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MUSEUM OF OXFORD *The Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1BX*

MUSEUM LATE : PAST AND PRESENT PARTY **Friday 6 June 6.00-8.30**

Party like it's 1975! MOX's 50th anniversary year is all about celebrating Oxford's heritage and stories – and the museum that's been sharing them for half a century. **Join this free museum late** for a chance to **play, create and celebrate at the museum after hours!**

Join a **flash talk** - flaunt the fashions of the founding year at the dress up station and photo booth in Gallery 2 - have a go at **collage poetry** with the help of local poets Tulsi Talbot and Grace Copeland.

A paid bar, badge-making station, chill-out zone and zine library will also be available throughout the evening. The shop will be open too, selling special MOX 50 themed goodies and your usual favourite items!

This is a free drop-in event. There's no need to book, but you can book a free ticket to secure priority admission if you would like to ***https://museumofoxford.org/event/museum-late-past-and-present-party/***

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PLAY SPACES

Plans to introduce temporary 'pop up play areas' in Oxford city centre have been supported by campaigners, who say it is a positive step towards making the city more family friendly.

Leiden Square in Westgate, Broad Street and Castle Quarter will host the ten pop-up events aimed at younger children on different days from late May until July.

The events, which are a joint effort between **Oxfordshire County Council** and Oxford City Council, will feature different play items including soft play, sensory play, play that supports motor skill development, nature-themed play and educational play.

The **Oxfordshire Play Association** will lead the pop-up events with trained play workers.

Various organisations, including the Ashmolean, the Story Museum and Oxford Castle and Prison, will be offering activities such as story time sessions and art workshops, with more details due to come out ahead of the events.

The events will take place from 11.00 until 3.00 on:

Wednesday, June 11 (Castle Quarter)
Wednesday, June 18 (Castle Quarter)
Tuesday, July 1 (Castle Quarter)
Wednesday, July 16 (Leiden Square)
Tuesday, June 17 (Castle Quarter)
Wednesday, June 25 (Leiden Square)
Wednesday, July 9 (Broad Street)
Tuesday, July 22 (Castle Quarter)

https://oxonplay.org.uk ***/https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/events?event_category=2325***

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DANCIN' OXFORD SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL 2025 *https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/whats-on/*

Saturday 28 June – Sunday 20 July

Autin Dance Theatre: Up in the Sky **Saturday 28 June 1.00, 4.00** *Leiden Square, Westgate*

A thrilling new aerial dance show for families, performed on a 7-metre circular structure. Expect breathtaking aerial movement, magical visuals and live music.

Global Dance Stage **Sunday 29 June 12.00-4.00** *Leiden Square, Westgate*

A vibrant celebration of global dance and community talent, featuring **over 30** local and international groups across diverse styles – including Zumba, contemporary, and Kathak

https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/event/global-dance-stage-summer-dance-festival/

Our bodies as Earth **Sunday 29 June, 6 July 2.00-4.00** *Headington Hill Park*

An outdoor performance exploring ecological embodiment and connection to land through movement, presented with **Modern Art Oxford**

https://www.dancinoxford.co.uk/event/our-bodies-as-earth-presented-by-modern-art-oxford-and-dancin-oxford-summer-dance-festival/

more through July at Oxford Playhouse – Modern Art Oxford – Broad Street

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OXFORD FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS *https://artsfestivaloxford.org/*

MAGNIFICENT OXFORD **1 May to 23 July – a cross Oxford celebration of art – music – theatre – film**

Based at Magdalen College School, Oxford OX4 1DZ but covering events all over the City – for everyone but sadly very few family events this year

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CONNECTED COMMUNITIES SUNFLOWER TRAIL 2025

Headington Action Connected Communities project invites you to grow sunflowers in your front garden or balcony to create a trail around the streets, with prizes for the tallest and largest sunflower heads.

