

**National Federation of Atheist,
Humanist and Secular Student
Societies**

AHS

2010 AGM

Bristol

AASS

9th–11th July 2010

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in partnership with
**University of Bristol Atheist, Agnostic
and Secular Society**

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Dear all,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the Annual General Meeting of the National Federation of Atheist, Humanist and Secular Student Societies (AHS), which will take place on the 9th-11th July in Bristol. It will be hosted by the University of Bristol Atheist, Agnostic and Secular Society (AASS) who were established just over 4 years ago. This document details how to get to Bristol, where to stay, contact details of the organisers and everything that's planned for the weekend. Please make sure you RSVP as well.

The AGM will see the election of the 3rd Cabinet of the AHS after a very successful year, with new members joining, new societies being set up, and many fantastic events held. There will also be lots of training workshops, including advice on running freshers stalls, dealing with apathy, committee bonding and, of course, Bristol's own speciality – running discussions in the pub.

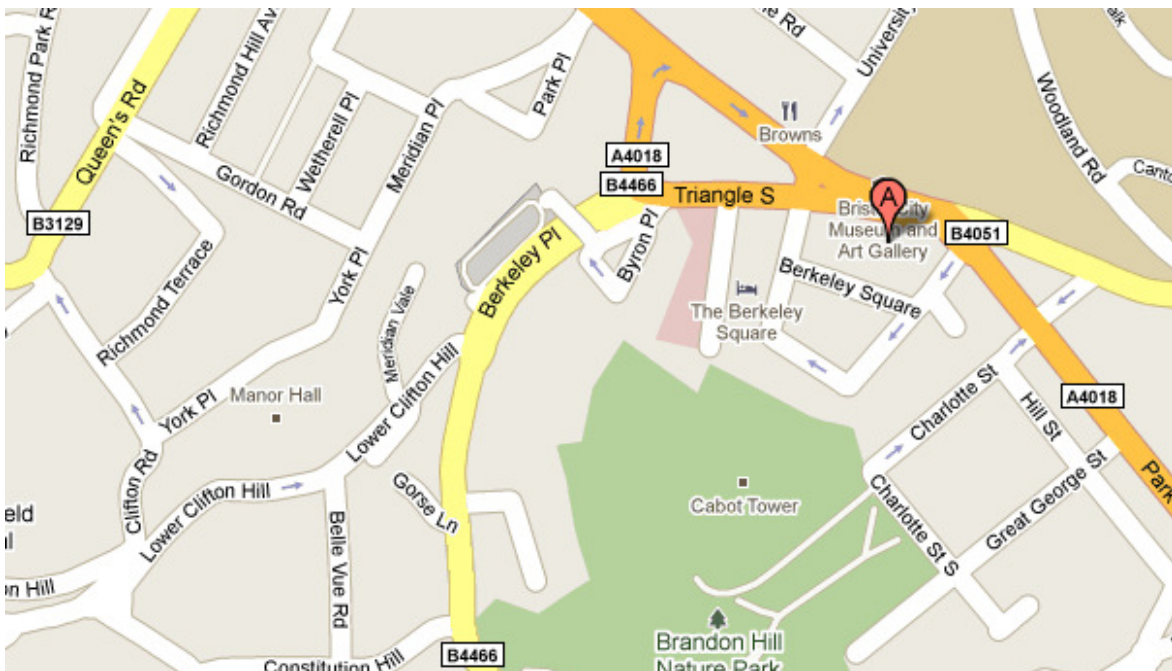
I hope you can attend what promises to be an exciting and beneficial weekend.

Jenny Bartle,

President, University of Bristol Atheist, Agnostic and Secular Society

Getting to Bristol

All directions, apart from by car, are to the Wills Memorial Building on the triangle, which is a 5 minute walk to the precinct and to Manor Hall, where you will be staying. Below is a map showing the area between Wills and Manor Hall. There are lots of other helpful maps on the University website at <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/university/maps>.



