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Programme: January–April 2010



Recent events included a fascinating walk in the **University Parks** led by *Walter Sawyer*, Park Superintendent and a visit to hear about the spectacular developments at the **Pitt Rivers Museum** (right)



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PUBLIC TALKS: all welcome, no pre-booking, members free, non-members £4

Wednesday 10 February, 8 pm – coffee 7.30 pm

Crumbling Facades – threats to the historic stonework of Oxford

Oxford buildings are predominantly built of limestone, which often deteriorates over the years. *Heather Viles*, Professor of Heritage Conservation at the University of Oxford, will describe the nature of Oxford stone and how it has been affected by coal smoke, traffic pollution and presently, global changes.

Magdalen College Auditorium, Longwall Street

Thursday 25 February, 8 pm – coffee 7.30 pm

Oxford Figures

What do Lewis Carroll, Florence Nightingale, Christopher Wren and Geoffrey Chaucer have in common? They were all – amongst other things – mathematicians. *Robin Wilson*, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the Open University and a former Fellow of Keble College, explores the fascinating mathematical history of these well known names, as well as other links they share in 'Oxford Figures'.

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Thursday 22 April, 8 pm - coffee 7.30 pm

The Royal Society, Wadham College and the Experimental Scientific Tradition, 1660 onwards

Professor Allan Chapman is a member of Wadham College, a writer and a broadcaster; he has also written several books on the history of astronomy. As the Royal Society celebrates three hundred and fifty years of existence, Professor Chapman will discuss the origins of the Society in Oxford – and at Wadham, in particular – and its continuing relevance to this day.

New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square

MEMBERS ONLY VISITS AND WALKS: tickets required, bookings by 9 December

Saturday 23 January, 2.15 pm for 2.30 pm

Visit to Trinity College, Oxford

This event is now fully booked

Saturday 13 March, 2 pm or Monday 26 April, 6 pm

Industrial Oxford walk

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Saturday 17 April, 2.30 pm or Wednesday 21 April, 6 pm

Jericho walk

Mark Davies, a writer and guide on the city of Oxford, will lead a walk through the Victorian suburb of Jericho, highlighting its rich literary and artistic associations as well as its canal – from Thomas Coombe and the Oxford University Press to the present controversy over the Jericho Boatyard. Allow up to 90 minutes.

Tickets: £4

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 18 March - coffee 6.30pm, talk 7.00pm and AGM 8.00 pm

Annual General Meeting of the Oxford Civic Society

The AGM will be preceded by a talk on the University of Oxford and plans for the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter by *Jennifer Wood*, Director of Estates, Oxford University. She will discuss the extensive research and planning undertaken by the University to transform the old Radcliffe Infirmary site and then explain the objectives behind this major university development.

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DIARY DATE

Wednesday 26 May

Talk by *Professor Marcus du Sautoy*, Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University. A mathematician, author and broadcaster, his four-part series on the history of maths was televised recently

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