



Looking at Literature

The Shakespeare group is branching out...to look at *other* great writers as well as Shakespeare....

Self contained topics, **£4 each session** including refreshments, or book for the *whole* term

7 sessions for £21

Spring Term

January 10th Chaucer and the Canterbury Tales

January 24th Shakespeare's Life and Work

February 7th In Search of the Sonnets

February 21st Elizabethan Theatre, Plays and Playwrights

March 7th Restoration Comedy and Romance

March 21st Poets Laureate from John Dryden to Simon Armitage

April 4th The Development of the English Novel

Meeting **10.30 am—12.30 pm** **2nd and 4th Fridays**
at Mayhem Theatre Arts, Brewery Road, Hoddesdon.

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Possibility of Shakespeare Group becoming topic-based **Looking At Literature** group, with a different subject each session. People could either book for the term or specific topics

Suggested topics grouped in genre

Shakespeare

Shakespeare's Life and Work
Tragedy and Comedy
In Search of the Sonnets
Elizabethan Theatre, Plays & Playwrights
Shakespeare Traditional or Modern?
Heroes and Villains

Plays

Marlowe
Jonson
Sheridan
Oscar Wilde
George Bernard Shaw
J.B.Priestley

Prose

Daniel Defoe, Jonathan Swift & Henry Fielding
The Development of the English Novel
The Development of Daily Newspapers
Jane Austen
The Brontes
George Eliot
Mrs Gaskell
Thomas Hardy
Charles Dickens
D.H.Lawrence
Virginia Woolf
George Orwell
H.G.Wells

Poetry

Chaucer and The Canterbury Tales
John Donne
Alexander Pope
Wordsworth
The Romantics
Byron
John Betjeman
The War Poets
Dylan Thomas
Ted Hughes
Philip Larkin
Carol Ann Duffy

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