

**What's on at the Nightingale Centre
Great Hucklow, Derbyshire
2010**



- March 19th-21st American Patchwork Quilting
- March 21st - 25th 'Writing Retreat'
- April 30th – 3rd May FOY Conference 'You can tell I'm serious..... because I'm laughing!' This should be fun (and serious?) *What's the FOY Society? - ask Helen or Richard*
- May 17th- 21st Spring 'Come and go as you please' a mid week break
- May 29th Hucklow **Open Day**
- May 29th-1st June Wildflower walks and gardens
- July 24th - 31st Unitarian Experience Week
- August 13th -16th Unitarian Music Society (UMS) Annual Conference
- August 21st- 28th Hucklow Summer School

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Lighting our Unitarian chalice

We light this candle as a symbol of our faith.
By its light may our vision be illumined;
By its warmth may our fellowship be encouraged;
And by its flame may our yearnings for peace,
justice and the life of the spirit be enkindled.

Rev David Usher



We welcome contributions to the magazine. If you have a poem, prayer or article you would like printed please send it to Eileen Wiggins by 31st March for the next edition. Eileen's contact details are eileenwiggins@uwclub.net or at 78, Western Avenue, Blacon, Chester. CH1 5PP.

**Wirral Unitarians and
Matthew Henry's Unitarian
Chapel Chester**



Newsletter February : April 2010



A Meditation.....

In this time of anticipated spring let us allow ourselves to extend the anticipation - to value the time of budding before blooming, of seeding before sprouting. This is a time of revelation: the revealing of that which is eternal, which we see every year, but still need to be reminded to see it in a new way.

There is also the revelation of that which is new. Every spring we encounter something never before seen. It is that very newness which embodies hope and potential for the wholeness which is yet to be.

Let us allow spring to unfold slowly that we may appreciate the true mystery of rebirth and renewal.

Teresa G. Cooley

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Services and events February - April 2010

February

Friday 5th Let's dine out at The Hinderton Arms
Tues 9th Women's League 2.15pm
Sun 14th AGM 4.30pm followed by buffet tea and service 6.30pm
Sun 28th Service 6.30pm

March

Tues 9th Women's League 2.15pm
Sun 14th Mother's Day, a **Family Service 4pm** followed by buffet tea
Sat 27th Church Ramble
Sun 28th Service 6.30pm

April

Sun 11th Service 6.30pm
Tue 13th Women's League 2.15pm
Sat 17th Merseyside District Missionary Association (MDMA) AGM
Sun 25th Service 6.30pm

Directions: by car The Quaker Meeting House is located at the intersection of North Drive with Telegraph Rd on the southern side of Heswall Centre (almost opposite a large Roman Catholic Church)

Travelling on the motorway leave the M53 at junction 4 and take all signs to Heswall via the B 5137. At a T junction turn left onto the A551 then almost immediately at the roundabout (with the Devon Doorway on the right) take the third exit (A540, Telegraph Rd) - the Meeting Hall is on the left after approx a quarter of a mile. Travelling from the Chester direction along the A540, go straight on at the Devon Doorway roundabout and as you come into Heswall the Meeting House is on the left.

By Bus The bus station is just 200 yards or so from the Meeting House further along Telegraph Road. Detailed up-to-date information can be obtained via Merseytravel 0870-608-2608.

Women's League

Liverpool District Women's League will meet in the library of Ullet Road Church on Thursday 11th March for its Annual General Meeting. The service will be conducted by our National President Mrs Mary Weightman of Dundee.

There will be our usual bring your own lunch and sales table with plenty of time to socialize. Please bring your thoughts and ideas for the AGM.

Our 2009 project Meningitis UK is drawing to its close. The treasurer will be glad to receive all contributions by early March as the National Treasurer needs them by March 20th.

In Chester our contribution comes from the coffee morning of £200 + £150 from the enthusiastic support for our book box in Waverton Village Hall. The new project from March will be the Margaret Barr Orphanage in Harang.

Chester Theological Society

1. Saturday 30th January : 2.00 p.m. Chapter House, Chester Cathedral. The ten commandments as a foundation for a 21st Century ethic. - Cannon Prof. Loveday Alexander.
2. Monday 5th February 7.00 p.m. - Beswick 017 - Chester College. Is there a Future for Sustainable Development / A Theologian's View - Prof. Celia Deane-Drummond.
3. Wednesday 3rd March - 7.30 p.m. - Beswick 017 - Chester College. Holocaust Theology and the Use of History - Dr Daniel Langton.

Most meetings have a door charge for entry and refreshments. Some are free.

If you are in **Manchester** on:

January 29th

February 26th

March 26th

April 30th

Remember **Cross Street Chapel lunch time concerts** at 1 o'clock.

**Chairman : Sylvia Spencer, 2 Hockenhull Crescent,
Tarvin, Chester CH3 8LJ. Telephone 01829 740533**

Matthew Henry`s Chapel welcomes volunteers to take services.
All types of services are welcomed.

