

CTS Termcard: Easter 2015

There and back again...

Exam term cometh again, and for some reason you good people have decided to put up with me once again. The CTS is as ever running its termcard throughout exams, to provide oases of calm and restfulness amid the horrors and terrors of the term. Please do come along, it would be lovely to see you – remember that you can appear or disappear at any time of any meeting, and if there's anything we can do to help this term along just say. Your humble Steward will also be doing his finals, which may lead to some things being a bit low-effort in late May and early June, but we'll certainly ensure that meetings keep running regardless. Stay tuned to the emails!

April 22: Week 0 Pub

This week, there will be pub, primarily because the Steward doesn't have the time and energy to tidy up this close to his main dissertation deadline, and also because cider, which is as any hobbit will tell you a valid reason for pretty much anything ever.

Time: 19:15

Place: The Castle Inn, Castle Hill

April 29: Things Can Only Get Better?

In this discussion, we'll look at the passage of time in Middle-Earth. To what extent is Arda a world doomed to decline? What is the future of the realms at the end of LOTR? How does the passage of time affect the different races – and if the humans are the race of the future, what about the hobbits? Or the orcs?

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

May 6: Power in Middle-Earth

What IS power in Middle-Earth? Who has it, and why, and how can it be gotten rid of again? What does power mean to Tolkien? Despite it being such a central theme of Tolkien's writings, these are surprisingly hard questions to answer – but on May 6 we're going to do our best anyway...

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

May 13: Craft Evening

In which the CTS does crafting of some sort or other! Be it knitting, sewing, making stuff out of junk, sculpting, art, or whatever, you're all very much encouraged to come and join in making general

Tolkien awesome stuff of some sort. Don't worry if you don't know how to do anything or don't have anything to do – help will be at hand for that as well!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

May 20: On Childhood

A discussion of Middle-Earth and childhood, both inside and outside the legendarium. To what extent is Tolkien ever a “children’s author” and what does that mean? How are children presented in Tolkien’s worlds, and what attributes are associated with youth and childhood? Is there a significant difference between views of childhood in Middle-Earth and in minor works like Roverandom or the Father Christmas Letters? All this and more!

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

May 27: Games Night

Games nights are one of our most regular traditions with the CTS, and this term will be no exception. Word games tend to be the main focus, though computers and tabletops may well sneak in round the edges as well! A fun break to cheer you up as we teeter on the brink of great and grave terror.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

June 3: There Will Be Cake

There is not much more to say about this meeting, except that hobbits need food to even get out of bed in the morning, and therefore they DEFINITELY need food during a Cambridge exam term. Therefore, cake.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

June 10: Eagle Debate - Best Death (and End of Term Party)

The “who wore it best” of blood and gore, we go into who actually had the best death in the entire legendarium. Come hither, fight your case, and expect an unusually macabre dance-off at the end of proceedings! After the debate, the meeting will kind of shade off into an end of term party, not least because we’ll probably over-provide cake the previous week, and also because the Steward will have finished his degree.

Time: 19:15

Place: 3 Botolph Lane

Date TBA: Puntmoot

The puntmoot is the main social event of this term, to be held in May Week, wherein we punt toward Grantchester and have fun, food, etc etc! More details to be announced nearer the time.

Time: To Be Confirmed

Place: To Be Confirmed

Directions

To 3 Botolph Lane: When going south from the Corpus main gate towards Pembroke, Botolph lane is the small lane that heads off to the left. Number 3 is towards the Trumpington Street end of the road; the door of the room opens straight to the street, so feel free to ring the doorbell.