Help to brighten up Headington with free seeds and instructions, available from your school or by emailing ***haconcommunities@gmail.com*** ***https://www.facebook.com/ConnectedCommunitiesHeadington***

SCIENCE OXFORD *The Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, OX3 8SB*

FAMILY DAYS **every Saturday – two hours in the Exploration Zone 10.00-12.00, 12.30-2.30, 3.00-5.00**
and all day access to the woodlands ***best for ages 3+ but all are welcome***
£8 per person which includes the Eventbrite fee - free for Under 3s

You are advised to book in advance ***https://scienceoxford.com/events/family-days-every-saturday/***

STEM THEMED SATURDAY CLUBS **most Saturdays 10.00-11.30, 12.30-2.00, 3.00-4.30**
£14 per child – accompanying adult(s) free https://scienceoxford.com/centre/science-oxford-centre-events/
helping you and your child to learn from each other and work together while trying out new things
book now - they sell out quickly! ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on*** /

CREATIVE COMPUTING CLUB – CODE IN TIME **Saturday 7 June 10.00, 12.30**
for ages 9-12 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/code-in-time-ages-9-12/***

SCIENCE CLUB – SUN POWER **Saturday 21 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00**
for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/sun-power/***

NATURE CLUB – SUMMER POND DIPPING **Saturday 28 June 10.00, 12.30, 3.00**
for ages 5-9 ***https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/summer-pond-dipping-2025/***

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HILL END OUTDOOR CENTRE *Hill End Outdoor Centre, Eynsham Road, OX2 9NJ*
booking essential for all Hill End events – no open public access – no dogs

FFENNELL FESTIVAL **Saturday 7 June 11.00-4.00**
The annual summer festival celebrating the heritage of the ffennell family who founded the Hill End outdoor school in the .1920s – get outdoors - relax - have fun - learn new skills – explore
downhill racers - climbing wall - circus skills - Real Kingdoms adventures - live music - Oxford Sailing - pond dipping bushcraft skills - natural arts - WW1 practice trenches tour - knot skills - willow weaving - Friends of Hill End cafe & BBQ – raffle – free car parking
£8 adults/£4 under 16 ***booking essential*** ***https://hill-end.org/news/ffennellfestival25/***

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NATURE LATE *Rumble Museum, Cheney School, Cheney Lane, OX3 7QH*
Friday 27 June from 6.00
Nature Late will celebrate the world of nature on site at Cheney
6.00 – 6.30 "Saving Our Insects" - opening talk by Professor Dave Goulson.
6.00 – 8.00 Ecology Festival for all ages with a large range of science and nature-themed stalls and activities
8.00 – 11.00 Moth Night
If you would like to attend any part of the event, please complete the on line form, link from the website
It is free and aimed at all ages. ***https://rumblemuseum.org.uk/index.php/what-s-on***

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BARTON MOVES *open to all* ***https://www.oxford.gov.uk/dance/dance-classes-oxford***
MOVEMENT AND RELAXATION **Mondays 1.00-3.00** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
DANCE FOR HEALTH **Wednesdays 1.00-3.00** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Both offer an hour of gentle exercise followed by a social hour with refreshments and chat
£3 per day, on a drop in basis – free if necessary
contact Jane Castree – Barton dancer in residence info@dancinoxford.co.uk 07538 789 721

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BRIGHT SPARKS **for ages 5-11** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Wednesdays 3.30-4.45 lively and fun creative movement sessions

MOVEMENT POWER **for ages 11-18** ***Barton Neighbourhood Centre, OX3 9LS***
Wednesdays 4.45-6.00 dynamic and energetic movement sessions

FREE – including refreshments book ahead or just turn up
contact Jane Castree – Barton dancer in residence info@dancinoxford.co.uk 07538 789 721

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FURTHER AHEAD

ALICE'S DAY **Saturday 5 July** ***at The Story Museum, Pembroke Street and around Oxford***
A frabjous day of delight with the 2025 theme of 'quests and adventures' – exciting and family friendly
Pre-booked half price entry to the Story Museum for the day
https://www.storymuseum.org.uk/about-us/alices-day-1

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