

CTS Termcard: Michaelmas 2014

10 October: A long-expected Freshers' Squash

The Fresher's Squash is where those of you who are new to the Society, freshers or no, can come and ask questions and get to know other members of the society. We'll be packed into the Steward's Room in 3 Botolph Lane, so come along and find out what the CTS is all about and the sorts of things we do. There will be edibles, conversation, and drink available!

Time: 19:25

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

15 October: The Hobbit

Our first discussion session of term is on the Hobbit, its plot, characters, and subtexts. We'll be discussing everything from Hobbiton to the Lonely Mountain and back, poking our nose into bits of the book we've forgotten, and discussing many aspects of how it's put together. All this and more, along with squash, tea, and biscuits – what more could you want from a Wednesday evening?

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

22 October: Religion and Reason

In this discussion session we'll cover the religion and beliefs of Middle-Earth's inhabitants, and of course how they relate to Tolkien's own. We'll also discuss the relationship between the magical and the rational in Middle-Earth – how study and belief intertwine. What counts as fact and what counts as faith for Middle-Earth's inhabitants? How do they see and consider worship?

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

29 October: Eriador

The vast and rugged wildernesses of Eriador are a key backdrop for the early stages of the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit; the lost realm of Arnor, the little town of Bree, and the pastoral lands of the Shire all rubbing shoulders. In this session we attempt to survey and discuss the history and culture of this remarkable region.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

5 November: Travellers' Tales and Bard-Songs

A mix of a storytelling circle, readings evening, and song night, for this session we'll be singing along, tale-telling, and performing all evening! Tales and songs should be to the theme but don't have to be Middle-Earth canon, so this is also a chance to read and tell your own writing. As usual, to be held Far Over In Misty Botolph Lane...

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

12 November: Games Night

Games nights are one of our most regular traditions with the CTS, and this term will be no exception. Word games tend to be the main focus, though computers and tabletops may well sneak in round the edges as well! A fun break to cheer you up when Week Five casts its great shadow over you all.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

19 November: A Bestiary of Middle Earth

In which we discuss the fantastical beasts of Middle-Earth in all their forms, from Fastitocalon to the fell beasts, from the oliphants to Old Man Willow. In the sky, sea, and on land, our bestiary discussion will take us through a great many creatures, the inspirations for them, and their importance to the Middle-Earth setting.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

26 November: Eagle Debate – The Finest Friendship

This term's traditional eagle debate, in which each person takes one option and we vote one out each round, is going to argue over which was the best friendship in Middle-Earth's history. The bromance of all bromances, the buddy system of all buddy systems – Frodo and Sam? Merry and Pippin? Sauron and Saruman? Gollum and himself? Hazad Longbeard and Roverandom? Who knows? We'll find out!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

3 December: Quiz Night

We put ourselves to the test on Quiz Night to finish off the term – casually firing trivia questions at one another. There will probably be no formal system or scoring, just lots and lots of facts flying around. The perfect time to geek out wholly and completely to end the term!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

Date TBA: Foreyule Feast

The Foreyule Feast is our biggest social event for this term, where we all have a big celebratory meal in honour of the upcoming Yuletide. Time, date and place to be announced.

Time: To Be Confirmed

Place: To Be Confirmed

Directions

To 3 Botolph Lane: When going south from the Corpus main gate towards Pembroke, Botolph lane is the small lane that heads off to the left. Number 3 is towards the Trumpington Street end of the road; the door of the room opens straight to the street, so feel free to ring the doorbell.

