

Literature Table with Dr Daniel Starza Smith Subject: John Donne Tuesday 16 November 2021



The Literature Table is an interest group designed for anyone with an interest in literature – especially, but not exclusively, those whose degrees were in this subject. It is intended not as a rigorously academic exercise, but as an opportunity for people who take pleasure in it to renew an interest in reading.

We meet four times a year over dinner in the King Edward VII Room to make conversation on a topic informally introduced by a visiting speaker. In 2019 we discussed Geoffrey Chaucer, Virginia Woolf, Anthony Trollope and Sir Walter Scott, and we are only now trying to salvage some of what we were unable to enjoy in 2020, with two meetings during the remainder of this year.

Since we also had to cancel his planned visit last year to lead our discussion of the work of John Donne, we are delighted that Daniel Starza Smith, too, has agreed to try again for the last date which we have available for 2021.

After a time working as a travel journalist for *Time Out*, Dr Starza Smith has taught at Reading University and UCL, and had a British Academy Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Lincoln College, Oxford (focusing on Donne's women patrons), before moving to King's College, London, where he is now a lecturer in Early Modern English Literature.

He has worked on the landmark *Donne Variorum*, and his expertise led him in 2018 to be involved in the initial analysis of an early Donne satire discovered in the archives of Westminster Abbey.

Ticket price includes a drinks reception and two course supper with wine.

Timing: 7.00pm for 7.15pm Dress: Lounge Suit Tickets: £53 per head

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