**FIRST ANIMALS**

Special exhibition  
12 July 2019 – 24 February 2020  
Open 10am – 5pm everyday  
Free admission

Animal life first evolved in the oceans, half a billion years ago. This exhibition brings together exceptional fossils from across the globe to tell the remarkable story of the origin of animals.

Supported by the EPSRC Cephalosporin Fund  
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at the Museum of Natural History  
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**LET’S TALK ABOUT CLIMATE**

Every Saturday, 10am – 1pm  
14 September – 2 November 2019  
Oxford University Museum of Natural History

Aged 15 to 19? Join us in a series of interactive workshops learning about the science of climate change and thinking about how to solve the problem. Workshops are free and lunch is provided. For more information and to book a place please contact sarah.lloyd@oum.ox.ac.uk  
www.bit.ly/mnhTalkAboutClimate

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**Volunteering**

To find out about volunteering at the Museum see:  
www.oum.ox.ac.uk/volunteering

**Community Outreach**

For information on workshops for adult community groups see:  
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**Opening hours**

Open daily from 10am-5pm  
Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Admission is free

**Groups and school visits**

Schools and organised groups please pre-book on 01865 282451 or email education@oum.ox.ac.uk

**Museum Café**

Enjoy snacks and drinks throughout the day, overlooking the dinosaurs.

**Museum Shop**

The shop offers a wide range of gifts including fossils, minerals, publications, toys, jewellery and Museum products.

www.bit.ly/mnhshop

**Library and Archives**

Our library and archive are open to all. For appointments email library@oum.ox.ac.uk

**Learning at the Museum**

The Museum offers taught sessions for primary and secondary Key Stages, regular Family Friendly activities, and a programme of adult events.  
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**Access**

The Museum provides wheelchair access to all floors and some free disabled parking. There is no other public parking available on-site.

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**Hire the Museum**

The Museum and its 300-seat Lecture Theatre are available for private hire sessions, including weddings, dinners and conferences: venue@oum.ox.ac.uk

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**Location**

The Museum is about 10 minute’s walk north of Oxford city centre and about 15 minute’s walk from Oxford rail station.

Free public wi-fi is available and can be accessed from the Museum’s public network.

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Mon 2 Sep, 10.30-11am Drop-in Curious Cubs Pick up an activity bag and explore the Museum with our furry friends.

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Mon 21 Sep, 10am-3pm, Drop-in Oxfordshire Mammal Group Lectures Oxford Museum of Natural History: Annually, a selection of new research is presented by the first Animals exhibition, using an extensive selection of new research by UK Facet

Sat 21 Sep, 10am-5pm Taxidermy Masterclass Book at www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Sat 28 Sep, 10am-5pm Taxidermy Masterclass £35. Book at www.bit.ly/mnhtickets

Sat 5 Oct, 9-10am Autism Friendly Opening

Mon 14 Oct, 10.30am & 11.30am A Little Look at... Alice's Animals

Mon 21 Oct, 10am-5pm pixmap into the Museum and see our very own taxidermy equipment provided.

Tue 12 Sep, 6.30-7.30pm Meet the animals from the story with Alice by Carola Darwin.

Thu 25 Oct, 6.30-7.30pm Dr Stephan Lautenschlager, the first British showing of the amazing ARTE documentary

Fri 26 Oct, 6-7.30pm Dr Obadiah Westwood. Single-case display.

Fri 29 Oct, 6-10pm. Doors 7.30pm Concert: Endless Forms Most Beautiful by Carola Darwin.

Tue 30 Oct, 6-7.30pm Lecture: What makes our most beautiful gemstones

Thu 8 Nov, 6.30-7.30pm Prof Peter Holland looks at the role of genetics and development in animal diversity and evolution.

Fri 12 Nov, 6.30-8pm O.T.W. Film

Fri 15 Nov, 7-10pm, Drop-in Late Night Diversity

Sat 16 Nov, 7.30-9.30pm The Chronicles of Early Man

Sun 17 Nov, 12-5pm Science Saturdays

Mon 18 Nov, 6.30-8pm Book at www.bit.ly/mnhevents

Fri 22 Nov, 6-7.30pm Book at www.bit.ly/mnhevents

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Mon 2 Dec, 6-7.30pm The Chronicles of Chirrma Museum researcher Dr Francie Dunn on her research into 570 million-year-old fossils and the rise of the animals.

REGULAR EVENTS

Spotlight Specimens

Monday-Thursday, 2.30pm (except during Family Half-term Activities)

An informal specimen show-and-tell in the Museum with our furry friends.

Architecture Tours

Every Saturday, 11am & 12.30pm (except during school term) Join us for a tour to learn about the Museum's Grade I-listed building.

Family Friendly Sundays

Free family fun trail, crafts, backdrops and activities, suitable for all ages.

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Every Saturday, 10am - 12pm (except 23 November), 2-4pm. Drop-in Meet scientists, witness live experiments, have your questions answered and take home natural history specimens from the collection.

Caffe Scientifique

Second Tuesday every month, 7-9pm Meet prominent researchers from a variety of disciplines to discuss their work.

Object Handling

Join us for a close look at a single object, suitable for all ages.

Ancient Oceans Family Trail

Fri 15 – Sat 23 November 2019. Drop-in £5 for adults, £2.50 for children and £15 for families of 4+ Enjoy the theme of the first animals that lived in the oceans with our fun trail.

Christmas Caffe Scientifique

Saturday 7 December 2019 Join us for a festive coffee morning and quiz to support our Christmas collections.

SMALLER DISPLAYS

Presenting... Birds of Paradise

4 – 5 September

Introducing Paradisea – jewels of the sky Sing-single display

Presenting... Ruskyn's Mountains

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The Unexpected Act of Woodland Management

August – December

Learn about fire, clay, wood-fire pottery kilns and sustainable woodland management.

Ruskyn 200 Young Artists

7 – 23 November Ruskyn 200 Young Artists

Presenting... The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

6 November 2019 – 6 January 2020 From scopic doubles to bewildering coloured layers: trace the creative process behind J. Obadiah Westwood's Scott's Practical display

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