

Tolkien Society Termcard—Lent 2022

In Person meetings provisionally at Emmanuel College Old JCR, details will always be in the weekly email on the Monday before each session.

Week 1 - Elves versus Dwarves - 26/01/22

In person. From insulting blindfolds to alternate universe beard removal to the world's most violent underground trade dispute, the rivalry between Dwarf and Elf is a storied one, and this is our chance to chat about it. There's some bitterness about getting nicknamed Naugrim, and now's the time to work it out.

Week 2 - Death and the Afterlife - 02/02/22

Online. Whether you go to the halls of Mandos, beyond the circles of the world, or just pop over the sea, Tolkien's works are much concerned with death, grief and the hereafter. Also; a chance to discuss everyone's favourite return ticket holder to Mandos' Halls, Glorfindel.

Week 3 - Eagle Debate - Best Academic - 09/02/22

In Person. This term we have the bravery - the sheer academic rigour - to ask who of the many characters of Tolkien's Legendarium would make the best Academic. If you believe Shagrat deserves a doctorate, or that the Gaffer ought to have a BA in Land Economy, here's your chance to argue for them.

Week 4 - Middle Earth's Geography and Glaciation - 16/02/22

Online. A chance for Samuel Cook, captain of Minas Tirith, to show his quality, and to kindle in the society ever further its burgeoning interest in fantasy glaciation and geography.

Week 5 - Games Night - 23/02/22

In Person. A breath of fresh air in the midst of week five as we take an evening to engage in games and japes of a Tolkienesque fun. Tinuviel Pursuit, Consequences, Taboo and all other such games and disporting will be on hand - come on down!

Week 6 - Faith - 02/03/22

Online. Faith - from the religious to the personal - is one of the emotional and thematic through-lines of Tolkien's works, and one that bears a lot of exploration. Unsurprising for a man so deeply invested in Vatican II.

Week 7 - The Works of Saruman; Technology - 09/03/22

In Person. The foul and monstrous works of Saruman - from "computer games" in modern climes to the bizarre wheels and engines in the films and all the other technological oddities and minutiae of Middle Earth.

Week 8 - Annual General Meeting and Storytelling - 16/03/22

Online. AGM details below - otherwise, the usual chance to read extracts, sing songs, and relax in the closing days of the term.

Special Events;

Alongside our usual meetings, we'll also have a few special events this term. Further details will be sent out for each nearer the time.

Annual Pub - Dinner Replacement Service

In typical years the society runs an annual dinner alongside our Foreyule Feast - alas, these are not typical times, and so we have had to improvise. Instead of a dinner, we'll be making our way down to Bree to share an evening at the pub. There will be more details closer to the time, but the current plan is **7pm Saturday the 12th of March at Fort St.George**. We hope to see you there!

Annual Varsity Quiz

One relic of a typical year that we will not be abandoning is our ceaseless quest to keep beating Taruithorn (Oxford's Tolkien Society) in a yearly quiz of fiendish and fascinating Tolkien-y questions. The questions are in the works as we speak, if we have managed to bug the relevant people loudly enough, and we invite the quiz-inclined among you to set out on this valiant quest by joining the team and upholding our claim to extremely nerdy supremacy - be quick about it, as only four spaces are available. Details are somewhat thin on the ground, but the quiz will probably be **online on March the 5th**.

Annual General Meeting

The time has come around again for our Annual General Meeting, where we review the year, undertake any submitted motions and elect our new committee for the next year. Any member of the society can submit a motion regarding the society's constitution, so long as it is submitted to the secretary before the deadline of **March the 2nd**, with the meeting itself taking place on the **16th**.