

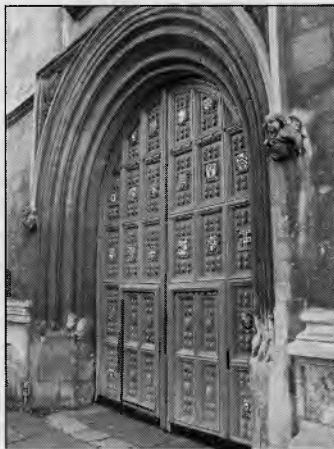
# Society Outing

## City of Oxford - 5th September

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We arrived at 10.30 a.m. weather grey, but dry. Everyone was given a map to use if required. Almost six hours to explore.

Historical buildings of Gothic design, one particular building Bodleian Library. At the entrance to the Library there are two big wooden doors displaying shields of the colleges and the University. The Library is the University of Oxford's chief library. It was founded by Sir Thomas Bodley in 1410, and opened in 1602 with 2,000 books in its collection. The Library now has more than 11 million printed volumes, this includes digitalised books. Sir Thomas Bodley arranged for his library to become a Legal Deposit Library, entitling it to request one free copy of every book published in this country. The Bodleian is a reference-only library, so it does not lend books to anyone. Even King Charles I was refused



*Entrance Bodleian Library*

permission to borrow a book in 1645!

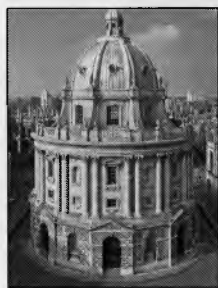
In the underground caves below Bodleian Library, there are hundreds of books depicting sacred relics, and, Jewish Manuscripts. There was so much more we wanted to explore, so, decided against joining the long queue waiting for golf buggies to take the tour in the caves. The Radcliffe Camera is seldom open to the public, but today those taking a guided tour

of the Bodleian Library were privileged to enter the building. This is where students work in absolute silence, fortunately, we were there before the holidays were over. It also allows mature students to study/research there.

The indoor markets, were a delight. So much quality fresh produce, we bought three homemade pies to take home. Many lanes to follow encouraging us to do some early shopping.

There were so many things to see and do, such as:- River Boat Cruises, including cream teas. Themed walking tours. The Ashmolean, from which some people found it hard to tear themselves away. Also there were some of the colleges open to the public.

Thank you so much Mr. and Mrs. Sherratt for a great day out.



*Radcliffe Camera Oxford*



*Covered Market Oxford*