



LGBTQ+ HISTORY MONTH 2020

Events throughout February and March 2020 celebrating lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history, organised by Oxford Brookes University, Brookes Union, University of Oxford and local community groups.

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LGBTQ+ at Oxford Brookes

LGBTQ+ Staff Forum

At Oxford Brookes University, we are committed to ensuring the very best staff experience where all our community can flourish in a culture of respect and support, where we celebrate difference and thrive on each other's success.

As part of our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion we have set up a **LGBTQ+ Staff Forum**. For further information email lgbtqplus@brookes.ac.uk

The LGBTQ+ Staff Forum welcomes staff who identify as LGBTQ+ and allies.



Initiatives from the forum have included LGBTQ+ Allies workshops, Brookes branded rainbow lanyards and **LGBTQ+ staff profiles** on the Brookes website.

In September 2018 the forum won a Brookes People Award for Connectedness - "They played a leading role in LGBT History Month 2018 by being visible, connected champions for the LGBT+ community at Oxford Brookes".

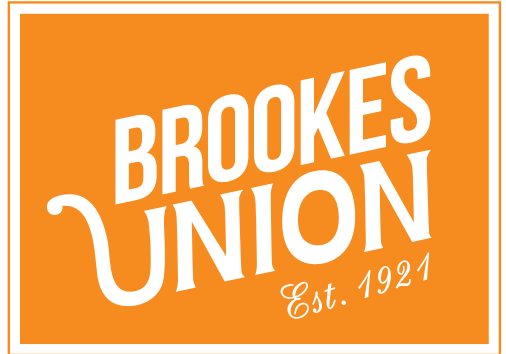
Oxford Brookes is a proud member of the Stonewall Diversity Champions' Programme. Stonewall is the campaigning organisation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people's equality.

For more information about equality, diversity and inclusion at Oxford Brookes please visit the website: www.brookes.ac.uk/staff/human-resources/equality-diversity-and-inclusion

Our webpages include information about local and national resources and support organisations relating to **sexual orientation** and **gender identity**.



Celine Bagtas: Brookes Union LGBTQ+ Students' Officer



Being part of the LGBTQ+ family myself, I know how intimidating it can be; arriving to a new place, being outside your comfort zone, not knowing anyone, or knowing whether you will be comfortable and accepted. That's why I ran for this role. I want to improve welfare for LGBTQ+ students, support a better pastoral and counselling system, create a safe and inclusive environment, and facilitate more activities that suit everyone's needs, so students can feel more welcome as they go through university. Every LGBTQ+ student should be able to reach their full potential without hesitation and fear of discrimination, and these opportunities are very important for LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion at Brookes.

As the LGBTQ+ Students' Officer, I have been very well-supported by Brookes Union and LGBTQ+ Society committee members, who have aided me in making decisions and supported the activities I have organised so far for LGBTQ+ students. I have been facilitated to address LGBTQ+ issues surrounding students at Brookes, and been able to work towards solving some of those issues. I look forward to marking LGBTQ+ History Month through this series of events, and hope to see many of you there.

Brookes Union LGBTQ+ Society



Oxford Brookes LGBTQ+ Society is a student-led group which exists to represent, support, inspire, and foster a healthy community for LGBTQ+ students.

The Brookes LGBTQ+ Society welcomes all students regardless of gender identity, expression, romantic or sexual orientation.

Oxford Brookes University celebrates and values the diversity of our students and staff and aims to create an organisational culture which is fully inclusive of diverse sexual orientations, gender identity and gender expression.



ANNE-MARIE KILDAY

Pro Vice-Chancellor
(Student & Staff Experience)

Welcome to LGBTQ+ History Month 2020. This represents Oxford Brookes' fifth year of collaboration to celebrate and highlight achievements, voices from the LGBTQ+ community and perspectives on LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion. The diverse programme collates a range of events organised by staff and students at Oxford Brookes together with other local organisations and wider community activity.

I am delighted to invite everyone to connect and reflect on how our identities and communities relate to our local and global context, and broaden understanding of experiences and activism for LGBTQ+ equality and inclusion in the wider world.

In focusing on visibility, voice, promoting awareness and sharing learning and experiences, LGBTQ+ History Month gives us all an opportunity to further our personal and organisational journeys for equality and “**acceptance without exception**”.






From Beirut to the world: pride, love & prejudice

Hadi Damien was arrested in the middle of Beirut Pride 2018 and placed in custody following the homophobic fabrication of a fake, sensational programme that was attributed to Beirut Pride.

He was released after the suspension of the scheduled activities, and the initiation of criminal proceedings against him, relating to the organisation of events that “incite debauchery”.

He will share candidly his reflections on LGBTIQ+ matters and the meaning of Prides, as well as discussing ways to advance so-called LGBTIQ+ rights in Lebanon – a global conversation springing from his personal contribution and experience.

Hadi is the initiator and organiser of Beirut Pride, a global speaker about LGBTIQ+ topics, and the LGBTIQ+ focal point in Lebanon, and has featured in hundreds of articles in 16 languages. He is also an art curator, an event and communications consultant for the private and public sectors, a postgraduate lecturer at Jesuit Saint Joseph University of Beirut and a former member of the Cabinet of the Minister of Culture.

-  Hadi Damien
-  Wednesday 26 February
-  6pm
-  JHBB Main Lecture Theatre
-  bit.ly/Hadi-Damien

CENDEP work in progress seminar

Following the LGBTQ+ History Month Lecture, Hadi Damien will lead the CENDEP Work in Progress Seminar the following day. This is part of the weekly CENDEP seminar series.

Hadi will build from the themes discussed in the lecture to explore areas such as:

- Questions of heteronormativity and intersectionality within humanitarian responses and campaigns.
- How are different experiences and identities - in terms of sexual orientation and gender identity - represented and included?
- What are the lenses used as practitioners and academics?

The session, part of CENDEP's Work in Progress public seminar series, is open to students and staff across the university and the public, with interest in the practical and policy issues in the fields of development and human rights. The seminar series intends to create an open, lively and constructive dialogue on ongoing work.

Founded in 1985, the **Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP)** is a multidisciplinary centre that brings together academics, development practitioners and policy makers. The work that CENDEP does looks at disaster risk reduction and response; shelter, housing and home; human rights; forced migration; conflict, peace and humanitarianism; and transformative and community resilience in adverse settings.

CENDEP supports and works in partnership with the **Oxford Human Rights Festival** which this year runs from 14 March to 3 April 2020 with the theme of Resilience.



