



WITCHES 1 - TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

The Spy Glass, 7.30 pm, Price: Donations

THE POLITICS OF PANDAEMONIUM

Speaker: Jonathan Barry

The Bovet family, prominent republicans in 1640s and 1650s Somerset, wrote a study in demonology, which extended the family's anti-royalist campaign. But what part did this subversive text play in the execution of two family members at the Bloody Assizes in 1685?

WITCHES 2 - WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER

The Spy Glass, 7.30 pm, Price: Donations

WITCH-HUNTING AND CAPITALIST DEVELOPMENT, PAST AND PRESENT

Speaker: Silvia Federici

Why have witch-hunts historically occurred in societies moving from feudal to capitalist economies? Who were the witches and what threats did they pose in the eyes of their persecutors? This talk looks at these questions, focusing on the 16th and 17th centuries witch-trials, but also making comparisons with witch-hunts that have recently taken place in some African countries.

WITCHES 3 - FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

The Spy Glass, 4.00 pm, Price: Donations

THE BODY, CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION AND THE ACCUMULATION OF LABOUR POWER

Speaker: Silvia Federici

Drawing upon the history of medicine, biology, social policy and policing, Federici discusses

the changing strategies capitalism has used to transform our bodily powers into labour-power, and the many forms that resistance to this process has taken. She argues that the female body and women's struggle to control reproductive powers constitute the last frontier of capitalist accumulation.



PIRATES - SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

The Spy Glass, 2.00 pm, Price: Donations

By rebelling against hierarchical society, pirates created an upside-down world of anarchist organisation and festival, with violence and death ever-present. We examine the 'Golden Age' of Caribbean piracy and find out how the British state hit back and violently suppressed these 'villains of all nations'.

Marcus Rediker: The Real Pirates Of The Caribbean

Niklas Frykman: An Empire Of Thieves: Sussex Smuggling And Atlantic Piracy in The Early Eighteenth Century



SMUGGLERS 1 - SUNDAY 28 OCTOBER

The Spy Glass, 3.00 pm, Price: Donations

The sea-based informal economies of wrecking and smuggling have been an everyday part of working peoples' lives for centuries. These talks examine the ways these practices developed and the methods the authorities have used to stamp them out.

Trevor Bark: Custom Becomes Crime, Crime Becomes Culture
Jim McNeil: Nicotina Tabacum
Roger Ball: Branscombe Bay and the Sea Commons

SMUGGLERS 2 - MONDAY 29 OCTOBER

The Cube Microplex, 7.30pm, Price: £3/£4

'Official' history tells us that the smugglers of the West Country were shadowy, brutal thugs, a threat to the region's economy and moral fabric. Yet popular culture then and now celebrates these figures as brave, cunning and noble folk heroes. Using the case studies of Poole and Cornwall, we will consider this contradiction of ideas, and perhaps find out which side we are on. The talk is followed by the Ealing classic **Whiskey Galore!**

Kevin Davis: Smugglers: Radical or Romantic?
Dave Cullum: The Wreckers: West Country Folk Demons



MERRY HELL! - FROM JOLLY ROGER TO OLD ROGER

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER

The Cube Microplex, 7.30pm, Price: £3/£4

A singular conflagration of live music and moving pictures to launch Bristol Radical History Week into fair winds. **Polly II - A Plan For Revolution.** Excerpts from Häxan: Witch Craft Through The ages (1922) and swash buckling pirate films accompanied by The Cube Orchestra. **Race With The Devil.** So will you dance with the devil? Or will you turn and run like hell.

MEET THE DIRECTOR: PAUL TICKELL

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

The Cube Microplex, 7.30pm, Price: £3/£4

RACISM: A HISTORY: PART 1

Paul Tickell introduces the first of this excellent three-part BBC documentary, which deals with Transatlantic slavery and the rise of racist ideology.

MEET THE DIRECTOR: DAVID OLUSOGA

TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

The Cube Microplex, 7.30pm, Price: £3/£4

NAMIBIA: GENOCIDE AND THE SECOND REICH

BBC director David Olusoga introduces this documentary that tells the story of Germany's forgotten genocide. It takes a sensitive and uncompromising look at the massacre of three quarters of the Namibian population in German concentration camps at the beginning of the 20th Century.

PIRATE BOAT TRIP

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

Leaves the Spy Glass at 6.00pm and 7.00pm

Price: £4 (adults) £2 (children)

Tour the pirate landmarks of Bristol harbour in the company of local historian Mark Steeds and the cider-fuelled Surfin' Turnips. Followed by the more shanties an' skulduggery til' late at the Seven Stars pub on Thomas St courtesy of Who's Afraid and they Turnips.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

STORYTELLING: SALTY TALES - SMUGGLERS AND PIRATES

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

The Spy Glass, 3.00-5.00 pm, Price: Donations

Jesse Paul and Martin Maudsley narrate tall tales for the little 'uns.

OPENING THE ARCHIVE

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Bristol Central Library 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm,

Price: Free

View original source material from the Reference Library's archives in the Bristol Room. Hosted by Dawn Dyer and Jane Bradley.

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