

CTS Termcard Michaelmas 2021

Check our mailing list/Facebook page for meeting locations and Zoom links

Freshers' Squash!

Week 1

19:30, Weds 13 Oct, Sidgwick Hall, Newnham

Get to know CTS by coming to our first meeting of the year! If you are new to the society, fresher or not, come along, find out more, and ask any questions you may have. We will have childhood nostalgia snacks, because those are the ones that come in separate packets!

Joking, Rollicking, and Revelling in Tolkien

Week 2

19:30, Weds 20 Oct, Zoom

(...JRRT? Get it? We worked hard on this one) Fun, games and entertainment in Middle Earth! Let's talk about how the elves, men, dwarves, hobbits and others dance, play and generally make merry in the face of certain doom. Some of them even have fun whilst not under the threat of total devastation!

Halloween Special Eagle Debate – Creepiest Moment

Week 3

19:30, Weds 27 Oct, TBD, Newnham

Spiders and willows and wights, oh my! Come along to determine what truly is the epitome of creepy in Middle Earth (and perhaps beyond). Debaters and spectators alike are welcomed, but we heartily encourage participation from all-comers. Can anything be more creepy than that time that Denethor eats a tomato? We'll see.

Tolkien and History

Week 4

19:30, Weds 3 November, Zoom

It's the historiography evening! We've thought of a few ways this could be interpreted for our discussion: Tolkien in history; Tolkien's historic inspiration; and Tolkien's approach to history in his writing. Our steward didn't think that one first year lecture he went to on historiography would ever be interesting to him – he is prepared to be pleasantly surprised.

Games Night

Week 5

19:30, Weds 10 Nov, TBD, Newnham

To combat the first Week 5 Blues of the new academic year, Games Night returns! Really crossing our fingers that this one happens in person because it's a LOT easier to do these things without having to code a GoogleSheet. Games options include: Consequences, Pictionary, and Contact; Taboo and some quizzing may also make an appearance as we begin practicing for Lent's Varsity Quiz.

Tolkien and Folklore

Week 6

19:30, Weds 17 Nov, Zoom

So much of the Silmarillion is hinted at in the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit as the folklore of Middle Earth; and so much of the legendarium was inspired by... well, legends. Let's talk about those connections, and how Tolkien created his own.

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Anything But Elves

Week 7

19:30, Weds 24 Nov, TBD, Newnham

A challenge, young adventurer – discuss the history of Middle Earth, and the important events therein... without mentioning the elves. This is a Pengolodh hate week. We will tell their story if he won't!

Storytelling and Poetry

Week 8

19:30, Weds 1 December, Zoom

As we often do, we end the term with an evening dedicated to our favourite parts of the Tolkien canon, and its associated media and fandom. We read, sing, perform or play recordings of others doing the same. Come to participate, or just to listen. First one to play *Diggy Diggy Hole* has to peel the potatoes for next year's Foreyule Feast.

Extras

Lord of the Rings read-a-long

19:30, every Friday, in Discord

We are very slowly reading our way through the Lord of the Rings! It's the best kind of book club, one where you don't have to have read the book in advance, as we read it together and discuss each section as we go. Sometimes we even manage to stay on topic.. For a link to our Discord server, please see the Facebook group or send an email to [soc-tolkien-committee @lists.cam.ac.uk](mailto:soc-tolkien-committee@lists.cam.ac.uk)

Foreyule Feast

19:00, Saturday 27th Nov, Little St. Mary's Church

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. We hope to see many of you there! Booking to open soon – keep an eye on the mailing list and/or the Facebook group for more information.

Plague possibilities

We aim to hold some of meetings in-person (as indicated above), but will be following all available safety guidance and may need to return to online-only meetings. If that happens, it will always be communicated on our mailing list and Facebook group. For in-person meetings, please respect others' levels of comfort with regards to social-distancing and mask-wearing. We will have sign-in sheets for each in-person meeting to allow for contact tracing.