-  Hadi Damien
-  Thursday 27 February
-  4.30pm to 6pm
-  JHB303, John Henry Brookes Building
Headington Campus
-  No registration required. For more information contact Professor Cathrine Brun:
cbrun@brookes.ac.uk
-  Work in Progress seminar series programme:
cendep.blogspot.com/2020/01/cendep-work-in-progress-spring-2020.html

LGBTQ+ History Month Stalls

Come and chat to members of the LGBTQ+ Staff Forum, Brookes Union, and the LGBTQ+ Society. For the Marston Road stall we will be joined by a representative from Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

Headington Campus

📅 Tuesday 4 February

🕒 12pm to 2pm

📍 Union Square, JHBB

Marston Road Site

📅 Thursday 6 February

🕒 12pm to 2pm

📍 Outside restaurant

Wheatley Campus

📅 Thursday 6 February

🕒 12pm to 2pm

📍 Outside Refectory/Hub

Harcourt Hill Campus

Join us for some Food freebies to celebrate Pancake Day and One World Week

📅 Tuesday 25 February

🕒 12pm to 1.30pm

📍 Refectory

LGBTQ+ History Month Coffee Morning

Swindon Campus coffee morning
Refreshments provided

📅 Tuesday 4 February

🕒 10.30am to 12pm

📍 JOF.1.07, Joel Joffe Building, Swindon Campus

Dykes, Camera, Action!

A history of queer cinema from the women who made it happen

Oxford Brookes University Documentary Club



Lesbians didn't always get to see themselves on screen. But between Stonewall, the feminist movement, and the experimental cinema of the 1970s, they built visibility, and transformed the social imagination about queerness. Filmmakers share moving and often hilarious stories from their lives and discuss how they've expressed queer identity through film.

📅 Thursday 6 February

🕒 7pm

📍 JHBB Main Lecture Theatre

👉 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dykes-camera-action-tickets-74550946889



Deep In Vogue

Oxford Brookes University Documentary Club

Deep In Vogue celebrates the colourful, queer, emotional and political stories of Northern Vogue and its people.

Synonymous with the black, gay ballrooms of 1980s New York this documentary asks why we need Vogue in Manchester now more than ever.

The screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Dennis Keighron-Foster, a queer, single Papa of twins, with a fondness for interior design and dancing to disco beats in fancy dress.

📅 Thursday 20 February

🕒 7pm

📍 JHBB Main Lecture Theatre

👉 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/deep-in-vogue-tickets-74551693121

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QUIZ NIGHT



Oxford City
Amnesty
International



Friday 21 February



6.30pm



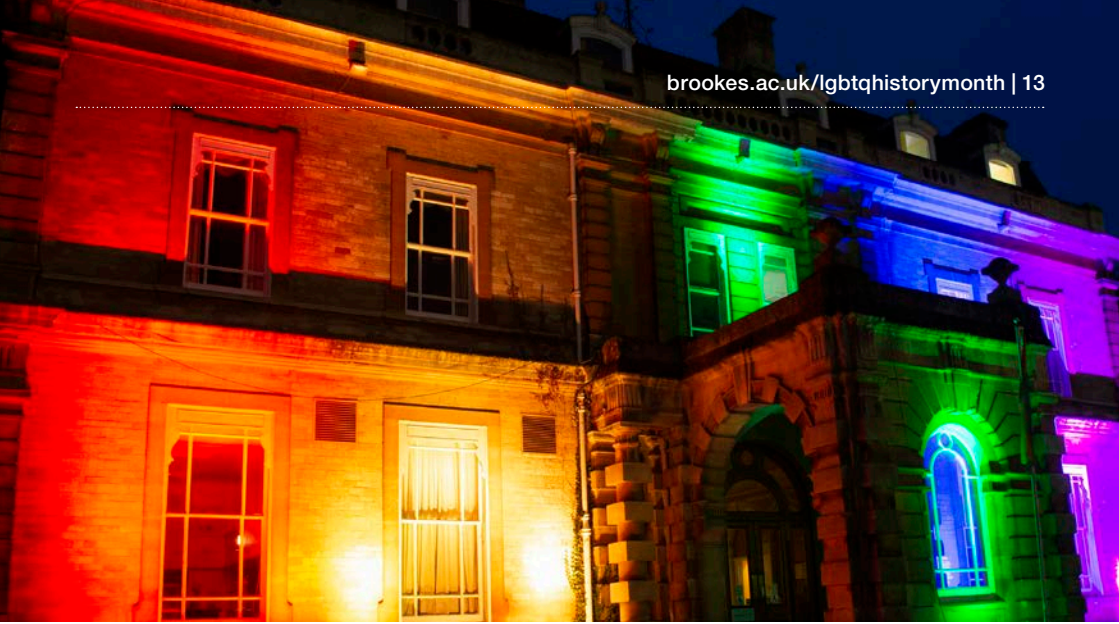
Brookes Sport Headington

Test your knowledge in this LGBTQ+ themed fundraising quiz.

Amnesty International Oxford City Group and the Oxford Brookes LGBTQ+ Staff Forum invite you to join us for a fun-packed fundraising evening.

- Voluntary contribution
- Prizes to be won
- All welcome!




The bar will be open until 11pm and the cafe will be open until 7pm.



Flag raising launch event

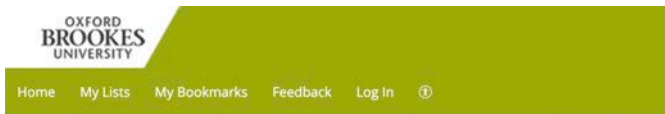
Join us to raise the rainbow flag and light up Headington Hill Hall to mark the beginning of LGBTQ+ History Month.

Followed by refreshments inside the hall to warm up, network and celebrate.

-  Friday 31 January
-  5pm
-  Outside/Music Room
Headington Hill Hall

Brookes library celebrates LGBTQ+ History Month

The Library will be celebrating LGBTQ+ History Month with displays at each campus and a new LGBTQ+ reading list highlighting books, films and television shows, and other useful resources. Search for 'LGBTQ+' in Talis to see the list or click the image below.








