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OXFORDSHIRE ART WEEKS **3 – 26 May** ***https://www.artweeks.org/festival***

Oxford City 3 – 11 May South Oxfordshire 10 – 18 May North Oxfordshire 17-26 May
exhibitions – open studios – workshops amazing opportunities!
Full searchable programme available on line and to download - or to pick up as a hard copy from literature 'bins' in Bury Knowle Library and other venues. There's plenty to see in Headington including at Wood Farm School and a downloadable trail map to help you
https://www.artweeks.org/sites/default/files/news/oxfordshire_artweeks_festival_guide_2025.pdf

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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

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HEADINGTON FESTIVAL **Saturday 31 May, Sunday 1 June** ***https://www.headingtonaction.org/festival.html***

Headington Festival is a vibrant two-day summer event hosted in Bury Knowle Park and in the retail area of Headington, with a variety of attractions including community stalls, live music, sports activities, delicious food, a beer tent, outdoor cinema (tbc), and much more, it offers a FREE exciting and joyful experience for the entire family. ***More details to follow.***

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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/
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 – AI DANCE DETECTORS Saturday 10 May 10.00, 12.30
for ages 9-12 https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/ai-dance-detectors-ages-9-12/

NATURE CLUB – BEE DAY Saturday 17 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/bee-day/

SCIENCE CLUB – CRIME SCENE SCIENCE Saturday 31 May 10.00, 12.30, 3.00
for ages 5-9 https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/crime-scene-science/

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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

FAMILY BUSHCRAFT SATURDAYS
monthly, 10.00-12.00 17 May, 14 June
Learn how to survive and thrive at Hill End! The fun monthly sessions change with the seasons
£12 adults, £8 children ***https://hill-end.org/news/bushcraft-saturday/***

WILD DAYS
Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 May 9.00am – 4.30pm
NEW Wild Days for 7-12 year olds, for small groups of up to 16 children, offer nature-immersive activities exploring stunning woodland, meadow, ponds and streams at Hill End and in next-door Wytham Woods.
Book just one day – or all three! Each fun-filled day will offer a different theme and activities.
The cost per day is £48 per child
Early drop-off from 8.30am is available for an extra £5 per day, and late pick up at 5.00pm is also £5 per day.
booking arrangements : https://hill-end.org/news/wild-days/

HALF TERM FAMILY DAY : MAPS AND TRAILS Wednesday 28 May 10.00-2.00
A fun day for getting outside and enjoying this special place, with trails and nature-based activities - map games for the youngest children and all the way up to more challenging orienteering courses…something for everyone, of all ages!
This is a self-led day for children and their parents/carers to enjoy together. -
Please bring a picnic to enjoy outdoors - pop up cafe for hot and cold drinks, cakes and biscuits (no BBQ)
https://hill-end.org/news/trails_2025/

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 £1 off early bird rate until mid-May ***booking essential***

https://hill-end.org/news/ffennellfestival25/

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SPRING FAIR @ HARCOURT ARBORETUM ***Peacock Gate, Nuneham Courtenay, OX44 9PX***

Saturday 10 May 10.00-4.00 – last entry at 3.00

A celebration of spring with a wander among the bluebells - enjoy local food and drink and explore 130 acres of woodland featuring some of the world's rare and endangered trees - activities for all the family included with your ticket. The Friends of the Botanic Garden and Arboretum will return with their famous cake stall and tombola. Visit the specially selected local traders or stop by the Arboretum shop for a bottle of Physic Gin or a specially selected sustainably sourced gift such as a picnic blanket or toy for a budding botanist.

Car parking spaces are limited, are charged at £10 per car and **must be pre-booked - they cannot be purchased on the day**. Parking for Blue Badge Holders is free of charge, but must also be booked in advance.
Harcourt Arboretum has partnered with the Oxford Bus Company to provide a free Spring Fair shuttle bus from **Redbridge Park & Ride**. Look out for the bus stop at Redbridge. Redbridge car parking charges apply
The **X40 River Rapids bus** also runs between Reading and Oxford and stops outside Harcourt Arboretum.

Tickets Your Fair ticket includes entry to the entire 130-acre site, including bluebell woods, holly walk, meadows, acer glade and Woodland Barn.

Family £24 (2 adults + 2 children) ***Adults £9 Concession £7 (under 16s, over 65, and Friends)***
Children under 3 go free. ***Please note only assistance dogs are permitted***.

https://www.obga.ox.ac.uk/event/spring-fair-at-harcourt-arboretum-2025

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OXFORD MATHS FESTIVAL **Saturday 10 - Sunday 11 May**

The Oxford Maths Festival (organised by Oxford Mathematics) is an extravaganza of all the wonderful curiosities mathematics holds. Over two days you can immerse yourself in a wide range of events, with something for everyone, no matter your age or prior mathematical experience.

Downloadable programme :

https://mathsfest.web.ox.ac.uk/sitefiles/oxford-maths-festival-2025-programme-2025-002.pdf-0

MATHEMATICAL MAYHEM **Saturday 10 May 10:00 – 4.00** ***Templars Square Shopping Centre, OX4 3XH***

A drop-in event with hands-on mathematical games and activities, suitable for ages 3+. Play games, explore historical mathematical items from the **History of Science Museum**, and try a range of puzzles from **Magic Mathworks**.
A day of hands-on mathematical activities for you to get involved in. Something for everyone, ages 3 and up.
games and puzzles - try us at a game of chocolate trickery - can you and a partner, handcuffed together, escape?
magic numbercards - can we guess your birthday? play us at a game of dice - but beware! will we always win?
try to find the shortest route between all the cities - handle mathematical objects from the History of Science Museum
And much more!

TEMPLARS SQUARE **is also celebrating its 60th anniversary Saturday 10 May, Sunday 11 May**

Be part of the anniversary celebrations, looking back on six decades of the community and local history.
Local historian Maurice East will be hosting guided walking tours around the area, offering a chance to share your own memories of Templars Square, formerly known as Cowley Centre, through the years.
On display there will be three Morris Princess cars along with entertainment, facepainting, giveaways and a special appearance from Templeton, the Centre's larger-than-life mascot.

https://www.templarssquare.com/templars-square-turns-60/

MATHS AT THE MATHEMATICAL INSTITUTE, ***University of Oxford Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG***

The bookable event on Sunday 11 May is FULLY BOOKED but there is a waiting list

General Admission tickets will give you access to the Maths Festival and a variety of Maths activities but you can also book extra shows, talks, workshops, and more in the Timed Bookable Activities section

https://mathsfest.web.ox.ac.uk/

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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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