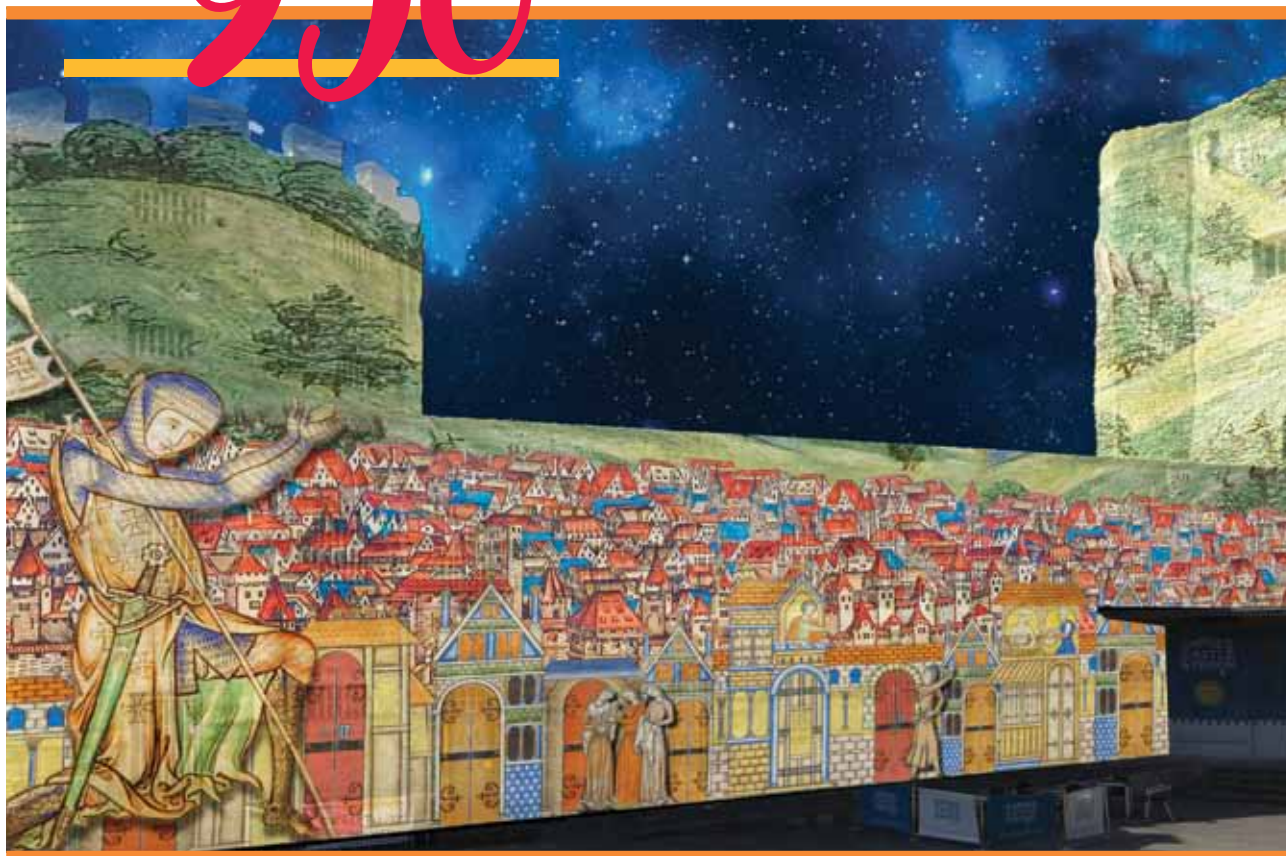

OXFORD CASTLE AT 950



1071 - 2021 and a yearlong celebration of Oxford Castle including a lighting spectacular at the City Christmas Light Festival (19 November).

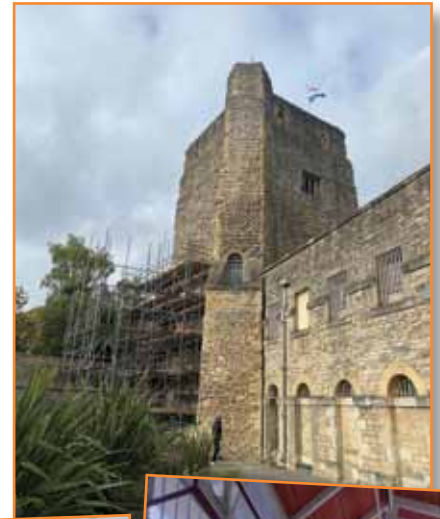
Created by sound and light artists Ross Ashton (Projection Studio) and Karen Monid (Sound Artist) this son et lumière is a collaboration between OPT and TORCH, part of the Humanities division at the University of Oxford, with researchers, local historians and Oxford residents bringing their ideas and stories together. All this has been made possible with the support of Oxfordshire County Council, Oxford Castle & Prison and others.