LGBTQ+ Resources

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Books

Autobiography and Biography

-  **Life isn't binary: on being both, beyond, and in-between**
Book - by Meg-John Barker; Alex Iantaffi; C. N. Lester - 2019
-  **Gay in the 80s: from fighting for our rights to fighting for our lives**
Book - by Colin Clews - 2017
-  **Male bodies, women's souls: personal narratives of Thailand's transgendered youth**
Book - by LeeRay M. Costa; Andrew Matzner - ©2007
-  **The naked civil servant**
Book - by Quentin Crisp - 1996
-  **What is gender? How does it define us? And other big questions**
Book - by Juno Dawson - 2019

'The partners': Seely & Paget, architects of the Harcourt Hill buildings



-  Peter Forsaith and Tom Dobson
-  Wednesday 26 February
-  1pm
-  Glasgow Room followed by a tour of Harcourt Hill Campus

Seely and Paget working
© Eddie Anderson Templewood Archive

Seely and Paget's story contributes to the architectural history of Harcourt Hill Campus.

Always known as 'the partners', their relationship went beyond a business arrangement: as Paget put it, 'we became virtually one person'.

In the flat where they lived above their London offices they had a double bathroom; in the grounds of Mottistone Manor, on the Isle of Wight, they had a little 'shack' where they could retreat for privacy.

Yet, in a time when sexual activity between men was a serious criminal offence, it is impossible to know how intimate their relationship really was.

LGBTQ+ Staff Forum

campfire conversations




What does LGBTQ+ History Month mean to you?

Members of the LGBTQ+ Staff Forum have expressed an interest in ‘lunch and learn’ sessions, so we’re kicking off in February with a discussion about LGBTQ+ History Month. What is its purpose, what should our focus be and how can we move forward?

We’re adopting the format of campfire sessions. These begin with a short presentation or introduction, after which the focus shifts to the group.

This encourages discussion, networking and the sharing of individual experiences.

This event is open to members of the LGBTQ+ Staff Forum, allies, and anyone who is interested in joining. Come along to share your thoughts and socialise with other members of the forum.

-  Monday 24 February
-  12.30pm
-  CLC.1.06, Clerici Building
Headington Campus

Bitesize LGBTQ+ Allies Workshop

An introduction to being an LGBTQ+ ally



The LGBTQ+ Allies workshops are run by the LGBTQ+ Staff Forum and provide an introduction to LGBTQ+ identities, the challenges LGBTQ+ people face and how to be an ally.

We're running this bitesize session for LGBTQ+ History Month at Harcourt Hill Campus. The session is open to staff and students.

-  Wednesday 26 February
-  11am
-  Glasgow Room
Harcourt Hill Campus
-  Please register:
forms.gle/2FVQqeXjcwdkTbLQ8





Other Brookes events



Featuring...





Unbody: get haunted in Augmented reality

What's it like to be haunted? Writer Jay Bernard's augmented reality installation explores this question - unpicking how we can be haunted by our histories and our everyday lives.

-  Tuesday 4 February
-  3.30pm to 5.30pm
-  Student Union Gallery
JHBB
Headington Campus
-  [Register](#)





How to be a man: being male in the age of toxic masculinity

We'll join a panel of researchers, led by Professor Joanne Begiato of Oxford Brookes University, to explore what it means to be a man in 2020.

-  Wednesday 5 February
-  6pm to 7.30pm
-  JHBB Main Lecture
Theatre
-  [Register](#)

Making sense of motherhood

Join us to watch extracts of the award-winning play Mum's the Word. We'll also discuss our own experiences as mothers - together sharing a more realistic meaning of what it is to be a mother.

-  Thursday 6 February
-  1pm to 3pm
-  The Ark T Centre
Crowell Road
Oxford, OX4 3LN
-  [Register](#)

The Power of Love: a Valentine's Day celebration

A festival about love... and loss, exploitation, sexuality, power and manipulation

It's Valentine's Day and we're thinking about love... and sexuality, power, loss, and everything connected to the history of emotion.

Come and uncover the early history of Valentine's cards - loving, comic and sinister. See, smell and taste foods associated with love and sexuality. And learn how love in the LGBTQ+ community is shaped by the society we live in.

Talks & timings

Join three talks on the themes of love, sex, power and more.

Gaslighting and the sinister side of 'love'

10am to 11am, JHB 128 - Executive Meeting Room

Cards against humanity? Cruel Victorian Valentines

12pm to 1pm, JHB 128 - Executive Meeting Room

Aphrodisiacs and love potions

1pm to 2pm, JHB 128 - Executive Meeting Room

Exhibition: 10am to 3pm, The Forum John Henry Brookes Building

Live music: 5pm, The Forum, John Henry Brookes Building

Enjoy live performances of love songs by The Wedding Present and Oxford band Candy Says. Join top panelists, including Grammy-award winning producer Andrew Scheps, to discuss how we express love in music today.

Panel discussion: 6pm, Main Lecture Theatre, John Henry Brookes Building



Friday 14 February



10am to 7.30pm



John Henry Brookes Building, Headington Campus



Free. Everyone welcome.



Register

Contemporary challenges in sport, coaching and physical education

'You're not stopping this fight': Inter-professional conflict and the provision of medical care in unregulated combat sports

Dr Alex Channon (University of Brighton)

Current research in transgender sport participation; a multi-disciplinary approach

Dr Gemma Whitcomb (Loughborough University)

Bourdieu, social class, and PE in English state school: creating 'capital' through the curriculum

Dr Stuart Whigham (Oxford Brookes University)

Dismantling race in Higher Education: implications for sport, coaching and PE

Dr Jason Arday (Durham University)

 Tuesday 25 February

 1pm to 4.30pm

 JHBB Main Lecture Theatre

 AdamWhite@brookes.ac.uk

 t.co/vPleytZCmV

News

Oxford Brookes lecturer Dr Mary Jean Chan wins the Costa Book Awards poetry Prize

Dr Mary Jean Chan Oxford Brookes University Lecturer in Creative Writing, has been announced as the winner of the poetry category in the 2019 Costa Book Awards and was presented with the Costa Poetry Award for *Flèche* on Tuesday 28 January 2020.



Mary Jean was recognised for her debut collection *Flèche* published by Faber & Faber in July 2019. The title *Flèche*, is the French word for ‘arrow’ and also refers to an offensive technique in fencing. Mary Jean took part in the competitive sport as a young adult in Hong Kong. Mary Jean explores complex themes of multilingualism, queerness, cultural history and interactions with her mother.

Mary Jean has shared an article about her work and journey towards becoming a poet: www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/books/article/3040692/how-hong-kong-poet-mary-jean-chan-wowing-britains and an interview with BBC Front Row: www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000d1sb

Mary Jean will be hosting a poetry event ‘**Intersectional Identities: Exploring race and culture through poetry**’ in the Think Human Festival. Debut poets Anthony Anaxagorou, Will Harris and Nisha Ramayya will challenge our thinking on diversity, race and culture in our world today, sharing poems that explore racial identity and cultural tradition.

