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newsletter from The Cleveland Dickens Fellowship

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- **Thurs. Dec. 9, we actually meet face to face (masked) to party holiday style.**
- **Lucinda Dickens Hawksley invites us—twice.**
- **Dickens Museum offers events, gifts.**
- **Schedule Great Lakes Theater's *Carol*.**

Don't miss our holiday meeting Dec. 9 at the Beachwood Library, Rm. A, 7:00 pm.



Maybe we'll do some readings from *A Christmas Carol*. As usual, we'll have holiday treats.

If you can, please bring one to share.

The best treat of all will be our first chance to get together in person this season.

Lucinda writes of her upcoming events:

(Note 1)

I hope you're all well. I have got a few upcoming events and I will shortly be putting up on Eventbrite some real, in-person *Dickens and Christmas* walking tours (of London) too.

On 8 December at 6.30pm UK time (GMT), I'll be doing an online talk about *Charles Dickens's Christmas Books* (hint: he wrote quite a few, not only *A Christmas Carol*):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-dickenss-christmas-books-tickets-211975553587>

Please spread the word! Thank you.

If you would like to order a signed copy of the new paperback of *Dickens and Christmas* (or any of my books), please contact the Dickens Museum gift shop and I will sign the book(s) before they send it to you. <https://dickensmuseum.com/pages/curiosity-shop>

Very best wishes and I hope to see you at one - if not all - of the events above.

Stay safe, Lucinda

(Note 2)

Hi everyone,

I hope you're all well. I have a few events coming up, so please spread the word.

On 2 December at midday, I'm doing a free Goldster Book Club event when I'll be chatting to fellow author James Clarke about his books, you can register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/goldster-the-inside-story-with-james-clarke-tickets-214691035667?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

On 7 December, I'll be doing my first **in-person walking tour** since before the pandemic began! The theme is **Dickens and Christmas** and it'll be **starting at Holborn station at 1pm**. Here are the details on Eventbrite, please feel free to share the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dickens-christmas-walking-tour-tickets-217938318377>

On 8 December I'll be doing an online event about Dickens's Christmas Books (it's not only about *A Christmas Carol*...), which **starts at 6.30pm** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/charles-dickenss-christmas-books-tickets-211975553587>

Goldster is also offering a free winter membership to all our Book Club events, for which you can register by using this form: <https://mailchi.mp/goldster.co.uk/freegoldsterbookclub> It includes all events with me and Humphrey Hawksley, including Humphrey talking to Sir Vince Cable, Michael Ridpath

and Parag Khanna, and me interviewing romance author Rachel Burton, crime writer Martin Edwards, and Richard Mills, the author of a new book about The Beatles' and fandom. On **10 December** you can also join my book club, at which we'll be discussing *The Haunted Man*, Dickens's fifth Christmas novella, which you can read online for free here: <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/644/644-h/644-h.htm>

I'm also doing a couple of events for the Dickens Museum in London. On **4 December**, I and a few cousins will be at the museum all day, doing readings from Dickens's festive writings, signing books and answering questions. To attend, just book a normal admission ticket to the museum. <https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/all-events/dickens-family>

On the evening of **15 December** I'll be doing an online talk in aid of the museum on *Dickens and Christmas* <https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/all-events/virtual-talk-dickens-and-christmas-by-lucinda-dickens-hawksley> There are also lots of other great Christmassy events happening at the museum <https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/all-events>

If you would like a signed copy of any of my books, please order them from the museum shop before 4 December and I'll sign them for you to be sent out to you.

Best wishes everyone and stay safe,

Lucinda

Dickens Museum lists events for the season—stories, gifts and talks.

Go to the website and browse. *The Haunted Man* (right), *The Chimes*, Lucinda (see above), the Museum Shop for Christmas gifts—the offerings seem endless.

<https://dickensmuseum.com/>

Get individual tickets to Great Lakes' *Carol*.

For performances Nov. 26 to Dec. 23, call 216.241.6000 or use the website:

<https://www.greatlakestheater.org/shows-events/shows/2021-22/a-christmas-carol>

