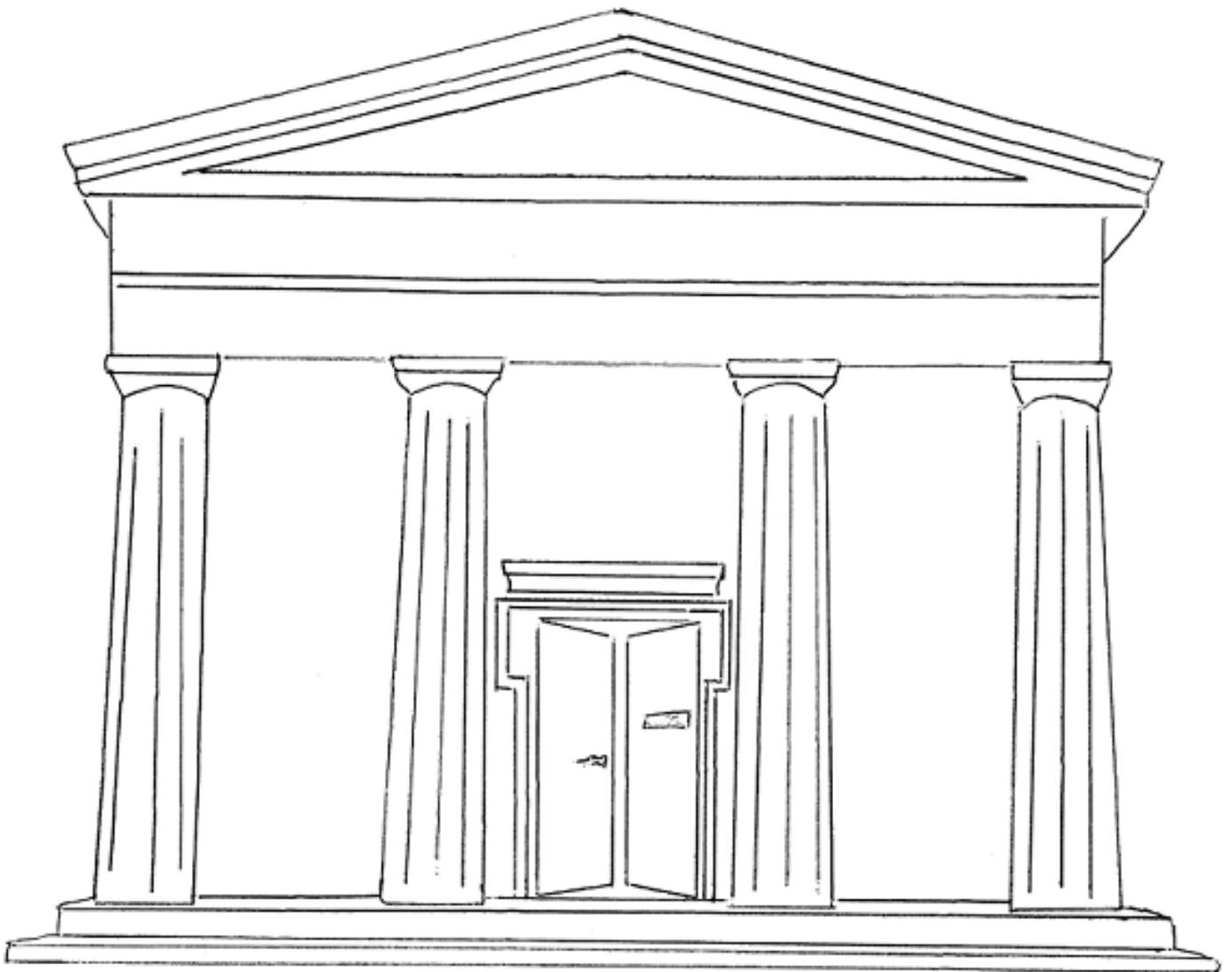


Brighton Unitarians

Newsletter
October 2013



*Sustaining a sacred space
in the heart of Brighton*



Welcome

We welcome all who seek a better life through spiritual and intellectual exploration.

