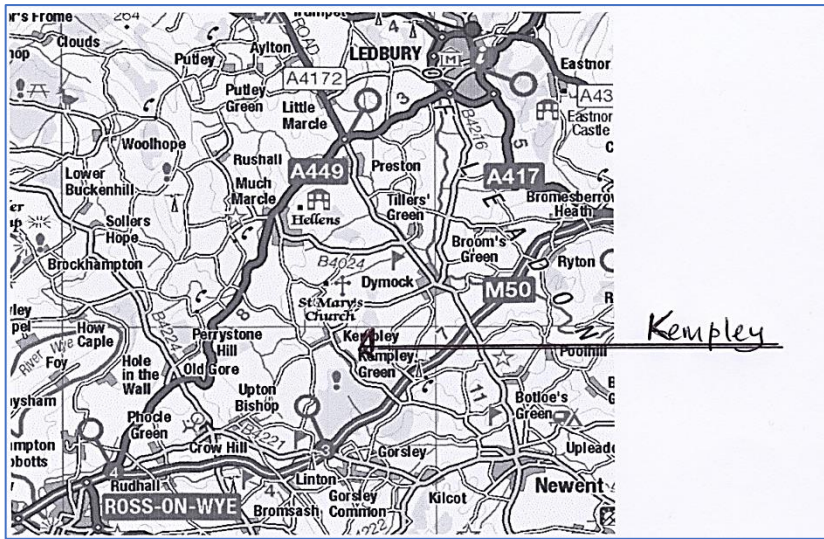




NEWSLETTER

Spring Meeting – 23rd March 2024

The meeting is to be held at the Village Hall, Kempsey, Dymock GL18 2BP (See map)



There is car parking a short distance from the Village Hall. There will be a short walk (2.5 miles) in the morning leaving at 10.00 a.m. This will visit St Mary's Church with its medieval frescos and a churchyard full of daffodils and on the return to the village the opportunity to see St Edward's Church, an Arts & Crafts building with connections to our poets.

There will be stops for

some poems and a bit of history and time to look around both churches. Walking boots are needed as the walk is across fields and some muddy areas.

The Hall will be available for attendees to eat their lunch from 12.00 midday.

Tea/coffee available.

There will be two talks in the afternoon:

2.00 p.m. **Rupert Brooke and the First World War**

Alisa Miller holds a DPhil from the University of Oxford, an MA from the London School of Economics and a BA from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Her research focuses on the comparative development of war cultures in twentieth century Europe and the United States.

3.00 p.m. **Edward Marsh**

Sharon Mather was a Fellow from 2006 until 2014 at Churchill College, Cambridge, before achieving a Distinction in M.A. Biography with the University of Buckingham in 2020 and awarded the University Prize for the Best Performance in Biography. She was shortlisted for the Tony Lothian Prize for *Edward Marsh: A Life of Poets, Painters & Players* published in October 2023.

4.00 p.m. **Robert Frost readings**

March 26th is Robert Frost's 150th birthday. We will be having readings of a selection of his poems in his honour.

4.30 p.m. **Closing remarks and Tea**

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The cost of the day will be £15 for attending this meeting or £5 to attend on-line.

Please advise Clare Church membership@dymockpoets.org.uk if you wish to attend and make the relevant payment direct to the FDP account at Barclays Bank:

Account Name: Friends of the Dymock Poets

Sort Code: 20-45-45, Account No.: 23615529

Ref: Mar24 and surname – or send a cheque payable to the Friends of the Dymock Poets to Clare Church, 3 Hudson Walk, Newent, GL18 1UG.

The FDP will not be providing any lunches for the day.

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The Membership Secretary has reported that 6 members are yet to pay their 2023/24 subscription. If no payment is received by 29th February they will be deleted from the Friends of the Dymock Poets membership list.

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Forthcoming Events:

Cheltenham Poetry Festival - 27th April 2024

11.00 a.m. at Cheltenham Friends Meeting House GL52 2NP

Matthew Hollis on Edward Thomas and Now All Roads Lead to France – a talk

We (Cheltenham Poetry Festival) are delighted to be hosting two readings featuring internationally acclaimed poet and biographer **Matthew Hollis** at this year's festival. In this event, we celebrate an esteemed poet **Edward Thomas** from the newly coined 'Gloucestershire School' of poetry when Matthew reads from and discusses *Now All Roads Lead to France: The Last Years of Edward Thomas*

Tickets from Cheltenham Poetry Festival <https://cheltenhampoetryfestival.co.uk/>

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Three Choirs Festival 2024

“The Dymock Poets re-imagined” a choral interpretation of works by the Poets

Hereford Chamber Choir will be performing their concert at Malvern Priory on 30th July 2024. There will be a presentation on the Dymock Poets led by Jeff Cooper, grandson of Lascelles Abercrombie organised by the Friends of the Dymock Poets

Tickets will be available from the Three Choirs website <https://3choirs.org/worcester-2024> following the release of the full programme on March 15th.