

CTS Termcard Lent 2024

Pubmoot

Week 0

17 January, 19.30, The Castle Inn

Whether you've spent the holiday relaxing by the fire or frantically trying to cut your coursework down to the word limit, come and join some CTS folks for a fun evening of chatter at the Castle Inn.

Celebration in Middle-earth

Week 1

24 January, 19.30, St John's College (Castlereagh Room)

Eglerio! It's time to discuss the most important events on everyone's calendar, celebrations! Which days were public holidays in Gondor and why? Does everyone celebrate Yule, or just Hobbits? If you're (un)lucky, I'll go off on a tangent about why Midyear's Day in Hobbit reckoning doesn't have a day of the week.

Books in Middle-earth

Week 2

31 January, 19.30, online

There are plenty of books *about* Middle-earth, but what about in-universe books? It's time to talk literature, libraries and maybe whatever Hobbits read.

Mathom Party

Week 3

7 February, 19.30, St John's College (Castlereagh Room)

A revived CTS tradition, the Mathom Party is an event where each person brings along a ~~useless object they want to get rid of~~ a beautiful ornament/charming trinket/something that would serve someone else *much* better than it serves them. These are mathoms, in the Hobbit tradition, and we will spend the first half of the meeting trying to avoid being given them/trying to give them to the person to whom they are least useful. (Or just come along and laugh at us). Mark will be bringing the useless fridge magnets, which must of course go to someone who doesn't have a fridge. You're welcome to bring the mathoms back to the next mathom party.

Romantic Traditions of Middle-earth

Week 4

14 February, 19.30, online

It's the most romantic day of the year, according to people trying to sell you chocolates, so the perfect time to discuss how the inhabitants of Middle-earth show their affection, and what the wedding traditions are.

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Games Night

Week 5

21 February, 19.30, St John's College (Castlereagh Room)

If you enjoyed the Consequences at the end of the previous Anor (available at https://tolkien.soc.ucam.org/Anor_60), come along to make some more hilariously cursed scenarios. Which two unlikely people will meet, and how on Middle-earth did they get to *Mainsbury's*? There's only one way to find out! And we'll probably play other fun word and trivia games too.

Honours and Awards

Week 6

28 February, 19.30, online

What can one be awarded for bravery in Middle-earth? What other accolades have awards attached to them? And *who* was on Aragorn's birthday honours list?

Eagle Debate: Best Gollum Impersonator

Week 7

6 March, 19.30, St John's College (Castlereagh Room)

It's time to decide once and for all... which of Tolkien's characters would do the best impression of Gollum. There will be debating. There will be poetry. There will be dancing (optional). And, most importantly, there will be eagles! Disclaimer: there may not actually be eagles.

Storytelling and Poetry... and the AGM

Week 8

13 March, 19.30, online

The important part first: This is our Annual General Meeting, and where you lovely lot replace us as committee! As well as other happenings. Once that's over, we'll share some of our favourite Tolkien passages, poems and songs.

Other dates for your diary:

British Library visit

Week 2

28 January, 11.45

A group of us will be visiting the British Library's 'Fantasy: Realms of Imagination' exhibition. Book a ticket and come along to see what Tolkienian treasures it holds!

CTS Read-along: Histories of Middle-earth

Weekly

Fridays, 19.30, on the CTS Discord

Join us once more, for... well, to be honest, I don't know, since I haven't read *HoME*. Join us to find out!