

# The SUFFOLK HUMANIST

NEWSLETTER OF THE SUFFOLK HUMANIST GROUP

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## Diversity at SIFRE

**Sorry to confuse you, but we've moved our next meeting back to a Tuesday just this once, and will be in a different place –the Suffolk Inter-Faith Resource Centre (SIFRE) in Grimwade Street, Ipswich – at the usual time, 7.30pm. That's Tuesday next, 8<sup>th</sup> July.**

The reason is so that we can play **Diversity**. You may not be religious, but how much do you know about religion? There are people in Suffolk from a variety of faiths, not just Christianity – and there are many kinds of Christianity. The next time you get into a discussion about religion, maybe you'd like to know what you're talking about? Hopefully, playing the game will enlighten you.

You'll find a map overleaf. Drivers should park in the main car park at Suffolk College then walk down Grimwade Street, past Peter's Ice Cream on the right and the traffic lights at the Star Lane junction. The SIFRE bungalow is first on the left after this, where there's a No Entry sign (it's an exit gate from the college).

If you can't walk far and need to park outside, ignore the No Entry sign and park

just inside the exit.

For help and information, lifts or offers of lifts, phone 01473 658828 or 07901 656463.

We'll be having refreshments and the usual raffle, and there'll be a selection of Humanist books and SIFRE publications on sale.

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This will be a short newsletter, due to lack of time and contributions. If anyone has anything for the next newsletter, post it to

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Elmsett  
Suffolk, IP7 6ND

or email  
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by the end of August please.

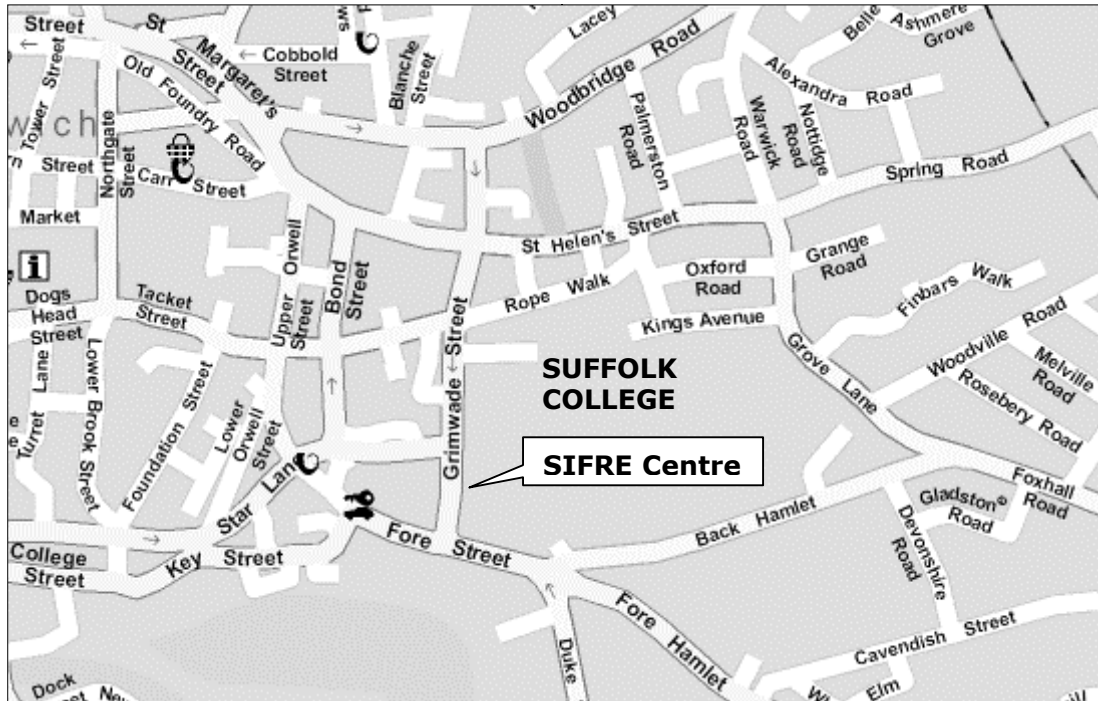
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Our **website** will be offline for about a month soon, while our host Wizwow changes servers, etc. Normal service will be resumed ASAP.

This is how **Diversity** is described on the SIFRE website:

The Game Diversity© has been devised and developed in consultation with members and friends of Suffolk Inter-Faith Resource. It is a non-competitive board game which enables its players to learn basic information about the faiths now being practised in this country. In addition, it encourages them to look at the appropriateness of statutory systems and processes and to consider the significance of personal encounters within our diverse and fragmented society. It is very suitable for the teaching and training of almost all sections of our society, from primary school children to professionals working for the statutory bodies concerned with the welfare and care of our multi-faith and multi-cultural community.

The game invites each of its players to assume the identity of someone from a different faith section of society and to experience how that person might feel in daily dealings with fellow members of an ill informed world.



## AN URGENT APPEAL FROM THE REFUGEE COUNCIL

We are in desperate need of second-hand clothing. We need good quality clothing for young men and women. For men we are very short of trousers, T-shirts, shirts etc. For women we also need trousers and tops. Please take your clothing to:

Dagmar Grafton  
Volunteer Co-ordinator  
The Refugee Council  
4 - 8 Museum Street  
Ipswich, IP1 1HT

Tel. 01473 297900

*If you can't get to Museum Street but are coming to the meeting on Tuesday, bring clothing with you and it will be delivered.*

If you haven't paid your £5 annual sub, please do so soon or this may be your last newsletter. Members of Suffolk Humanists get a free copy of 'A Short Course in Humanism'. If you haven't had one, phone 01473 658828.

Offers to host social gatherings or organise outings are very welcome. Please get in touch. Anyone interested in the BP Portrait Awards at the National Portrait Gallery? Will be travelling by train/taxi.

## Dates for your diaries

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August, 10am – 3pm,  
**Colchester Crematorium Open Day.**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 10am onwards,  
**Breakfast** at 5 Hadleigh Road, Elmsett – good organic grub, £5 a head, profits to the group. Book by the 14<sup>th</sup> please – 01473 658828.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 10am - 4pm,  
**Ipswich Crematorium Open Day** – we'll be there with the Suffolk Humanists' stand. Volunteers welcome.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm,  
**regular meeting** at Castle Hill Community Centre, when we hope to have a guest speaker from the Refugee Council. Sympathetic guests and raffle prizes always welcome.

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