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FIRST TUESDAY [News Reviews from 2013](news-reviews-from-2013.html "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?](magic-making-a-comeback.html "Magic: making a comeback?") - introduced by [Georgina Kirk](writers.html#georgina-kirk "Georgina Kirk")
- ### [House building and headlines](housing-building-plans-and-headlines.html "Housing: building plans and headlines") - introduced by [Joanne Green](speakers.html#joanne-green "Joanne Green")

**The topics discussed in October 2013 were:**

- ### [High Speed 2: Politically Driven Infrastructure?](high-speed-2-politically-driven-infrastructure.html "High Speed 2: Politically Driven Infrastructure?") - introduced by Sandeep Athwal
- ### [Protecting us from fancy dress](protecting-us-from-fancy-dress.html "Protecting us from fancy dress") - introduced by [Simon Belt](people.html#simon-belt "Simon Belt")

**The topics discussed in September 2013 were:**

- ### [Bodgering the Badgers](bodgering-the-badgers.html "Bodgering the Badgers") - introduced by [Joanne Green](speakers.html#joanne-green "Joanne Green")
- ### [Syria](syria-intervention-for-the-sake-of-it.html "Syria") - introduced by [Denis Joe](speakers.html#denis-joe "Denis Joe")

**The topics discussed in July 2013 were:**

- ### [Pornography on the internet - a necessity?](pornography-on-the-internet.html "Pornography on the Internet - a necessity?") - introduced by [Joanne Green](speakers.html#joanne-green "Joanne Green")
- ### [Ukip, Wekip, Theykip: Europe and autonomy](ukip-wekip-theykip.html "Ukip, Wekip, Theykip: Europe and autonomy") - introduced by Dave Wenham

**The topics discussed in May 2013 were:**

- ### [Policing racist behaviour from football](policing-racist-behaviour-from-football.html "Policing racist behaviour from football") - introduced by [Simon Belt](people.html#simon-belt "Simon Belt")
- ### [Positively promoting women](why-women-dont-promote-themselves.html "Positively promoting women") - introduced by [Emily Pitts](writers.html#emily-pitts "Emily Pitts")

**The topics discussed in April 2013 were:**

- ### [Banking Crisis Cyprus](european-support-for-banks-in-cyprus.html "Banking Crisis in Cyprus") - introduced by Simon Belt
- ### [Where's the Benefit?](wheres-the-benefit.html "Where's the Benefit?") - introduced by Denis Joe

**The topics discussed in March 2013 were:**

- ### [Eastleigh by-election](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=7a7dcf0edb&e=cf7db9b4c2 "Eastleigh by-election by Denis Joe") - written by [Eastleigh by-election](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=7a7dcf0edb&e=cf7db9b4c2 "Eastleigh by-election by Denis Joe")

[Denis Joe](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=3b510483f4&e=cf7db9b4c2 "Eastleigh by-election by Denis Joe"), introduced by [Simon Belt](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=1894717b21&e=cf7db9b4c2 "Simon Belt")

### Simon Belt

Watch out! Watch out! There's a MOOC about - introduced by [Watch out! Watch out! There's a MOOC about](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=16b00b6d00&e=cf7db9b4c2 "Watch out! Watch out! There's a MOOC about") - introduced by [John Hutchinson](http://manchestersalon.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5ff939443fa9b16830c580543&id=7cbd2c8b1d&e=cf7db9b4c2 "John Hutchinson")

### John Hutchinson

The topics discussed in February 2013 were:

- [Immigration: Eric Pickles isn't the only one without a clue](immigration-eric-pickles-isnt-the-only-one-without-a-clue.html "Immigration: Eric Pickles isn't the only one without a clue") - introduced by Len Gibbs
- [The Familial State: Get your hands off!](the-familial-state.html "The Familial State") - introduced by Simon Belt

The topics discussed in January 2013 were:

- [Fracking: hell or a good idea?](fracking-hell-or-a-good-idea.html "Fracking: hell or a good idea?") introduced by Joanne Green
- [What do we do with the Falklands](what-do-we-do-with-the-falkland-islands.html "What Do We Do With The Falkland Islands? by John Hutchinson") - introduced by John Hutchinson