Mon 4 Arts Society Bath Evening Clifford Ellis: The founding of Bath Academy of Art at Corsham Court Jon Benington Manager, The Victoria Art Gallery, Bath £6 or £5 BRLSI members 7.10pm

Tue 5 Philosophy The Problem with Truth Is there one kind of truth, or many? Can my truth be different from yours? Are there ‘ultimate and final’ truths? If not, can there be such a thing as knowledge? If there is neither truth nor knowledge, are we lost in a morass of doubt, with nothing to guide us but dogmatic commitments to mere opinion? Prof A C Grayling New College of Humanities BOX OFFICE EVENT

Wed 6 Engineering & Technology with Science Tackling Climate Change on a Personal & Industrial Level Dr Rudd’s research includes the conversion of carbon dioxide into fuels. Her talk will commence with an overview of her educational work on the climate emergency, then describe work with a steel manufacturer on capturing carbon dioxide and using catalysts to convert it into fuels that potentially help to move towards a neutral balance of emissions. Dr Jennifer Rudd University of Swansea

Thu 7 Bath Geological Society Jurassic Calamari: life, death & preservation of fossil squid in the Jurassic Rocks of the Wessex Basin Professor Malcolm Hart University of Plymouth

Thu 7 German Culture & Language 30 Years after the Fall of the Iron Curtain Bath Resident Robert Grözinger, teacher of Economics and Columnist for the German Magazine Eigentumlich frei, talks about growing up in the shadow of the border that split Germany and Europe. TALK IN ENGLISH

Fri 8 Bath Film Society The Guardians (France 2017) Director Xavier Beauvois 7.45pm

Sat 9 The Poet’s Voice POETRY WORKSHOP All welcome Duncan McGibbon, Organiser 10am

Mon 11 History & Culture White Heat: PQ17 On the 27 June 1942, the largest convoy ever assembled departed from Iceland. Its objective was to deliver crucial war supplies bound for Soviet ports, but in the constant daylight of an Arctic summer, it suffered horrifying losses. Mike Nicholas BRLSI Member

Tue 12 Business & Economics Creating a More Sustainable and Inclusive Banking Sector Exploring the problems in our current banking sector, such as trust, lack of sustainability and inclusivity, lack of funding for SMEs and the lack of regionally focused banking. Jules Peck FRSA Founding Director, Avon Mutual Bank, will illustrate how things are done differently in other countries.

Wed 13 Geography & Adventure BACAS Cirencester ‘A’ Level Research Lectures 1–4pm

Wed 13 BACAS Cirencester after the Romans: Time for a Rethink? Prof Mark Horton FSA

Mon 18 Literature & Humanities Yearning & Nostalgia in the Novels of Graham Greene Dr Savvas will consider a range of Greene’s preoccupations in his fiction, with strong references to the novels of the 1940s and 1950s such as Brighton Rock, The Power and the Glory, The End of the Affair, The Heart of the Matter, as well as some later works. Dr Theo Savvas Department of English, University of Bristol

Tue 19 World Affairs World Affairs Through Our Eyes: The United States of America The Minister-Councilor will cover the most critical aspects of ‘world affairs’ from the unique perspective of the USA and will focus on key current 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 the USA perceives its role and responsibilities as a global actor. Minister-Councilor Jennifer Gavito Embassy of the United Stated of America in the UK BOX OFFICE EVENT

Wed 20 Antiquity Tutankhamun ‘Wonderful Things’ To mark the CENTENARY of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamun and the opening of the Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo, 150 precious artefacts arrive in London for the largest-ever exhibition of objects to be shown outside Egypt. To coincide with the exhibition, BRLSI hosts this seminar talk of the boy king and tells the fascinating story of the finding of the tomb by Howard Carter. Lee Young Lecturer & Researcher in Egyptology, worked at the Griffith Institute, University of Oxford; also at the Egypt Exploration Society BOX OFFICE EVENT

Fri 22 Bath Film Society Under the Tree (Iceland 2017) Director Hafsteinn Gunnar Sigurðsson 7.45pm

Sat 23 BRLSI with The Gaskell Society Two Different Literary Marriages: Elizabeth Gaskell & Frances Trollope One of the 19th century’s most popular authors, Frances Trollope’s marriage and her relationship with her family was complex and led to much of her writing being virtually unknown today. Mrs Gaskell’s ‘literary marriage’ to Charles Dickens developed while contributing to his periodicals and led ultimately to an acrimonious divorce. Dr Carolyn Lambert, Visiting Lecturer, University of Brighton

Mon 25 Engineering & Technology BICENTENARY LECTURE James Watt & the Steam Engine A seminal figure in the Industrial Revolution and the ‘Enlightenment’, James Watt’s innovations in improving the efficiency of steam power, elevated him to the status of a national hero. This special lecture marks 200 years since the death of James Watt (1736–1819). Professor Peter Jones University of Bath

Mon 25 Patrick O’Brien Society Patrick O’Brien’s ‘The Wine-Dark Sea’ Book Discussion All welcome

Mon 25 Bath Family History Group Bath Blitz John Penny

Thu 28 Science High Temperature Superconductors Come Under Pressure The development of superconductors operating above the boiling point of liquid nitrogen (~196ºC) generated great excitement in the 1980s. But recently, extremely high-pressure experiments have demonstrated super-conductivity at temperatures approaching room temperature. Professor Simon Bending University of Bath

Fri 29 Bath Film Society Faces Places (France 2017) Director JR, Agnes Varda 7.45pm

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