



NOTICE OF MEETING

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Thursday 10 March 2011, 5.00 pm

Council Chamber, Fourth Floor, Easthampstead House, Bracknell

To: Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Paula Ridgway, The Free Churches
Irene Robinson, The Free Churches
John Baildam, The Free Churches
Anne Gibbons, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Carol Nicholls, Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth
Kusum Trikha, Hindu faith
Joel Roszykiewicz, Buddhist faith
Rabbi Zvi Solomons, Jewish faith
Arfan Rashid, Muslim faith
Ranjit Bilkhu, Sikh Community
Councillor Mrs Maureen Beadsley, Church of England
David Fawcett, Church of England
Julie Mintern, Church of England
Councillor Andy Blatchford, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Alvin Finch, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Mrs Dorothy Hayes MBE, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Ian Leake, Bracknell Forest Council
Councillor Clifton Thompson, Bracknell Forest Council
Felicity Allen, Associations Representing Teachers (NASUWT)
Madeline Diver, Associations Representing Teachers (VOICE)
Colin Hickson, Associations Representing Teachers (NUT)
Samantha Hunt, Associations Representing Teachers (ATL)
Kathleen Nugent, Associations Representing Teachers (NAHT)
One Vacancy, Associations Representing Teachers (SHA)
Kathy Hadfield, Co-opted Member
Rev Michael Bentley, Co-opted Member

ALISON SANDERS

Director of Corporate Services

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AGENDA

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**STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
10 NOVEMBER 2010
5.00 - 6.10 PM**

Present:

Free Churches:

Mrs Irene Robinson

The Roman Catholic Church:

Mrs Anne Gibbons

Mrs Carol Nicholls

Other Religions:

Joel Roszykiewicz

The Church of England:

Mr Gordon Anderson

Mrs Maureen Beadsley

Mr David Fawcett

Mrs Julie Mintern

Associations representing Teachers:

Ms Felicity Allen

Mr Colin Hickson

Ms Madeline Diver

Bracknell Forest Council:

Cllr Andy Blatchford

Cllr Alvin Finch

Cllr Mrs Dorothy Hayes

Co-opted Members:

Dr Kathy Hadfield

Revd Michael Bentley

In Attendance:

Ms Jo Fageant

Martin Surrell, Senior Adviser

Priya Patel, Democratic Services

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Thompson, Mrs Paula Ridgeway, Mr John Baildam, Mr Arfan Rashid and Mrs Samantha Hunt.

156. Election of Chairman (clerk in the chair)

On the proposition of Reverend Michael Bentley, seconded by Anne Gibbons it was **RESOLVED** that;

Gordon Anderson be elected the Chairman of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the academic year 2010-11.

157. Election of Deputy Chairman

It was noted that Paula Ridgeway had expressed that she would like to stand down as Deputy Chairman for the following academic year.

On the proposition of Gordon Anderson and seconded by Reverend Michael Bentley, it was **RESOLVED** that:

Maureen Beadsley be elected as Deputy Chairman of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education for the academic year 2010-11.

158. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

159. Matters Arising not already on the agenda

Minute 145: It was noted that Reverend Michael Bentley had attended the Faith and Belief Steering Group and that there would be an Open Evening on Tuesday 16 November.

It was reported that Bracknell Forest Council had commissioned a faith and belief mapping exercise by a group from Coventry University, the details would be sent to the clerk who would then distribute it to members.

Minute 147: It was noted that there had been no further communication from the British Humanist Association.

160. SACRE membership

The Chairman reported that whilst there had been some problems in the past with the support from Democratic Services, particularly around membership, it was hoped that with changes in staffing, that these issues would be overcome.

161. Resources Centre and Artefacts Report/Update

It was reported that the artefacts had been very well used this term, in particular a large booking had been made for the Islamic artefacts. Martin Surrell agreed to send the clerk the statistics on usage, who would then forward them to members. He also reported that a batch of catalogues were still available and so would be sent out to all Bracknell Forest primary schools.

