

## Oxford Castle Heritage Project by Trevor Osborne

When I first visited Oxford Castle in 1997 the vacant buildings carried an air of foreboding and it was a place where no-one would have wished to spend time. Nevertheless, the pervading character of the ancient stones surrounding forbidding spaces presented both a challenge and an opportunity.

I could only begin to suspect the strength of importance attached to this site by Oxford's citizens, but had the conviction that good design and commitment to the retention of the Heritage could create a happy place of public resort. Every aspect of the concept presented its own challenges.

After several months, my initial concepts were translated into drawings and sketches and I was competing for the privilege of undertaking the renovation and redevelopment of this historic and central site, closed to the public for so many centuries. The very lengthy process of convincing others of the merits of my approach merely strengthened and reaffirmed my commitment to the task and the fervent belief that the vision I had developed could become a reality.

In the early stages, it seemed that almost everyone in Oxford was involved: all views needed to be taken into account. With the County Council as my intended partners, the concept of sharing ownership of the project had to be developed city-wide. I could not have foreseen how much time and effort would be needed to secure all of the consents, not to mention the finance needed to undertake such a task. At no time, however, did I doubt the enthusiasm and energy put into the project by all concerned parties in a passionate desire to make it happen well.

When at last work did commence on site, the organisational problems of such a complex construction project became even more apparent. Funding from SEEDA, English Heritage, my Bankers and in part Oxfordshire County Council's contribution to archaeology, brought new constraints and compliance requirements; the team of engaged parties escalated and huge meetings became the norm; like all large scale heritage projects, the costs and time taken exceeded anything that could have been envisaged at the outset.

Now, with construction virtually complete, our task is to create a real affinity between the buildings, their spaces and the visiting public. A wide range of public uses is being developed – *the O3 Gallery*, and *Oxford Unlocked* will both open shortly; up-market trading stalls will be operational in spring and the *Merchant of Venice* will entertain in the Castle garden for seven weeks in summer. Sundays will see jazz in the Garden; at the beginning of April there will be live entertainment from the *Oxford Festival*; and the Castle will host *Oxford Art Weeks* from 13 May – 4 June. More is planned for 'Oxford's Oldest New Quarter'.

We have learned much in the process of this project. A new organisation which I have helped to form, '*The Academy of Urbanism*', will run 3-day courses in *Urbanism* at Oxford Castle in the summer in conjunction with Oxford Brookes University and others. The inaugural course will be the first of its type to be offered anywhere in the UK.

How splendidly appropriate this is for this important heritage site, in a City whose name is synonymous with education and learning.

**OXFORD CIVIC SOCIETY  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
3.15pm, Saturday 4 March  
St Aldates Parish Centre**

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**Presentation by Joanna Simons  
Chief Executive  
Oxfordshire County Council**

Speaking immediately prior to the AGM, Joanna addressed the meeting without her prepared computer presentation due to a highly unfortunate IT malfunction, but with an animated and compelling delivery nonetheless.

She set out some interesting vital statistics: Oxfordshire's population is now 619,000 and it is the fastest growing county in the South East; it also has the second healthiest population and lowest unemployment record. 28% of the population are graduates yet 1 in 5 adults holds no qualifications and GCSE results fall below the national average. Amongst areas of high affluence, there exist significant pockets of deprivation. Housing is a major problem.

Within the County's annual budget of over £800m, 75% is allocated to education and social services, 5% to roads and 3% to fire services. The County has committed itself to peg council taxes for this year at 4.375%, and aims to reduce any increase still further in the years to come.

Joanna warmly welcomed the Society's recently distributed *Signage in Central Oxford* pamphlet and was pleased to announce the County's imminent 3-stage project of remodeling the High Street. She pledged her commitment to working closely with officers and members of the City Council, as with the Civic Society and similar bodies.

In closing, questions and answers covered local government reorganisation and unitary status, traffic flows and the future of Broad Street, the imperative of recycling targets, incineration and composting, and inadequate litter bins, amongst other issues.



**Excerpts from the Chairman's Report:**

"A number of ongoing concerns have made this a very busy year for your committee: the City's new Local Plan, finally adopted by Full Council in November 2005, is now utilised fully in the determination of planning applications. Newly stated policies still need to be applied with appropriate discretion, however, in judging an individual application on its overall merits.

