

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

**January – April, 2016**

We've been running open discussions on big issues at *The Blue Mugge* for ten 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 now 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](mailto:derektatton@btinternet.com) - phone 01538 528178 or just turn up.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Jan:**      **Commemoration Overload?    A critical review of memorialisation...**

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Feb:**        **Fracking**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:**     **The Philosophy of Truth - based on IoT philosophers:**

**Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Feb:**     *Either ...*    **Re-visiting The Cosmos**  
*(helped by IoT, YouTube and Park DiPs, Macclesfield)*  
or    **Saudi Arabia: brutal, conservative and powerful** –  
based on *Lazy Trout* notes and discussion the previous Monday.  
Decision on choice made at earlier meeting/s.

**Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:**    **How women are different from men, maybe...**

**Easter break**

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apl:**     **How to talk about things we know nothing about...**  
*Revisiting earlier popular Mugge session from 2008*  
*based on a Goldsmith's, London University submission to **openDemocracy***

**Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Apl:**     *Either... **The EU Referendum** or*  
**St. Paul** *(based on IoT). Decision on choice made at earlier meeting/s*

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](http://www.raymondwilliamsfoundation.org.uk) and follow link to pub discussions...

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