

UNITARIAN EXPERIENCE WEEK
Saturday 23rd July to Saturday 30th July 2011

INFORMATION AND BOOKING FORM

Come, Come Whoever You Are on a
JOURNEY of EXPLORATION

Science, Society, Religion, Unitarian and personal insights



**AT THE NIGHTINGALE CENTRE,
GREAT HUCKLOW, DERBYSHIRE**

A delightful week of fun and fellowship
Looking forward to seeing you

At
The Nightingale Centre
Great Hucklow
Buxton
Derbyshire
SK17 8RH

All initial enquiries to:

Helen Copley, 13 Derby Street, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 1JN
Telephone: 0161 928 3295

Website: www.unitarianexperienceweek.org.uk

CHARITY NUMBER -1100385

The Experience

At Unitarian Experience Week we meet to share friendship, laughter and open discussion. We enjoy summer in the Derbyshire countryside and we explore and expand our horizons. This experience is open to all; you will find a warm welcome, a friendly, informal atmosphere and free time to explore the beauty of the Peak District.

2011 Theme

Come, Come Whoever you are on

“A Journey of Exploration”

*Come, come whoever you are
Wanderer, Worshiper, Lover of Leaving
Ours is no Caravan of Despair
Come, Yet Again Come
From Rumi*

Exploration can take many forms inward and outward; past and present; spiritual and personal. It has formed our outlook on the world and presented many socio-economic challenges. Our voyage of discovery will encompass Theme Talks and Workshops on Science, Society, Religion, Unitarian and personal insights and life's joyous adventures.

Theme Speakers

Looking at the theme with three morning sessions during the week:-

Exploration and Exploitation
Women's Contribution to Society
Further Session to be advised

Andy Allison
Celia Midgley

Workshops will include: (Full list of Workshops will appear in the Pre-Conference Bulletin)

Walking	David Copley
Reading Poetry and Literature Together	Brenda Knopf
Singing Group	Margaret Lord
Engagement Groups	Margaret Kirk
Unitarian Explorers	Ross Eckersley
How Religion Helps You	Danny Crosby
Art	John Harley
Dance-	Dawn Buckle
Music Appreciation	Margery MacKay

Spirituality

Spiritual needs are catered for throughout the week. Mornings begin with meditation, followed by time for reflection. There will also be evening epilogues.

Other Activities: Social Events ~ Free Day on Wednesday ~ Grand Finale

Musical Choices

Music has always been an enriching aspect of UEW. An informal singing group with percussion meets most days for relaxed sessions. There will also be music appreciation session.

Free Day

The free day is Wednesday and you are free to make your own arrangements or join a group outing to **Participation is *voluntary*** for all activities at UEW ~ theme, worship, socials, workshops. Our timetable is designed to provide a rich menu of interest and fun ~ it offers a wide range of activities ~ **but everything is optional.**

The Location

The village of Great Hucklow is situated in the White Peak (limestone) area of Derbyshire. It is accessible by public transport from Sheffield, Chesterfield and Buxton. The surrounding area has plenty to interest the visitor including well dressings, sacred places and stately homes.

Children and Teenagers

UEW is designed to cater for adults and while children and teenagers are welcome, there is no special programme planned for them.

Accommodation:

The Centre has 28 attractive bedrooms providing centrally heated accommodation for 59 residents. The 5 single, 18 twin/double, 3 triple and 3 family rooms all have either a wash basin or en-suite facilities and there are ample shower/toilet facilities. Some rooms are suitable for people with disabilities. In all bedrooms coffee/tea making facilities, towels and soap are provided.

Facilities

The centre contains a pleasant lounge, a large dining room, a small library / internet centre, a conference room, and a social hall. All key areas are wheelchair accessible. Laundry facilities are available each evening from 7pm - 7am for a small charge. Hot Drinks/Filtered water are available in the dining room at any time at no extra charge.

Meals

Accommodation price includes **ALL** meals.

