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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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MUSEUM of the HISTORY of SCIENCE

FAMILY FRIENDLY

WORKSHOPS

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What is an Astrolabe? Saturday 2 August, 10am-12noon

Discover the beauty of the astrolabe, make one and find out how it works. Suitable for children aged 9+
Booking required.



DROP IN

Free. No need to book - just come along.

Alice's Discoveries Saturday 5 July, 1-4 pm

Discover early photography, explore the Museum, and help us animate Alice's adventures on Alice Day! Age 7 upwards

Is There a Doctor in the House? Saturday 19 July, 2-4pm

Discover the art of medicine through objects, stories and activities. Suitable for children aged 9 upwards.

Send a Message SOS Saturday 16 August, 1-4pm

Discover Morse code and use the museum's telegraphic apparatus to unravel the mystery message. Suitable for all aged 7 upwards.

Calling all Geeks Thursday 28 – Friday 29 August, 1-4pm

Check out geeky activities with our special exhibition, and enter the geek competition. Suitable for age 7 upwards.

Summer Trails and Activities 19 July – 1 September

Discover amazing instruments and devious devices: help yourself to trails and activities.

TALKS

TABLE TALKS

Free. No need to book

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

Mysteries of the Almanac Saturday 23 August, 2.30pm

Museum librarian Jennifer Dumbelton presents the history and significance of almanacs.

Crystal Sets and Radio Hams Saturday 30 August, 2.30pm

Elizabeth Bruton talks about the early history of amateur radio.

Chaucer and the Astrolabe Saturday 6 September, 2.30pm

Stephen Johnston presents Geoffrey Chaucer as the original English geek.

TOURS

Free. No need to book

Geek is Good

Sunday 27 July, 3pm
Sunday 14 September, 3pm
Curator-led tours of the current special exhibition, from the Raspberry Pi to the astrolabe.

School of Hard Sums Saturday 27 September, 2.30pm

Stephen Johnston demonstrates the giant slide rule in the *Geek is Good* exhibition.

Volunteer tours

Every Thursday and Saturday - see details overleaf.

★ **STARDOME PLANETARIUM** ★

Enter the astrodome (inflatable bouncy planetarium) to experience the Universe

Thursday 24 July
2.00pm and 3.30pm

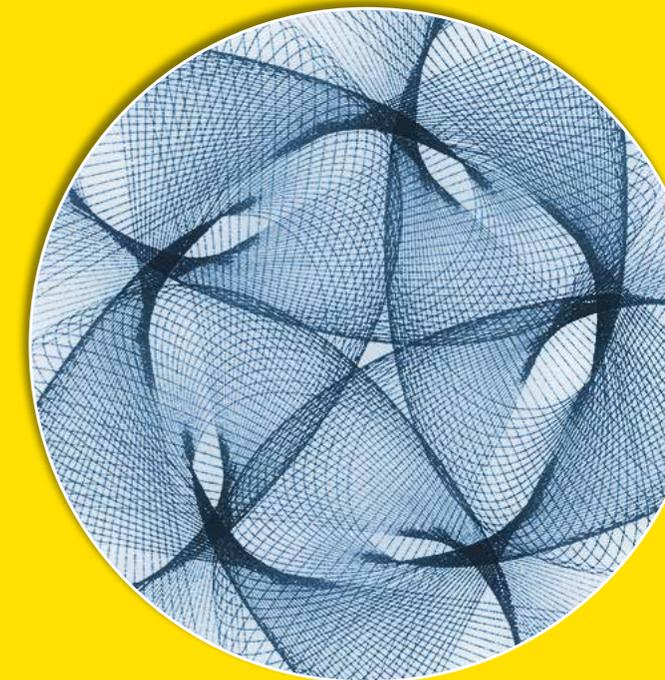
FREE but only 25 places
Unreserved, first come first served!
Suitable for age 8+

Shows last approx. 30 minutes

Presenters from Explorerdome, Bristol, and Techniquist Glynwyr, Wrexham.



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PROGRAMME
JULY - SEPTEMBER 2014

EXHIBITIONS

GEEK IS GOOD

Special Exhibition Gallery
Until 2 November 2014

From the modern Raspberry Pi computer to Chaucer and the medieval astrolabe, this exhibition provides a history of geek enterprise. Join our Geek Gallery and - if you dare - enter the Geek Confession Booth! Now extended to 2 November.

**Marvellous Invention:
Four Hundred Years
of Logarithms**
Opens 12 August
Basement Gallery

This year is the 400th anniversary of John Napier's publication of logarithms.

This small display marks the essential role of logarithms in calculation over the succeeding centuries. It draws on printed numerical tables from the Museum's library collections and also features logarithmic slide rules.



John Napier

In Print
Continues until 5 October
Entrance Gallery

A selection of lithographs, engravings and woodcuts from our prints collection. These have been made accessible thanks to the Arts Council-funded *Making Prints Public* project.



**Comets, Meteors
and Fireballs**
Continues until 3 August
Basement Gallery

A small library display showing depictions of fiery messengers from space in art and science.

ART@MHS

The Iron Genie
8 July - 21 September

The harmonograph was a 19th-century drawing device that created beautiful curves by combining the motions of pendulums. Artist **Anita Chowdry** has revisited and renewed the concept with her sculptural installation, *The Iron Genie*. On display in the Museum's Top Gallery, this extraordinary machine will be regularly demonstrated. Check the Museum website for the schedule, or find out more at www.anitachowdry.com/iron-genie.



Objects in the Field
Until 17 August

A display of photographic work by artist **Sophy Rickett**. Installed on the main staircase, the images were made during her time as Artist Associate at the Institute of Astronomy at the University of Cambridge. *Objects in the Field* also includes material from the Cambridge astrophysicist with whom she worked, on display in the Top Gallery.



**Artist Talk:
Objects in the Field**
Saturday 12 July, 12 noon

Artist **Sophy Rickett** in conversation with photography writer **Paul Tebbs**. An informal discussion exploring the connections and discontinuities between art and science.



**Artist Talk:
Iron Genie**
Saturday 19 July, 3pm
Saturday 16 August, 3pm
Saturday 20 September, 3pm

Anita Chowdry will demonstrate and talk about the *Iron Genie*.



**Public Lecture:
Longitude Found**
Tuesday 19 August, 7pm

In July 1714 parliament passed the Longitude Act, sparking a competition to solve the greatest maritime problem of the age - how to find position at sea. Fresh from curating the new exhibition "Ships, Clocks & Stars: The Quest for Longitude" at the National Maritime Museum, **Dr Richard Dunn** (Royal Museums Greenwich) offers a new interpretation of this remarkable 18th-century story.