February 7th Circle (please bring a reading, a poem or a hymn to share)
February 21st Mrs Eileen Wiggins of Chester
March 7th Mrs Chris Wilkie of Stockport
March 21st Mrs Helen Merritt of West Kirby
April 4th Rev Lynne Readett (Easter)
April 18th Mrs Anna Jarvis of Knutsford

We were glad to welcome twelve visitors to our New Year Service. Some were partying, some holidaying and some snowed in - including our speaker! However, we coped and had an enjoyable gathering.

It was lovely to see everybody. Perhaps you would like to join us for the Easter day service and tea party.

The Provincial Assembly
will hold its Annual General Meeting this year on Saturday 27th February at Bolton`s Bank Street Chapel



- Please note the change of date -

Unitarians in Bangor
welcome you to their service at 11 o`clock, 2nd Sunday, Talgai Community Hasll, Llandegai : follow directions for "Penrhyn Castle" Further details on 01407 721141 - Maggie Davies

Directions to Matthew Henry`s Chapel

Approaching on the A41 the road turns sharp L at the Sainsbury`s roundabout (signed Whitchurch). About 1 mile (after petrol station) turn L into Moor Lane (signed Waverton) to crossroads by Post Office. Straight across into Common Lane. Waverton Village Hall is next gate after the school.

Wirral Unitarians Duty Rota

Date	Flowers	Welcoming	Tea/Coffee
14.2.10	Mary Gill	Gill, Simon and Helen (AGM)	Margaret Curd and Joan Wilkinson
28.2.10	Joan Oldham	Gill Smith and Simon Rowlands	Lynne Wilson and Pauline Buckley
14.3.10	Jean Richards	Helen Merritt (Family Service)	Jean Richards and Mary Hughes
28.3.10	Irene Hardisty	Helen Merritt	June Hallgarth and Beryl Keggen
11.4.10	June Hallgarth	Gill Smith and Simon Rowlands	Shelley and Terry Perry
25.4.10	Mary Hughes	Helen Merritt	Margaret Curd and Joan Wilkinson

**Wirral Unitarians
Special service, event and social activity.**



Mothing Sunday ; March 14th

Join us for a family service at 4pm followed by a buffet tea : Everyone is welcome

**Annual General Meeting
Sunday February 14th 4.30pm**

This meeting will be followed by a buffet tea and chat before the usual service at 6.30p.m. None members are also very welcome to attend both the meeting and the tea. Please come along

Church Ramble

We have three rambles planned for 2010 and, Sue Watson has kindly agreed to lead the first walk. So as we march into spring it's time to shake the snow or cobwebs of your walking boots and enjoy the outdoors. More details will be published nearer time but for those who may wish to know more now please contact Sue 0151 625 8130. Lifts will be available for those who need them. Friends from Matthew Henry Chapel are very welcome to join us.



Merseyside and North West Activities

The Provincial Assembly will be holding its AGM at Bank Street Bolton on Saturday 27th February at 10.30am. The usual AGM and Service will be followed by a session in the afternoon entitled 'Youth'.

The Merseyside District Missionary Association (MDMA) will be holding its AGM on Saturday 17th April at Ullet Road Church.

As always this is an open meeting and all are welcome

Wirral Unitarians : Dates for the diary! Classic Concert 2010

Our successful Classic Concerts are scheduled again this year. Last year we made a £694 for our local hospices. Let's see if we can raise over £700 this year!



The first concert will be on Sunday 11th May at 3pm with the proceeds going to Claire House. So join us to hear the Deeside Singers, Pat Heyes (Soprano) and our own Terry Perry on saxophone.

Take a coach to Great Hucklow!

The **Open Day** at the Nightingale Centre, this year on Saturday 29th May can be expected as always to be a vibrant affair as people from many congregations converge on this small village in Derbyshire. Stalls inside and outside, raffles, tombolas, sideshows and Hucklow hospitality all make it a lovely day.



In the next few weeks more information will be available about cost and timings etc. It is expected that the bus will leave in the morning allowing people time to enjoy lunch at the centre and probably leave about 4pm. For some there may be an opportunity to take in the Fair and also enjoy a short stroll round the 'triangle' or further afield while others can enjoy the Fair, meet old friends or just 'chill out' and chat. So expect to be approached by our travel expert, Gill, in the very near future so we can arrange the transport in good time.

As always our friends from Chester will be very welcome to join us.

Wirral Unitarians Women's League

The Women's League continue their programme of speakers with the help of Mike Corfe who will be speaking at two of their meetings.



On Tuesday February 9th he will be introducing us to 'F.E. Smith (Lord Birkenhead)' who was quite a controversial person in his time.



This will be followed on Tuesday March 9th by a further talk where he will let everyone into the secrets of 'Creating a Garden'

Both meetings are at The Connor Suite in Westbourne Hall, West Kirby and are "open" events so everyone is welcome.

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Wirral Unitarians supporting those in need

During 2009 the congregation has raised £1,327!

Regular charities such as *UNICEF*, *Amnesty International* and *Send a Child to Hucklow* have benefited as have *Claire House* and *St. John's Hospice*. The Women's League this year supported *Sight Savers*, and an emergency appeal to help those in *Gaza* has also benefited.

Thank you to all those who have given so generously