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Spring 2010	4	The Story of the Bodleian Gargoyles		Designing and carving two of the new gargoyles on the Bodleian Library.
	7	The Reopening of the Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology	Lawrence Raynolds	What it is like inside the Ashmolean Museum after its closure and refurbishment.
Autumn 2010	25	Cardinal Newman	Connor Gannon	Biography of Cardinal Newman on his beatification.
	26	What the Butler saw	Robert Saberton-Haynes	Recollections by Robert Saberton-Haynes, who was butler at Jesus College, of the lunch given for Nelson Mandela.
Spring 2011	6	The Bodleian Libraries	Sarah Thomas	Changes to the Bodleian Libraries after the opening of the Bulk Storage Facility in Swindon.
	10	The Radcliffe Infirmary site redevelopment	Helen Carasso	The history of the Radcliffe Infirmary and plans for its redevelopment into the Radcliffe Observatory Quarter.
Spring 2012	6	College Gardens and their Gardeners	Michael Pirie	Looking after the college gardens.
	9	The Family History Bug	Geraldine Peissel	Looking into the author's family history.
Autumn 2012	6	London 2012: New directions for old subjects	Armond D'Angour	Reminiscences of Armond D'Angour about writing Greek Odes for the modern Olympics and other occasions.
	9	The Jubilee Pageant 5 June 2012	Susan Greenford	The Queens Diamond Jubilee River Pageant from the perspective of a participant.
Spring 2013	6	Weather, Climate and exploring the Planets	Fred Taylor	Writing his memoirs of building instruments to study the atmosphere of earth and the Planets.
Autumn 2013	5	Being a Bedel	Maggie Pinsent	What is an Oxford Bedel?
	24	Ancient and Modern: This issues front cover	Timothy Walker	Notes about the new borders in the Botanic Gardens.

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Autumn 2013	24	The Bate Collection of Musical Instruments	David Millard	What is the Bate Collection and what goes on inside.
Spring 2014	6	Give them their due: A word for the Bevan Boys	John Woodhouse	Recognising the role of the Bevan Boys during the Second World War.
	9	Some reminiscences of film making in Oxford	Robert Gasser	Highlights recalled by the author who was the contact link between film makers and the colleges.
Autumn 2014	5	They also fought: Iffley's War memorials	Ron & Diane Cosford	Researching the people named on the Memorial in St Mary's Church, Iffley to the men of Iffley who died in the First World War.
	8	Reminiscing with Colin Dexter – Part 1	John Woodhouse	Recollections of conversations with Colin Dexter by the author
	26	The Andrew Wiles Building: A new home for Oxford Mathematics	Brian Steer	.The new home for Mathematics in Oxford University.
Spring 2015	6	The Clerks of the Market	Jeffrey Hackney	What is a 'Clerk of the Market' and what do they do.
	9	Reminiscing with Colin Dexter – Part 2	John Woodhouse	Recollections of conversations with Colin Dexter by the author
	24	Boxing day 2004: The day the water changed our world		How the Boxing Day Tsunami changed a couple's lives.
	26	Firebacks at Petworth House	Susanne May	Continued reporting of the 5 day trip to Canterbury in May 2014.
	27	The wartime role of Dover Castle	David Mills	Completion of the report on Dover Castle carried over from the Autumn 2014 Newsletter.
Autumn 2015	5	The burning of James Loni's Clandon Park	G. Uledomo	What was lost when Clandon Park interior was destroyed by a fire.
Autumn 2015	8	The University Parks	Charles Coleman	How the University Parks have arrived at the layout they have today.
	27	The Weston Library	Marie Ruiz	A brief written tour of the Weston Library.

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Autumn 2015	29	Gallipoli and its memorials	M. J. Stanley	Memorials to the Allied Forces personnel who died in the Gallipoli Offensive.
Spring 2016	5	Melons galore: Food discoveries by English travellers in Italy 1550-1650	Diego Zanconi	Reports of experiences of early travellers to Italy in the 16 th and 17 th centuries.
	11	Corsi's polished stones	Monica T. Price	The acquisition of the Minerology Collection of Faustino Corsi and a description of what it contains.
	26	The magna Carta Pageant 2015	Susan Greenford	Report of the Magna Carta River Pageant in June 2015.
Autumn 2016	6	A childhood in films	Jon Whiteley	Recollections of the author about his career as a child actor in films of the 50's and 60's.
	8	The college archivist at work	Robert Darwall-Smith	What is kept in a college Archive and what does an Archivist do.
Spring 2017	6	Autograph Manuscripts of Oxford composers in the Bodleian Library	Peter Ward-Jones	Who qualifies as an 'Oxford Composer' and which composers' manuscripts are in the Library collection?
	11	The University Counselling Service	John D. Brown	What is the role of the University Counselling Service?
Autumn 2017	6	The mysterious box of Algernon Blackwood	Clifton Woodfield	What the author found in a large box of correspondence photographs and articles that belonged to the 'Tales of the Supernatural' author Algernon Blackwood.
	10	The Department of Education – Its birth and development	Richard Pring	How the birth and evolution of the Department of Education provided insights into the attitude of the University and its involvement in wider areas of education.
	27	Remembering Molly Rose		The Address given by Sally Dunkley at the memorial service for Molly Rose.
Autumn 2017	29	The Zoology Explosion	Marie Hough	The memoir and poem by Mike Pickford about the 'explosion' on the Zoology Building roof in 1968.

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Spring 2018	5	Mapping Manning	Mike Heaney	The collections of antiquarian Mapping Manning held in the Bodleian Library and Ashmolean Museum.
	9	Dinorwig: The electric Mountain	Martin Buckland	Report of the visit to Dinorwig Hydroelectric Power Station as part of the 5 day visit to Chester.
Autumn 2018	6	Was doing a good deed a day such a bad idea? India, Kipling and Baden-Powell	Sarah Shaw	Report of the Oxford Alumni tour of India with the theme 'Kipling and India' and Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys'.
	10	The Isis Centre Garden	John D. Brown	The founding of the Isis Centre and Garden in Little Clarendon Street.
Spring 2019	5	Oxford, Richard Hakluyt and the Hakluyt Society	Tim Bennett	The life of Elizabethan scholar Richard Hakluyt and the work of the Hakluyt Society that was founded in 1846.
	10	Escaping to Maiolica	Timothy Wilson	The immersion by the author in Maiolica after his retirement as 'Keeper of Western Art' at the Ashmolean Museum.
	28	Pillars of Community	Elsie Seear	Trying to identify the Middle Ages people carved on the capitals of the South Aisle pillars of St Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock.
Autumn 2019	7	A strong conqueror of the forgetfulness of man: Architecture and memory in the Cowley Road	Stephen Gill	A trip down Cowley Road in Oxford.
	12	Behind the Examination doors	James Tibbent	The interior architecture of the Examination School.
Spring 2020	5	The building of the Garden	Barry Juniper	The construction of the gardens for St Catherine's College.
	10	Oxford helps those who opposed Hitler	Paul Flather	The life of Adam von Trott zu Solz and the founding and work of the Adam von Trott Memorial Appeal.

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Spring 2020	14	Food for Thought	Laurence Raynolds	Review of the book 'How we fell in love with Italian Food' by Diego Zancani.
Autumn 2020	5	Swifts 1962-2012	Roy Overall	Roy's work ringing and recording the Swifts that nest in the University Museum Tower
	10	The Victoria County History: Rediscovering Oxfordshire's Past	Simon Townley	The work of The Victoria History of the Counties of England
Spring 2021	6	The Chemistry Research Laboratory	Graham Richards	The financing and construction of the Chemical Research Laboratory in Mansfield Road.
	12	William Wordsworth's 250 th Year	Hannah Britton	A history of the life and works of William Wordsworth in the 250 th anniversary of his birth.
	31	Burning the books	Sally Rumsey	Review of the book 'Burning the Books: A History of Knowledge Under Attack' by Richard Ovenden
Autumn 2021	5	The Story of Oxfordshire Buildings Record	David Clark	The story of the founding of the Oxfordshire Buildings Record, which is a repository of planning documents, building reports, estate agents brochures, etc. In fact anything to do with buildings heritage in Oxfordshire.
	9	A Short Walk up the Rishi Ganga	Brian Smith	A report of a climbing expedition in the Himalayas in 1980.
Spring 2022	5	DANTE's popularity and the dangers of intellectual pride	Diego Zancani	A piece on Dante on the occasion of the 700 th anniversary of his death.
Autumn 2022	5	Oxfordshire Museums Service: The Museums Resource Centre	Museum Resource Centre Staff	Review of the work of the Oxfordshire Museums Service
	11	Helping the Victims of the War in Ukraine	Robert Brown	Work being done by Volunteer groups in Scotland for Ukrainian Refugees.

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Spring 2023	5	A Trip to the Heart of Greenland	David Williams	A cruise from Iceland to the Fjords of Greenland.
	14	Wytham Woods – reconnecting with Nature	Lucy Kilbey	The work being done by researchers at Wytham Woods.
Autumn 2023	6	Eliot Among the Women	Lyndall Gordon	The relationship of T.S.Eliot with Emily Hale.
	10	‘Good Wine Needs No Bush’	Gavin Carver	Why ‘freedom of the Press’ Winery in Oxfordshire has no Vines.
Spring 2024	6	My life Inside and Outside the National Health Service 1952-2023	Roy Overall	
	14	Volunteering at North Leigh Roman Villa	Matthew Lee	Working with English Heritage on excavating and maintaining the archaeological site.
Autumn 2024	5	From Fungi to Fiction via Wytham Woods	Sarah Watkinson	Sarah’s life in Botany and Poetry.
	9	Homeshare – House Sharing with a Difference	Cathy Hartshorne	A scheme where young people live with an older person in a mutually beneficial arrangement.
	11	Flying on Rubish: What is Sustainable Aviation Fuel and what can it do for us?	Dr Neville Hargreaves	How Sustainable fuel is made and the benefits for the environment.
Spring 2025	5	The Burford Masons	Melody Mobus	The local quarries and masons that helped to build the Tower of London, St Paul’s Cathedral, Blenheim Palace and countless Oxford colleges.
Autumn 2025	7	Animal Magnetism: How Migratory Birds Find Their Way	Peter Hore	How birds use magnetism, sun, stars, landmarks and smells to guide them when they migrate.
	12	Fifty Years of Coombe Mill	Richard Stone	Restoring the Beam engine at Coombe Mill and establishing a Museum on the site.