



Museum of
Natural
History



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What's On

at the Museum of Natural History

September - December 2015



Handwritten in Stone

Special exhibition
9 October 2015 - 31 January 2016
Upper East Gallery

A bicentenary exhibition to celebrate William Smith and his publication of the first geological map of England and Wales. Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

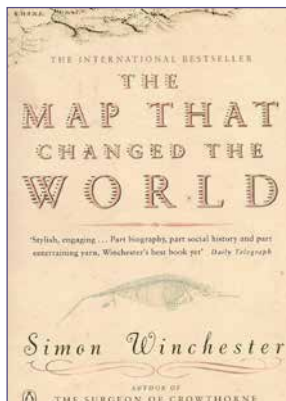


The Map that Changed the World

Lecture
Tuesday 13 October
6-7pm

Best-selling author Simon Winchester shares the extraordinary story of the father of English geology, William Smith. Part of the *Handwritten in Stone* exhibition programme.

Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents



Geology of the Cotswolds

Day school field trip
Saturday 24 October
9am-5pm

Explore the geology of the Cotswolds and the legacy of William Smith, author of the world's first stratigraphic map, with Professor Paul Smith. **£65**

Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents



Taxidermy Workshops

Saturday 14 November / Sunday 15 November
10am-5pm

Learn to prepare your own taxidermy bird under the expert tuition of professional taxidermist Derek Frampton (UK Guild of Taxidermists)

One-day workshop; four places on each date.

£175 including specimen, materials and lunch.

Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents



The Oxford Dodo

Debate
Wednesday 18 November
5.30-6.30pm

Join an interdisciplinary panel to discuss the life and legacy of this famous creature and take the opportunity to view the Dodo's only organic remains. Crèche available for children. Info and booking:

www.torch.ox.ac.uk/dodo



Super Science Saturday

Special event
Saturday 28 November
12-4pm

Investigate, experiment and discover the ground beneath your feet at our big Science Saturdays bonanza.





CALENDAR

Sun 13 Sep Oxford Open Doors: William Smith Archive Tour

Adults, 11am and 2pm

Get a sneak preview of the Museum's next temporary exhibition celebrating the beautiful geological maps of William Smith with this rare opportunity to visit the archives. Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents

Sun 13 Sep Oxford Open Doors: John Phillips Fossil Collection Tour

Adults, 12pm and 1pm

A chance to see the fossil collection of John Phillips, first Keeper of the Museum. Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents

Mon 14 Sep The Natural History of Lorises

Lecture, Adults, 7-8pm

Professor Anna Nekaris explores the natural history of the ten species of these elusive nocturnal primates. **Oxfordshire Mammal Group members free / Non-members £3 / www.oxonmammals.org**

Thu 17 Sep Ocean Commotion

Under 5s, 10.30am-12.30pm & 2-4pm
Step into our underwater world and touch real ocean objects. Make a marine scene to take home.

Sat 19 Sep Minibeast Masterpieces and Dinosaur Doodles

Families, 1-4pm

Join a cartoon masterclass or drop-in and draw with microscopes and magnifying glasses. Part of **The Big Draw** launch.

Sun 20 Sep An Introduction to Fossils

Workshop, Adults, 10am-4pm

From micro-fossils to marine invertebrates, identify and describe specimens from the main fossil groups and find out about their formation. With Oxford Geology Group.

£15 OGG members / £20 non-members
Book at: www.ogg.uk.com

Sun 27 Sep Diptera identification: Soldierflies and their Allies

Workshop, Adults (amateur naturalists aged 14+), 9.30am-4.30pm

Explore the natural history of Soldierflies and their allies in this one-day practical identification workshop. **£15.**

Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents

Thu 1 Oct A Little Look at... Bugs

Under 5s, 10.30am & 11.30am

An active, hands-on exploration telling the tales of objects in the Museum.

Sat 3 Oct Drawing Fossils

Workshop, Adults, 10am-4pm

Led by scientific illustrator Andrew Orkney this workshop will teach the various techniques you need to produce drawings of fossils in the field and studio. With Oxford Geology Group.

£15 OGG members / £20 non-members
Book at: www.ogg.uk.com

Tue 6 Oct Curious Cubs

Under 5s, 10.30am-12.30pm

Pick up one of our activity bags and explore the museum with Pebbles and Huxley.

Sat 10 Oct The Heart and the Head

Performance, Adults, 7.30-9pm

Join researchers from the Wellcome Trust Centre For Human Genetics and James Bell and the Half Moon All Stars for an evening of music and genetic stories. **£5**

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Thu 22 Oct Ecosystems: Change and Challenge

Secondary students, 10am-3pm

A programme of talks and activities aimed at A level geographers and teachers but open to all interested adults too.
To book email education@oum.ox.ac.uk

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Wed 28-Fri 30 Oct Undergroundology

Special event, Families, 1-4pm

Celebrate the world beneath our feet with rocks, volcanoes and heroes of geology. Family Friendly talk at 3.30pm each day.

Fri 30 Oct London Volcano

Special event, 6pm

A dramatised reconstruction on the Museum lawn of the 1902 eruption of the Saint Vincent volcano in the Caribbean.

