



Members' Annual Lunch and AGM

Dorset Humanists Committee
Saturday 9 March 1.15pm *Moordown*

Dorset Humanists is a community group which has provided a friendly meeting place for non-religious people in Bournemouth and surrounding areas for over twenty years. We have established ourselves as a respected voice for reason and humanity, and Humanists UK has recognised that we are one of its most successful partner groups. None of this would be possible without the loyalty and support of our subscribing members and so, as a 'thank you', we are once again providing a complimentary lunch prior to our AGM. Visitors are also very welcome to attend but we ask for a £5.00 donation for lunch – or you can join Dorset Humanists for just £15.00. Our AGM is a sociable, enjoyable, and sometimes controversial event. Come along and have your say about the future of Dorset Humanists. Lunch starts at 1.15pm. AGM at 2.15pm.



Bring Present – How to cultivate a peaceful mind

Darren Cockburn
Wednesday 27 March 7.30pm *Green House*

Darren Cockburn has been practising meditation and mindfulness for over 20 years. As a coach and teacher, he has supported hundreds of people in meditation and mindfulness, with a focus on applying teachings in everyday life to cultivate a peaceful mind, acceptance of what life brings, and to enhance the quality of our communication with others. He will share practical exercises, meditations, and reflections, revealing how to free ourselves from becoming lost in unhelpful thoughts and emotions. www.darrencockburn.com
www.facebook.com/darrencockburnauthor



Sunday Social Walks

See Meetup.com for details

Walks start at 10.15am unless otherwise stated.
Sunday 17th March – Nine Barrow Down and Corfe Castle.
Sunday 14th April – Ringstead Bay, White Nothe and Osmington.
Sunday 12th May – Bluebells in Roydon Woods near Brockenhurst

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



The Good Delusion: What's The Closest We Can Get to Objective Ethics?

Alex J. O'Connor aka 'Cosmic Skeptic'
Saturday 13 April 2.00pm *Moordown*

In this brand new talk for Dorset Humanists, Alex J. O'Connor offers a means to ground ethics in a way that allows us to determine what people should and shouldn't do as a matter of fact, whilst dispensing with terms like 'good' and 'bad.' The concept of good may be delusory, but ethics does not have to be.

Alex is the owner of the Cosmic Skeptic Blog and YouTube channel. He is an ex-Catholic, atheist, science enthusiast and advocate for political and educational secularism. His YouTube channel has more than 240,000 subscribers and he is in his first year at the University of Oxford reading theology and philosophy.



Transparency International

Eva Anderson
Wednesday 24 April 7.30pm *Green House*

Transparency International (TI) is a global movement sharing one vision: a world in which government, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption. Our speaker Eva Anderson is a barrister and a financial crimes lawyer working for TI. She will talk about her work in Nigeria, Tunisia and Ukraine on the link between poverty, social injustice, bad governance and terrorism/extremism and social instability. She will also address the UK's 'Revolving Door' problem and domestic corruption threats including local public procurement, undue foreign/corporate influence over governmental policy and arms exports to fragile and conflict states.



Pub Socials

See Meetup.com for details *Moou*

Thursday 7th March 7.30pm
Thursday 4th April 7.30pm
Thursday 2nd May 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 *Sandford*

Weds 6th March 7.30: What makes a good person?
Weds 3rd April 7.30: Would Jesus have been a Christian?
Weds 1st May 7.30pm: When is it OK to end a life?
'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.



Erasmus Darwin and the Lunar Men

David Croman
Saturday 11 May 2.00pm *Moordown*

This fully illustrated talk will start with the life of the extraordinary physician, innovative inventor, botanist, scientist, engineer, poet, evolutionist, and grandfather of Charles Darwin. Erasmus Darwin was a leading member of a group of key pioneers including Josiah Wedgwood and James Watt. They shared their ideas and informed and challenged each other at regular meetings of the Lunar Society. David will provide an insight into the lives and minds of these brilliant polymaths, illustrating some of the key technical and scientific developments of that revolutionary time. He will also explore the political and religious controversies that affected the life and work of Erasmus Darwin as well as Charles, his famous grandson. David Croman is a former Secretary of Dorset Humanists and he has given us many fascinating talks in the past.



Transforming the FutuRE

Dave Francis
Weds 22 May 7.30pm *Green House*

Dave Francis is Deputy Chair of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales and an RE Adviser. He has been involved in several educational projects in recent years and in this talk he will focus on two of them.
The first, 'Big Ideas for RE', which takes its lead from developments in Science Education, aims to transform the way that RE programmes are constructed. The second, 'Solarity', a project of the Sea of Faith Network, aims to develop resources for out-of-school-hours religion and philosophy clubs. Dave will try to show why humanists should be interested in, and excited by, these projects.



Short Talks

See Meetup.com *Green House*

Tuesday 19th March – Jordan Peterson and the Perils of Political Correctness. Simon Whipple and David Warden.
Tues 16th April – tbd
Tuesday 21st May – tbd
Two or more 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.



A humanist group exists to meet the needs of non-religious people who may identify as humanists, atheists, agnostics, secularists, sceptics or none of these. Dorset Humanists is an educational charity, a partner of Humanists UK, and affiliated to the international humanist movement. More than fifty percent of the UK population now identify

as having 'no religion' and so our potential constituency is huge and growing – particularly in the younger age groups. The needs of this population include the provision of meaningful ceremonies for important life events, the desire for friendship among like-minded people, an appetite for knowledge about how to live a good life and how to make the world a better place, and the demand for recognition from politicians and public organisations like the BBC and NHS to ensure that the views and needs of non-religious people are not ignored.

Dorset Humanists has been a positive presence in Bournemouth and beyond for over twenty years. Our events programme is busy, varied, and stimulating. I hope you will find topics and activities to interest you.

Everyone is welcome to attend our public events free of charge but we usually ask for a donation of £2-3 to help cover our costs. If you identify as a humanist we also invite you to support us with an annual and very affordable subscription, and also to join Humanists UK which is a separate but related organisation. Politicians only take notice of large membership groups. Please join the growing humanist movement.

If you would like to be kept up to date with all of our news simply visit our website and subscribe to our monthly bulletin, or leave your contact details at the desk.

David Warden
Chairman of Dorset Humanists, Honorary Member of Humanists UK, & Council Member of the South Central England Humanists Network

Annual Membership

Dorset Humanists is a registered charity (EW10227) and funded entirely 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

Sandford - Sandford Heritage Hall, Sandford Rd, Nr Wareham, BH20 7AJ (Next to Pine Martin Grange)

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 £2 or £3 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](https://www.meetup.com/Dorset-Humanists)
Email: chairman@dorsethumanists.co.uk

Ceremonies

Trained and accredited Humanist celebrants are available to meet your needs for non-religious weddings, 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

Spring 2019



Free Entry!

to all events unless otherwise stated

SKEPTICAL ENQUIRY – ETHICS – HUMAN RIGHTS – DEMOCRACY
 ATHEISM – SCIENCE – ENVIRONMENT – SECULARISM