

Robert Hooke Tercentenary Commemorations

Events Update

During 2003 Robert Hooke will be remembered and celebrated by many major institutions. Details are given below of all the events taking place.

These events provide a unique and fascinating insight into the world and life of one of the leading natural philosophers of the 17th Century. A unique opportunity to share in the commemorations should not be missed - SO BOOK TODAY!

HOOKE THEN & NOW: 10am-5pm, 28-29 May 2003, Freshwater, Isle of Wight

A two day tercentenary celebration at All Saints CE Primary School, Freshwater. Attractions include a full display of the Robert Hooke Museum Project with pictorial displays, artefacts and video coverage of his achievements. Easy access from ferry either by foot or car.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Trevor Clarke, 2 Makings Close, Freshwater, PO40 9RQ

PORTRAIT WORKSHOP: 2 July 2003, Lecture Theatre, National Portrait Gallery, London

A workshop with a specialist panel to discuss the production of retrospective portraits as done in the "Hooke 2003" art competition "Portraying Robert Hooke". Admission is Free.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Professor Michael Hunter, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, WC1

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HOOKE 2003: 7-8 July 2003, Royal Society, London

A major international conference, sponsored by Gresham College and The Royal Society with the support of the Royal Academy of Engineering.

Engineers, historians, scientists, architects and other specialists from around the world will present papers on all Hooke's diverse achievements from deep sea diving gear to the rebuilding of London after the Great Fire! There will also be a reception and prize-giving for the competition "Portraying Robert Hooke" and the premiere of a commissioned short play about Hooke. Admission is £90 for one day and £125 for all inclusive two days.

HOOKE 2003: 6-10 July 2003, various locations

In conjunction with the international Conference guided tours of Hooke's buildings, Exhibitions of original manuscripts and examples of his work, "Portraying Robert Hooke" art exhibition and a celebration dinner in College Hall, Westminster.

FURTHER INFORMATION (on all "Hooke 2003" events):

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GET HOOKED 2003: 11-13 July 2003, Willen, Milton Keynes

Hooke's connection with Willen comes from his design of St Mary Magdalene Church on behalf of Sir Richard Busby (then Headmaster of Westminster School, London), which sits on a promontory overlooking Willen Lake. Events include an exhibition depicting the long relationship between Willen and Westminster School followed by the dedication of a Hooke commemorative plaque and a concert of 17th Century music and poetry.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Liz Baker, The Well at Willen, Newport Road, Willen Village, Milton Keynes, MK15 9AA
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ROBERT HOOKE - The Man Who Knew Everything: 1 March - 10 September 2003
National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London

To uncover the legacy of Robert Hooke, instrument maker and architect of the Royal Observatory, visit the fascinating new exhibition featuring Hooke's private diary and groundbreaking book "Micrographia", as well as many contemporary scientific instruments. Admission also includes access to the Royal Observatory, National Maritime Museum and Queen's House. There may be charges for some special events and exhibitions.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London, SE10 9NF
Tel: 020 8312 6565 web-site: www.nmm.ac.uk

ROBERT HOOKE COMMEMORATION: 2 October 2003, Christ Church, Oxford

This commemoration will take the form of a meeting in which some of the present holders of the positions occupied by Hooke will take part. Speakers include Sir Martin Rees (Astronomer Royal) and Professor John Enderby (Secretary of the Royal Society). Admission is by ticket only (£25).

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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