See page 6 for the full range of special events, walks and talks – also available on our website 

What we've been up to...

These have been a busy few months. Repair work happened at **St George's Tower and the Mound** in time for the **950 celebrations** with thanks to the **County Council**. We have put the finishing touches to the **upper room at 3 Cornmarket** ready to house the **Spokes Oxford library** and have seen the restoration of the **Covered Market units** finished ready for new tenants to be found.

It has been all hands to the deck at the **Swing bridge** which is now looking like a bridge again with work ongoing to restore the north abutment and plans for the landscaping.



OXFORD OPEN DOORS

Thanks go to the University of Oxford and to everyone who opened their doors and outside spaces and to all our volunteers – we could not do it without you.



More families than ever before



Another marvellous Oxford Open Doors and brilliantly organised!

80% local residents

I love the opportunity to see Oxford places – a very special weekend



12,500 visitors



OPT News...

Broad Meadow... We have been enjoying the wildflowers in **Broad Meadow**, supporting this initiative to bring our streets back to life. We hope that it can happen again next year and that a longer-term solution will follow.



Rewley Road Swing Bridge

Sir Peter Hendy, Chair of Network Rail, joined us at the Rewley Road Swing bridge over the summer, unveiling a plaque provided by the **Railway Heritage Trust** recording its history and their contribution to the restoration.



We welcome... Butcombe Breweries as the new owners of the **Vicky Arms** at Old Marston who have kindly offered a generous 10% discount to OPT members.



Vice Presidents elected... The Trustees were pleased to elect **Edith Gollnast** and **Dr. Malcolm Graham** as Vice Presidents at this year's AGM, with the further election of **Tom Hassall** following his retirement as a long-standing Trustee. Tom is photographed here with Debbie & Shona and David Radford, the City archaeologist at the excavations in Paradise Square just outside the Castle walls.



Ox in a box... We are down to the last few of these wonderful publications which bring the Oxford streets to life. *If you haven't got a copy then order one now.* They make excellent presents.

Supporting young people in Heritage

We are sponsoring **Shona Carr**, Assistant Heritage Officer to study part-time for the MSc Historic Conversation. **Laurie Dighton** joined us in the Spring as paid Heritage Intern to assist with planning and the Castle. Duke of Edinburgh students worked with us to pick up litter at Boars Hill. Good luck and thanks to **Thomas Chorley** (bronze) and **Noah Price** (silver).



We have been pleased to work in partnership with **Oxford University Department of Geography and Urban Bio-Labs** which brings academics and the public together to learn about plant growth at urban heritage sites including the Castle Mound.



Good planning, sustainability and active travel contribute to the health and well being of us all

The OPT Planning Committee visited **Old Marston** and the three sites taken out of the Green Belt. With two permissions granted and a third in the wings, things have moved quickly, and in the rush to build these 400 homes the City Council have been prepared to accept the reliance on cars. The poor active travel plans that accompany the developments will do little to encourage cycling and walking.

In the city centre discussions on the emerging plans for the new **Humanities building** make promises of an outward focus and engagement with the community. Our hope is that the **ROQ site** can begin to feel more like a piece of the city and less of a university campus, on a site which was historically part of the town and means a great deal to local people.

At the southern edge in **Oxpens** an innovation district with a commercial focus is being discussed on a site which could, more easily than most, deliver zero carbon, zero cars and a new sustainable way of living with the infrastructure in the city centre so close at hand.

Elsewhere we are asking the District Councils to join together to produce a strategy for **solar farms** which are coming forward thick and fast. We are keen to support green energy but want to see a way of comparing the merits of the five sites that have come forward so far, and to take account of the visual impact and loss of green space for local communities.



HOPKINS ARCHITECTS

OPT have been working in partnership to promote the **NHS Health Walks** and the **Sustainable Healthcare - Oxford's Green Health Routes** and have our own range of **Heritage & Green Spaces self-guided walks** which include our new initiative working with the Rose Hill Communities.

OPT Green Awards 2021

Kennedy Institute of Rheumatology Roof Extension, Old Road Campus has achieved Passivhaus status as a laboratory using a thorough approach to green design, extensive modelling, insulation and an innovative roof structure.

Springfield Meadows, Southmoor, Abingdon is an exemplar in achieving net-zero carbon in development and in energy of use, an all-electric development which has raised the bar for housing development of the future.



