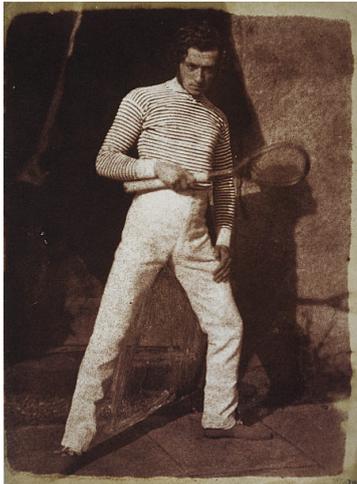




SOUTH EDINBURGH MEETING

February 2018



For Valentine's day, Mr Laing of Edinburgh, 1842.
(My Daguerreotype Boyfriend, p4).

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

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

Central Edinburgh on Sundays holds a small, quiet, shorter meeting at 9.30 am in addition to main meeting at 11.00. Victoria Terrace.

Weekdays at Victoria Terrace: Wed 12.30-1.00. Plus 8.00 am for half an hour on Mon and Fri.

At Portobello: 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11am, Fisherrow Centre, South St, Musselburgh EH21 6AT. With children's meeting. Bus stop by Brunton Theatre. 1st Sunday evening meetings 7.30-8 at Portobello and Joppa Parish Church (formerly St Phillips), Brunstane Rd North.

At Broughton St Mary's: 4th Sunday. 7pm in the Drummond Room at Broughton St Mary's Church, 22 Bellevue Cresc.

More meetings are listed in Sesame, or see quakerscotland.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION

In February is for a charity to be agreed at MfB on Feb 4th.

LOCAL MEETING EVENTS

Is Universal Basic Income the way forward?
Hosted by the Parliamentary Engagement Group. **Sat 3 Feb** 1-4pm at Victoria Terrace with video links to other meetings in Scotland. More info on page 2.

Local Meeting for Business will be held after Meeting on **Sun 4 Feb**

Patterns and examples A day for Quaker role holders. One of three meetings around the UK organised by Quaker Life and Woodbrooke, **Sat 17 Feb** at Victoria Terrace. £20 includes lunch and refreshments. More info at bit.ly/2jmNTwG or oliverw@quaker.org.uk 0207 663 1007

Meetings for learning now on the 3rd Sunday of each month after Meeting. Please bring a sandwich or equivalent. Finish by 1.30.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS

Rachel Frith offers **Coffee at Rachel's** at 10.15 on 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

Singing group meets at Victoria Terrace on second Tuesdays at 7.30 pm.

Book Group (Victoria Terrace, 4th Sundays after lunch, ~1pm). Feb, Henry James, *The Awkward Age*; Mar, Jane Hawking, *Looking Ahead*. Contact Rachel Frith.



Dreamer (window at The Lighthouse, Glasgow)

[More Events and News on the Back Page](#)

Is Universal Basic Income the way forward?

Universal Basic Income: a regular payment unconditionally delivered to all, without means test or work requirement. It is intended to negate the need for most benefits. Fascinating, at the beginning of some serious piloting, but controversial at both ends of the political spectrum.

The meeting on Saturday 3 February (listed on front page) gives an opportunity to explore the background and thresh the issues with a panel of speakers with differing views. These include Peter Kelly, Director of the Poverty Alliance, Peter Dean, a public finance economist, and our own Annie Miller.

Whether attending or not, you can study the following:

We should be doing it already?

- Our Friend **Annie Miller** has written *A Basic Income Handbook*, Luath Press 2017. Annie speaks about it on YouTube (36 mins) at youtu.be/sEN-bHI8eKU
- **Guy Standing**: *Basic Income, and how we can make it happen*, Pelican Books.
- **Basic Income Earth Network** – basicincome.org
- **Report from RSA and Univ Bath** at bit.ly/2F7nWKV They also have a 2018 report on *Economic Insecurity in our Time* on their home page thersa.org
- **Philippe van Parijs**' Joseph Rowntree Foundation (jrf.org.uk) lecture: Basic income and social justice – why philosophers disagree. Text at bit.ly/2F8XW1Q

Wait, it's not that simple

- Unconditional UBI is a dead end: Anke Rossell, Social Europe, bit.ly/2F4PMao
- BI is the latest bad idea that refuses to die: John Rentoul, The Independent, ind.pn/2F6AUsk
- UBI is no panacea for us and Labour shouldn't back it: Sonia Sodha, Guardian. bit.ly/2F5AUIW

Updated calendar for 2018

January's version contained provisional dates for MfB in October, and GM. Firm dates now shown, updates in red. As always, for events some way off, please double-check nearer the time.

