The Dickens Fellowship, Broadstairs, Programme 2020

5th February
Professor Catherine Waters, Professor of Victorian Literature and Print Culture, University of Kent. “Much of Sala, and but little of Russia: ‘A Journey Due North,’ Household Words and the birth of a special correspondent.”

8th February
Happy Birthday Mr Dickens! at The Pavilion, 3 pm. “The Bloomsbury Christening” by Charles Dickens performed by the Dickens Declaimers, plus a cream tea. (Open to the public: details to follow)

4th March
Dr Tony Williams, Past President of the Dickens Fellowship, Associate Editor of The Dickensian, Honorary Academic Advisor to the Charles Dickens Museum, London, Honorary Senior Research Fellow in Humanities, University of Buckingham, Honorary Life Member and Former Joint General Secretary of the Dickens Fellowship, “Human Interest and Fancy Goods: Dickens and the Uncommercial Traveller”.

1st April
Jennifer Ide, Senior Tour Guide and Tours Organiser at Gad’s Hill Place, “Charles Dickens, The Beneficent, Unofficial Squire of Higham”.

6th May
Paul Lewis, Freelance Writer and Broadcaster, Editor of Wilkie Collins’s letters and Secretary of the Wilkie Collins Society, “Wilkie Collins – Friend of Dickens; Man of Kent.”

13th May
Annual Dinner at the Pavilion, Broadstairs, 7.30pm. Guest of Honour, Ian Dickens, great, great grandson of Charles Dickens and President of the Dickens Fellowship. (Details to follow)

20th May
Outing to London: “Eastward Commercially” – a Tour by Dr Tony Williams. (Details to follow)

3rd June
Cdr. Mark Dickens R.N., great, great grandson of Charles Dickens, Past President of the Dickens Fellowship, Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers, “Charles Dickens from a Family Perspective.”

7th June
2pm Church service at Holy Trinity Church Broadstairs, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens. followed by Celebrating a Life: Charles Dickens 1812-1870, at The Pavilion 3pm. Edwin Drood by Charles Dickens performed by The Dickens Declaimers plus a cream tea. 3 pm at The Pavilion. (Open to the public, details to follow)

1st July
Dr Christine Corton, Senior Member of Wolfson College, Cambridge “Fog Everywhere: How fog creeps into Dickens and beyond”.

August
Proposed outing to Chateau d’Hardelot, France. (Details to follow).
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<td>2nd September</td>
<td>Outdoor meeting in Nuckell’s Gardens at 3 pm, with refreshments and a performance by the Dickens Declaimers. (Members only).</td>
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<td>7th October</td>
<td>Paul Graham, Joint Hon General Secretary of the Dickens Fellowship, “How ‘the geni who rose from the antipodes’ rid Mugby Junction of its tyrannous Missus and helped establish Anglo-Australian cricket”.</td>
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<td>Christmas Social with seasonal refreshments and a performance by the Dickens Declaimers and a mystery guest......</td>
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Fellowship meetings are at The Pavilion in Broadstairs at 7 pm