



Oxford Canal Heritage Open Day
Saturday 3 May 11.30am – 5pm
Old Fire Station, Oxford

PROGRAMME

- 11.30am The importance of Oxford's Canal Heritage**
Tony Joyce, Chair of the Jericho Living Heritage Trust, Councillor Tony Brett, Deputy Mayor of Oxford and John Best, Chair of the South East Waterway Partnership, Canal and River Trust on the importance of the Oxford Canal and its heritage.
- 12.00pm Celebrating Oxford's Canal**
The project's work and new information resources available from the new Oxford Canal Heritage website, Maria Parsons, Project Manager
- 12.20pm Canal memories**
A film about Jack and Rose Skinner talking about their lives on working boats followed by an interview with Colin Dick, Oxford Canal painter by Maria Parsons
- 1.30pm Performing the Oxford Canal**
Children from schools by the Oxford canal show how they have interpreted the Oxford Canal working with Charlie Henry and Kate Saffin.
- 2.30pm The Canal comes to Oxford**
A presentation highlighting people who played key roles in the development of the Oxford Canal by local historians and authors Mark Davies and Hugh Compton.
- 4.00pm Inspired by the Canal**
Sir Christopher Ball and Katherine Shock present canal poetry and painting, Wilf Rouse muses about growing up on a boat, Kate Saffin showcases her one woman boater show, 'Ramlin' Rose', Catherine Robinson talks about canal wildlife and saving the Trap Grounds, Charlie Henry leads interactive audience poetry whilst Benji Ming, tells a Ghost Story about the canal.
- 5.00pm** Close of Canal Day programme, Tony Joyce
- All day** Website demonstrations, Trail downloads, community stalls, books, cards, Oxford Canal Art exhibition, children's boat making activities and grand canal raffle