2018	Local Meeting for business	Area Meeting	GM and other meetings
Jan		Mon 22 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	
Feb	4 February		
Mar		Sat 17 Mar (East Lothian) 11am	Sat 10th GM – (Edinburgh Central) Sun 25 Meeting at Faslane (<i>see info below</i>)
April	15 April		Sun 22 Faslane
May	27 May	Mon 14 (Central Edin) 7-9pm	Mon 4 - Fri 7 Britain Yearly Meeting , Friends House, London Sun 27 Faslane
June		Sat 23 (South Edinburgh) 11am	Sat 16 - GM (Aberdeen) Sun 24 Faslane, with Northern Friends Peace Board
July			
Aug	26 August	Tue 14 (SCHA, Edin) 7-9pm	
Sep		Sat 22 (Penicuik or Polmont) 11am	Sat 15 - GM (Glasgow) Sat 15 - Celebration with ICAN
Oct	28 October		Sun 7 Faslane
Nov		Sat 24 (Penicuik or Polmont) 11am	Sun 11 Faslane Sat 17 – (East of Scotland)
Dec			

Struggling with technology in 1492 For and from all ages (it's not just us)

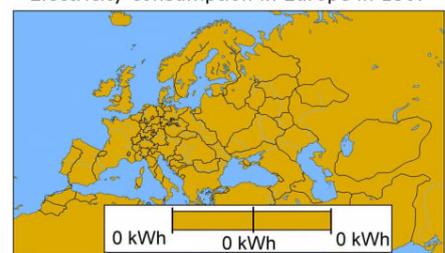
Master Leonardo da Vinci's kitchen is a bedlam. Lord Ludovico Sforza told me that the effort of the last months had been to economize upon human labour, but now, instead of the twenty cooks the kitchens once employed, there are closer to two hundred persons crowded up the floors and walls – and none of which seemed behaving in any manner useful or for which it was created. At one end a great waterwheel, driven by a raging waterfall, spewed and spattered forth its waters over all who passed beneath and made the floor a lake. Giant bellows, each twelve feet long, were suspended from the ceilings, hissing and roaring with intent to clear the fire smoke, but all they accomplished was to fan the flames, to the detriment of all who needed to negotiate by the fires—so fierce the wandering flames that a constant stream of men with buckets was employed in trying to quell them, even though other waters spouted forth on all from every corner of the ceilings.

And throughout this stricken area wandered horses and oxen, the function of which seemed to be no more than to go around and round, dragging Master Leonardo's floor-cleaning devices – performing their tasks valiantly, but also followed by another great army of men to clean the horses' messes. Elsewhere I saw the great cow grinder broken down with half a cow still stuck out of it, and men with levers essaying to move it out.

From a 1490s report describing the chaos after the Duke of Milan employed a 30-year old Da Vinci to manage the castle kitchen. From an article by Michelle Legro (Lapham's Quarterly, 2011), which attributes it to an apparently unpublished piece of writing by artist Sabba de Castiglioni.

The space below is for your **illustration of this scene**. Alternatively, a modern equivalent with Friendly relevance.

Electricity consumption in Europe in 1507

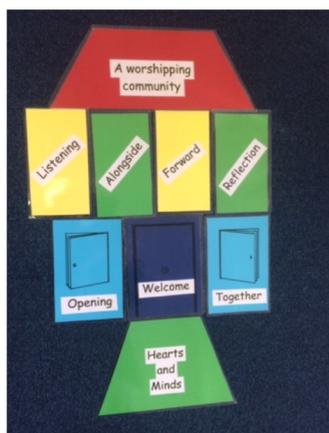


Source: see March issue

MORE NEWS AND DATES

World Day of Prayer – the service, written by the women of Surinam, will be held at a church near you on **Fri March 2**. Meetings in advance at Church of Scotland offices, 121 George St, 10.30: **Fri Feb 9, 16** – Bible studies

John King advises that Sheila Menzies King is now at Forthland Lodge, 6 Ale Moor Park, EH7 6US. Much nearer to him so he is able to visit more easily.



Building and nurturing an all-age community, from the January workshop at Victoria Terrace

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Happy Birthday

To **Yoni**, who will be 13 on the 2nd.



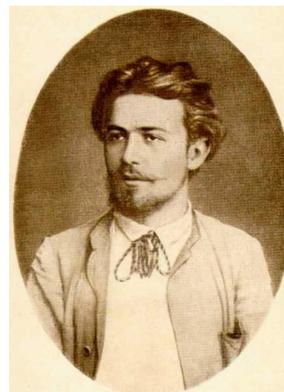
What we're reading

The Sewing Machine by Natalie Forgie. The history of one Singer sewing machine, 1911-2016. Two families, three secrets, four generations, millions of stitches. Absolutely gripping.

Alison Burnley

Educational online

Our **Tumblr site of the month** is Michelle Legro's **My Daguerreotype Boyfriend**. Its first post featured dapper young Russian doctor-author Anton Chekhov (1860-1904).



Anton Chekhov (Wikimedia Commons via mydaguerreotypeboyfriend.tumblr.com)

But Russia is far away. Several closer possibilities are revealed by a search on 'Scotland'. Mr Laing (front page) is a fine example of Hill and Adamson's ground-breaking early photography in Edinburgh from 1843 (Scottish National Gallery).

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On Chekhov, and a short story: wp.me/p8tvQR-aF