

TOLKIEN SOCIETY UNQUENDOR



Lustrumfeest 2011

'From Hobbits to Dragons: 30 years of strolling through Tolkien's world with Unquendor'

Friday 20 – Sunday 22 May 2011

◆ ◆ ◆ Kasteel de Berckt - Baarlo

In a hole, no, once upon a time in a remote corner of Europe there was a Tolkien society. Quite an old one too... We are of course talking about the Tolkien Society Unquendor in the Netherlands. It was founded in 1981, which means that next year we'll be celebrating our sixth lustrum. Needless to say this must be done in style, as we did with the previous lustra. Yes, it's partytime again in the Lowlands! So:

May 2011 Unquendor invites all its foreign friends to its Lustrumfeest.

The most important things for you to know at this time:

The dates

We start the activities late on Friday May 20th, so there's lots of time for everybody to check in, install themselves, take a stroll through the beautiful surroundings and of course renew or make acquaintances with friends both old and new. The central part of the Lustrumfeest is Saturday 21th, with many programme items and the festive banquet. After lunch on Sunday 22th we will end with the last part 'The Five Armies Tournament, after which we regretfully have to break up again. Maybe it's a good idea to mark these dates in your agenda.

The location

The celebrations take place at the castle-like estate 'De Berckt'. This is situated in a beautiful area in the north of the province of Limburg, which is in the southern part of the Netherlands. Our previous Lustrum in 2006 also took place there. We will reside in a newly-built yet ancient-looking part of the complex, that we have all to ourselves. The place is easy to reach, with a busstop nearby, and has more than enough parking-space.

The working language

It will be no surprise that the *lingua Franca* of the event will be English. We expect a lot of foreign guests and under those circumstances it is only civil – and convenient – to use a common language. Former events have proven that English

is the language that is spoken or at least understood most widely. Tolkien's language, as well as his works, has reached almost the entire world.

The registration fee

The registration rate is a mere € 150.00 and comprises two nights stay, two breakfasts, two lunches, Friday dinner and Saturday banquet (and that, of course, is not counting all the magnificent events we're planning). Details will follow, as will the booking form.

The programme

At the moment we are busy working on the programme, which will be diverse and we trust satisfactory for every participant. A few teasers: on Saturday there is a conference with Tolkien-scholars from different countries. Guest of Honour is the renowned Tom Shippey, who is so well-known that for the moment there is no need to elaborate. Parallel with this there will be other programme items. Afterwards, at the end of the afternoon, everybody can watch a production from the Unquendor Playing Group. On Sunday morning we take a closer look at the recent Frisian translation of 'The Hobbit' in the presence of the translator. A splendid time is guaranteed for all!

More information

For more information and the booking form, please send a message to lustrum@unquendor.nl or look at www.unquendor.nl. To be kept informed about the event as things progress, you can subscribe to our free Lustrumfeest newsletter by sending a message with your name and e-mail address to the same lustrum@unquendor.nl.

We hope to meet you in 2011!

The lustrum committee