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**FESTIVAL ARTS**

A celebration of  
books, humour, art, poetry, and music with local  
and international themes

Friday **20<sup>th</sup> April** 2018 - with Peggy Seeger

See inside for full programme of exciting guest speakers and activities  
on Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> April** from 10am-4pm

Light refreshments served all day and lunch from 12.15-1.45 pm  
at Kennington Village Centre

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# Programme of Events

## FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

7.30pm Drinks/book signing in library/foyer  
8.00-9.00pm Peggy Seeger (Upstairs meeting room)

## SATURDAY 21ST APRIL

10.00 Official Festival Opening by FOKL President, Korcky Paul, Main Hall

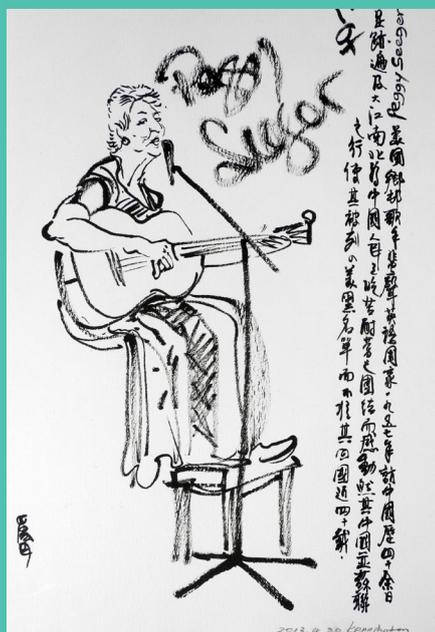
### Main Hall

10.15-11.15 Korcky Paul  
11.15-11.45 Activities from OUP & Oxford  
Children's Book Group, book sales etc.  
11.45-12.45 Confluence Collective  
**12.15-1.45 Lunch and Activities.**  
1.45-2.45 Ann Granger  
2.45-3.15 Sylfest Muldal (followed by walk)  
3.15-4.00 Weimin He

### Meeting Room

10.15-11.00 Marissa da Luna  
11.30-12.30 Michael Smith  
1.30-2.15 Sylvia Vetta  
2.45-3.30 Alex Wenham

*Drinks (coffee, tea, soft drinks) and food (light lunches, cakes, etc.) will be available on Saturday.*



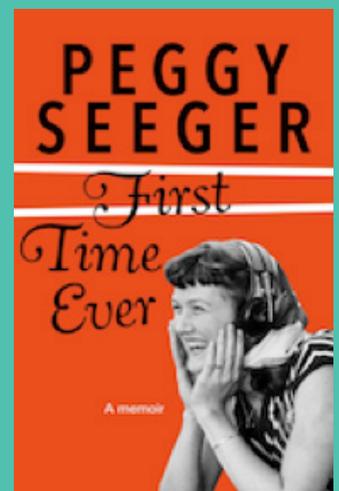
## Friday 20 April

**7.30pm** Gather in the library and foyer for drinks and nibbles and meet Peggy who will sign copies of her memoir *First Time Ever*.

**8-9 pm** Peggy will talk about her life and illustrate it with music!

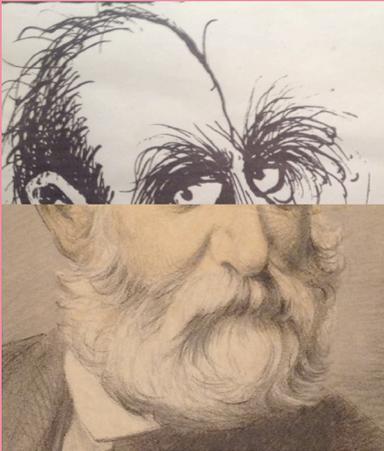
**Peggy Seeger** is folk royalty but her musical connections are wide. Her mother Ruth Crawford was the first female modernist classical composer in the USA. Her father Charles with Alan Lomax recorded the history and variety of music traditions in the USA. Her brother Pete the

celebrated writer of protest songs sang at President Obama's inauguration. With her British husband Ewan MacColl she revived the English folk scene with the BBC Radio Ballads. Ewan wrote 'First Time Ever I Saw your Face' for her. Her life has been lived at the heart of major world events making her memoir truly memorable.