Special dietary needs (e.g. vegetarians, allergy sufferers, etc) should be notified in advance, as should any other needs, on the booking form.

Conference Fee- charged by Unitarian Experience Week Committee

A Non-Refundable Deposit/Conference Fee of £47.00 per Adult and £15 for teens (12-16 years) is charged by Unitarian Experience Week Committee. No charge is made for children under 12 years old.

This is used by the committee to run the week including for example fees / expenses / concessions for committee members, workshop leaders, theme speakers, duty fire officer, host duty officers, committee meetings pre-conference, publicity, administration etc.

Accommodation Costs Charged by the Nightingale Centre

	FULL WEEK
Adults	£324
Teen (12-16)	£245
(Ages 5-11)	£205
(Ages 3-4 years)	£35

All charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%

Sole Occupancy of a Twin Room- **£5.00** per room/ per night. En suite room supplement - **£7.50** per person/per night. There are no single en suite rooms. Sole occupancy of en suite room subject to both en suite room and sole occupancy of twin room supplements. A discount may apply to families of four occupying a family room. Ask the manager for details. There is no charge for children age 0 -2 years.

DOGS – charge of £5 per dog, per visit.

Notes:

Final Payment

The final payment for accommodation must be made **directly** to the Nightingale Centre 14 days before your visit is due to start i.e. before **Friday 8th July 2011**. Cheques should be made payable to the Nightingale Centre for accommodation costs. They will contact you about the booking.

Cancellation

If you have to cancel your visit, then:

- Your deposit will be forfeited.
- The Nightingale Centre will make every effort to re-let the accommodation
- If the notice of cancellation is given within 60 days of the intended visit and a re-letting cannot be made, a cancellation charge of 65% of the cost of the number of guests or individual booking booked at that stage will be payable.
- Guests who cancel within 48 hours of their arrival time will be charged 100% of the accommodation cost.

You are strongly advised to take out travel insurance to cover these costs in case you have to cancel your booking due to unforeseen circumstances as neither the Nightingale Centre nor Unitarian Experience Week can accept any responsibility for this.

In the event that you have to cancel you will see from above that the Nightingale Centre rules on cancellation will apply and you should speak to them about this on 01298 871218 email: info@thenightingalecentre.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Late bookings will only be accepted with the full amount owing being paid at time of booking. (Speak to Helen Copley first).

Please note that most of the Workshops and Theme Speakers are in-house. You make the Week what it is so if you have anything to contribute let us know and if we have space we will fit it in.

The above information is for you to keep

Booking Form 2011

Old Timers – Please note: A new booking process has started this year.

To reserve your place, you should complete and send the booking form, and a **stamped addressed envelope** for the receipt to: **Helen Copley, 13 Derby Street, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 1JN**, Telephone No: 0161 928 3295. Along with this you must include a cheque for the *non-refundable Conference Fee for £ 47.00* made payable to *Unitarian Experience Week*. (See page 3)

If you wish to pay any of the accommodation charge now (see page 3) you must send Helen Copley a separate cheque for that amount made payable to The Nightingale Centre.

You are reminded that neither Unitarian Experience Week nor The Nightingale Centre can accept responsibility for personal loss or injury or cancellation costs and we recommend that you take out travel insurance to cover these eventualities.

IMPORTANT: Subsequent to your initial booking being made with the UEW Treasurer *all further accommodation queries, needs and payments for the accommodation* will be dealt with by *the Nightingale Centre*, Great Hucklow, Buxton, Derbyshire, SK17 8RH Telephone No: 01298 871218 email: info@thenightingalecentre.org.uk The Centre's rules regarding bookings, payment times and cancellations will apply.(see page 4).

INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE NIGHTINGALE CENTRE

Unitarian Experience Week 23 July 2011- 30 July 2011

Names(s)

Address

.....Postcode

Telephone N^o E-mail Address

If there is more than one person in your party, add their names and addresses here (and if your name could be either male or female please indicate M/F)

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Please provide *the date of birth* of any person who will be *under age 17 on 23 July 2011*.....