Mon 9 Nov Bats of Britain

Lecture, Adults, 7-8pm

Find out about the mysterious nocturnal lives of the bats of Britain with ecologist Dr Peter Shepherd. **Oxfordshire Mammal Group members free / Non-members £3 / www.oxonmammals.org**

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CALENDAR

Fri 20 Nov Christmas Light Festival

Late night opening

As part of Oxford's Christmas Light Festival celebrations the Museum will be open late. Check www.oum.ox.ac.uk for details.

Sat 21 Nov How to Read Geological Maps

Day School, Adults, 10am-5pm

Learn to read the landscape in four dimensions using a geological map. An opportunity to view the world's first stratigraphic map created by William Smith 200 years ago. **£65**

Book at: bit.ly/mnhevents

Tue 24 Nov Life After Everest

Lecture, Adults, 7pm

Stephen Venables recounts his experiences in some of the most remote, beautiful landscapes on earth. Organised by Community Action Nepal. **£15**

Book at: www.bit.ly/aftereverest

Thu 26 Nov A Little Look at... Nursery Rhyme Animals

Under 5s, 10.30am & 11.30am

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Wed 2 Dec A level Geology Day

Secondary students, 10am-3pm

A programme of talks and activities aimed at A level geologists and teachers but open to all interested adults too.

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Thu 3 Dec Cells in the Spotlight

Secondary students, 10am-3pm

A programme of talks and activities aimed at A level biologists and teachers but open to all interested adults too.

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Sat 5 Dec Introduction to Minerals

Workshop, Adults, 10am-5pm

A day-long workshop exploring the physical characteristics, crystalline states and atomic bonding of silicate and non-silicate minerals. **£15 OGG members / £20 non-members / www.ogg.uk.com**

Mon 7 Dec Introduction to Cetaceans

Lecture, Adults, 7-8pm

Learn about this fascinating, diverse and enigmatic group of marine mammals.

Oxfordshire Mammal Group members free / Non-members £3 www.oxonmammals.org

Sat 12 & Sun 13 Dec Introduction to Diptera (Fly) Families

Workshop, Adults, 10am-6pm

Two-day workshop giving a comprehensive introduction to the British families of flies, from ecology to identification. To book email: schultmay@insectsrus.co.uk

All events are free unless stated otherwise, but donations help support our programme.

For the full Family Friendly programme at the Oxford University Museums see www.museums.ox.ac.uk

PRESENTING...

Madagascar

22 September - 23 November

The first in a series of native fauna-focused displays showcases fascinating specimens endemic to the island of Madagascar.

A wartime gift

24 November - 25 January 2016

Minerals collected by German chemist Dr Hugo Müller, presented to the Museum in 1915 by his English widow Elisabeth, are rich in samples from both his native and adopted countries, then at war.

REGULAR EVENTS

William Smith Spotlights

Look out for volunteer-led activities in the *Handwritten in Stone* exhibition, 9 October to 31 January 2016.

Spotlight Specimens

Monday-Thursday at 2.30pm

An informal specimen show-and-tell under the *T. rex*. Ask questions and chat with Museum experts.

Café Scientifique

Second Tuesday in the month

Adults, 7.30-9pm

Hear scientists discuss research over a glass of wine. For full programme check: www.bit.ly/cafescioxford

Architecture Tours

Every Friday, 2.30pm & 3.15pm

Take a free volunteer-led tour to learn about the Museum's Grade 1-listed Neo-Gothic building.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Science Saturdays

Ages 8+, Every Saturday, 2-4pm

17 October - 5 December

Investigate real natural history specimens with University of Oxford scientists.

Rockin' Reindeer Trail

19 December 2015 - 3 January 2016

We're feeling festive... Try out our Rockin' Reindeer Christmas trail. Can you spot them all?

Family Friendly Sundays

Every Sunday, Drop-in, 2-4pm

Family Friendly trails, crafts, backpacks and more, all provided by Museum volunteers.



Opening hours

Open daily from 10am-5pm.

Closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Admission is free.

Group and school visits

Schools and large groups please pre-book on 01865 282 451 or email education@oum.ox.ac.uk

Museum Café

Enjoy snacks and drinks throughout the day, courtesy of Oxford's Mortons.

Shop

The Museum Shop offers a wide range of products including fossils, minerals, publications, toys, jewellery, postcards and Museum products: shop@oum.ox.ac.uk

Library and Archives

Our Library and Archives are open to anyone. For appointments email library@oum.ox.ac.uk
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/collect

Learning at the Museum

The Museum offers a range of taught sessions for primary and secondary Key Stages, regular Family Friendly activities, and a programme of events for adults.
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/educate

Volunteering

To find out about volunteering at the Museum see:
www.museums.ox.ac.uk/volunteers

Community Outreach

For information on free workshops for adult community groups see
www.museums.ox.ac.uk/community-outreach

Access

The Museum provides wheelchair access to all floors and free disabled parking. There is no other public parking available on site.

Hire the Museum

The Museum and its 300-seat Lecture Theatre are available for private hire functions, including weddings, dinners and conferences: venue@oum.ox.ac.uk

Location

The Museum is about 10 minutes' walk north of Oxford city centre and about 15 minutes' walk from Oxford rail station.

Free WiFi - choose 'MNH Public' network



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