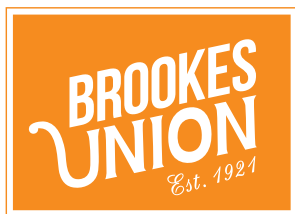
📅 Monday 10 February

🕒 6.30pm to 8pm

📍 Cafe from Crisis, Old Fire Station, 40 George Street, Oxford, OX1 2AQ

👉 oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/intersectional-identities-exploring-race-and-culture-through-poetry

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Brookes Union Events

Line-up subject to change

Brookes Union Explores... The Movies

Every Sunday we'll be screening a free film for you on the big screen and we've selected a series especially for LGBTQ+ History Month. Join us at 7pm in JHB Lecture Theatre.

Sunday 9 February



Appropriate Behaviour

For Shirin, being part of a perfect Persian family isn't easy. Acceptance eludes her from all sides: her family doesn't know she's bisexual, and her ex-girlfriend, Maxine, can't understand why she doesn't tell them. Even the six-year-old boys in her movie making class are too ADD to focus on her for more than a second. Following a family announcement of her brother's betrothal to a parentally approved Iranian prize catch, Shirin embarks on a private rebellion involving a series of pansexual escapades, while trying to decipher what went wrong with Maxine.

Sunday 16 February



Blue is The Warmest Colour

Adèle's life is changed when she meets Emma, a young woman with blue hair, who will allow her to discover desire and to assert herself as a woman and as an adult. In front of others, Adèle grows, seeks herself, loses herself, and ultimately finds herself through love and loss.

The Dragprov Revue

'Christian Adore' and 'Eaton Messe' are a drag double act performed by Francesca Forristal and Ed Scrivens. Using your suggestions, this formidable pairing of lovable soft-boy and sassy queen will create dazzling songs, sketches, and spontaneous raps. RuPaul's glamour meets 'Whose Line Is It Anyway' style improvised comedy. Serving you wit as sharp as their contour; jinks as high as their brows; memories that will stick with you longer than last night's glitter, we present to you 'The Dragprov Revue'.


- 📅 Tuesday 4 February
- 🕒 7.30pm to 10.30pm
- 📍 Sir Kenneth Wheare Hall
Clerici Building
Headington Campus
- £ Free



Panel discussion

Growing up as an LGBTQ+ BAME/PoC and experiences in the workplace

Three panelists from different backgrounds and cultures, plus a variety of jobs and careers. The similarity between these individuals is that they're all part of LGBTQ+ and BAME/PoC community. Come and join us to hear their experiences of what it's like growing up and working, and for your chance to ask questions and advice from the three panelists.

 Thursday 20 February

 6pm to 9pm

 Brookes Union Meeting Room 1/2

LGBTQ+ Relationships

 Friday 7 February


 6pm to 9pm

 Brookes Union Meeting Rooms




Discussion Nights

What is History Month & Pride?

Has Pride been pinkwashed by corporations? Why is there no straight pride?

-  Monday 10 February
-  5.30pm to 8pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms




Trans Rights

-  Monday 17 February
-  5.30pm to 8pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms

LGBTQ+ conflict around the world

Student volunteers speak about conflict in their home countries.



Part of One World Week.

-  Monday 24 February
-  5.30pm to 8pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms

Social events and activities



Social Queer BAME/ PoC Night

Socialise and enjoy free pizza and drinks. Come and join us to have fun and a chill night with other BAME/PoC Students and alike. It will be a chance to socialise with new people and bring your friends along too!

-  Thursday 6 February
-  7.30pm to 10pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms


Women/Non-binary & champagne night

Free pizza, snacks and drinks. Join Brookes Union to discuss today's issues surrounding women/non-binary and LGBTQ+, and meet new students alike to discuss issues and comfortably share stories within your confidence and the safe space provided.

-  Thursday
13 February
-  5.30pm to 8pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms




Student Skittles Social Nights

Every Tuesday night (will be moved on every Thursday after week 7). Come along to the pre-games and socialise with other LGBTQ+ students. Or just relax with the safe space provided for LGBTQ+ Students. Free snacks, pizza and drinks at every event.

-  Tuesday 11 February
Tuesday 18 February
Tuesday 25 February
-  5.30pm to 8pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms

LGBTa & Art

Create art while you drink various flavours of teas and snacks, and socialise with other queer students. You are welcome to bring your own art material or even your own tea!

-  Thursday
27 February
-  6pm to 9pm
-  Brookes Union Meeting Rooms

University of Oxford LGBT History Month Lecture

Louise Wallwein MBE -
Being a working class queer in theatre

Join us for the 2020 LGBT+ History Month Lecture with the renowned and award winning poet, playwright and performer, **Louise Wallwein MBE**.



Louise was brought up in 13 different children's homes and wrote her first play at the age of 17. Her career took off in 1998 when she performed an award-winning one woman show on the wing of a World War II Shackleton reconnaissance aircraft and her various experiences as a cleaner, club promoter and dancer at the Hacienda and activist for organisations such as anti-clause 28 and Viraj Mendis defence campaign have undoubtedly shaped her.

Among many writing residencies, Louise was the 2006 Poet in Residence in Queensland and Writer in Residence at the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. Her plays have been broadcast by the BBC, and have graced the stage of Sydney Opera House, Royal Exchange and Contact Manchester. In 2019 Louise won the Manchester Culture Award for Best Performance for her play Hidden.

- 📅 Wednesday 12 February
- 🕒 6pm
- 📍 Sheldonian Theatre
Broad St, Oxford,
OX1 3AZ

The lecture will be held in the Sheldonian Theatre at the invitation of the Curators. To celebrate LGBT History Month, panes of glass in this historic Oxford building will have rainbow see-through screens lit up at night to brighten up the Broad Street sky. Don't forget to look up in February!

Please register online at:
lgbthm2020oxuni.eventbrite.co.uk

University of Oxford

History Faculty:

Annual LGBT History month event

Join us for the History Faculty's annual LGBT History month event. A keynote lecture by Dr Jill Liddington on 'Writing Anne Lister' will be preceded by a series of talks about ongoing research relating to LGBT history in the History Faculty. All welcome!

