

# Suffolk Humanists

## Summer News Update



Newsletter of the Suffolk Humanist Group

June 2006

### Check your diaries!

#### **NEXT MEETING, 14th June in Ipswich...**

... at Castle Hill Community Centre, from 7.30pm to 10pm. Please note: we will be in the hall, not our usual room 1. Because of the change of venue, the audio quiz planned for this week has been postponed and we'll have a popular Ten Minute Topics session. Bring a press cutting, a burning issue, or anything else you'd like to get off your chest, to start a discussion. As usual, raffle prizes and guests are welcome.

Are you doing your bit to save the planet? What about low-energy light bulbs? They can save you money while they save energy. I'll have some for sale at cost price—99p each—equivalent to conventional 40 watt or 60 watt bulbs. If they arrive in time, I'll also have environmentally-friendly jute shopping bags, £1 each. The Ban the Bag campaign says: "Every one of us in Britain – from babies to centenarians – collects some 220 free, single-use plastic carrier bags a year; 80% of us routinely put (or allow to be put) everything into such bags every time we shop. It's the same all over the world – which is why billions of 'free' plastic bags are choking our planet: an estimated 4 billion end up as litter every year (enough to circle the earth 63 times)."

#### **Saturday, 24th June—Midsummer Social**

... at 5 Hadleigh Road, Elmsett, from 4pm to 8pm-ish. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Please phone 01473 658828 to let me know you're coming, and to ask for directions.

#### **Saturday 8th July—BHA AGM**

BHA members may attend the AGM at Conway Hall in London from 1pm to 4pm. Contact us if you'd like to know more.

#### **Sunday 9th July—Breakfast with "The God Who Wasn't There", and "Why Atheism"**

If you haven't seen either, or you'd like to see them again, come for breakfast and watch both. The God Who Wasn't There is a rather amateur production. Its website says, "Your guide through the world of Christendom is former fundamentalist Brian Flemming, joined by such luminaries as Jesus Seminar fellow Robert M. Price,

professor Richard Dawkins, author Sam Harris and historian Richard Carrier. See the movie the Los Angeles Times calls 'provocative - to put it mildly.'" If my DVD player doesn't go on strike (I know it's only a machine, but it doesn't always seem that way), we can look at some of the content on the Why Atheism DVD, a professional production for schools which is well worth viewing.

If you haven't seen the Suffolk Humanists website, you can view that while you're visiting.

#### **There is no meeting in August...**

... but if you'd like to organise a social event, let us know ASAP. Anyone fancy a pub lunch?

**Saturday 9th September**—Suffolk & Norfolk Humanist Groups Social at Michael & Tamsyn Imison's in Halesworth. Details later. Lifts are possible.

**Wednesday 13th September**, meeting at Castle Hill Community Centre, Ipswich.

There'll be another newsletter soon. If you'd like to write an article for the newsletter or the website (or both), please do so ASAP. Copy may be edited for space.

The new website continues to attract hundreds of visitors. To keep it fresh and interesting, we need to add something new every few days, or more often. Now that Nathan (our webmaster) is working in London, he has less time to think up new ideas. If you're on the Internet and you haven't signed up as a website user (see address below), please do so now. If you're not on the Internet, or you're not a confident web surfer, you can still contribute—let us have your contributions and we'll add them.

See you soon?

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