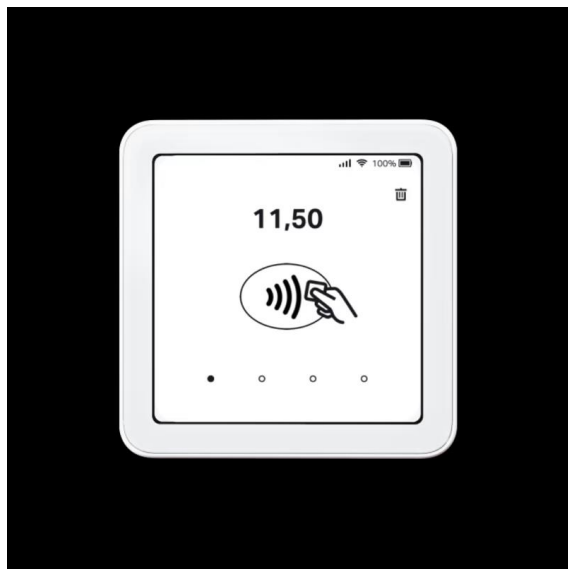




## Card reader option!



We now have the option to pay by debit or credit card at the Meeting House – for donations, collections, payments for books, etc. Few people now carry cash as it is possible to pay by card almost everywhere. We can accept large or small payments and are grateful for each one.

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## Abandoned Bikes



Sadly we are used to clearing rubbish from around our Meeting House. Usually this consists of (empty) bottles and cans of alcohol, sweet wrappers, cigarette packets and stubs ... and often worse unmentionables. Recently though two bikes were abandoned – one in front and the other behind the building. We waited in vain for over a week for the owners to reclaim them and then delivered them to the Genesis Green Bike Project which is run by Orwell Mencap – [www.orwellmencap.co.uk/greenbike/](http://www.orwellmencap.co.uk/greenbike/) The photo shows David Forsdike with one of the bikes which will be used for spares.

## Heritage Open Days

The Unitarian Meeting House is proud to participate in the Ipswich Heritage Open Days, which provide an opportunity for locals and visitors alike to delve into the rich tapestry of the town's heritage. The Heritage Open Days highlight the cultural attractions of Ipswich, offering free access to a wide array of buildings, sites, and historical sites. The highlight for many people is a visit to the Unitarian Meeting House.

The 2023 Heritage Open Days, held on 9-10 September, were a big success, with record numbers of visitors to many of the sites, including over 700 visitors to the Meeting House. We were also delighted to welcome many children, who had a marvellous time searching the Meeting House for the mouse, dragon and cherub.



The photo shows John Field after his talk in the Meeting House

Photo Maggie Hodges

This year the Open Days also included a series of “walks and talks” for the first time. There were two talks, both of which were held in the Meeting House. The Friends of the Ipswich Unitarian Meeting House sponsored John Field’s talk, *Secrets of the Ipswich Medieval Churches* and the Ipswich Society sponsored John Warren’s talk, *The Ipswich Dissenters*.

Jodi Warren

## Librivox recordings

I have finally finished recording W. N. P. Barbellion's elegiac '*A Last Diary*' for Librivox.org. Both my recordings of Barbellion's classic '*A Journal of a Disappointed Man*' and '*A Last Diary*' are available on YouTube, with advertisements, for free.

Barbellion (birth name, Bruce Cummings) was a turn-of-the-century naturalist who was tragically afflicted by multiple sclerosis from a young age. He worked at the Natural History Museum until illness rendered him unable to work, and also documented his reactions to WWI, in which he lost many friends and acquaintances. Personally, I consider him one of the greatest diarists of all time and certainly one of the most poetic. While one might expect his writing to be suffocating or depressing, it is filled with life, especially when he commits himself to nature writing, at which he was remarkably talented from a young age. I believe his work is truly life-enriching and would make for moving bedtime listening.

You can download the files from the Librivox catalogue at [librivox.org](https://www.librivox.org) or if you find it easier, here are the YouTube links:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvoz0JK\\_v60](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvoz0JK_v60)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU21jHg\\_uwI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sU21jHg_uwI)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j69pR49Dnpo>

Adam Whybray

## Poetry Group

The group will meet on 26<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm on Zoom to look at poems by Elizabeth Jennings. If you would like to join us, please contact Ann or Riena.

([annbaeppler@gmail.com](mailto:annbaeppler@gmail.com) or

[mjack76748@aol.com](mailto:mjack76748@aol.com) )

## Book Group

We next meet via Zoom on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to discuss 'Home Fire' by Kamila Shamsie. All welcome to join us – contact Tessa for the link – [tessa@tessajordan.co.uk](mailto:tessa@tessajordan.co.uk)

## SHCT - Ride and Stride

Each year we support the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event – both to welcome riders and striders who visit our Meeting House and members of our congregation who seek sponsorship to ride and stride themselves round the churches, chapels and meeting houses of Ipswich.



To advertise the event a week beforehand, Paulette and Tessa from our congregation joined Rachel Sloane, Simon Ronan (Chair of the Ride and Stride) and a member of a church in Kesgrave at BBC Radio Suffolk to talk about what it means for each of us to be part of the project. Tessa brought along her bike too.

Our loyal supporter Lesley Southgate was kept busy all day on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September signing sponsorship forms. Paulette Reed was sponsored for volunteering in the Meeting House and Linda King walked round 22 churches to earn the sponsorship (between them raising over £437). Half of the monies raised goes to the SHCT and half is returned to us.

