

OXFORDSHIRE ESU

ESU Fundraising Events—October to December 2019

25th October—Talk by Katherine Harbourne—Christchurch College including afternoon tea £15

24th November—Thanksgiving Lunch—Weston Manor, speaker Lord Wasserman £45

Call for New Committee Members

We meet about four times a year to decide the programme and to organise events. New people means new ideas and contacts and we have fun. Please call me on 01865 377099 or email tim@paddockcottage.net if you have time to help or have ideas for events. All your suggestions will be very welcome. The ESU no longer gives branches funds, so we now have to make money from our events. Sponsorship of events would be very welcome.

Friday 25th October 2019, 2.15pm

Talk by Katherine Harborne

"GM Crops and Lady Chatterley"

Priory Room, Christchurch College, OX1 1DP Including Afternoon tea £15.



Katherine Harborne is a scientist, an artist, and the mother of two and has lived in and around Oxfordshire for decades. She studied horticultural botany at Reading University having come from generations of farmers. She used to keep 40 beehives with her mother. After graduating from Reading University she worked for the world renown John Innes Institute in Norwich on plant breeding. John Innes institute was where genetic engineering was invented.

She is now an environmental scientist with 25 years as a management consultant on environmental conflict resolution, community engagement, corporate social responsibility, knowledge management and sustainable transport providing practical solutions for Blue



Chip companies national and local government, environment groups and the Prince of Wales' Private Household.

She has carried out conflict resolution in the nuclear industry and transport sectors. She is an executive director of a start-up medical

research charity CARA, working on anti-aging and cancer and personalised medicine.

She is now preparing for an art exhibition combining art and science and writing a book on wellbeing.

Her talk will be an entertaining and thought provoking exploration into genetically modified crops drawing parallels with Lady Chatterley's Lover and challenging your preconceptions.

On arrival at Christchurch, please ask at the porters Lodge for the Priory Room. Parking can be arranged for disabled drivers.



Sunday 24th November 2019

Thanksgiving Lunch

Weston Manor, The Moat Northampton Road, Weston on the Green OX25 3QL

speaker Lord Wasserman

12.30pm, £45(including welcome drinks and coffee)



Lord Gordon Wasserman, born in Montreal, Canada, was educated at McGill University and New College, Oxford on a Rhodes Scholarship. After a varied and distinguished career in the Home Office, including 12 years with responsibility for scientific and technological support to UK police forces, he spent 12 years in the USA advising police chiefs in New York, Philadelphia and other cit-



ies. From May 2010 to April 2012, he was senior adviser on policing and criminal justice to PM David Cameron and Home Secretary Theresa May.

Weston Manor House is a 15th- or early 16th-century building built for Osney Abbey's bailiff. It was built within a 13th-century moat, two sides of which survived until they were filled in. The house was re-fronted in the 16th century and entrance hall has a Tudor fireplace from about this period. In 1665 the house was assessed at 20 hearths for Charles II hearth tax. The panelling of the drawing room dates from the reign of William and Mary just before the end of the 17th century. In about 1780 the 16th-century great hall was renovated with a timber roof frame and linenfold panelling transferred from Notley Abbey in Buckinghamshire. The 16th century front was replaced in about 1820 and the Hon. Rev. F.A. Bertie had the house altered and renovated in 1851.

Menu choices from: (Please let Jan know, as below, your choice when booking)

Starters: Spiced Pumpkin Schools; Crab Cakes, Horseradish Cream; Devilled Eggs; Country Ham

Mains: Roast Norfolk Turkey; Bourbon Glazed Salmon; Nut Loaf

Deserts: Yule Log; Apple Pie; Bourbon Caramel Cheesecake

£42 including a welcome drink. Wine and other drinks will be available to purchase.

November—December 2019: Schools Public Speaking competitions.

We are in the process of planning the heats of the Public Speaking Competition including the heat on 5th December at Oxford Spires Academy which will also feature a few words from Linnet and Felix, Oxfordshire's National Finalists in 2017. We are also hoping to run a second heat in November or December.

The details will be posted on the ESU web site (www.esu.org)

Oxfordshire branch is planning to run Performing Shakespeare competitions in 2020

Please contact Jan, as below, if you wish to attend any event.



Please make cheques payable to ESU Oxfordshire and send to Jan at the address below with your details and any dietary requirements. If you prefer to pay by BACS: 20-65-18/90371459. Please still book through Jan as below:

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