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Living moral lives without religion



Forthcoming events Summer 2017

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Humanists UK,
and are affiliated to
the National Secular Society and
the Gay and Lesbian Humanist Association

www.birminghamhumanists.org.uk

What humanists believe

Humanism is an approach to life based on humanity and reason. Humanists believe that moral values are properly founded on human nature and experience alone. They think that decisions should be based on the available evidence and on an assessment of the outcomes of a person's actions, not on any sacred text or authoritative tradition.

Humanists believe that, since we have only one life, it is our responsibility to make it a good life and to live it to the full, while trying to improve the quality of life for everyone.

Humanists may describe themselves as atheists or agnostics, but Humanism is an active philosophy more enriching than a mere negative response to religion.

Humanists are positive, gaining inspiration from human lives, art and culture, and the rich natural world.

Events Summer 2017

In addition to giving our own programme, this diary lists events organised by Worcestershire Humanists, Birmingham Salon (www.birminghamsalon.org), Skeptics in the Pub (www.birmingham.skepticsinthepub.org), Lichfield and Walsall Humanists (www.lichfieldhumanistgroup.web.com) and Café Scientifique (www.cafescientifique.org).

Because we're giving information about events some time in advance, things may change! Please check our website, and those of other organisations, closer to the time, to make sure that an event is going ahead as announced.

Birmingham Humanists' events are highlighted in a box, like this. Unless otherwise stated, our meetings are held at Moseley Exchange, 149–153 Alcester Road, Moseley, Birmingham B13 8JP.

It doesn't matter whether you're member or not, or even if you aren't sure whether you're a Humanist – please feel free to come along.

Tuesday, 6 June – Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar, 30 Waterloo Street, Birmingham, West Midlands B2 5TJ

Thursday, 8 June – Vince Gould: 'The rise of the new traditionalism', Birmingham Salon event, 7.30pm @ The Victoria, 48 John Bright Street, Birmingham B1 1BN

Friday, 9 June – Sunday, 11 June – Humanists UK Convention @ Cambridge Corn Exchange. Speakers include Jim Al-Khailili, Sara Khan and Alf Dubs. Conference fee £99 members, £49 students. To book, go to <https://humanism.org.uk/BHA2017/>

Wednesday, 14 June – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ The Old Cock Inn, 77 Friar Street, Droitwich WR98EQ

Wednesday, 14 June – Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria, 48 John Bright Street, Birmingham B1 1BN

Friday, 16 June – Birmingham Humanists AGM, 6.00pm for a 7.30pm start @ 28 Garland Way, Birmingham B31 2BT. The evening will start with a buffet meal, to which we are all asked to contribute. Please contact Jane Wynne Willson (at janeww1@virginmedia.com or on 0121 475 6508) to let her know what you can bring.

Tuesday, 27 June – Jeremy Rodell: 'The changing landscape of religion and belief in the UK: a Humanist response', 7.30–9.30pm @ Moseley Exchange.

Please note that there will be no Last Tuesday social in June, as the meeting in Moseley is on the last Tuesday of the month.

Saturday, 1 July – Moseley Street Festival: we'll be having a stall at the festival as usual – please come along and help us promote Humanism. We can always do with more helpers on the stall!

Tuesday, 4 July – Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar

Tuesday, 11 July – Lichfield and Walsall Humanists, 7.45pm in the Lounge of The Boatman's Rest, 20 High Street, Walsall Wood, Walsall WS9 9LP

Wednesday, 12 July – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ The Old Cock Inn, 77 Friar Street, Droitwich WR98EQ

Wednesday, 12 July – Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria

Saturday, 15 July – trip on Severn Valley Railway. Meet at Kidderminster Station for the 10.15am train to Bridgnorth. This is 'Peep Behind the Scenes' day at the Severn Valley, so there should be plenty to see and do – see www.svr.co.uk/SpecialEvents.aspx. The cost will be £19.80 (Adult) or £18.80 (Senior). If you wish to travel to Kidderminster by train from central Birmingham, the 8.55 or 9.09 from Moor Street will get you to Kidderminster before 10.00.

Sunday, 16 July – Jazz in the Garden, 1.00–5.00pm: Sheila Fawkes and Terry McGrath have kindly agreed to host our summer social again. We'll be sending out further details nearer the time, but if you want further information, you can ring Carolyn Sugden on 0121 240 6537.

Tuesday, 25 July – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ @ The Wellington, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham B2 5SN

Tuesday, 1 August – Café Scientifique, 7.00pm @ Pure Bar

Saturday, 5 August – Ramble organised by John Edwards: 3½ mile walk, starting from The Boot at Lapworth

Wednesday, 9 August – Worcestershire Humanists meeting, 7.00pm @ The Old Cock Inn, 77 Friar Street, Droitwich WR98EQ

Wednesday, 9 August – Skeptics in the Pub, 7.30pm @ The Victoria

Tuesday, 29 August – Last Tuesday social, 8.00–9.30pm @ The Midland, 528 Bearwood Road, Birmingham B66 4BE