Programme

2-3.30pm New research in LGBT history talks, including:

Sonia Cuesta Maniar (Oxford), *"Imprisonment will rip apart the little life left in me": The Persecution and Punishment of Sexual and Social Minorities in Developmentalist Francoism and Post-Dictatorship Spain*

Zoe Nunn (Oxford), 'Gender non-conformity in Weimar and Nazi Germany'

3.30-4pm Refreshments

4-5.30pm Keynote lecture: Jill Liddington (Leeds) 'Writing Anne Lister'

How do you write about a woman who has already written a diary of over four million words? About a woman whose every letter artfully re-presents the truth? Reading Anne's heavily abbreviated handwriting and deciphering her private coded sections daunts even the most determined historians.

In 1990 Jill Liddington, living in Halifax just a mile from Shibden Hall, began work on the 1830s diaries. Her edition, *Female Fortune: land, gender & authority: the Anne Lister Diaries 1833-36* (1998, 2019), inspired scriptwriter Sally Wainwright to write *Gentleman Jack* (BBC1/HBO, 2019).

In this lecture, Dr Liddington explores precisely how Anne Lister has been presented by different generations of editors and historians. She traces this through the lens of LGBT history from 1840 when Anne Lister died, to 2019 and *Gentleman Jack*.

 Tuesday 18 February

 2pm to 5.30pm, with keynote talk at 4pm

 History Faculty, George Street, Oxford, OX1 2RL

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Writing Queer Lives

by Oxford Centre for Life-Writing

A colloquium highlighting work at Oxford to represent historical and fictional members of the LGBTQ+ community.

How do we write about queer lives? Queer people have always existed, but a combination of censorship, coded language and omission from the historical record has made it difficult for scholars to clearly interpret and represent queer identities. Indeed, only in recent decades has it become less stigmatised (and dangerous) to write about queerness without accompanying condemnation.

In honour of LGBT History Month, Oxford Centre for Life-Writing will be hosting a colloquium highlighting work currently being done at Oxford to represent historical and contemporary members of the LGBTQ+ community. We will explore various arenas, including history, classics, literature and the museum sector.

One panel will be hosted by the Pitt Rivers Museum's Beyond the Binary exhibition team, detailing their experience of queering the museum's collections and representing LGBTQ+ lives through museum objects.

Our keynote will be delivered by Dr Jane Traies, the author of *The Lives of Older Lesbians* (2016), the recent collection of lesbian oral histories *Now You See Me* (2018), and the joint author of three lesbian historical novels. Jane is also a member of the Centre for Life History and Life Writing at the University of Sussex.

 Tuesday 11 February

 1pm to 7pm

 Wolfson College, Linton Road
Oxford, OX2 6UD

 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/writing-queer-lives-tickets-84798012137

Oxford University Museum of Natural History Wolfenden's Biologists




Ross Brooks will discuss the biologists who campaigned for reform of the law relating to sex between men in the 1950s.

The momentous 1957 Wolfenden Report recommended the partial decriminalisation of male homosexual acts, a recommendation which was eventually enacted in England and Wales by the Sexual Offences Act 1967.

Among those who petitioned the Wolfenden Committee to recommend changing the law were some of Britain's leading biologists including C. D. Darlington, Ronald Fisher, E. B. "Henry" Ford, Julian Huxley, and Miriam Rothschild. Their testimonies made unprecedented genetic and evolutionary arguments for the naturalisation and legalisation of homosexual acts between consenting adults.

Using previously unknown archival sources, Ross will piece together the behind-the-scenes story of these testimonies, looking beyond the scientific arguments to examine the broader personal and cultural issues at stake.

 **Ross Brooks**
Doctoral student in the School of History, Philosophy, and Culture at Oxford Brookes

 **Thursday 27 February**

 **6.30pm to 7.30pm**

 **Oxford University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3PW**

 **www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wolfendens-biologists-tickets-84601382011**



**Museum of
Natural
History**
University of Oxford

Film Screening: The Two Lives of Li Ermao

Plus Q&A with Andre Singer, Executive Producer



- 📅 Friday 7 February
- 🕒 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- 📍 EP Abraham Lecture Theatre
Green Templeton College
43 Woodstock Road
Oxford, OX2 6HG
- 🖱 www.gtc.ox.ac.uk/eventbrite-event/film-screening-the-two-lives-of-li-ermao

A film screening of *The Two Lives of Li Ermao*, and Q&A with the film's Executive Producer, Andre Singer will be held to coincide with LGBT History month.

Filmed over 17 years across Southern China, the film is the intimate and heart-wrenching story of Li Ermao, a transgender migrant worker, transitioning from male to female, then back to male. A search for identity, a struggle for love, a fight for survival.

You can watch the trailer [here](#)

Pitt Rivers museum: Beyond the Binary



The Pitt Rivers museum is committed to standing as an ally with LGBTQ+ communities and creating space for self-representation. Through consultation with community partners, and building on work developed in 2016-2018 through the Out in Oxford LGBTQ+ museums trail initiative, funding has been secured for Beyond the Binary. Thanks to a new grant of £91,200 by the Heritage Lottery fund, the project will work with local, national and international partners to explore the global diversity of sexual and gender identities.

Working with a broad range of partners, from researchers to community activists, the project will challenge historical interpretations of the museum's collections – offering alternative understandings from people with different identities as well as identifying human histories that are unrepresented as a result of intolerance. This is so that no individual or group feels excluded from the museum because of their sexuality or gender, and so that all visitors – however they might identify themselves – can understand humanity better.

In addition to exploring the existing collections, this project will include a community-focused acquisition programme for LGBTQ+ cultural and historical artefacts. Objects will be collected from British communities and across the globe that highlight traditions of gender non-conformity, bringing British LGBTQ+ heritage into conversation with global LGBTQ+ material culture.

Keep an eye on the [webpage](#) for information on the project as it develops and for information on opportunities to get involved. Although the specific emphasis of this project is to provide opportunities for, and develop partnerships with, LGBTQ+ stakeholders, the project and the project outcomes are open to all.

For more information, or to get involved, email beyondbinary@prm.ox.ac.uk

Follow the project on [Twitter](#) and search the hastag [#pittbeyondbinary](#)

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Oxford University LGBTQ+ Society

We are a student run society that hosts a multitude of social and welfare events throughout the term, and provides welfare support and advice to LGBTQ+ students at the University of Oxford. Our facebook page is the best place to find all upcoming events, but here is a summary of the regular events you won't want to miss.

Tuesday Drinks

Every Tuesday at a different location around the university. These events are always relaxed and friendly, and are a brilliant way to get to know the amazing LGBTQ+ network here at Oxford.

