

C.S. Lewis and SF-guru Brian Aldiss founded OUSFG in the early 1960s, when the term ‘science fiction’ was deemed too disreputable by the university. We’re now glad of the broad scope that ‘speculative’ allows us. We’re a friendly, open group of people who enjoy SF, fantasy, horror and other genres, owing our longevity to our diversity of interests, activities and members. Meetings are held twice a week during term, on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Sundays (from **Sun. 2nd week** (17th Oct)) are reserved for library meetings, held from **8pm till late**, in the room of our Librarian at **Balliol’s Holywell Manor** (the termcard page on our website, www-pnp.physics.ox.ac.uk/SF/OUSFG.html has full directions). These evenings are an opportunity for people to socialise whilst perusing and borrowing from OUSFG’s library of over 2400 books.

Wednesdays alternate between author/discussion meetings and video meetings, both starting at **8pm**. Author/discussion meetings are in **Jesus College, Staircase XVIII, seminar Room A**. Video meetings will be held in **St. John’s College JCR Video Room**. Both rooms will be signposted for the first meetings, and directions can be found on the termcard webpage.

Sunday 1st Week (10th Oct.): Freshers’ Drinks! This will be held in the bar at Balliol’s Holywell Manor (handily located just below the current location of the OUSFG library!). Drop in any time between 4pm and 6pm (it’ll be signposted). Directions and a map can be found on our website (see above for the address). Come along and meet us for drinks & nibbles, an introduction, conversation and a spot of acclimatisation.

Wednesday 1st Week: The first discussion meeting of the term, ‘SF Books to Film’. Many SF books have been converted to the silver screen over the years, particularly comic books in the past couple of years. Starting with the recently released *I, Robot*, examples of good and bad conversions will be discussed, as well as what it takes to make a good one. This will be a good introduction to OUSFG’s brand of discussion. Audience contributions are encouraged, but don’t worry, no-one will be forced to speak!

The video meetings (Wed. of 2nd, 4th, 6th weeks) for the rest of the term will be a tie-in to this discussion meeting, showing some films which we think are good example of adaptations that people may not have seen: *A Hand Maid’s Tale*, *A Clockwork Orange* and *Forbidden Planet*.

Forthcoming Authors, details yet to be confirmed, are John Courtenay Grimwood, Stephen Baxter, Juliet E. McKenna and Ben Jeapes.

We also hold occasional **bonus video meetings** during term. Usually on a Saturday, these are a chance to see something we wouldn’t have time to show at a regular video meeting. This term there’ll be two, the first showing the Dune TV mini-series and the second some select episodes of Babylon 5.

Annual **Special Events** mark the end of each term. This term we have a **Christmas Party**, whilst Hilary and Trinity see the black-tie **Banquet** and **Punt Party** respectively.

There’s only so much you can fit on a flyer, and details are subject to change. The best way to be kept up to date is to join our low-traffic e-mail announcement list. You can find details of how to subscribe on our websites at www-pnp.physics.ox.ac.uk/SF/OUSFG.html and www.ousfg.net Both sites also contain the full termcard, as well as loads of other information and fun bits. If you put your name and e-mail down on our contact sheet at Freshers’ Fair you’ll soon receive an e-mail giving you the latest info and how to join the announcements list. If you’ve any further questions, contact details for the committee can be found on the website. Hope to see you soon...