

## Supporting Humanist causes

The British Humanist Association devotes much of its time to campaigning and lobbying on behalf of everyone who considers themselves to be a humanist or holds humanist views. We work for an open society and a secular state with no religious privilege or discrimination based on religion or belief.

### Examples of some Humanist campaigns:

- Fair Admissions (faith schools)
- Reform of Religious Education
- Against Bishops in House of Lords
- Assisted dying
- Women's reproductive rights
- Animal welfare

## Humanist non-religious ceremonies



We have close ties with accredited celebrants who offer naming, wedding or partnership, funeral and memorial ceremonies for non-religious people. They come from all walks of life and have great integrity, sensitivity and experience.

## Schools education project

We are represented on local Standing Advisory Councils for Religious Education. This is to ensure that local RE syllabuses include opportunities for schoolchildren to learn about non-religious worldviews such as Humanism. We also visit schools to deliver non-religious assemblies and lessons on Humanism.



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# What do we do locally?



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## Guest speaker talks

We present a variety of talks twice a month on science, religion, human rights, the environment, economics, humanism, world issues and many other topics to help develop our understanding of the world and each other. Our programme aims to build critical thinking skills and to help embed humanist ethics and shared values.



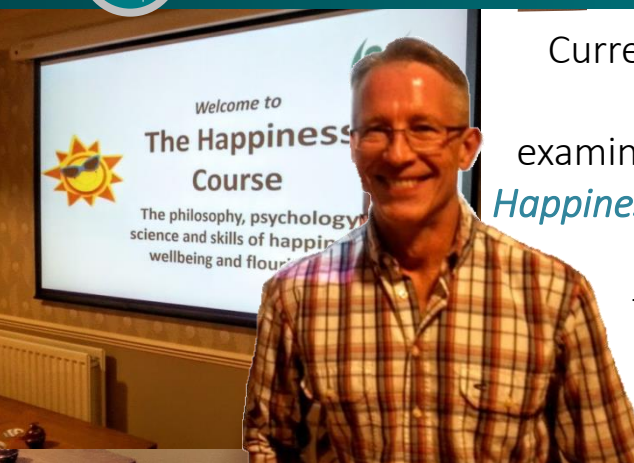
## Thursday monthly social

On the first Thursday of every month, a number of us meet up at a bar in the centre of Bournemouth. A few drinks, some lively chat and sometimes a meal makes for a 'Happy Humanist!'



## Courses: One Life, Happiness Course

Currently we run two courses throughout the year, the *One Life* course which examines all aspects of Humanism; and the *Happiness* Course examining the science and psychology of wellbeing and human flourishing. Both are very successful.



## Festivals and events



We currently attend two festivals annually: the LGBT event Bourne Free – Bournemouth's gay pride event which we support under our equalities banner. We are non-aligned politically but we do also attend Tolpuddle – a TUC festival held in the village of the same name where people from all over the country gather each year.



## Darwin Day/Remembrance Day



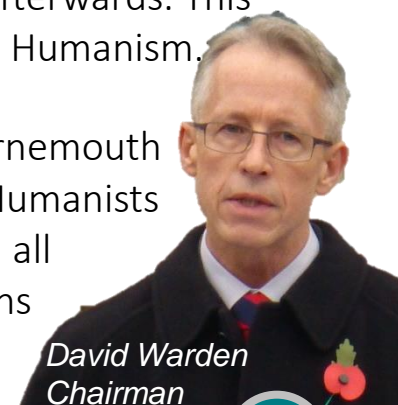
*A.C Grayling  
guest speaker*

Dorset Humanists enjoy several special occasions throughout the year, one being Darwin Day. We have a special guest speaker, and usually a meal afterwards. This is our annual celebration of science and Humanism.



We also take an active part in the Bournemouth Remembrance Service where Dorset Humanists stand shoulder to shoulder with all other beliefs and denominations to remember the fallen.

*David Warden  
Chairman*



## Walks, Cycle rides, Fitness



*The 'happy human' pose is not compulsory!*



In 2015 we started a series of monthly walks for our members. Free to attend, many of us enjoyed spectacular Dorset views, exercise and laughs as we covered over 100 miles.