ROOM RESERVATIONS

We / I require (please tick)

A Family Room for 4 people

Adults Children (with dates of birth)

I need a room with facilities for a Disabled Person:

Name:.....And Carer (if applicable)

Single Room – (If a single room is unavailable, I would be willing to share: Yes No)

Twin Room En-suite Double Room En-suite Triple Room En-suite

Twin bed room Triple bed room

Please state who you want to share with (if known).....

DAY VISITOR - If you feel like a day at Hucklow please join us-
(Call Helen Copley initially Tel: 0161 928 3295)

Day Visitor only ~ the rate per day for Day Visitors is £15.50 including lunch

I would like to book Dinner (6 p.m.) at £13

Please indicate the days of your choice

Sunday Monday Tuesday Thursday

Part Timers-(We assume that you will need the meal closest to those times unless otherwise stated)

If you can attend for only part of the week, (accommodation being available), please indicate here the days you will be present.

Date of arrival Time

Date of departure Time

ALL UNITARIAN EXPERIENCE WEEK ATTENDERS- SUMMARY

Conference Fee amount £ _____ **essential** (Cheques payable to Unitarian Experience Week)

Accommodation amount paid in advance £.....**optional** (Cheques payable to The Nightingale Centre)

Total enclosed £.....

Note: Limited Financial assistance may be available via the Unitarian Experience Week Treasurer if you are a student, on income support or unwaged. Please indicate here if you need to apply.

SPECIAL NEEDS

INDICATE HERE ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: i.e. allergies, dietary requirements, physical / mental disabilities, mobility problems (include a separate sheet if necessary)

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In the event of an emergency it is important that we have medical information, confidentiality will be respected.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED BY UNITARIAN EXPERIENCE WEEK COMMITTEE

Names(s)

Address

.....Postcode

Telephone N° E-mail Address

Your name and contact details including telephone number and email address will be entered into our secure database. We compile a list of guest’s contact details to circulate with the pre-conference bulletin. Please tick the box if you do not wish your details to be included in this list.

If you need assistance in reaching Great Hucklow please tick / give details:

I need public transport information I am travelling from:.....

I need a lift from someone in my area

I can offer a lift from.....

THE WEEK IS ENHANCED BY YOUR PARTICIPATION. Please indicate below some of the activities you (or members of your group) would be willing to take part in.

MEDITATION AND REFLECTIONS/WORSHIP

Lead a meditation 7:45-8:00 a.m.

Lead morning reflection/Worship 8:10-8:30 a.m.

Share morning reflection with another person

Lead epilogue (after evening meeting)

Share epilogue with another person (Name if known)

If you are willing to provide musical accompaniment (hymns or other) please specify instrument

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MUSIC will play its customary role in the week. Informal music groups will meet for relaxed sessions most days. We hope that those who play an instrument will bring it with them. There are pianos in the centre but keyboards are welcome.

SOCIAL EVENINGS We hope that everyone will want to participate in the social evenings during the week, so bring your favourite poems/books, your party pieces and your dancing shoes. If there is something special you are prepared to volunteer for at this early stage, including musical contributions and/or instrument

Please list

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HOST: I would be prepared to act as host

(If you require further information on Host Duties please telephone Helen Copley Tel: 0161 928 3295

FREE TIME EXTRAS:

I am prepared to chair / facilitate / lead an extra activity such as a discussion arising from the theme, or a session on an appropriate interest. Please indicate your talents, including any technological skills, and experiences that you would be able to share.

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FIRST AID CERTIFICATE

Please tell us if you have a current first aid certificate

PRE-CONFERENCE BULLETIN

A Pre-Conference Bulletin giving more information such as travel directions and suggested items to bring with you, house rules etc will be issued by the Unitarian Experience Week Committee.

Please return **full Booking Form** (pages 5-8) to

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