We have respect for all faiths, coupled with a modern religious outlook that encourages freedom of individual thought and conscience.

We welcome all who believe that religion is wider than any one sect and deeper than any one set of opinions.

We do not impose a particular creed on our members or ministers.

We affirm the worth of all people regardless of age, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, ability or background.

We seek to provide strength and encouragement for the spiritual journey and daily living.

We believe that all life on our planet is interconnected.

We believe that how a person lives is a measure of their faith.

Pulpit arrangements for October

All services start at 11 a.m.

- 06 Jef Jones
 Piano: Kathy Pitt
- 13 Anthea Ballam
 Piano: Pamela Nickels
- 20 Jef Jones
 Piano: Nick Andrews
- 27 The Rev Jane Barton
 Piano: Josh Mills

And at 6.30-7.30 p.m.: Evening Prayers

Members and visitors are politely reminded that our church is a sacred space. If you need to speak to others before a service starts, or you arrive after the start, please be as quiet as possible. Thank you.

Worthing Unitarians

Worthing Unitarians meet at The Friends Meeting House, 34 Mill Road, West Worthing, the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 2.45 p.m. To contact the Worthing Minister, the Reverend Jane Barton, telephone 01903 202477 or email barton.445@btinternet.com.

- 06 Reflective meeting with music, silence, candle lighting.
- 20 **What does the word ‘worship’ mean to me?** Various speakers.

Dates for your Diary (All events take place in Brighton Unitarian Church unless otherwise stated).

Friday 4th October, 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.: **Lunchtime Concert. Every Friday.** The series continues with Nick Andrews and Friends. £3.50. See page 13 for the full programme through to mid December.

Saturday 5th October, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: **Makers Boutique.** Handmade contemporary arts and crafts market.

Sunday 6th October, 3 p.m.: **Synne Lastad Dyvik (soprano), Tony Rutherford (tenor) and Nick Andrews (piano)** with a concert of *Seven Elizabethan Lyrics* by Roger Quilter and *Haugtussa* by Edvard Grieg. Tickets £5 on the door, under 18's free. See page 8.

Friday 4th to Sunday 6th October: **The Meditational Fellowship.** The Meditational Fellowship meets twice yearly in the lovely retreat centre of Ivy House in Warminster. The weekend comprises instruction, silent meditation, music, perhaps chanting, some kind of physical activity such as circle dancing, spiritual nourishment from epilogues and the Sunday service. Although it is under the umbrella of the Unitarian movement all are welcome regardless of belief or nonbelief. Indeed Meditation is totally free from religious dogma. Participants are asked to bring poems, music etc. to contribute to the weekend which is a wonderful healing experience. Please contact Brenda Knopf for further details and booking form on 02380 555333.

Saturday 12th October, 12 noon. - 5 p.m.: **Belle's Vintage Wedding Fair.** Unique and inspirational wedding suppliers, featuring Belle's Bridal Boot Fair. Go to www.bellesevents.co.uk for more information or call 07954 578605.

Sunday 13th October, 3 p.m.: **Brighton Voices Concert.** A selection of songs from Nick Andrews' community choir. Featuring all-male Chapstick! See page 11.

Saturday 19th October, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: **Brighton Craft Alliance.** Local designers, makers and sellers of hand-made and vintage. 'Hello Treacle' pop up café will serve tea and cakes. See page 12.

Saturday 19th October, 1.30 p.m.: **LDPA Autumn Quarterly Meeting.** At Golders Green Unitarians, London. See page 11.

Saturday 19th October, 2.30 p.m.: **Organ Recital.** At Hastings Unitarian Meeting Place, South Place. Suggested donation £5.

Wednesday 30th October, 5.30 p.m. - 7.15p.m.: **'Dialogue' event on 'Death'** at Brighton Buddhist Centre, Tichborne Street, with speakers from various faiths. A Brighton & Hove Inter-Faith Contact Group event on rites and ceremonies related to death.

