PROGRAMME 2020

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

JANUARY
   Tuesday 21st : Peter Fiennes: Footnotes: In the footsteps of Dickens and Collins.

FEBRUARY
   Friday 7th : Celebrating Charles Dickens’s 208th Birthday in the presence of the President. Dinner at the Oxford & Cambridge Club, 71 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HD. Speaker for the Toast to the Immortal Memory to be confirmed.
   Tuesday 18th : Jane King: Received, a blank Child: Dickens and the Foundling Hospital.
                         To be followed by the launch of Reading Dickens Differently by Leon Litvack and Nathalie Vanfasse

MARCH
   Tuesday 24th : Cathy Waters: Celebrating the Brotherhood of the Pen: George Augustus Sala on Dickens and Thackeray.

APRIL
   Tuesday 21st : Dr Jonathan Buckmaster: Charles Dickens, Grimaldi and Joseph Grimaldi.

MAY
   Tuesday 19th : Dr Jeremy Parrott: In Need of Comfort: Dickens as Uncle John.

JUNE
   Tuesday 9th : Wreath-laying at Westminster Abbey to mark the 150th 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.

JULY
   Saturday 4th : Where Dickens went wrong! Bulwer Lytton famously persuaded Dickens to change the projected ending to Great Expectations. Members will suggest how Dickens could have improved one of his novels by making a change to the plot. The Function Room of The Rugby Tavern, 19 Great James Street, London WC1N 3ES (2pm start)
   Monday 20th : Outing to Knebworth House in Hertfordshire. This is the final (and optional) event at the Conference. Further details to follow.

SEPTEMBER
   Tuesday 22nd : Jeremy Tambling: Dickens and Capital Punishment.

OCTOBER
Tuesday 27th: Jennie Walton: Dickens and the Royal Dramatic College.

NOVEMBER
Tuesday 17th: Dr Tony Williams: Dickens’s new achievement in Dombey and Son.

DECEMBER
Saturday 5th: 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.
“London is a vile place, I sincerely believe. I have never taken kindly to it, since I lived abroad. Whenever I come back from the country, now, and see that great heavy canopy lowering over the housetops, I wonder what on earth I do there, except on obligation.”

Letter to Sir Edward Bulwer Lytton – 10th February 1851.
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