

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

Here is your 167th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for June 2022. 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.

SPRING TRAINING DAY Reaching Out to the Wider Community

The Spring Training Day, co-facilitated by Diane Rutter, (Kingswood), Sue Woolley (MUA) and Aleks Zglinska (Northampton) went really well. The eleven participants enjoyed learning different ways of reaching out to the wider community in which our churches and chapels exist, and there were lively discussions about ways to improve our visibility.

UNITARIAN STYLE GUIDE

One of the ways in which our congregations can reach out to the wider community is through our websites. Rev Rory Castle Jones, the General Assembly's communications officer, has produced a style guide for this, which may be seen at the following: <https://www.unitarian.org.uk/design-programme/>

MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: KEY MESSAGES FROM MAY 2022 MEETING

- 1 Change in investment managers: it was unanimously agreed that the MUA is to change its Investment Managers from EFG Harris Allday to Newtons, who already manage more than 40 Unitarian investment accounts.
2. Amendments to bank mandate: it was unanimously agreed that additional signatories should be added to the MUA's bank account.
3. Treasurer Elect: Mr Sandy Ellis will be retiring from the post of Treasurer at the 2023 Annual General Meeting, after an unprecedented 40 years in office. The Executive Committee is delighted to announce that Mr Kieren Mardle-Moss of Coventry Unitarians has volunteered to succeed him and will be shadowing him this year.
4. Pro Canva account: the MUA will be signing up for a free Pro Canva account, to enable the production of MUA-wide publicity materials. The contact for this will be Aleks Zglinska of Northampton Unitarians (e-mail: aleks.zglinska@gmail.com).

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!