

Wednesday Week 1

Dear Eating-together Folk,

7.00 pm this evening at the Simple Simon pub which is off Palace Street and within a stone's throw of the cathedral. We will be eating in the up-stairs room, having bought our drinks at the bar downstairs. I wonder how you see and feel that\* building, the mother church of the Anglican confession.? You may marvel at its beauty or you remember the amount of blood spilled following the sermons delivered there by our brand of Ayatollahs. I have often wondered why its walls are polluted by the flags, pennants and emblems of war.

*us die*  
I am delighted that Rick Cooper has agreed to be our guest this morning. He and I have been friends since back in the dark ages of the 80's of the last century and we were co-authors of an OUP book on ways of using video in the language classroom. Rick is an expert on the human skills necessary in doing business and I guess ~~we~~ should button-hole him at the coffee break before he dashes back to Keynes for his next class.

Rick has recently completed a masters program in international affairs at Tufts, one of the great Ivy League Universities ( they correspond to Oxbridge on this side of the Pond).

I have invited Rick to sup\* with us tonight at Simple Simon's so some people will have a chance to really get to know him informally there.

I hope he really enjoys himself with us this morning.

Warmly yours,

Mario

- notice the "distancing effect of "that"
- " to sup" is a hugely archaic word.... though exactly how far back it goes, I know not.