**APRIL 2019 Programme**

- **Saturday 6 April** 3 pm  
  **£10 TALK & TEA**  
  to book: 07929 143512 or dianawhite@talktalk.net

- **Mon 1**  
  Bath Evening Arts Society  
  Darema Zaha Hadid, one of the most distinguished architects in the world  
  This lecture examines her works, including her famous Aquatics Centre for the London Olympics in 2012.  
  Anthea Streeter  
  E8 visitors / £5 Arts Society members  
  **7.10pm**

- **Tue 2**  
  Philosophy  
  Living in Godless Times: are we the last individuals?  
  The current crisis of the liberal system forces us to re-think the paradigms that characterised international politics since the 1990s. The current crisis of the individual finds echoes in the inter-war period within the relationship between the ENS and Society. The lecture will explore these phenomena in Nietzschean terms and will also borrow from Søren Kierkegaard, Fyodor Dostoevsky, and Franz Kafka.  
  Dr Mattia Cacciatorii  
  University of Bath  
  **2pm**

- **Tue 2**  
  Bath NATS  
  Keeping Track of Bird Life  
  Mike Bailey discusses developments in bird ringing, from the use of Heligoland traps, the arrival of mist nets, the use of various tracking methods, and genetic analysis.  
  **7.10pm**

- **Thu 4**  
  Bath Geological Society  
  The Shale Gas Boom: a history of fracking from the 19th century  
  Dr Verdon will chart the history of this poorly-understood technology.  
  Dr James Verdon  
  University of Bristol  
  **2pm**

- **Fri 5**  
  Herschel / Astronomy  
  Variety in Astronomical Orbits  
  Gravitation dominates the dynamics of the Universe on scales larger than a few kilometres, and so orbital motion is the basic motion of bodies in the Universe. The variety of orbital motions is much wider than the set of elliptical shapes that are used as an approximation in the Solar System.  
  Prof Mark Birkinshaw  
  University of Bristol  
  **3pm**

- **Sat 6**  
  Jane Austen Society  
  Dress & Social Life in Jane Austen’s Bath  
  Penelope Byrde, former curator, the Museum of Costume, Bath  
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- **Mon 8**  
  History & Culture  
  Fanny Murray of Bath: eighteenth-century courtesan  
  Born into poverty in the back streets of Bath, Fanny Murray (1729-78) becomes the most famous and desirable courtesan of her day, counting princes, aristocrats and politicians among her friends and lovers. But she also relished the company of rogues, fraudsters and ne'er-do-wells. Barbara White charts her extraordinary story from her early seduction in Bath, through the heady days of her life as a premier courtesan to her later years when she reinvented herself.  
  Dr Barbara White  
  Author ‘Queen of the Courtesans: Fanny Murray’  
  **3pm**

- **Mon 8**  
  Engineering & Technology / Science  
  Godfrey Hounsfield: intuitive genius of CT imaging  
  In 1999 he was the centenary of the birth of the man who launched the modern era of 3D computed tomography medical imaging. This is the story of a remarkable British inventor whose work has had a huge impact upon modern technology.  
  Richard Waltham  
  Colleague, Friend & Biographer  
  **3pm**

- **Wed 10**  
  Business & Economics  
  How Organisations can deal with Complexity  
  Eve Milletton-Kelly will describe an effective approach for addressing apparently intractable organisational problems. The approach is based on Complexity Science and adjusts to complex challenges as they change over time. Several practical examples will be given.  
  Prof Eve Milletton-Kelly  
  Complexity Research Group, LSE  
  **3pm**

- **Thu 11**  
  Geography & Adventure / Science with RMetS, RGS & IBG  
  The Science and Politics of Climate Change  
  David Warrilow led UK delegations to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for over twenty years. He will review how Climate Science has become centre stage in an increasingly fractious debate on the environment, development and wealth and how the debate has become a battle ground between environmentalists and free marketers. Scientific objectivity is essential but can it be understood technology  
  Dr Richard Guthrie  
  WMD Events  
  **3pm**

- **Thu 11**  
  German Language & Culture  
  Viennese Medicine 1780-1900  
  Bruno Bubna-Kastelic  
  **IN GERMAN**  
  **2pm**

- **Fri 12**  
  Belief  
  The Birth of Islam  
  This lecture will consider the birth of one of the great religions of the world, Islam. It will reflect on the pre-Islamic milieu in the Arabian peninsula; its prophet, Muhammad; the revelation received by him; and some of the developments which occurred after his death.  
  Dr Karim Esmail  
  Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, Oxford & Cambridge Universities  
  **3pm**

- **Sat 13**  
  The Poet’s Voice  
  Poetry Workshop  
  Organiser Duncan McGibbon  
  **ALL WELCOME**  
  **10am**

- **Tue 16**  
  World Affairs  
  The Salisbury Poisonings: One Year On  
  What is now known about what really happened? The poisonings have had distinct implications for international politics - the current international order includes treaty prohibitions on the use of poisons as weapons, Can these prohibitions survive if a major global power were proven to be using them?  
  Dr Richard Guthrie  
  WMD Events  
  **3pm**

- **Wed 23**  
  Bath Shakespeare Society  
  Shakespeare’s Women & the Need for Disguise  
  Cross dressing (not the only form of disguise in Shakespeare’s plays) has many unexpected consequences for the characters themselves, for those they encounter, and for the audience.  
  Alison Smerdon  
  M.A. (Oxon)  
  **2pm**

- **Thu 25**  
  Science  
  Urban Pollinators: their ecology and conservation  
  Cities have the potential to provide excellent conditions for pollinators. More bee species thrive in cities than in the surrounding countryside, and rare pollinators have been found in allotments, road verges and cemeteries in the UK. Jane Memmott will talk about pleasures and pitfalls of working on urban pollinators and provide suggestions to make your own urban patch more attractive to pollinators.  
  Prof Jane Memmott  
  University of Bristol  
  **2pm**

- **Thu 25**  
  Bath Wildlife  
  Mayflies & Other River Flies  
  Identification Workshop led by Rob Randall  
  Bath NATS  
  **2pm**

- **Mon 29**  
  Patrick O’Brien Society  
  Robert Harvey’s ‘Cochrane’  
  Group Book Discussion  
  **ALL WELCOME**  
  **2pm**

- **Mon 29**  
  Bath Family History Group  
  Was Your Ancestor a Criminal?  
  Colin Chapman  
  **2pm**
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The Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution (founded in 1824) is based in a unique listed building in the heart of the historic city of Bath. Here we put on a programme of talks and discussions, which is unrivalled for the range of subjects covered, and featuring some of today's leading thinkers and researchers.

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Climate Science has become centre stage in an increasingly fractious debate on the environment, development and wealth, and the battle-ground between environmentalists and free marketeers.

David Warnill OBE, FRMetS
President of the Royal Meteorological Society

Thurs 11 April ● 6.30 for 7pm
BOX OFFICE EVENT £7/£4

The Science & Politics of CLIMATE CHANGE

Variety in Astronomical Orbits
Prof Mark Birkinshaw
University of Bristol
Friday 5 April ● 7.30pm

The Birth of Islam
Dr Karim Esmail
Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, Universities of Oxford & Cambridge
Friday 12 April ● 7.30pm

THE SALISBURY POISONINGS
Dr Richard Guthrie CWE Events Tuesday 16 April ● 7.30pm

CITIES SERIES
Urban Pollinators: their ecology & conservation
Prof Jane Memmott
University of Bristol
Thursday 25 February ● 7.30pm

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