



**farnham**
HUMANISTS

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AGENDA for AGM

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- 2. Chair's Report**
- 3. Treasurer's report. Approval of accounts**
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Chairman's Report to AGM 2022/23

- Started to 'return to normal' post covid.
- 7 in-person meetings in Daniel Hall
- First public meeting since 2019
- Held a garden party, and our first festive dinner since 2019
- Whenever possible, events were accessible by Zoom for those unable to attend in person.

Chairman's Report to AGM 2022/23

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

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

FHs' Programme is well reported on our [website](#)

- 7 in-person speaker meetings, three by FH members
- 1 Zoom-only meeting and AGM
- 1 public meeting
- 2 social meetings
- 1 walk
- 8 book club meetings

Meetings 2022-23

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| February | AGM and What isn't Humanism | Luc Donellan |
| March | Living Humanism | Members |
| April | Human Rights | Fiona Bateman |
| May | Humanistically Speaking | David Brittain |
| June | Public Meeting – What's gone wrong with democracy? | Anne Milton |
| July | Garden Party | All |
| August | Walk – Along the Wey | John Cregan |
| September | Dignity in Dying | Cameron Brown |
| October | Freemasons | Keith Hayward |
| November | Ethical Dilemmas | Ailsa Davies |
| December | Festive Dinner | All |
| January | Humanist Campaigns | Richy Thompson |

Book Club

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| | Bookclub organised by Tricia Wallis |
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| February | <i>Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky</i> – Patrick Hamilton |
| April | <i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i> – James Baldwin |
| July | <i>The Fear Index</i> – Robert Harris |
| August | <i>Passing</i> – Nella Larsen |
| September | <i>The Gathering</i> – Anne Enright |
| October | <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> – Ray Bradbury |
| December | Pub lunch |
| March | <i>Prisoners of Geography</i> – Tim Marshall |



Jennie Johnson - Web manager

(also MeetUp, and Farnham magazine listings)

The 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, Humanistically Speaking etc.
- 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
- Our AGM Minutes

Committee and other contributions and activities 2022

Belinda Schwehr, Chair

Linda Montgomery, Treasurer

Adam Mynott, Rapporteur - write-ups, Press Officer

Keith Hayward, Quartermaster and photographer

John Cregan, Vice-Chair, What's On, Walks master

Alan Montgomery, SCEHN, Membership Secretary

David Savage, Pastoral Care, MP and council

chaser

David Smith, [FH Facebook Group](#), and joke master

David Hepper, Committee IT, other IT support

Jennie Johnson, Web master, magazines, SACRE,

Meetup

Sue Shaw, Library display

Tricia Wallis, Book Club

Sue Willson Focusing on Remembrance Ceremony

- 2 practising celebrants, Hannah Green (funerals) and Ed Hardy (lives in Liphook, offers weddings and funerals)
- 1 non-religious pastoral carer, David Savage
- 2 school speakers, Jennie Johnson and Alan Montgomery
- Multifaith / dialogue: Jennie member of Surrey SACRE; Alan Bracknell Forest SACRE
- Remembrance Wreath Laid
- Chasing Town Council and Parish Vicar re Remembrance
- Many members lobbying MPs on various issues
- Letters in the Herald
- Annual public meeting

Community Service and Outreach

What other activities or services can we offer within or to the community?

Members' Survey

Survey to be sent out soon to collect opinions on likely support, and suitable timings, for possible meetings.

Examples – ideas for community involvement, the best time for the summer garden party, whether there would be support for an autumn Barn Dance, a possible visit to Brookwood Cemetery/Woking Crematorium (or a talk by John Clark who runs it) and as ever – other possible subjects for talks

Please take the time to respond!

We're also announcing a return to pub nights, the Hop Blossom – the first of which is 6 March - 7.30pm – members can rely on finding others there
until at least 8pm

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Treasurer's Report

Linda

2022 Accounts

A busier year for the Treasurer:

Indoor meetings increased from 3 to 9

Financial transactions increased by over 60%,
turnover by over 30% compared with 2021

Income: £629 (2021: £474)

Expenditure: £683 (2021: £551)

Income

Subscriptions increased (just): £415 (2021 £400)

£214 in 'coffee money' (2021: £74)

Thanks to all those who paid!

Expenditure

Rent, Daniel Hall: 7 meetings at £30 each (Scouts' special offer: large hall for cost of small hall)

Public meeting: rent £105

Garden Party: rent £83

Affiliations: NSS £34, SCEHN £25

Humanists UK £0 - none requested

Advertising: Meetup £141 (2021 £58) - now sharing the cost with 1 other group

Expenditure (cont)

Admin: refreshments £72

Speakers' expenses £49

Library exhibition £15

Remembrance Wreath £25

Outcome

Cash loss in year £54.60 (2021 £62.04)

£677.38 remains in bank, to be carried forward to
2023

Thanks to John Cregan – independent examiner
of the accounts.

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4. **Set subscription rate for year - £12.50 – any representations or dissent, please?**

5. **Election of officers and committee**

Chair Belinda Schwehr continues for her 3-year term

Treasurer Linda Montgomery nominated. Other Nominations?

Secretary role is shared: Any other nomination? as membership secretary, (Linda, minutes secretary, John Cregan events/social secretary, nominated).

Vice-chair John Cregan nominated

Committee:

Jennie Johnson (web and event listings), David Hepper (web and other IT support), David Savage, Keith Hayward (Quartermaster), David Smith (Facebook and Jokes), are happy to continue

Adam Mynott (Press and raconteur) wishes to stand down - **Nominations please?**

Would anyone like to join the Committee without a particular portfolio - any other nominations?

6. **Appointment of independent examiner of accounts**

7. Approval of affiliation to Humanists UK, NSS, SCEHN

We'd like approval please for the group continuing to pay for affiliation to all these organisations, costs being approx.

£75

£34

£25

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