By Car

People travelling by car from London should take the M4. From the north, take the M5, and turn onto the M4 at J15. Once on the M4, take J19 onto the M32, which leads straight into Bristol. Manor Hall has a small car park, which is accessed via York Place, then Clifton Road, then Lower Clifton Hill (which is a one way road, and a very sharp turn!).

By Train

Visitors travelling by train should alight at Bristol Temple Meads station. It is a £6-8 taxi ride from the station to the Wills Memorial Building, and is a 40 minute walk. City bus services 8 and 9 are available from the train station and travel via the city centre to near the Wills Memorial Building, and take approximately 30 minutes. You should buy a ticket to "The Triangle", and get off at the stop outside Weatherspoons pub, opposite the Wills Memorial Building.

By Plane

Bristol International Airport is located only 13 kilometres to the south of the city, situated beside the A38. The Bristol International Flyer service, service 330, runs approximately every half an hour between the airport and the Wills Memorial Building. Please allow 45 minutes for this journey.

Where to Stay

There are many hotels in the Clifton area, however most of them are not all that cheap. As such we have booked 40 rooms in Manor Hall. Rooms are single and have shared shower/bathroom facilities. It costs £27 per person per night, plus breakfast. For those who wish to, staying in a hotel in Clifton is perfectly viable too, as it is very near both the precinct and Manor Hall.

While You're Here...

Friday

On Friday afternoon we will be in Manor Hall, in the gardens if the weather is nice, and in the dining hall if it's rainy. Arrive any time after 3pm, and we'll have croquet on Manor Hall's lawn, or cards and films in the dining hall. The evening meal will be at the Indian restaurant *Joy Raj*, which is good food and good value. Then we will go to the pub where everyone has to buy Jenny a birthday drink!

Saturday

Saturday is the day of the AGM, and will run as follows:

- 10.00** Introductions
- 11.00** Apologies, ratification of minutes, Executive and Officer reports
- 12.00** Break
- 12.30** Vote on motions, ratifications, AOB
- 13.30** Lunch
- 14.30** Elect new Executive and Officers
- 15.30** Break (non-Regional Reps)
- 15.30** Regional Representative training (just RRs)
- 16.00** 'Getting the most out of membership: helping us to help you' lead discussion on resources, workshops, events.
- 17:00** End of AGM

We will be eating at *Pizza Express* at 18:00, and afterwards we will head to the pub and have a traditional round table AASS discussion, entitled "*What follows from atheism?*".

The procedure for the AGM is laid down in the AHS Constitution. In particular, each Full Member society is represented on the AHS Committee by their President and another elected representative. Should they wish, the President can appoint someone to take their place. It is members of the Committee who are allowed to vote during the AGM.

Sunday

On Sunday the Cabinet will be having a handover from 9-12 am. In the meantime, everyone else will be enjoying this programme:

10.30 Workshop – Running a successful Freshers Fair

11.10 Break

11.20 Workshop – Dealing with apathy and committee bonding

12.00 AASS give a master class in writing and leading discussions

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Taking turns in chairing discussion

15.00 Break

15.30 Inspirational speaker, Julian Baggini

16.00 Chill on the grass or films (depending on weather)

Julian Baggini

Dr Julian Baggini is a philosopher, author, journalist and British Humanist Association distinguished supporter. He has prolifically written books about philosophy, most recently *Should You Judge This Book By Its Cover?* He has also contributed to the Herald, the Guardian, the Independent, the Times, the Financial Times, *New Statesman*, the BBC and others. He is the editor of *The Philosophers' Magazine*.

RSVP

If you intend to come, please RSVP so that we know numbers for Manor Hall, for food, and for restaurant bookings. RSVPs should be to Jenny Bartle at president@aass.org.uk.

If you wish, you can also mark your attendance on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=117496258282765>.

Contact Details

Our email address is committee@aass.org.uk, and our website is <http://www.aass.org.uk>. If you get *really* stuck, President Jenny Bartle's phone number is 07789 086200.