The County's Structure Plan to 2016 has now likewise completed its consultation, has been adopted, and is available in print from Speedwell House – however, it has to survive the impact of central government interference with its policies, and the impending threat of local government reorganisation. The County's Local Transport Plan to 2011 is similarly in the later stages of its production, and the South East Regional Plan continues to be developed.

Varying degrees of involvement with each of these plans has been an additional challenge to the already hard-working members of the transport and planning sub-committees.

We have been in continued discussions with the Westgate developers prior to the final application stage; it remains to be seen whether enough has been done to overcome criticisms of the earlier design. We still retain grave doubts over the feasibility of the traffic and transport proposals essential to service such a large development, and full pedestrianisation of Queen Street presents further problems.

Several members recently attended an Action Planning Morning at the Town Hall, preliminary to the production of a full Area Action Plan for the West End. Due process of consultation may well take a further two to three years before formal guidance exists to supplement the Local Plan but this will ultimately decide the urban environment that our successors will inherit. It is particularly gratifying to see the extensively renewed Castle site coming to life. Completion of the site works, accommodating Oxford Preservation Trust's visitor and education centre within a truly permeable site, will be splendid.

Throughout the year, we have been carefully re-examining the way in which the Society

functions, the service we offer to members and our level of communication with a wider audience. We recognise the need for an efficient sub-committee structure to facilitate this. We have reassessed our finances to ensure adequate funds with which to mount new initiatives, and thank everyone for their response to the subscription increase and to our recent questionnaire, soliciting members' principal concerns. We shall be publishing the conclusions when the analysis is complete.

One outcome of these deliberations has been the recent publication of "*Signage in Central Oxford*", the first of what we hope will be a series of booklets highlighting aspects of the city needing attention and with the emphasis on constructive suggestions for improvement.

Growing interaction with residents' associations and amenity groups has identified real anxieties on the effect of the new Licensing Laws, the siting of the latest generation of mobile telecommunications masts, and the lamentable delay in the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones and other measures in the Headington and London Road area. In this as in so much else, City and County will have to work far more closely together. The impending vacation of the Radcliffe Infirmary site offers the university a significant opportunity to expand its facilities in the city centre but their application to site a massive storage extension for the Bodleian Library on Osney Mead is an affront to the historic setting of the city and the views which have earned it international renown and scholarly appreciation for centuries."

Finally, the Chairman paid tribute to the hard work of the committee with particular thanks to President, Mark Barrington-Ward, and Vice-Chairman, Stephen Brown, for their invaluable support and help throughout the year. As part of our re-structuring, Eda Forbes is stepping down from the main committee but will continue to administer the Blue Plaques scheme on behalf of the Society. Christine Thompson is taking over Publicity from Alastair Lack, and Keith Dyke joins us, aided by Alan Dobbs and Michael Brown, to take over some of the responsibility for Programme Events.

## **Treasurer's Report & Accounts for 2005**

In reporting a surplus of £1,322 overall for the year, the Treasurer, Gordon Balme, drew attention to the inclusion of the sum of £858 in subscriptions income which represented early payment of subscriptions due in 2006. The item headed "Chairman's Allowance" covered a 3 year period, 2003-2005 inclusive, and now contained a regular sum for any incidental expenses. Continuing sales of "*Visions for Oxford in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*" had yielded a net £487. Whilst the Programme had generated an increased surplus this year, general administration costs had almost doubled - a direct result of improvements to the newsletter (now 8 pages) and increased mailings to members.

## **Extracts from the 2005 Planning Report**

Planning Secretary, Kate Miller, stated that the weekly planning lists for 2005 had contained on average 50 applications of which the Planning Group inspect about 20 per week, where these propose changes visible from the street or that are un-neighbourly. The Group had sent 109 letters of objection (none of commendation); about 3 per week. Such applications are often eventually withdrawn or refused; some return with modifications that are real improvements and are eventually passed, so there is a real sense of making a positive difference. 64 of the objections concerned houses, 6 were for shop-fronts or fascias, 3 for advertisements (including banners on lamp-posts), 2 guest houses, 2 blocks of Housing Association flats and one each for a pub, a church, a retail/restaurant, a telecommunications mast, an office, Simon House, and the enormous dreadful library building on Osney Mead. An ongoing concern is the increase in the number of deficient applications that lack existing situation detail, or elevations, or context. The Planning Group continues to lobby for improvement in this lamentable state of affairs, presumably due to applications being registered somewhat prematurely.

