



CND and Labour's Nuclear Conflict

Carol Turner

Saturday 9th September 2.00pm *Moordown*

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND) was founded in the late 1950s, at the height of the Cold War, to non-violently campaign to rid the world of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. Carol Turner will be providing an overview of CND's aims and objectives followed by a critique of the arguments for and against Britain's nuclear defence capability. Political support for nuclear disarmament has usually come from parties on the left of the political spectrum and Carol will consider the impact of having CND Vice-President Jeremy Corbyn as Labour's leader.

Carol Turner is Chair of London Region CND and a national officer of Stop the War Coalition. She is the author of *Corbyn and Trident: Labour's continuing controversy*.



The Joys of Being a Volunteer End of Life Companion

Mandy Preece from Macmillan Caring Locally

Wednesday 27th September 7.30pm *Green House*

No one should die alone. Macmillan Caring Locally has a team of specialist volunteer end of life companions who sit and support patients and their families – listening to them as they come to terms with their death, and helping them find peace in their final moments. Mandy Preece, founder of the role, gives an uplifting and inspiring talk about the joys of sitting with people. She will share the laughter and the tears but most of all talk she will speak honestly about how sitting with the dying changes the way we live. Donations to Macmillan Caring Locally will be gratefully received.



Sunday Social Walks

See Meetup.com for details

Walks start at 10.15am unless otherwise stated. Most walks have short cuts or escape routes to make them about 4 or 5 miles

17th September – Poole to Bournemouth via Lilliput and Sandbanks. 7.5 miles mostly flat.

22nd October – New Forest Rhinefield. 8 miles fairly flat.

19th November – Portland Bill. 9 miles with some hills.

Please check monthly bulletins, Meetup.com and our website for any late changes to programme



Faith to Faithless

Imtiaz Shams, Humanists UK

Saturday 14th October 2.00 pm *Moordown*

Although non-religious people account for around one-fifth of the world's population (ICM/BBC), people who do not believe are treated poorly. Discrimination and ill treatment can occur inside many areas of life including families, institutions, society, and state. Discrimination can be further compounded for those who are minorities within minorities such as ex-Muslims, ex-Jews, ex-Mormons, and ex-Jehovah's Witnesses.

Faith to Faithless was founded in mid-2015 by Aliyah Saleem and Imtiaz Shams to draw attention in particular to the discrimination faced by minorities within minorities, and to give a platform to the faithless to come out in public and speak out against this discrimination. Faith to Faithless is now a section within Humanists UK.



Astounding Science and Our Genetic Legacy

Graham Marshall

Wednesday 25th October 7.30pm *Green House*

The ancestor we share with chimpanzees lived around six million years ago, and we have lived as 'modern' humans for just a few hundred thousand years. For only one tenth of one percent of that latter time we have learned to use evidence based knowledge (science) to gain an understanding of our history and a true knowledge of the very large and the very small. This talk demonstrates the stunning achievements of the explosion in scientific advances in the last 70 years.

Graham Marshall studied physics at Birmingham and Nottingham universities. His career in science included developing electronic devices at the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment in Malvern and he held a scientific post at the British Embassy in Japan.



Pub Socials

See Meetup.com for details *Moon*

Thursday 7th September 7.30pm

Thursday 5th October 7.30pm

Thursday 2nd November 7.30pm

Enjoy stimulating conversation over a drink or two in a friendly atmosphere at our pub social evenings. Our current venue offers a wide range of drinks, and food is also available.

Keep an eye on our free monthly bulletins for details of occasional lunches, barbecues and other social events.



Out of the Box

Interfaith Discussions *Black Bear*

Weds 6th September – 'Worldviews and the Future of our World' with Professor Meric Srokosz

Weds 4th October – 'Radical Christianity and a Humanist Response' with Hugh Maddox and Aaron Darkwood

Weds 1st November – Dialogue on Islam

'Out of the Box' is a dialogue group for Humanists and Christians to explore differences and identify common ground.

See monthly bulletins or Meetup.com for details.



Finding a Path

Jane Atkins

Saturday 11th November 2.00pm *Moordown*

Jane Atkins was brought up in Africa and was inspired by the extraordinary places she visited with her parents including wildlife parks in Zambia and Zimbabwe, lakes and mountains in Malawi, and war-torn Ethiopia and Eritrea. She trained as a biologist and filmmaker, and spent 12 years at the BBC Natural History Unit during which time she worked on landmark series such as 'Human Planet' and 'Alaska: Earth's Frozen Kingdom'. Travelling to places as diverse as Papua New Guinea and Texas has deeply affected her thoughts about cultures and religion, yet the natural world – its quietness, beauty, inspiration and wonder - has always been something of a sacred place for Jane. In this talk she shares the fascinating story of how she combined her passions to 'find her own path'.



