

Rochester & Chatham Dickens Fellowship
Secretaries "What's on Guide?"
28th November 2020

Charles Dickens 150 Film October

Charles Dickens 150, a tribute by Alternate Shadows Theatre Company. Filming is completed and is now in post-production. The film is planned to be ready for release before Christmas. Members from both R&CDF and Broadstairs branches took part as film extras.

Gerald Dickens performing A Christmas Carol - 26th November to 31st January

Our branch President Gerald Dickens performing A Christmas Carol was filmed locally and is available to hire via a download. '.....This unforgettable performance has recently been captured on film for all of his fans to enjoy this holiday season. In a spirited one-man performance, Gerald Charles Dickens tells the beloved story of Ebenezer Scrooge's heartfelt transformation by acting out all 26 characters in this 70 minute performance. Many of the scenes have been recorded on location throughout the streets of Rochester, England where Gerald's great-great grandfather, Charles Dickens, took inspiration for many of his writings...' For further details and how to rent the film, visit www.geralddickens.com

Broadstairs Branch - A Christmas Carol

Broadstairs branch own Dickens Declaimers have recorded A Christmas Carol and, in conjunction with the NSPCC have produced a Just Giving page where you can listen to the performance and, if you wish, donate to this children's charity. They hope members of the Fellowship enjoy this recording and donate if they wish.

Film - <https://youtu.be/nufMUDiqNMg>

Donations - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dickens-fellowship-broadstairs-nspcc>

Broadstairs branch Christmas Meeting – Wednesday 2nd December.

Their meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 2nd December will be commemorating the 150th anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens. They are delighted to say that Professor Malcolm Andrews will be joining them with his talk "3 scenes from Dickens: Oliver, Paul and the Decline-And-Fall-Off-The Rooshan-Empire". The Dickens Declaimers will also be doing their tribute

to Dickens entitled "Celebrating a Life". For further information go to info@broadstairsdickensfellowship.com

Dickens at St Andrew's Gravesend – 5,6,12 & 13 December

A socially distance promenade experience for all the family takes place on December 5,6,12 and 13th between 10am and 3pm. An immersive journey with Charles Dickens and some of his characters. Based on a letter received by Charles Dickens from the Rev. Charles Robinson from Gravesend, late 1868. For prices, bookings and further information contact Woodville box office 01474 337500 or www.woodville.co.uk

Dickens Fellowship of New York City ZOOM meeting - Saturday 5th December

The next meeting of the Dickens Fellowship of NYC is on Saturday, December 5th, 1:00 pm, EDT (their time) Christmas Party. Hosted by Ken Holtzshue. "A Toast to Dickens", plus reading of "A Christmas Carol" Further details from DF web site

Dickens Fellowship Friends of Dickens New York ZOOM meeting - Saturday 5th December. The next meeting of the Friends of Dickens New York December 5th, 1:00 pm EDT(their time). Friends of Dickens New York. Chapters 25-31. Further details from DF web site

Central Dickens Fellowship - CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND READINGS– Saturday 5th December

As they are unable to hold their tradition Christmas Supper this year, they are instead going to hold a Quiz with readings via Zoom on Saturday 5th December at 18.00 GMT.

If you wish to join the event, please send an e-mail request and a link will be sent to you nearer the date. The address is:

dickensfellowshiptalks@gmail.com

The Quiz is just for fun – no one will be enriched other than intellectually. The quizmaster's decision will be final.

Rochester Artisans Market - Saturday 12th December

There will be an outside artisans market in Rochester High Street on Saturday 12th December 10 am to 3 pm. For details www.visitmedway.org

Christmas with Dickens – Sunday 13th December

Starting at 4pm PST (their time) on Sunday the 13th December, the Dickens Project presents an original readers' theatre piece followed by a Q&A session

via ZOOM. Charles Dickens just wants to talk about his book, A Christmas Carol, but what happens when spirits begin to show up?

Reading with Dickens - Monday 14th December

Monday, December 14 at 6:30 pm (PST)

On Monday the 14th December at 6.30pm (their time) Professor John Jordan will give a talk via ZOOM - *Reading with Dickens*. He speculates about the reasons for Dickens's enduring afterlife and explores some of the ways in which Dickens remains important and relevant for 21st-century audiences.

Aberdeen Dickens Fellowship – Wednesday 16th December.

Aberdeen Dickens Fellowship ZOOM Meeting - Wednesday 16th December.

The next meeting of the Dickens Fellowship Aberdeen is on Wednesday 16th, 6:00 pm GMT. Paul Shilke presents “Editing Boz Our Childhood Favourites”. Further details from DF web site

Branch Christmas ZOOM meeting -Thursday 17th December

The meeting starts at **2.30 pm** on Thursday 17th December and comprises of Christmas Dickens readings, Dickens quiz, singing a Christmas carol and partaking of a glass of Smoking Bishop. Further details, Steve Martin 01474 560250 or stevemartin54@hotmail.com

Rochester Artisans Market - Saturday 19th December

There will be an outside artisans market in Rochester High Street on Saturday 19th December 10 am to 3 pm. For details www.visitmedway.org

Los Angeles area Dickens Fellowship ZOOM meeting - Saturday 19th December

The next meeting of the Los Angeles Dickens Fellowship – Saturday 19th December 1:00 pm PDT (their time). Christmas Party. Further details from DF web site

Branch Meeting -Thursday 21st January 2021

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Branch Meeting -Thursday 18th February 2021

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Branch Meeting -Thursday 18th March 2021

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Branch Meeting -Thursday 15th April 2021

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Branch Meeting -Thursday 20th May 2021

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Branch Meeting -Thursday 17th June 2021

Further details, Steve Martin 01474 560250 or stevemartin54@hotmail.com

Branch Outing -Thursday 19th July 2021

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Rochester Dickens Festival Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th June 2021

Salute to the 40's 18th and 19th September 2021

The Chatham Historic Dockyard Salute to the 40's event is scheduled to take place 18th and 19th September 2021.

Dickens Pickwick Club Visit - Fri 1st to Sun 3rd October 2021

The rescheduled visit by members of the Dickens Pickwick Club to the Medway area is provisionally September or October 2021.

Notes:

[Blue text](#) denotes new events or amendments to existing events.

Branch meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start between September and June. Venue - Gad's Hill School Hall. Gravesend Road, Higham ME3 7DS (School car park entrance via Crutches Lane).