



Friends of the Dymock Poets Autumn Study Day 2024

*The study day will take place on Saturday 28th September 2024
at Burgage Hall, Church Lane, Ledbury HR8 1DW.*

Agenda

10:30 am Coffee and Teas

11:00 am Welcome and Introduction

11:10 am *Sun used to shine – Edward Thomas' Notebooks 1914*

Nick Denton has been an enthusiast for Edward Thomas since schooldays. Since his retirement he has been trying to identify locations that inspired Thomas poems, walking in his footsteps all over the South Country and Wales. Over the last four years he has also been transcribing his field notebooks, held in the Berg Collection in New York, which provide insights into the origins of many of his poems. He posts monthly the results of his research about individual poems on the website www.edwardthomaspoetryplaces.com.

12:00 pm *Edward Thomas and the Haunted Countryside*

Elizabeth Black is a writer, researcher and lecturer with an interest in ecocriticism, nature writing and literary modernism. Her first book - *The Nature of Modernism: Ecocritical Approaches to the Poetry of Edward Thomas, T. S. Eliot, Edith Sitwell and Charlotte Mew* (Routledge, 2017) - explores many of these themes. She has subsequently published several articles with a focus on Edward Thomas, exploring aspects of his writing including his ecocentric war poetry, connections between nature and mental health, and the shifting meaning of 'home' in his work.

12:50 pm *Lunch*

Note that The FDP will not be providing any lunches on the day.

2:10 pm *How WWI and Industrialisation impacted D.H. Lawrence's Search for Rananim: his desired alternative community of like-minded people*

James Walker is a Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University. His work includes 'Dawn of the Unread' celebrating Nottingham's literary history and 'The Sillitoe Trail', exploring the work of Alan Sillitoe. He is currently working on 'Locating Lawrence' a series of video essays on YouTube based on the letters of D.H. Lawrence.

3:00 pm *Lascelles Abercrombie – a host's life in Dymock*

Jeff Cooper is the grandson of Dymock Poet, Lascelles Abercrombie, and a past chair of the Dymock Poets. He has published a bibliography of Abercrombie's work and is currently engaged in writing a biography of the poet and literary critic.

4:00 pm **Tea & Close**

The cost of the day will be £15 for attending this meeting or £7.50 to attend online.

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:

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