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Research visits

Objects, archives and books can be made available to researchers by appointment. Catalogues and lists of the Museum's holdings can be explored using links from **www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/collections**. For enquiries and appointments email: collections@mhs.ox.ac.uk

Education Service

The Museum offers a range of taught sessions suitable for primary and secondary key stages, as well as workshops and Study Days for sixth formers and advanced students. Further information can be found at: **www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/education**

Publications

Broadsheet is an occasional publication communicating the work of the Museum; it is published on the website **www.mhs.ox.ac.uk/broadsheet** and printed for sale.

Museum opening hours

Tuesday to Friday	12.00-17.00
Saturday	10.00-17.00
Sunday	14.00-17.00

Closed on Mondays

ADMISSION FREE

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WORKSHOPS

Book on 01865 277280 email: museum@mhs.ox.ac.uk Booking required.

Galileo's Telescope
Saturday 26 April
Basement Gallery, 2.00-4.00pm
Discover the secrets of Galileo's invention and make your own working telescope.
Children aged 9 upwards.
Booking required. Voluntary materials donation £5.

Globe-makers
Saturday 14 June
Basement Gallery, 2.00-4.00pm
Discover the museum's collection of globes, how globes used to be made and make your own model globe.
Suitable for ages 9-13.
Booking required. Voluntary materials donation £5.

DROP IN

Free. No need to book - just come along.

Easter Fundials
Saturday 12 April
Basement Gallery, 1.00-4.00pm
Design and make your own decorative Easter sundial.
Suitable for ages 5-11.

Tech Specs
Saturday 17 May
Basement Gallery, 1.00-4.00pm
Be inspired by the special exhibition *Geek is Good* and make your own geeky glasses!
Suitable for age 6 upwards.

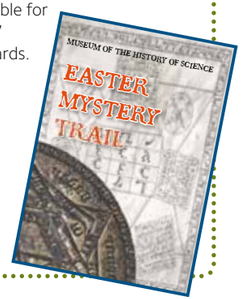
Ahoy There!
Thursday 29 May – Friday 30 May
Basement Gallery, 1.00-4.00pm
Discover early voyages of exploration with maps, globes, and hands-on navigational instruments.
Suitable for ages 7-13.

Stars and Planets
Saturday 28 June
Basement Gallery, 2.00-4.00pm
Follow your stars, make an amazing star dial or paper plate planetarium.
Suitable for ages 7-13.

Easter Mystery Trail

5 – 20 April
During opening hours

Challenge yourself to the Mathematical Mystery Trail. Help yourself from the Entrance Gallery.
Suitable for age 7 upwards.



Talks

TABLE TALKS

Free. No need to book

A large table in the Basement Gallery is used for informal talks and demonstrations.

Chaucer and the Astrolabe
Saturday 24 May, 2.30pm
Was Geoffrey Chaucer really a geek? Come and find out what he wrote about the most universal of medieval scientific instruments.

Numbers by Machine
Saturday 7 June, 2.30pm
Discover the workings of the first successful calculator - the desktop arithmometer.

TOURS

Free. No need to book

Geek is Good
Curator-led tours of the current special exhibition
Sunday 18 May, 3pm
Sunday 15 June, 3pm

Volunteer tours
Every Thursday and Saturday - see details overleaf.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Optogenetics

A Neuroscientist's Adventures in Mind Control

2 April, 7pm

Optogenetics pioneer Professor Gero Miesenboeck (University of Oxford) explains recent breakthroughs which combine genetics and optics and use light to turn brain cells on and off. This revolutionary new technique helps scientists understand the brain in health and disease. Presented by the British Neuroscience Association.

ANNUAL EVENT

Marconi Day

Saturday 26 April, 10am-5pm

Oxford & District Amateur Radio Society celebrate the birthday of Guglielmo Marconi by operating radio station GB4MHS. See who they can contact across the globe by the power of wireless.

MUSEUM *of the* HISTORY *of* SCIENCE

PROGRAMME

April - June 2014

Exhibitions

Special Exhibition Gallery
15 May – 28 September 2014

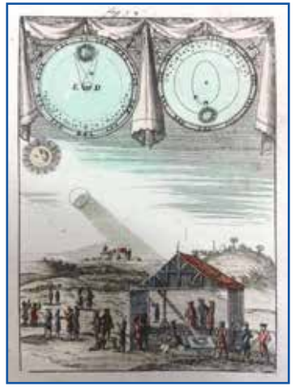
Social misfit or 21st-century icon of cool? The geek is sometimes ridiculed, sometimes celebrated, but often behind the latest developments in science and technology.

Sweeping back through the centuries, this playful exhibition picks out geeky enterprise from 1980s home computing all the way back to medieval astronomical gadgets. Was Chaucer a geek? And with our screen-based, computer-driven lifestyles are we all geeks now?

In Print

Continues until 22 June
Entrance Gallery

A selection of lithographs, engravings, and woodcuts from our prints collection revealing some wonderful and weird instruments and the people who made and used them. Made accessible thanks to the Arts Council-funded *Making Prints Public* project.



Comets, Meteors and Fireballs

Continues until 29 June
Basement Gallery

Depictions of fiery messengers from space in art and science. Using material drawn from the Museum Library, the display ranges from the 15th century onwards.

Art@MHS

Crystal Symmetries II

Until 1 June
Basement Gallery

Building on work displayed at the Museum during autumn 2013, this collaboration between glass artist Shelley James and X-ray crystallographer Professor Brian Sutton plays with the interaction of light and structure to explore the principles of reciprocal space.

Objects in the Field

3 June - 17 August
Main Staircase

A display of photographic work by artist Sophy Rickett. Made during her time as Artist Associate at the Institute of Astronomy at the University of Cambridge, *Objects in the Field* reflects on the artist's encounter with Dr Roderick Willstrop, a retired astrophysicist, and re-examines observational research he conducted there in the 1980s.

Special Events

Geek for All

Friday 16 May, 7-10.30pm

Release your inner geek at this special *Museums at Night* event. Games with Thirsty Meeples, as well as tours and activities. Dare you try the geek confession booth?

Oxford Geek Night #36

Wednesday, 11 June, 7-10pm

From the pub to the museum, the geeks have taken over. Oxford's regular Geek Night gathering comes to MHS for a special evening of inspirational and intriguing talks. Free, but booking essential: check the museum website for tickets.

Let's Get Geeky

Sundays, 6 April - 28 September, 2.30-4.30pm

Volunteer-led handling sessions every Sunday: get your hands on some geek gadget history as part of the programme for our *Geek is Good* exhibition.