Saturday 2nd November, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.: **Makers Boutique.** Handmade contemporary arts and crafts market.

Sunday 3rd November: **London to Brighton Veteran Car Run.** There may be congestion in the city because of this event, so please allow extra time to get to the service that morning.

Saturday 2nd November, 8 - 10 p.m.: Legendary **South African drummer Louis Moholo-Moholo** from The Bluenotes and Brotherhood of Breath plays **with pianist Alexander Hawkins.** Tickets £8 / £6 members and unwaged available soon online and from Resident Records. For more information, go to www.safehousebrighton.co.uk/2013/11/02/louis-moholo-moholo-and-alexander-hawkins.

Saturday 9th November, 10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m.: **Radio Training** at Westgate Chapel, Lewes. See page 6.

Friday 29th November: **Music for Bhopal Concert.** More in next month's Newsletter.

For more events in the UK, go to www.ukunitarians.org.uk/pulse/ (for district events) or www.unitarian.org.uk/index.shtml (UK-wide). The diary includes weekend retreats, foreign trips, courses, workshops and so on.

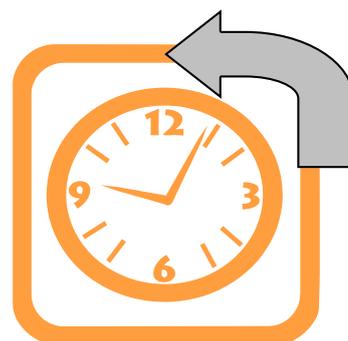
Committee meetings are held in the evening of the second Monday of every month. If you would like to have something raised, please talk to a member of the committee (see inside back page or a member in church).

Jef Jones is available in the church on Wednesday afternoons. Phone Jef if you wish to see him.

DON'T FORGET!

The clocks go back at 2 am on Sunday 27th October, heralding the end of British Summer Time.

Don't forget to change your clocks and watches.



Radio Training Offered

Saturday 9th November, 10.30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

In Westgate Chapel, Lewes, there is now a fully equipped radio studio, capable of broadcasting programmes throughout the world on the internet. This is operated by Oyster, a charity for the disabled which is a primary tenant in the building (<http://www.oysterproject.org.uk/>). John Russell, Director of Oyster, has kindly agreed to offer training in how to use radio effectively. There will be presentations on subjects such as:

- New media outlets, podcasts and internet radio. What are they?
- How to get on the air. What is news? Contacting news desks, etc.
- How to Interview and working towards your own online audio “station”.

There will also be practical workshops on:

- Studio work, listening back, etc.
- Digital Recording workshop demonstration.
- How to set up your own channel using Spreaker.

Cost per participant within the LDPA will be £20, including coffee, lunch and afternoon tea. For those from outside the District (who are very welcome), the cost will be £30. The workshop is heavily subsidised by the London District. Oyster are willing to offer paid-for ongoing support if anyone wishes to follow up.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE! BOOK NOW! FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

Bookings and payments to Danielle Wilson:

Cheques payable to LDPA and sent to: 280 Coast Road, Pevensey Bay, East Sussex, BN24 6NU

OR via PayPal to email: daniellewilson@ldpa.org.uk

The Inquirer

Subscriptions to this publication will be due for renewal in December/January. The cost will be approximately £27 per person for 2014, for which you get a copy every fortnight, and the final amount will be known in the next couple of months.

If you are thinking of renewing, cancelling or joining, please let Christine Clark-Lowes know by November, but don't pay anything just yet.

Hucklow Summer School

During August, three of our congregation attended the annual Summer School in Hucklow as delegates, staying at the Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow, Derbyshire.

Each of them will give us their thoughts on the week over the next three Newsletters and we start here with Jeannie Hull:

For me the Summer School at Hucklow was a truly valuable & inspiring week: to be able to meet many other Unitarians, some from far afield with a variety of interests & occupations; to talk & discuss; to gently get to know each other; and to make new friends.