162. The Monitoring of RE and CW in Bracknell Forest Schools - Update on the Way Forward

Martin Surrell reported that he had requested exam results for individual schools, as requested by SACRE members, however head teachers expressed the view that giving this information would not provide a full picture of standards in R.E.

Members felt that as SACRE had a responsibility to monitor standards in R.E, this information would in fact be useful, even if it only represented part of the picture.

Martin Surrell reported that he was currently exploring approaches to monitoring various aspects of R.E study. He had some discussions with the Network Co-ordinator who had been initially reluctant to get involved as she felt it didn't fall into her role. It was hoped that a further meeting with the Network Leader in the next few days could progress the matter.

163. Bracknell Forest Schools' RE Examination Results - Review

It was reported that all students that had taken the GCSE full course R.E examination had passed and 72% had achieved a grade C or above. There had been improvements in performance at all levels in comparison to the year before. There had been a decrease in the number who had taken the short course and a number of schools were reviewing the short courses offered. Martin Surrell agreed to provide details of the number of students in the Year 11 cohort.

164. Bracknell Forest SACRE's Annual Report 2009/10

The Bracknell Forest SACRE Annual Report 2009/10 was tabled at the meeting. The Chairman asked that members read the report outside the meeting and forward any comments that they may have to him.

It was agreed that the report be amended and finalised by the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Jo Fageant and then circulated to all members of SACRE as well as being sent to Bracknell Forest schools and the Secretary of State. It was noted that QCA were soon to be abolished.

165. Locally Agreed Syllabus Review Plan and Funding

The Chairman stated that he hoped that Bracknell Forest Council would be funding the review and felt confident that this would be the case as it remained to be a statutory obligation.

It was noted that an agreed syllabus conference would need to be established by June 2011, in order to take this review forward. It was agreed that a conference be convened prior to the March 2011 SACRE meeting to see who would like to participate in the review and to set up working groups.

The SACRE Associate Advisor reported that five local authorities were committed to undertaking the review jointly, she needed to confirm that Reading Borough Council still wanted to be involved in a joint review as they had recently made their R.E specialist advisor redundant. She stated that she would work with West Berkshire to put together a number of costed models that could be brought to the March 2011 SACRE meeting and members could consider which model they would like to opt for. She stated that although the review would be a joint one, working groups could work on individual parts of the syllabus.

It was agreed that the SACRE Associate Advisor would draft a co-ordinated questionnaire for teachers' to complete across the five local authorities to get a flavour of what they thought of the current syllabus. This information could then be used to inform the review process. SACRE members felt it was important that teachers knew that the syllabus was reviewed every five years and that feedback from them on what worked well and what needed to be changed was crucial.

The Chairman asked that the results of the questionnaire be brought before SACRE for their March 2011 meeting.

166. National Interfaith Week: 21-27 November 2010

It was reported that there would be a Conference held at Newbold College on 23 November to mark National Interfaith Week. Invitations had already been circulated, there would be a series of five minute speeches from various faith and belief groups. There would also be displays around the room.

It was noted that Reverend Michael Bentley would be speaking for a five minute slot on Christianity, there would also be speeches from other denominational Christian groups. CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) had a five minute slot. There would also be displays from the Crowthorne Hope Zone led by the Methodist Church. Newbold College and the Kerith Centre also had five minute slots.

In addition, there would be an Islamic speaker, Madeline Diver asked if any of the faith representatives on SACRE would like to volunteer themselves to speak about their faith. Joel Roszykiewicz volunteered to take a slot to speak on Buddhism.

167. Celebrating RE Month - March 2011

The SACRE Associate Advisor reported that a website had been launched: celebratingre.org.uk and was growing rapidly with ideas of activity that could take place across the Country. There were already lots of competitions being set up, it was suggested that the SACRE could develop some ideas at the Joint SACRE Conference.

The Chairman stated that one possible idea that the SACRE had already considered was an R.E trail that could move around various points of religious interest around a local area, perhaps one of the villages or towns of Bracknell Forest.

