

TolkSoc Termcard: Easter 2013

1 May: How dost thou Tolkien?

In our first meeting of term, which will include the official hand-over to the new committee, we will be discussing approaches to studying, discussing, and looking at Tolkien's works. We'll address questions like how much it matters what Tolkien "really" thought, and the advantages and disadvantages of "in-universe" and "external" approaches to Tolkien Studies.

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

4 May: West Stow

We take a day trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village in Suffolk: we're taking the 9:44 train from Cambridge and then a bus to the village. Some walking will be included, so bring appropriate footwear; everyone is just buying their own tickets on the day, so just turn up in time for the train and come along! We should get back to Cambridge by 17:40 at the latest. Email Sam Cook (sc690) for more information.

Time: 9:44

Place: Meet at Cambridge train station

8 May: Anorfest

On May 8 we're digging into back issues of the Society's journal, Anor, to find references, fanfics, and whatever else we can come across from the elder days of the CTS! Do come along and have fun mining through the ancient documents of our past, and stumble across the relics of previous Tolkien scholars!

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

15 May: Trade and Technology

This second discussion session for the term will be on trade and technology in the world of Tolkien: to what extent was it an important factor in the world, did it change over time, and who was really

involved in it? If it didn't advance in several thousand years, why didn't it? These questions and more will hopefully be answered...

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

22 May: Born of Hope Event

This event, our largest for the term, will include a showing of the "fan-film" Born of Hope, and a short talk with Q&A from its director, Kate Madison. Born of Hope was filmed at West Stow among other places (see May 4), and with a budget of just £25,000 (a tenth of a percent of one of the Peter Jackson films) still manages to compellingly tell the story of Aragorn's parents, Arathorn and Gilraen, with plenty of swordfighting and even a troll at one point! The showing will start at approximately 7:20, with the talk/questions from half eight onwards (runtime is 70 mins approx.) Place to be confirmed, keep watching your emails!

Time: Approx. 19:15 but to be confirmed

Place: To be confirmed

29 May: Out of Arda

This is our last discussion session for the term, in which we look at Tolkien's works outside Arda and Middle-Earth. Roverandom, Mr. Bliss, Niggle and of course Aegidius Ahenobarbus Julius Agricola de Hammo will all make an appearance as we wander through the quirky world of Tolkien's "minor works" and fairytales.

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

5 June: Games Night

A good old traditional TolkSoc Games Night, in which we play a variety of games and suchlike in and based around the world of Middle-Earth. Do come along, forget about the shadow of exams and enjoy some good Tolkien themed fun and riddles!

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

12 June: Eagle Debate - Comedy Gold Edition

The eagle debate, in which each participant takes a character and one is voted out each round, is a tradition of the CTS, and this term's exam special should be a particularly good one. We go head to head on which character from Tolkien's works is the greatest comedy gold – all challengers welcome, only one title up for grabs!

Time: 19:15

Place: A26, Selwyn College

May Week: Puntmoot

In which the CTS head onto the Anduin (or maybe just the Cam), punt-poles in hand, for a social event of Tolkienesque proportions! Details to be confirmed later in term.

Time: To Be Confirmed

Place: To Be Confirmed

