

## BOOKING FORM

Name of Person Booking	Option	Cost
TARS Number		
Address and Postcode		
Telephone Number		
E-mail Address		
Names of others in party	Option	Cost
<b>Discounts:</b>		
Full payment before 31st May (£10 per person)		
Attended 2005 Weekend (£10 per person)		
<b>TOTAL COST</b>		
If you would like your room to be close to a friend's, please give names below.		
Special Diet (vegetarian etc.)		
Ground Floor/Disabled Access (See note overleaf about stairs)		

I have read and understood the conditions of booking and enclose a total sum of:

£

(minimum £35 deposit per person).

Signed ..... Date .....

Cheques to be made payable to 'TARS Literary'.

Please post to: Alan Hakim, 7 Elm Road, Havant, Hants PO9 2SZ.

Queries to this address or awhakim@boltblue.com  
You should receive confirmation of your booking within 3 weeks.

Bookings open on 1st May; any received before that date will not receive priority treatment.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### ROLAND CHAMBERS

Roland Chambers is writing a new biography of Arthur Ransome, focusing on the Russian years and titled *The Last Englishman*, to be published by Faber and Faber in 2008. Roland's research has benefited tremendously from the efforts of TARS members, and from the opening of the Russian archives in 1991. He will be entertaining us with Ransome's tallest tales, both fictional and autobiographical, and will attempt to shed light on some hitherto unsolved mysteries.

### MARCUS SEDGWICK

Marcus Sedgwick is a multi award winning children's author with 8 titles to his credit. His first book, *Floodland*, won the Branford-Boase award for best debut children's novel. Subsequent novels have been nominated for the Edgar Allan Poe Award, the Independent Reading Association award, the Sheffield award, and the Portsmouth Book Award. In 2002 *The Dark Horse* was shortlisted for the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize, the Blue Peter Book Award and Carnegie Medal. Multi talented, Marcus is a keen woodcarver and illustrates many of his own books.

### SHARON VAN DEUSEN SPERLING

Sharon has been a Chair of Judges for the CILIP Carnegie and Kate Greenaway Medals and also a judge for the Whitbread Award. This follows many years in library services in the UK and USA, with brief spells in publishing and bookselling. She is a member of the Children's Books Historical Society. Currently she works as a freelance consultant and researcher and lives in Kent.

### VICTOR WATSON

Victor was a popular speaker at the Durham Literary Weekend speaking on Camping and Tramping fiction: Writing Series Fiction for Children 1930-1960. Formerly an Assistant Director of Research at Homerton College, Cambridge and editor of *The Cambridge Guide to Children's books in English* as well as the author of *Reading Series Fiction: from Arthur Ransome to Gene Kemp* (Routledge, 2000).



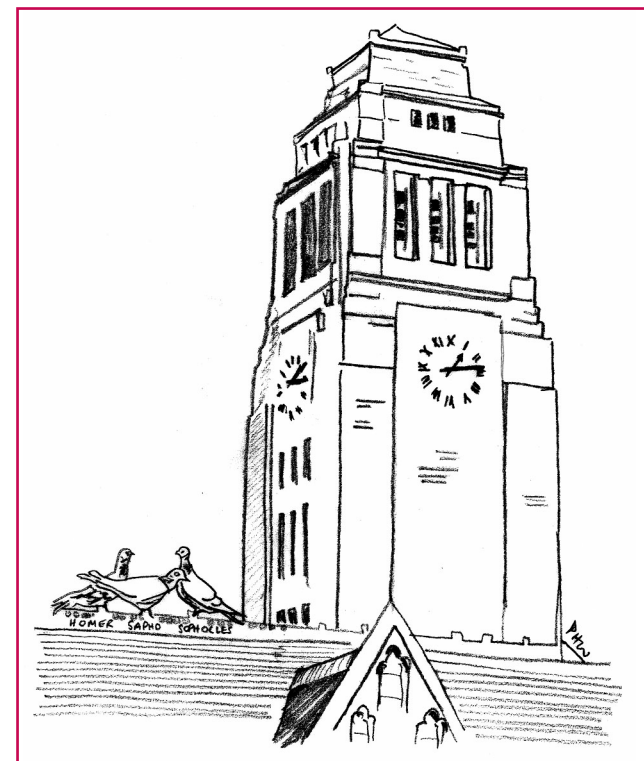
# Leeds

## 2007

## The Ninth Arthur Ransome Society Literary Weekend

### 7th - 9th September 2007

The weekend's events will be held at  
Devonshire Hall, The University of Leeds.



