



February Friends

New Members Evening

An evening event for all who became Friends of the NLA in 2007.

Date: Tuesday 12 February

Time: 5.30 – 7.30 pm

Venue: Foyer

Cost: Free

Bookings: (02) 6262 1698 or friends@nla.gov.au

Friends Monthly Book Club

For Friends of the NLA only.

This month's book is *Restless* by William Boyd.

Date: Tuesday 26 February

Time: 7.00 – 8.30 pm

Venue: Friends Lounge

Bookings: (02) 6262 1551 or friends @nla.gov.au

Canberra Series Lecture

'Searching for the Green Chapel'

Professor Ralph Elliott speaks on his search for the Green Chapel.

Date: Wednesday 27 February

Time: 12.30 – 1.30 pm

Venue: Conference Room

Cost: \$5 (payable at the door)

Bookings: (02) 6262 1698 or friends@nla.gov.au

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Donald Friend (1915–1989)
Shoppers at Night, Bondi Junction Mall
(detail)
From 'Ayam-Ayam Kesayangan'
Manuscript Collection MS 5959, Item 2

The Friends of the National Library's Canberra Series lectures will continue in 2008, with the first one being held on Wednesday 27 February. The series is designed to highlight the depth of talent and experience of Canberra residents in all fields of endeavour.

This year's lecture series starts with Professor Ralph Elliott speaking about 'Searching for the Green Chapel'. Almost 50 years ago, Professor Elliott began a search for the mysterious Green Chapel, as mentioned in the 14th-century poem *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, where King Arthur's knight Sir Gawain was to meet the strange Green Knight, with whom he had entered into a perilous bargain at Christmas a year earlier. The poem is written in a West midland dialect with unusual topographical words which suggest that the poet's Green Chapel was indeed an actual place with which he was familiar. This lecture details the linguistic and geographical detective work undertaken to find the chapel.

Professor Ralph Elliott was born in Germany, educated in Scotland and has taught in five British and Australian universities. His main interests lie in the areas of medieval English literature, the history of the English language, runes and Thomas Hardy. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, a Foundation Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities and a Member of the Order of Australia, as well as Emeritus Fellow in The Australian National University's Humanities Research Centre.

'Searching for the Green Chapel' will be held on Wednesday 27 February, 12.30–1.30 pm. You can make a booking on (02) 6262 1698 and there is an entry fee of \$5, payable at the door. I hope to see you there to hear about a truly fascinating literary journey.

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