

Freshers' Squash

Week 1

12 October, 19.30, Pembroke, New Common Room (BB9)

The first official meeting of the year, the Freshers' Squash is a chance for new members to get a feel for the society and get to know one another as well as those from the years above. And don't worry, squash is not involved. Food is, as far as we know.

Landscape in Tolkien

Week 2

19 October, 19.30, online

Tolkien's world is filled with inexplicable geographical features, like rivers running parallel to mountain ranges. It's also filled with other more insidious, hidden complexities, if one knows where to look (evil smile emerges). Come along for a critique of Tolkien's geographical knowledge and more! After all, our last geography discussion turned very interesting.

Critters of Middle Earth

Week 3

26 October, 19.30, Pembroke, New Common Room (BB9)

Just what are the unnamed creatures under Moria? Why are there giant spiders littered everywhere (well, yes, it's because a tarantula bit Tolkien, but I mean in-universe)? Why is it that in the opening of *The Hobbit* the narrator makes a point of saying that there are no worms in hobbit holes, given that the term "worm" is used constantly to refer to dragons? What happened to the vampires and werewolves which were apparently hanging around in Middle-Earth in the Second Age? The non-humanoids in Middle-Earth are very complex, and much went on through Tolkien's brain when creating them. Let's try to pick through his brain for ourselves (not literally, that would be disgusting and probably mildly illegal).

Parallels and Patterns

Week 4

2 November, 19.30, online

There are many recurring themes throughout Tolkien's works, and many references to other works of literature, his experiences throughout life (hint: war), etc. Although Tolkien hated allegory, his works reflect the human experience and condition, and there has to be many similarities to be made within and without. Let us try to uncover some of this.

Games Night

Week 5

9 November, 19.30, Pembroke, New Common Room (BB9)

Life at Cambridge is hard. We can't be expected to come and have serious debates about Tolkien every week. Lay your troubles aside, and join us on Games Night for a light-hearted evening of Consequences, Contact, Taboo and potentially even Tinuviel Pursuit (and any other games, of course).

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Hope in Tolkien's Works

Week 6

16 November, 19.30, online

Life at Cambridge doesn't get any easier as term progresses. Tolkien knows hardship, suffering, even despair. However, he doesn't give up hope, and neither do his characters. Starting to sound like we could learn a thing or two?

Eagle Debate: Best Tenth Fellowship Member

Week 7

23 November, 19.30, Pembroke, New Common Room (BB9)

Relaxation has been served to you in a platter two weeks in a row. Well, not this week. With this week comes CTS's signature event: The Eagle Debate. Several contestants. One overloaded eagle. Who, out of all of Tolkien's characters, would be the best potential tenth member of the Fellowship?

Storytelling and Poetry

Week 8

30 November, 19.30, online

As that elephant of a holiday called Christmas approaches, let us all jump on the bandwagon and celebrate what was probably the most important time of the year for Tolkien by reading through his Father Christmas Letters!

Other dates for your diary:

Foreyule Feast

Week 8

26 November, early evening onwards

Time for some festive food and frolicking! Make sure to book in advance for the night when we celebrate the best values of the Shire (eating well in good company). Emails about this will be forthcoming closer to the time.

CTS Read-along: The Return of the King

Weekly

Fridays, 19.30, on the CTS Discord

Frodo and Sam continue their slow journey into Mordor, and we continue our slow journey through their story. Join us as we trudge towards Mount Doom together!