

# Your week

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## Listings!

**We make every effort to ensure our listings are accurate and up-to-date. However, please call venues to confirm.**

## Friday

**Bulgarian State Circus:** State of the art sound and lighting and circus artistes from all around the world. 7.30pm. Until Sunday, Finmere Aerodrome, Market site, Bicester Road, Finmere. 07752 218805.

**Country market:** 8.30-10.30am. Masonic Hall, Church Green, Witney. 01993 868688.

**Spring Fair:** 10am-5pm. Methodist Hall, High Street, Burford. 01993 822773.

**Antiques Trail:** Apr 25-27, Thames Valley Antique Dealers Association at six locations in Oxfordshire. Antiques Trail guide and map to all venues with plenty of parking. 10am-5pm. Halldays Fine Antiques, Queen Street, Dorchester. 01993 882420.

**Spring workshop:** 11am-3.30pm. Methods and techniques for planting up hanging baskets and pots. Book as places limited. Waterperry Gardens, near Wheatley. 01844 339254.

**Monthly meeting:** Grieving Parents Support Group. 1-3pm. Plus sale of new adults and children's books. Cutteslowe Community Centre, Wren Road, Oxford. 08456 034309.

**Gallery talk:** Pattern and Design. 1.15pm Randolph Sculpture Gallery, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford. Free. Donation of £2 welcome. Booking recommended. 01865 278015.

**Talk:** Schubert in a Cold Climate by Dr Elizabeth Norman McKay. Readings by Mervyn Pascoe. 6pm. Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College, Longwall Street, Oxford. 01865 277234.

**Bingo:** 7pm. In aid of African Children's Fund. Corn Exchange, off Market Place, Faringdon.

**Meeting:** West Oxfordshire Miscellany. Speaker Stanley Jenkins. Great Western Society. 7.30pm. Rear of Pauling Human Sciences Centre, 58 Banbury Road, Oxford. 01865 311039.

## Saturday

**Cooking show:** Pampered Chef Cooking Show. Proceeds to the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Appeal. 10.30am. Admission free. Donations welcome. Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre NHS Trust, Windmill Road, Headington. 01865 738000 or 01865 737514.

**Ramblers' walks:** 1) Meet 9.30am car park Clover Place/Back Lane, Eynsham. 9.30am for walk through Wytham Woods and along Thames Path. Pub stop. No dogs. 01865 881005. 2) Meet 10am Duns Tew church for eight miles to Over

Worton, Ledwell and Worton Wood. Bring lunch. 01869 242388. 3) Meet 2pm Village Hall, Checkendon. Five miles in area to see the bluebells. 01491 680711.

**Annual plant sale:** Kirtlington Garden Club. Village Hall, South Green, Kirtlington. 2pm. 01869 350828.

**Barn Dance:** For West Oxford Primary School. Live band and caller. At West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road. 7-11pm. 01865 727661.

**Car boot sale:** 10am-2pm. Culham Science Park, A415 Dorchester Road, Culham. 0792 1526769.

**Spring fair:** 10am-5pm. Methodist Hall, High Street, Burford. 01993 822773.

**Conference:** Council for British Archaeology South Midlands presents Fortifications — Iron Age to the Cold War. 9.30am-3.30pm. Call to book a place. Centre 70, Wallingford. 01491 835546.

**Jumble sale:** Proceeds to Cats Protection. 10am-noon. Masonic Hall, Church Green, Witney. 01993 201333.

**Nearly new sale:** Clothes, toys and nursery equipment. Faringdon National Childbirth Trust. 10-11.30am. Corn Exchange, off Market Place, Faringdon. 0870 2205596.

**Plant market:** 10am-1pm. Outside North Oxford Community Centre, Diamond Place, Summertown.

**Table sale:** 10am-3pm. 33 New Road, East Hagbourne.

**Bicycle sale:** 20 per cent of sales to St Nicolas School PTA. 10am-noon. St Nicolas Primary School, Boxhill Walk, Abingdon. 07803 759519.

**Open weekend:** Apr 26-27. Country crafts, vintage machinery. 10am-4pm both days. Family ticket £12, adult £3.50, child/OAP £2.50. Warriner School Farm, Bloxham, Banbury. 01295 721471.