OXFORD PRESERVATION TRUST

Awards 2021



PLAQUE WINNERS

NEW BUILDINGS

- Visitor Centre, Christ Church
- Olivier Hall & The Christie Centre, St Edward's School
- Transforming St. Hilda's College Site
- Wolfson Building, John Radcliffe Hospital

BUILDING CONSERVATION

- The Hilda Besse Building Refurbishment, St. Antony's College
- The Story Museum

SMALL PROJECTS

- Rear Gallery Window Restoration, 26 & 26a East St Helen Street, Abingdon
- The Newman Meeting Place Project, St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Littlemore

LANDSCAPE & PUBLIC REALM

- Greening Jericho, Mount Place

TEMPORARY PROJECTS

- Broad Meadow, Broad Street



OPT Awards Panel



Thanks to our sponsors:



OPT Events

Monday 15 & 22 November, 10am
Special outside tours of Oxford Castle & Prison.

Friday 19 November, 6pm to 10pm
(projection on 7 minute rolling loop)
Son et Lumière – 'Oxford Castle – 950 years –
Different roads lead to the same castle'
A stunning full scale light show – all welcome and
not to be missed.

Wednesdays at 12.30pm, 1 December, 12 January,
9 February & 9 March
Tours of Shakespeare's Painted Room and its
medieval wall paintings.

Tuesday 7 December, 6pm
Join OPT Director, Debbie Dance for her annual
lecture.

Fridays at 2pm, 21 January, 18 February &
18 March
Tours of OPT's medieval Merchant's House at
Abingdon dating from c1430.

Thursday 27 January, 6pm
The archaeology of Oxford Castle with City
Council Archaeologist, David Radford.

Tuesday 15 February, 6pm
'Breathing new life into old buildings' with OPT
Trustee Dr Geoffrey Tyack

Wednesday 2 March, 2pm
*'Daniel 'Damnable' Harris: Oxford Gaoler
Extraordinaire'*, a guided walk with local historian
Mark Davies.

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call 01865 242918.

Oxford
Open Doors
10 & 11
September

Save
the date



OXFORD CASTLE AT 950

Save the date Saturday 23 April –

Oxford Castle at 950 – our annual day
school in partnership with Oxford University
Department for Continuing Education.

For more information on Oxford Castle at
950 and to book events visit...

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call 01865 242918.

We are delighted to be working with
the community of *Rose Hill* to
create a heritage and green spaces walk
and have organised a series of guided
walks for you.

Saturday 15 January, 12 February & Sunday
13 March, 2pm

Learn more of the fascinating history of Rose
Hill with local historian Liz Woolley.

Saturday 19 March, 2pm

Old field names of Rose Hill. Join Katie
Hambrook on this guided walk.

Buy our Calendar

In celebration of our OPT green spaces and the contribution they make to everyone's **Health & Wellbeing** we have chosen 12 wonderful photos for you to enjoy throughout next year. It makes a wonderful present and is available at a special price £10.00 from our website, or call in and see us at the OPT office or the Oxford Castle & Prison shop.



July 2022 celebrates **Hinksey Meadow** with its rare MG4 grassland which will be lost under the current **Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme**. There are lots of arguments for and against, but we don't feel it should harm the environment it seeks to assist, and due to the poor landscape proposals and many unanswered questions we are asking the Environment Agency to think outside the box and find another way through.

Volunteers... Our Green Spaces need you...

Here are the Work Party dates at our various sites. Please come along there is always a friendly welcome and there is lots to do big and small.

WORK PARTY DATES

- 18 November, 16 December, 20 January, 17 February, 17 March – **Heyford Meadow**
- 3 December, 7 January, 4 February, 4 March – **Wolvercote Lakes**
- 11 December – **Jarn Wild Garden, Boars Hill**
- 12 February – **Kennington Memorial Field**

To sign up contact
[Ros r.connell@oxfordpreservation.org.uk](mailto:Ros.r.connell@oxfordpreservation.org.uk)



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Become a member

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- Life £600
- Joint Life £1000
- Student £20

Benefits include:

- FREE access to Oxford Castle & Prison and the mound
- 10% discount at the Castle Gift Shop and Castleyard Café
- Full Events Programme - with discounts
- Special Members Only Events
- Twice-yearly informative Newsletters
- Oxford Open Doors brochure delivered to your door
- Discounts on all OPT publications
- 10% discount at The Victoria Arms, Old Marston

Make a donation/regular gift

We are a charity and depend on donations & legacies to continue with our work

Make a single gift of £

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