

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 Library, London
28 February	Gala Evening with John Sergeant and friends	Garrick Theatre, 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
4 April	Johnson Society of London Lecture 'The present hour alone is man's': Johnson's poetry and the redemption	Wesley's Chapel, London

	of time Dr Ken Smith http://www.johnsonsofondon.org	
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
18 April	'An Audience with Mrs Piozzi' - Part 1 Lesley Smith	Lichfield Heritage Centre
23 April-3 July	Exhibition: 'An Immortal Friend: Dr Johnson and the Royal Academy'	Library Print Room, Royal Academy, London
25 April	'An Audience with Mrs Piozzi' - Part 2 Lesley Smith	Samuel Johnson Birthplace Museum
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
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
27 May	Lecture: 'Samuel Johnson, Literary Giant of the Eighteenth Century, 1709-1784' Professor O M Brack	Huntington Library, CA
8 June	Lecture: 'Johnson Agonistes: Portraying Samuel Johnson' Professor Richard Wendorf	Huntington Library, CA
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	Talk by Professor Peter Martin (author, <i>Samuel Johnson: A Biography</i>)	Dr Johnson's House, London
22 July	Choral evensong, followed by tour of Johnson's London and reception at Dr Johnson's House.	The Temple Church, London
16 July	Performance: 'Music in the age of Samuel Johnson' Cellist Annabel Gordon	Dr Johnson's House, London
1 August	Lecture: 'Rasselas' kingdom, then and now' Jean and John Broadbent	Lichfield Guildhall
6 August-1 November	Exhibition: 'Samuel Johnson and the Eighteenth Century' (provisional title)	Dunedin City Library, Dunedin, New Zealand
27-29 August	Symposium and exhibition of Hyde Collection http://hcl.harvard.edu/libraries/houghton/conference_johnson.html	Houghton Library, Harvard
Sunday, 12 September	Birthday 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
18 September	Dr Johnson's House, London, will be open to the public throughout Johnson's birthday, free of charge	Dr Johnson's House, London

18 September 2009	Tercentenary of the birth of Samuel Johnson	
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18-20 September	Birthday celebrations http://www.lichfieldrambler.co.uk	Lichfield
20 September	3.30pm Johnson Birthday Evensong in the nave with full choir. Preacher: the Bishop of London	Lichfield Cathedral
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.johnsonsocietyoflondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
15 October	Readings from the works of Samuel Johnson	Westminster Abbey
21 October	Symposium: 'Samuel Johnson - from cradle to grave and beyond: his illnesses, physicians, autopsy and religious faith'	Royal Society of Medicine
14 November	Johnson Society of London Lecture http://www.johnsonsocietyoflondon.org	Wesley's Chapel, London
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
12 December	Commemoration: wreath-laying and lunch Speaker: Professor Christopher Ricks http://www.johnsonsocietyoflondon.org	Westminster Abbey and St Ermin's Hotel

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)