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Wed 1st Week, 8pm

Saving The World: Asteroid collisions? Greenhouse effect? Someday we might have to save the world for real. Luckily, SF has given us lots of ideas! Come along for a lively discussion in St Hilda's College Lady Brodie Room (directions from lodge). Audience contributions encouraged, but don't feel you have to say anything!

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Wed 1st Week, 8pm

Desert Planet Books: what are the ten SF/fantasy books most worth reading? Come along for a lively discussion in St Hilda's Sibthorpe Room (directions from lodge) and argue for your favourite book, or just for reading ideas – don't feel you have to say anything!

Library

Sundays are library meetings, held from 8pm till late, every Sunday from 19th October, in our librarian's room at 6/7 Holywell Street. These evenings are an opportunity to socialise, and chat about life, the universe and everything, whilst also perusing and borrowing from OUSFG's library of over 2,400 books.



Discussions and Videos

Wednesdays alternate between discussion meetings and video meetings, starting at 8pm. We regularly have visiting speakers: SF author **Charlie Stross** will be coming in 8th week this term. Author/discussion meetings are usually in St. Hilda's, and video meetings are in New College. This term we have the futuristic classic, *Blade Runner* (2nd week), *MirrorMask* (4th week), and *Wall-E* (6th week).

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Sun 1st Week (11th Oct), 3-6pm

Freshers' Drinks! In the Massey Room in Balliol College, which is at the far left corner of Garden Quad. Drop in for obligation-free drinks & nibbles, introductions and conversation!



Wed 1st Week, 8pm

Desert Planet Books: what are the ten SF books most worth reading and why? Come along for a lively discussion in New College (directions from our website). Audience contributions are encouraged, but don't feel you have to say anything!

Library

Sundays are **library meetings**, held from 8pm till late, every Sunday from 18th October, in our librarian's room in Keble. These evenings are an opportunity to socialise, and chat about life, the universe and everything, whilst also perusing OUSFG's library of over **2,400 books**.



Discussions and Videos

Discussion and video meetings are held on Wednesdays from 8pm in New College. We regularly have visiting speakers: this term **Frances Hardinge** (one of many former OUSFG members turned famous author!), who wrote *Verdigris Deep*, *Gullstruck Island* and the award-winning *Fly by Night*, is coming in 7th week. Other discussion topics this term include the ever-popular **philosophy in SF**, and how **aliens** and their societies would *really* evolve. Movies this term are **Watchmen** (3rd week) and **Coraline** (5th week) – see our online termcard for more info!

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Sun 1st Week (10th Oct), 3-6pm

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Wed 1st Week, 8pm

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Sundays are **library meetings**, held from 8pm till late, every Sunday from 17th October, in our librarian's room in Balliol. These evenings are an opportunity to socialise, and chat about life, the universe and everything, whilst also perusing OUSFG's library of over **1,400 books**.



Discussions and Videos

Discussion and video meetings are held on Wednesdays from 8pm in Queen's College. We regularly have visiting speakers: this term **Paul Cornell** (TV writer whose SF credits include Dr. Who) is coming in 7th week. Other discussion topics this term include the ever-popular **philosophy in SF**, and the less-serious **Gods in SF Death Match** – come and support your favourite deity! Movies this term are **12 Monkeys** (2nd week) and **Alice in Wonderland** (4th week) – see our online termcard for more info!

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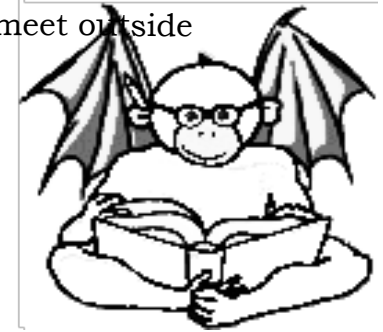


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Discussions and Videos

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Sun 1st Week (7th Oct), 3-6pm



Freshers' Cakes! In Wadham's New Seminar Room A, staircase 4 at the back-right corner of the main quad. Drop in for **obligation-free CAKE** (not a lie!), drinks, nibbles, introductions and conversation!

Wed 1st Week, 8pm

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Discussions and Videos

Discussion and video meetings are held on Wednesdays from 8pm. Discussion meetings this term include an exploration of the **Boundaries between SF and Fantasy**, a collaborative story-writing evening, and the ever-popular **Geek Craft** session. Movies this term include **Mirormask** and **Repo! The Genetic Opera** as our Hallowe'en special. We regularly have visiting speakers: this year we're trying to arrange for the return of **Charlie Stross** (*The Laundry*, *Merchant Princes* etc.), and our last visiting author was **Philip Reeve** (best known for *Mortal Engines*).

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Sundays are library meetings, held from 8pm till late, every Sunday from 20th October, in our librarian's room in Wadham, meeting outside college at 8pm. These evenings are an opportunity to socialise, and chat about life, the universe and Everything, whilst also perusing OUSFG's library of over 1500 books.



Discussions and Videos

Wednesday meetings start at 8pm, and venues depend on what we're up to. We usually alternate between video meetings and discussion meetings, where the latter range from debates or discussions of SF-related topics to geek craft evenings or story-writing workshops. We also have author meetings, and this term we're very excited to have **Charlie Stross** — author of *The Laundry Files* (Lovecraftian horror meets computer science), *The Merchant Princes* series (parallel worlds) and lots of other awesome stuff — coming to speak to us on **Wednesday of 4th week** (6th Nov).

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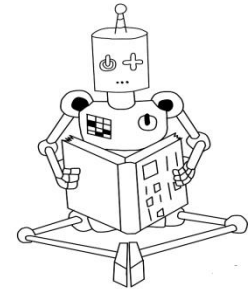
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Sundays are library meetings, held from 8pm till late in our librarian's college room (or occasionally at a pub!). These evenings are an opportunity to socialise, and chat about life, the universe and Everything, whilst also perusing OUSFG's library of around 600 books.

Discussion and film meetings

Wednesday meetings also start at 8pm, and are held in either Pembroke or Somerville. We're kicking off with Desert Planet Books, followed by our favourite collaborative storytelling event Tentacular Vikings (don't ask). In 3rd week we'll be watching The Rocky Horror Picture Show – fancy dress is far from compulsory but is very much encouraged!

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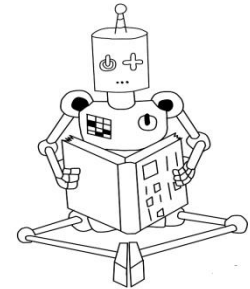
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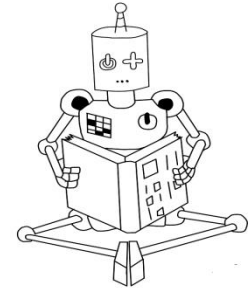
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OUSFG Oxford University Speculative Fiction Group

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Sun 1st Week (8th Oct) 3-6pm:
Freshers' Cakes

In Somerville. Drop in for obligation-free **cake** (not a lie!), drinks, nibbles, and to meet the crew and fellow geeky freshers!



Wed 1st Week (12th Oct) 8pm:
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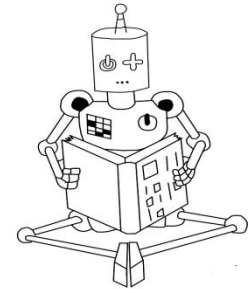
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Sat 0th Week (6th Oct) 2-5pm:
Freshers' Cakes

In SNSC Le May Room at Worcester. Drop in for obligation-free **cake**, drinks, nibbles, and to meet the crew and fellow geeky freshers!



Wed 1st Week (10th Oct) 8pm:
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