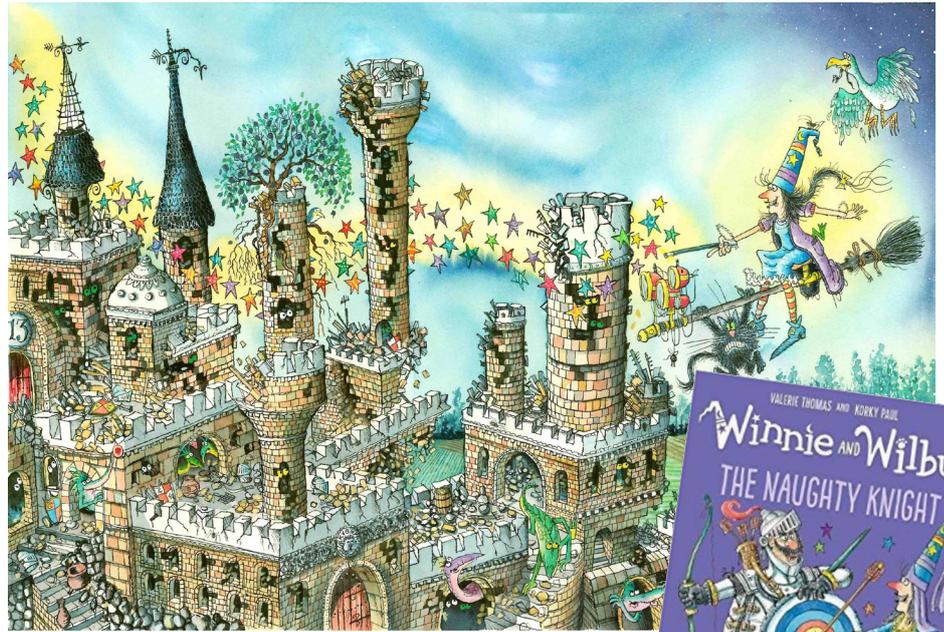


Peggy Seeger will be interviewed by James Harrison of Oxfordfolio who is also a regular contributor on Radio Oxford.

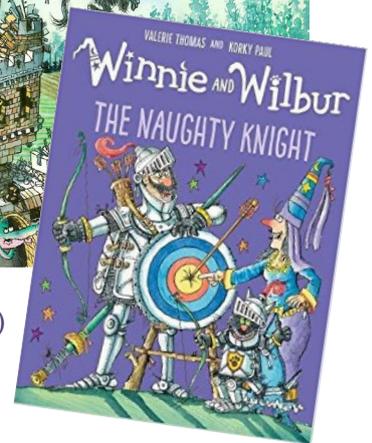
# Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Main Hall Events and Talks



**10am:**  
Official opening of the  
Festival by FOKL's  
honorary life president,  
**Korky Paul.**



Winnie and Wilbur © Valerie Thomas and Korky Paul (OUP)  
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**10.15–11.15** Family event with **Korky Paul**, the famous children's book illustrator. Winnie the Witch at 30 – a comic genius!

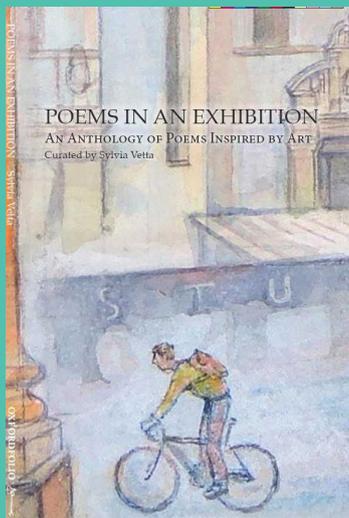
**11.15–11.45** Book sales and signings, refreshments and family activities provided by OUP and Oxford Children's Book Group & more.



**11.45–12.45** **International Music and Dance with Confluence Collective** and some of the contributors to *Poems in an Exhibition*.

**12.45–1.45** Break for lunch and activities. The catering is provided by

**Pauline Cross and her  
team of volunteers**



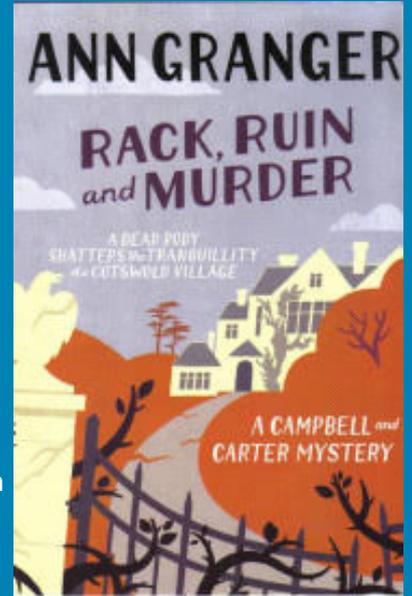
**Confluence Collective** is a unique gathering of musicians, dancers and poets celebrating and sharing the diverse cultures found in and around Oxford. You are invited to their free Mahabala and café events to share music and food and meet your neighbours - be they born in Oxford or recently arrived from Syria. Come along and join in a dance!



# Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Main Hall Events and Talks



Ann's many best-selling crime novels have titles like *A Rare Interest in Corpses* and *A Mortal Curiosity*. Ann's curiosity has led her to set novels in C19<sup>th</sup> Newgate Prison - *The Testimony of the Hanged Man* - to contemporary aspiring actress, Fran Varady *Running Scared* when helping out her friend Ganesh in his shop.

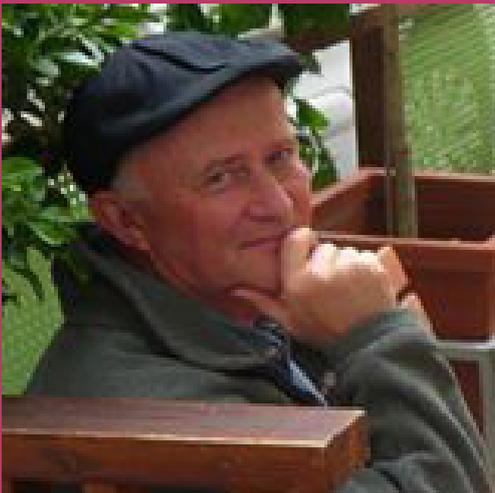


Ann's books are among the most popular borrowed from Kennington Library. Ann's own life has taken her from Portsmouth to teaching in France, to working at British Embassies in Zambia and Germany before settling into a life of crime!

**1.45-2.45** Ann Granger, best-selling crime writer

**2.45-approx. 3.15** Sylfest Muldal, Wildlife in the Parish of Kennington

**3.30** Sylfest Muldal will lead a walk following his talk



Sylfest's illustrated talk about the flora and fauna of Kennington parish will be followed at **3.30pm** by

a walk to see the fritillaries in Iffley Meadows returning for wind up drinks at The Tandem. (opposite the Village Centre)

Anyone is welcome to an informal gathering for drinks at approx. **4.15** after the festival closes.



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3.15-4pm Weimin He

**Chinese Calligraphy :** Weimin will show you how and then you can have a go yourself!

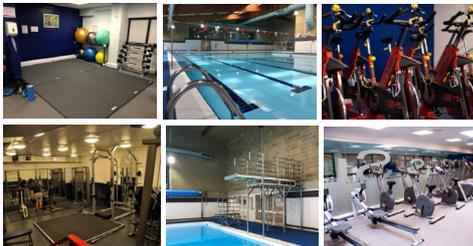
**Dr Weimin He** was born in Heilongjiang, Northeast China and came to Oxford as the Christensen Fellow of Chinese Painting at the Ashmolean Museum. His *Building of the New Ashmolean* was the first exhibition in the rebuilt museum. Following 6 years as part time artist-in-residence at the Oxford University Estates Services, in 2017, he had an exhibition in the Weston Library. A body of his work reflects the transformation of the *University of Oxford*.

*Tower of the Winds* is about to be published. He is a member of The Royal Society of Printmakers, teaches life drawing at Ruskin School of Art and Chinese calligraphy (to the general public) at Oxford Brookes University. You can read his life story on the castaway blog on Sylvia Vetta's website and in *Oxford Castaways*.



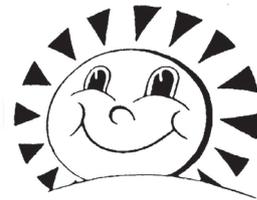
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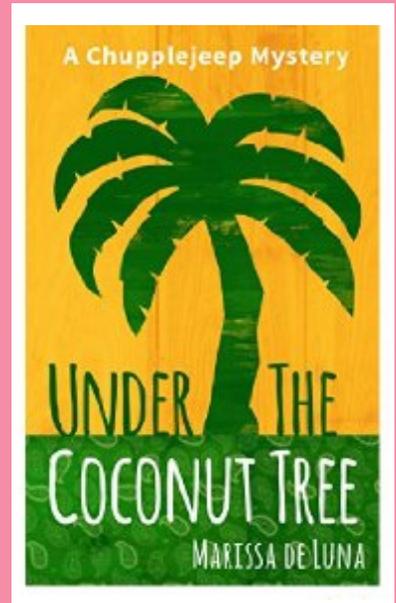
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# Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting Room Talks



**Marissa de Luna** is a young author with Goan ancestry. She will explore the literary links between India and the UK. Her popular Detective series, *The Chupplejeep Mysteries*, is set in Goa and Marissa will examine the setting for a crime scene in that popular tourist state compared to that of an English based location.

