

**DEBATE: Causes of the American Civil War (2)**  
**Missouri decides: Whose side are you on, Pukes?**  
**2.30pm Saturday 6th December at Trinity Methodist Church,**  
**Chelmsford CM1 2XB. Visitors and prospective members warmly**  
**welcomed – £5. Booking not required.**

**Resume of talk:-**

The debate is concerned with the events in Missouri at the time of Lincoln's inauguration as President. 7 Southern States had already left the Union, and now a Special Convention in Missouri would decide which side to join, or whether to remain independent. As you will discover, there is a variety of issues to consider. Come and join the heated debate and learn from history that there are always two (or more) sides to any issue.

**Background:-**

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> debate, based upon research by Martin Frampton, the Programme Officer. It is the second of a series on American conflicts. Two opposing arguments are formulated by the different groups of settlers, nobly represented by John Edgar, advocating the Southern cause, Tony Tuckwell, supporting the Northern side, and John Symonds as Chairman, trying to keep order. You are asked to participate and then vote for the best argument put forward.