**Shoe sale:** 10am. For Friends of Kennington Cancer Fund. 10am-noon. Village Centre, Kennington.

**Jumble sale:** 10.30am. For Scout funds. Scout HQ, Fairlie Road, off Mayfair Road, Littlemore.

**Nearly-new sale:** For the National Childbirth Trust. 10.30am-noon. John Mason School, Wootton Road, Abingdon. 01235 559714.

**Period dance:** Learn the dances of the Victorians. No partner needed. Beginners welcome. 10.30am-4.30pm. £22 (£18). Headington Community Centre, Gladstone Road, Headington. 01865 373861.

**Table top sale:** 10.30am-2.30pm. Methodist Church, Broadway, Didcot. 01235 810349.

**Plant fair:** Children's activities. Refreshments. Please arrive by foot or bicycle if possible. 11am. Wolvercote Primary School, First Turn, Wolvercote.

**Nearly new sale:** 1-3pm. For National Childbirth Trust. St

## PICK OF THE WEEK

### Women of Substance Wolfson College

**T**he faces of 50 women look down on visitors to the Wolfson College gallery. They are the work of artist Tess Barnes who has painted portraits of high-profile women of our times.

*Women of Substance* is an engaging exhibition by an artist who has not only exhibited widely in both the UK and Europe, but has twice been selected for the BP Portrait Award for works shown at the National Portrait Gallery. Tess chose to paint women as she felt that historical portraits were often male figures. As she is herself 50 she decided to paint 50 studies.

The collection begins with a superb portrait of Baroness Valerie Amos, the former Leader of the House of Lords, whom she has painted against a swirling mass of colours, which depict an oncoming train, traffic signals and a tree. Clara Furse, the first female chief executive of the London Stock Exchange, has been painted in her office which overlooks the City. She is



surrounded by the detritus of her day as she answers the phone. While the colour red dominates in actress Maureen Lipman's portrait. Her mischievous grin lights up the work as she sits, legs tucked under body, at the window of her home. .

Television chef and cookery writer Sophie Grigson, (pictured) whose colourful portrait has been chosen for the cover of a book accompanying the exhibition, sits against a backdrop of vegetables, with the corner of her kitchen just coming into view.

■ *Women of Substance* remains on show at Wolfson College until May 9. Visitors are advised to phone the college lodge on 01865 274100 beforehand. **Helen Peacocke**

Clement's Family Centre, Cross Street, Oxford.

**Cycle ride:** Easy Rider from Grove of 50km. Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove. 01235 223304.

**Car boot sale:** 1-4pm. Village Hall, Crowmarsh Gifford. 07944 509227.

**Jumble sale:** 1.30pm. Village Hall, Quarry Road, Headington. 01865 760373.

**Open gardens:** 2-6pm. Wheelchairs welcome. No dogs. Far Field, Bayswater Road, Headington.

**Workshop:** Spirals and Labyrinths. Free. 2-4pm. Headley Lecture Theatre, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford. 01865 278015.

**Springtime stroll:** Led by a National Trust warden. Deer and buzzards may be seen. 2-4pm. Places limited. Call to book. Estate Office, National Trust Estate, Coleshill, near Faringdon. 01793 762209.

**Jumble sale:** In aid of North Oxford Youth Theatre. 2pm. Village Hall, The Green, Wolvercote.

**Jumble:** 3pm. Proceeds to Wootton Primary School. Village Hall, Church Street, Wootton by Woodstock.

**Barn dance:** Raising funds for 50th anniversary of St Peter and St Paul's Church. 7pm. Call to book. St Peter and St Paul's Church, West Way, Botley. 01865 863030.

**Horse show:** From 9am. Entry £3 per car. Dairy Ground Field, Whitehill, Tackley (signposted opposite Sturdy's Castle).

**Bicycle ride:** 9.30am-5pm. Ride to Henley. All welcome (under-18s by arrangement). Meet Campus Store, Broad Street, Oxford. 01865 711700.

**Table top sale:** 9.30am-12.30pm. Langdale Hall, Witney. 01993 773091.

**Walk:** Oxfordshire 20s-30s Walking Group. Seven miles following the Thames to Shillingford. Bring lunch. Meet 10.30am Dorchester Abbey car park. 01865 407604.

