

St Anne's College Classics Society

The St Anne's College Classics Society exists to promote interaction between students and tutors across all years in the College. Our events include informal dinners, an annual quiz, and more academic gatherings.

Brasenose-St Anne's Classical Symposium

The Classics schools at Brasenose and St Anne's enjoy very close relations and often share teaching in Literature and Ancient History. The colleges meet once a term for a symposium in which one speaker from each college speaks briefly on an aspect of his or her research. For our meeting in March 2023, Will Szymanski (BNC) and Francesca Beretta (St Anne's and Yale) spoke about Sulla and Greek Tragedy respectively.

Speaker Meetings

We have hosted a distinguished guest speaker every term since the start of the 1997-1998 academic year. For the academic year 2022-2023, our speakers were Prof. Martin Goodman (Oxford) on King Herod and Rome; Prof. Scott Arcenas (Montana) on the ORBIS project to map Greek maritime trade; and Prof. Nandini Pandey on Vergil's *Georgics* and Southern Africa.



Seminar with Prof. Denis Feeney

In early 2022, Prof. Denis Feeney, one of the most distinguished Classicists in the world, became an Honorary Fellow of St Anne's. Among his many contributions to the Classics School since then has been an evening seminar including contributions from many current students on the Shield of Aeneas in Book VIII of Vergil's *Aeneid*. We hope to arrange more such events in the near future.



Lockdown Translations Unlocked

At the start of the pandemic, in April 2020, members of the Classics Society began meeting via Zoom to share their creative translations, first of Greek and Latin texts, then from and into any language. We have met regularly since and have now heard translations from 18 different languages. Since the return to more normal circumstances, we have met in person. This summer we held a reunion event in honour of Dr Jonathan Katz in which current and former students shared their translations. One of the first cohort of Lockdown Translators, Olivia Cowley, is about to submit her first volume of poetry for publication.



Reading Party

The Classics Society is very lucky to have access to Lamledra House, a beautiful Edwardian family house on the coast of Cornwall. Here we are able to spend a week at the end of the summer term looking beyond the syllabus and reading great authors for their own sake.

Texts tackled include Dante's *Inferno*; Tasso's *Jerusalem Liberated*; the *Lusiads* by Camões; the *Orlando Furioso* of Ariosto; and the Finnish epic, the *Kalevala*. In June 2012 we spent a week reading *Beowulf* while in June 2014 we read the *Chanson de Roland*. Our most recent visit in June 2018 saw

us study the *Gargantua* and *Pantagruel* of Rabelais. As ever, there was plenty of time to walk, swim, cook, and take the sun. We hope to return to Lamledra in June 2024.

Corresponding Members

The Classics Society is proud to have a number of Corresponding Members from around the world. These include: Prof. Alessandra Coppola (Padova); Prof. Eric Csapo (Sydney); Dr Trevor Evans (MacQuarrie); Prof. Marco Fernandelli (Trieste); Prof. Laurel Fulkerson (Florida State); Prof. Marsh McCall (Stanford); Prof. Marco Marincic (Ljubljana); Prof. John Marincola (Florida State); Dr Rosie Wyles (Kent); Prof. Angelos Chaniotis (Institute of Advanced Studies, Princeton); Prof. Richard Thomas (Harvard University); Prof. Frederick Ahl (Cornell University); Dott. Valentina Garulli, Università di Bologna; Prof. David Luper (Puget Sound); Prof. Elizabeth Vandiver (Whitman), Prof. Roberta Stewart (Dartmouth College); Prof. Deborah Beck (University of Texas at Austin); Prof. Celia Campbell (Emory University).

