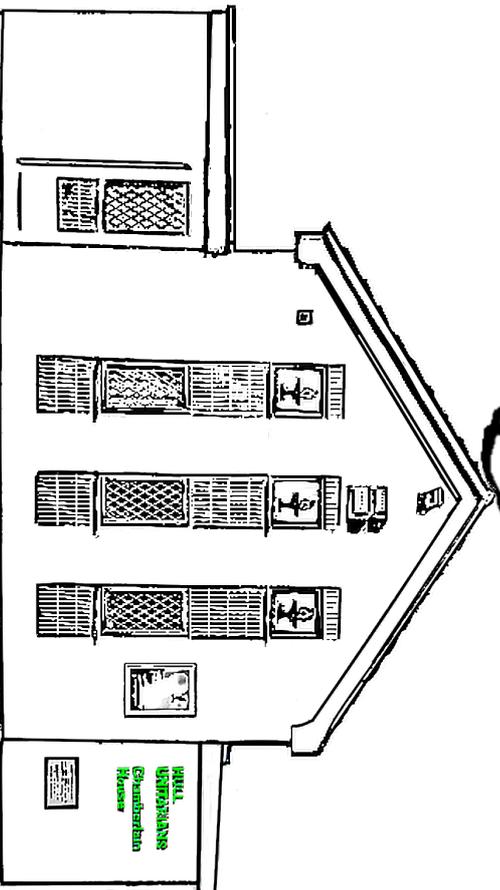
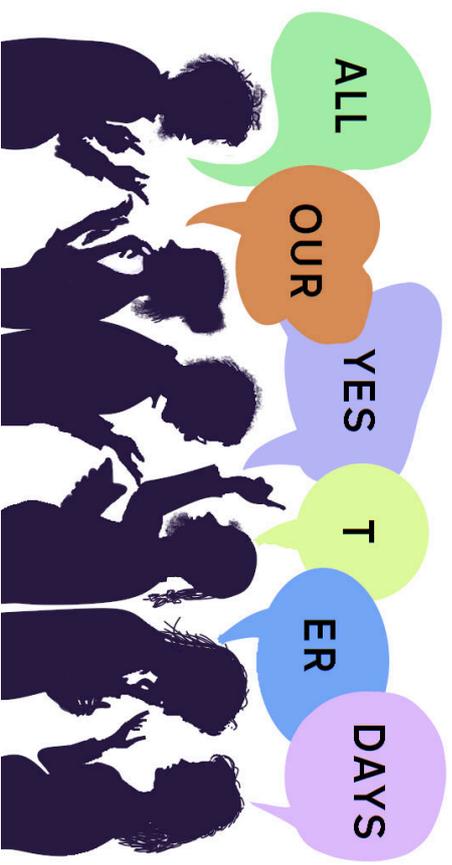


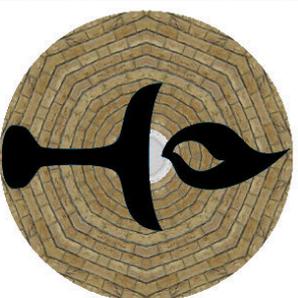
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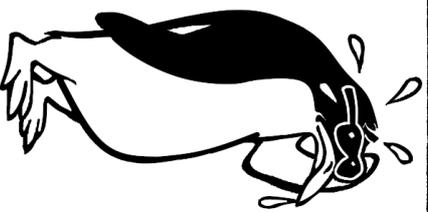
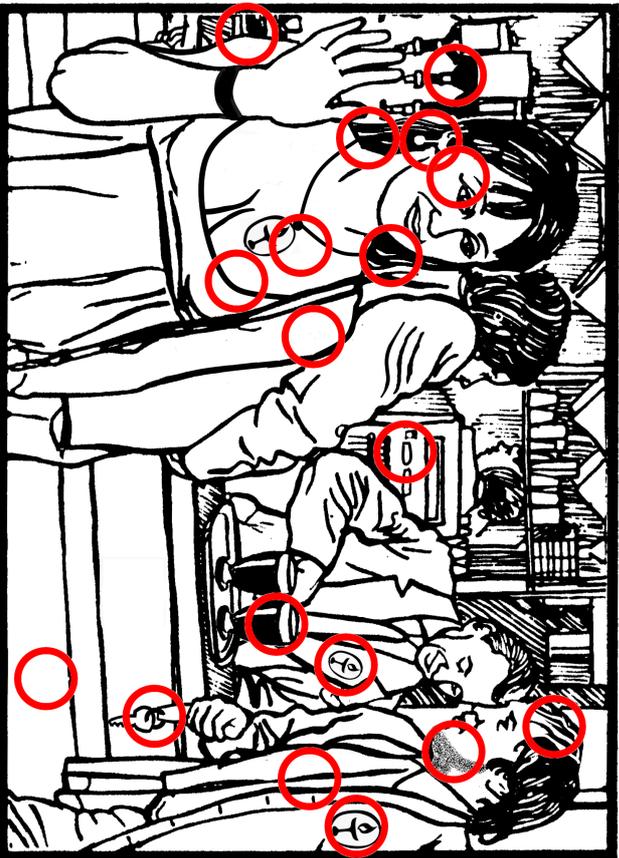


A 'Scrapbook'
of Memories



Puzzles

Below is the answer to the Spring issue's Spot the Difference: At the General Assembly Bar.



Meanwhile, you might be wondering what has happened to Juan the Galápagos Penguin. Having died, he is unable to send any more letters. To find out what happened in full detail, go to <http://www.pluralist.co.uk/> and then Fictional (top menu) and The Galápagos Letters (left menu). Also go to Learning - Religion - Unitarianism etc., and scroll down for reports on the Unitarian Theology Conference held on 21 May 2016.

