

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

Here is your 3rd Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

THERE ARE NO LESS THAN THREE LOCAL EVENTS THIS MONTH, WHICH ALL SECRETARIES HAVE BEEN SENT DETAILS OF:

MINISTERS' MEETING HYMN SING

What: A chance to learn new hymns from the new hymnbook *Sing Your Faith*

When: Saturday 13th June 2009, 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm

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

Cost: FREE to all MUA congregations

What do I need to bring? Yourself, your singing voice, and a copy of the new hymnbook if you've got one. Don't worry if you haven't

Kingswood's choir will be on hand to lead the singing, and organist Peter Flower will play.

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**MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION PUBLICITY WORKSHOP**

**This workshop, to which we hope ALL congregations in the MUA will send at least one person, is all about how to raise our profile in our local communities.**

**Led by Sue Woolley, MUA District Facilitator**

**When:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2009, 10.00 am to 4.15 pm (tea/coffee from 9.30 am)

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

**Cost:** FREE to all MUA congregations

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MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION SUMMER OUTING: 27th JUNE 2009

Join us on a visit to the National Trust's **Quarry Bank Mill & Styal Estate**, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 4LA. One of Britain's greatest industrial heritage sites, it shows how a complete industrial community lived. The Norcliffe Unitarian Chapel is part of the Styal Estate, and Rev. Alex Bradley has offered to lead a short service for us in the afternoon.

All details on the flyer, which should be up in your church. I need to know numbers from each congregation as soon as possible please.

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**UNITARIAN NEW MEETING BIRMINGHAM SETS UP A SOCIAL ACTION GROUP**

UNM have set up a Social Action Group. Their first project will be to run a Mums' and Toddlers' Group on Tuesday mornings. This is still at the planning stage, but they are very excited about it.

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MANCHESTER COLLEGE OXFORD CHAPEL HOSTS MUSIC RECITALS

Three recitals are taking place during June, at 1.30 pm in the Chapel. On 4th and 18th, there are the final two parts of the Swedish Festival of Organ Music, and on 11th, the Magical Sound of Paraguay, featuring a Paraguayan harp.

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**MALCOLM SADLER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WITH WARWICK UNITARIANS**

Friends from congregations all over the MUA joined the Warwick congregation on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, for a special service to commemorate 50 years of service by Malcolm Sadler to Warwick Unitarians. Malcolm started as their organist / pianist in 1959, and went on to be their Lay Leader for many years. Malcolm has also made many contributions to the District, being a Past President and long-serving member of the MUA Executive Committee, and also Secretary of the Ministers' Meeting. After the service, the congregation offered refreshments, and those present swapped memories and reminiscences. Congratulations Malcolm!

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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.woollev@virgin.net. Thank you!