

The Alliance of Literary Societies

AGM Weekend in Brighton

Hosted by the Kipling Society

16 - 18 May 2025

PROGRAMME

Friday 16 May	Two-course welcome dinner at the Old Ship Hotel, Kings Road, Brighton, BN1 1NR. Menu options will be sent after registration forms have been received.
7.30pm	The Old Ship is on the seafront in central Brighton. Information about the hotel can be found at https://www.oldshipbrighton.co.uk/
Saturday 17 May	ALS AGM and conference at Bramber House, Refectory Road, University of Sussex, Falmer, BN1 9QU
10.00	Registration, coffee/tea and an opportunity to browse the society stalls.
10.30	Welcome from Andrew Scragg, Chair of the Kipling Society, and Marty Ross, Chair of the ALS
10.45	Welcome by the President of the ALS, James Naughtie
11.00	Rudyard Kipling – his life, works and legacy – Andrew Scragg, Chairman of the Kipling Society
11.45	Short Break
12.00	Rudyard Kipling in relation to other authors - Dr Alex Bubb
12.45	Lunch - and a further chance to browse the society stalls, visit the University of Sussex exhibition, and buy raffle tickets
14.00	ALS AGM
14.45	Raffle draw
15.00	Writers and their Houses – Tim Pye, National Curator, Libraries, the National Trust

- 15.45 Tea/coffee break and final chance to view stalls.
- 16.10 The Role of Literary Societies in the Digital Age - Dominic Edwardes (Trollope Society), followed by small panel discussion chaired by Jan Montefiore.
- 17.05 Invitation to attend 2026 ALS AGM from the Edward Thomas Fellowship
- 17.10 Closing words.

19.15 for 19.30 A three-course dinner at Hotel du Vin, 2 Ship Street, Brighton, BN1 1AD. Menu options will be sent after registration forms have been received.

Hotel du Vin is just off the seafront in central Brighton, adjacent to the Old Ship Hotel. Information about the hotel can be found at <https://www.hotelduvin.com/locations/brighton/>

Sunday 18 May

11.00 Free guided walking tour of Rottingdean, where Rudyard Kipling (1897-1902) and Angela Thirkell amongst others lived. Led by members of the Kipling Society and the Angela Thirkell Society. Please meet outside the White Horses Hotel. (<https://www.thewhitehorseshotel-rottingdean.co.uk/>) on the seafront at Rottingdean. There is easy access by bus from central Brighton. Car parking is available, but spaces close to the meeting point may be busy.

OR

11.00 Guided tour of Rudyard Kipling's house, Bateman's, Burwash, TN19 7DS, led by members of the Kipling Society. Attendees should make their own way there. Access by public transport is likely to be difficult. The property is National Trust, so the tour will be free to members of the NT but non-members will need to pay an entry fee. Car parking is also free to NT members but there is a charge for non-members. Information about Bateman's can be found at <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/batemans>

GENERAL INFORMATION

Booking. Please book your place by completing the registration form and paying by one of the methods given. Last date for booking is Friday 11 April. Full details of venues, including directions, will be sent to you once you have registered. Please complete a separate form for each person attending. A combined payment may be made, providing this is made clear in an accompanying note.

University of Sussex Library Special Collections Exhibition. On the Saturday, the University will be exhibiting a selection of material relating to Rudyard Kipling and other authors whose papers have been deposited with it. This will be in the same room as the society stalls.

Menu choices. These will be notified to those attending nearer to the date of the event,

Accommodation. For those wanting to stay in Brighton, rooms have been reserved for the ALS at a number of hotels. These can be booked using the following link <https://book.passkey.com/go/ALSG0525>. There are, of course, many other hotels in the area. A number of other events are taking place that weekend in Brighton, so early reservation is recommended.

Parking: For those travelling by car, parking in the centre of Brighton can be expensive. We have been able to arrange free parking from Friday through to Sunday on the university campus. Details will be sent to all those who register. There is frequent, easy access by train, bus or Uber/taxi between the campus and the centre of Brighton.

Accessibility: The conference venue is on the third floor. A lift is available. Unfortunately, there is no hearing loop. The restaurants for the Friday and Saturday dinners are on the ground floor, and step-free access is available.

REGISTRATION FORM (to be returned by 11 April)

Please complete a separate form for each person attending

Title First Name..... Surname.....

e-mail address.....

Phone number (preferably mobile)

Society represented KIPLING SOCIETY

Activity	Cost	Tick if attending
I wish to attend the Friday welcome dinner (two courses and tea/coffee)	£35	
I shall be attending the ALS AGM only (Saturday 13.45 -14.45)	FREE	
I wish to attend the Saturday conference including talks, refreshments and lunch	£40	
I wish to attend the Saturday Conference dinner (three courses plus/tea/coffee)	£55	
I wish to go on the Sunday guided walk of Rottingdean	FREE	
I wish to go on the Sunday guided tour of Bateman's	FREE (non-NT members pay on arrival)	

Please advise any allergies or dietary requirements

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Please advise any access or mobility requirements

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We will be issuing a list of attendees with the name of the society represented. If you **do not** want your name to be included, please tick here

If you won't have access to motor transport and would be interested in having a lift from the conference venue to Brighton on the Saturday evening, please tick here

If you won't have access to motor transport and would be interested in having a lift to and from either of the optional Sunday events, please tick here

If you are willing to provide a lift to someone without their own transport on Saturday evening, please tick here.

If you are willing to provide a lift to someone without their own transport on Sunday, please tick here

Please e-mail your completed application form to ksmemsec@outlook.com

Payment.

Our preferred method of payment is bank transfer to The Kipling Society, Lloyds Bank, sort code 30-96-24, account number 00114978.

Payment may also be made by PayPal to thekiplingsociety@gmail.com

Please add the reference ALS followed by as much of your surname as can be fitted.

I have paid £ by bank transfer/PayPal (delete as appropriate)

Registration forms with a cheque payable to The Kipling Society may be sent to Mike Kipling, Bay Tree House, Doomsday Garden, Horsham, RH13 6LB

If you have any questions about this form or the event, please contact Fiona Renshaw at ksmemsec@outlook.com