It was suggested that local school children could be tasked with suggesting where the trail should be and what should be included in the trail, as a research topic. It was agreed that Councillor Mrs Maureen Beadsley, Paula Ridgeway and Councillor Alvin Finch would set up a working group to progress these ideas.

168. Berkshire Joint SACRE's Conference

The SACRE Associate Advisor reported that each SACRE participating in the Joint SACRE Conference would subsequently need to approve whatever model was developed. It was suggested that it may be helpful to spend some time at the Conference looking at the syllabus itself and making sure that members were familiar with it.

The questionnaires distributed to schools should give a flavour of teachers' views of the syllabus. It was suggested that an informal approach to the Conference may be an effective way of generating ideas, perhaps using workshops to share ideas and look at what was already in place and what members would like to see in a future syllabus.

The Chairman suggested that the SACRE budget could be used to fund SACRE members attendance at the Conference. The SACRE Associate Advisor suggested that one or two teachers could also be invited to display their work and that this year there would be no guest speaker which would reduce costs.

169. Dates of Future Meetings

Thursday 10 March 2011, Council Chamber, Easthampstead House
Thursday 7 July 2011, Easthampstead Conference Centre
Thursday 10 November 2011, Council Chamber, Easthampstead House

Anne Gibbons closed the meeting with a prayer.

CHAIRMAN

Alvin, Maureen and Paula have met to work on this project.

1. We have been able to suggest sites in Bracknell and Sandhurst [the latter will need fleshing out by a SACRE member more familiar with the town] but need input from folk familiar with the Northern Parishes and Crowthorne in order to compile a similar list.
2. Like the group discussing a possible list for Bracknell at the conference, we found it difficult to plan a route that would be helpful for schools in South Bracknell. [Alvin has suggestions for the north of the town including Priestwood.] So schools might plot their own routes depending on their location and proximity to the places we have identified.
3. It was very hard to identify sites other than pre-historic and Christian - other SACRE members might have suggestions.

BRACKNELL TOWN

- Prehistoric Sites include round and long barrows e.g. on Wooden Hill and at Bill Hill (Easthampstead) between Rectory Lane and Downshire Way. Latter is a Bronze Age Tumulus or round barrow c.1000BC.
- Place Names e.g Priestwood, Rectory Lane. Church Road, Priory Road, Saltire Gardens, All Saints' Rise and surrounding roads in Warfield e.g. Bartholomew Place, roads named after former rectors of Easthampstead in Birch Hill e.g. Budham Way (Richard de Budham). The Rectory, the Vicarage, the Manse, the Presbytery.
- Pub names e.g. the Green Man
- Graveyards and burial grounds e.g. Larges Lane cemetery, St Michael's Easthampstead, Holy Trinity Bracknell, the old non-conformist burial ground off Downshire Way, the Crematorium.
- War memorials – in the town centre and in the churchyard at St Michael's Easthampstead
- Traditional Anglican Churches e.g. St Michael and All Angels at Warfield; St Michael's Easthampstead; Holy Trinity Bracknell. Warfield - present church dates from 1087 (north aisle) and was part of Hurley Priory until the Dissolution. Contains an Elizabethan Parish Chest. Restored in the 19th century by GE Street. Easthampstead – an early church existed on the site in 1159 and was replaced in 1867. Contains windows by William Morris and Burne-Jones. Ancient yew tree in the graveyard has a girth of over 13 feet. Bracknell was built in 1851 as a place of worship for the expanding village.
- Modern Church Buildings whose architecture and furnishings reflect modern and denominational worship e.g. St Andrew's Priestwood (the third of that name in Bracknell). The first church was built in 1888 on Priestwood Common behind the sub-post office. The second church (1965) stood on what is now Saltire Gardens. The present St Andrew's (1990) is next to the Community Centre and contains the Stations of the Cross painted in 1976 by the artist John Budgett. Also the Kerith Centre, Easthampstead Baptist Church, St Joseph's and St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Churches. Other denominations present in

the town include the Methodists, the URC and the Pentecostals together with numerous church plants in schools and community centres. Ecumenical churches e.g. The Pines.

