

PROGRAMME 2018

Please note that, unless otherwise indicated, meetings will be held at 6.30pm at **LUMEN URC, 88 TAVISTOCK PLACE, WC1H 9RS.**

JANUARY

Tuesday 23rd : President's evening – Professor John Bowen : *Dickens's Magic*

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th : Celebrating Charles Dickens's 206th Birthday in the presence of the President. Dinner at the British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. The toast to the Immortal Memory will be proposed by Professor John Carey of Oxford University.

Tuesday 20th :

Anna Mazzola – Writing *The Unseeing*: Fictionalising the notorious Edgware Road Murder of 1837

MARCH

Tuesday 20th : Michael Eaton MBE – *Charlie Peace: His Amazing Life and Astounding Legend*

APRIL

Tuesday 24th : Dr Tony Williams – ‘*A Whole...theatre...under one hat*’ : *Charles Dickens and the Public Readings*

MAY

Sunday 6th : Commemoration Service at the Church of St George the Martyr, Borough High Street, at 11.00 a.m.

Thursday 24th : David Langwallner – *Dickens, Kafka and the Law*

JUNE

Friday 8th : Wreath-laying at Westminster Abbey to mark the 148th Anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens. Assemble at 5.45 p.m. inside the West Door. Members may wish to attend Evensong at 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday 26th : Professor Michael Slater MBE – *Dickens on America and the Americans* - A talk to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Dickens's final departure from America

JULY

Saturday 7th : *Dickens's Most Vacuous Heroine*: Advocates of rival candidates solicit your vote - Function Room of The Rugby Tavern, 19 Great James Street, London WC1N 3ES (2pm start)

AUGUST

Saturday 18th : Walk in West Brompton Cemetery, one of London's Magnificent Seven. Final

resting place of (amongst others) Charles Alston Collins and Inspector Fields. Meet at 1.30 at the Anglican Chapel for refreshments. 2.00 start. Fulham Road SW10.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd : Annual Outing. This year to ‘*Our Watering Place*’ - Broadstairs.

Tuesday 18th : **Dr Jeremy Parrott** – *Dickens & Company: Tales from the Annotated Set of All The Year Round*

OCTOBER

Saturday 6th : Writers’ Block – A Ramble in Chelsea with Edward Preston – jointly with the Elizabeth Gaskell Society. (Meet at Sloane Square underground station at 2 p.m.)

Tuesday 16th : Janet Smith – *The Paradise at Tooting: Drouet and the Infant Pauper Asylum*

Thursday 25th - Tuesday 30th : 112th Annual Dickens Fellowship Conference in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 20th : Professor Christine Skelton – *Georgina Hogarth and the Dickens’ Separation*

DECEMBER

Saturday 8th : Christmas Supper

Fuller programme information, including details of any supplementary events, will be published in the *London Particular* and on the website, www.dickensfellowship.org. Follow us on twitter @DickensFellowHQ.

THE DICKENS FELLOWSHIP

2018

Member's name.....

“If there were reasonable hope and promise I would make up my mind to go to Australia and get money (and) would do for All The Year Round while I was away, The Uncommercial Traveller Upside Down...I should come back rich. I should have seen a great deal of novelty to boot.”

Letter to Forster - 22 October 1862.

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General information

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