

HGF Briefing Notes

Chairman of the Henry George Foundation David Triggs has recently been trying to introduce the ideas of Henry George to a younger audience and has given a series of talks to sixth formers at St James' Boys School in Ashford, Surrey. He was sufficiently encouraged by the honest interest shown by some of the boys to offer an HGF prize for the best essay in response to the question "In what way are the ideas of Henry George relevant to the challenges facing young people today?" To help the boys David produced a number of briefing notes (currently twelve) in the form of a six page folded A5 pamphlet. Each covers a different aspect of George's ideas, some being direct abstracts from George's works e.g. 'The Savannah Story' from 'Progress and Poverty', whilst others are adaptations of the course material David prepared for the recent 'Principles of Political Economy' course he presented as well as adapted material provided by speakers at the Friday afternoon talks. As a set (but still growing) the pamphlets represent a fairly significant new resource for supporters who might wish to share their regard for George's ideas with others. David has used some of them at presentations he has made at Wimbledon Civic Forum meetings and at the 'Bank of Ideas' where he gave a talk to protestors involved in the 'Occupy' movement in the City of London. Each is also suitable as material for a talk, discussion or lecture and together they provide a fairly comprehensive introductory course that could be a follow up or alternative to the Economics and Reality Course.

We here at Land&Liberty are indeed very pleased to be given the opportunity to publish the winning essay written by 18-year-old Peter Bunce in this issue (the essay can be found on page fifteen). Besides the honour Peter Bunce also walks away with a bit of prize money for his excellent effort. Overall it is hoped that this specific initiative represents a pilot for a more widespread effort to attract further interest of young people, and plans are now under way to involve both girls and boys in the next HGF essay competition in the autumn.

Library Group Meetings

Friday afternoons at Mandeville Place has continued to provide a wide range of stimulating discussions and talks by an increasing variety of speakers. Topics and speakers in recent



months have included: An Entrepreneur's Story - Learning From The Shoe Trade (Derry Curry), Do We Need Taxation? (Beryl Harris), Money, Credit, and Banking (Richard Glover), Does English Law Provide For Economic Justice (Leslie Blake), Economic Motivation (Haydon Bradshaw), The Ethical Nature of Society (Joseph Milne), What LVT Is and What LVT Is Not (Merle Edwards), Insurance - For Better or Worse (David Triggs), and, The Implementation of LVT (Tony Vickers and Michael Hawes). The current series has already heard from: Tommas Graves (Debt is Inevitable Unless...), David Triggs (Implications of the Euro Crisis), and Raymond Payne (Land Registration Issues). In prospect during March are the following: Paul Palmarozza (Ethics and Good Business) (2nd of March), Joseph Milne (Philosophical Economics) (16th of March), John De Val (The Henry

George and Alfred Marshall Affair) (23rd of March), Julian Pratt (A Stewardship Economy) (30th of March). An Open Forum arranged for free discussion will be held on the 9th of March.

Economics and Reality - U3A Courses

The course material produced by Ray Ward has been used around the country during the past few months. In addition to Ray's own efforts in Guildford, John De Val (Cambridge), John Baddeley (West Molesey), Roy Williams (Sissinghurst) and Duncan Pickard (Fife) have all run successful courses. The material was also used for a Mandeville Place course on Friday evenings during the autumn 2011 term. All are keen to repeat the work and John Loveless is intending to run a course in Bristol later in the year. It is hoped this will encourage others to avail themselves of this excellent material to run similar courses in their own University Of The Third Age areas.

Friday Evenings

Friday evenings at Mandeville Place are currently being devoted to a follow up series of talks to complement the Economics and Reality course we covered last term together with the start of a new area of study which is being led by Joseph Milne. Joseph is leading us through a study of 'The Laws of Plato' and relating Plato's appreciation of Natural Law to those ideas which form the basis of Henry George's teaching on the subject.