

# **TolkSoc Termcard: Michaelmas**

## **2013**

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### **9 October: A long-expected Freshers' Squash**

The Freshers' Squash is where those of you who are new – Freshers or no – to the Society can come and ask questions and get to know other members of the society. We'll be in Magdalene College (directions below), so come along and find out what the CTS is all about and the sorts of things we do. There will be squash!

**Time:** 19:25

**Place:** Benson Hall, Magdalene College

### **16 October: Heroes and Heroism**

Our first discussion session of term turns to the classic issue of heroes and heroism in Tolkien. What makes a great hero in Middle Earth? Do the heroes of different nations and races exhibit a universal set of qualities or ones specific to their own people? All this and more, along with squash, tea, and biscuits – what more could you want from a Wednesday evening?

**Time:** 19:15

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

### **23 October: Gender**

Our second discussion of the term will be on the role of gender among the races and peoples of Middle-Earth. Is Middle-Earth simply a masculine-centric continent? What are the differences in attitudes between Humans, Elves, and Dwarfs? Are women heroic in the same way men are, and is their heroism portrayed as positively?

**Time:** 19:15

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

### **30 October: Animated Film Night**

The animated Lord of the Rings film made by Ralph Bakshi in 1978 may not have been quite an epic classic, but as a society dedicated to all things Tolkien we will do our solemn duty and watch it. Sights to look out for include Boromir's fabulous horned helmet and... well... we'll leave discussion of the old-look Gollum for the night!

**Time:** 19:15

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **6 November: Storytelling Circle**

A Storytelling Circle is where a group of people come together to listen to and tell traditional oral stories – and that, focussing of course on Middle Earth, is what we'll be doing. If you want to work up a section of LotR or the Silmarillion to tell from memory, or a tale of your own based in Middle Earth, please do – the closest we'll come to the great storytelling in the mead halls of Edoras, this should be a fun evening for performers and listeners alike.

**Time:** Approx. 19:15 but to be confirmed

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **13 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:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **20 November: On Numenor**

The CTS attempts to answer the big questions about Tolkien's Atlantean superpower, its realm and personnel. The dominant power in the second age, Numenor ruled much of the coastal areas of Middle-Earth. But how inevitable was its downfall? How great was its impact on the later realms of Gondor and Arnor – and for that matter Rohan and Dale? How accurate were the traditions and memories of Numenor that were referred to in the Third Age?

**Time:** 19:15

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **27 November: Eagle Debate – Best Town/City**

This term's traditional eagle debate, in which each person takes one option and we vote one out each round, is going to focus on the great civic centres of Middle Earth. Defensibility, beauty, living conditions, access to food supplies, and more can all be used as leverage to argue for your chosen settlement. Gondolin or Edoras? Minas Tirith versus Hobbiton? Dale or Armenelos? You decide!

**Time:** 19:15

**Place:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **4 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:** N1A, Pembroke College

## **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 Benson Hall, Magdalene: Go through the college main gate, turn left and go through the First Court A staircase, then follow the signs.

To N1A, Pembroke: Go to the main gate, head straight on, going through the building in front of you and passing the hall doors on your right. Go straight across the courtyard on the other side, through the arch, and keep going until you come to a doorway on your left marked "N." Go through this door, straight ahead and through the set of doors immediately in front of you, and turn right through some more doors. You should then get to a wide staircase: from there, head up through the building and follow signs to N1A.