Pastoral Letter Summer 2016

In this issue we are celebrating our community, its recent past, and our current shared experiences. There are many people to whom we owe thanks for their support and efforts over the past 39 years since we opened what was then our new building. Some people have been stalwarts through that entire period, and others are still with us in spirit, although unable to attend. To honour their contributions and to celebrate our continued progress, we have dedicated this issue of our magazine to our Hull Unitarian community. We are glad to see some wonderful new members and friends who are contributing to the vitality of our congregation. Some members will recognise photographs of friends who are now too frail to join us regularly. We have also included some people who have died but whom we remember with affection.

There is a need after 39 years to look to restore and enhance the fabric of our church, and we have commenced by providing a wheel chair accessible toilet. We have at the same time refurbished the ladies toilets, and these are suitable for people who need additional hand rails. It means that those members with additional mobility needs can now attend the church confident that these facilities are suitable for their needs.

The trustees are now considering additional ways to refurbish the church and I anticipate that by the time we hold our AGM on September 18, we will have further plans to share with members and friends. We are preparing for the next stage of the ministry of Hull Unitarians with increasing confidence.

Pastor Ralph Catts

Purposes of Attending Church

As churches appeal to ever smaller minorities, the question has to be asked about their appeal (*writes Adrian Worsfold*). What are they for? Fresh thinking comes from asking searching questions. If worship was designed to build friendships, what would it look like? If its activities are to demand social justice, what does a church do? Does not a church build friendship networks and 'relational power' from the bottom upwards? Purpose-finding is necessary for social justice and can lead toward personal Transformation. This can include being creative, as well as leading towards social transformation and building community with accountability to one another. These together enhance persons and their creative potential.



Community transformation Personal transformation Social transformation

Many secular groups exist to enhance one or more of these outcomes. For churches, the sort of theology that derives from this perspective is a radical enabling theology for communities similar to the education theories and practices of Paulo Freire. Known as Liberation theology, it has to be educational and create the tools for the job. Liturgy then becomes more like crafting for the future using words of enablement. The churches need to learn a totally new language to be able to speak to the millions who would never even step into a church building today. They need a new perspective on society from the theology suggested.

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16th February 1970

Mrs. Morgan,

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18. Granbrook Ave,

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Dear Mrs. Morgan,

The Church Committee discussed your offer of taking over officially the position of Caretaker at this church and are pleased to offer you this position at a weekly wage of £5.0.0.

Will you kindly let us know if you accept this offer.

Yours truly,
H. Seety
H. Seety.



Some pictures of Dorothy from the very distant past!



On June 5 we congratulated Daniela, Tim, and Leonora, on the arrival of Veronica. Andrew Parkinson from Scarborough, who had officiated at Tim and Daniela's wedding, led the service. Veronica was the centre of attention, but her big sister was also welcomed. Leonora celebrated her fifth birthday with a party with friends at the church on June 25.



Hull Unitarians host five Yoga classes each week, and many identify Hilda Ormrod as the Pioneer who initiated Yoga in our church. Husband Eric is with her in Amsterdam.

necessary to provide a warm and enjoyable concert. Such occasions happened many times.

How many displays in one form or another has Dorothy Morgan arranged for the Spring Festivals? I remember her writing poems, essays, doing excellent paintings and her enthusiasm engendered at many of the festivals was a major contributing factor to our Church winning many of the cups and trophies. Latterly Dorothy put together a special display representing Hull's Unitarian contribution. Where she got everything from I do not know, but much research had to be done to make it the most successful contribution to win the prize for that year.

In the earlier years, if it was anything to do with Church activities, "ask Mrs Morgan" was the cry and she always had an answer. With Booking Income being an important part of our revenue, Dorothy was always helpful to[] and, of course, was respected by the organisations which use the Church and as the Treasurer over many years it was always a comfort to know that she would make sure the buildings were opened and closed at stated times. I remember also how she polished the pews in the old church every Sunday, there were many of them and most of them were not in fact sat upon.

I could go on. Dorothy Morgan is my friend and also a friend of many others and her contribution has been quite extraordinary and, together with her family, we have been extremely fortunate to have them around. Although she will no longer be doing church duties, we hope to see lots of her.

Thank you Dorothy,

Roger Strachan



Above: Spring Festival 1987 at Wakefield.

Others: Iranian Jasmín attending for the final time, with her mother.



Above: January 1991: Hull Challice Garden opening, including Marie, Barbara, David S, Barry, Mary, Colin, Susan, Pat, Bryan, Jennifer, Roger, David A and Joan, with Lord Mayor Les Taylor and the Reverend Ernest Penn.

Below: Ernest and Leeds colleague Rev. Austin Fitzpatrick and Jill A at GA Meetings 1989 Aberdeen in GAZette office.





Park Street children at the Spring Festival in Bradford 1986



CHESTER WRITES: We had this trip out to Hornsea on 6th

April with twelve and a half of us leaving just enough room for me on my personal seat and the 24 assorted wheelchairs trolleys and zimmers!



I'd remembered the superb fish and chips from Whiteheads and had heard the name banded about. But imagine my shock when the whole bus load deserted me and decamped to the restaurant. No one remembered to return with a doggie bag. Gutted! I was however granted, along with little Leonora (see her picture on page 12), a romp along the beach and the sun came out briefly for that. I don't know who between us was the most excited.

Everyone was happy with the way things went and were able to chat with old friends, particularly Wilf Jones who now resides in Maybury Court on Holderness Road, one of the friendliest residential homes we've visited.

Cheers!

