

**Secular Hall Events  
April-July 2014**

**Persecution of atheists and Humanists**  
 Bob Churchill  
 6.30pm Sunday 27th Apr




**The Singing Midwife**  
 Julie Dawid  
 6.30pm Sunday 8th June  
 Book your ticket!

**Social housing, past, present and future**  
 Dr Tim Brown (DMU)  
 6.30pm Sunday 6th July




**Oh! What a lovely war**  
 The feature film (free)  
 6.30pm Sunday 27th July

**LOTS MORE EVENTS INSIDE**  
 Feel welcome to come along to debate and socialise over tea and biscuits.  
 Free entry (collection) unless stated otherwise.

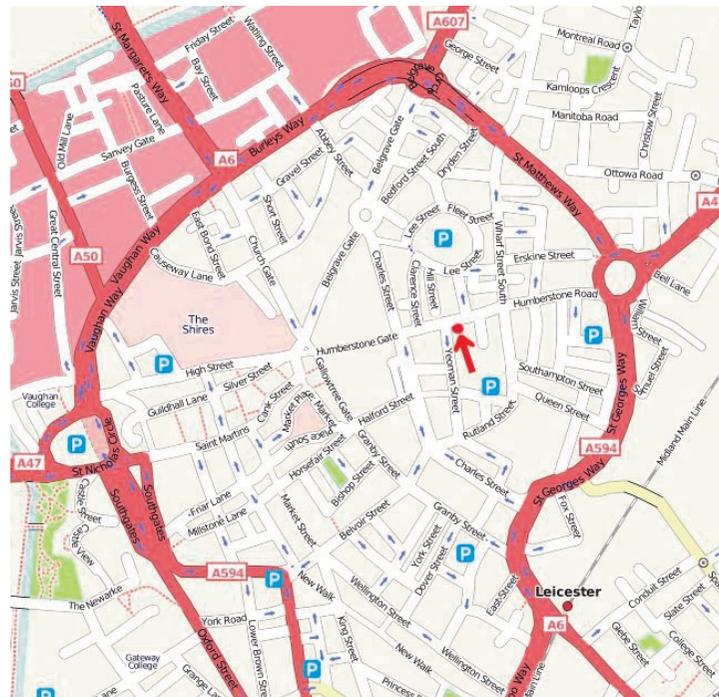
**... and the Sunday Assembly!**  
 All welcome to the new god-free community that aims to live better, help often and wonder more  
 Secular Hall at 11am on these Sundays:  
 11th May - 8th June - 13th July

**HOW TO FIND US**

Secular Hall, home of Leicester Secular Society, is very easy to find at 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB. It is directly opposite Sainsbury's supermarket and is a distinctive Victorian red-brick building. Its location is shown by the red spot on the map below.

There is plenty of public transport serving the city centre, including bus stops right outside the Hall and several bus stations nearby.

The railway station is about half a mile away (also shown on the map). There is nearby street parking (free after 6pm on weekdays and all day on Sundays, and metered for stays of up to three hours at other times) and several car parks, multi-storey and open-site. You will need to work out your own journey details but assistance can be gained from the internet on the following site: [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info)



**Rooms for hire: 07722 782727  
 or: [rooms@lsec.org.uk](mailto:rooms@lsec.org.uk)**

**Leicester Secular Society**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Members are able to participate in the Society's democratic procedures and receive the monthly publication *Leicester Secularist*.

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I have read 'The Principal Aims of Leicester Secular Society' and wish to become a member.

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How did you hear of us?

\*Subscription rates 2014: Individuals £21; Low income £7; Households £28. (50% discount 1st July to 31st December for new members with all annual renewals in January each year.)

Please post your form and payment to The Secretary, Leicester Secular Society, Secular Hall, 75 Humberstone Gate, Leicester LE1 1WB, or hand to one of the Directors. Make cheques payable to 'Leicester Secular Society'. The Board must approve all applications.

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## APRIL 2014

**Sunday 27th April, 6.30pm: The persecution of atheists and Humanists.** Bob Churchill of the International Humanist and Ethical Union. Many countries persecute atheists and Humanists. This talk will name and hopefully shame them.

## MAY 2014

**Sunday 4th May, 7.00pm: Songs you love.** Chris Lloyd and Keith Buck (of Talon, the leading Eagles tribute band: [talonmusic.co.uk](http://talonmusic.co.uk)) with a wide range of popular songs with acoustic guitar. Please support this fundraiser for improvements to Secular Hall. £8 (concessions £5.50\*). Book with Mike on 0116 270 3335. Licensed bar.