Tuesday Skittles at Plush

Bigger, better and queerer than ever, this is THE Oxford Queer student night! Get yourself down to Plush at 11pm (£4 door entry before 12) for a night of non-stop dancing and the best of queer Oxford.

Film Screenings

The LGBTQ+ society hosts regular screenings. Friendly events open to everyone with the sole aim of getting people together to enjoy and appreciate some great LGBTQ+ films.

Mens'* and Womens'* Socials

Multiple times per term, we hold socials for people whose identities are wholly or include women or men to get together.

Identity-specific meetups

Our identity reps run regular brunches, teas, discussion groups, and more. Events will be advertised on Facebook, and via the relevant Facebook group.

 www.oulgbtq.org

 www.facebook.com/OULGBTQ

Theatre and performance

From OxPHWOARd with LOVE



- 📅 Friday 7 February
- 🕒 Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm
- 📍 The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford, OX4 1UE
- £ Tickets are £15 on the door
£10-12 in advance
- 👉 [www.ticketsource.co.uk/oxphwoard/
from-oxphwoard-with-love/e-axxkmd](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oxphwoard/from-oxphwoard-with-love/e-axxkmd)

As February comes around, love is in the air! But at OxPHWOARd we don't just want to celebrate romance. Love comes in many forms and we've got a selection of drag and burlesque to make you feel all warm and fuzzy inside!

OxPHWOARd is a show celebrating the camp, queer, and eclectic. Serving fierce, funny and frisky cabaret acts, OxPHWOARd is an electric evening showcasing burlesque and drag as you've never seen it before. Featuring a range of performers of different shapes, sizes, and genders, that will make you say "PHWOAR"!







We're asking you to think strong, think silly and think sexy.

The Dragprov Revue's Cabaret Club



Christian Adore and Eaton Messe are a drag king and queen double act like no other. They've been featured in the Sunday Times, on BBC News, and now join them as the hosts of a regular Oxford show! Join them at the Jericho Tavern.

Using their signature blend of drag sass, improvised wit, and west end calibre musicality they will serenade and seduce your senses into hysterical laughter.

-  **Sunday 23 February**
-  **Doors 7.30pm, show 8pm**
-  **The Jericho Tavern
56 Walton Street, Jericho
Oxford, OX2 6AE**
-  **Tickets £8.80, Concessions £7.70**
-  **Agnes 18+**
-  **[www.wegotickets.com/
event/488533](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/488533)**

"Uses humour as a feminist weapon... Good, clean fun!" The Sunday Times

"I do not have enough superlatives to describe how incredible this inimitable act is... filled me with so much joy I wondered what I'd done to deserve it." ★★★★★ The Pink Times

"Musically flawless... an uproariously wicked success. A glamorous, belly laugh fiesta" ★★★★★ The 730 Review

"The name everyone talks about in London" ★★★★★ The Phoenix Remix

"Brilliantly funny" ★★★★★ London Theatre 1




"Sharp as a bobby pin" ★★★★★ The Musical Theatre Review

Arts at the Old Fire Station

40 George Street, Oxford, OX1 2AQ

Away with the Fairies: A Queer Drag Panto







-  Friday 24 & Saturday 25 January
-  7.30pm (+2.30pm on Sat)
-  Standard £12, Pay more £14
Pay less £10
-  Ages 16+ (matinee 13+)
-  oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/away-with-the-fairies-a-queer-drag-panto

Oxford's very own Oxfordshire Drag Collective brings you *Away with the Fairies: a Queer Drag Panto*. With parody songs and camp classics galore, this gender bending, ridiculously queer mashup of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* promises to be a show you won't forget in a hurry. Not to mention the addition of sentient potatoes, queer challenges to the Panto status quo and a sexy plot device.

Too Pretty To Punch



-  Saturday 22 February
-  7.30pm
-  Standard £12, Pay more £14
Pay less £10
-  oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/too-pretty-to-punch

A comedy spoken word show about gender, the media and not fitting any of the boxes, full of explosive movement, original songs and kickass video projection. Edalia Day is a banjo wielding, poetry slam winning, trans warrior, taking on the world one troll at a time.

SPUDS!

Strange People Undertake a Drag Show



- 📅 Wednesday 4 March
Tuesday 14 April
Wednesday 17 June
- 🕒 8pm
- £ Standard £12, Pay more £14
Pay less £10
- ⚠️ Ages 18+
- 👉 oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/spuds-mar-20

The Oxfordshire Drag Collective brings you a quirky and eclectic celebration of queer in the finest way possible – a cabaret! With a different line-up for every show, you'll want to keep your eyes peeled – you never know what to expect. From lip sync to poetry, to burlesque to stand up-anything goes at this show!

Fatty Fat Fat



- 📅 Friday 24 April
- 🕒 7.30pm
- £ Standard £12, Pay more £14
Pay less £10
- 👉 oldfirestation.org.uk/whats-on/fatty-fat-fat

Do you ever feel like your body takes up too much space in world that doesn't want to make any room? Katie is fat. She's pretty much always been fat, and probably will be fat forever more. Join her in the 'Cha Cha Slide', munch on some crisps, and have a listen to what it's like to live in body that people can't help but have an opinion on.

The North Wall Arts Centre

South Parade, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7JN

HOTTER



- 📅 Friday 14 February
- 🕒 8pm
- £ Full price £13, Concessions £11
- ⚠️ Ages 16+
- 👉 www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/hotter-2

Hello, we're Ell and Mary. We're best friends and ex-girlfriends and we're bored of playing it cool.

So this is a show about what gets you hot. We asked women and trans people aged 11 to 97 what makes them flush, rub and gush. We made a sweaty verbatim dance party out of their answers.

Suzi Ruffell: Dance Like Everyone's Watching



- 📅 Friday 6 March
- 🕒 7.30pm
- £ Full price £15, Concessions £13
- ⚠️ Ages 14+
- 👉 www.thenorthwall.com/whats-on/suzi-ruffell-dance-like-everyones-watching

Suzi Ruffell has made a name for herself by turning tragedy and anxiety into big laughs. This year she is actually happy. This show answers the question: are all stand-ups at their best when they are miserable? Fingers crossed no!

A mix of storytelling, observations, a dash of social politics and a lovely routine about a smear test. This show has everything.