### A Celebration at the Cathedral

A Service of Thanksgiving for 50 years of the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September in St Edmundsbury Cathedral and representatives of our congregation attended.

With choirs, music, readings, prayers and a message from Griff Rhys-Jones, the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) celebrated fifty years of supporting historic church buildings of all denominations in Suffolk. Over the years they have awarded thousands of pounds of grants, for church restoration and improvements, that was raised through legacies and sponsored events -principally the annual Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride. Our Meeting House has also benefitted – with contributions for our roof and the toilet.

The service began with a Procession led by cyclists responsible for most of the £10m (in today's money) raised and distributed by the SHCT over the last fifty years, and included church historians, church architects, SHCT Trustees, Ride and Stride organisers, the cathedral choir, children from Sexton's Manor School, and Ecumenical and Clergy representatives.



At the cathedral after the service (L to R) Tessa Forsdike, Linda King, Paulette Reed and Rachel Sloane.

## Services



Photo shows Joy Croft who led our service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Services in October –

1<sup>st</sup> - Rev Cliff Reed, Minister Emeritus, Ipswich.  
Harvest festival & lunch following the service.

8<sup>th</sup> - Ann Baeppler, Ipswich Unitarians. Circle service.

15<sup>th</sup> - Linda King – Ipswich Unitarians

22<sup>nd</sup> - Rev Cliff Reed, Minister Emeritus Ipswich.

29<sup>th</sup> - Mike Medhurst, Quaker, Ipswich.

Maggie Hodges is celebrating a milestone birthday this year on 17<sup>th</sup> October. She will bake a cake and bring it to enjoy with tea and coffee after the service on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Maybe we should give her the bumps!

## Birthdays in October

Happy birthday to all October birthday people and especially to Maggie on 17<sup>th</sup>! - to Claire Johnston also on 17<sup>th</sup>, Isaac Shaikh on 18<sup>th</sup>, Sandra Hawes, Louis Hawes and Edmund Bradbrook on 25<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Gibbs on 27<sup>th</sup> and Jodi Warren on 28<sup>th</sup>.

## Memorial Unveiling

On 18<sup>th</sup> September Paulette and I attended a ceremony in Ipswich's Old Cemetery for the dedication and unveiling of a memorial to a brave man who died resisting the Nazis to the end. Dr. Kurt Erich Glauber was a lawyer in Vienna in the 1930s, and he was also Jewish. When the Nazis seized power in Austria in 1938, Kurt was one of the many Jews who fled the country. Travelling to England as a refugee, he came to live in Ipswich, and soon after war broke out, he enlisted, initially in the Royal Artillery. He then volunteered for MI6. As a secret agent Kurt was sent back to Austria to investigate German weapons manufacture there. Tragically, an enemy double agent betrayed Kurt to the Gestapo and he was arrested and imprisoned in the Mauthausen concentration camp. As both a British agent and a Jew, he was harshly treated and then murdered by the Nazis in 1945, shortly before the camp was liberated by US troops. At the ceremony in the Old Cemetery's Jewish section, tributes were paid by Kurt's nephew, Tony Japhet, along with representatives of Jewish ex-servicemen's organisations, the local Jewish community, the Austrian ambassador and local dignitaries, including the mayor of Ipswich, Cllr. Lynne Mortimer. Prayers were led by Rabbi Geoffrey Hyman and wreaths were laid at the memorial, where many people also placed pebbles in accordance with Jewish custom. It was a moving ceremony. Rachel Field, who researched Kurt's life for the occasion, has written that, "Focusing on the life and courage of one refugee reminds us that refugees are people, not numbers."

Cliff Reed

## Daffodils for next year ...

We have some bulbs and plants to set out in the front of the Meeting House to look beautiful next year. Some of us will be gathering in the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to find suitable places to plant them. All volunteers welcome to join us.

## Events

### Ipswich Chamber Music Society concerts –

Consone Quartet – 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
Hermes Experiment – 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm  
Minerva Piano Trio – 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm  
Season tickets from

[www.ipswichchambermusic.org.uk](http://www.ipswichchambermusic.org.uk)

Otherwise pay on the door for single concerts.  
All concerts are held in Great School, Ivory Street,  
IP1 3QW

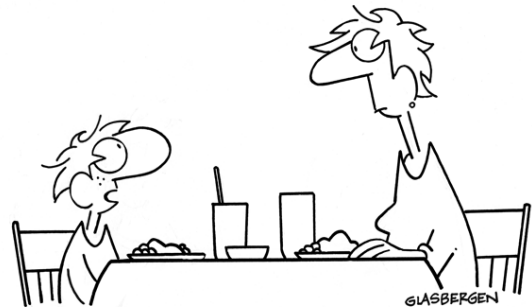
African Culture and Heritage Day – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
October 13.00 to 18.00 – Burlington Road Hall,  
Ipswich – African Drumming and dance workshops,  
arts and crafts, storytelling, poetry and African  
food.

Contact Karibu/ Lara 07751 660833

Mayor's Civic service at St Mary le Tower Church –  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 15.30. Procession starts at  
15.10.



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“If God wanted me to eat carrots,  
He wouldn't hide them underground!”

## Thought for the month

What lies behind you and what lies in front of  
you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of  
you.

Unless you try to do something beyond what you  
have already mastered, you will never grow.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Disclaimer

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those of our congregation or of our Unitarian  
community.

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