Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association and Wokingham Literary Society
Joint Meeting
Thursday 20th January 2011

Trees in Literature

1 **The mystery of Trees**

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

2 **Typical Trees**

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

3 **Trees**

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

4 **The Uses of Wood**

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

5 **Woods**

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