

BITS AND PIECES . . . AND PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN!

Here is your 160th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for November 2021. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Support congregations
- Make things happen by providing leadership and initiating projects
- Find resourceful solutions
- Connect Unitarians in the Midlands.

MUA ANNUAL LUNCH

It was lovely to be in the same room as more than 20 Unitarians on Saturday 23rd October, for our first District social occasion in two years. We enjoyed listening to Andrew Webb, the founder of Transformers, which has grown from an after-school club for some children in Malvern to a spiritual resource for all Unitarian youth leaders.

After his talk, we enjoyed a tasty meal and good fellowship, courtesy of Jill Bowie, our regular caterer, and each other.

MUA VOTES TO BECOME CIO

At a Special General Meeting, held via Zoom on 4th October 2021, MUA Treasurer Sandy Ellis announced the results of a poll of member congregations, about changing the Registered Charity status of the MUA from a simple Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members. Six congregations had voted, plus members of the MUA's Executive Committee and three Life Members. The total number of votes cast was 143, representing 78% of the membership. Of these votes, 87% were in favour of the proposal.

As there was more than a 2/3rd majority in favour, a resolution to apply to the Charity Commission to register a new charity in the name of 'Midland Unitarian Association Incorporated', being a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members, was passed unanimously.

The President thanked Sandy Ellis for organising this and for all his hard work so far. This was seconded by acclaim. Bronwen Taylor thanked him for taking on this huge task.

CAROL SERVICES REQUEST

Happily, it looks as though we will all be able to hold our Carol Services in person this year. In previous years I have published details of all these services in the December issue of *Bits & Pieces*. I would be grateful if all Pulpit Secretaries could let me know when each congregation is holding its Carol Service this year.

Many thanks!

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 Thanks!