

Bits and Pieces . . . and please keep them coming in!

Here is your 100th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for September 2016. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

!!! LAST CALL FOR NUMBERS !!!

MUA SOCIAL EVENT: DAY OUT AT QUARRY BANK MILL AND STYAL

As part of the celebrations for our sesquicentenary, we are organising a day out to Quarry Bank Mill and Norcliffe Chapel, Styal. A flyer for this event was issued with the June copy of *Bits & Pieces*. It is **Saturday 24th September**, and Rev. Alex Bradley and the Styal congregation are looking forward to welcoming us all.

I **urgently** need to hear back from congregations, how many folk are planning to attend this special day out, as I have to let the Styal folk know how many folk they will be catering for.

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE: SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER PLEASE.

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

As most of you will know, the MUA celebrated its 150th Anniversary at our AGM at the end of March. A commemorative book, called *Celebrating Our Community: the Midland Unitarian Association at 150*, is available to buy from me (contact details at the bottom of this sheet). The price is £8.00, plus £1.20 P+P. Please make cheques payable to 'Midland Unitarian Association' or e-mail me for details of our bank account, to transfer the money electronically. As well as including a history of the District, and a short summary of what the District Association does for its member congregations, the bulk of the volume (pages 23-90) comprises a collection of some lovely worship material, written by the many talented writers in our congregations.

MUA OF LAY PREACHERS & SERVICE LEADERS: AUTUMN TRAINING DAY **Engaging with Unitarianism: a workshop on Engagement Groups** **and Sharing Our Ethos.**

Workshop Leaders: Rev. Sue Woolley and Mrs. Alison Thursfield

When: Saturday 15th October 2016

Where: Kingswood Unitarian Meeting House, Packhorse Lane, Hollywood B47 5DQ

Time: 9.30 for 10.00 am to 4.15 pm

The programme for this workshop has now been finalised. We will be covering the nuts and bolts of setting up an Engagement Group in the morning, and in the afternoon, participants will have the chance to put what they have learned into practice, by taking part in an Engagement Group aimed at sharing the Unitarian ethos with new Unitarians. A flyer is being sent round with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*, and the deadline for applications is **Friday 30th September**.

BITS & PIECES IS 100!

I started sending round this monthly news-sheet way back in 2008, and am happy to celebrate this 100th issue. Please continue to send me any snippets of news which you would like to share with our wider Midlands Unitarian family.

If you have any contributions for the next *Bits & Pieces*, please send them to me at 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DN or via e-mail to revsuewoolley@gmail.com . Thank you!