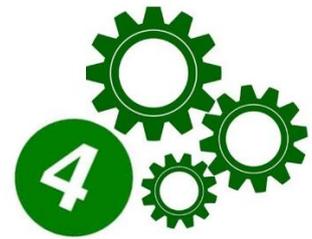


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Season Four Programme Details

Don't worry about getting bored over the Summer Break, here's our Member-led Summer Season Four details!

Please contact the relevant email linked to each session to help plan for numbers and to provide additional information about the session as required.



Anne Bronte's The Tenant of Wildfell Hall – Led by Maria Goulding

Thursday 6th & 20th July

14.00-15.30 at Commercial Union House

We'll read ahead and then pick some passages to read aloud and discuss.

Please contact Maria Goulding regarding this session - mgoulding@hotmail.co.uk



Cragside Trip - Water and electricity do mix!

Tuesday 11th July - Led by Nova Brockbank

Meet main car-park 11.00am

Cragside was an early example of self-sufficiency. The power of water is used, not only to operate gadgets, but also to generate electricity. The pump house and generating stations can still be seen. The walk involves steps, slopes and some rough ground. (Best not done in flimsy high heels.)

Meet main car-park 11.00 am, to walk round the power circuit, 1 ½ to 2 hours, coffee, lunch, then later if people wish, look at the uses of electricity and water power inside the house, including a new display about Lord Armstrong's experiments.

If you have not visited before, there is a formal garden, and a drive round the estate where you can see other parts of the power system, there are walks, lakes and picnic sites.

For non-National Trust members, admission (cash only) is £11 pounds for the grounds only, or £17 including the house. We may be able to arrange to share cars so if you intend to go or want more details, contact me to arrange.

Please contact Nova Brockbank regarding this session - novab146@gmail.com



Short Stories: The Penguin Book of the British Short Story 2 – Led by Maria Goulding

Wednesday 12th & Wednesday 26th July (Please note: these sessions run from July through to September – dates to follow by month below)

14.00-15.30 at Commercial Union House

Read aloud a different story each week, from PG Wodehouse to Zadie Smith. These sessions are open to everyone, even if you haven't been to previous literature sessions – please let Maria know for each session if you are interested so she can keep you informed about the choice of story each week.

Please contact Maria Goulding regarding this session - mgoulding@hotmail.co.uk



Friends of Explore Walkers – Wylam to Hag Bank (and Back!)

Sunday 30th July - Led by Jenny Peace & Coordinated by Harry Rose

Meet at 11am from the carpark near the road bridge at WYLAM

We will cross old railway bridges and pass HAG BANK hamlet. Follow the TYNE and visit a nature reserve. Most of this will be on tarmac paths and fairly level.

We will also go to the Hearth Art Centre and Café (so that Harry may have a chocolate cake!) See you all there at the carpark!

Please contact Harry Rose regarding this session – harry.rose@talktalk.net



Short Stories: The Penguin Book of the British Short Story 2 – Led by Maria Goulding

Thursday 3rd, 17th & 31st August (Please note: these sessions run from July through to September – dates to follow by month below)

14.00-15.30 at Commercial Union House

Read aloud a different story each week, from PG Wodehouse to Zadie Smith. These sessions are open to everyone, even if you haven't been to previous literature sessions – please let Maria know for each session if you are interested so she can keep you informed about the choice of story each week.

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CANCELLED - Explore the West Newcastle Picture History Collection

Monday 7th August - Led by Elsie Denham

Meet 11am at the West End Library (Condercum Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 9JH)

West Newcastle Picture History Collection holds a treasure trove of over 19,000 photographs of West Newcastle from the 1880s to the present day. This is an opportunity to find out about this unique photographic archive and explore it yourself. Short talk and slide show followed by time to browse the collection.

Please contact Elsie Denham regarding this session - elsie.denham@gmail.com



Art Chat!

Monday 17th & 14th August – Led by Jack Massey

11.00-12.30 at Commercial Union House

I'll show images, most of them new to you, from all periods of art history and we'll discuss!

I'm constantly impressed with the knowledge of our members and hopefully, a good analysis of who, when, where, why etc will emerge with the 'owner' of the image filling any gaps to complete the picture

To 'own' an image, Google WikiArt or, alternatively a free WikiArt app is available offering thousands of high quality images and mail one to me with information on the title and painter plus date of painting if available. you may of course seek out images elsewhere on the web.

Next, do a little research on your image to help fill in gaps after discussion. Then come along and listen to or partake in the discussion of a number of very different paintings

Otherwise, just turn up and enjoy the chat. It's all very safe and non-threatening and all concerned last year seemed to enjoy the sessions - didn't you?

