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HUMANISTS

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AGENDA for AGM

1. **Approval of the minutes of the last AGM**
2. **Chair's Report**
3. **Treasurer's report. Approval of accounts**
4. **Set subscription rate for year**
5. **Election of officers and committee**

Chair, Alan Montgomery; **Vice-chair**, John Cregan, and **Treasurer**, Linda Montgomery were all elected last year and have agreed to stand again. **Secretary** role is shared: Alan as membership secretary, Linda minutes Secretary, John Cregan events/social secretary.

Committee: Jennie Johnson, David Savage, Ailsa Davies, Hannah Green, Keith Hayward are happy to continue.

During the year Belinda Schwehr and David Hepper were co-opted to the committee and both have agreed to continue.

6. **Appointment of auditor**
7. **Approval of subs Humanists UK and NSS**
8. **AOB**

Chairman's Report to AGM 2018/19

From our constitution, the aim of the group shall be:

- to promote Humanism,
- provide a community for the members
- act as a social organization in the wider community.

Farnham Programme in 2018/19 well reported on website:

- 1 visit to nursery, 1 garden party, 1 annual dinner,
- 2 ceilidhs, 2 cycle rides
- 5 speaker meetings (+1 cancelled by snow)
- 7 book club meetings
- 12 first Wednesday pub socials
- 1 public lecture on Creative Arts Education; £250 for charity.

Humanists UK

- 6+ Attended annual convention in Newcastle
- Several participated in Sandi Toksvig Humanist MOOC
- 2 at GRAM; 2 at speaker training; 4 new celebrants/pastoral
- Several attended dinners, lectures, Blackham Society.



Jennie Johnson - Web manager

Website is central to the group, and a historical record dating back to 2008, including:

- A list of all previous lectures and other events
- A list of all annual debates
- Copies of Newsletters
- Reports on activities in the Community including developments in SACRE
- The work of volunteer Pastoral Support and Chaplaincy
- Speaking in local schools
- Details of public campaigns

Keith Hayward rapporteur - write-ups and photos,
also quartermaster.

Community Service and Outreach

- 4 practising celebrants, Ailsa Davies, Hannah Green, Ed Hardy and Frances Baskerville circa 100 funeral/wedding/naming ceremonies.
- 2 non-religious pastoral carers, David Savage and Sue Shaw. David wrote the book on the subject; then published it
- 2 school speakers, Jennie Johnson and Alan Montgomery talked to over 1000 pupils in schools
- Christians: Debate Meaning of Life with Oxford apologetics as part of Farnham Churches Together
- Muslims: Jennie and Sue S. – ongoing meetings with Ahmadiyyas; attended their Jalsa Salana (35,000 people from 90 countries)
- Multifaith: *Faith in the community* with Surrey Police; Jennie spoke to Elmbridge Multifaith Forum: *Faith has no place in modern society*. Jennie at Surrey SACRE -> Humanism on the curriculum
- Humanists: Supporting SCEHN in launch of Portsmouth group
- U3A Farnham: Piloting Dorset Humanists “Happiness Course”



Development Plan

- Increase membership by 10% each year 48 – 51 -> 6%
- Increase meeting attendance by 10% 30-35 ->35-40??
- Increase school speakers 1/year Still only two
- Support network to visit/help members e.g. those who are less mobile Not yet in place. Some visits/car-sharing
- Increase/activate membership with working-age people New committee members and 2 ceilidhs, nursery visit? cycle rides?
- Hold 3 family friendly events/year
- More active social media Not yet, tho' have had Chairman's "blog"
- Foster Young Humanist Group in our area Not yet, tho' initial contacts with UCA and YH
- New committee blood. Rotate roles 2 new co-optees
- Support other groups (SCEHN) Portsmouth launched, Reading revival next.

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Farnham Humanists Membership

Now defined by people who pay subs + honorary/life
Early years data is sparse/estimated

