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Leeds Combined Arts Newsletter – Summer 2021

Dear All,

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading and attending many of the events we have on offer. As usual we would like to know in advance if you are attending as we do still have to keep a track on numbers, but generally we are able to accommodate more people now the restrictions have eased somewhat. We look forward to seeing you soon.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to keep in touch with us on social media!



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Disclaimer: Leeds Combined Arts reserves the right to alter, cancel or amend an event when circumstances arise beyond their control. However, where an event has to be cancelled or changed this will always be advertised on the website. Participation in any event included in this newsletter is undertaken at the individual's own risk.

POETRY & PROSE EVENINGS

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Wednesday 16th June 7.30 p.m. Poetry, Prose & Music Evening on the theme of 'Summer, Sun, Moon & Stars. HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley.

Join us for our Summer Poetry Evening at HEART. The theme for this evening is 'Moon, Sun and Stars'. All welcome to read, sing or play. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 concessions and members of LCA.

Wednesday 21st July 7.30 p.m. 'The Whole of Life' with Richard Smith, HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley, LS6 3HN.

Offered is an ambitious range of daringly original poems and creative pieces that boldly attempt to cover every aspect of human life - ranging from the small scale to the large scale and from the amusing to the tragic. A variety of subject matter is covered - including cats, marriage, the state of western civilization and the nature of existence. If you want thought provoking mental stimulation as well as entertainment this is the session for you! Entrance £3.50/£3.00 members and concessions.



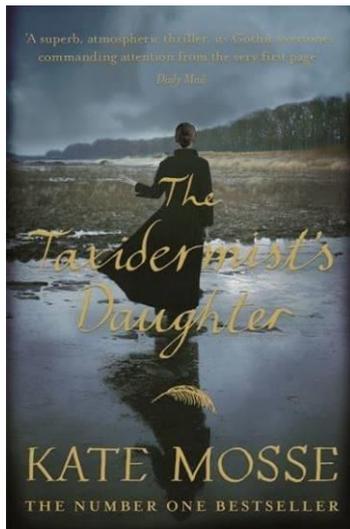
LCA BOOK GROUP



Heart Centre, Headingley LS6 3HN.

Our book group continues at HEART for the time being and we will be commencing a new book on Monday 7th June. For further info see our website. Entrance £3.00. All welcome to read. Those who prefer not to read are welcome to just come along and sit and listen. Social-distancing rules apply.

The Taxidermists' Daughter by Kate Mosse.



1912. A Sussex churchyard. Villagers gather on the night when the ghosts of those who will not survive the coming year are thought to walk. And in the shadows, a woman lies dead. As the flood waters rise, Connie Gifford is marooned in a decaying house with her increasingly tormented father. He drinks to escape the past, but an accident has robbed her of her most significant childhood memories. Until the disturbance at the church awakens fragments of those vanished years.



THEATRE VISITS

As the Theatres slowly start to get back on their feet, here are the theatre trips over the Summer. *Please note that there are still a reduced number of tickets available due to spacing, so please let us know asap if you wish to book.* Prices at the Playhouse have also slightly increased this season. As usual when booking please make all cheques payable to 'Leeds Combined Arts Theatre Group'. If you have credit with us and the Playhouse, please let us know so we can use this or deduct it off the price of your ticket and you can send us the difference. Please contact us before sending payment so we can ensure we have enough seats available. Email sibylle@leedscombinedarts.org.uk



Tuesday 29th June 7.30 p.m. 'A Little Night Music', Leeds Playhouse

A chance meeting between ex-lovers sparks a game of romantic musical chairs over a weekend in the country, as hopelessly mismatched couples find themselves confronted by their own vanities and deceptions. Glistening with wit and romance, composer Sondheim's tantalising tale flirts with musical theatre and opera, and includes the classic song '*Send in the Clowns*'. All tickets £14.00.

Tuesday 27th July 7.45 p.m. 'Piaf', Leeds Playhouse.

