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AGENDA for AGM

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- 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
- 6. Appointment of independent examiner for accounts
- 7. Approval of subs Humanists UK, NSS, SCEHN
- 8. AOB

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Chairman's Report to AGM 2019/20

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 2019/20 well reported on website:

- 5 speaker meetings
- 11 first Wednesday pub socials
- visit to dragon flies, garden party, annual dinner, cycle ride(s)
- book club meetings
- public Climate Emergency Question Time 90 attendees.

Humanists UK

- Several attended annual convention in Leicester
- Chair attended GRAM; SCEHN
- Several attended dinners, lectures, Blackham Society.

Website: www.farnham.humanist.org.uk farnham



Jennie Johnson - Web manager

(also MeetUp, and magazine listings)
Website is central to the group, and a historical record dating back to 2008

- 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 SACRE
- The work of volunteer Pastoral Support and Chaplaincy
- Speaking in local schools
- Details of Humanists UK public campaigns

Keith Hayward, now Adam Mynott Rapporteur - write-ups

Keith Hayward, Quartermaster and photographer

John Cregan, What's On, Refresher's Fair

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Community Service and Outreach

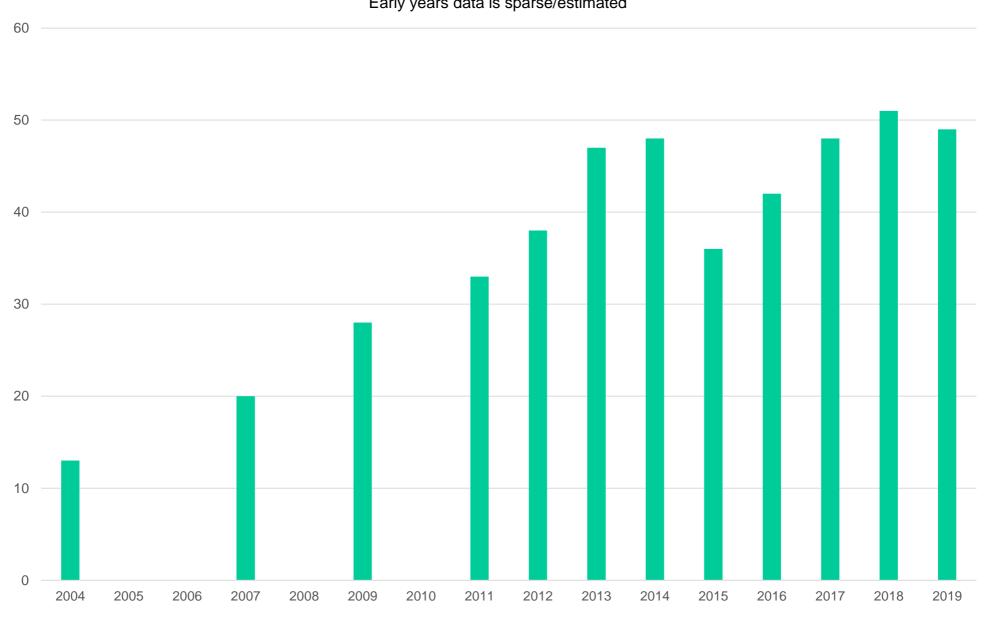
- 4 practising celebrants, Ailsa Davies, Hannah Green, Ed Hardy and Frances Baskerville circa 100 (?) ceremonies.
- 2 non-religious pastoral carers, David Savage and Sue Shaw.
- 2 school speakers, Jennie Johnson and Alan Montgomery talked to nearly 2000 pupils in schools
- Multifaith: Jennie now chair of Group A Surrey SACRE. Surrey Faith Links Newsletter now listing Humanist events.
- Muslims: Ahmadiyya Muslim Women gave talk to group. Ongoing liaison with them, mainly Jennie and Sue S.
- U3A Farnham: Dorset Humanists' Happiness Course delivered. 11 students completed the course. Good feedback.
- Farnham: Remembrance Day; Refreshers' Fair, Litter Picks
- Humanists: Supporting SCEHN in launch of Reading group

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Farnham Humanists Membership

People who pay subs + honorary/life members Early years data is sparse/estimated



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Innovations and issues



Innovations

- Members short talks
- Dragon fly walk (David Hepper)
- Ahmadiyya Meeting (Jennie, Sue Shaw)
- Climate Emergency Question Time (Alan, David Hepper)
- Dinner at Farnham House Hotel (Belinda)
- Happiness Course (Linda, Ailsa, John, Sylvia, Alan)

Issues

- Visit to green burial site/death café cancelled
- Did not manage to grow numbers overall
- Not yet been able to attract many younger people

Departures

Joyce Hurd Jim Sweetnam retired to Salisbury

Treasurer's Report

Linda

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5. Election of officers and committee

Chair, Alan Montgomery; Vice-chair, John Cregan, and Treasurer, Linda Montgomery were all re-elected last year and have agreed to stand again. (Chair normally serves for three-year term)

Secretary role is shared: Alan as membership secretary, Linda minutes secretary, John Cregan events/social secretary.

Committee:

Ailsa Davies and Hannah Green wish to retire. Big thank you to them, especially Ailsa who was chair for 3 years.

Jennie Johnson, Belinda Schwehr, David Hepper, David Savage, Keith Hayward are happy to continue.

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