- The Mormons; Jehovah's Witnesses

SANDHURST

- St Michael and All Angels Church
- Methodist, Baptist and Catholic churches
- Church Road
- Sandhurst Well
- Site of the former St Mary's Church
- Royal Military Academy with its chapel

BINFIELD

There was a dissenting chapel east of Rose Farm, along what is now North View. The site is now occupied by semi-detached dwellings.

The Green Man, Crowthorne Road, Bracknell

Green Man is a [sculpture](#), [drawing](#), or other representation of a face surrounded by or made from [leaves](#). Branches or [vines](#) may sprout from the nose, mouth, nostrils or other parts of the face and these shoots may bear flowers or fruit. Commonly used as a decorative [architectural ornament](#), Green Men are frequently found on [carvings](#) in [churches](#) and other buildings (both secular and [ecclesiastical](#)). "The Green Man" is also a popular name for English [public houses](#) and various interpretations of the name appear on inn signs, which sometimes show a full figure rather than just the head.

The Green Man [motif](#) has many variations. Found in many cultures around the world, the Green Man is often related to natural vegetative deities springing up in different cultures throughout the ages. Primarily it is interpreted as a [symbol](#) of rebirth, or "renaissance," representing the cycle of growth each spring.

Warfield was originally an [Anglo-Saxon](#) settlement and is recorded in the [Domesday Book](#) as *Warwelt* [sic]. The name is believed to have originated from the Old English *wær + feld*, meaning 'Open land by a weir'^[1]. The medieval church is one of the finest in [Berkshire](#), particularly noted for its [Decorated Period](#) chancel with beautiful carvings and '[Green Men](#)'.

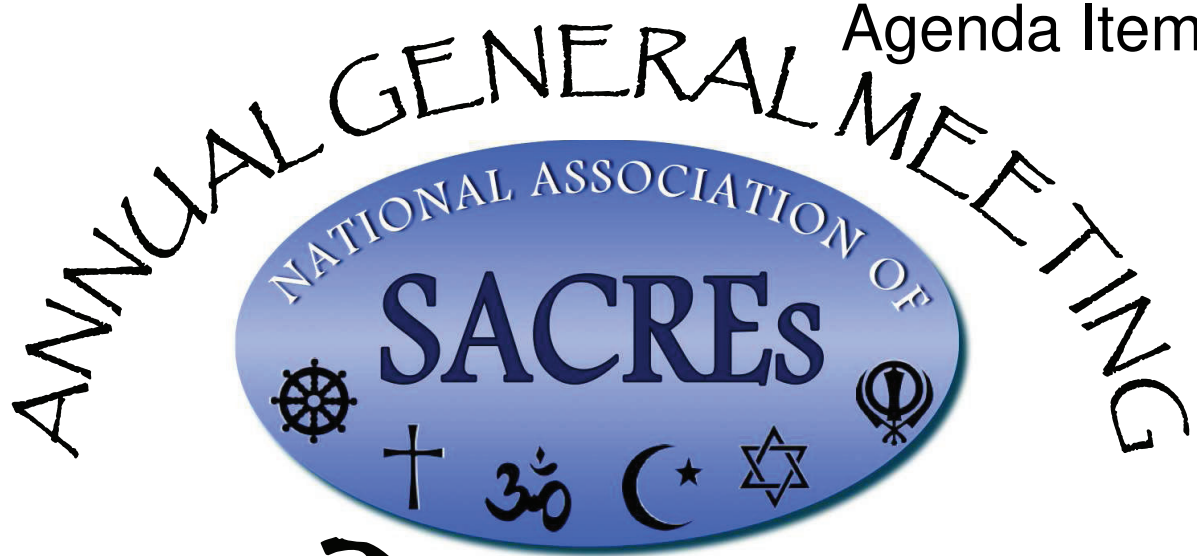
<http://www.thebracknellforestsociety.org.uk/html/history.html>

St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church was started in Bracknell in 1894 in 'a tin hut' where the British Legion is now. The present church was designed in 1956 by a famous architect, Anthony Sargeant and was opened in 1962. He was influenced by a visit to Scandinavia. The roof tiles were made in Bracknell.