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**Editor's note:** Full copies of the Chairman's Report and the 2005 Planning Report are available from our website, [www.oxfordcivicsoc.org.uk](http://www.oxfordcivicsoc.org.uk)

## Report from the Planning Sub-Committee

Update on applications mentioned in the November newsletter 2005 (issue 102): **2 Blenheim Drive** (demolition and replacement by 3 houses) was refused in **February** (for the second time, the first being in **August 2005**). Also refused were **69 Sandfield Road** (a single storey building to the rear, already built without planning permission); **46-48 Oxford Road, Marston** (a terrace of 5 tiny houses); **87 Divinity Road** (for a 3-storey side extension to make a 3-4 bed house and 5 flats); and in **Botley Road**, sites of the **River Hotel, Westgate Hotel and 1-3 Mill Street** although Christ Church is taking these to appeal. Still undecided are demolition of **The Old School, Wolvercote**, and replacement by a block of 12 flats; and development at **108 Cowley Road**.

New applications in **November** to which we objected, included three which were almost immediately withdrawn. One was for demolition of **61 St Aldates** (a handsome feature of the streetscape); another, for demolition of **103-104 St Mary's Road** (with conversion of some buildings into 3 houses, concealing the pleasant front elevation of a workshop, and also losing employment space by conversion into housing). The third was **36 Windmill Road** (where demolition was proposed to make way for 4 houses). Four other applications were permitted eventually: one was for inharmonious dormer extensions at **138 Morrell Avenue**, which had been refused in **September**, but an identical application was submitted and this, strangely, was permitted. A proposal to demolish **3 Hernes Crescent** and replace by 24 flats with 17 parking spaces was permitted in **December**. In **Jericho, 23 and 23A Hart Street**, a builder's yard, office and workshop, were subject to an application to demolish and replace by two 3-bed houses, which, regrettably, was permitted in **February 2006**.

In **December 2005**, applications were made but almost immediately withdrawn for the *Oxford Citizens' Housing Association* to demolish and rebuild two large blocks of flats – **Rosemary Court in Stanley Road** and **Lucas/Remy Place in Iffley**. The proposals were far too

bulky and un-neighbourly. In **Old Headington**, on land behind **3 Larkins Lane**, permission had been granted in 2002 to build two 3-bed houses on condition that there should be an archaeological evaluation. An application to waive this condition was, perhaps surprisingly, permitted in **January 2006**.

Also in **January**, *Oxford Inspires* applied to extend their one-year permission for vertical banners on lamp-posts on five radial roads – namely **Botley, Woodstock, Garsington, Iffley and Abingdon roads**. These have been permitted and the **London Road**, previously refused, has also been allowed.

**February's** applications include: **9 Kirk Close** (to demolish and replace with a semi-detached pair of houses); **Hollybush Lodge** (to convert and extend with a 4-storey building, for about 46 students); **4 Richmond Road** (a front bay window); and a new house adjacent to **13 Wolvercote Green**. An application to rebuild the rear extension of **84 Kingston Road** has been refused.

The most spectacularly objectionable proposal was at **Osney Mead** – a new book-storage building for *Oxford University's Bodleian Library*. This would be a monolithic flat-roofed shed 18.2m high and with a footprint the size of Tom Quad at Christchurch. It would be clearly visible from famous viewpoints such as Hinksey Hill, obscuring spires and towers.

Deficient applications continue to appear: no less than 8 (or one-quarter) of the 32 to which we objected in the last 3 months.

*Gillian Argyle, Mark Barrington-Ward,  
Kate Miller, Chris Rayson, David Townsend*

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**Editor's note** – Your attention is drawn to a helpful new series of Planning Leaflets, available for collection from Ramsay House, covering (1) Corner Site Extensions (2) Side Extensions (3) Front Gardens (4) Dormers on Hipped Roofs and (5) Rear Dormers

## Transport Notes

Members will be aware that, as from 1 April, those entitled to concessionary bus fares, those over 60 and people with disabilities, will be able to travel free within their own district council area. Those newly entitled in the city

should obtain a pass from the Local Services Shop opposite the Town Hall; existing passes will remain valid. The same restriction applies as now, travel after 9 am Monday to Friday, all day Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays being allowed. It will be necessary to show your pass to the driver and state your destination on each trip so that the bus companies can invoice the City Council accurately. The new arrangements will make life simpler for those eligible – it will no longer be a problem to travel in with one company and home with another, when this is more convenient.

