



MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

WHAT'S ON
JANUARY - MARCH 2017



EXHIBITION

BACK FROM THE DEAD

Demystifying Antibiotics

Special Exhibitions Gallery,
until 21 May 2017

75 years ago the first human trials
of penicillin took place.

To commemorate this milestone
in medical history, *Back from the
Dead* traces the miraculous and
precarious nature of antibiotics
from the 1940s to the present day.

GALLERY TOURS

Join our curators in
the Special Exhibitions
Gallery to discover how
penicillin has shaped
Oxford and the world.

Tuesday 10 January, 3pm
Tuesday 24 January, 1pm
Wednesday 15 February, 2pm
Wednesday 22 March, 3pm



Ex Voto, an art installation by artist in
residence Anna Dumitriu

TRAILS Out in Oxford

Launching Saturday 11 February



Join us in launching the
University's first cross-
collections trail, Out in Oxford.
This user-led project, funded
by the Oxford University
Museums Partnership,
celebrates diversity and the
LGBTQ+ experience. Find
out how our volunteers have
queered the collections to
offer an alternative insight
into our shared heritage.



Board Games and Medieval Medicine

The Museum is helping to develop new board
games about medieval Islamic medicine.
Once a month we will be road-testing our games!

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Help test our board
games and give us your
feedback.

Sunday 29 January, 2-4pm
Sunday 26 February, 2-4pm
Sunday 26 March, 2-4pm

Drop-in. Ages 7+.



Changing Spaces

The Museum's Entrance Gallery received its own
Christmas present last year in the form of a new
welcome desk. Allowing us more space to display
our programmes and family trails, the desk curves
gracefully between the pillars. This new desk
is part of an ongoing
project to
redesign the
Museum's
permanent
Galleries.



New Shop Stock

BACK FROM THE DEAD range

New Year, new stock. Our shop has exciting new
items, including a range of bespoke gifts for the *Back
from the Dead* exhibition, from cufflinks to notepads.
Why not visit and find the perfect gift for a curious
friend or an inspiring memento for yourself?



JANUARY

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Make a Magical Votive
Saturday 14 January, 2-4pm

Join artist Anna Dumitriu to make
a magical votive offering inspired
by our experiences of medicine
and the exhibition *Back from
the Dead*. Add your piece to an
exciting new art installation in
the exhibition.

Drop-in, all ages.

EVENING TALK

**Unlocking the Medieval
Medicine Cabinet**

Thursday 26 January, 7pm
Dr Freya Harrison (University
of Warwick) explores whether
antibiotics could be hidden in the
pages of medieval manuscripts.
Booking recommended.



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Chinese Dragon Fire-Clocks
Saturday 28 January, 2-4pm

Make a working Chinese dragon
fire-clock to celebrate Chinese
New Year. Try it out at home!

Drop-in, ages 7+.

Materials donation £3.

FEBRUARY

EVENING TALK

**Saving Lives with Penicillin in
Britain and Abroad**

Thursday 9 February, 7pm
On the anniversary of the first
treatment with penicillin Dr
Robert Bud (Science Museum,
London) looks at British wartime
experience of the antibiotic and
the challenges of making
a wonderdrug in occupied
countries from China to
Czechoslovakia.
Booking recommended.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

House of Wisdom
Saturday 11 February, 2-4pm

Find out how scientists in early
Islamic civilisations mapped the
stars, and discover medieval
medicine through exciting new
board games and activities.

Drop-in, ages 7+.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Make a Magical Votive
Thursday 16 February, 2-4pm

Join artist Anna Dumitriu to
make a magical votive offering
inspired by your experiences of
medicine and the exhibition *Back
from the Dead*. Add your piece to
an exciting new art installation in
the exhibition.

Drop-in, all ages.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Magical Movies
Saturday 25 February, 2-4pm

What did the Victorians know
about the moving image? Find
out and make your own magical
movie toy.

Drop-in, ages 7+.

E Free advance booking for events with this logo at www.bit.ly/mhs-events

REGULAR EVENT

GALLERY TOURS

Museum Highlights

Join our team of exceptional volunteer guides to find out more about the
stories behind the objects and history of our very special building.

Every Thursday, 2.30pm and 3.15pm

Every Saturday, 12.30pm and 1.15pm

GALLERY TRAILS

Family Trails

Help yourself to family friendly trails in the Entrance Gallery.

Drop-in during open hours. Ages 5+.

MARCH

SPECIAL EVENT

Stars and Specula
Friday 3 March, 6-7.30pm

An evening of star gazing with an
1840 speculum-metal reflecting
telescope, a modern telescope,
and replica Galilean telescopes.

With Hanwell Community Observatory.
Location to be confirmed.
For further details, please see
www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/events

EVENING TALK

Crystals, Careers and Penicillin
Thursday 9 March, 7pm

Biographer Georgina Ferry is
joined by a panel of young women
currently working in biochemistry
to discuss their careers, and the
achievements of Chemistry Nobel
Prize winner Dorothy Crowfoot
Hodgkin.

For Oxford International Women's Festival.
Booking recommended.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Making Micrographia
Saturday 11 March, 1-4pm

Draw bugs and bacteria from
images through microscopes, and
make magical monoprints.

Drop-in, all ages.

EVENING TALK

**Sir Hugh Cairns: A Pioneering
Neurosurgeon**

Thursday 16 March, 7pm

Professor Gabriele De Luca
(University of Oxford) discusses
the work of Sir Hugh Cairns, whose
research led to the introduction
of motorcycle crash helmets
and transformed battlefield
neurosurgery during World War II.

For Brain Awareness Week.
Booking recommended.

SPECIAL EVENT

Yellow Magic
Saturday 18 March, 12-4pm

Join us for an exciting day of
hands-on activities, talks and
performances about the story
of penicillin and the miracle of
antibiotics. Meet artists and
scientists at the cutting edge of
medical research.

For British Science Week.

Drop-in, all ages.

SPECIAL EVENT

Brain Aware
Sunday 19 March, 12-4pm

An afternoon of interactive
activities with University of Oxford
researchers exploring
how our brains work.

For Brain Awareness Week.
Drop-in, all ages.

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VISITING

Donations Welcome

Entry, education and events are free, but a small donation of £3 helps in a big way. Thank you for your support.

Opening Hours

Tuesday to Sunday
12 - 5pm
Closed on Mondays.

Accessibility

Due to restrictions in our 17th-century building, disabled access can only be provided to the Basement Gallery and Special Exhibitions Gallery.

Free Public Wi-Fi

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