

## DISCUSSION GROUP

NOVEMBER. 2024

We discussed the heating allowance and decided that it should be paid to those who needed it and that it should be means tested.

We discussed University course fees and how a university degree was no longer a sure way to achieve a well paid job with prospects. We felt the old apprenticeship schemes were a better way of learning useful skills and that Blair's education for all and the decline of Nationalised industries had seen the decline of workplace training.

We discussed Trump and how he got re-elected as a result of Biden's failure to step down soon enough and Trump's concentration of the economy, immigration and foreign trade embargoes and how Harris had no clear agenda.

We looked at how some children's stories were being sanitised by WOKE culture and how the Bowes museum had cancelled Christmas.

We discussed how some US legal firms demanded a 70 hour week from staff and paid them £170k per annum but created a burned out workforce.

We looked at electric cars, the budget and the Israel Hamas conflict too ...  
so you can see we had a busy time!!

David Pennington

Our next meetings will be on Fridays 13<sup>th</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. If you would like to join us please give me a ring on 01833 631639.

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