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Community



TALES OF OUR CITY

Queering Spires: A history of LGBTIQ+ Spaces in Oxford

Do you remember when the Royal Blenheim was a gay pub? Did you know that the Northgate Hall was a Gay and Lesbian Community Centre? Our third community exhibition features stories behind Oxford's queer spaces of the past, and asks how we envisage local LGBTIQ+ spaces of the future. We showcase individuals' memories and experiences through oral histories, photographs, documents and objects.

This exhibition aims to be inclusive of all the diverse voices within our LGBTIQ+ communities, and to reflect that, it is always open to new contributions. Since opening, we have added digital and physical pieces, and visitors have left lots of comments, now part of the space. Come along and make sure your voice is heard.

The exhibition has been created in partnership with the Tales of Our City project and Oxford Pride, and co-curated by members of Oxford's LGBTIQ+ community.

📅 7 September 2019 - 2 May 2020

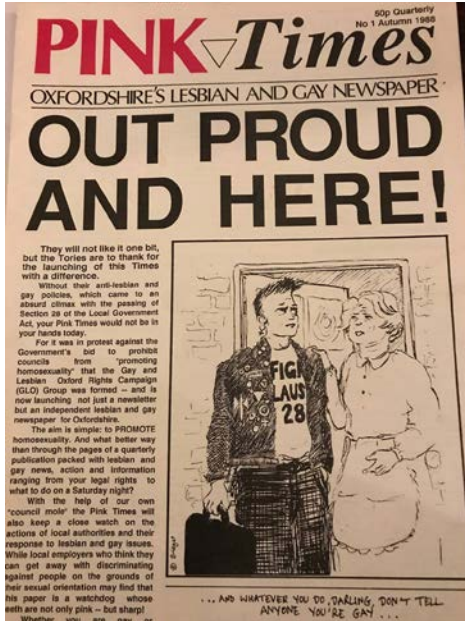
🕒 10am to 5pm daily

📍 Town Hall Gallery
Oxford Town Hall
St Aldate's
Oxford, OX1 1BX

£ Free

Queering our Museum

City Stories collecting event



As part of LGBTQ+ History Month we are inviting local people to pop in and share stories and memorabilia about Oxford's LGBTIQ+ history.

Talk to our volunteer story collectors about your story and object (if you have one!). This information and a photograph of the object might feature on our new City Stories collecting website.

We want to hear your stories!

📅 Thursday 13 February 2020

🕒 2pm to 7pm

📍 Town Hall Gallery
Oxford Town Hall
St Aldate's
Oxford, OX1 1BX

£ Free

Oxford Friend

We are a voluntary organisation based in Oxford that provides free and confidential information, support and counselling services for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer community. We are a registered charity in the UK (no. 299903).

Our telephone service has been running continuously since 1980, and in 2005 we started running an email service. In June 2006 we received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.





-  www.oxfordfriend.co.uk
-  01865 726893
-  confidential@oxfordfriend.co.uk

Queer Talk!

We are back with our second Queer Talk event!

Queer talk is a social sober space for the queer community. You will be able to meet other queer folk and talk to our volunteers! We will offer hot drinks and snacks for all those that join us.

We hope to see you there!

-  Friday 31 January
-  7pm to 9pm
-  Refresh Cafe, 131 Cowley Rd, Oxford, OX4 1JJ
-  www.facebook.com/events/830127370783511

Oxford Pride



Oxford Pride is a celebration of lesbian, gay, bi+, trans and queer life in Oxfordshire. Events throughout the year aim to promote awareness of the diversity of LGBTQIA+ issues by providing information, education and entertainment to all of the community.

With a theme this year of #DiverseCity the festival is from 22 to 29 May 2020 with Pride Day on 30 May 2020. Pride Day starts with a colourful community Parade through the beautiful city centre that brings everyone together in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

Oxford Pride Group is a charity run by members who volunteer in many different ways.

If you would like to get involved please email us at volunteer@oxford-pride.org.uk or visit www.oxfordpride.co.uk



Ark T Centre

We have some great art clubs happening for young people at Ark T. With Support from Children in Need, Oxford City Council, Thomas Dawson and the High Sheriff's Community Integration Award we provide a safe and nurturing space for young people who are experiencing challenge and would benefit from being part of a small creative group.

My Normal Voice

A creative project for LGBTQI+ young people (aged 13-23), looking to give them a voice through creativity and a safe space within the community in Oxford.

www.ark-t.org/music/my-normal-voice-project

Hannah@ark-t.org

My Normal Music Project

A music project for LGBTQI+ & Disabled young people (aged 13-25), looking to make music accessible to all, by challenging inequality and prejudice through music.

www.ark-t.org/music/my-normal-music-project

music@ark-t.org



TOPAZ

TOPAZ is a collection of people; staff and volunteers, who run TOPAZ with and for young people who would like a safe space to explore their feelings and gain a better understanding of themselves. Particularly those young people (13-19) who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Transgender. This group is also for people who are unsure about their sexuality and may be questioning it. Friends of young people are also welcome at their first couple of meetings for support.

We run sessions once a month in Oxford, Cowley, Banbury and Witney with satellite groups in Wantage, Bicester and Didcot. We have a space to hang out in, we have snacks as well as hot and cold drinks, we bring board games and arts and craft supplies for people to use. And - it is completely free!



 www.topazoxford.org.uk

 topaz@ark-t.org

Pride in STEM: Out Thinkers

Out Thinkers serves to showcase the talent of LGBT+ people in STEM, providing a platform where people can talk about their work while truly being themselves. Out Thinkers events feature a range of phenomenal speakers talking about their research and experiences as LGBT+ individuals in academia and industry.

Out Thinkers events were held as part as the Stonewall Season 2016 in Retro Bar, the Brick Lane Theatre Festival, the Science Museum Lates, the British Science Festival, the Oval Theatre, and the Cambridge Science Festival.

Pride in STEM is a charitable trust, currently with nine trustees who are based in the UK and US. We run events and activities together with our extensive network of volunteers from around the UK and abroad. We were nominated for the Gay Times Honours in 2017.

Since our inception, our goal has been to raise the profile of LGBT+ people in science, technology, engineering and maths/medicine (STEM) as well as to highlight the struggles LGBTSTEM people often face. We aim to “queer up science spaces” and to “science up queer spaces”.



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- 📅 Sunday 2 February
 - 🕒 1pm to 3pm
 - 📍 Lincoln College, Turl Street, Oxford, OX1 3DR
 - ✉️ jake.taylor@physics.ox.ac.uk

Oxford Area LGBT University Staff Social Group

This network is intended for all lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT) staff at Oxford Brookes University, University of Oxford, Oxford University Press and Ruskin College. This includes post-docs, research fellows, academic and non-academic staff.

