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May – September 2010  
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Recent events included two very special 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary events: a Day Conference, *Oxford Architecture – the last 40 years*, held in the St John's College Garden Auditorium (left) with designing architect **Sir Richard MacCormac** as one of our speakers; and our garden party in the Botanic Garden (right) followed by a delightful talk on its history from the *Hortus Praefectus*, **Timothy Walker**



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

**Wednesday 26 May, 8pm**

**~~Finding Moonshine: A Mathematician's Journey through Symmetry~~**

**WE VERY MUCH REGRET THE LATE CANCELLATION OF THIS EVENT,  
WHICH WE ARE ASSURED WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED SOON,  
HOPEFULLY FOR SPRING 2011**

**Tuesday 22 June, 8pm**

**The Bodleian Libraries: Buildings for the 21st Century**

**Dr Sarah Thomas is Bodley's Librarian and Director, Oxford University Library Services.** Previously she was the University Librarian at Cornell University. Much of her focus for the last 25 years has been in the areas of the impact of information technology on libraries, innovations in libraries, innovations in scholarly communication and developments in library architecture. She will touch on all three in her talk on the future of the Bodleian in the 21st century.

*Magdalen College Auditorium, Longwall Street - coffee 7.30 pm, talk 8 pm*

**MEMBERS ONLY VISITS AND WALKS: tickets required, bookings by 1 April  
(NB it is always worth enquiring, after the deadline date, if spaces remain)**

**Saturday 15 May, 10.30am**

**Bernwood Meadows walk**

Bernwood Meadows, between the villages of Stanton St John and Oakley, is one of over 80 nature reserves owned or managed by the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust. These ancient 'ridge and furrow' meadows, full of wild flowers and insects, are surrounded with hedgerows and woodland.

**Caroline Jackson-Houlston, a BB and O Trust volunteer and botanical artist,** will lead a walk round the two meadows and two ponds, home to more than 100 plant species and famous for its butterflies. Allow up to two hours. *Tickets: £4*

**Wednesday 4 August, 2.30pm**

**Visit to Merton College**

Merton College is one of the oldest, richest and most distinguished of Oxford's colleges, with the first college chapel to be built in the city and a current reputation for academic prowess. **Julia Walworth, Research Fellow and Librarian,** will give an illustrated talk on the history of the college, to be followed by tea and coffee. Three groups will then tour the gardens, the quadrangles and the chapel in rotation.

*Tickets: £7*

**Thursday 2, Monday 13 or Wednesday 22 September, 6pm**

**Town and Gown Pub walk**

Oxford has more churches and chapels than almost all other English towns and cities - the same is true of its number of pubs. Some are traditionally 'Town' pubs and others are 'Gown' pubs: and all have stories to tell and characters to recall. There are also pubs no longer in existence that have played a part in Oxford's history, such as the Swyndelstock Tavern near Carfax and The Catherine Wheel in Broad Street. Join **Alastair Lack**, a Blue Badge guide for the city of Oxford, on a tour of some central pubs in the city. Allow up to two hours. *Tickets: £4*

**Saturday 25 September, 10.30am**

**Visit to the New Biochemistry Building**

This new Oxford University building, designed by Hawkins/Brown Architects, was awarded an RIBA prize in 2009 and is already considered by many architects to be the best modern building in Oxford. **Dr Jonathan Hodgkin, Professor of Genetics at Oxford University and a Fellow of the Royal Society**, will give a talk on the design and construction of the new building, and also the artwork that forms an important feature. Following the talk, groups will be taken on tours by members of the department. The department cafe will be open for refreshments and for lunch. *Tickets: £7*

**DIARY DATE**

**Saturday 9 or 16 October 2010, 10.30am**

**Visit to Pusey House in St Giles**

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