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newsletter from The Cleveland Dickens Fellowship

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- **Meet Thurs. April 14, Beachwood Library! Anne Meissner tells all about Georgina Hogarth and C.D.**
- **BBC mounts prequel to *Oliver Twist*.**
- **Anne Meissner corrals the *New Yorker* article by Louis Menand about Dickens and *The Turning Point*.**
- **Haarlem. Will they or won't they?**
- **Dickens Museum hosts Pickwick trial play.**
- **Check out this YouTube recommendation.**
- **In June, we get together at Euclid Creek's Rear Quarry pavilion for our Memorial Picnic.**

Meet April 14, 7:00, with masks, at the library.

Anne Meissner takes us through her research on Georgina Hogarth, Catherine's sister. She managed the Dickens household during the 1842 American trip and stayed on the job for the rest of Dickens's life.

We'll try to figure out how absent folks can join us by Zoom. Watch your email for a link.



Before *Oliver Twist*, there were Fagin and the Dodger. BBC airs new 10-part show.

The UK gets it first, but this attempt at a prequel should come to us soon.

Mike Wells found the article in *The Guardian* about the new project.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2022/feb/02/oliver-twist-given-new-spin-in-bbc-prequel-to-charles-dickens-novel-dodger>

Check out Louis Menand's essay on CD from *The New Yorker*.

Anne Meissner tracked this down. It purports to be a review of Robert Douglas-Fairhurst's new book *The Turning Point—the Year That Changed Charles Dickens and the World*. In fact it's a terrific essay about Dickens. Don't miss it. Here's the link.

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2022/03/07/the-crisis-that-nearly-cost-charles-dickens-his-career-robert-douglas-fairhursts-the-turning-point?utm_source=onsite-share&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=onsite-share&utm_brand=the-new-yorker

If the link above doesn't work, email Anne for a copy of the article.

A recent *New York Times Book Review* also ventures a review by Brooke Allen—this one much more on Douglas-Fairhurst's book.

[The Year That Transformed Dickens \(or Did It?\) - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/13/books/review/the-turning-point-robert-douglas-fairhurst.html)

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International Fellowship Conference in peril from lack of registrants.

Apparently Haarlem branch has so few signed on as of now, it is in danger of canceling the conference. Poor Haarlem!

<https://dickensfellowship.org/index.php/news-household-words/76-annual-conference-2022>

Use the link below to read about *The Trial of Mr. Pickwick*, a new play.

Again, we wish we could be in England—spring notwithstanding. Adaptable Theatre and the Dickens Museum are mounting this latest treatment of one of CD's funniest passages.

<https://mailchi.mp/dickensmuseum/a-hilarious-new-play?e=f73544e3aa>

YouTube video worth watching.

Here's another tip from **Anne Meissner**. She recommends the YouTube video: "The Lethal Diseases That Victorians Feared the Most/ How the Victorians Built Britain," narrated by Michael Buerk and produced by *Absolute History*.

The engineering feat described, that is, the first urban water and sewer system in the world, took place in Dickens's lifetime. The tunnels photographed are still in use 150 years later!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ru50TmW3yck>



Beth Bliss reserves the same picnic pavilion in Euclid Creek reservation.

Put June 9, 2022, noon, on your calendar. We'll picnic as we did last year in the same pavilion (Rear Quarry). We'll observe the day of Dickens's death and the beginning of summer. Watch *etwist* in May for the maps to the park, etc. In the meantime, dream of the creek flowing through the sweet summer greenery.