

Suffolk Humanists and Secularists

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Happy Birthday Darwin

We had a such a good turn out for our Darwin day Dinner in February that it was a bit of a crush in Arlington's Darwin room. However the conversation was lively and it was great to see some old friends as well as newer members.



Next meeting

At our next meeting on Tuesday 14th March we will be sharing thoughts with the Lewis Connelly who is the Ipswich Unitarian minister.

Although Unitarianism has its roots in Jewish and Christian traditions among Unitarians are people who have Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Humanist, Buddhist, Pagan and Atheist perspectives.

According to their website Unitarians characteristically:

- * base beliefs on rational enquiry rather than external authority;
- * accept beliefs can change in the light of new understanding and insight;
- * form principles from conscience, thinking and life experiences;
- * hold reverence for the earth and the whole natural system of which we are part.

Unitarians have a reputation for being radicals actively working for social change. Charles Dickens became involved with Unitarianism in later life, Pete Seeger the folk singer who wrote "Where have all the Flowers gone", "If I had a hammer" and "Turn turn turn" was a Unitarian. Others include the chemist Joseph Priestley, actors Paul Newman and Christopher Reeve and Tim Berners Lee inventor of the World Wide Web. Looking forward to finding out more. Denis Johnston

Future Events

Tuesday April 11th 7:30p.m. (Arlingtons, Ipswich)

"Voltaire and Candide"

A talk by George Bethell on the philosopher Voltaire and his major work.

Lunchtime Meetings

The next of these will be held at the Duke of York in Woodbridge from 12:00 noon onwards on Saturday 25th of March. Please let Richard (richard-layton@zen.co.uk) know at least by the Thursday before if you are planning to attend.



Voltaire (1694 – 1778)

POETRY CORNER

UNITARIANISM!

In March we Suffolk Humanists,
(A Pyrrhonistic laity)
Will with civility, gainsay,
The fact of any deity.
Our guest's a Unitarian,
Who claims there's but one single God;
Thus Jesus and the Holy Ghost,
Are paths to godhead never trod.
Hence Unitarianism is,
That doctrine of divinity;
That doth in each degree eschew,
All notions of the Trinity!

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