

The Alliance of Literary Societies (ALS)
AGM Weekend in Hull
Hosted by
The Philip Larkin Society, celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of
Philip Larkin, 9th August 1922
Friday 20th May- Sunday 22nd May 2022

Programme

Friday, 20th May 2022, 7.30pm

Please join us for an informal dinner at the wonderful Hitchcocks, that has become a Hull culinary institution. Hitchcocks is a quirky vegetarian restaurant that describes itself as a 'surrealist mystery tour' and always invites the first guest who books for an evening, to choose the theme of the menu. In honour of Larkin, they are preparing for us a 'retro British' theme- including 'Toad' In the Hole and the 1970s classic Black Forest Gateau. There is a full bar, or you can bring your own bottle {£1 corkage fee applies per bottle}. Please note that Hitchcocks is an old building and has some steep stairways.

<http://www.hitchcocksrestaurant.co.uk/>

Saturday, 21st May 2022, Hull History Centre

10 am Arrive. Registration and tea/coffee.

10.45 Programme begins.
Welcome by Professor Graham Chesters, Chair of the PLS

Introduction to the day by ALS President Claire Harman

Keynote talk by Dr James Underwood (University of Huddersfield) who will discuss his fascinating book, *Early Larkin* (Bloomsbury, 2021) and the use he made of the extensive Larkin archives.

Access to the library and Larkinalia items held in the archives

12.30 Lunch at The Hull History Centre
Selection of Sandwiches (meat/fish/veg)
Homemade Vegetable Quiche
Crudities and Dips
Sausage Rolls
Ready Salted Crisps
Dessert choice
Coffee, Tea and Biscuits

Raffle closes 30 mins before AGM starts

- 2pm AGM
- 3pm Raffle drawn, tea and coffee
- 3.30 Join Hull legend Paul Schofield on a guided walk around the Larkin Trail in Hull city centre (£5 per head, pay on the day)
- 7pm Dinner at The Minerva Pub, Hull Marina

The Minerva is an iconic pub that has been in situ since 1829 and frequented by Larkin himself. We will be taking over the upstairs room. A lovely place for views across the Humber Estuary and for strolls around the town centre in the evening before or after the meal. The meal is an informal hot buffet with vegetarian choices. There is a steep staircase to the upstairs room. Please note we can only seat 35 people at this event.

Sunday, 22nd May, 2022, the main gates at Pearson Park

10.30 am

We'd like to invite delegates to meet us for a wander around Pearson Park, made famous in poems such as *Toads* and *Toads Revisited*, and a flat walk of just over a mile up to the Brynmor Jones Library, built under the watchful eye of senior librarian Philip Larkin, with a little detour to look at Larkin's final home in Newland Park. Please note it is possible to catch a bus between sites or bring your car.

At Brynmor Jones Library we will be able to visit Larkin's personal office (not normally open to the public). Please note numbers may be limited according to staff capacity on the day.

We can also recommend the Larkin Trail and/or a visit to Cottingham or Beverley for any delegates that want to go their own way.

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Booking. Please book by completing the form below and emailing to the PLS Treasurer or printing and posting with a cheque. Final bookings on Friday April 29th.

Raffle Prizes. It is part of the ALS tradition that, if possible, people bring items to be included as raffle prizes. This is often a good way to advertise your particular author to others! These can be left at the registration table on arrival on the Saturday. Raffle tickets will be on sale until 30 minutes before the start of the AGM, and the winners announced at the end of the AGM.

Stall space. If you would like to book a stall at the Hull History Centre for Saturday 21st May then please email c.weatherall@hull.ac.uk. Please note that space is limited so it is first come, first served.

Saturday evening dinner. Traditionally, we have provided our own entertainment at the Saturday evening dinner. In other words, diners bring along their favourite readings (prose or poetry), to read out. It is not compulsory, but if you want to have a go, please do tick the box on the form and bring your reading with you. As this is a popular activity, please keep your reading to a minimum (one short poem or no more than two pages of text). Names will be put into a hat and drawn out in random order,

Sunday activities. Sunday activities are free and entirely optional, but we hope to see you on our stroll around Pearson Park and its surroundings!

Accommodation. Please find separate document with recommendations from the Hull Tourist Information service. A discount is available with the quoted code Larkin22 when you contact your chosen hotel directly to book.

This programme may be subject to minor changes, but the paid-for portions will remain unchanged.

