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Members and friends are invited to submit pictures, poems or short articles to Ralph Catts for publication in this magazine. Articles of about 270 words will fit one page. Longer articles may be up to 540 or 810 words. All submissions are best sent electronically. Author biographies are limited to 30 words. Please refer to the Hull Unitarians Website for copyright matters and advice to authors.

## What?

Each month Hull Unitarians also publish a newsletter, and it is in the newsletter that details of services and charity coffee mornings are published.

Services are held 11:00 am Sundays and Coffee Mornings 10:30 am Fridays.

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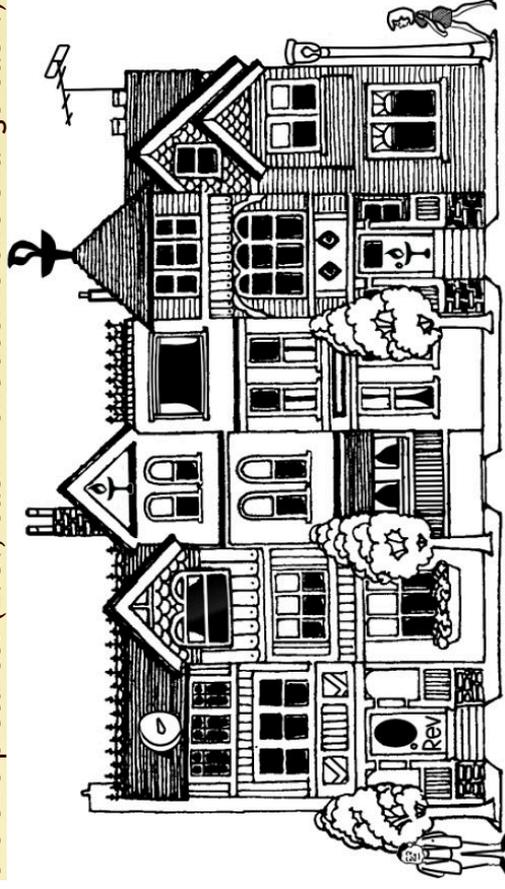
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# Puzzle

This issue's puzzle is a Spot the Difference, plus Spring answers.



Here, three residential houses are converted into a Unitarian church. Can you see how many changes there are between the two pictures? (E.G., each front door is one change each.)



Bird Anagram Answers: Bitterns, Blackbirds, Bluebirds, Boobies, Canaries, Cormorants, Eider Ducks, Grouse, Magpies, Ostriches, Peacocks, Pelicans, Penguins, Rooks, Sandpipers, Seagulls, Swallows, Toucans, Wagtails, Woodpeckers.

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29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1960.

Dear Mr Morgan,  
After our interview tonight we have decided to ask you to become our caretaker. We would like you to start your duties next Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October. I will get in touch with Mrs Skelton and arrange for you to take over the keys. He will of course show you where everything is. We hope that we shall have a long and happy association.

Yours faithfully,  
J. W. Fairfield.

This letter was sent to Mr Morgan in 1960. Ten years later Mrs Morgan received a typed letter to take up the role. These letters are from Dorothy's scrapbook.

Churches should invite the gathered and the nearby to reflect on life's big questions. How could congregations attract others to participate in making meaning and creating beauty? Yes, in words, and by song, and through quiet, but surely not with the old Protestant models.



Purpose finding



Creativity



Accountability

We can consider using natural light and coloured lights, movement, artworks and literature. Rhythmic secular and relaxation music can also help. We should encourage mindfulness and engagement with issues, and also practices of good health. Poems and stories, and shared experiences can connect personally and socially.

See <http://howwegather.org/> (symbols derived)



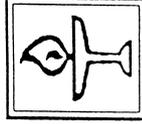
Added to the Roll of Members: Tim (left), Daniela (right), and Pam (centre) with Pastor Ralph Catts.

Later in the year Adrian also became a Member of the Congregation.

A BIT OF NOBLE VIGNETTE!

# HULL UNITARIAN CHURCH

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MRS. DOROTHY MORGAN  
A PERSONAL APPRECIATION

With Dorothy Morgan retiring from her active role as Caretaker, Key Holder, Cleaner, Occasional Painter, Church Setter Out, etc., etc., and so many other voluntary duties and, as being a fairly long member of the Church, I was invited to write a few lines on how I saw her support for the Church over 38 years.

She is a very special person, in my view, and how fate decided that we would enjoy the benefit of her and that of her family over so many years is just one of those unpredictable situations which one cannot quite resolve.

Just going back in time, I can remember so clearly Dorothy and her super husband, John, disappearing into the bowels of the Church on Saturday mornings to light the huge old fashioned coal boiler in time for the enormous Church building to be warm for the Sunday service. It was like going into a castle dungeon where a century of filth and dust had collected together with all those kinds of items which we had to store "just in case". Stoking had also to take place at 10.00 pm on the Saturday evening, otherwise the boiler would go out.