Even though the 'work' was quite intensive there was still time to 'play', to talk and exchange ideas, to enjoy the very unique Peak district landscape, (perfect weather) and to grab moments on one's own.

I was so pleased to be able to go.

New Caretaker Joins Team

A warm welcome to Peter Tulley, who has recently joined our team of caretakers. The team will be led by Andy Cleave and Peter, with Stephen Crowther and Saul Neill providing back-up as and when required.

Loss of a Friend

Sadly, our friend Donald McDowell died in the early hours of the morning of 23rd September after a long illness.

Though his illness had taken its toll in the past couple of years, Donald still attended services until he was no longer strong enough to make the journey from his home in Brighton. It was from there that he moved into the Pines Nursing Home, where he died peacefully with a nurse at his bedside.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

Organ repairs and tuning

Our fine organ has recently been repaired and tuned, both of which were long overdue. Though this was a rather costly undertaking, the committee felt that it was worth it. However, thanks to the very generous donation from a friend of the church (and organ), the cost to the church has been greatly reduced.

Thank you!

(Note from Eds: we've withheld this person's name to save any possible embarrassment)

*Synne Lastad Dyvik (soprano),
Tony Rutherford (tenor), Nick Andrews (piano)
Recital*

*Sunday 6th October 3 p.m.
Brighton Unitarian Church*

*Seven Elizabethan Lyrics by Roger Quilter
Haugtussa by Edvard Grieg*

*Tickets £5 on the door, under 18s free
An opportunity to hear Brighton-born Quilter's
beautiful Elizabethan settings and Grieg's late mas-
terpiece, his only song-cycle, sung in Norwegian*

Brighton Unitarian Church Committee Election

Call for Nominations

Do you know a church member who you think would be good as a Committee member, or would you like to become a Committee member yourself?

Brighton Unitarian Church would like to encourage its members to please consider becoming a member of the Church Committee or to think about nominating someone else. Nominators and nominees need to have been a member of the church for at least a year.

If you would like more information about what is involved in being a Committee member then speak to any of the current Committee members who would be happy to talk with you.

For nomination forms please go to the website or pick one up from the foyer in the church from Sunday 29th September 2013.

Paper and online nominations are both welcome, with a preference for an online nomination if possible.

Please submit your paper applications in an envelope to the Church Office, for the attention of Caroline Drijver, the Election Manager this year. Please send your online applications to Brighton Unitarian Church buc@brightonunitarian.org.uk using the subject heading “fao election manager”.

Please submit your nominations forms by 3rd November 2013.

Caroline Drijver, Election Manager

Please note that the date of the AGM, when the members of the committee will be elected, is Sunday 1st December. A formal announcement will appear in next month's Newsletter.

Coffee Time!



Two of our baristas!

We are pleased to offer our congregation a decent cup coffee after the Sunday service as we have a splendid new coffee machine.

There is now no need to venture out to the local cafes in pursuit of 'proper' coffee!

Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society Winter Series Lectures 2013 – 2014

One of BUC's regular hirers, the Society's winter calendar is below. Members of that society are admitted free, visitors pay just £3. Talks start at 7.30 p.m.

October 11th 2013

Jill Cook – “Ice Age Art”

November 8th 2013

Mike Fulford – “Silchester: Iron Age to Roman: Preliminary results from the continuing excavations of the Roman Town”

December 12th 2013

AGM

January 10th 2014

David Rudling – “From Roundhouse to Roman Villa”

February 14th 2014

Miles Russell – “Tribe and Prejudice – excavating the late Iron Age”

The lecture is about the Bournemouth University excavations of an Iron Age Banjo enclosure

March 14th 2014

Paul Garwood – “Stonehenge Hidden Landscapes Project: new visions and horizons in landscape archaeology”

Concert

*Come and listen to Brighton
Voices sing some well-known
choral classics such as Zadok
the Priest.*



With special guests:

Chapstick! the splendid singing chaps

Alfred Western, a 15 yr old 'cello player

£5 on the door, under 18s free

Sunday 13th October, 3 p.m.

