

CTS Termcard Michaelmas 2015

Week 0: 9th Oct Freshers' Squash – 19:30, Walters Room, Selwyn

Our first meeting of the term where we welcome new members to the society. There will be biscuits!

Week 1: 14th Oct Favourite Bit of Books/Films – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

A gentle discussion meeting to ease our way into a new term. We'll be talking about our favourite bits from the whole corpus of Tolkien's works and their screen adaptations, so no need to have read everything to come along and have a good time!

Week 2: 21st Oct Death in Middle-earth – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

From not-so-serious to deadly serious (pun fully intended). Death and decay are a central topic of Tolkien's works and underlie much of the history of Middle-earth, from the Númenoreans' obsession with it and their consequent fall to Luthien's acceptance of it. Come along to debate such weighty matters and find out just what the fates of Elves and Men (and Dwarves and Orcs) are and how many Glorfindels there really are.

Week 3: 28th Oct Quiz Night – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

If you didn't already know, CTS has a yearly Varsity Quiz against our Oxonian counterparts (which we are currently on a 4-year winning streak in), so the odd bit of quiz practice is necessary to ensure Minas Tirith remains triumphant!

30th Oct Pub Quiz – Tba

In what will be a very quizzical week, Mike Percival, one of our long-term members, has offered to come back and run a pub quiz for us. Mike runs the annual quiz at Oxonmoot, the national Tolkien Society's premier annual event, so this should be a very interesting evening (if you're interested in obscure Tolkien trivia, which, if you're reading this, you presumably are). So, come along to discover the depth of your knowledge (or plumb the depths of your ignorance – don't worry, we all expect to find we have vast depths of the latter).

Week 4: 4th Nov Return of the King – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

The third part of the Lord of the Rings is in some ways the most interesting of Tolkien's work – not only does it have to tie up the plot of LOTR, but it also includes a large amount of extra information in the Appendices. We'll be looking at the book and the film version, comparing them, discussing them and trying to decide what we most enjoy about them.

6th November Kalevala Evening – Tba

CTS is partnering up with CU Finnish Society and CU Science-Fiction and Fantasy Society to present an evening on the subject of the Finnish national epic, the Kalevala, in association with the Finnish music group, Kallaton. This work was one of the main inspirations for Tolkien, and the evening will comprise readings from the Kalevala, along with performances of Finnish folk music. More details to be released soon. Please save the date - it promises to be a great evening!

Week 5 11th Nov Games Night – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

CTS's traditional Week 5 Games Night, where we attempt to dispel the mid-term blues by doing silly things for an evening. There will be word games (particularly Contact, which you will come to love if you don't yet know it), board games and maybe even a bit of acting (and dancing, if things really go south).

Week 6: 18th Nov Storytelling and Poetry – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

A chance for CTS members to show off their thespian abilities and extrovert side. You can perform your own compositions or read your favourite parts from the books, or just sit and listen – whichever you prefer.

21st Nov Foreyule Feast – Little St Mary's Church Hall

Christmas Dinner! This being Cambridge and term finishing at the start of December, this obviously happens in late November. This will be an informal dinner, with turkey and all the usual Christmas food, celebrated in true Hobbit style!

Week 7: 25th Nov Eagle Debate (Best Magician) – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

Eagle debates are one of CTS's most long-standing events. Pick a character to argue for and try to stop them being thrown off the eagle. Last (Wo)Man/Elf/Orc/Dwarf/Ent/etc. standing wins! This week, we're trying to decide who's the best magician in Middle-earth – given the nebulous definition of magic in Middle-earth, that gives us an awful lot of choice.

Week 8: 2nd Dec Something Light – 19:15, Room 4, 40 Grange Road, Selwyn

To finish off the term, when everyone's a bit run-down, an evening of fun and frolics with no set topic. Depending on what we feel like, we might have a semi-serious discussion, or just play games.