

Oxford until the end of the 18th Century



Landmarks

There's always building work going on in Oxford as the colleges expand and new buildings are needed.

This week we're going to look at the period between 1650 and 1800, a time which saw some of the most famous Oxford landmarks and tourist attractions being built. The key question for your timeline is when were the buildings constructed and what were they used for?

Sir Christopher Wren (who designed St Paul's Cathedral after the Great Fire of London) was responsible for two of Oxford's famous buildings. Questions 1 and 2 are about these.

1. What is the Sheldonian Theatre and when was this built? How do the University use the Sheldonian Theatre?
2. In 1681, where was Tom Tower built? What is housed inside the tower? (Bonus questions - where did it come from? What does it do at five past nine every evening?)
3. The Clarendon Building, from 1715 is now part of the Bodleian Library. Before this, which organization used the building?
4. For what reason was the Radcliffe Camera built? When was it constructed?
5. The Paving Commission decided to build a new market for the city. Why was a new market needed? Where had the market been held previously?
6. Bonus questions: When the new market opened (find the year) how many butchers stalls did it have? What other stalls were at the market?

On the next page there is a map of the city centre. See if you can find each of the locations.

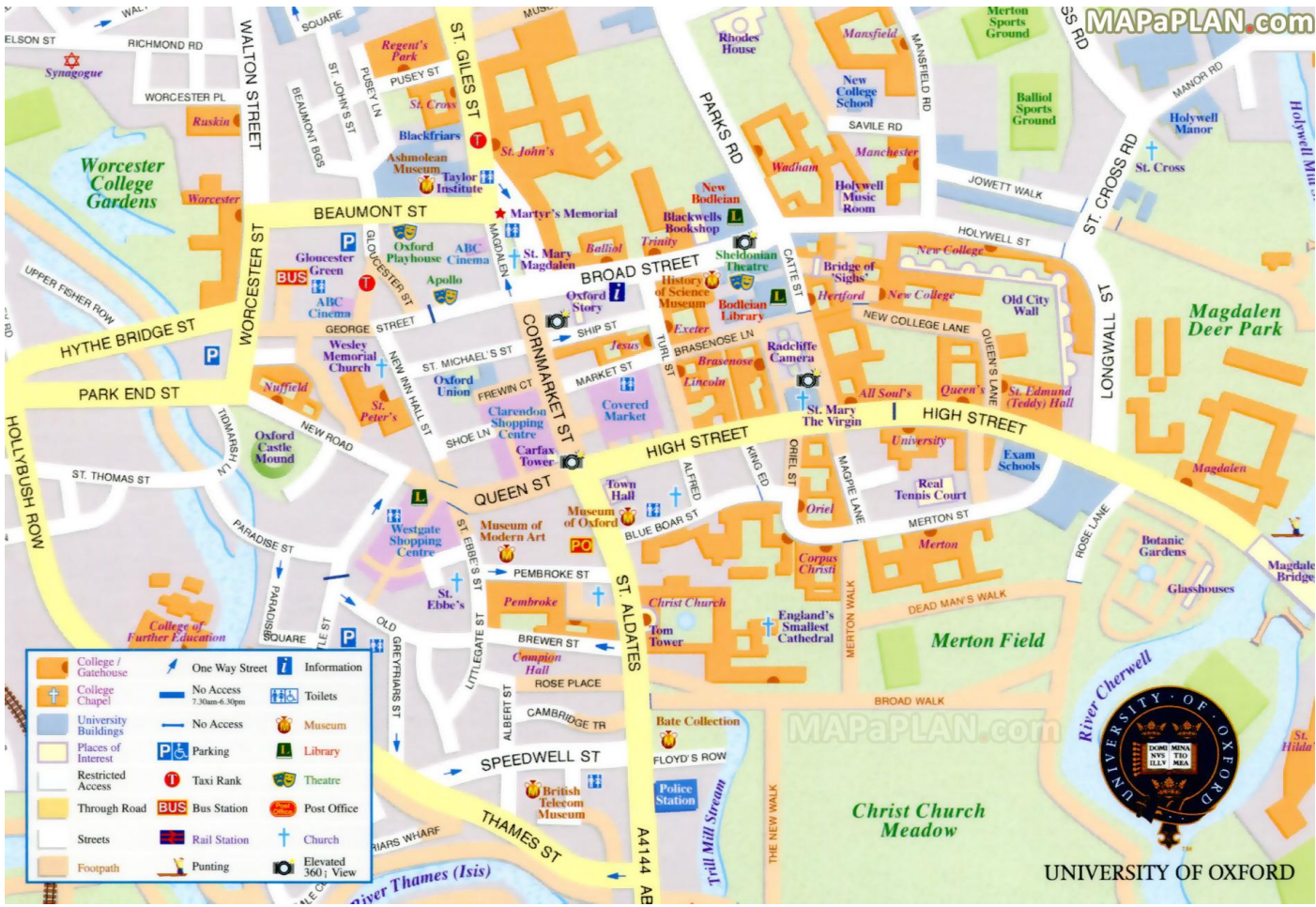
Useful websites might be:

<http://www.oxfordhistory.org.uk/index.html>

<http://www.localhistories.org/oxford.html>

<https://www.britainexpress.com/cities/oxford/index.htm>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oxford>



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	College Chapel		No Access 7.30am-6.30pm		Toilets
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	Restricted Access		Taxi Rank		Theatre
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