Born Edith Gassion in 1915, no one could have predicted Edith Piaf's phenomenal rise to fame – from singing in the streets of Paris to becoming one of France's biggest international stars, her voice is still revered to this day. But her extraordinary talent was matched with an equally extraordinary personal life. Pam Gems' sensational and emotionally-charged play explores the highs and lows of the enigmatic yet fragile singer's life and features some of Piaf's most famous songs, including *La Vie en Rose*, *Hymne à l'amour* and *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*. *Piaf* is directed by **Adam Penford** (*An Enemy of the People*, *The Madness of George III*, *Wonderland*) and stars Tony-nominated and Olivier Award-winning actress **Jenna Russell** in the title role. All tickets £14.00

Wednesday 18th August 7.00 p.m.' The Promise of a Garden', Leeds Playhouse.

Nature has been our faithful companion in lockdown. In parks, pastures, allotments and gardens, it has helped us through the tough times. Now, a new botanical paradise is growing in the heart of the city as we transform the Quarry Theatre into a horticultural haven where a company of older performers will share their personal stories, visions and dreams of times past, present and future as they create the garden out of nothing before your eyes *The Promise of a Garden* blends performance, dance, music, film and photography to create blossoming moments of joy and reflection as we begin to explore and gather strength in our new reopening phase. All tickets £14.00.

Offers for further theatre trips may be sent out by e-mail
so make sure we have yours!

WORKSHOPS

**Singing and Voice Workshops, Meanwood Institute, LS6 4LD.
Commencing Tuesday 22nd June; 1.30 - 3.00:**

Join Carol for some voice and singing for pleasure workshops at Meanwood Institute as part of our Lifelines in the community project. Some songs may be sung in different languages. Entrance £3.50/£3.00 members.



Photos of previous workshops at Meanwood Institute

MUSIC EVENTS

Friday 4 June 7.00 p.m. – 9.15 p.m. Irish Arts presents Jim & Maria Doody & Friends, HEART Marquee, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN

An evening of traditional Irish music and song in collaboration with Irish Arts Foundation. Music in the marquee until approximately 9.15 p.m. Drinks and Snacks available to purchase – payment by card preferred. Last orders 8.45 p.m. All tickets £5.00. To book please pay for your tickets at HEART reception or on-line at www.heartcentre.org.uk/events

Please note that this is *NOT* and LCA-organised event.
We just thought you might like to know about it!

DAY TRIPS & WEEKENDS AWAY

Wednesday 11 August 9.00 a.m. Day Trip to Barnard Castle and Northallerton. Meet at Leeds Central Bus station outside Greggs. (Re-arranged from February.)

Join us for a day trip to Barnard Castle (pictured) & Northallerton. Set on a high rock above the River Tees, Barnard Castle takes its name from its 12th century founder, Bernard de Balliol. It was later developed by the Beauchamp family and then passed into the hands of Richard III. With fantastic views over the Tees Gorge this fortress sits on the fringe of an attractive working market town also known as 'Barney' so there is plenty to do for families on a day out. Try and spot Richard's boar emblem carved above a window in the inner ward or visit the 'sensory garden' of scented plants and tactile objects.

Set between the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the west and the North York Moors National Park to the east the town has been a centre of communications for centuries. Northallerton's wide High Street is a pleasant busy shopping centre, with many independent shops, cafes and pubs. There is a busy market on Wednesday and Saturday. All seats are **£14.00**. Social distance rules apply and all places must be pre-booked in advance and only those from the same house-hold may be seated together. Contact us on 07518 627109.



WALKS

Leeds Combined Arts provides monthly 'arts walks' which are designed to suit people who prefer a gentle steady walk of between two and six miles. These walks are at a gentle pace and are ideal for people who would like to become fitter and enjoy walking but would not be up to doing a longer walk at a faster pace. During the walk we usually incorporate some Poetry, Story-telling or music; and we sometimes include visits to a stately home or Art Gallery or other place of interest. Although these walks are of shorter length please consider your ability when attending any walk and always come equipped with appropriate clothing including waterproofs, walking boots and warm clothing.

Notes:

- 1. Participation on any Leeds Combined Arts walk is at the individual's own risk. For further information about any walk please contact the walk leader.*
- 2. Social distancing rules apply on all walks, and all places must be pre-booked.*

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.



Picture from a previous LCA walk with Poetry around Collingham.

