

Samuel Johnson Tercentenary 2009

The tercentenary calendar set out below lists all events known to the Tercentenary Committee as at 10 January 2009. The calendar also appears on the web site at www.johnson2009.org, where there are links to sites containing further information. Also set out below is a list of relevant publications.

The online calendar is updated regularly. Please send information about events or publications to info@johnson2009.org

Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
7 January	BSECS Conference annual lecture: 'Johnson's Lives' (Professor Jack Lynch)	St Hugh's College, Oxford
29 January	Talk: 'Johnson's rattlesnake' Ian McIntyre (author, <i>Hester: the Remarkable Life of Dr Johnson's 'Dear Mistress'</i>)	Dr Johnson's House, London
14 February	Johnson Society of London Lecture 'Arthur Murphy and Samuel Johnson: a case of intellectual affinity' Dr Garry Headland http://www.johnsonsocietyoflondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
25 February	Talk and 'open bookshelf' with Christopher Edwards	Dr Johnson's House, London
28 February	Gala Evening with John Sergeant and friends	Garrick Theatre, Lichfield
1 March	Intimate Theatre in 'The Golden Moment': a Family Farewell to Johnson & Garrick	Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum Lichfield
1 March	Evensong. Address by Rt Revd Lord Harries	Lichfield Cathedral
2 March	Johnson and Garrick (Professor Peter Martin and Dr Nicholas Cambridge) set off to walk to London	Lichfield
2 March	Gresham College lunchtime lecture 'Dr Johnson, I presume' Dr Henry Hitchings http://www.gresham.ac.uk/	Gresham College, London
5 March	Dramatized talk: 'The scandalous Mrs Piozzi' Karin Fernald	Calder Bookshop, The Cut, London SE1, 7:00pm
9 March	Gresham College lunchtime lecture 'The History of the Oxford English Dictionary' Dr Charlotte Brewer	Gresham College, London
12 March	Lord Mayor's reception for Johnson and Garrick	Guildhall, London
14 March	Johnson Society of London Lecture 'Slow rises worth by poverty depress'd': Johnson comes to London Professor Peter Martin http://www.johnsonsocietyoflondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
23-24 March	Johnson at Bucknell: A Tercentenary Celebration Convenor: Professor Greg Clingham	Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
1 April	Johnson 300th anniversary lecture (Oxford Literary Festival) 'Dr Johnson's second wife' Adam Sisman www.sundaytimes-oxfordliteraryfestival.co.uk	Pembroke College, Oxford

1 April	Lecture: Scrofula, Melancholy and Dropsy: Samuel Johnson and Medicine Dr Nicholas Cambridge	Dr Johnson's House, London
4 April	Johnson Society of London Lecture 'The present hour alone is man's': Johnson's poetry and the redemption of time Dr Ken Smith http://www.johnsonsofondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
6 April	Lecture: 'Dr Samuel Johnson - A Tercentenary Celebrated' Dr David Allan Borough of Twickenham Local History Society	St Mary's Church Hall, Twickenham
17-18 April	Meeting of the Johnson Society of the Central Region. Guest speaker: F. P. Lock. Speakers: Martha Bowden, Pat Bruckmann, Jonathan Clark, Katherine Clark, Jasper Cragwell, Alvaro Ribeiro, Paul Ruxin, and Michael Suarez.	Chicago, Illinois
23 April-3 July	Exhibition: 'An Immortal Friend: Dr Johnson and the Royal Academy'	Library Print Room, Royal Academy, London
2 and 3 May	'Johnson's House comes alive'	Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum Lichfield
14 May	Samuel Johnson Tercentenary Banquet (speakers: Lord Kenneth Baker and Professor Christopher Ricks)	House of Lords
15 May	Johnson Tercentenary Dinner (Johnson Society of Australia) http://www.jsaust.com	Mitre Tavern, Melbourne
16 May	Boswell Society lunch	TBA, London
20 and 22 May	Dr Who? In Search of Samuel Johnson A new production by award-winning solo performer David Benson www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events.html	Dr Johnson's House, London
23 May-20 September	'Samuel Johnson, Literary Giant of the Eighteenth Century, 1709-1784' (Exhibition of items from the Huntington collections and Loren and Frances Rothschild collection)	Huntington Library, San Marino, CA
25 May	Lichfield Bower	Lichfield
27 May	Lecture: 'Samuel Johnson, Literary Giant of the Eighteenth Century, 1709-1784' Professor O M Brack	Huntington Library, CA
1 June	Exhibition: The House of Words Seven contemporary artists respond to Johnson, his House and his legacy. See www.drjohnsonshouse.org for exhibition events	Dr Johnson's House, London
8 June	Lecture: 'Johnson Agonistes: Portraying Samuel Johnson' Professor Richard Wendorf	Huntington Library, CA
13 June	Lesley Smith in 'An Audience with Hester Thrale'	St Mary's Centre, Lichfield
18 June	Lecture: 'Celebrating Samuel Johnson's Tercentenary' Michael Bundock http://www.riversidearts.co.uk/index.htm	Riverside Arts Centre, Sunbury-on-Thames
24 June	Lecture: Samuel Johnson's Impact on America Peter Martin (author, <i>Samuel Johnson: A Biography</i>) www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events.html	Dr Johnson's House, London
27 June	Lesley Smith in 'An Audience with Hester Thrale'	Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum Lichfield
11 July	Lichfield Festival Georgian Market	Lichfield
11 July	Walking tour: London and Letters with Phil Baines and Catherine Dixon (Part of The House of Words exhibition)	Starts at Johnson's House, London