Staff at other universities and research institutes etc in the region are also welcome to join. Similarly, while the group is primarily intended for staff, post-graduate students are welcome to join the list and attend events if they wish.

www.facebook.com/groups/223430591061934/

First Thursday Drinks

First Thursday happens at 6pm on the first Thursday of each month. Members of the group always fly a rainbow flag on our table so new people can find them.

Cheap Eats

Cheap Eats is the third Sunday of each month. Organisation rotates among members and the event is normally well-attended in various economical restaurants in Oxford.

LGBTTea

LGBTTea is a relaxed tea/coffee gathering in Oxford on the fourth Monday of each month around 5.30pm.

 Thursday 6 February

 6pm


 Cape Of Good Hope
1 The Plain
Oxford, OX4 1EA

 Sunday 16 February

 See Facebook group
for details

 Monday 24 February

 5.30pm

 George & Danver
(G&D's), 94 St Aldate's,
Oxford, OX1 1BT

First Sunday

First Sunday is fellowship for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, or questioning their sexuality (LGBTQ). We meet at St Columba's United Reformed Church in Oxford on the first Sunday of the month. You don't have to be LGBTQ or a Christian to come along.

Our Sunday evening meetings start with some time to catch up over coffee, pizza and cake. Then we have an activity for the evening which may be a visiting speaker, a discussion or something crafty, and we finish the evening with a simple communion.

 Sunday 2 February

 7.30pm

 St Columba's United Reformed Church
Alfred Street, Oxford, OX1 4EH

Oxford Board Gaymers

This is a group for those of you in and around the Oxford area who love the idea of playing card and board games while making new gay friends in a relaxed social setting. We play fortnightly on Wednesdays, alternating between the Oxford Blue off Iffley Road and the Holly Bush off Botley Road. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Thanks to many of our members we always have a rotating selection of games on offer, as everyone is encouraged to bring games that they are keen to play. We're always up for learning something new! 😊

 Wednesday 5 February

 6.30pm

 The Oxford Blue, 32 Marston Street
Oxford, OX4 1JU

 Wednesday 19 February

 6.30pm

 Holly Bush, 106 Bridge Street
Osney Island, Oxford, OX2 0BD

The Oxford LGBT Book Club

An Oxford-based book group for LGBT people, friends and the sympathetic! We do have a special interest in LGBT (and related) books, but we often read non-LGBT books too. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and all are welcome.

Our book for February is “Exceeding My Brief: Memoirs of a Disobedient Civil Servant” by Barbara Hosking.

This is the story of a Cornish scholarship girl with no contacts who ended up in the corridors of power. It is also the very personal story of her struggle with her sexuality as a bewildered teenager, and as a young woman in the 1950s, a time when being gay could mean social ostracism.

At our February meeting we are choosing a book on the theme of “LGBT+ life/biography”.

If you would like to join the mailing list which will keep you up to date with all our meetings, and any other social events, please email oxlgbtbooks@gmail.com

 **Monday 10 February**

 **7pm**

 **The Jolly Farmers, 20 Paradise Street
Oxford OX1 1LD**

Red Box

A friendly, welcoming bar night for women (cis and trans) of all sexual orientations and backgrounds to meet for entertainment and conversation. Held on the second Tuesday of every month.

 **Tuesday 11 February**

 **7pm**

 **The Oxford Blue, 32 Marston Street
Oxford, OX4 1JU**

Molly's FriYAY!

Molly is a monthly social for LGBTIQ+ folk in Oxford. We provide a welcoming space to come along and meet new people and make new friends. Let us know if you're coming along solo / for the first time and we're happy to introduce you to other people!

After the George Street Social closes at 11pm we'll head on to The Jolly Farmers.

A note on timings: the event starts at 7pm and your fabulous hosts will be there then, but doesn't tend to get busy until after 8! (ie don't be disappointed if you turn up at 7 and it's only the hosts there - it will get busier we promise).

 Friday 14 February

 7pm

 Upstairs at George St Social, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford, OX1 2DH

 www.facebook.com/ohhellomolly

Oxford Lesbian History Group

This is a small, friendly and informal women's group, with an interest in all aspects of lesbian history and culture. Meetings usually take the form of a talk given by one of the members, but there are also sometimes discussions and social activities.

Our February talk will be 'Rediscovering women astronomers': the relationships among the group of women who did pioneering work on astronomy at American universities in the 19th and early 20th century.

 Tuesday 25 February

 8pm

 For more information see our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/Oxford-Lesbian-History-Group-207330545978893

OutdoorLads

OutdoorLads is a friendly group of gay, bisexual and trans men who get together to enjoy outdoor pursuits across the UK and further afield. Our activities range from hiking, climbing, camping, biking, canoeing, scrambling, running and sailing, as well as purely social events! There's something for everyone, no matter your experience, so take a look and #GetOutMore!

- Try us out for free and receive two FREE £12.50 coupons in your account, which means that your first two walks or socials are completely free
 - You can also sign up to pay by Direct Debit and get 20% off your first year. This means you can access all our walking events for free and receive major discounts on all our hostelling events.
 - We also offer a concession membership so all those 18 - 30 can pay £13 for access to many of our events for free, or receive massive discounts on all our hostelling events.
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i For more information see our website www.outdoorlads.com

Gay Outdoor Club

We are mainly a walking group, with a few invited suppers, BBQs, Christmas events, etc. Most of our regular members are men over 40, but we do welcome younger men and women. Dogs are welcome on walks and every effort is made to find "dog friendly pubs".

We have two walks planned for February:

Saturday 1 February - meet 10.30am at Thornhill Park & Ride. 8 mile walk via Shotover to City Centre via back paths of Headington and South Park. Lunch at the Britannia PH, Headington.

Saturday 7 March - Brill Windmill to Boarstal Tower - 6miles. Take a packed lunch and we'll stop at the Pheasant PH, Brill after the walk. Lifts are available.

GOC offers individual membership (from £17 a year with a 4-month free trial) with the option to receive a printed magazine ten times a year.

i For more information see our website www.goc.org.uk/groups/oxford

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LGBT History Month is celebrated in the UK every February and is coordinated by the charity Schools Out.

A wide range of resources and information across the country is available on the national website: lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/lgbt-history-month-resources

At Oxford Brookes we use LGBTQ+ to include the spectrum of diverse sexualities and gender identities.