**Sunday 11th May, 6.30pm: How democratic is the EU?** Emma McClarkin (Con), Bill Newton-Dunn (Lib Dem), Roger Helmer (UKIP) and Rory Palmer (Lab) debate the question as part of campaigning for the European Elections on 22nd May. Jointly with Unlock Democracy.

**Sunday 18th May, 6.30pm: The life and times of Jack Jones, trade union giant.** Lee Solomon spent much of his childhood and youth with Jack Jones and presents his views and anecdotes about the popular trade union leader.

**Sunday 25th May, 6.30pm: Half-year report back meeting from the LSS Board to members.** Board officers give their interim reports on activities since the AGM and answer any questions members wish to put. LSS members only.

## JUNE 2014

**Sunday 1st June, 6.30pm: The 'Out Campaign' of the Richard Dawkins Foundation.** Lucy Wainwright presents the case for the non-religious to come out of the closet and say where they stand on religion.

**Sunday 8th June, 7.00pm: The Singing Midwife.** Julie Dawid, the 'singing midwife', plays songs inspired by her profession, peppered with numerous very funny anecdotes. £6 on the door (concessions £4.50\*).

**Sunday 15th June, 6.30pm: Positive money.** Did you know that currently in the UK it is the banks that create money not the government? Ian Tennant of the campaigning group Positive

Money presents the case for reforming the money system to take this power away from the banks.

**Sunday 22nd June, 6.30pm: 'That's Humanism'.** Robert Ashby, Chair of the British Humanist Association, presents the case for Humanism and explains the work of the BHA in promoting it. Marking World Humanist Day 2014.

**Sunday 29th June, 6.30pm: The women of Afghanistan.** During a visit in 2013 Janey Moffat made a short film of her experiences with the women of Afghanistan. She will show her film and discuss the situation of Afghan women and the outlook after foreign troop withdrawals this year.

## JULY 2014

**Sunday 6th July, 6.30pm: Social housing past, present and future.** Dr Tim Brown, head of De Montfort University's Centre for Comparative Housing Studies, reviews the history of housing associations and social housing in the UK and speculates about the future of the sector.

**Sunday 13th July, 10.30am: The summer walk.** Blow the cobwebs off with this energising walk followed by the traditional pub lunch for those who want one. Watch the *Leicester Secularist* and the Society website for details. All welcome.

**Sunday 13th July, 6.30pm: WADJDA.** It started with a bicycle. Award-winning film of life for a young girl in Saudi Arabia. Subtitles. Free entry.

**Sunday 20th July, 6.30pm: Tony Benn and the tradition of British radicalism.** Jad Adams, official biographer of the late Tony Benn, will present this topic during which we will pay tribute to Tony Benn, a lifetime honorary member of Leicester Secular Society.

**Sunday 27th July, 6.30pm: Oh! what a lovely war.** Film version of the famous satirical play on WWI. Directed by Richard Attenborough, the film contains songs that epitomise the black humour of the troops and those left behind. Our contribution to commemorating the start of the slaughter one hundred years ago this week. Free entry.

\*Concessions for the following:

LSS Members

On low incomes (self-defined)

Totally reliant on benefits

(And free entry for asylum seekers with no resources at all)

## The Principal Aims of Leicester Secular Society

**Challenging religious privilege and dogma:** We advocate the separation of religion and state, proper representation of people with no religion, the ending of privileges for religious organisations and the secularisation of 'faith' schools. We challenge religious teachings that divert people away from reality.

**Defending rationalism and free speech:** We believe people should be free to express and publish their beliefs, however controversial, without fear of prosecution, persecution, or physical harm, as long as they accord the same rights to others. Anyone should be prepared to submit their views to vigorous debate, questioning of their evidence and testing of their conclusions.

**Working for justice and fairness:** We believe our efforts should be devoted to the elimination of human misery, injustice, poverty and ignorance in the world as it is here and now. We oppose unfair discrimination, bigotry and coercion based on factors such as beliefs, racial or ethnic origins, disability, sex, age, sexuality, or lifestyle.

**Promoting a morality for life:** We believe moral values and virtues like fairness, kindness, loyalty and honesty arise from people needing to live together in peace and harmony, not from any religion. Moral rules must be judged by their consequences for people now, not by their appearance in the 'holy' writings of ancient societies.

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