When the situation has settled down and the actual changes, if any, in travel patterns are known I hope that a county-wide scheme can be agreed, enabling city residents to enjoy free bus travel to Abingdon, Witney, Kidlington, etc., etc.

Meanwhile, passengers on the No 2 route are enjoying the benefits of air conditioned 'Citadis' buses and two more of these up-to-date vehicles are to be added to X3 Abingdon-Oxford route to cope with peak hour congestion on the A34 and to cover the surprising withdrawal of the competing X4 service by Stagecoach from 25 March. It seems that this will possibly be replaced by a more frequent service from Wantage.

The Mercedes 'Citadis' is the most environmentally friendly bus on the market (and the most expensive!) and enables *Oxford Bus Company* to run the lowest emission fleet in the country.

The award of the new *Greater Western* passenger train franchise to *First Group* means a continuation of the present management as far as Oxford is concerned. A revamp of Oxford station has been announced to include new toilets, refreshment facilities and a combined ticket office with travel centre; cycling commuters will benefit from covered cycle racks.

We are also likely to have refurbished HST trains instead of the new 'Adalentes', a move that may seem to be retrograde but should be an improvement. Although 30 years old now, the BR Mark 3 coach used in HSTs is generally reckoned to be the most comfortable and

smoothest riding coach ever produced in the UK and gives a vibration-free journey compared to trains with under-floor engines. It also means more seats per train.

*David Townsend, Transport Secretary*

### **Signage in Central Oxford**

The Society's first pamphlet in what is planned as a regular series, has been very well received. Welcomed by city and county officers alike, Oxfordshire County Council's Chief Executive, Joanna Simons, took the opportunity of the Society's recent AGM (see page 2) to compliment the Society on the pamphlet's timely production and outlined a 3-stage project to remodel the High Street starting at the Carfax end, followed by the eastern end, and finally the middle section which requires the greatest consultation.

The Society's Chairman, Tony Joyce, and Planning Secretary, Kate Miller, recently walked the site from Carfax as far as University College, with the County's Project Manager and were very pleased to judge for themselves the radical improvements that are due to be implemented, starting in April. Timely indeed!

Co-authors Ros Weatherall and Paul Cullen want to achieve a tidier Oxford. They believe that this necessitates a proper public consultation leading to a revised and updated Public Realm Strategy, with a commitment from both Councils to follow it and compliance from their contractors in adhering to it.

*Pauline Martin, Newsletter Editor*

### **The Future of Oxford's Town Hall**

Jane Lubbock, Business Manager, Facilities Management, extends warm thanks to everyone who completed and returned the survey questionnaire. Some 700 replies have been received so far. Jane will be contacting each responder to ask if they would care to receive a copy of the report summary, which should be available later this month.

The Society awaits with interest the outcome of this important consultation exercise and will post a full copy of the report to our website as soon as it becomes available.

## **Recycling – “There’s no time to waste ...”**

Twenty years have passed since the City first introduced the wheelie bin, throughout which time the Society has maintained a steady endorsement of efforts by the city and county to effect higher standards of refuse collection (city responsibility) and disposal (county responsibility), whilst actively promoting recycling.

*Newsletter No.52 : May 1989* congratulated the city council on “its excellent recycling leaflet”. *No.54 : February 1990* described the work of the Oxfordshire Recycling Forum. By *May 1993, No. 64* congratulated the city Recycling Officer (appointed in 1991) for her green leaflet on recycling in Oxford. A year later, *No. 67* carried a diagram of the new layout of the Redbridge Waste Reception Centre, with compliments. *November 2003 : No. 96* reported on the visit of 72 members to the City Works Department with full details of recycling leaflets and relevant telephone numbers. Finally two years ago in *March 2004, No. 97* promoted the A5 pack, entitled “Reduce Reuse Recycle”

Ironically, the City Council has just issued a leaflet in March 2006, with the slogan: “There’s no time to waste : reduce, reuse, recycle now”!

