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## FIRST TUESDAY [News Reviews from 2013](#)

The First Tuesday discussions on *current affairs* aim to provide attendees with a way of developing and testing their understanding of a range of current affairs topics; improving their journalistic capabilities so that they can write opinion or comment style articles for the regional or national media or blogs, respond with a thoughtful angle on radio chat shows, TV talk shows or maybe just have an interesting angle to respond at work with.

### The topics discussed in November 2013 were:

- [Magic: making a comeback?](#) - introduced by [Georgina Kirk](#)
- [House building and headlines](#) - introduced by [Joanne Green](#)

### The topics discussed in October 2013 were:

- [High Speed 2](#) - introduced by Sandeep Athwal
- [Protecting us from fancy dress](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

### The topics discussed in September 2013 were:

- [Bodgering the Badgers](#) - introduced by [Joanne Green](#)
- [Syria](#) - introduced by [Denis Joe](#)

### The topics discussed in July 2013 were:

- [Pornography on the internet](#) - introduced by [Joanne Green](#)
- [Ukip, Wekip, Theykip: Europe and autonomy](#) - introduced by Dave Wenham

### The topics discussed in May 2013 were:

- [Policing racist behaviour from football](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

- [Positively promoting women](#) - introduced by [Emily Pitts](#)

The topics discussed in April 2013 were:

- [Banking Crisis Cyprus](#) - introduced by Simon Belt
- [Where's the Benefit?](#) - introduced by Denis Joe

The topics discussed in March 2013 were:

- [Eastleigh by-election](#) - written by [Denis Joe](#) , introduced by [Simon Belt](#)
- [Watch out! Watch out! There's a MOOC about](#) - introduced by [John Hutchinson](#)

The topics discussed in February 2013 were:

- [Immigration: Eric Pickles isn't the only one without a clue](#) - introduced by Len Gibbs

- [The Familial State: Get your hands off!](#) - introduced by Simon Belt

The topics discussed in January 2013 were:

- [Fracking: hell or a good idea?](#) introduced by Joanne Green
- [What do we do with the Falklands](#) - introduced by John Hutchinson

