

**The Alliance of Literary Societies (ALS)
AGM Weekend in Edinburgh
Jointly hosted by
The Siegfried Sassoon Fellowship and the Wilfred Owen Association,
celebrating the 100th anniversary of the meeting of the two poets**

2 – 4 June 2017

Programme

Friday 2 June – optional activity

5pm Visit to the Outlook Tower/Camera Obscura & World of Illusions (admission charge). Meet on the top floor at **5.30pm** for a short talk on the work of Patrick Geddes.

6.30pm Governor's reception in the Great Hall of Edinburgh Castle.
Please register your interest in advance as numbers are limited.

Saturday 3 June

10.00 Meet for coffee and registration at the Rivers Suite, Craiglockhart Campus, Napier University, and catch up with friends from other societies.

11.00 Welcome by **Professor Andrea Nolan**, Vice Chancellor of Napier University

11.15 **Claire Harman**, President of the Alliance of Literary Societies

11.30 Introduction: **Meg Crane**, Chair of the SSF and WOA
Speaker: **Professor Alistair McCleery**, Napier University: "The First World War and the Scottish Novel"

13.00 Soup & sandwich lunch
There will be an opportunity for delegates to visit the War Poets Collection, and talk to the curator, Dr Catherine Walker

14.00 ALS AGM, followed by the drawing of the raffle.

15.30 Speaker: **Professor Hazel Hutchison**, University of Aberdeen.
"Whistling Over the Fields: Soundscapes of War"

16.30 Words and Music of the First World War performed by artists from "Glen Art"

17.00 (approx.) Further opportunities to visit the War Poets Collection
Note: While the Rivers Suite is being set up for the dinner, a room will be set aside to enable those staying to relax and change if wished.

19.00 Dinner at the Rivers Suite – 3 courses with vegetarian option (£35). All drinks extra.

Sunday, 4 June – optional activity

10.30am Literary walk in central Edinburgh, led by Neil MacLennan. Price £5
Meet at Waverley Station. Afterwards visit the War Museum and memorial at Edinburgh Castle (admission charges apply).

Note: The programme may be subject to minor changes. All timings are approximate.

Booking. For those registering for this conference, the talks are included. A limited number of tickets may be made available for sale to non-ALS members. It is therefore important that you complete the attached form and return it to the Siegfried Sassoon Fellowship as soon as possible. The deadline is 3 May, 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 Rivers Suite on Saturday morning. Raffle tickets will be on sale from the start of the day until the afternoon 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.

Table space. There will be table space to display member societies' promotional material. However, please do not bring items for sale as the university's regulations do not allow this. There will be a bookstall run by Napier students.

Friday activities. The visit to the Outlook Tower is optional and normally takes approximately 2 hours. If you wish to attend the reception at the Castle afterwards, there will be a charge for drinks. You do not have to join the visit to the Outlook Tower in order to attend the reception, but the latter is by invitation and *must* be booked in advance. Dress code will be "smart". (Any further questions about this can be addressed to Fiona McDonald - 07980 631 110 or fiona@wilfredowen.org.uk)

Sunday activities. The walk arranged for Sunday morning will begin from Waverley station and end at Edinburgh Castle. The city is built on hills and there will therefore be a couple of steep gradients involved. Those who feel they cannot complete the walk may leave at any point and may, if wished, arrange to take public transport for the rest of the way and meet us at the castle afterwards.

Accommodation. There is no accommodation available at the university because it is term-time. An accommodation list is in preparation and will be sent to all those booking for the conference. We recommend that you consider staying in central Edinburgh if you want to make a weekend of it and travel to Craiglockhart by one of the frequent service buses (or car). If you are only planning to attend the Saturday segment, a B&B in the Craiglockhart area might suit you better.

Parking/Transport. Parking will be available at Craiglockhart conference on Saturday but must be booked in advance. Information about public transport in Edinburgh can be obtained from the City of Edinburgh Council website: <http://edinburgh.cdmf.info/public/bus/list.htm>

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Registration Form

Title:	First name:	Surname:	
Address:			
Email:			
Tel No:			
Society name:			

Please tick the relevant boxes below and enter the number of people wishing to attend each.

Yes	Number	Item	Cost per person
		I would like to attend the reception on Friday evening	Free
		I shall be attending the ALS AGM only – on Saturday at 2pm.	Free
		I wish to register for the Saturday event, including refreshments, lunch and the talks/entertainment.	£20
		I would like table space for my society (PLEASE SEE NOTE)	Free
		I would like to read at the Saturday evening dinner.	Free
		I wish to attend the Saturday evening dinner at the Rivers Suite (3-course set menu with coffee & mints; drinks extra).	£35
		I would like to park at Craiglockhart campus	Free
Dietary requirements: (e.g. allergies/vegetarian)			
			Total to pay

Payment methods (tick as appropriate):

Cheque made payable to 'The Siegfried Sassoon Fellowship'

Paid by bank transfer to Siegfried Sassoon Fellowship, Lloyds Bank Eastbourne (sort code 30-92-86; account no 02447099; please add an appropriate reference, e.g. your surname)

I wish to pay by credit card through Paypal (we will then contact you to inform you of the surcharge amount)

Please return this registration form (by 3 May 2016), along with your payment, to:

Deb Fisher, Siegfried Sassoon Fellowship, PO Box 11, Cowbridge CF71 7XT

Or

Send by email to secretary@sassoonfellowship.org, if you are paying by bank transfer or wish to pay by credit card through Paypal (there will be a surcharge for this facility)

If you have any questions about the event, you can email Linda Curry, Chair of the Alliance, at ljc1049@gmail.com.