LDPA Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 19th October

1.30 p.m.

Golders Green Unitarians,

31 Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS

Theme: Ministry

Service to be co-led by Jo James and Matthew Smith

Presentation by

the Rev Sarah Tinker

'Why Leadership Matters'

All welcome

Service Leader for 13th October: a short biography of Anthea Ballam

Ordained as an Interfaith Minister by the Interfaith Foundation seven years ago, Anthea previously ran her own marketing company and worked as a freelance writer, specialising in technology and the law.

She has made a lifetime study of prayer and intention as well as meditation, death, dying and reincarnation - and has run a number of workshops on these topics. She also studies and practices healing through the use of altered states – meditation, visualisation and hypnotherapy, and regularly treats people using these techniques. She is a qualified hypnotherapist and NLP practitioner.

At the moment Anthea is writing a book of meditations, and is running a monthly guided meditation group at the Cornerstone Centre in Hove. She is the author of three books – *Mayflower The Voyage That Changed the World*, *Moving Prayers* and *Quiet Meditations* and *Words for Funerals*.

In her spare time Anthea conducts weddings, funerals and other blessings and serves on the committee of the Brighton and Hove Interfaith Contact Group (IFCG), organising the annual Interfaith Service, which will be held at Brighton Unitarian Church this year. She is an enthusiastic photographer and collects and listens to music – particularly jazz and classical. Her blog covers a variety of topics. www.antbeat.co.uk.

The **Brighton Craft Alliance** returns to our church with two fairs: one on 19th October, and the other on 16th November.



BRIGHTON CRAFT ALLIANCE

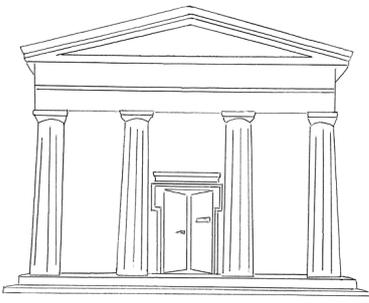
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BRIGHTON'S MOST INSPIRATIONAL
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3 GREAT EVENTS - 2 SUPER VENUES

VENUE	DATE	TIME
BRIGHTON UNITARIAN CHURCH	19 TH OF OCT	11AM-5PM
BRIGHTON UNITARIAN CHURCH	16 TH OF NOV	11AM-5PM
THE KOMEDIA	14 TH OF DEC	10.30AM-3.30PM

OUR POP UP CAFE *hello treacle* WILL BE SERVING TEA AND CAKE ALL DAY

ANY QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT SAMANTHA HOLLAND
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Lunchtime Concerts

October to December 2013

Fridays 12.30 pm to 1.15 pm (doors 12.15 pm). All tickets £3.50. Raising money for the Building Appeal Fund

*Friday 04 October: **Nick Andrews and Friends**, featuring soprano Rosie Evans.*

*Friday 11 October: **Glen Capra** (piano) and **Ian Glen** (bassoon) playing Mozart, Mossolov, Carr and Piazzolla.*

*Friday 18 October: **Rachel Firmager** (cello) and **James Shenton** (piano) playing Janacek's marvellously quirky and evocative piece "A Tale" plus the first performance of James's own sonata, which is a deeply spiritual and meditative work.*

*Friday 25 October: **Louise Gledhill** (soprano), **Cathrine Long** (soprano) and **Lesley -Anne Sammons** (piano). "Music for a while"... A celebration of Benjamin Britten.*

*Friday 01 November: **Lyndsay Cumming** (saxophone) and **Nick Andrews** (piano) will play a selection of saxophone music from across the eras, including Telemann's sonata in C minor for soprano saxophone, the delightful concerto for alto saxophone by Ronald Binge and playful swing and ragtime works by Rudy Wiedoeft.*

