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## FIRST TUESDAY [News Reviews from 2015](#)

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 were:

- [Why retain tax credits or the Lords?](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)
- [Woman of the year?](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

The topics discussed in September were:

- [The migrant crisis in Europe](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)
- [The rise of Just Cuddly](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

The topics discussed in May 2015 were:

- [Rise of the small parties](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)
- [Migration and Europe](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)

The topics discussed in March 2015 were:

- [Israel, Gaza and Boycotts](#) - introduced by [Simon Belt](#)
- [Scottish Independence](#) - introduced by [Mark Iddon](#)