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Registration Form

Title:		First name:		Surname:	
Address:					
Email address:					
Tel No.:					
Society(ies) represented:					

Please tick the relevant boxes below and enter the number of people attending

Yes	Number of attendees	Item	Cost per person
		I wish to attend the Friday evening meal at Hitchcocks. (- £22.50 per head for 3 course as much as you can eat vegetarian buffet)	Pay on the night
		I shall be attending the ALS AGM only – on Saturday at 2pm	Free
		I wish to register for the Saturday event, including tea/coffee, buffet lunch and the talk by Dr James Underwood.	£12
		I would like to join the guided tour by Paul Schofield along the Larkin Trail in central Hull at 3.30pm	£5 (pay on the day)
		I plan to bring a reading to the Saturday evening dinner.	

	I wish to attend the Saturday evening dinner at the Minerva (drinks extra). This is a hot buffet. A vegetarian option will be available.	£11.50
Dietary requirements: (e.g. allergies/vegetarian/vegan)		
Total to pay		

Payment method (tick as appropriate):

Cheque made out to The Philip Larkin Society and posted to address below

Paypal account plstreasurer@philiplarkin.com

Direct bank transfer: Sort code 20-43-47 ACC 60097748. Please put your initials and ALS22 as a reference eg. ABALS22

Please return this registration form by 29th April 2022 to:

Thomas Gordon
 PLS Treasurer
 46 Vermont Woods
 Finchampstead
 Wokingham RG40 4PF

Or

Send by email to plstreasurer@philiplarkin.com

We would like to provide a list of participants (with name, society and email address) to those attending. **If you are happy for us to include your details, please tick the box.**

If you have any questions about the event, you can email Thomas Gordon at plstreasurer@philiplarkin.com

Booking details for Hull hotels 20-22nd May 2022

Alliance of Literary Societies Event. Please contact the hotels directly to make the booking quoting *Larkin22*

Guests contacting the hotel direct to make bookings will be asked to provide their credit card details as a guarantee. Payment can then be made by credit card on arrival/departure.

Hotel name and address	Contact details	Price	Parking/check in and check out
DoubleTree by Hilton 24 Ferensway, Hull HU2 8NH	01482 755500 reservations@doubletreehull.com Cancellation policy: 24 hours prior to arrival	£80.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – single occupancy £90.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – double occupancy	£10 per 24 hours on-site parking Check-in 3.00pm Check-out 11:00 am
Express Holiday Inn Ferensway, Hull, HU1 3UF	01482 485700 Email: Hull@fmhos.com Cancellation policy: Up to 4pm day prior to arrival (individual bookings) 1 week prior to arrival (group bookings)	£70.00 bed and breakfast per room per night - single or double occupancy	Parking: £7.00 per 24 hours stay – St Stephens Shopping Centre with direct access into hotel. Hotel reception will validate the reduced rate car parking ticket on arrival / departure. Check-in 3.00pm Check out: 11:00am (Mon – Fri) 12noon (Sat &Sun)
Holiday Inn Hull Marina Castle Street, Hull HU1 2BX	01482 692600 Email: reservations@hihull.com Cancellation policy: 72 hours prior to arrival	£89.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – single occupancy £101.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – double occupancy	On-site parking. £10 per car, per night Check-in 2.00pm Check-out 12.00 noon
Ibis Hull Osborne Street, Ferensway, Hull, HU1 2NL	Guests to contact Conference Hull to reserve their booking. conference.bureau@vhey.co.uk or sophie.bass@vhey.co.uk Guests will then need to contact the hotel direct to provide their credit card details as a guarantee. Payment can then be made by credit card on arrival/departure. 01482 947950 Cancellation policy: 72 hours prior to arrival	£50.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – single occupancy £55.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – double occupancy	Nearby parking at Osbourne Multi-storey for £3.00 per 24 hours Check-in 3.00pm Check-out 12.00 noon

<p>Kingston Theatre Hotel, 1-2 Kingston Square, Hull, HU2 8DA</p>	<p>Tel: 01482 225828 Email: enquiries@kingstontheatrehotel.com</p> <p>Cancellation policy: 4 weeks prior to arrival</p>	<p>£75.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – single occupancy £95.00 bed and breakfast per room per night – double occupancy</p>	<p>24 hour complimentary car parking pass will be issued at the main hotel reception, guests will then be directed to an offsite car park within 5 minute walk of the hotel.</p> <p>Check-in 3.00pm Check-out 12.00 noon</p>
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