Summer 2007 News Update

## Suffolk Humanist

Suffolk Humanist Group Newsletter

June 2007



Andrew Copson, BHA Education & Public Affairs Officer, will be our guest speaker on Wednesday 13th June at 7.30pm.

Guests welcome. We'll be at Castle Hill Community Centre, Highfield Road, Ipswich. Please note: we won't be in our usual Room I, but upstairs in Room 6, unless the hall is available. Look for directions on the front door.

Cliff Lovett, a member of Suffolk Humanists who died five years ago, was an enthusiastic member of the Wicken Mill Preservation Group. Cliff taught himself the skill of casting, and his efforts saved the group £1000s. Cliff's partner Marguerite has suggested an outing to Wicken Mill (near Ely in Cambridgeshire) on one of its open days. We thought we might go on

Saturday 7th July. There'll be bread made from Wicken flour to sample, and (given enough notice) Marguerite will bake a cake. Transport can be shared. If you're interested, please let me know ASAP, but by 30th June at the latest.



Anyone fancy a Woodbridge pub lunch on Sunday, 5th August? If you do, get in touch by 30th July.

The next meeting at Castle Hill Community Centre will be on Wednesday 12th September. There'll be another newsletter before then.

## **SACRE News**

At a meeting of Suffolk County Council's SACRE (Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) on June 5th, I was promoted from being a co-opted member to being a full member. Suffolk's SACRE is a harmonious group of religious representatives, county councillors and teachers, and I'm pleased they've agreed to promote me. In

> other parts of the country, Humanists have faced resistance from their SACREs and have found it hard to be accepted, though the new National Framework for RE recommends that syllabuses should include the study of Humanism and secular world views, as the new Suffolk syllabus does.

Colchester meetings are under review,

as (apart from the Peter Tatchell meeting in March) so few Colchester people have attended, while Ipswich people have travelled a long way.

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