



Tolpuddle and its Martyrs: Radicals, Revolutionaries and Religion

David Nunn with Eric Austen
Saturday 10th June 2.00pm

Moordown

How did a small Dorset village come to be internationally recognised as the birthplace of modern British Trade Unionism? And how did six agricultural workers, with nothing more than their labour to offer, come to challenge the might of the British Empire, the aristocracy, and powerful land-owners, causing the Government of the day to back down? Six brave men and their families helped change the balance of power, and their influence continues on into today's environment of challenging employment relations, as Trade Unionists face up to the current Government radically reducing their rights. Adding further spice to this story, religion was also inextricably entwined with these influential events. Our main speaker David Nunn is a government scientist, and trade union rep.



The Magic of Alternative Medicine

Dr Richard Rawlins

Wednesday 28th June 7.30pm

Green House

Richard Rawlins' alter-ego Professor Riccardo will demonstrate his skills in magic and illusion in this reality-defying performance that the multi-billion dollar complementary medicine industry would rather you didn't see. Professor Riccardo does not deny that he sets out to take advantage of his "experience of body paralanguage, chronemics and advanced telepathy" to entertain and entrance, but what is reality and what is deception? Join us for an entertaining evening of magic and illusion in this thought-provoking magical exposé of alternative medicine. Dr Richard Rawlins is a former surgeon and lecturer in Anatomy. He is also a psychological illusionist, member of The Magic Circle, and author of *'Real Secrets of Alternative Medicine: An Exposé'*.



Sunday Social Walks

See Meetup.com for details

Walks start at 10.15am unless otherwise stated.
11th June - Joint lunch and walk with South Hants Humanists. High Corner Inn, Linwood, New Forest from 12 noon. Please reply via Meetup.
16th July - Circuit of Holes Bay starting in Poole. About 7 miles. Includes Upton Park.
20th Aug - Circuit of Christchurch harbour starting at Tuckton bridge. About 8 miles. Includes Mudeford quay and Hengistbury head.

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



Stories from Deep Time

Steve Etches MBE
Saturday 8th July 1.15pm

£15 per person
Kimmeridge

Amateur palaeontologist Steve Etches has spent more than 30 years creating the finest single collection of Late Jurassic age fossils ever assembled in Britain, many of which are new to science and are of great palaeontological importance. This extraordinary collection of more than 2,200 fossils includes the world's best examples of fossilised ammonite eggs, a two-metre-long Pliosaurus jaw, a Pterosaur skull, and an Ichthyosaur with its belly still full of fish and squid.

Our Kimmeridgian Jurassic experience will begin with a buffet lunch provided by Clavells Café, followed by a fascinating talk from Steve Etches on the most important specimens in his collection which will provide a unique and exciting insight into the lives of these Late Jurassic marine creatures. The £15 cost per person includes talk, buffet lunch and museum entry (transport not included).

Please sign up at one of our meetings or contact us so we can confirm numbers for lunch and help coordinate transport arrangements.



Land Value Tax

Carol Wilcox of the Labour Land Campaign

Wednesday 26th July 7.30pm

Green House

Our dysfunctional land market is a key factor in causing the insufficient availability of decent affordable homes, gross wealth inequality, and unsustainable private debt. One solution proposed by economists from across the political spectrum is a land value tax. Carol Wilcox will be explaining the role which land plays in our economy and how a land value tax could make the land market work better for all of us. With Labour, the Lib-Dems, the Green Party, and possibly even the Conservatives, all considering the implementation of a land value tax, we recommend joining us to discover how such a tax may affect us all.



Pub Socials

See Meetup.com for details Moon

Thursday 1st June 7.30pm

Thursday 6th July 7.30pm

Thursday 3rd August 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 7th June – Science and Religion: Worlds Apart or Together? A talk and discussion with Keith Fox, Professor of Biochemistry in Southampton University and Associate Director of the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.

Weds 5th July – Values and the Good Society. A talk and discussion with Dr Chris Steed, Research Fellow at Southampton University.

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



Atheism UK: Challenging Religious Faith

Chris Street
Saturday 12th August 2.00pm

Moordown

The principles of Atheism UK affirm that humans have fabricated religion, that God and gods do not exist, that morality develops independently of religion, and, perhaps most controversially, that religion inhibits rational thought! The group promotes an atheistic worldview and questions the whole validity of the concept of religious faith. Atheism UK has assisted UK-based atheist ex-Muslims who have been threatened with deportation, and supports the right of all non-religious people to have equal freedom of expression. President of Atheism UK, Chris Street will explain why we need to promote atheism as a worldview, and discuss the group's principles and activities. Atheism UK is the nation's only democratic, member led, campaigning organisation advancing atheism. Its distinguished supporters include Susan Blackmore, Maryam Namazie and PZ Myers.



Is Humanism a Religion?

John Coss

Wednesday 23rd August 7.30pm

Green House

Most humanists have long sought to disentangle Humanism from any hint of religiosity but have we thereby lost something of value? John Coss will make an important distinction between 'Religion1' (the standard dictionary sense involving supernatural beliefs) and 'Religion2' (a wider sense that also encompasses non-supernatural belief systems). Controversially, he will propose that Humanism is a religion in this wider sense, and suggest how this perspective has implications for what Humanism can and should be in the future. John Coss is a former Secretary of Greater Manchester Humanists and a frequent summer visitor to Dorset Humanists.



Venues

Our Event Locations

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

Kimmeridge - **Museum of Jurassic Marine Life**,
Kimmeridge, Wareham BH20 5PE



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

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.

Event Entry

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.

Parking

Moordown Community Centre: Free on-site parking, including parking for Disabled Badge Holders. Additional roadside parking available nearby.

Green House Hotel: Limited parking onsite. The Green House Hotel can also be accessed from Gervis Road which is well lit and has roadside parking available.

Refreshments

Refreshments can be purchased in Moordown Community Centre café and the Green House Hotel bar.

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](https://www.meetup.com/Dorset-Humanists)
Email: chairman@dorsethumanists.co.uk

Annual Membership £15 (Students £5)

For an information pack and membership details, phone 07910 886629 or see website.

Ceremonies

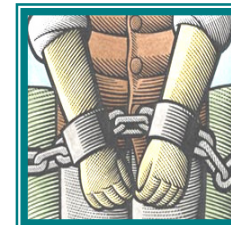
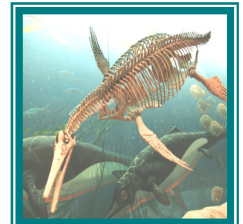
BHA-trained Humanist celebrants are available to meet your needs for non-religious weddings, baby-namings and funerals. Please contact us, or check the 'Ceremonies' page on our website for further details.

Information

Please check our monthly bulletin and/or 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!

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