

Suffering and Culture

Rydall Hall, 28th June – 2nd July 2010

Feedback and quotes:

"...yet another splendid Philosophy and Ethics conference. These meetings get better every year. As always, the presentations were beautifully done and the speakers both interesting and relevant. The discussion, both during the sessions and throughout the rest of the day, was also unusually good. Part of this is obviously attributable to the great breadth and depth of knowledge in the participants. I think the discussion is also enhanced by the relatively small numbers, so that everyone can participate at the same time, as well as the unusually large number of "regulars" who, after several years, of meeting and talking together, are now sufficiently secure to say what they really think. So different from most medical meetings."

" I thought it was really good – naturally I think Daniel [Sokol] gave the standout performance – just wish I had seen him doing the card tricks as well. I like to hear about relevant ongoing research, and hope Hubert [Van Griensven] will update next year. I think we might encourage other people to talk about their research – especially the younger element, as one or two people commented on the fact that a few of us are retired now, and we need to keep bringing in new talent. ... I still very much enjoyed the mix of the skilled speakers and the 'amateurs' ... most societies always move towards the more scientific and slick – not always with the best results.... I think the unscheduled time we spend together is also an important feature."

"An interesting and enjoyable event - stimulating a great deal of thought and discussion, and also the opportunity to network experience in a wonderful relaxed environment. I felt humbled by the wealth of experience of pain in its broadest sense."

"... the most holistic group of mainstream practitioners that exists today."