more deeply on why we give, and to what causes, and whether it might be good to give longer term commitment to one particular cause which we could learn about in more detail. We agree to have a further discussion of this, involving everyone, after Meeting for Worship at some point. We ask Elders and Overseers to set a date for this. We ask Hilary Davies to obtain the list of projects supported by various Meetings which was published in Quaker News, and to circulate this.

We recognise the importance of supporting causes which people in Meeting have a particular link to and can speak about. We also feel that it is enriching to contribute to a range of causes which we may not necessarily have heard of before.

Our special collections in coming months will be as follows:

November: Rock Trust/Oxfams Shoeboxes

December: Refugee Survival Trust

January: Prison Phoenix Trust

February: Quaker Social Action

20/10 – Area Meeting Nominations Committee

We note that as a Local Meeting we need to appoint a representative to serve on Area Meeting Nominations Committee. Margaret Anderson has now come to the end of her period of service on this committee, and we thank her for her work.

We ask Elders and Overseers to consider this and to suggest a name. We will also circulate that fact that a representative is needed via the email list and the newsletter.

21/10 – Account for Wiston Lodge weekend

Sue Freshwater has prepared an account for the weekend. This is attached to the minutes, and will be forwarded to the treasurer.

22/10 – Date for Wiston Lodge weekend 2011

We note that the weekend of 11 September next year conflicts with Area Meeting, which we will be hosting. We therefore suggest holding our Wiston Lodge weekend on either 2-4 September or 16-18 September. We ask Alastair Cameron to enquire if either date is available and to liaise with Deirdre Armstrong over making a booking.

23/10 – List of Members and Attenders

Alison Burnley has sent off the list with corrections and has a list of those who have ordered printed copies.

Next meeting: 16 January 2011.

NEWS

AFTERWORDS

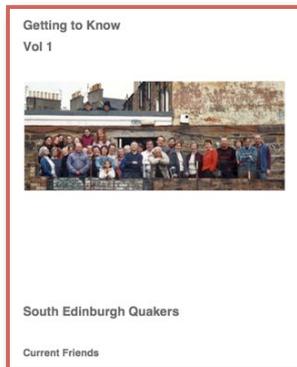
An experiment at the end of meeting

For 6 weeks from January

After the close of meeting, and before notices, there will be a brief opportunity for 'afterwords or prayer requests'. This is a time when anyone may speak of anything that has been on their mind during meeting for worship that didn't seem suitable to offer as ministry (or for which there wasn't time), or may ask for a person or situation (including themselves), to be held in the Light.

Although not part of the formal meeting, 'afterwords and prayer requests' is still held in the spirit of meeting for worship and therefore is not a discussion, or a chance to respond to ministry in a way that wouldn't be done during worship. The main point is to offer the chance for people to share concerns and thoughts that are not ministry as such but that may be important in terms of sharing with each other in the things which are eternal"

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To **Charlotte** who will be 4 on December 13th.

And to **Joe** who will be 2 on January 2nd.

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This month's featured Facebook group: [Get rid of Coca Cola ... and replace it with Irn Bru](http://on.fb.me/dC2fY8) (4,047 members). <http://on.fb.me/dC2fY8>



Get your story here – The newsletter is usually distributed on and just before the last Sunday of each month, so send things you'd like to see to Neil Turner, neilturn@gmail.com, on or before the 2nd last Sunday of each month.

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www.quakerscotland.org/south-edinburgh