

The Charlotte M Yonge Fellowship



UPDATE (September 2023)

AGM and Autumn Meeting 25th November 2023

This festive occasion to celebrate CMY's bicentenary will take place at Open Ealing, Arts Centre, School Lane, Dickens Yard, W5 2TD. The proposed timetable is as follows:

10.30 am Arrive, Registration, Coffee.

11 am AGM (hybrid).

12 noon Jane Hamlett to speak on Animals and Pets in Victorian Britain (hybrid).

From 1 pm all events are in-person only.

1-2.30 pm Festive lunch – no need to bring your own.

2.30 Dramatised reading from Pillars of the House.

3.30 Tea, cake and chat.

4 pm Depart.

Further details, agenda and a booking form will be sent to all members by post in October.

The day will cost £15 for members who attend in person and £5 for those who attend on Zoom.

Happy Birthday Charlotte!

In the morning of August 11th, a group of Otterbourne parishioners and Fellowship members gathered at CMY's grave in Otterbourne churchyard to celebrate her actual birthday. We laid flowers on behalf of the Fellowship and the congregation, and the Rev William Prescott, the parish priest, read a prayer. We then repaired to the parish rooms for coffee and delicious cake which had been kindly organised (and baked) by members of the congregation.

In the afternoon Winchester Cathedral celebrated CMY (and Bishop Waynflete) at Evensong. One of our members, Ruth Carlyle, had commissioned a setting to CMY's hymn, "To Thee O Heavenly Father", from the composer David Barton, and it was sung for the first time at this service, as an introit, by the Waynflete Singers, creating a welcoming and festive atmosphere right from the start.

All in all we felt that the birthday had been joyfully celebrated in their different ways by CMY's parish church and her native county's cathedral.

CMYF Online Book Club at 3pm on Zoom.

Please get in touch with the dedicated CMYF book club email address yonge.bookclub@gmail.com for the Zoom details or any enquiries.

11 November We'll be reading *The Carbonels* and *Founded on Paper*, her story based on her parents', and her own, early years in Otterbourne, with its sequel, dealing with the same village in the 1890s, thus bracketing CMY's own life. Both books are available online.

9 December A light-hearted discussion on CMY and Weather.

Call for Contributions for *CMYF Journal* 2024: *Charlotte M. Yonge Worldwide*

Since Yonge's bicentenary has been celebrated in 2023, it now seems appropriate to consider her global reach up to the present day. During her lifetime this extended all over the British colonies and to the USA; and (in translation) throughout Europe; nowadays she is still read worldwide. Accordingly, the 2024 issue of the Fellowship's Journal aims to cover Yonge's treatment of foreign lands in her fiction and non-fiction; her influence on writers outside the UK; her readers abroad, in English and translation; reception, reviewing and overseas marketing; her use in education and her accessibility in libraries overseas. Remember that Yonge was compared with Zola and Balzac, and was read by German princesses: there are numerous angles for addressing her worldwide reach!

Subjects could include, but are not limited to, the following:

The influence of Yonge on writers outside the UK

Translations of Yonge

Works by Yonge in libraries abroad (e.g. public, private, school, church collections)

Evidence of European readers of Yonge

Evidence of readers outside Europe

Production and marketing of Yonge works outside the UK

Reviews of Yonge in journals and newspapers in Europe and beyond

Testimonies of readers of Yonge, in translation or with English as a second language

Use of Yonge in education

Articles should be between 2500 and 5000 words in length, and follow the conventions of the *CMYF Journal*; a style sheet can be provided. Illustrations can be included, subject to copyright and format.

We always welcome new contributors to the *Journal*. Potential contributors are encouraged to get in touch with the Editors to discuss ideas: please contact: yonge.fellowship@gmail.com, *putting JOURNAL 2024 in the subject line*.

Submission date for an abstract of 300 words is 1 December 2023; and the date for final submission of the completed text is 1 March 2024.

CMY Books

A good many CMY titles are still available for sale to members at a very reasonable price: £5 per volume, including UK postage. (Overseas members should ask about postage to their location.) This all benefits the Fellowship's funds and ensures that donated books find good homes. If you are looking for specific titles, please contact Clemence with your 'Wants List', on schultze.clemence@gmail.com

Keeping Your Contact Details Up To Date

If your email address or postal address changes, please notify yonge.fellowship@gmail.com. This is our main contact email to use for all questions about the CMYF, and also for you to send us any news items that should be circulated to other members.