*Christine Butler, Society Archivist*

## **Oxford’s Recycling Consultations**

A welcome element of urgency has at last been injected into the two councils’ activities by central government’s proposals to surcharge local authorities who fall below recycling targets. In Oxfordshire’s case, an extra £4m per year might have to be passed on to residents through council tax increases.

The city council (overall recycling rate 14.8%) is now consulting through area committees, and other means, on the introduction of a more differentiated collection system similar to that in Cherwell district (overall recycling rate 43%).

In addition to the much-publicised proposals for universal wheelie-bins, and separate containers for compostible cardboard & garden waste, glass & good quality paper, and tins & plastic, an important element of the scheme is the limitation of the amount of residual waste collected to the contents of one wheelie bin

(large or small size) per fortnight. By encouraging the generation of less residual waste, the recycled percentage is automatically increased, and the urgent problems of landfill availability and rising charges are reduced. It is interesting to note that whilst the city’s overall recycling rate is poor, the average waste collected per head of population is already one of the lowest.

Clearly, alternative provision has to be made for large sections of Oxford where terraced houses facing straight onto narrow pavements offer no place for wheelie-bins or where, for whatever reason, they are inconvenient or unworkable. Fortnightly collection of food and some other waste may present health and hygiene problems, as does a fortnight’s storage in the new small flats and dwellings that proliferate in the city.

Some critics call for the full implementation of the green waste collection to all households, including a plastics collection, on the existing cycle of operations before more draconian changes are introduced. However, looming target deadlines may not allow time for the gradualist approach.

*Tony Joyce, Society Chairman*

## **Community issues ...**

**The Forest of Oxford Group**, in association with the Oxfordshire Woodland Group, is promoting the idea of a forest to protect and manage areas within the Green Belt of the City. We are currently reviewing woodland strategies in Oxfordshire, and intend to launch an Oxford Forest Project at a public meeting, when all interested parties will be invited to attend.

The forest would comprise a number of Community Woodlands linked by footpaths, viz the recently planted Cutteslowe Community Woodland, funded by Blackwell Publishing. Co-ordinated by a project officer similar to the Wychwood Project, and jointly funded by local councils and the private sector, the project would enable community involvement with the Green Belt, whilst new footpaths would connect the flood plains with Shotover and Boars Hill.

Six sites have been identified in the preliminary plans drawn up.

*John Thompson, Forest of Oxford*

The Friends of North Hinksey await with some trepidation the outcome of Oxford University's application for a proposed Bodleian Library book depository in Osney Mead. Accordingly, we urge Society members to familiarise themselves with the views over Oxford from Raleigh Park or Hinksey Heights before bringing strong representations to the attention of their local councillors against the excessively intrusive eyesore that is proposed. It is important to remain vigilant, and vociferously opposed. We welcome any support.

*Douglas Bond, Chairman, Friends of North Hinksey*

**Friends of the Oxford Canal Basin (FOXcan)** are a newly-formed community group, created to promote the reinstatement of the Worcester Street car park as the canal basin it once was. Nuffield College, the landowner, has clearly stated that it has no intention of permitting part of the site being used for a bus turning station, even on a temporary basis.

An inaugural meeting is proposed for Tuesday, 28 March, 7pm, in the Town Hall. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The museum of Oxford is presently hosting a special 'Living Waterways' exhibition and will kindly stay open until the meeting. (Refreshments from 6.30pm).

Ultimately, the success of this active pressure group will depend upon public support (see enclosed flyer). *To find out more or to make a donation to this voluntary group, please contact Stephen Brown, 8 Walton Street, OX1 2HG or FOXcan, 70 Kingston Road, OX2 6RJ.*

**The Turrill Sculpture Garden** may not be familiar to all members. Opened in the Millennium, the Garden shows the work of local sculptors, many of them national names. All of the work on display is for sale. Located behind Summertown Public Library in South Parade, the Garden is open every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Entrance is free.

