



Monday 4th September 2017
The Lion Hotel

Summary

o Introduction

A summary of the meeting's discussions follows. Thank you to Phil K for organising the drinks order.

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o Discussion Topics

Are psychics lying when they say they can talk to the dead?

- Most thought they were. But why?
- People want to believe and are often bereaved, trying to come to terms with this
- Some believe in an afterlife which doesn't fit with this sort of contact
- Some thought it was just a moneymaking exercise

Should smacking children be allowed?

- Some thought it should be allowed sometimes
- It is hard to define the difference between smacking and hitting
- Some thought you should never shout or hit and it shows your own frustrations
- We should spend more time to understand the child
- Are there gender differences?

Would you like to be told when you are going to die?

- Some did because they could plan according
- Others didn't particularly as they were wary of the process of dying

Would the world be a better place if it was run by women?

- There are expectations of roles from birth
- Inequalities in wages and job expectations
- Character is more important than gender
- There was some discussion about differences being nature or nurture

Is budget tourism a mixed blessing?

- Cultures are being ruined by massive cruise ships and changes to create facilities for holiday makers
- Airport misery

What would you do if you were invisible for a day?

- Disturb street artist statues
- Sit in on cabinet meetings
- Throw things around like poltergeists
- Sit at the Queen's breakfast table

Should there be women-only railway carriages?

- Some thought so but it wouldn't be necessary if guards were more numerous

○ Future Topics

Below is a list of topics that have been forwarded for future discussion. If you have any additional suggestions, especially last-minute topical issues, please email vivienne.barker@gmail.com

- Should IVF treatment be available on the NHS?
- Was it acceptable for police to pay a rapist to inform on a gang of sex criminals?
- Should boys and girls wear the same school uniform?
- Two homeless men were charged with trapping pigeons to eat. Where do your sympathies lie? With the homeless men or with the pigeons?
- A couple are charging their guests £150 each to attend their wedding. Is this going to catch on?
- Should America get out of Afghanistan?
- Will we need a hard border between Eire and Northern Ireland after Brexit?

○ Next Meeting

The next Café Society meeting will be on Monday 2nd October at 10.00am at The Lion Hotel (Tudor Bar room). Mike H has kindly volunteered to compile the discussion summary at this next meeting.

