

CTS Termcard Easter 2023

Please note all in-person locations are provisional: see Discord announcement/Facebook post/weekly email closer to the time.

Pubmoot

Week 0

26 April, 19.30, the Castle Inn

A relaxed evening to meet up before the start of term.

Holiday Destinations in Middle-earth

Week 1

3 May, 19.30, Pembroke NCR

From the black volcanic beaches of the Sea of Nurn to the warm shores of Gondor, Middle-Earth has many exciting potential holiday destinations. Some of them are more achievable than others, though all have their own merits. Which are the cheapest and easiest? Which are the exclusive resorts? And why are there no direct eagle-flights to Mordor?

Academia and Learning in Middle-earth

Week 2

10 May, 19.30, online

Bilbo and Frodo are widely regarded as being very learned hobbits, but even they know little about some matters – they are only very little fellows, after all. Perhaps the Istari know more. (Perhaps they don't.) With this in mind, what is the education system like elsewhere?

Eagle Debate: Best Quizmaster

Week 3

17 May, 19.30, Pembroke NCR

Our own annual quiz was quite recent, hosted by Tar-Palantir (Sam Cook, not the actual Númenorean King). He did an excellent job! But which Tolkien character would we choose to take his place? With the usual debate, discussion and dance-off, this promises to be as funny and exciting a night as ever!

Works Influenced by Tolkien

Week 4

24 May, 19.30, online

The Lord of the Rings was published in the early 1950s, and since then the world has changed. I feel it in the water, I smell it in the air, and my bookshelves and wallet feel the strain of the immense boom of the fantasy genre. Much of this has been influenced by Tolkien's works, and so has the huge collection of fanfiction available online... so let's talk about it!

Games Night

Week 5

31 May, 19.30, Pembroke NCR

We're not going to mention the E-word. But in the latter half of Easter term, we all need a break – and how better to relax than with an evening of laughter, trivia and unfortunate Consequences? A CTS Games Night needs no further introduction.

How to Make a Good Tolkien Adaptation

Week 6

7 June, 19.30, online

Tolkien's works have been adapted for film and television several times, from the animated Bakshi movies to the strange Soviet version to the blockbusters. Alas, none are perfect; their relative merits are not discussed here. This is not an evening of censure, but one of a gentle thought experiment; if unconstrained by budget or feasibility, how would you adapt Tolkien's works?

Storytelling and Poetry

Week 7

14 June, 19.30, Pembroke NCR

We round off the term with a well-earned read or recital of whatever Tolkien media you most prefer. There is no obligation to perform yourself – you are very welcome to merely watch and applaud our skilled skalds – and no particular theme, so choose whatever you like.

May Week events:

Worbmoot

Week 8

15 June

Many have noticed and commented upon the mysterious worb emoji that graces the CTS Discord server. Now it is time for us to reveal the Secret Origin! This overstuffed walrus can be found in the mathom-house referred to as the Horniman Museum, Dulwich – near enough to Cambridge for a day trip – and to start May Week off, we plan to travel there and view its majestic rotundness for ourselves.

GeekSoc Picnic

Week 8

17 June, Queens' Backs

The traditional activity on May Weekend, CTS joins with the Science Fiction and Doctor Who societies to celebrate all things geeky. We do this by having a picnic on the Backs – there is food, music, party games and Pool Noodle Combat. Come and support our glorious Steward as she takes on the leader of CUSFS!

Puntmoot

Week 8

18 June

Another fine CTS tradition, we plan to hire punts and traverse the river up to Grantchester (where we may have another picnic!). While not quite as graceful as the swan-boats of the Teleri, these do have the great advantage of being easier to find in Cambridge, since Fëanor hasn't burnt them yet.

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Other dates for your diary:

CTS Read-along: The Hobbit

Weekly

Fridays, 19.30, on the CTS Discord

Bilbo's adventure – and our time with him – is almost over. But not quite yet! Join us to complete the thrilling tale, and to get a chance at deciding what we read next...