The Priory, at the junction of Priory Lane, was a "Holiday Priory/Kitchen Garden", for the Home Benedictine Priory, near the Tyburn in London. This was the place where Londoners were hung!

There is now a French Priory, near to the old London Tyburn site, which has a replica gallows in the Chapel – prayers are still said for the "Departed".

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2011

Wednesday 11th May
10 for 10.30am~3.30pm

The Council House, Birmingham

Keynote Speaker

ROBERT BECKFORD

Theologian and television presenter

***'Effective SACREs Engaging with Young
People in the Big Society'***

and featuring presentations by

Pupils engaged in Westhill/NASACRE projects

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Celebrating RE 2011
NASACRE Conference
FREE

WHOSE RE IS IT ANYWAY?

Carrs Lane Church Centre, Birmingham B4 7SX

Thurs 31st March 2011: 10am-3.45pm

This will be a vital exploration of the creative tensions that exist within and between the different interest groups/stakeholders in their views of and reasons for RE in schools: what RE is all about, why we should be bothered about it and what pupils should get out of it. These tensions affect us all, but especially those who serve on agreed syllabus conferences (ASCs).

The purpose of the day is to engage people in these issues, to enable us all to listen and respond to different perspectives and to work out what is best for children and young people in schools and ultimately for the development of society.

The conference will provide both stimulus and engagement. There will be four quick ten-minute 'talking-heads' reflections on the whys and wherefores of good RE in our schools followed by workshops where some of these can be more deeply explored.

Speakers include: Graham Langtree, RE Adviser Devon; Barbara Wintersgill, former HMI; Sandra Teacher, Board of Deputies' Education Officer; Andrew Wright, Professor of Religious and Theological Education, King's College London, Bill Moore, Chair; Bruce Gill; Denise Chaplin; Jo Fageant and Sharon Artley, NASACRE.

The conference will:

- explore the tensions and controversies within and between RE stakeholders with a particular focus on quality RE for pupils in schools;
- provide stimuli to thinking and discussions amongst RE stakeholders about why we should be bothered about it and what pupils should get out of it;
- provide an opportunity for stakeholders to voice, and share their different perspectives and listen to the different interests within the RE community.

Outcomes:

- a NASACRE steer on how SACREs and ASCs are central to quality RE because they pull together the local and national, the faith communities and educational principles in their locally agreed syllabuses;
- a NASACRE positional statement on shared responsibility for quality RE;
- clearer understanding for SACREs and other partners on how SACREs can improve RE locally and nationally;
- a report on the conference.

To register, contact:

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Celebrating RE

Whose RE is it Anyway?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 10am: Coffee & registration;
- 10.25am: Welcome & Introductions:
Setting the scene and contextualising the day: Bill Moore;
- 10.40am: Talking Heads 1:
Local or National?
Where is RE's Best Future?
Speakers: Graham Langtree and Barbara Wintersgill
- Talking Heads 2:
Faith Community or Education Community?
Who owns RE?
Speakers: Sandra Teacher and Andrew Wright
Chaired by Bruce Gill
- 11.25am: Workshops 1
- 12.20pm: Lunch
- 1.20pm: Workshops 2
- 2.15pm: Questions Board?
Feedback / panel chaired by Bruce Gill;
- 3pm: Celebration award giving: Sharon Artley;
- 3.15pm: **RE ANYway? Why quality RE is worth struggling for and what needs to be done.:** Graham Langtree;
- 3.30pm: Vote of thanks: Bill Moore;
- 3.45pm: Finish

WORKSHOPS:

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| Learners' RE? What do we want pupils and schools to get from RE? | Bill Moore |
| Partners' RE? The route to agreement – working in partnership in a cost-cutting climate | Denise Chaplin |
| Teachers' RE? Truth and controversy in the RE classroom | Andy Wright |
| Local RE? Local ownership of a national framework | Graham Langtree |
| Communities' RE? From A to B: how do faith groups work together? | Jo Fageant |