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Welcome to the November edition of the Oxford Inspires e-newsletter. In this issue we're shining a spotlight on a few great upcoming events, highlighting some exciting pieces of recent news, and flagging up a great opportunity for you to get involved in one of Oxford's best loved summer community events - enjoy!

The Oxford Inspires Cultural Platform

With renowned composer George Fenton



OI Chairman Tony Stratton with George Fenton - credit Greg Smolonski/Photovibe

On Thursday 20 October 2011, Oxford Inspires invited renowned British composer George Fenton to share his personal perspectives on contemporary cultural issues and the value of culture in modern society. Taking place in front of an invited audience at the North Wall Arts Centre in Summertown, this, our tenth Cultural Platform to date, was one of the most insightful and thought provoking yet.

Keep an eye out on the Oxford Inspires website over the next few weeks for more information, and to view a full recording of George's talk.

"Culture is about joining, being a part of something, about belonging to something that stands outside yourself but also shows you who you are." - **George Fenton**

Come on Board!

Advisors and volunteers needed for Cowley Road Works

Would you like to be part of the team making Cowley Road Carnival happen, contributing your skills and knowledge to help deliver a much loved community event? Cowley Road Works, the charity which runs the annual Carnival in East Oxford, is looking for people from a wide range of cultural, professional, business and artistic backgrounds to volunteer to help shape and create Carnival, and in so doing extend their own experience. [More](#)



Cowley Road Carnival 2011 - credit Jasmina Stirling

PLANET
DINOSAUR



BBC

Planet Dinosaur

Monday 21 - Sunday 27 November 2011

A herd of Spinosaurus skeletons is taking over Oxford University Museum of Natural History! In collaboration with the BBC's exciting new TV programme *Planet Dinosaur*, the Museum is offering a fascinating and fun opportunity for families to discover more about dinosaurs. [More](#)

Christmas Light Night

Celebrations move to St Giles!

Following last year's success when more than 20,000 people enjoyed the lantern procession, the Christmas markets and Unsilent Night, this years event has been moved to St Giles - allowing more people than ever before to enjoy the festivities. [More](#)



Christmas Light Night 2010 - credit Greg Smolonski/Photovibe

Spotlight on Corporate Members: Goodman

Oxford Business Park is growing



Centrica CGI Prelet at Oxford Business Park

Oxford Business Park has strengthened its position as the region's premier business location, attracting a range of new occupiers over the last few months.

The park, owned and managed by Goodman, the UK's leading provider of business space, already provides a workplace for over 45 companies and 4,000 people. [More](#)

Spotlight on Stakeholders: Oxford City Council

Investing in Oxford's future, building a world-class city for everyone

Future Plans for the Museum of Oxford and Town Hall

The vision is for an integrated Town Hall and Museum that improves access to this iconic Victorian Grade II* listed building and the Museum of Oxford's displays. This will enable the local community and tourists to learn about Oxford's cultural heritage and to see and hear the story of Oxford City. [More \(including an update on The Old Fire Station and Oxford City Poet, Kate Clanchy\)](#)



The Museum of Oxford - credit Mike Peckett

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