**Blenheim Run:** All ages and abilities. To enter go to www.blenheim7k.co.uk. 11am-1pm. £9 adults £4.50 for children. Blenheim Palace, Woodstock. 01993 813848.

**Open house:** Former home of Lord Nuffield. Admission £5/£4, children £1. 2-5pm. Nuffield Place, Nettlebed. 01491 641224.

**Nearly new sale:** St Philip and St James Primary School, Navigation Way, Aristotle Lane, Oxford.

**Spring show:** Wolvercote Horticultural Society spring show. Village Hall, Wolvercote. 07759 790407.

**Open gardens:** 2-5pm. Wick Hall and Nurseries, Audlett Drive, Radley.

**Open gardens:** 2-5pm. Garsington Manor, Southend, Garsington.

**Hymns of Praise:** For Friends of Kennington Cancer Fund. 6.30pm. St Swithun's Church, Kennington.

**Walking tour:** Revealing eccentric characters throughout Oxford's history. 2-3.30pm. £5. Martyrs' Memorial, St Giles, Oxford. 01865 775171.

## Monday

**Curry night:** Fundraising for Katharine House Hospice. 6pm and 8pm. Bengal Spice, High Street, Deddington. 01869 337733.

**Study Morning:** Tree and Shrub Pruning. 10.30am-1pm. Harcourt Arboretum, Nuneham Courtenay. 01865 286690.

**Residents' meeting:** Horspath Area Residents and Tenants Association. Police, housing officers and councillors will attend. 7.30pm. Shotover Day Centre, Craufurd Road, Cowley.

**Annual Town Meeting:** Corn Exchange, off Market Place, Faringdon. 7.30pm.

**Talk:** Dr Roberto Trotta, Oxford University's Department of Astrophysics, will explore the frontiers of our knowledge of the universe. 7.30pm. The Corner Club, 16 Turl Street, Oxford. 01865 261507.

**Family history talk:** Wendy Barnes on Sulgrave Manor, preserving and projecting. The Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington. 01865 358151.

## Tuesday

**Longchen Foundation:** Teachings on existence. £5. 7pm. Call to book a place. Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford. 01865 725569/553108.

**Conservation work:** 10am. Castle Meadows. Tools and refreshments provided. Wallingford Green Gym, Cemetery Lane, Wallingford Green. 01491 826157.

**Gallery talk:** Exquisite English Embroidery. 1.15pm. Free, donation of £2 welcome. Booking recommended. Randolph Sculpture Gallery, Ashmolean Museum. 01865 278015.

**AGM:** Annual general meeting. Psoriasis Association. 7.30pm. Dermatology Unit, Churchill Hospital, Old Road, Headington.

**Lecture:** End War, Terrorism and Crime through Invincible Defence by Dr John Hagelin. 7.30pm. Garden Room, Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford. 01865 372017.

**Peace Studies lecture:** David Sanderson on Dangerous Spaces? Lessons from Alexandra township, Johannesburg. 7.45pm. Main Room, Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford. 01865 516695.

**Didcot Arts Society:** Critique night. Bring along your work. Guests welcome. 8pm. Civic Hall, Britwell Road, Didcot.

## Wednesday

**Lecture:** Drawings by the Masters: Turner, Line and Colour, with Dr Jon Whiteley. 2pm. Booking essential, £5. Headley Lecture Theatre, Ashmolean Museum. 01865 278015.

**Talk:** Tax Help for Older People, Angela Thomas. 2.30pm. For the Cheney over-50s Club. Cheney Community Hall, Cheney Lane, Oxford. 01865 765726.

**Artist in Conversation:** Katie Paterson with Andrew Nairne, Director, Modern Art Oxford. 6.30pm. Modern Art Oxford, Pembroke Street, Oxford. 01865 722733.

## Thursday

**Special Interest Day:** Colours of another age. The Rothschild Autochromes. Led by Victor Gray, Coach House exhibition curator. 10.30am-4pm. Waddesdon Manor, near Aylesbury. 01296 653226.

**Lecture:** Part of Oxford May Music Festival. Prof Brian Foster and violinist Jack Liebeck present Einstein's Universe. Suitable for children aged 16-plus. 2.30pm. For further details go to www.oxfordmaymusic.co.uk. Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford. 01865 305305.

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