

CTS Termcard: Lent 2015

As the winter winds blow...

2015 is upon us! As you struggle back across moor and wasteland, fen and forest, to get to Minas Tirith, rest assured that the CTS has got plenty of events and ideas awaiting you. Hopefully your Yuletides have been happy and fun; it'll be good to see you all again. The regular meetings are scheduled on here, but keep an eye on your emails in case of venue/date changes and more importantly to get the details for the Annual Dinner, Varsity Quiz, and AGM when they come out. More events will also be announced by email – innmoots, possibly a Hobbit trip if there's still interest, and so on.

14 January: Quizzes, Food, and Fun

A mix of games night, quiz practice, and eating any leftover Christmas food anyone wants to bring along, for the beginning of term. Expect many sporcle quizzes, possibly starting to re-write the lost questions to Tinuviel Pursuit, and much general amusement. May also devolve into word games if we get time! Hope to see you all there for a relaxing first meeting back.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

21 January: Mathom Party

A mathom party is a long standing traditional meeting wherein people bring along things they have no idea of the use of or otherwise do not want, and go away with other people's artefacts that they don't want either. This is decided by means of voting on who should be forced to take which items – do bring things along, or turn up anyway and go away with some!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

28 January: Class and Community

The most "serious" meeting for this term will focus on Tolkien's portrayal of social structures and classes. We'll look at how fundamentally economically conservative Middle-Earth is, how power structures and communities work within it, and whether this affects how we should see the impact of Tolkien's work on our own society.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

4 February: On The Valar

The godly pantheon of Tolkien's world, the Valar were instrumental in creating and shaping Middle-Earth. From the warrior Tulkas, to the forest-loving Yavanna, to the grim Mandos, we'll be discussing the Valar, their role in Middle-Earth, and where they fit in to the rest of the legendarium.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

11 February: Music Night

By popular demand, music night! Everyone will be encouraged to make and listen to as much Tolkien music as is possible over the course of a few hours of songs and tunes. Expect group singing, guitars, an autoharp, a dubiously musical rock, and possibly even some folk of a diminutive and bearded persuasion creating or enlarging an underground space...

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

18 February: Games Night

As ever, Week Five is Games Night! That means word games and parlour games, not to mention possibly tabletop games and computer games. There's much contact to play, many consequences to occur, and much more fun to be had!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

25 February: Beleriand

The land of the west in the First Age, Beleriand – from Angband in the far North down past Gondolin, Doriath, Nargothrond, and many other places and realms – is often referred to in Tolkien's later works as well as being the setting for the Silmarillion. In this discussion session, we're going to go exploring the mountains, rivers, kingdoms and cities of this most ancient region of Middle-Earth.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

4 March: Eagle Debate – Best Host

This term's Eagle Debate is on the best host. Who really IS the party king/queen/ruler of Middle Earth? Is there really any better party than that hosted by Butterbur and his faithful hobbit companion? How well does Bilbo's hosting skillset compare to Beorn's, or Thorin's to Thingol's? We argue it out in classic Eagle Debate format!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

11 March: Middle Earth's General Election

And indeed, this is happening. The Middle Earth General Election Special (held now because it'll take some organising and I'll be revising over Easter!). At the end of the previous week, we'll sort out the parties and spokespeople. Then on the night itself, we'll have a couple of election debates and some interviews, and then vote – with each person getting a few of Middle Earth's constituencies to represent in the voting!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

Date TBA: AGM

The AGM is where we elect our committee each year, and censure just about everyone present, and suggest amendments to the constitution. Please turn up, volunteer for things, and vote for next year's committee! Time & date TBC.

Time: To Be Confirmed

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

Date TBA: Annual Dinner

The Annual Dinner is our largest social event for the term – time, place, format, food, etc all to be confirmed, so watch your emails!

Time: To Be Confirmed

Place: To Be Confirmed

Date TBA: Varsity Quiz

The Varsity quiz pits CTS against Taruithorn, our elfin counterparts from the far off realms of Oxenford, in a bid to see which society has the most comprehensive knowledge of the works of Tolkien! Spectators welcome, we are hosting the quiz in Cambridge this year so do turn up.

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.

