

Larkin weekend 16-18 March, 2018

Feed-back comments (each quote, followed by semi-colon, is from a different person)

Course Tutor: **Roger Elkin**

Did the course meet your expectations?

Consider structure, level, pace; quality of supportive material; tutor's role, including knowledge/information/approach. Any shortcomings?

"Thoroughly enjoyed the course. Very informative and illuminating. Everyone able to participate fully";

"Far exceeded expectations with group discussions highlighting nuances and hidden meanings. Also learned more about the craft of writing poetry including rhymes/rhythm/metre/volta (spatial break) etc... Had references to Larkin's life - luckily had read the biography (Andrew Motion);"

"YES" - Shortcomings? "NO";

"The course was much better than anticipated (because I had doubts about doing Larkin). All excellent." Shortcomings? "We didn't know where to meet at the start";

"More than! Well prepared material, helped with discussion and demonstrated respect for participants";

" Yes. Good lively discussion including all aspects listed above";

"Lively, interesting sessions, with very positive interaction between participants, and supportive, informative tutor input. Overall, the course was very enjoyable. In terms of content, the poems were, in some cases, oddly grouped, but we covered a wide range of work, with lots of thoughtful discussion";

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Ideas for future poetry courses:

"WH Auden, Thomas Hardy"; "Thomas Hardy? Or a modern poet not already covered";

"Robert Graves & *The White Goddess*"; "Auden"; "Ted Hughes"; "Shakespeare?";

"Romantics, & Influence of Greek philosophy on the work of Shelley".

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Accommodation, including meals:

"Excellent"; "Excellent. No complaints. Good choice of meals for a veggie (delicious). Coffee breaks well catered for.";

"Accommodation - good, Meals - excellent"; "EXCELLENT";

"Comfortable room, excellent meals Environment - interesting, enlightening- stayed an extra night because of inclement weather.";

"Good clean accommodation, well equipped. Meals: excellent choice, efficiently organised and pleasantly served in a comfortable environment";

"Excellent facilities & meals. Helpful and friendly staff".