I recall Dorothy's family, so many of them, organising concerts for Church funds doing the catering, singing, dancing, guitar playing, and playlet writing. The family provided prizes and ran the raffle and, in fact, did everything

Hilda Ormrod by Bernard McHugh: published in 2007 in Yoga and Health: this is edited to particular spiritual aspects.)

Hilda came into yoga in her fifties via her first great yoga hero, Wilfred Clark, founder of the British Wheel of Yoga. For nearly forty years Hilda went on to serve the British Wheel in various capacities. She took three weekly classes in Hull for Howard's fledgling Yoga for Health Foundation. She also helped run a yoga class for the M.S. Society.

She had detailed knowledge of the asanas and the way the body works; Hilda used to say: "The brain, that computer far more wonderful than any man has made."

Hilda had deeply imbibed the spiritual and ethical teachings of yoga and she believed passionately that these should be imparted to students. The second half of her lessons were always more spiritual - an inspiring reading with a spiritual message (from any source), gentle breathing exercises, a short meditation, and every eight weeks or so a discussion on one of the ethics of yoga, a final relaxation, and an Om chant.

Hilda loved her students. She admired yogic qualities of character wherever she found them. If someone she knew was ill or in trouble she would send them a prayer from the heart that they would find the inner resources to cope. Yoga students, friends and fellow teachers turned to Hilda for help not just with yoga or health problems but with emotional and personal crises as well. Hilda was a patient listener and when she gave advice it was always given in love, acutely aware of the difference between genuine love and mere sentiment.

Early in her yoga life Wildred Clark gave Hilda a yoga Sanskrit name she never used. Its English translation is 'Great Spiritual Energy'. We saw her as 'our little guru'. She died on August 23rd 2007 after a long illness aged 93.

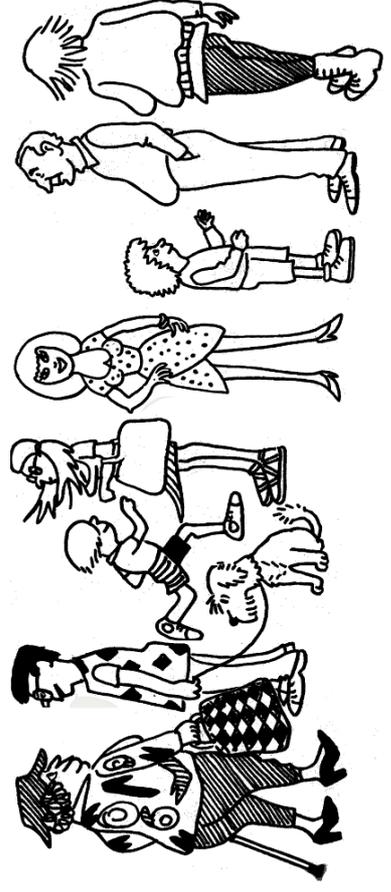
**It's not all history! New attender Chris Carr**

I first attended in June 2016. I did encounter Unitarianism because I knew Rev. Ant Howe. I also did page-turning on three occasions for the organist at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The services there were not to my taste. Then I looked online and it took a few months before I actually attended in Hull, especially with shift working on Sundays.



Coming to services at Park Street resonates with my outlook and it is great not to be told what to think. Everyone has been welcoming.

I am a Support Worker for adults with learning disabilities. Although I am a fairly solitary person, I am interested in the performing arts, for example storytelling dramatised by using hand puppets. I would like to get back into music too, through singing and playing the guitar.



**Top:**  
 Hinckley visiting Hull September 1995  
**Others:**  
 Hull goes to YUU Lydgate April 1996

In 1986 Hull sent many to experience the General Assembly in Leicester. Photo by Adrian.



This was a dinner shared with the Doncaster congregation in 1995.

Also in 1995 Barry publicised his hymn in the *Hull Daily Mail*, which we continue to sing.



Highlight of Hull's contribution to the Spring Festival at Bradford in 1986 (above) and the Christmas/ New Year Party on January 3rd 1987 at Park Street (below).



# Howlalley-Lane Sunday Schools.

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, 1869.

### NOW PRAY WE FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Now pray we for our country,  
That England long may be  
The holy and the happy,  
And the gloriously free!

Who blesteth her is blessed;  
So peace be in her walls,  
And joy in all her palaces,  
Her cottages and halls!

### THE HARDY NORSEMAN'S HOUSE OF YORE.

The hardy Norseman's house of yore  
Was on the foaming wave;  
And there he gather'd bright renown,  
The bravest of the brave!

Oh! ne'er should we forget our sires,  
Wherever we may be;  
They bravely won a gallant name,  
And rul'd the stormy sea.

What tho' our power be weaker now  
Than it was wont to be,  
When boldly forth our fathers sail'd,  
And conquer'd Normandy;  
We still may sing their deeds of fame  
In thrilling harmony;  
For they did win a gallant name,  
And rul'd the stormy sea.



Left and above: Children past and present. See how jingoistic were the lyrics sung by ordinary children at a Christmas gathering.



Oh, and the church has held the occasional wedding as well! This was in 2001. The reception was also held in the church.



Children at Park Street: We would like people to write in and suggest the years that these photographs were taken!

