



MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

WHAT'S ON
OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2016



EXHIBITION

BACK FROM THE DEAD

Demystifying Antibiotics

Special Exhibitions Gallery,
Opening 4 November 2016

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.

Friday 4 November, 2.30pm

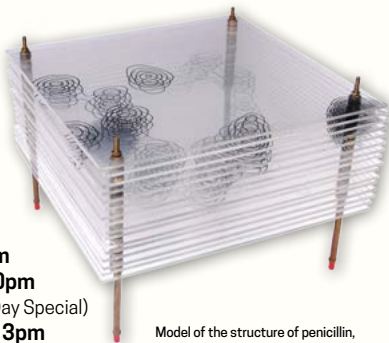
Friday 18 November, 12.30pm

(European Academic Heritage Day Special)

Wednesday 30 November, 3pm

Tuesday 13 December, 2.30pm

Wednesday 28 December, 1pm



Model of the structure of penicillin, by Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin, Oxford, c.1945 (Inv. 17631)

TRAILS

Shakespeare's World View: Stars, Globes and Magic

On the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death this multi-gallery installation explores Shakespeare's knowledge of the natural world and the influence of Elizabethan thinkers on his works.

Let our collections transport you back in time to discover the inspiration for Prospero in *The Tempest* and Shakespeare's view on free will.

GALLERY TOURS

Join a curator-led tour through the galleries.

Friday 14 October, 1.30pm

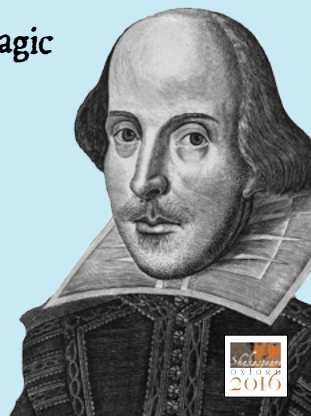
Wednesday 9 November, 1.30pm

Tuesday 6 December, 1.30pm

GALLERY TRAILS

Pick up a trail from the Entrance Gallery and follow it through the Museum.

Drop-in during open hours. All ages.



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 30 October, 2-4pm

Sunday 27 November, 2-4pm

Sunday 18 December, 2-4pm

Drop-in. Ages 7+.



CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Wednesday **21** December

Thursday **22** December

Friday **23** December

Saturday **24** Christmas Eve

Sunday **25** Christmas Day

Monday **26** Boxing Day

Tuesday **27** December

Wednesday **28** December

Thursday **29** December

Friday **30** December

Saturday **31** New Year's Eve

Sunday **1** New Year's Day

Monday **2** January

Tuesday **3** January

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**Looking for curious Christmas gifts?
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OCTOBER

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Science and Medicine in Early Islam

Saturday 8 October, 2-4pm

Find out how early Islamic scientists mapped the stars; discover medieval medicine through board games and activities.

Drop-in. Ages 7+.

EVENING TALK

Ingenuity and Craft Culture in Early Modern London

Tuesday 25 October, 7pm **E**

Professor Robert Iliffe (University of Oxford) examines how the work of artisans, especially scientific instrument-makers, was represented by Samuel Hartlib and Robert Hooke in early modern London.

Booking recommended. Doors open at 6.30pm.



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Big Robot Draw

Thursday 27 - Friday 28 October, 1-4pm

Join our Lego geeks and build eccentric drawing machines to create wildly chaotic drawings!
Drop-in. Ages 7+.

REGULAR EVENTS

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+.

NOVEMBER

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Eyeballs and Other Things

Saturday 5 November, 1-4pm

Dissect eyeballs and carry out curious visual experiments to help understand how we see.

Drop-in. Ages 9+.

SPECIAL EVENT

Don't Panic

Part of the Being Human Festival

Thursday 17 November, 7-10.30pm **E**

Explore hopes and fears in relation to science and technology through an evening of impromptu and staged performance with the help of ConSciCom and Pegasus Theatre.

Booking recommended.

Doors open at 7pm.



FAMILY FRIENDLY

Back from the Dead

Saturday 19 November, 2-4pm

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

Drop-in. All ages.

EVENING TALK

Penicillin: Triumph and Tragedy

Tuesday 22 November, 7pm **E**

Join Dr Robert Bud (Science Museum, London) for the first evening talk in our *Back from the Dead* programme of events.

Booking recommended.

Doors open at 6.30pm.

SPECIAL EVENT

Magic Tales

Part of the Oxford Christmas Light Festival

Friday 25 November, 6-9pm

Celebrate Christmas at the Museum with live singing, curator talks and magic lantern workshops.

Saturday 26 November, 1-4pm

Discover the Victorian magic lantern and make your own lantern slide to take home.

Drop-in. All ages.

DECEMBER

EVENING TALK

The Global Threat of Antibiotic Resistance

Thursday 8 December, 7pm **E**

Professor Angela Brueggemann (University of Oxford) explores the global prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria and what is being done to tackle the problem.

Booking recommended.

Doors open at 6.30pm.

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Stars and Planets

Saturday 10 December, 2-4pm

Follow your stars, make an amazing star dial or paper plate planetarium.

Drop-in. Ages 7-13.



EVENING TALK

The Star of Bethlehem

Tuesday 13 December, 7pm **E**

Join Museum Director Dr Silke Ackermann for a journey through science, art and history.

Booking recommended.

Doors open at 6.30pm.

GALLERY TOUR

Sensing Culture: Medicine

Thursday 15 December, 11am

A hands-on tour of the Museum for visitors who are blind or partially sighted on the theme of medicine.

Spaces for this tour are limited, for more information or to book contact 01865 282456 or outreach@museums.ox.ac.uk



supporting blind and partially sighted people

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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

KEEP IN TOUCH

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Join our mailing list to receive the monthly email newsletter. Visit the website and add yourself to the list.

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