



OXFORD GA BRANCH PROGRAMME 2011/2012

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All lectures and events take place at St Edwards School in Woodstock Road **unless otherwise stated**. Lectures take place at St Edwards in the New Hall, or the Old Library or the North Wall.

Lectures are free for all adults and school students that are members of the GA. If the School or adult attending is not a member of the GA there is a charge of £5 per person on the door. This does not include Day Conferences which are charged for as shown in the programme.

(We ask where possible that you let Garrett Nagle know in advance rough numbers if you are bringing students so we can judge the size of venue required.)

AUTUMN TERM 2011

Tuesday 27th September: Lecture at 5pm at St Edwards School

Dr Hazel Barrett (Coventry University)

'The beginning of the end? The HIV/AIDS pandemic in the twenty-first century.'

Hazel Barrett is Head of the Department of Geography, Environment and Disaster Management at Coventry University.

This lecture will be useful to all students studying Development issues and Health studies as part of their Post 16 Geography.

Tuesday 11th October: Lecture at 5pm at St Edwards School.

Dr Garrett Nagle (St Edwards School Geography Department, Oxford)

'Urban Sustainability- myth or reality'

(Garrett is well known author of Geography Text Books and President of the Oxford Branch of the GA. He is also Deputy Chief Examiner IB Geography, CIE Geography Examiner and an AQA Geography Examiner)

This lecture will be very relevant to all Post 16 students studying A Level, Pre U or IB Geography.

Monday 10th October: 1.30pm to 5pm at St Edwards School.

IB Students Workshop/ Seminars - 'Lessons for IB from the 2011 Exams'

Simon Oakes (Chief IB Examiner - Paper 3), Stephen Marshall (St Clare's Oxford- Category 1 Workshop) and Garrett Nagle (Deputy Chief Examiner -Papers 1 and2)

For students taking IB and teachers. (Charge £5 PER STUDENT)

(A combined Oxford branch and the GA Cluster Group event)

Thursday 13th October: 5pm at Magdalen College School.

Junior GA Worldwide Quiz.

This is for School teams of years 7 and 8 pupils. This event will be hosted by the MCS Geography Department. Application forms will be sent out separately to Oxford Schools in September.

Monday 17th October: 6pm at Rye St Anthony School.

Senior GA Worldwide Quiz.

This is for School teams of years 9 and 10 pupils. This event will be hosted by the Rye St Anthony Geography Department. Application forms will be sent out separately to Oxford Schools in September.

Tuesday 29th November: Lecture at 5pm at St Edwards School.

Professor Iain Stewart (Plymouth University)

'The Green Planet: a botanical history of Earth'

Iain Stewart is Professor of Geosciences Communication, School of Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Plymouth. He is an Honorary Vice President of the Geographical Association. Iain has become familiar to many of us on the TV with his many programmes ('Journey from the Centre of the Earth', 'Power of the Planet', 'the Climate Wars' and 'Japan Earthquake- a horizon special'). We are very pleased to welcome him to Oxford to talk to us about his new series.

This lecture will be relevant to all Geographers and Biologists and those taking Post 16 Exams including IB and GCSE exams (We ask that you let Garrett Nagle know if you are bringing students so we can judge the size of venue required.)

SPRING TERM 2012

Tuesday 17th January: Lecture at 5pm at St Edwards School.

Professor Heather Viles (Oxford University)

'Applying geomorphology to real world problems.'

Heather Viles is Professor of Bio-geomorphology and Heritage Conservation at Oxford University, a Fellow and Tutor at Worcester College and a member of the landscape Dynamics research cluster. Her research is highly interdisciplinary and involves studies at the interface of geomorphology with ecology, engineering geology, environmental chemistry and materials conservation. In recent years she has focussed on three specific themes in my research, namely-Biological contributions to geomorphology; Weathering, geomorphology and landscape evolution in extreme environments (hyper-arid, coastal, cold, and Mars); and Building stone decay and conservation.

This lecture will be very relevant to all Post 16 students studying A Level, Pre U or IB Geography.

Wednesday February 22nd 10am to 4pm at St Edwards School.

ISSIG GA Conference for Geography Teachers - 'Enquiry and Geographical Learning'

Opening lecture by John Widdowson, Urban Geographer living in Stratford, East London- 'The Olympics - a one year wonder or long-term opportunity?' Lectures by David Holmes and Nick Laphorn on Fieldwork for GCSE and Post 16 Geography. Afternoon session with Ken Lacey, Assistant Education Manager at the Ordnance Survey, on new digital OS resources for teaching. A full Publishers Exhibition; Advice Desks on IB, Pre U, iGCSE, AQA, Edexcel and OCR. Excellent Lunch and time to talk to colleagues. (£60 for GA Members and £125 for non members) **Booking forms will be sent out in September**

Friday 2nd March.

11am at Stratford Station in London

Geographical Fieldtrip to the Olympic Site for Geography Teachers

John Widdowson, Urban Geographer will lead us around Olympic site enabling you to plan Fieldwork visits, gain teaching material and to learn at firsthand about urban regeneration and sustainability. **(Cost £20 per teacher. Bring a packed lunch)** (Bookings to Paul Baker: pabsbaker@yahoo.com)

Tuesday 6th March Lecture at 5pm at St Edwards School.

Dr Derek MacComack (Oxford University)

'Cities and mobility'

Lecturer in Human Geography and a Fellow of Mansfield College. Derek has a PhD from the School of Geographical Sciences at Bristol University; an MSc in Geography from Virginia Tech; and a BA (Hons) in Geography and Sociology from the National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Before taking up his post at the School, Derek worked as a lecturer in human geography at the University of Southampton.

Monday 12th March 10.30 am to 4pm at St Edwards School.

AQA Revision Conference for AS and A Level students

David Redfern, (AQA Chief Examiner for AS and A2 Geography) and Garrett Nagle (AQA AS and A2 Examiner) will lead this full day revision Conference. AS candidates in the morning and A2 in the afternoon.

(There is a charge of £5 per student for this day. Booking Forms will be sent out in October)

Sunday 22nd April A **Sunday walk** on the Roman Hill, Crickley, Gloucestershire- the landscape that inspired Ivor Gurney's poetry, lead by **Eleanor Rawling, MBE**, (geographer, literary researcher and walker). Eleanor will inspire us on the walk exploring poetry and place. All ages welcome and dogs. The walk will be for about 2 hours.

Meet 2 pm at the Crickley Hill Country Park Information Centre, Gloucestershire (GR 929164) for walk (ample parking) or at the Air Balloon Public House at the A417/A436 Junction for lunch at 12 noon. Details and bookings from Paul Baker (pabsbaker@yahoo.com)

Summer Term 2012

Wednesday 2nd May 4pm to 6pm at Lynams School, Dragon School Pre Prep, Oxford Primary/Prep School Teachers Cluster Group and Oxford Primary Champions

Workshop: Creating a Sense of Place with Gyles Morris, Naturesbase at Lynams School, Dragon School Pre-Prep

for teachers from Foundation to KS2

Sponsored by Oxford GA Branch

Thursday 3rd May - During the day at Dr South's Primary School, Islip,

Oxford Primary Champions and Kidlington Primary partnership with Gyles Morris, Naturesbase. Full day – Gyles will work with groups of Year 3 and year 4 Children and teachers from Schools in the Kidlington Partnership Oxford at Dr South's Primary School, Islip.

For Year 3 and 4 children and teachers

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Tuesday 19th June 4pm to 6pm at New College School, Oxford

KS1 and KS2 History/ Geography Cluster Group meeting

Oxford Primary/ Prep Schools also watch out for more details later in the autumn. .