

CTS Termcard Lent 2019

CTS Trip to the British Library

Week 0

Sat 19th January, London

Due to the large proportions of ASNaCs currently in CTS, we've decided to take a trip to the Anglo-Saxon special exhibition at the British Library. We'll travel as a group from Cambridge. Please keep an eye on email and Facebook for more information.

Wizards and their Wizard-y Business

Week 1

19:15, Weds 23rd January, C131, Newnham

Honestly, what use are the wizards? Would the plot actually progress quicker without them there? This week we discuss what the wizards actually achieve in Middle Earth, and whether they are some of the most infuriating characters in the books.

Tolkien and Water

Week 2

19:15, Weds 30th January, C131, Newnham

You may just think this is because I'm a boatie, but actually water is a major geographic feature in Middle Earth. And it plays a major role; from the river that saves Aragorn, the flood that prevents the ringwraiths from reaching Arwen and Frodo to flooded Beleriand. Is it a rhetorical device, a character in its own accord or just a handy literary device?

Games Night

Week 3

19:15, Weds 3rd February, C131, Newnham

To combat the first Week 5 Blues of this term, Games Night returns! But wait... it's not week 5. To accommodate the Varsity Quiz, Games Night has been moved to week 3. But fear not, all our usual favourites will be here. Consequences, (pictorial or otherwise), Werewolf and Contact make a return, with plenty of hilarity in tow.

Varsity Quiz

Week 3

TBC, Sat 9th February

The call to arms has been heard! Taruithorn are gathering their forces and this year, the contest will take place on our home turf, here in Cambridge. Either take part, or sit back and spectate a nail-biting contest of how much ridiculously niche knowledge can the contestants dig up from their memories.

Romance

Week 4

19:15, Weds 13th February, C131, Newnham

As the committee meeting falls the day before Valentine's Day, we may as well celebrate by discussing romance in the Tolkien universe. From adorable love stories, to tragic romances and the warped mind of the fandom, how does romance affect the plots of various Tolkien books? Is it even an important part of the story (*cough Tauriel cough*)?

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Mathom Party!

Week 5

19:15, Weds 20th February, C131, Newnham

Mathom: any object deemed mostly useless, e.g. one partially unravelled glove or a candle that won't light.

We invite you to partake in an annual CTS tradition to honour the Hobbit-practice of mathom-giving. If you have found yourself in possession of a useless object, maybe a Christmas present from one of your grandparents, bring it along and exchange it for something else, likely to be equally as useless.

Storytelling and Poetry

Week 6

19:15, Weds 27th February, C131, Newnham

The traditional evening dedicated to reading and singing bits of Tolkien's work. This is a chance for us all to relive some of our favourite parts of the Tolkien canon, and the surrounding fandom. Come to participate, or just to listen

Eagle Debate – Proudest Character

Week 7

19:15, Weds 6th March, Clough JCR, Newnham

The eagle is sinking, much like my motivation at this point in term. Thankfully I'm sure the dance round will rouse my spirits. Feel free to interpret this as you will. Is it the most arrogant character, is it the character that you as a reader are proudest of, is it some combinations of all three? Who knows... But it will make an interesting argument.

How Bad Really are the Baddies?

Week 8

19:15, Weds 13th March, C131,
Newnham

A more light-hearted discussion to end term on. Is Sauron really just misunderstood? Did Morgoth have a tragic backstory? Feel free to speculate away on whether these characters really show a dichotomy between good and evil, or whether there is more to our baddies than meets the eye.

AGM and Annual Dinner

TBC

It is time for the old committee to bow out gracefully, and shepherd in a new committee to continue our (questionable) good work. Prepare to watch the Keeper of the Red Book have a meltdown trying to keep up with minutes for the AGM, before we retire...somewhere ... for our Annual Dinner. More details will be coming later in term.