

***My favourite building in Leek  
- why architecture matters.***

DiPs at *The Blue Mugge* Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> November 15. at 7.45pm...

Please bring, if you can, any photos/books/illustrations to help make the case for anything as below:

Starting with a broad-brush review of 'why architecture matters':

1. Consider these quotes

'The mother art is architecture.'

Frank Lloyd Wright

'Without architecture of our own we have not soul of our civilisation' Frank Lloyd Wright

'I call architecture frozen music'

Goethe

'We require from buildings two kinds of goodness: first, the doing their practical duty well; then that they be graceful and pleasing in doing it'.  
John Ruskin

'Every great architect is – necessarily – a great poet'

Frank Lloyd Wright

'We shape our buildings, therefrom they shape us'

William Churchill

2. Did anyone have any lessons on Architecture at school?  
Should it be in the curriculum today?

3. Before getting on to good architecture, consider the bad and the ugly:  
Were the '60s quite the worst time for architecture in the modern era?  
There are some awful buildings in Leek? Which and where?  
Writer and philosopher, Alan de Botton, when staying in a *Premier Inn* said  
everything about the room conspired to make him unhappy....

4. Leek has arguably the richest range of fine architecture of any similar sized town  
in Britain. So say some architects and architectural historians. Do we agree?

5. So, which is your favourite building in Leek? Illustrate if possible with (verbal or actual)  
picture/s and justify your choice maybe referring to the above quotes - making this  
therefore interesting and meaningful for non-Leekensians.

6. Is it possible to reach a consensus in the Mugge on the best building in Leek?  
Certainly, try to produce a short-list of the top five...