

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

Here is your 11th Midland Union Bits & Pieces. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

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**ASSOCIATION OF MIDLAND UNION LAY PREACHERS & SERVICE LEADERS**

**Creating a Vibrant Spiritual Community through Small Groups Ministries**

**When:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

**Where:** Kingswood Meeting House, Hollywood B47 5DQ

**Time:** 10.00 am – 4.15 pm

The session will be led by Rev. Jim Robinson of Hampstead. Further information from me, details below.

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MU NOW: HOW MANY COPIES DO YOU WANT?

Please would congregation secretaries let Mrs. Jenny Buckland know how many copies of *MU Now* you want for your congregation. Her contact details: 22, Norwich Drive, Cheltenham, Glos GL51 3HE
Tel: 01242-582470. She needs to know as soon as possible please!

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**MIDLAND UNION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When:** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009

**Where:** The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, Coventry

**Time:** 10.30 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. John Harley, GA Youth Coordinator

Last year no less than 54 of you attended the MU AGM. Let's see if we can break that record in 2009!

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PUPPETS AT BAYSHILL FOR HALF TERM

Bayshill Unitarians have again played host to the Annual Puppet and Toy Theatre Festival, which included daily performances of The Sleeping Beauty, Three's Company and May Day Joys. Proceeds were in aid of the Acorns Children's Hospice.

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**Women's League Branch re-formed at Kingswood**

Following a meeting with Birmingham District Women's League officials in December, the Kingswood Branch of the Women's League has risen from the ashes in fine style. Its first meeting was held on a snowy 5<sup>th</sup> February, and attracted 17 people. Jo Chandler was elected as the Branch President, and the group plans to meet monthly. Our congratulations to them on this initiative.

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NEW MINISTRY STUDENTS FROM THE MU

Congratulations to Sue Woolley and Kath Riley, who have been approved for Ministry and Lay Pastor training respectively, starting in October 2009. Sue will training at Harris Manchester College, Oxford, and also doing an online theology course, while Kath will be training at Unitarian College Manchester.

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**'The Curious Mind of Young Darwin' by Jenni Taylor (Shrewsbury) and others can be bought from the Field Studies Council at a cost of £8.95 +£2 P&P. It is a fictional scrapbook written by Darwin as a 12 year old, and encourages children to go out, explore, think & question.**

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!