

**Leicester Secular Society
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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

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 2011/12: 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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Please note: Your details will be held on a computer unless you indicate otherwise and will be used for administration purposes and to keep you informed of relevant activities.

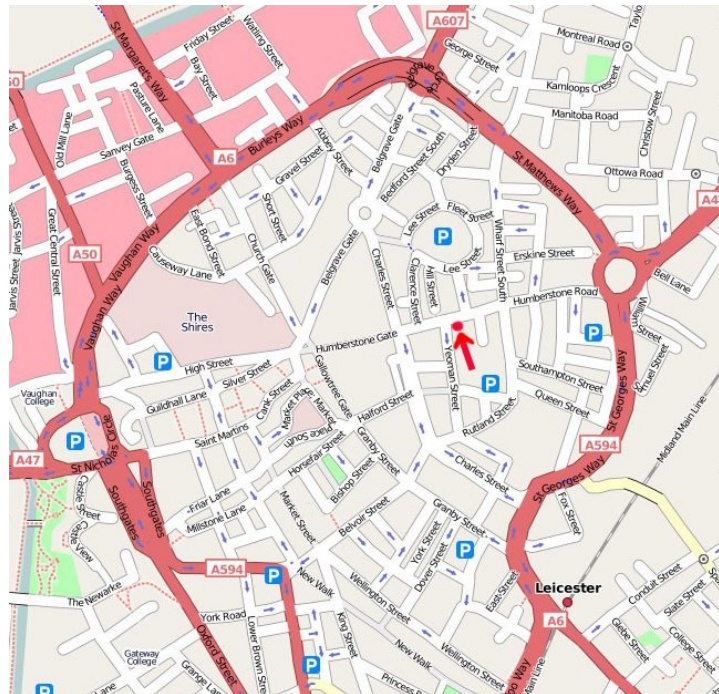
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HOW TO FIND US

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



**Secular Hall Events
Jan - Apr 2012**



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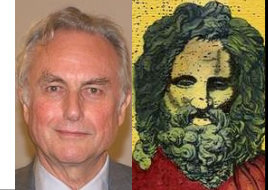
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John Holroyd

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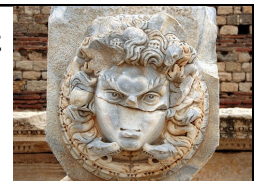
Dr Antony Lempert

5pm Sunday 11th Mar

Libya: politics of the past

Professor David Mattingly

5pm Sunday 22nd Apr



MORE EVENTS INSIDE

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

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JANUARY 2012

Sunday 8th Jan, 5pm: Headstrong meeting.

Come along and air your views on matters of interest to you. Anything goes. Open to all.

Sunday 15th Jan, 5pm: Where are the women composers? Sonja Grossner, herself a composer of music played locally and internationally, looks at past women composers, plays music by women, and asks 'where is the new generation?'

Sunday 22nd Jan, 5pm: Cuba: the story and the issues. In November 2011 Caroline Moles and Michael Gerard revisited Cuba on a study tour. They report what they saw and invite discussion of some key issues. Illustrated.

Sunday 29th Jan, 5pm: The Afro City Swingsters. A group of local musicians recreate the sounds of jazz from South African townships in the era of apartheid. With illustrations from Ned Newitt between the tunes.

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday 5th Feb, 4.15pm: The Morning Star. Tony Briscoe introduces a showing of *The Daily Miracle* about the difficulties encountered in producing the left-wing daily, the *Morning Star*. Then a talk at 5pm and the film again at 7pm.

Thursday 9th Feb, 7.30pm: Darwin Memorial Lecture: The dinosaurs of Crystal Palace. Dr Joe Cain of UCL talks about the 1854 attempt at life size modelling of dinosaurs at Crystal Palace.

Sunday 12th Feb, 5pm: Life as a Moscow correspondent. Kate Clark was Moscow correspondent for *The Scotsman* and the *Morning Star* during the perestroika period. She reflects on events during these years of change.

Sunday 19th Feb, 5pm: Between Dawkins and God. John Holroyd analyses the claims of the new atheism regarding Islam. He is a teacher and contributor to *New Philosophy Magazine*.

Sunday 26th Feb, 5pm: Histories of empire. Prof. John Newsinger reviews recent publications by Jeremy Paxman and Richard Gott and analyses the legacy of this period of British history.

MARCH 2012

Sunday 4th Mar, 5pm: Revisiting radical education: the story of Countesthorpe College.

Lorna Chessum will discuss the internationally acclaimed and democratically run Countesthorpe College. Its 'normalised' practices will be compared with other schools today.

Sunday 11th Mar, 5pm: Cutting religion out of medicine. Dr Antony Lempert, GP and Chair of the Secular Medical Forum, contrasts unhealthy religious practice with medical ethics. From obstructive reproductive rights and forced genital cutting through to terminal care.

Sunday 18th Mar, 5pm: The global security order in the twenty-first century. Dr Rizwana Abassi considers trends in the proliferation of nuclear weapons in the current period.

Sunday 25th Mar, 5pm: The Woodcraft Folk. A national speaker explains how this friendly co-operative movement for young people works to provide healthy non-competitive meeting spaces and has huge international links.

APRIL 2012

Sunday 1st Apr, 5pm: Ethnic conflicts in Sri Lanka: opening our eyes. Zinithiya Ganeshpancham gives an account of the terrible events that have taken place in ethnic conflicts in her homeland Sri Lanka, focusing on the plight of women and children.

Sunday 8th Apr, 10.30am: Spring walk around God's own county. Leicestershire in all its natural glory. Details TBA. Please watch the *Leicester Secularist* and the Society website.

Sunday 15th Apr, 5pm: Revolutionary poetry from Latin America. Patricia Jones taught Spanish for years in Leicester and ran a group devoted to Spanish and Latin American literature. She gained a PhD from Swansea on the topic and this talk arises from her studies.

Sunday 22nd April, 5pm: Libyan archaeology past and future: the politics of the past. Archaeology Professor David Mattingly has worked on many periods of Libya's past and shares thoughts on its future in the post-Gaddafi era.

Sunday 29th April, 5pm: The event is organised by the Society's History Group. Details TBA. Please watch out for more information in the *Leicester Secularist* and on the Society website.

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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