**Programme MARCH 2020**

**AI & ROBOTICS**

**Technology’s Progress Can the Law Keep Up?**
Emily Barwell
Lawyer, Osborne Clarke
Thurs 5 March • 7.30pm

**BUSINESS & ECONOMICS Why Social Enterprise Matters**
Economic opportunities rest on an invisible social and environmental fabric. The unbridled, singular pursuit of purely economic goals can tear the very ground that gives rise to them. Ensuring the freedom and prosperity of others is therefore the most sustainable form of value creation. Prof Dimo Dimov, University of Bath

**ART EXHIBITION**

Friday 6 to Saturday 21 March
Monday to Saturday 10am to 4 pm

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**MEMBERS 2020 ART EXHIBITION**

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**Mon 2** *Arts Society Bath Evening* A Paradise Garden Churches and cathedrals are packed with symbols. A guide through medieval eyes. Jonathan Foyle, BBC Presenter £8 or £5 ASBE members. 6.30 for 7pm

**Mon 2** *Bath Natural History Society* The Cultural Ecology of Meadows Dr George Peterken, Retired Head of Woodland Ecology, Nature Conservancy Council

**Tue 3** Philosophy The Myths We Live By: Adventures in Democracy, Free Speech and Other Liberal Inventions Peter Cave

**Thu 5** Bath Geological Society TBC

**Fri 6** Herschel/Astronomy WILLIAM HERSHEY SOCIETY ANNUAL LECTURE Astronomy in an Age of Revolutions: The Foundation & Founders of the Royal Astronomical Society 1820 200 years ago, fourteen men met at the Freemasons’ Tavern in London and agreed to form the Astronomical Society of London – which would become the Royal Astronomical Society in 1831. What sort of men were they? What did they hope to achieve? Prof Michael G Edmunds, University of Cardiff

**Mon 9** History & Culture The Coming of the Railways & its Impact on Bath Isambard Kingdom Brunel’s Great Western Railway was the wonder of the age, but far from reviving Bath’s flagging fortunes, it merely served to accelerate the city’s decline as a fashionable resort. Bath historian Dr Andrew Swift will tell the extraordinary story of how a great man changed a great city for ever. BOX OFFICE EVENT

**Mon 16** Literature & Humanities The English Opium Eater: Thomas de Quincey & the Dreams of Somerset Thomas De Quincey was a prolific journalist, who became famous for ‘The Confessions of an English Opium Eater’ (1822). He brought up a large family on an irregular income. This talk explores De Quincey’s long life and, in particular his residence in and long-standing imaginative engagement with the city of Bath. Prof Robert Morrison, British Academy Global Professor, Bath Spa University

**Tue 17** World Affairs Through Our Eyes: Greece The Ambassador will cover critical aspects of ‘world affairs’ from the unique perspective of Greece and will focus on key events and future policies. Important interactions with other states, communities, governments and NGOs will be discussed, as well as internal matters. The talk will provide an insight into how Greece perceives its role and responsibilities as a global player. HE Dimitris Caramitos-Tziras, Ambassador of Greece in the UK BOX OFFICE EVENT

**Sat 21** Cercle Français de Bath La situation politique Française actuelle Dr Steve Wharton £5 2.15 pm

**Mon 30** Bath Family History Group Bath Quays Excavations Cal Mason

**Mon 30** Patrick O’Brien Society O’Brien’s ‘The Yellow Admiral’ Group book discussion All Welcome

BRLSI events cost £5 or £2 members/students at the door, & start at 7.30pm (unless listed otherwise). Please arrive early to avoid disappointment. • Some BRLSI events are marked BOX OFFICE EVENTS tickets £7/£4 (£1 booking fee) phone 01225 463362 or www.bathboxoffice.org.uk Seats unreserved. • Start times & entry costs to Visiting Societies (which are listed in italics) may vary.