OCTOBER 2018 Programme

Thursday 18 October

THIS KEYNOTE LECTURE LAUNCHES A NEW SERIES

Patrick O Brian
Senior Lecturer in the Department of Chemistry, University of Bath

10am

Bath Natural History Society Chasing Plants Peter Marren, well-known author and journalist

Tue 2

Philosophy Appearance Vs Reality Grant Bartley will use neuroscience to demonstrate the existence of the external world and then show that reality is not what it appears to be. Is what you perceive really there? Grant Bartley, Editor Philosophy Now Magazine

Thu 4

Bath Geological Society Creating the Critical Zone: dissolving, fracturing and eating rocks Dr Heather L Buss, School of Earth Sciences, University of Bristol

Fri 5

Herschel / Astronomy with BIS To Mars via Kazakhstan, Found 11 Years Later Terry Ransome

Mon 8

History & Culture with Belief The Cost of Faith: the Plight of the Hugenots The civil wars of religion in France between 1562 and 1598 lead to the Edict of Nantes granting the Hugenots (French Protestants) substantial religious, and political autonomy. But in 1685 Louis XIV revoked the Edict and over 200,000 fled France. These pious, resolute people, so determined to serve God according to their conscience, willingly surrendered their homeland and their lives. Marie-Louise Luxembourg, Convener for History & Culture

Tue 9

Business & Economics The Many Faces of Corruption Dr Ajit Mishra, University of Bath

Wed 10

Poetry The Poetry of Sylvia Plath John Chambers, former Head of English, King Edward School.

Thu 11

Geography & Adventure with Royal Meteorological Society The Shipping & Inshore Water Forecasts

Fri 12

Bath Film Society The Fencer (plus AGM) Estonia 2015 Directed by Klaus Härö

Sat 13

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

Mon 15

CITIES SERIES Literature & Humanities Literature & Drama in Paris and London 1790s-1820s: Fascination, Envy & Jealousy Romantic era theatre in London was a deeply national phenomenon, but with many foreign texts, genres and performers. It was in constant competition with the lively Parisian stage. This talk looks at the exchanges, parallels and general antagonism between these two theatrical worlds in two intense phases – the 1780s/1790s and the post-Waterloo years.

Thu 18

CITIES SERIES How Cities Change In this keynote lecture to launch this new series of talks, the speaker will suggest that it is important to understand why and how we get the urban environments we do. He will set the stage by addressing how cities evolve and what has caused them to change over time and then focus on how cities might serve their future residents better in the future by becoming accountable for the wider environmental impacts of city living.

Thu 25

Science The Formation of the Universe, the Chemical Elements and Life: A story told in colour A much abbreviated history of the Universe which demonstrates the importance of colour as a representation of the fundamental interactions between light and matter. The increasing complexity of these interactions over nearly fourteen billion years has resulted in the wonderfully rich and beautiful world we inhabit today. This talk opens a window onto the global education initiative 'The Big History Project' wwwbighistoryproject.com/home whose aim is to introduce to a wide audience a broad-brush picture of the evolution of the Universe from the Big Bang to the present day, Dr Bob Forsby, European Southern Observatory; University College, London

Thu 25

Bath Wildlife Workshop Slugs and Snails Andrew Daw, Bath Natural History Society

Fri 26

Bath Film Society Graduation Romania 2015 Directed by Cristian Mungiu 7.45pm

Mon 29

Patrick O'Brian Society Patrick O’Brian’s ‘The Far Side of the World’ Group book discussion

Tue 30

French Civilisation & Culture Haussmann and Paris Professor Nick Hewlett, University of Warwick

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 italics) may vary. EXHIBITIONS are FREE and open 10am - 4pm, Monday - Saturday
A STORY TOLD IN COLOUR
The Chemical Elements and Life

University College, London
European Southern Observatory
Dr Bob Foster

Thursday 26 October, 7.30pm

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Thursday 19 October, 7.30pm

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