*Friday 08 November: **Yoshio Akiyama** (baritone) will sing songs by Gerald Finzi, Franz Schubert, Reynaldo Hahn and a selection of traditional Japanese songs.*

*Friday 15 November: **Gabriel Jones** (piano) and **Marianne Wright** (soprano). Graduates of Trinity College of Music will perform a selection of French and English songs, including the Arriettes Oubliées by Debussy.*

*Friday 22 November: Enjoy more music from the jazz greats with singer **Pamela Nickels**, **Wook Hamilton** on clarinet and accompanist/pianist **Josh Mills**.*

*Friday 29 November: **Nick Andrews and Friends**, featuring a piano recital by Oliver Turvey who will perform pieces by Bach, Schumann and Carl Vine.*

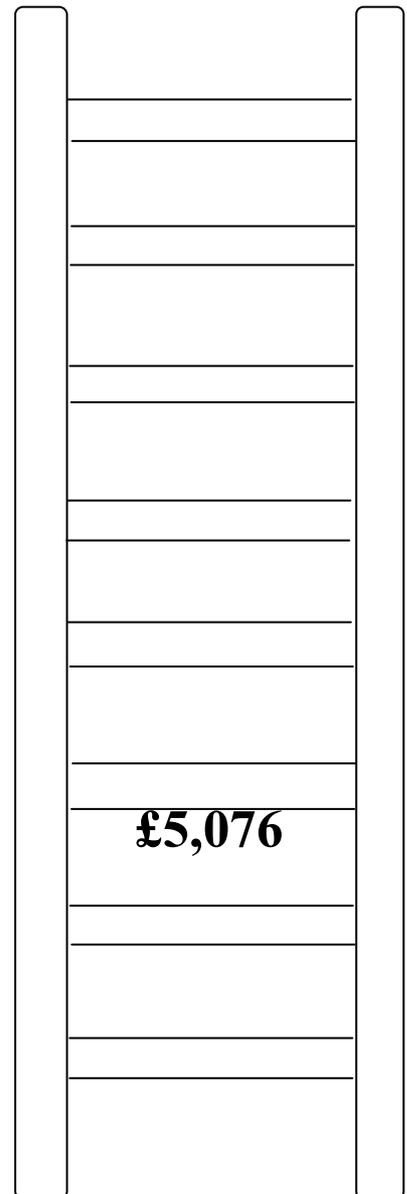
*Friday 06 December: **Joss Peach**, award-winning jazz pianist who can be seen busking from time to time in Brighton on his golden piano, will perform classic jazz, boogie woogie and "originals".*

*Friday 13 December: **A Bunch of Daphs** return with their Advent and Christmas programme.*

Fundraising update

- ◇ The figure on the ladder to the right is the amount we have raised since the beginning of October 2012, the start of our new financial year.
- ◇ Deacon's, who carried out the recent roof repairs, have been back to look at the flagstones at the top of the steps, as the 'cement' between them is coming loose. The matter is in hand to make repairs.
- ◇ March 29th 2014 has been earmarked as the date for our Spring Fair. Past experience has shown us that this type of event is good fun for us and that we all work well together, even if it is quite hard work too. Our efforts have been worth it, though, with previous fairs each raising more than £1,000 for our Building Appeal Fund. Look for more adverts in future Newsletters.
- ◇ Fundraising is an ongoing activity, since our historic building requires regular maintenance and repair. The Fundraising Committee meets regularly to discuss progress on existing projects and to think of further ways to raise money. The portico and heating system are the next major works to be considered.

How much raised?



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All items for the November 2013 Newsletter
by Sunday 20th October please

Rites of Passage

If you're planning a

Wedding

or

Civil Partnership

Why not come to

Brighton Unitarian Church?

We will help you to plan your perfect day. Our church has both a piano and an organ and the space is ideal for your flower arrangements, whether large or small.



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