



FLORENCE PARK TALKS 2025

Florence Park Talks presents a series of illustrated talks aimed at those with curious minds. These talks are free to attend,. They take place at the Community Centre on Cornwallis Road, OX4 3NN. The evening begins at 7:30pm, and there is a full bar. Please email florenceparktalks@gmail.com if you want further information on how to book in advance. Or call Mick on 07874 926633.

May 28th - **PROFILING A JAZZ LEGEND** by Nick Gill. Details tbc

June 11th – **“MURDER THEY WROTE”** – Five local authors discuss how to interweave plotting, characterisation and the city streetscape. Our Oxford streets are a magnet to fictional murders, as you will hear.

June 25th – **“HISTORY OF MIGRATION”**– Ian Goldin of Brasenose College discusses his current research that features in his latest book on the subject.

July 9th – **“OXFORD PUB HISTORIES”** – Tour guide, raconteur come bar fly Jeremy Smith takes us on a virtual pub crawl around city centre boozers.

August 13th – **“THE IRISH POTATO FAMINE AND ME”** Poacher turned gamekeeper Mick Conmy explains the legacy & impact of a cataclysmic disaster. A natural disaster or genocide? Only one nation had a higher population in the 19th century than today.

Sept 10th – **“TRANSPORT PLANNING IN OXFORDSHIRE”** Councillor Andrew Gant, Oxfordshire County Council’s Cabinet Member for Transport Management runs through what’s in his in-tray.

September 24th – **“OLIVE GIBBS: A REMARKABLE WOMAN”** Director Helen Sheppard introduces her film about a two times Mayor of Oxford who made the weather in 20th century Oxford.

October 8th - **A PLAY BY PETE CANN** – Our very own socialist firebrand premieres his latest work details, think Florence Park David Hare. Details tbc

November 12th – **“BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM HERSHEL”** Local resident Matthew Spring tells the tale of a polymath. He discovered Uranus and wrote many symphonies.

December 10th – **“COVID AND THE DECLINE OF CHILDHOOD LITERACY”**– Emma Orton from ARCh charity works on the front line of children’s education and has some fascinating insights into the manifest inequality across Oxfordshire