

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

**Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for June 2010. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)**

### **PERSONAL REFLECTIONS: NEW PAGE FOR MUA WEBSITE**

I would like to set up a new page on the MUA website called Personal Reflections. If you are a member or attender at any MUA church or chapel, and feel that you have something you would like to share, please send your contributions to me (contact details below) **by 30<sup>th</sup> June**. The long-term plan is to have a series of topics on the page, each leading to the individual contributions. The first four topics are:

- The nature of God
- War and Peace
- My Spiritual Journey
- Freedom of Belief

Contributions could be just one sentence, or as long as 300 words. They could be in the form of a reading, or a poem, or a prayer or a meditation, or whatever you like. Then they would be available as worship resources for service leaders. If you wish your contribution to be anonymous, that is fine (although I will have to know who it is from!). Please do not include quotations, unless you either have the author's permission, or unless the quotation is out of copyright (e.g. from *The Bible* or Shakespeare). More details in the current issue of *MU Now*.

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### **KIDDERMINSTER'S SECRET GARDEN**

The congregation at Kidderminster has discovered a Secret Garden behind the Meeting House. It featured on 1900 plans, but has been neglected for nigh on 100 years. Clearance is currently taking place, and they have great plans for it! For more details, visit Kidderminster's website: [www.kidderminster-unitarians.org.uk](http://www.kidderminster-unitarians.org.uk)

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### **KIDDERMINSTER'S BLOG SPOT: AN MUA 'FIRST'**

Another good reason for visiting Kidderminster's website is that they have set up a blog for online discussion of Unitarian, religious and spiritual matters. Why not pay it a visit at [www.newmeetingminds.blogspot.com](http://www.newmeetingminds.blogspot.com) and join in?

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### **KINGSWOOD COFFEE MORNINGS**

The Kingswood congregation have instituted a weekly Coffee Morning, on a Tuesday, between 10 am and noon. 35 people turned up to the first one at the end of April, and numbers have been keeping up since. It is an opportunity for local people to get to know the congregation outside Sunday worship, and Rev. Ant. Howe would love to see any Unitarians who are in the area at the time.

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### **WHY I AM A UNITARIAN (MUA LEAFLET)**

Most MUA chapels and churches will have a few copies of this leaflet (produced a few years ago) in your leaflet displays. The MUA Executive Committee has asked me to update it. Contributions will have to be fairly short if we are to confine ourselves to an A4 triplefold leaflet, but if I get enough good ones, we may have to think again, and expand the format. Please send your contributions to me at the address below, to share why you are a Unitarian – it could help the visitor to your chapel or church to decide to come back!

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](mailto:sue.woolley@virgin.net) . Thank you!