18 July – 13 December	Exhibition: The Life and Lives of Dr Johnson	Room 16, National Portrait Gallery, London
16 July	Performance: 'Music in the age of Samuel Johnson' Cellist Annabel Gordon	Dr Johnson's House, London
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21 July	Samuel Johnson and the English Dictionary Talk by Tim Moorey, 5.15 - 6pm £5 on the door, or free to Summer School customers www.mcsummerschool.org.uk	Ellis Theatre, Marlborough College Summer School, Wiltshire
22 July	Choral evensong, followed by drinks in the Master's Garden www.drjohnsonshouse.org/events.html	The Temple Church, London
27 July	Dr Whom? In Search of Samuel Johnson Solo show performed by David Benson	Theatre Royal (Ustinov Studio) Bath
28 July	Dr Whom? In Search of Samuel Johnson Solo show performed by David Benson	Tobacco Factory Bristol
August - October	Samuel Johnson in Prints: a small display of prints showing how Johnson's reputation developed and changed during his lifetime and in the years following his death http://www.britishmuseum.org/the_museum/departments/prints_and_drawings/galleries.aspx	The British Museum Prints and Drawings Gallery
1 August	Rasselas Evening including Lecture: 'Rasselas' kingdom, then and now' Jean and John Broadbent	Lichfield Guildhall and Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum
1 August	Walking Tour: Johnson's London with London historian and author Antony Clayton (part of The House of Words exhibition)	Contact Dr Johnson's House
6 August-1 November	Exhibition: 'Samuel Johnson 1709 - 2009: Life and Afterlife' Printed catalogue available	Dunedin City Library, Dunedin, New Zealand
19 August	'And Pray, Sir, Who is Bach?' Piano duet music and readings from the time of Dr Johnson. Penelope Cave and Helena Brown with a Broadwood square piano of 1795. 3pm, £8/£6 http://www.impulse-music.co.uk/cave.htm	Edinburgh Festival at St Cecilia's Hall, Niddry Street
22-31 August	Dr Whom? My Search for Samuel Johnson Solo show performed by David Benson	Edinburgh Festival Fringe, Assembly Rooms
27-29 August	Symposium and exhibition of Hyde Collection http://hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/houghton/conference_johnson.html	Houghton Library, Harvard
1-30 September	A display on Samuel Johnson looking at his life and his Dictionary. There will also be items from the Johnson Collection on display on Floor 6.	Birmingham Central Library
7 September	Johnson and the Thrales: a talk by Stephanie Pickford, curator of Dr Johnson's House. http://www.streathamsociety.org.uk/Meetings_Programmes_Events.html	Woodlawns, Streatham
8 September	'Antony Alsop, Samuel Johnson and the Anglo-Latin Poetic Tradition' Email K.e.smith@bradford.ac.uk for further details	Dept of Classics, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
9 September	'The Present Hour Alone is Man's: Johnson's Poetry and the Redemption of Time' Email K.e.smith@bradford.ac.uk for further details	Dept of English, University of Otago, Dunedin,

		New Zealand
10 September	'Readings and Music': Readings from Johnson's works with music and refreshments. Contact: paul.tankard@otago.ac.nz	Clifford Skeggs Gallery, Dunedin, New Zealand
11 September	'Dr Johnson's London', a walking tour by historian Antony Clayton http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/libraries/news/wrfevents/	Westminster Reference Library
12 September	Dr Johnson Day Exhibition and walking tour Email b.bloice@btinternet.com for further details	St. Leonard's Church, Streatham
13 September	Afternoon tea party: tea and cakes to celebrate Johnson's 300th	Dr Johnson's House, London
14-18 September	'Johnson at 300' Samuel Johnson Tercentenary Conference (convenors: Professor Lynda Mugglestone, Dr Freya Johnston) http://www.pmb.ox.ac.uk/College/Samuel_Johnson.php	Pembroke College, Oxford
15 September	Lecture: 'Johnson and Boswell: No Theory Please, We're British' Paul Ruxin	Huntington Library, CA
17 September	'Boswell, George Steevens and the Johnsonian Biography Wars' Email paul.tankard@otago.ac.nz for further details.	St. David Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Dunedin.
18 September 2009	Tercentenary of the birth of Samuel Johnson	
	Johnson at 300: Son et Lumière	Market Place, Lichfield
	Dr Johnson's House, London, will be open to the public throughout Johnson's birthday, free of charge (and also on 19 September)	Dr Johnson's House, London
	Dr Johnson's City: Guided Walk, 2pm Starts at the Barbican Library	Barbican Library, London
18 September	Candlelit church service to commemorate Johnson. Contact Revd Mandy Hodgson: rectorstleonards@btinternet.com	St Leonard's Church, Streatham.
19 September	Johnson at 300 Birthday Ceremony, 12 noon	Market Square, Lichfield
19 September	Dr Johnson and the Big Dictionary Adventure!, 10:30am Children's event	Barbican Library, London
18-20 September	Samuel Johnson's 300 th Birthday Celebrations & Lichfield Georgian Heritage Weekend	Lichfield
20 September	3.30pm Johnson Birthday Evensong in the nave with full choir. Preacher: the Bishop of London	Lichfield Cathedral
20 September	Crosswords Demystified, 1pm With the help of Dr Johnson's Dictionary and professional crossword compiler Tim Moorey	Barbican Library, London
23 September	The Lives of Dr Johnson, 7:30pm Prof Peter Martin and Prof David Nokes discuss their respective approaches to Johnson biography	Barbican Library, London
11 September	'Dr Johnson's London', a walking tour by historian Antony Clayton http://www.westminster.gov.uk/services/libraries/news/wrfevents/	Westminster Reference Library
28 September	A Celebration of Samuel Johnson With Libby Purves, Beryl Bainbridge, Richard Ingrams, David Nokes and A N Wilson	British Library, London
29 September	'How to Give Advice: Samuel Johnson and the Essay'. Contact paul.tankard@otago.ac.nz for further details.	Archway Lecture Theatre, University of Otago, Dunedin

