

Discussion in Pubs (DiPs)
at *The Blue Mugge pub, Osborne Street, Leek.*
Programme

September - December 2016

We've been running open discussions on big issues at *The Blue Mugge* for eleven years. What began in September 2005 as an experiment is now well established and not just in Leek – we have sister *Discussion in Pubs* (DiPs) at The Lazy Trout in Meerbrook and at The Park Tavern, Macclesfield. Elsewhere over the last decade similar discussion circles/groups have grown, notably *Philosophy in Pubs* (PiPs) which began on Merseyside and are now national. *The Mugge* sessions from this September will run on **Monday evenings**, fortnightly, as below.

We share the aims of the BBC's Radio 4 programme *The Philosopher's Arms*:

"A place where moral dilemmas, philosophical ideas and the real world meet for a chat and a drink."
We quite frequently take a broadcast from Melvyn Bragg's *In our Time (IoT)* series as a stimulus, also using other media resources.

Themes may be contentious and controversial but our discussions are invariably tolerant, good humoured and inclusive. Everybody welcome - just turn up at any of the sessions. Free of charge! Notes to help inform and focus the discussions are usually sent out a few days in advance of each meeting.

The sessions begin at 7.45pm and run for about an hour and a half. If you are interested please contact derektatton@btinternet.com - phone 01538 528178 or just turn up.

Mon 19th Sept *The Family* Based on definitions in *Keywords* books (1976, 2005) and BBC programmes:

Mon 3rd October *Brexit issues*

Mon 17th October *In the News* - selecting two or three current issues for discussion

Mon 31st October *Martin Luther* – 500 years to the day when he nailed 'proposed points for a university discussion to a church door in Wittenburg' leading to 'the Reformation'. based on *London Review of Books (LRB)* essay reviewing three new books on Luther.

Mon 14th November *Saudi Arabia* - brutal, conservative and powerful. Based on Trout notes and TV/radio programmes.

Mon 28th November *Internet Trolls* - can we tame them?

Mon 12th December *A Poem, A Joke and a Painting...*

The above programme may be changed to topics below if the group wish...

Future topics?

Fracking; Loyalty: The Cosmos – an up-date...(IoT);; The Fashion Houses (from Trout discussions); The Matter of the North – Melvyn Bragg radio series; Dark Matter- IoT, March 2015; Factory Music and Why Music Matter - from Thinking Allowed, Radio 4.;

Selection of a topic to re-visit an earlier theme (three suggestions from our web archive):

Most of the above have been suggested by *Mugge* participants. Volunteers to do notes and lead sessions most welcome – please contact me as above.

For more information on aims, history and archive visit www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk and follow link to pub discussions...

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