



New Kit at UCCN

What a difference a year makes! Just 12 months ago the 2012 UCCN was filmed on a single 2nd hand low resolution video camera. This year we had 3 HD professional cameras, a video mixer to switch between them, several very high quality microphones and a mixer to balance these. The image to the right shows the output of the three cameras on the mixer monitor with the 4th quarter showing what is on the presenter's powerpoint slides.

However our hopes of a live broadcast from the conference were dashed this year because of an exceptionally poor broadband line which was so bad it crashed no fewer than 4 computers! The line was even too slow for Skype. A video broadcast needs a speed of about 500k bits per second and we were getting less than half that. This was very unfortunate as it was fine the previous year. We have heard that BT is upgrading the line into Great Hucklow village.



The weekend Unitarian Communicators' conference (what was UCCN) included workshops on social media and ideas on producing good quality church newsletters.

Rev Ernest Baker started the conference with a presentation on the success of the Send a Child to Hucklow's 50th year celebrations in 2012.



The Unitarian Communicators group very different to other ones in the Unitarian movement. It has no committee, membership, bank account, officers, AGM or any of the other trimmings of a normal society. It has an organiser who is now Julian Smith (julian.cl.smith@gmail.com) & delegates book and pay for the conference directly to the Nightingale Centre. It is a method of working that has seen 14 successful conferences. Next year's conference will include workshops Facebook & Twitter, handling local media and creating a 'Thought for the day'.

The Unitarian Communicators' Conference

Formerly the UCCN

Great Hucklow
10-12 Oct 2014

'Saturday only' option available for those who work on Sundays!

This weekend is based around workshops on the Saturday where delegates can learn about 1 of the 3 subjects.

Our conferences are structured to ensure you will leave with new practical skills.

Additional discussion on internal notice boards.

Friday PM workshop: Tips on how to create, maintain & embed media on your website.

workshops on

- How to exploit **Facebook & Twitter**
- Creating a **Thought for the Day**
- Handling **Local Media**

www.unicoms.org.uk



<http://youtu.be/q6LuWewAPOY>

Christmas Film

UKunitarianTV have just released a film for Christmas. The project has taken a while to film and includes a message from the President of the GA the Rev Bill Darlinson and readings by Rev Michael Dadson, Lyanne Mitchell and Dawn Buckle. The choir 'Echoes' add some colour with singing.

This is the first time *UKunitarianTV* has created such a film and we hope to expand this type of work in the future. We feel the movement could benefit from films that expand our unique approach to rites of passage and other subjects, showing how different we are to many other faith traditions.

Appeal for Donations

While *UKunitarianTV* is very grateful for all the donations it has received so far, we are still short of our target of producing at least two fully equipped filming units. Each of which needs three cameras to film a service to the required standard and be able to operate at least two of these remotely. Currently we have 3 cameras in total which means there are only a few times a year when we can get all the equipment together.

We do feel we are making a difference with the films we are creating at the moment and know how much more we could do with all the kit.

New N.U.F. Boom Mic



John Wilkinson is pictured here with the boom microphone recently purchased by the National Unitarian Fellowship. "It really is amazing" John said "We used it in the garden with a jumbo jet over head and it recorded Joan talking very clearly". The 'rifle' microphone can obtain such good recording because it will only record sound directly in front of it, cutting out all background sound. The furry cover prevents 'wind noise' that often plague outside recordings.



John Wilkinson and Kevin Lowe at Hucklow

Film at GA 2014

UKunitarianTV have explained to the group who organise the Annual GA conference (the Annual Meetings Panel), that we have had requests to film some of the group sessions, they have asked for details to be put in the programme which we will do.

If your group wishes to have a film record of your session, please do contact us so this can be arranged - we can only do so many!