Tamed: With Professor Alice Roberts

Wednesday 22nd November 7.30pm £17.50

Tivoli Theatre – contact Lyn Glass for tickets

How do you tame wildness? For hundreds of thousands of years our ancestors existed in a world where they depended on wild plants and animals. They were hunter-gatherers – consummate survival experts, but taking the world as they found it. Then a revolution happened: we started to domesticate wild species and they became crucial to our own survival and success. Join us on a group trip to the Tivoli Theatre to see Alice Roberts delve into archaeology, history and genetics to reveal the amazing stories of the species that became our allies. From dogs, cattle and horses, to wheat, potatoes and apples, find out how taming all these species has left its mark on them – and us.

Tickets: 📞 Lyn Glass 01202 558763 📧 lyn.glass@btinternet.com



Short Talks

See Meetup.com *Green House*

Tues 19th September – 'How does reasoning and moral judgement develop in children?'

Tues 17th October – 'Humanists making a difference: Around the world'.

Tues 21st November – 'Underlying philosophy of socialism and conservatism'.

At our Short Talks events, several speakers present short talks on a common theme.

We request that attendees donate £2 to £3 to help us cover the venue hire costs.

See monthly bulletins or Meetup.com for details.



Welcome to the latest edition of our events programme which, as always, includes stimulating presentations and discussions with a great line-up of guest speakers.

Everyone is welcome to attend our public events so if you enjoy discussing some or all of these topics with like-minded people please come along. Our members and visitors are people with lively minds who want to learn, explore, discuss and debate, while ensuring our society is guided by sound values based on reason, evidence and compassion. We hope finding a group such as ours will also be a source of great friendship and fun! Look out for our monthly bulletins for details of additional interesting events including lunches, walks and pub discussion evenings.

If you like what we do, and share our aims and values, please consider annual membership (details below), which helps us continue hosting these stimulating events and to promote an ethical non-religious approach to life, informed by science, empathy and reason.

We look forward to meeting you.

David Warden
Chairman, Dorset Humanists

About Dorset Humanists...

We provide a forum for lively debate and discussion about a wide range of topics including science, philosophy, religion, psychology, politics, and ethical and environmental issues. We raise awareness of and make charitable donations to worthwhile causes at home and abroad.

We are a Partner of the British Humanist Association which campaigns against discrimination and privilege based on religious belief. We are also a member of the National Secular Society which works towards a secular society.

Annual Membership £15 (Students £5)

Dorset Humanists is entirely funded by voluntary donations from our members and visitors.

If you enjoy our events and share our aims and values, please help us continue our activities by paying our annual membership fee of £15 (Students £5).

Membership also enables you to participate in determining future group activities, obtain discounts on selected events, and vote on constitutional issues. To join us, pick up a membership form at one of our meetings, phone 07910 886629, or see our website.

Venue Location Details

Moordown - Moordown Community Centre
Coronation Avenue, Moordown BH9 1TW

Green House - The Green House Hotel
4 Grove Road Bournemouth BH1 3AX

Moon - Moon in the Square
4-8 Exeter Rd, Bournemouth BH2 5AQ

Black Bear - The Black Bear
14 South St, Wareham BH20 4LT

Tivoli Theatre - Tivoli Theatre
19 West Borough, Wimborne BH21 1LT

Refreshments can be purchased at most of our regular venues (please note bar and café opening times on arrival).

Event Pricing

Unless otherwise stated, entry to all events in this programme is free to members and non-members alike, although we do appreciate a small donation of £1 or £2 towards venue hire and expenses.

Mailing List

To receive our free monthly bulletins and regular updates, enter your email details on the website, or email us.

Website: www.dorsethumanists.co.uk

Facebook:  Dorset Humanists

Meetup.com:  meetup.com/Dorset-Humanists

Email: chairman@dorsethumanists.co.uk

Ceremonies

BHA-trained Humanist celebrants are available to meet your needs for non-religious weddings, baby-namings and funerals. Please contact us, or check the 'Ceremonies' page on our website for further details.

Important Information

Please check our monthly bulletin, Meetup, and/or our website for any changes to this programme. The bulletin is published on our website and can also be posted or emailed to you.

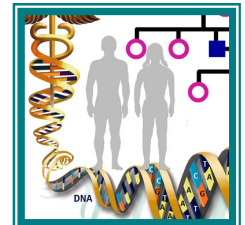
Presentations usually last around 90 minutes.

The views expressed by speakers are their own and not necessarily those of Dorset Humanists.



EVENTS PROGRAMME

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Free Entry!

*to all events unless otherwise stated
(Donations appreciated!)*

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