NOVEMBER 2018
Programme

**PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION**

**FOOTLOOSE IN THE AMERICAS**
Alan Brook
Fri 9 November - Sat 17 November

**EXHIBITION**

**THE SOCIETY OF WOOD ENGRAVERS**
24 November - 15 December

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**Bath Geological Society** New fossil discoveries from France and Morocco shed light on the Great Ordovician Biodiversification Event Dr Aaron W Hunter, University of Cambridge

**Fri 2** Museum of East Asian Art Ancient Chinese Medicine, Modern World Neil Kingham 7pm

**Fri 2** World Affairs The Salisbury Poisonings—an update Dr Richard Guthrie CWE Events

**Sat 3** Gaskell Society with BRLSI The Nineteenth-Century Governess in Fact & Fiction Real life and literary examples from Dickens, Thackeray, Gaskell and the Brontës. Dr Mary Summers, Writer 2.30pm

**Tue 6** Philosophy The Evolution of Ethics Human morality developed in small face-to-face groups in which humans lived for thousands of years. Now we are aware of the suffering of billions, and must prevent artificial agents developing a morality that is antithetical to our survival. How does our evolved morality cope with this novel ethical landscape? Dr Diana Fleischman, University of Portsmouth

**Tue 6** Natural History Society Identity Theft: Mimicry in Insects John Bebbington FRPS

**Thu 8** Bath & Camerons Archaeological Society Children's Remains: paleopathology of children Dr Mary Lewis

**Thu 8** Geography & Adventure with RGS - IBG Have Theodolite, will Travel: mapping Africa’s magnificent landscapes Combining fine art and scientific rigour, nineteenth-century map making was formidable and often politically contentious. Nick Krebs, Map Cataloguer, British Library

**Fri 9** Bath Film Society Chocolat [France 2016] Directed by Roschdy Zem 7.45pm

**Fri 9** Geography & Adventure Footloose in the Americas [talk accompanying photographic exhibition] Alan Brook

**Sat 10** The Poet's Voice Poetry Workshop All welcome Duncan McGibbon Organiser 10am

**Mon 12** Art & Design with History & Culture The Half-Forgotten World of the English Landscape Grotto Joseph & Josiah Lane developed the eighteenth-century natural grotto into something new and personal, which fascinated Mary Delany, Ralph Allen & William Beckford. Margaret Hull & Dr Gerald Hull. BRLSI Members

**Tue 13** Bath Wildlife Group An Introduction to the New Wildlife Database on the BRLSI Website Rob Randall

**Tue 13** Business & Economics Housing, Debt and the Economy: a tale of two countries The experience of Germany shows it is possible to have a healthy housing market. Prof John Muellbauer, University of Oxford

**Wed 14** Artificial Intelligence Will Robots be our New Best Friends? A conversation with Dr Rob Wortham, introduced by John Higgins CBE

**Wed 14** BRLSI Collections News from BRLSI Library and Archives BRLSI Collections Volunteers

**Thu 15** Antiquity Howard Carter: An alternative look at the Man through his Art Howard Carter is best known for his archaeological discoveries in Ancient Egypt, particularly the tomb of Tutankhamun, but he was first and foremost a superb artist. Lee Young, Griffith Institute & Egypt Exploration Society Researcher

**Thu 15** German Language & Culture A German View of the First World War How it started, how it ended and how its aftermath laid the foundations for the Second World War Robert Gröninger, Teacher of Economics; Columnist for the German magazine 'Eigentlichich frei' [talk in English]

**Mon 19** Literature & Humanities Classics for the Masses: Shaping Soviet Musical Identity under Lenin and Stalin What role did music play in Stalin's Soviet Union? This talk takes us behind the scenes of musical life in Leningrad and Moscow to recreate the surprising reality of what Soviet audiences heard in the concert halls of the 1930s and 1940s. Dr Pauline Fairclough, Reader & Research Fellow in Music, University of Bristol

**Tue 20** Engineering & Technology Personal Transportation in the Low Carbon Age The use of fossil fuels to power transportation rightly means that action has to be taken if we are to avoid climate change. The lecture postulates an alternative scenario which will allow decarbonisation of petrochemicals and other transport modes. James Turner, Professor of Engines & Energy Systems, University of Bath

**Tue 20** World Affairs International Development: Finance and the UK Goals, destinations, mechanisms and impact are in constant flux, but strong UK engagement in international development finance has been a consistent plank of its foreign policy. Prof James Copestake, University of Bath

**Fri 23** Bath Film Society Day for Night [France 1973] Directed by François Truffaut 7.45pm

**Mon 26** The Scientific & Medical Network Fashion, Faith & Fantasy in the New Physics of the Universe Sir Roger Penrose OM FRS, Roux Ball Professor of Mathematics Emeritus, University of Oxford

**Mon 26** Bath Family History Group Charles Dickson, miniaturist, comes to Bath 1762 Marie-Louise Luxembourg

**Mon 26** The Patrick O’Brian Society 'Sea Life in Nelson’s Time' by John Masefield Group book discussion

**Wed 28** The Poet's Voice The Enigma & the Spirit of Luis de Góngora John Dent-Young, author of the definitive translation, lays bare the authentic message of this brilliant and rewarding Spanish poet.

**Thu 29** Science Metamorphosis How does a caterpillar turn into a butterfly? Thanks to modern cell and molecular approaches we now understand how the process works. But can natural selection really be responsible for turning one kind of animal into another? Prof Stuart Reynolds, University of Bath

**Fri 30** Herschel / Astronomy Early Indian Astronomy & The Birth of the Zero This talk will trace the development of Indian Mathematics and the vital concept of Zero from its origins in ancient astronomy to its use in commerce and science. Dr Peter Ford MBE and Deepali Gaskell

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BRLSI events start 7.30pm and cost £4 visitors or £2 members/students (unless listed otherwise). Start times and entry costs to Visiting Societies (listed in colour and italics) may vary.

EXHIBITIONS are FREE and open 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday