

## Oxford Recommendations

### PUBS

#### **Head of the River**

(Near Christ Church) Located on St. Aldate's Street, Head of the River sits on the Thames and is a great spot especially if the weather is nice enough to sit outside.



#### **The Chequers**

(Near Christ Church) Located on High Street, the building has been in use since the 1500's and urban legend has it that Catholic monks were persecuted there under Henry VIII.



#### **The Bear**

(Near Christ Church) Located between Merton College, Christ Church, and Oriel College the Bear claims to be Oxford's oldest pub. The walls are lined with patron's ties from over the years. Supposedly, if you cut your tie in half and pin it on the wall, you get a pint.



#### **The Kings Arm**

(Near the Radcliffe Camera, Brasenose, All Souls, Corpus Christi) The Kings Arm, located on the corner of Broad Street and Parks Rd, is one of Oxford's most frequented pubs and has photographs of famous politicians and celebrities hung on the wall.



#### **Turf Tavern**

(Down the street from the King's Arm next to New College) The Turf Tavern is one of the oldest pubs in Oxford (you can tell by how low the ceilings are).



#### **Three Goats Head**

(Near the Hotel and next to the Oxford Union) The Three Goat Heads is a great pub with a smaller room up top and a larger room down below.



### **Lamb and Flag**

(Near Hotel) Often referred to as St. John's pub (located next to St. Johns College).



### **Angel and Greyhound**

(Near Magdalene College on Cowley Road roundabout) This pub is on the opposite side of town from Christ Church and the Hotel, but if you're in the area its worth stopping in).



### **Vincent's Club (Vinnies)**

(Near Christ Church) Founded 1869 by Walter Bradford Woodgate, Vincent's Club (or "Vinnies") serves as the bar for the University's current and former varsity athletes. Admittance only with a member of the club.



## **SITES WORTH SEEING**

### **COLLEGES**

- **Magdalene College** (Founded 1458, the college has a large deer park meadow within its gates).
- **Christ Church College** (Founded 1546 by Henry VIII, notable alumni include thirteen British ministers, King Edward VII, King William II of Netherlands, Lewis Carol, Robert Hooke, and John Locke).
- **Trinity College** (Founded 1555, William Pit the Elder and Cardinal Newman both went to Trinity).
- **Corpus Christi College** (Founded 1517, Corpus Christi is Oxford's 15<sup>th</sup> oldest college, has ornate chapel).
- **New College** (Founded in 1379 it got its name to distinguish itself from Oriel—the older college at time).
- **Merton College** (Oldest courtyard out of any of the colleges circa 1260s, famous alumni include CS Lewis and TS Elliot).
- **Oriel College** (Founded 1324, last college to become coed, funded by Cecil Rhodes—his statue is on the front of the building on High Street, most famous alumni is Sir Walter Raleigh).
- **All Souls College** (Founded in 1438 by Henry VI for the souls of people who died the long wars with France).

- **Balliol College** (Founded 1263, Balliol's college alumni include three former prime minister of which one stated that Balliol men possess "the tranquil consciousness of an effortless superiority"—H.H. Asquith. The college has a total of five Nobel laureates and is where Adam Smith attended).
- **St. Edmund Hall College** (Also referred to as "The Hall" or "Teddy Hall," St. Edmund's chapel dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century and its main hall dates all the way back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century).
- **Keeble College** (Located on Parks Rd, Keeble College has a spectacular quad, dining hall, and chapel which hosts the famous painting, "The Light of the World" by William Holman Hunt).
- **Brasenose College** (Officially titled The King's Hall and College of Brasenose and founded in 1509, Brasenose sits across from the Radcliffe Camera. The college's name is believed to derive from a brass knocker that adorned the hall's door. During the English Civil War, most of Brasenose sided with the Royalists. The college has one of the oldest boating clubs in the world—The Brasenose College Boat Club. Famous alumni include Prime Minister David Cameron and our own distinguished IOSH member C. Allen Foster.

### HIGH STREET

- The main street of town with lots of good shops. Sheppard and Woodward is a good men's clothing shop (next to Vinnie's). Also Walter's is a good men's clothing shop which is just off of High Street on Turl Street.

### RADCLIFFE CAMERA

- Also referred to as the "Rad Cam," the Radcliffe Camera serves as one of Oxford's main libraries. Built in 1737, by John Radcliffe who attended University College at age thirteen and later became a fellow at Lincoln College. He became a successful doctor—serving King William II and Queen Anne.

### UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGEN

- Remarkable church across from the Radcliffe Camera on High Street. If you're not claustrophobic and you don't mind heights, it's worth climbing to the top for a great view of the city.

### THE OXFORD UNION (SPEAKING UNION)

- Hosts notable speakers and has hosted some of the most famous historical figures. There is a library and bar where you can purchase a bottle of special port. They are sometimes strict about visitors.

### ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

- Built 1678 the museum includes the original collection of Elias Ashmole.

### BODLEIAN LIBRARY

- The university's main library which all the colleges have access to. Worth walking around the courtyard and taking a quick tour of the inside.

### IFFLEY SPORTS GROUND

- The track where Sir Roger Bannister broke the 4 minute mile.

### OUTC (Oxford University Tennis (Real) Club)

- Oxford University Tennis Club's court on Merton Street is the home of *real* tennis, played in an indoor court with sloping surfaces, galleries, and other unusual features. The ancient precursor to tennis is played indoors on a court resembling a Medieval street, complete with sloping roofs, openings (like windows) in the walls, and the two sides of the court are not the same shape. It is a racket sport, played on a stone floor with a heavy wooden asymmetrical racket and using balls hand-made by the club pros. Played by Henry VIII, written by Shakespeare, and wildly popular in

the middle ages, this game is now rare. Merton's court was first built in 1595. To reserve a court time contact Tel: (01865) 244 212 (8am-10:30).



### PITT MUSEUM

- Founded in 1884 by LT-General Augustus Pitt Rivers, the museum displays the archeological and anthropological collections of University of Oxford.

### THE BOTANICAL GARDENS

- Founded in 1621, the Botanical Gardens are the oldest botanical garden in Great Britain and the oldest scientific gardens in the world.