**KINGSTON PHILOSOPHY CAFÉ UPDATE**

**February 2014**

***COMING TO THE Café THIS MONTH***

**Tuesday 4 February** Marilyn Mason asks:

**What is Education For?**

A brief introduction to philosophy of education with lots of questions to discuss, including:
What do you think the aims of education should be? What is education is for? What is a well-educated person? Can one educational philosophy fit all pupils and all abilities? Should learning be self-directed, driven by curiosity?

**Wednesday 19 February** Roger Harrison on **Physicalism and Human Experience**

Physicalism is the view that the concepts and investigatory procedures of the physical sciences are all that are required to provide a complete account of what can be known.  A major difficulty with this claim is how to account for the subjective aspects of human experience.

**LATEST DISCUSSION(S) REVIEWED**

**On the 7th of January Mark Fielding** of the London School of Philosophy.  Explained how Merleau Ponty's final work offered to connect perception to truth This erudite talk assessed the advantages and problems of MP’s account. Quite an advanced talk by Tuesday standards.

 **On the 15th Ben Hurley** spoke about the possible personhood of Chimpanzees. This very accessible talk discussed studies into consolation behaviour in macaques and chimps and competition behaviour in chimps. He cited evidence of intuition and some rationality in chimps. The talk was very interesting and prompted a lively discussion.

**Wanted! Participate**

**Editor for future editions of the monthly update New Speakers will always be considered**

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| Tue | 04/02/14 | 18:00 | 19:30 | [What is education for?](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/13477754)  |
| Wed | 19/02/14 | 19:00 | 20:30 | [Physicalism and Human Experience by Roger Harrison](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/12108560)  |
| Tue | 04/03/14 | 18:00 | 19:30 | [Plato's Republic and its Guardians](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/12646694)  |
| Wed | 19/03/14 | 19:00 | 20:30 | [Minds and Brains](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/13820346)  |
| Tue | 01/04/14 | 18:00 | 19:30 | [Dialectic: Algebra or Alchemy? A Talk by Meade McCloughan of the London School of Philosophy](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/12646810)  |
| Wed | 16/04/14 | 19:00 | 20:30 | [The Ethics of Tax Avoidance](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/calendar/item/12369029) |

**VENUES**: [click here](http://e-voice.org.uk/kingstonphilosophycafe/how-to-find-us/) for how to find us. Tuesday meetings are at Local Hero Café, Wednesdays at the Ram Jam Club. All meetings are open to all and free, though donations towards our occasional expenses are welcome.

ALSO OF INTEREST in Kingston and nearby

⬛ [Kingston Skeptics in the Pub](http://kingston.skepticsinthepub.org/) meets on the first Thursday of every month at the Ram Jam Club. And members who live or work near Ealing might like to check out [Ealing Skeptics in the Pub](http://ealing.skepticsinthepub.org/) too.
⬛ Cafe Scientifique in Kingston meets on the last Tuesday of every month at Woody's, Ram Passage, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 1HH.

⬛.An unusual event – “ My Night with the Philosphers” promises a variety of debates, music, fod & wine, performances, films and lectures – 12 hours overnight starting at 7 pm on the 7th of June at Institut français du Royaume-Uni 17 Queensberry Place South Kensington SW7 2DT

**Royal Institute of Philosophy Lectures - February**

⬛ **7th –** [Peter Hacker](http://info.sjc.ox.ac.uk/scr/hacker/hacker1.html) **- Resolving the Mind – Body Problem**

⬛ **14th -**[Thomas Pink](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/philosophy/people/staff/academic/pink/index.aspx) **– Nature, Self, and Power**

⬛ **21st –** [Tim Crane](http://www.pet.cam.ac.uk/fellows/professor-tim-crane) **– Persons and their Minds**

⬛ **28 – Ted Honderich – Actual Consciousness**