Here are the walks for June, July & August. We are pleased to say that 'Otley Walking Festival' will be taking place this year and also celebrating its 20th Anniversary which sadly had to be cancelled last year. We have included a few of the walks and events below including the one we will be leading ourselves from Bramhope. If you would like a view of the full programme of walks and events taking place between the 26 June and 4 July, please visit www.otleywalkingfestival.co.uk

Saturday 26 June 9.00 a.m. 'Grand Opening – 20th Birthday' Otley Parish Church, Kirkgate, Otley LS21 3HW.

Celebrate Twenty Years of OWF at Otley Parish Church, Celebration Cake!, Refreshments, Photos and more. No booking required.

Sunday 27th June LCA & OWF Walk from Bramhope 12:00 noon.

Join Carol with Otley Walking Festival for a 4/5 mile walk from Bramhope and along Otley Chevin at the Fox & Hounds pub, Bramhope, LS16 9AX. Car park is just behind the Fox & Hounds, Bramhope. Depart 12 noon. The X84 bus from Leeds Central Bus Station stop sat Bramhope Church on Otley Road and its just a few minutes' walk to the pub up the hill, Fields and woodlands, poetry at lunch. **We will call to the Cheerful Chilli for drinks/snacks on route.**

Wednesday 30th June 1.45 p.m. 'Twenty Blue Plaques' Walk from Ilkley Bus Station.

Meet Ray Moss at Ilkley Bus Station for a 3 mile walk of Ilkley's blue plaques and historical buildings. Booking essential for this walk by contacting rayleeds75@gmail.com

Thursday 1st July 7.00 p.m. Mick Bradley's Wainwright Adventures' Otley Courthouse.

Mick Bradley presents stunning photographs illustrating the pleasures and occasional mishaps of summing all 214 Wainwrights. Tickets £3.00 from Otley Courthouse, Courthouse Street, LS21 3AN. Enjoy the pitfalls of conquering Wainwrights without straining a muscle.

Sunday 18th July LCA Walk Sunday 18th July 12:15 p.m. at The Mill, Batley.

Join Rob at The Mill: 418 Bradford Rd, Batley WF17 5LZ for a walk of just under 6 miles and will take in the historic ruins of the 16th century Howley Hall and may include Grade 2 listed Woodkirk church". 16th century" will be the literature theme. Further details including train times and parking facilities will follow by e-mail. <http://www.themillbatley.com/>

For further information contact Rob on 0113 2164492. To book contact Carol carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk or text the LCA Mobile on 07518627109.

Sunday 8 August, 11.30 a.m. LCA & LYHA Walk Nidd Gorge, Knaresborough.

Meet Carol at Knaresborough Market Place for a walk through the dramatic Nidd Gorge above Knaresborough. Following paths through a section of steeply sided valley, with mixed woodland and open areas attractive to bird life and, in the summer months butterflies. The walk will return down-stream. Approximately 5 miles. Optional refreshment in Knaresborough afterwards.

If you have experience with leading walks and would be interested in leading one as part of our monthly walks programme; typically, around 4 – 6 miles, or you have an idea of a walk you would like us to include, please get in touch via carol@leedscombinedarts.org.uk



Picture from a previous walk around Temple Newsam



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EVENTS/TALKS/WORKSHOPS

(All take place at The HEART Centre, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN)

Wednesday 23 June, 7.30 p.m. 'Talk on C. S. Lewis' 'Before Narnia' with Claire Rae Randall. HEART, Bennett Road, Headingley LS6 3HN.

CS Lewis: Before Narnia

CS Lewis is best known today for his Chronicles of Narnia but he was already an established figure in the popular imagination in the 1940s before Narnia was known to the world.

In his literary works he expressed a deep concern with the Problem of Evil and the corruption of humanity by demonic forces which he believed to be entirely real, albeit in immaterial form. In this talk Claire Rae Randall will explore the spiritual and philosophic underpinnings of Lewis's cosmology through works such as *The Abolition of Man*, *The Screwtape Letters* and his *Interplanetary Trilogy* which influenced both the hugely popular *Avatar* movie and Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Entrance £4.00/£3.50 members & concessions.