The Alliance of Literary Societies (ALS) AGM Weekend
Hosted by
The Walmsley Society in Robin Hood's Bay

12 – 14 June 2020

Programme

If you are arriving on the Friday, you might wish to explore the beautiful former fishing village of Robin Hood's Bay (the real location of the fictional village of Bramblewick, the setting for a number of Leo Walmsley's books). If you are planning to attend the film show in the evening, you will need to eat first. The Victoria Hotel at the top of Bay Bank provides reasonably priced bar meals continuously throughout the day from noon.

Friday, 12 June

7 pm for 7.30 pm until around 10 pm	Meet in the Village Hall to view the unique 1935 feature film 'Turn of the Tide' in true 1930s style, using the original film, presented by Andrew Youdell, a retired programmer at the British Film Institute, and projected on screen by Steve Foxon of the British Film Institute National Archive. The film is based on Walmsley's book *Three Fevers* and was the first ever feature film produced by J Arthur Rank. Filmed on location in Bay and Whitby, with an all-star cast. Light refreshments are included in the cost.

Saturday, 13 June

10 am	Village Hall. Registration, tea/coffee.
10.30 am	Formal opening by the Worshipful Mayor Elect of Scarborough.
10.40 am	Welcome by Andrew Davison, Chairman of the Walmsley Society, and the showing of a short film 'The Walmsley Bug'.
11 am	Dr Sean Walmsley, son of Leo Walmsley and Emeritus Professor of Education at Albany University, New York State, 'Leo Walmsley (1892 – 1966) – The Man and His Books'.
12 noon	Consolidated readings from a number of Walmsley's books, read by members of the Society.
12.45 pm	The Grosvenor Hotel (5 minute walk) – the site of one of Ulric Walmsley's later painting studios. Buffet lunch and chance to chat.
1.45 pm	Raffle closes.
2.15 pm	Village Hall. ALS AGM.
3.10 pm	Raffle prizes.
3.30 pm	Short comfort and refreshment break.
3.45 pm	A Magic Lantern Show, presented by Robin Lidster, a much respected local historian and collector of unique memorabilia, depicting scenes of Bay and surrounding areas, and some of the people living and working there during the Walmsley era.
5 pm	Closing remarks by Andrew Davison and Linda Curry, Chair of the ALS.
6.20 pm	If attending the evening meal, meet at the entrance to the Village Hall car park to board the coach for the Raven Hall Hotel at Ravenscar. On arrival at the Hotel, you may wish to enjoy a stroll around its beautiful grounds and the stunning view across the Bay from the ramparts (600 feet above sea level) – or you may wish to head straight for the main bar overlooking the bay.
7.15 pm	Arrival and greeting of The Worshipful Mayors Elect of Scarborough and Whitby, followed by dinner in the impressive George 111 Suite. As usual, there will be readings by ALS members, over coffee. The coach will depart at 10.30 pm, arriving back at the Village Hall car park at about 11 pm.

Sunday, 14 June – optional activities

10.15 am	Meet outside the main entrance of the Victoria Hotel for a guided walk down into Bay and along the shoreline. This will be a leisurely two hour walk with multiple stops at points of interest en route. Although downhill, it is steep and stout footwear is necessary. At the end of the walk, taxis will provide a shuttle service from the dock area adjoining the beach, back to the Victoria Hotel, for those who struggle with the steep hill.
12.30 for 1 pm	Lunch at the Victoria Hotel – pay when there, but you do need to indicate on the attached booking form if you intend to do this as tables need to be booked. This is a very popular hotel which tends to get heavily booked for lunch by visitors.
3 pm	Au revoir and safe journey home for all those who have stayed.

Note that the programme might be subject to slight change. Timings are approximate.

Booking. For those registering for this event, the talks, Magic Lantern show, refreshments and buffet lunch on the Saturday are included. The Saturday evening meal is extra. The deadline for booking is 15 March, but really, the sooner the better!

Raffle Prizes. It is part of the ALS tradition that, if possible, societies 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 at the Village Hall on Saturday morning. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the start of the day until 1.45 pm, and the raffle will be drawn at 3.10 pm, straight after the AGM.

Saturday evening dinner. Traditionally, we have provided our own entertainment at the Saturday evening dinner. Diners bring along favourite passages (prose or poetry) to read out. If you would like to join in, please tick the box on the form and bring your reading with you. Readings should be short (e.g. 1 short poem or no more than two pages of text). Whilst there is no strict dress code for this event we would suggest that smart casual attire would be most appropriate.

We are providing a coach to transport people from the Village Hall to the Hotel (£5 return). You may wish to take advantage of this as the travelling distance is 11 miles and many of the roads are unlit, narrow and winding.

Table space. There will be limited table space to display member societies' promotional material. If you plan to bring any items to sell, you must be responsible for them and any sales monies. Space will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Friday and Sunday optional activities. The Friday evening event (£7) is well-worth attending but you should eat first as it will not finish until late.

There is also space on the booking form to book for the Sunday events – so that we have an idea of numbers involved. The walk is free but you will need to pay for your own Sunday lunch.

Accommodation and parking. The Bay area is very popular and so you need to book as soon as possible if you wish to stay there. The Grosvenor Hotel is only 5 minutes from the Village Hall. Parking is Pay & Display on the Village Hall car park (postcode YO22 4TG) (24 hour rates available).