Please contact Jack Massey regarding this session - jackmassey87@gmail.com



Trip to Woodhorn Museum: Pitmen Painters Exhibition with Artist Narbi Price
Wednesday 9th August - Led by Helen Watson

Meet at 14.00 at Entrance to The Cutter (building housing main gallery space)

Artist and tutor Narbi Price will give a tour of the Pitmen Painters exhibition, in light of his current work with the collection and PhD, delving into the lesser-known tales and techniques of the Ashington Group. It may be possible to arrange car-shares so please let me know if you can offer a lift.

Please contact Helen Watson regarding this session - hmswatson2@gmail.com



Benwell's Lost Coal Mines: Guided Walk
Thursday 10th August - Led by Elsie Denham

Meet at 10.30am at St James' Church on Benwell Lane

This walk traces the legacy of coal mining in Benwell, following the route of the waggonway from Benwell Colliery then turning west to pass the site of former pit villages and the grand houses occupied by coal owners. This is a circular walk, involving some uphill walking. Finish at St James' to see some of the historic graves and memorials connected with coal mining, and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee.

Please contact Elsie Denham regarding this session - elsie.denham@gmail.com



Friends of Explore Walkers – Newbiggin Bay
Saturday 26th August - Led by Steve Barret & Coordinated by Harry Rose

Meet for 10.30 at Newbiggin Marine Centre (free carpark). There are direct busses from Newcastle and the terminus is at the Marine Centre also. To arrange lifts please contact Harry by telephone on 0191 2584041. The best pick-up point for lifts is Callerton Metro Station.

Please contact Harry Rose regarding this session - harry.rose@talktalk.net



CANCELLED Organic Chemistry Part One – What Is It?

Wednesday 13th September - Led by Tom Bates

10.30-12.00 at Commercial Union House

After a brief and non-rigorous explanation of what organic chemistry is, we will have a look at some of the simpler compounds. Isomerism plays an important part in organic chemistry so there will also be a brief non-rigorous look at this, and a brief explanation of how organic compounds are named.

Please contact Tom Bates regarding this session – ramblingwide@yahoo.co.uk



Short Stories: The Penguin Book of the British Short Story 2 – Led by Maria Goulding

Thursday 14th September (Please note: these sessions run from July through to September)

14.00-15.30 at Commercial Union House

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Please contact Maria Goulding regarding this session - mgoulding@hotmail.co.uk



CANCELLED Organic Chemistry Part Two – What Is It to You?

Friday 15th September - Led by Tom Bates

10.30-12.00 at Commercial Union House

A brief look at some of the compounds which are so important to today's lifestyle. Plastics, pharmaceuticals, detergents and more...

Please contact Tom Bates regarding this session – ramblingwide@yahoo.co.uk



Music Fandom Through the Ages: And the beat goes on...

Friday 22nd September - Led by Nancy Isherwood

14.00-15.30 at Commercial Union House

As long as there's been music, there's been someone to listen and yet the study of 'music fans' is a relatively nascent field of research, often focussing on familiar stereotypes; screaming teenagers in floods at the gates, obsessive collectors with box-room memorabilia, vinyl junkies who'd sell their wife and their soul for that rare single pressing...

Although the subject has gathered pace over recent years, academics still have much to learn about what it means to be a music fan, often focussing on the most accessible, identifiable fan groups and personalities - so let's push things forward! My own research attempts to understand music fans on the peripheries, those who don't quite fit the stereotypes or the market-model, and especially those whose fandom has endured and/or changed over their lifetime.

Part-talk, part-discussion group this session frameworks the history of music fandom & its growth as a research area, before turning the mic to the audience for a discussion of our own experiences as music fans. All welcome!

Please contact Nancy Isherwood regarding this session - nancyisherwoodresearch@gmail.com

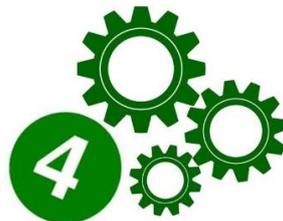


Friends of Explore Walkers – Chopwell Woods

Sunday 24th September - Led by Jan Widmer & Coordinated by Harry Rose

Meet for 11.00 at the Main Carpark on Hooker Lane (which is between Rowlands Gill and High Spen). It is on the Go North East bus route 47 (Red Kite) from Eldon Square, Central Station or Metro Centre.

Please contact Harry Rose regarding this session - harry.rose@talktalk.net



Please contact the session leaders for queries regarding individual sessions, however you can also contact Jo Champion (Friends of Explore Co-ordinator) with any other queries regarding the Season Four programme –

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