

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

Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for July 2011. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

UNITARIAN OUTREACH AT UNITARIAN NEW MEETING BIRMINGHAM

Event: Unitarians from a perspective of Conscience: Living out their faith

Speakers: Rev. Simon Ramsay, Ms. Winnie Gordon, Ms. Mina Coalter

When: Thursday 7th July 2011

Where: Unitarian new Meeting Church, Ryland St, Birmingham B16 8BL

Times: from 7.30 pm

More details from: Winnie Gordon gordonwinnie@yahoo.com or

Mina Coalter minacoalter@blueyonder.co.uk

MUA PUBLICITY FUND

In order to encourage MUA congregations to raise their visibility in their local communities, the MUA Executive Committee has set aside a sum for grants for publicity purposes. If you have an idea for raising your congregation's profile, contact Sue Woolley (details below) for an application form and guidelines. If your application is successful, the MUA Publicity Fund will pay up to 50% of the cost of your initiative. **More details are now on the new Publicity page of the MUA website.**

CDs FOR THE GREEN HYMNBOOK

Jenny Buckland, Pulpit Secretary and music organiser for the Cheltenham and Gloucester congregations, is currently trying to persuade David Dawson that enough demand exists for new *Hymns for Living* CDs to be produced. So she has asked me to ask you all whether your congregation would be interested in more CDs to go with the Green Hymnbook *Hymns for Living*, as those available only cover a small proportion of the hymns in the book. Even if your congregation is lucky enough to have an organist, the CDs are useful to have as back-up. Please contact me (details below) if you are interested, and I will pass your details on to Jenny.

****PURPLE HYMNBOOK PROBLEMS**: MESSAGE FROM ESSEX HALL**

"Unfortunately, it has been brought to our attention that a small number of the books from the 'Second Impression 2010' print run had binding errors. We would point out that it is only a very small percentage of the total print run.

We would therefore be grateful if you could check your order (again stressing that this is from the 'Second Impression 2010' print run only – stated on page ii of the hymn book). The errors to check are at pages 64, 96 and 136. If the pages before and after these numbers are correct, then the book should be a perfect copy.

We have not been made aware of any other binding problems within the books. If your 2010/2011 order was in addition to hymn books already received from the 1st or 2nd print runs, then please ensure that you are checking from the Second Impression print run only. **We will obviously replace any faulty books free of charge, upon notification from you by letter or Email. Please let Essex Hall know by 12 August 2011** of any errors found. We must apologise for the obvious inconvenience caused by this unfortunate error on the part of the Printer and their Binding Company, but you will appreciate it was beyond the control of us here at Essex Hall."

KINGSWOOD SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

The Kingswood congregation's annual Summer Garden Party will be on Saturday 23rd July this year, from 2.00 pm. Unitarian friends from other congregations would be most welcome.

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION SOCIAL EVENT

Following some very valid concerns raised by the Shrewsbury congregation, it has been decided that the MUA Social Event on **Saturday 17th September 2011** will be centred on Shrewsbury. More details to follow – please put the date in your diaries.

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 sue.woolley@virgin.net . Thank you!