

**Leicester Secular Society**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

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

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

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**Membership rates:**

**Individuals £24; Low income £8; Households £32.**

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.

Please make cheques payable to 'Leicester Secular Society'. The L.S.S. Board must approve all applications. Phone: 01509 211468

**Contact details and online membership application form are also available at [www.Lsec.org.uk](http://www.Lsec.org.uk)**

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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.

**Aims of the 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, caste, sexuality, or lifestyle.

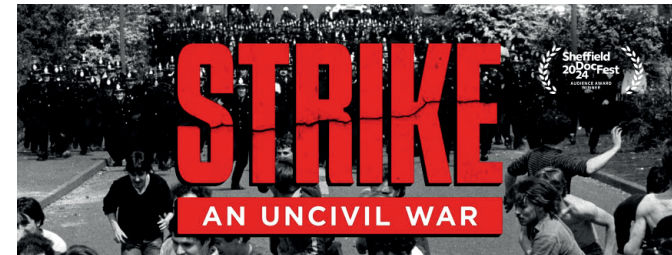
**Promoting a morality for life:**

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.



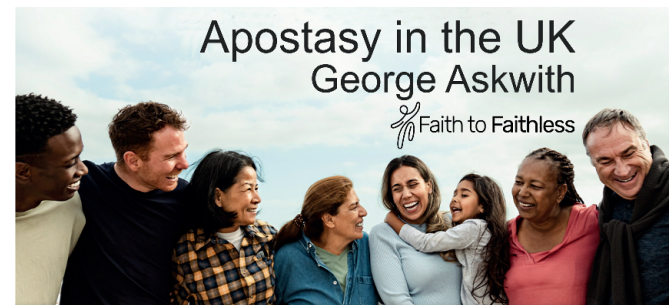
**Secular Hall Events: Autumn 2024**



6.30pm Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September



Witchcraft in Leicestershire - Steve Marquis - 10<sup>th</sup> Nov



Free entry, tea & biscuits unless otherwise stated - donations welcome

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME

**6.30pm Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

**Len Holden: *The Rise & Decline of the Country House***

The talk is about the history of the country house: the architecture, interiors, the parklands and inhabitants (both owners and servants). The talk will refer to a number of houses in the Leicestershire and Northamptonshire area.

**10am - 4pm, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Heritage Open Day**

Exhibitions, tours of the building. Come and learn about the history of the Society & its Hall.



**6.30pm, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Colin Hyde:**

This talk shows that Leicester's Victorian terraced housing is not all the same; it has a wide variety of design and decoration. In the last quarter of the 19th century brick and terracotta companies produced a huge variety of decoration that could be added to the smallest houses. Leicester's builders used a lot of this decoration.

**6.30pm, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

**Film: *STRIKE: AN UNCIVIL WAR***

Daniel Gordon's feature documentary tells the story of the Battle of Orgreave, the most violent confrontation during the 1984 miners' strike

**6.30pm Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Rory Lane: *Dear Albert***

Rory talks about the work of Dear Albert which helps people stop taking alcohol and drugs.

**6.30pm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

**A Former Resident of Afghanistan: *Education in Afghanistan***

This talk shows how the manipulation of the education system played a significant role in fostering extremism and violence.



*First class Stamp - Appalachian dancers*

**6.30pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October**

**First Class Stamp: *Appalachian Dancers***

First Class Stamp Appalachian are a dance team based in Nuneaton. They dance in the 'buck and wing' Appalachian style using traditional stepping arranged into their own dances. They regularly perform at folk festivals during the summer. They will be accompanied by live music.

**6.30pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

To be Announced

**6.30pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Hannah Sellers: *Leicestershire's Woodland History***

How can we use fossil pollen and place names to tell us about the history of Leicestershire's woodlands? Hannah is studying woodland change in Leicestershire

**6.30pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Daniel Sharp: *The new Theism (Zoom)***

This talk looks at the rise of a new counter-Enlightenment that defends religion and Christianity in particular. The New Theists argue 'not that religion is true, but that it is useful.' Daniel is the new editor of the Freethinker. *It will be screened in the Hall*

**6.30 for 7pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Alfie Moore: *Radio Warm-up Show***

Cop-turned-comedian Alfie returns with a brand-new show ahead of recording his BBC Radio 4 comedy *It's a Fair Cop*.

*tickets £12 & £8 (LSS members)*

**6.30pm Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Steve Marquis: *Witchcraft in Leicestershire***

Steve Marquis takes a look at the history of witchcraft prosecutions in 17th and 18th century Leicestershire. Between 1542 and 1736 thousands of people in England were accused of being witches and would have suffered hideous torture with up to 1,000 executed, 90% of whom were women.

**3.00pm Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**AGM**

Members only meeting - no evening lecture

**6.30pm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**George Askwith: *From Faith to Faithless***

Belief in a religion is a fundamental human right and with it is the right not to believe. Unfortunately, this is not afforded to everyone, and for some people leaving their religion can be a complicated, challenging, and dangerous process.

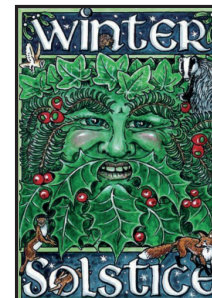
**6:30pm Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

To be Announced

**6:30pm Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Steve Hurd: *Humanist Schools in Uganda***

He looks at developments at the Humanist Schools and discusses their ethos and strategy to 2028



**6.30pm Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**XMAS**

**SOCIAL**

**live music - quiz**

**bring food to share**