## FRIDAY

- 16:00 **Registration opens.**
- 19:00 **Informal dinner.**
- 20:15 **Welcome by President - Norman Willis.**
- 20:30 **Ransome the Spy - Roland Chambers.**  
*Swallows, Amazons and Trotsky!*
- 21:45 **Bar open for re-unions, yarns and grog.**

## SATURDAY

- 09:30 **"Blood Red, Snow White"**  
- **Marcus Sedgwick.**  
*Ransome's experiences in revolutionary Russia have formed the basis of an exciting new novel for young people.*
- 10:45 **Coffee.**
- 11:15 **Members' Cameos**
- **Great Auks and Guillemots - Winifred Wilson.**  
*Painlessly learning natural history with Ransome.*
  - **Emma Holt, the original of the GA? - Anne Jones.**
  - **"Velly good, Loger" - Tim Leary.**  
*The Latin of Missee Lee*
  - **Great Northern.....Library - Ann Farr & Chris Sheppard.**  
*What came out of Captain Flint's trunk!*
- 12:45 **Lunch**

### Optional afternoon activities:

- Visit to the **Brotherton Library** to see a special display of AR's papers and memorabilia.
- An introduction to **Ransome's homes**, or
- Free time to visit Leed's arcades, shops and museums.

*Further details with confirmation of booking.*

**PLUS Bookstall, The Arthur Ransome Library and The Nancy Blackett Trust.**  
**FIRST-TIME ATTENDEES PARTICULARLY WELCOME**

## SATURDAY 19:00

### The Literary Weekend Dinner

(including wine or soft drinks)

Guest Speaker (back by popular demand)

#### Victor Watson

Best bib and tucker please.

Bar available before and after the dinner.

## SUNDAY

- 09:30 **Members' Cameos**
- **Aubrey de Selincourt - "Yours are perfect" - David Jones.**
  - **Ransome's adjectives - a way with words - Kirsty Nichol Findlay.**  
*The secret to Ransome's writing.*
  - **The Literary references in *We Didn't Mean To Go To Sea* - Peter Willis.**
- 10:45 **Tea and Coffee.**
- 11:15 **The Carnegie Medal - The first 70 years - Sharon Sperling.**  
*An illustrated look at the development of children's books through this award.*
- 13:00 **Lunch.**
- 14:00 **Farewell words - Norman Willis.**

### Conditions of Booking

No booking is considered firm until the deposit has been received. In the event of cancellation after 4th August or non arrival at the event, the full amount will still be payable, although the circumstances will be considered in exceptional cases.

The Arthur Ransome Society, its servants, agents and employees are not under any liability whatsoever in respect of personal injury, loss or damage howsoever caused while attending the Literary Weekend 2007.

The content of this programme may be subject to change and TARS cannot be held responsible for alterations. Bookings are only accepted on that understanding.

## VENUE and BOOKING DETAILS

Devonshire Hall is about 1 mile north of the main university campus, in Cumberland Road, a quiet side street off Headingley Lane (A660). It is about 10 minutes by taxi from Leeds station, or buses run frequently down Headingley Lane. Car parking is available.

The meeting room, dining room, attractive lounge and bar and all standard rooms are in a listed 19th century building similar to Oxford and Cambridge colleges. Rooms are two to a floor, on staircases reached through a courtyard. Ground floor rooms are available. En-suite rooms are on a separate site in a modern building 50 yards down the road.

**The meeting room is up 27 stone steps, and there is no lift.** If you foresee having difficulties using the stairs, it is vital that you telephone Alan Hakim (023-92-471681) before booking, and discuss how we can accommodate you.

Please select one of the following options and enter overleaf. A non refundable deposit of £35 will be required with your booking, the balance to be paid on arrival. IF THE BALANCE IS PAID BY MAY 31st (or you pay in full on booking) THERE WILL BE A £10 DISCOUNT per person.

If you attended the 2005 Literary Weekend at Norwich, there is also a discount of £10 per person. (See p.69 of the 2005 *Proceedings*.)

**OPTION A - Residential Full Weekend**  
Standard room - includes all meals **£178**

**OPTION B - Part Residential (Sat night only)**  
Standard room - includes all meals from Saturday 09.30 onwards **£140**

**OPTION C - Residential Full Weekend**  
En-suite room - includes all meals **£198**

**OPTION D - Part Residential (Sat night only)**  
En-suite room - includes all meals from Saturday 09.30 onwards **£150**

**OPTION E - Non Residential Full Weekend**  
Includes all meals except breakfasts **£135**

**OPTION F - Non Residential (Sat only)**  
Includes lunch and the Literary Dinner **£120**

All options include a copy of the "Literary Transactions" to be published after the conference.