



MUSEUM *of the*
HISTORY *of*
SCIENCE

WHAT'S ON
APRIL - JUNE 2017



EXHIBITION

BACK FROM THE DEAD

Demystifying Antibiotics

Special Exhibitions Gallery,
Closing 21 May 2017

In 1941 the first human trials of penicillin took place.

To commemorate this event 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 18 April, 2pm
Thursday 18 May, 1pm



Why not visit and find the perfect gift for a curious friend or an inspiring memento for yourself? We stock a range of bespoke gifts for the *Back from the Dead* exhibition, from cufflinks to notepads.



Early penicillin samples.
Inv. 16920, 26401 & 14439.

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. Help test our board games and give us your feedback.



Sunday 30 April, 2-4pm
Sunday 28 May, 2-4pm
Sunday 25 June, 2-4pm

Drop-in. All welcome.



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

Family Friendly Trails

Pick up a self-guided trail from the Entrance gallery and explore the Museum and objects as you follow along the questions.

Drop-in during open hours.



APRIL

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Easter Trail

1 - 23 April, during open hours

Challenge yourself to the Easter Mystery Trail. Help yourself from the Entrance Gallery.

Drop-in, ages 6+

EVENING TALK **E**

A Future without Antibiotics?

Tuesday 4 April, 6pm

Dr Laura Shallcross (University College London) on why we need new drugs, new diagnostics and a complete re-think about how we consume antibiotics.

Doors open at 5.45pm

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Make a Magical Votive

Thursday 20 April, 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.

Drop-in, all ages

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Fabulous Fundials

Friday 21 April, 2-4pm

Design and make your own decorative Easter sundial to help you tell the time.

Drop-in, ages 5-11

SPECIAL EVENT

Marconi Day

Saturday 22 April, 12-4pm

Oxford & District Amateur Radio Society will be operating the radio station GB4MHS from the Museum. See who they can contact across the globe by the power of wireless and try out Morse code yourself.

The Museum of the History of Science and the Bodleian Libraries join to present a programme in celebration of Marconi Day.

Drop-in, all ages

EVENING TALK **E**

Regulation and Resistance

Thursday 27 April, 6pm

Why were antibiotics introduced to food production and why has it been so difficult to regulate them? Dr Claas Kirchhelle (University of Oxford) examines antibiotic use on both sides of the Atlantic.

Doors open at 5.45pm

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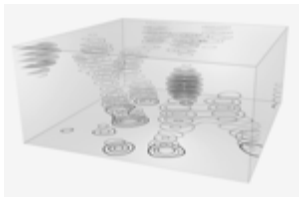
EVENING TALK **E**

The Magic of Crystallography

Tuesday 9 May, 6pm

Professor Elspeth Garman (Biochemistry, University of Oxford) discusses how Dorothy Crowfoot Hodgkin unravelled the 3-D shape of penicillin using crystallography.

Doors open at 5.45pm



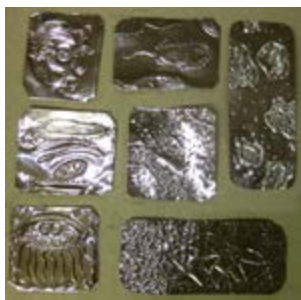
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CHANGING TIME

New evening talks start at 6pm

Over the next three months the Museum will be trialling new times for our evening talks. Talks will start promptly at 6pm, and the Museum's doors will open at 5.45pm to allow people to take their seats.

Please reserve your seat on Eventbrite* at www.bit.ly/mhs-events.

*Eventbrite tickets that have not been claimed at 5.55pm will be given to those on the waiting list.

JUNE

FAMILY FRIENDLY

Ahoy There!

Thursday 1 - Friday 2 June,

2-4pm

Discover early voyages of exploration with maps, globes, and hands-on navigational instruments.

Drop-in, ages 7-13

SPECIAL EVENT **E**

William Herschel and the Universe

Tuesday 13 June, 6pm

Special viewing of the new film *William Herschel and the Universe*.

Introduced by former Museum Director Professor Jim Bennett and the filmmaker George Sibley, the film will be followed by a Q&A.

Doors open at 5.45pm

FAMILY FRIENDLY

House of Wisdom

Saturday 17 June, 12-4pm

A festival of science and medicine in the early Islamic world with talks, activities, board games and more.

For Oxfordshire Science Festival

Drop-in, ages 7+

SPECIAL EVENT **E**

Contagion: An Evening of Drama and Discussion

Tuesday 20 June, 7.30pm

Join us for a quirky theatrical evening of drama, discussion and disease, from killer germs to superbugs, pestilent plagues to global pandemics. A cast of actors, scientists and literary researchers present a panoply of infectious extracts from plays and music, past and present.

Part of the Oxfordshire Science Festival and supported by TORCH, the ERC 'Diseases of Modern Life' project and the AHRC 'Constructing Scientific Communities' project.

Doors open at 7.15pm



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

Calendar

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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

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

KEEP IN TOUCH

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