



FLORENCE PARK TALKS 2026

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.

March 11th – **“THE PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE OF THE THAMES VALLEY”** Jim Donahue showcases his splendid new coffee table book that highlights many distinctive and little-known pearls of wisdom

March 25th - **“DREAM PALACES: A HISTORY OF THE ULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE AND EARLY CINEMA IN OXFORD”**– The mesmerising Liz Woolley will enthral us with her take on this jewel of east Oxford. A fundraiser to help save this picture house.

April 8th – **“THE GESTAPO AND MY GRANNY”** – Charlotte Ellis explores the true story of her granny’s experiences as a prisoner of the Gestapo

May 13th - **“900 YEARS OF SANCTUARY AND COMPASSION IN EAST OXFORD”** Martin Stott marks the anniversary of Bartlemas, a hidden treasure.

May 27th - **“VIRUSES & VACCINES - A FEMINIST PERSPECTIVE”** Rachel Hindmarsh from St Catherines College takes us on a journey into immunology.

June 10th – **“RICHARD BURTON’S OXFORD”** University Lecturer of Film Studies Graham Rinaldi tells us what Richard got up to in our backyard.

July 8th – **“THE BIG FLAME - RADICAL LEFTIST POLITICS IN THE 1970’s”** Max Farrer takes us back to the future of a divided society.

Aug 12th - **“OXFORD’S TWIN TOWNS”** – Hear all about Grenoble, Bonn, Ramallah, Leiden, Padua but not Perm. Jan Marshall reveals all.