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SUMMER EXHIBITIONS

Visiting New Wine and Greenbelt

This summer we have spent a fortnight exhibiting at New Wine, and the long weekend over August bank holiday exhibiting at Greenbelt.

We spent a (largely) very sunny fortnight at the Bath and West Showground in Shepton Mallet as part of the Marketplace at New Wine. For week one I had the pleasure of being joined by Anna Pearson, who helped found the Royal Holloway local group and is currently setting up a group across the London universities; and in week two by Neil Laing, a member of the Bristol local group, who has just written a book in response to the God Delusion called 'Even Dawkins has a God'.

Along with many young (and not so young!) children visiting us to play with our microscope and magnetic putty, we also met many people who were scientists, students, or just interested in the science-faith dialogue. We chatted with CiS members who had just dropped by to say hello, people who had never come across us and were desperate to link up with what we do, and also many people who had no idea we existed but were keen to understand more of the science perspective to the science-faith dialogue. Our new 'Thinking About' leaflets were incredibly popular with scientists and non-scientists alike,



Emily Sturgess (Development Officer) with Neil Laing (from Bristol local group) at New Wine week two.

as were our 'Being a Christian In...' leaflets (we even had to ring home for more stock to be sent between the two weeks!) It was also a fantastic opportunity for us to advertise our November conference (details overleaf), especially as Elaine Storkey had given a talk on science and faith in week one.

We also found ourselves building good relationships with the stall-holders around us over the two weeks, especially the morning we all had to pull together to sweep several inches of water out of the marketplace due to a burst water pipe. Thankfully our stand was completely unaffected. And, I must give special thanks to Operation Mobilisation (OM) who ran the cafes that kept us fuelled for the fortnight!

Over the August bank holiday I was joined by Steph Bryant, the delightful administrator for the God and the Big Bang schools project, for the long-weekend at Greenbelt on their new site near Kettering. Despite some vehicular restrictions loading and unloading (which helped develop our upper body strength!) we had a great time engaging with lots of interested people. Greenbelt is a lively and creative festival with lots of deep-thinking attendees, and we found ourselves warmly accepted by many. Again, it was an excellent place to engage with people who are interested in the science-faith dialogue, and want to know more about how to engage with other like-minded people.

Sadly, despite good weather for most of the events both pack-downs happened in the pouring rain, so I've spent the last few weeks drying myself and our resources out. However, during that time it's been my joy to contact all the people who signed up at these events and put them in touch with their local groups. Hopefully it will be the continuation of a deep and meaningful interest in how science and faith interact.

-Emily Sturgess, Development Officer

**CiS Southern Conference**  
**Anniversary conference:**  
**Celebrating 70 years of**  
**Christians in Science**

**Saturday 1st November, 2014**  
**10am-5:30pm**

The King's Centre, Oxford,  
OX2 0ES

£25 non-members, £20 members, £5 students

Speakers include:

**Prof Malcolm Jeeves & Prof Sam Berry** - Looking  
Back at the History of CiS

**Prof Alister McGrath** - Science and Apologetics:  
Engaging in Scientific Culture

**Prof Tom McLeish** - A Theology of Science

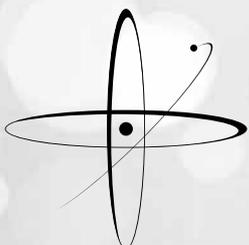
**Dr Elaine Storkey** - The Theology of Creation Care

**Bishop Richard Cheetham** - Epilogue

Plus, workshops and networking opportunities tbc.

Further details and booking online at:  
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