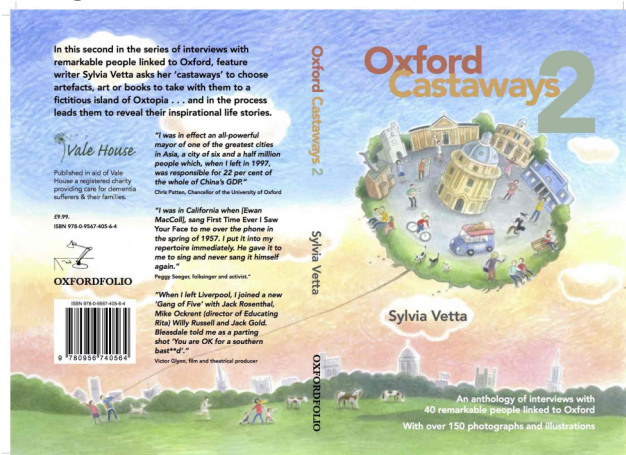


**Oxford Castaways and The Big Bang Restaurant present**

## **The Big Debate – Is Oxford Oxtopia?**



Chaired by Bill Heine, panellists will include Jenny Lewis, Reverend Charlotte Bannister-Parker, Euton Daley and Dai Richards, just some of the fascinating people that have been interviewed over the years by Sylvia Vetta for the Castaways column which appears in Oxfordshire Limited Edition each month in the Oxford Times.

The debate begins at 8pm so order the special **Castaways Combo supper\*** first!

The event is to mark the publication the following week of **Oxford Castaways 2**, a book published by James Harrison of Oxfordfolio which collates 40 castaway interviews with the people who help to make Oxford the diverse, cultured and creative place it is. Readers can dip into their life journeys including those of Radiohead's bass guitarist, Colin Greenwood, and revered folk singer, Peggy Seeger and the Chancellor of Oxford University, Chris Patten.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, from 8pm @ The Big Bang Restaurant 42  
Oxford Castle Quarter, Oxford OX1 1AY

A take on the popular Desert Island Discs, Sylvia's Castaway is shipwrecked on Oxtopia and must choose artworks, objects or books to take with them.

In her introduction to the book, Sylvia writes, "The island of Oxtopia is a fictional creation of mine and is blessed with a growing population – hence the need for this book. *Oxford Castaways 2* contains fascinating tales and life journeys – often intriguing, serendipitous, funny, sad, with destinations sometimes side-tracked, destinies sometimes fulfilled, but all wending in and out of the city of Oxford."

Unlike Desert Island Discs, Castaways are not marooned on their own but expected to live together on Oxtopia and build an inspiring society. Just what that society would contain will be at the centre of 'the Big Debate'. Book now for what promises to be an evening of lively, intelligent and creative debate – yes of course, it's Oxford.

\* **Castaways Combo supper** includes beer or wine for £13 and can be ordered beforehand. It comprises traditional Oxford & Wild Boar sausages, creamed mash and veg with red wine gravy plus a Big Bang Brew or glass of house Red or White wine. Vegetarian option available.

To book, please phone or email [bookings@thebigbangoxford.co.uk](mailto:bookings@thebigbangoxford.co.uk)

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**Pre-launch copies of Oxford Castaways 2 specially bundled limited edition set with Oxford Castaways 1 available for special purchase at the event at only £15: cash or cheque only (no credit/debit card).**