

Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association and Wokingham Literary Society  
Joint Meeting  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Trees in Literature

1 **The mystery of Trees**

The Bible	<i>Genesis</i> chap 3, vv 1-13.
Matsuo Basho	from <i>The Narrow Road to the Deep North</i>
Charles Causley	<i>Green Man in the Garden</i>
Ted Hughes	<i>Wodwo</i>
Joyce Kilmer	<i>I think that I shall never see</i>
Rudyard Kipling	from <i>A Tree Song</i>

2 **Typical Trees**

James Joyce	from <i>Ulysses (Cyclops)</i>
AE Housman	<i>Loveliest of trees, the cherry</i>
John Clare	<i>The Maple</i>
Amy Levy	<i>A London Plane-Tree</i>
Francis Kilvert	<i>The Moccas Oaks</i> (from <i>The Diaries</i> )
Jo Shapcott	<i>I Go Inside the Tree</i>
	<i>My Oak</i>
	<i>Trasimeno Olive</i>
Ray Stables	<i>Wollemi Pine</i>

3 **Trees**

Leo Tolstoy	from <i>War and Peace</i>
Seamus Heaney	<i>Son</i>
	<i>The Wishing Tree</i>
W S Merwin	<i>Native Trees</i>
Carol Ann Duffy	<i>Girl and Tree</i>
William Blake	<i>A Poison Tree</i>
John Ashbery	<i>Some Trees</i>
Philip Larkin	<i>The Trees</i>

4 **The Uses of Wood**

Anon.	<i>Beechwood fires burn bright and clear...</i>
Mary Oliver	<i>The Black Walnut Tree</i>
Thomas Hardy	from <i>The Woodlanders</i>
Kathleen Jamie	<i>The Tree House</i>
Don Paterson	<i>Two Trees</i>

5 **Woods**

Roger Deakin	from <i>The Rookery (Wildwood. A Journey Through Trees)</i>
Wallace Stevens	<i>The Snow Man</i>
Robert Frost	<i>Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening</i>
Edward Thomas	<i>Thaw</i>
	<i>The Cherry Trees</i>
Alice Oswald	<i>A Wood Coming into Leaf</i>
Thomas Hardy	from <i>Under the Greenwood Tree</i>
Rudyard Kipling	<i>The Way Through the Woods</i>