3 October	Conference: "Reassessing Hawkins's <i>Life of Johnson</i> ", sponsored by Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, and the University of Georgia Press. Contact: martine.brownley@emory.edu	Emory University
7 October Exhibition runs from 18 th Sept to 11 th Dec.	Opening reception of "Scarce Books and Elegant Editions" "Samuel Johnson and James Boswell: Selections from the Edward R. Leahy Collection Heritage Room." Contact: Michael.Knies@Scranton.edu	Weinberg Memorial Library, University of Scranton.
10 October	Johnson Society of London Lecture 'Johnson and the Art of Human Happiness: The Case of <i>Rasselas</i> ' Dr Tom Woodman http://www.johnsonsofondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
15 October	Readings from the works of Samuel Johnson http://www.westminster-abbey.org/whats-on/events/2009/dr-johnson	Westminster Abbey
20 October	Now and in Time: Birmingham City University Honours Samuel Johnson	The Recital Hall, Birmingham Conservatoire
21 October	Symposium: 'Samuel Johnson - from cradle to grave and beyond: his illnesses, physicians, autopsy and religious faith'	Royal Society of Medicine
6 November	Candlelit church service to commemorate Johnson. Contact Revd Mandy Hodgson: rectorstleonards@btinternet.com	St. Leonard's Church, Streatham
7 November	Study Day on Samuel Johnson	Museum of London
14 November	Johnson Society of London Lecture http://www.johnsonsofondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
19 November	'And Pray, Sir, Who is Bach?' Piano duet music and readings from the time of Dr Johnson. Penelope Cave and Helena Brown with a Broadwood square piano of 1795. 3pm, £8/£6 Call 01483 518737 to book. http://www.impulse-music.co.uk/cave.htm	Surrey History Centre 130 Goldsworth Road Woking, Surrey GU21 6ND
21 November	Joshua Reynolds: The Acquisition of Genius http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/museumjoshuareynolds	
22 November	Samuel Johnson Tercentenary dinner (Samuel Johnson Society of Southern California) President and Daniel G. Blum Memorial lecturer: John W. Byrne	Huntington Library, San Marino, CA
6 December	Samuel Johnson: The Man and Lexicographer Speakers: Prof David Crystal and Stephanie Pickford, Donald Hyde Curator For information email Branka Panic ybs@esu@evnet.rs	English Speaking Union, Belgrade (in association with Dr Johnson's House)
12 December	Commemoration: wreath-laying and lunch Speaker: Professor Christopher Ricks http://www.johnsonsofondon.org	Westminster Abbey and St Ermin's Hotel
14 December	'My Man-Servant, a Negro: Dr Johnson and Frank Barber'. Talks by David Dabydeen and Charles Nicholl. The Royal Society of Literature. Find out more at http://www.rslit.org/content/events	Kenneth Clark Theatre, Courtauld Institute, London.

Tercentenary publications

Sir John Hawkins, *The Life of Samuel Johnson, LL.D.*, ed O M Brack (University of Georgia Press, 2009)

Peter Martin, *Samuel Johnson: A Biography* (Orion and Harvard University Press, 2008)

Ian McIntyre, *Hester: the Remarkable Life of Dr Johnson's 'Dear Mistress'* (Constable, 2008)

Jeffery Meyers, *Samuel Johnson: The Struggle* (Basic Books, 2008)

David Nokes, *Samuel Johnson* (Faber, 2009)

John Wiltshire, *The Making of Dr Johnson* (Helm, 2009)

Samuel Johnson After 300 Years, ed Philip Smallwood and Greg Clingham (Cambridge University Press, 2009)

Samuel Johnson: Selected Writings, ed Peter Martin (Harvard University Press, 2009)