

Humanism << Free association

The Farnham Humanists are a group of free thinkers who share a non-religious ethical outlook and seek to create a more open, just and caring society.

Founded in 2004, the group celebrated its anniversary last summer in Farnham Museum Gallery Garden.

Member Jennie Johnson explains: "Humanists believe we can work out for ourselves what's right and wrong based on empathy, respect and compassion for others. "We can find our own meaning and fulfilment for the one life we know we have. We look to evidence and science as the best way to understand the world. We meet to explore ideas, to learn and to socialise. Our discussions often become quite lively! We promote evidence-based rational thinking and provide an important balance in society by representing non-religious views."

Farnham Humanists speak at assemblies, religious education and debates. On request, some members also visit those wishing to talk to a non-religious pastoral volunteer, for example in hospitals, hospices and prisons.

Jennie adds: "Many people know of the personal and

dignified non-religious funerals that humanists have conducted for decades. Our group includes trained humanist celebrants who also conduct ceremonies for marriages, civil partnerships or to welcome a new baby."

The group's mid-monthly Sunday evening talks and discussions with outside speakers are open to everyone of all beliefs, religious and non-religious. Recent topics include "What is it like to spend 27 years in a UK Hindu Cult?" "Why is secularism important in the UK today?" "Women and Sharia Law" and a discussion workshop on "What is modern humanism?". The next meeting is on July 19th with author Richard Wilson talking about "How not to get fooled by myth and quackery?"

The group meet in a pub on the first Wednesday every month and has a thriving bookclub and social calendar.

Visit farnham.humanist.org.uk or call Sue on **01252 726684**. Are you a humanist? Visit humanism.org.uk



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Opening Hours:

Mon	8.00am – 6.30pm	Thurs	8.00am – 6.30pm
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