

Dear Future.....

(The following are highlights from words written by young Unitarian people attending Inter and Senior Weekend 16-18 November 2012. They wrote these words for a time capsule that was buried on Sunday 25th November under a new Iron Age roundhouse at The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow)

My name is Matilda (Tilly) Pugh and I probably won't be famous in your time or have done anything that affected the world, but, I just want you to know that I was important. Regardless that I only changed the lives of the few people around me, I did change lives, I did do something. I was important in a small way, but was nevertheless. I am glad to have lived the life I have; I was happy and enjoyed.....and was sad and cried like you have. You are also important – remember that!

Enjoy.

Tillyxx

I wish I'd picked more wild flowers.

I wish I'd laughed more.

I wish I'd worried less.

I wish I'd loved more and sang and danced more.

But the life I've lived has been a good one.

Tilly

Dear the Future!

Please come back and visit us on November 18th 2012 if you have invented a time machine; if not feel ashamed future! Well, my name is Elly Brookfield – I'm 16 and I'm a Unitarian! Unitarianism is an amazing religion with some amazing people. We are at a youth weekend writing this for you guys so please be interested! A Senior Weekend is a Unitarian weekend for 14-17 year olds who are amazing! The seniors and leaders are inspirational people who are unbelievably supportive. If you guys have half the happiness that we receive here you will be lucky people. I hope the future is a place where equality and peace reign and everyone is socially accepted no matter who they are, what sexuality they are, what colour their skin is or what gender they are. These weekends provide a sense of security, where I can get away from the stresses of daily life. If you're reading this and struggling in life I want you to know that

things do get better, I promise, so keep going! 2012 was a great year for Great Britain: we hosted the Olympics, it was the Diamond Jubilee for Queen Elizabeth 2 and Barack Obama was re-elected for America (yes, I do realise that he is American, but us Brits can't get enough of Obama). Well guys, I hope I can give you a little bit of an insight of our Hucklow family, because we are a big, beautiful family. I hope you guys live life to the fullest and never stop believing in your beautiful selves, unless you are chavs. I kid (I don't really!!)

*Have fun guys,
Elly xx*

Being a Unitarian means that we accept all religions. I'll sit on a train next to a Hindu and not complain. Some things about me.....I'm Connie, 12 years old, a quarter Austrian (Jewish) and an eighth Indian (Hindu) and the rest Unitarian! I have two gerbils. I'm happy with life and I really hope you are too! If there was a place I could be out of the whole universe it would be with my family. Style is now all hip hop and designer clothing. What's your style like? My sports are: martial arts, street dance and bit of basketball. I absolutely love animals! PS I hate school!

Connie Wagner – aged 12

My name is Izzy Wagner. My dream is to be a professional footballer. If I made it then congratulations to me. It means that I never gave up when it got tough and I kept going. Hard work does pay off. Never give up on your dreams no matter what the situation. The only time you should let a tear pass your eye is when you're exhausted and yawning from how hard you've been working to reach your dream or unless you can't train or play football. Go get 'em.

Izzy – aged 14

Unitarianism is a religion that invites people with different beliefs to come and explore together, where a Buddhist man can sit next to a Jewish woman and not disagree on what is being preached to them.

Rebekah Lewis – aged 15

Our predictions for the future.....

Hoverboards, flying cars, real life lightsabers, world peace, flying shoes, invisibility cloaks, Unitarian is the main religion, weed will be legalized, cars will drive themselves, celebrities are still paid loads and the majority don't give a

damn, a black lesbian president for the USA, the majority of the world has died leaving a small number of people alive.

Dear Whoever is reading this letter

My name is Megan and I am a 13 year old girl. I'm different to other 13 year olds, as I am a Unitarian. Being a Unitarian in a school that no-one else is, is a difficult place to express your views, however there are places where I can meet other people who are Unitarian. For example: Inter Weekend, where I am writing this letter to you. Being at Inter Weekend feels like a second home to me. I can meet new people, relax, have fun and learn more about my culture and what it means to me. I don't know if this letter will explain a lot or every little about being a Unitarian but the other letters might explain more. I am happy knowing there are more like me and feel the same way.

Love, Megan

My name is Keiran. I am 17 years old and from Norwich in the East of England. I've been involved in the Unitarian Youth Programme for 7 years and I have grown to know the participants as my family. I enjoy kayaking. This is a boating sport similar to canoeing. I don't know if you'll have it in the future but it's cool! Music means the world to me. I listen to pretty much anything varying with my mood. I like the Maccabees, The xx, Ed Sheeran, Ben Howard, Skrillex, Jay-Z, Owl City, Swedish House Mafia, Alesso and Mumford and Sons. This list could go on but I will stop. For me I would die without music and it is as important as my family. Today the world is an interesting place. It's like the best book ever. There's sad parts, happy parts, tense parts, but even though it has its problems we're all in this together like a book is bound. Well that's my bit in this time capsule. I hope you've been enlightened on the life of a teenage boy in 2012. Have a nice life!

Kieran Raza