A series of exhibitions is planned from March to December 2006. *Search for us on the web for more information, or contact the Chairman, Alastair Lack on 01865 511326, mobile 07702 880249 or via [candalack@btopenworld.com](mailto:candalack@btopenworld.com)*

## Climate Change – forthcoming events

1) The *International Solar Cities Congress 2006* takes place in Oxford, from 3–6 April 2006, showcasing suppliers and consultants in solar energy, renewable technologies and sustainability to cities, developers and others.

2) *The Citizens Forum* takes place on 4 and 5 April of the Solar Cities Congress, and will address the question of effective climate change and tangible emissions reductions at a local level. All are welcome to the free exhibitions and workshops on Weds 5 April, focusing on solar and renewable energy for domestic use.

*Further details of The Citizens Forum, from The Climate Outreach and Information Network (COIN), 16b Cherwell St. Oxford, OX4 1BG (01865 727911) or see [www.coinet.org.uk](http://www.coinet.org.uk)*

## Gift Membership

Why not give a friend or neighbour **Gift Membership** of the Society for one year? We will send the recipient a card with a note that their membership has come from you. Just send us a cheque for £10 for single membership or £14 for two members at the same address. A gift part-way through the year will be followed by our invitation 12 months' later to renew membership for that remaining part-year, then annually (bringing subscriptions in line with 1<sup>st</sup> January).

*Liz Grosvenor, Membership Secretary*

## Some dates to note in your 2006 diary:-

13 May–5 June: Art Weeks in Oxfordshire

Saturday 20 May: Summertown Street Festival

24–27 May: Eights Week

Monday 29 May: Lord Mayor's Parade

Sunday 4 June: Headington Fun Day

Sunday 2 July: Cowley Road Food Festival

Saturday 15 July: West Oxford Fun Day

4 and 5 September: St Giles Fair

8–11 September: **\*\* Heritage Open Days \*\***

10–18 September: Cowley Feast

Friday 22 September: Car Free Day in Oxford

**\*\*NB:** We are again asked to provide stewards for 2-hour sessions during **Heritage Open Days** at the Examination Schools on 8–11 September. Please contact **Sheila Glazebrook (01865 310488)** if you might be able to help. Thank you.



## Your letters page –

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### Let's do something about litter?

For some years, I have been concerned about the ever-increasing amount of litter within and along Oxford's ring road. There are many reasons for this: whilst the County Council is responsible for our roads, the roadsides are the responsibility of Oxford City Council and four district councils. For instance, Heyford Hill is managed by no less than three separate authorities. Consequently, nothing gets done. There are too few rubbish bins and these are not emptied frequently enough. Some have been removed from lay-bys on the northern by-pass leaving rubbish blowing about in the wind.

With more help, I would like to propose a trial project for one year. A few of us are already active, but we need to bring consistent pressure to bear on the relevant officials. This simply involves monitoring an area through which one regularly travels and reporting any problems there to the officer concerned (full contact details provided). After a year, everyone involved might get together to share progress details.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested and would like to help.

**The Chairman comments:** There could hardly be a nastier way of welcoming visitors to Oxford. Please join Rosanne's team if you regularly travel part of the ring road or its approaches. In the con-

tinuing litter battle within the city, don't hesitate to take action as follows: phone City Works direct, coordinate complaints with Rosanne, and raise persistent problems in the Open Session at your Area Committee.



from Mark Davies, 12 Hythe Bridge Arm,  
Oxford Canal, OX1 2TA (01865 798254)

### A quest for photographs

Do any members have photographs taken on any of my towpath history walks? I would like to find one suitable for modest publicity purposes, and will gladly credit the photographer and provide (as a minimum) a copy of my new book "Stories of Oxford Castle: From Dungeon to Dunghill" in acknowledgement. The picture will ideally need to include me, some rapt or amused listeners, and a scenic background.

Please send to the address above (photos will be returned) or, if digital, please send to [towpathpress@btopenworld.com](mailto:towpathpress@btopenworld.com). Thank you

**Editor's note: Oxford Towpath Press** has published the following titles : –

"A Towpath Walk In Oxford" (2001; revised 2003) £5.99;

"The Abingdon Waterturnpike Murder" (2003) £6.99;

"Stories of Oxford Castle" (2005) £6.99

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### Change of address notice:

**Oxford Inspires** has moved to  
Central Library, Westgate, OX1 1DJ  
(01865 815525)

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