THUR 2 Bath Geological Society Ground Subsidence & Engineering Geology Dr Clive Edmonds

THU 2 Institution Lecture Change the Narrative, Change the World: Our stories of the future and why they are usually wrong We tend to predict the future on the basis of our current narratives – we expect ‘more of the same’. But change requires new narratives. Social and technological change can dramatically alter our lives and practices. Even tech gurus saw the digital future wrongly. How can we create narratives to make for better and more predictable change? Helen Haste Professor Emeritus in Psychology, University of Bath; former visiting Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Fri 3 Belief God’s Nature: The property of all-knowing or omniscient There are a number of traditional properties in God. This lecture considers the property of being all-knowing or omniscient; it considers the nature of knowledge itself; then it sets out the standard view of what it is for a being to be all-knowing; last, we consider God’s knowledge and in particular the matter of God’s fore-knowledge, and human freedom. Dr Karim Esmail Lecturer in Philosophy of Religion, Oxford & Cambridge Universities

Fri 3 Herschel/Astronomy Hipparcos & Gaia, Space Astrometry: Unravelling the formation and evolution of our Galaxy ESA’s Hipparcos satellite measured accurate positions of some 100,000 stars, from space, and represented a fundamentally new discipline in space science. Launched in 2013, Gaia is a more advanced star-mapping satellite. Michael Perryman, ESA/Gaia Project scientist 1995-2008, explains why the measurement of star positions is of profound scientific importance.

Mon 6 Arts Society Bath Evening All the World’s a Stage The History of Theatre from Greek & Roman Times Jane Tapley, Special Events Organiser, Theatre Royal Bath £8 or £5 ASBE members 6.30 for 7pm

Tue 7 Bath Natural History Society Evolution of Birds & Flight Dr Dan Field

Tue 7 Philosophy Parenting & the DNA Revolution Inherited DNA differences make us who we are as individuals – our personality, mental health and illness, cognitive abilities and disabilities. Now that we can read children’s DNA blueprints and predict from birth their problems and promise as adults, the DNA revolution will transform parenting. Robert Plomin, MRC Research Professor, Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience, King’s College London; author of Blueprint: How DNA makes us who we are.

Sat 11 The Poet’s Voice Poetry Workshop All welcome Duncan McGibbon, Organiser 10am

Sat 18 Cercle Français de Bath La France contemporaine Le lauréate du prix Cercle Français £5 2.15pm

Sat 18 Jane Austen Society Marriage Matters in Georgian England Illustrated talk by Sabine Purshouse TALK & TEA please register • 07929 143512 or dianawhite@talktalk.net £10 3pm

Mon 20 Literature & Humanities Music & Musical Institutions in late Habsburg Vienna (1848-1920) Dr Wilfen will cover the astonishing richness of these decades, which feature Brahms, Johann Strauss the Younger, Bruckner, Hugo Wolf, Mahler, Richard Strauss, Franz Lehár, Arnold Schoenberg and his pupils, as well as the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, The Vienna State Opera, The Volksoper and the Society of the Friends of Music. Dr Charles Wilfen, Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Bath Spa University

Tue 21 World Affairs Towards New Thinking on Migration The distinction between the migrant and the citizen is much fuzzier than we might think. This talk examines ways in which we can move beyond assumptions about migrants and citizens being in competition for the privileges of membership. What is bad for migrants can also be bad for citizens. Professor Bridget Anderson University of Bristol

Wed 22 Music The Evolution & Influence of Miles Davis’ Trumpet Style Californian Charley Dunlap loved jazz as a boy, and especially the sound of Miles Davis. Charley took up the trumpet and learned to play Miles’ albums, and to track Miles Davis’ career. Decades later, Charley wrote about jazz for the Bath Chronicle. The evening will follow the evolution of Miles Davis’ playing with audio examples, and the examples of those that were influenced by him. Charley Dunlap, Music Journalist, Musician, Promoter

Thu 23 Historical Association Royal Attitudes to the Atlantic Slave Trade Prof Suzanne Schwarz Visitors £3

Mon 27 Bath Family History Group Tracing Living People Caroline Gumer

Mon 27 The Patrick O’Brien Society Group Book Reading All welcome

Thu 28 Engineering & Technology The Problem is not Plastic! The problem is plastic waste A specialist recycling company has engineered a modular and scalable machine to recycle waste, especially films and flexible plastics which currently cannot be recycled, back into valuable oils which can then be used to make new plastic products. Bronwen Jameson, Recycling Technologies Ltd

Thu 30 Science with German Language & Culture Goethe’s Theory of Colour 1W von Goethe, a towering figure in German culture, was also a considerable scientist. His theory of colour Zur Farbenlehre (1810), in which he challenged Newton’s concepts and methodology for the investigation of colour, was one of his most important works. [IN ENGLISH] Professor Daniel Wolverson, Dept of Physics, University of Bath

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