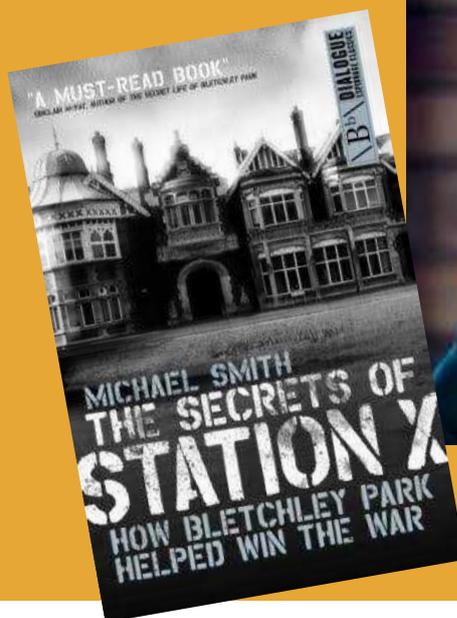


**10.15–11am** Kennington resident, **Marissa de Luna:** Novelist

**11.30-12.30pm** **Michael Smith:** Bletchley Park and other Secret Stories

**Michael Smith** is an author and journalist specialising in defence and Mi6. His best-selling books include *Secrets of Station X: How Bletchley Park Codebreakers Helped Win the War*.

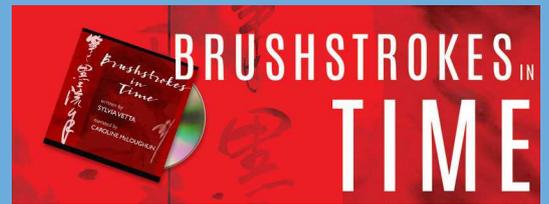
Other books by Smith include *Killer Elite: The inside Story of America's Most Secret Special Operations Team* (2006), which was updated in May 2011 to include the first accurate account of the killing of Osama bin Laden. His book *Foley: The Spy Who Saved 10,000 Jews* led to the recognition of the spy at Yad Vashem.



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**Sylvia Vetta** is an author and writer on art, antiques and history. Sylvia's first novel *Brushstrokes in Time* is mostly set in China. It was inspired by interviewing in depth the Stars Art Movement founder whose latest exhibition *Qu Leilei: A Chinese artist in Britain* is at the Ashmolean until April 15. Fictional heroine Little Winter is, like Leilei (and Weimin He) a passionate artist from the time she can hold a pen. Like everyone from an educated background her life is tossed into turmoil with the launch of the Cultural Revolution.



**1.30–2.30 Sylvia Vetta:** China under Mao and what a courageous group of artists did next!

**2.45-3.30pm Alex Wenham**



**Alex Wenham:** Kennington's own award winning stone carver will talk about one or two recent restoration projects in Oxford and Paris, and will discuss some common problems in conservation philosophy and ethics.

## 4pm Festival Ends

# Tickets: Buy early, save money!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Admit One

**Peggy Seeger,**  
to include a glass of wine  
£5 in advance,  
£8 on the door.

Admit One

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Family ticket to Korky Paul  
and ALL other events  
(2 adults and 2 children)**  
£10 in advance  
£15 at the door  
£5 /additional child

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subject to availability

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ALL events (excluding Korky Paul)**  
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£15 on the door.

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Opening hours:

Monday 2.00-5.30pm,  
Wednesday 10.00-12.30pm,  
Friday 2.00-7.00pm,  
Saturday 10.00-1.00pm.

## BOOK SALES on April 21 - MOSTLY BOOKS

The popular Mostly Books in Stert Street recently underwent a change of management when Sarah Dennis took over in mid-2017. The shop offers a great selection of stock & the staff provide recommendations for all ages. If a book is not in stock, Mostly Books offer a next day ordering service (subject to availability) and can arrange for books to be sent directly to the customer. Mostly Books organises a wide range of author events in-house, in schools and at various local venues. Full details of the schedule can be found on their Facebook page and @ [www.mostly-books.co.uk](http://www.mostly-books.co.uk) email: [books@mostly-books.co.uk](mailto:books@mostly-books.co.uk)

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