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Who was Robert Robinson?

Who was Robert Robinson? Is a question often asked at the Science Park by visitors to the Magdalen Centre on Robert Robinson Avenue.

It is a popular misconception that this main road through the Park is named after the journalist, broadcaster and quiz master Robert Robinson, famous for *Call My Bluff*, *Ask The Family*, *Stop The Week*, and *Brain of Britain*. Although he is an Oxford graduate and worthy notable, the answer is unfortunately.... wrong!

Robert Robinson Avenue is named after the Oxford scientist and fellow of Magdalen College [Sir Robert Robinson](#) (1886 – 1975). Sir Robert made important contributions in many diverse areas of organic chemistry and devised ingenious methods of chemical synthesis. He was awarded the nobel prize for chemistry in 1947.

Oxford has a rich scientific heritage and many of the roads and buildings on the Science Park are named after scientists from Magdalen or the University. In order to clarify the origins of these names the new 2009 Science Park Calendar explains all.

So who were James Sadler, Peter Medawar, John Eccles and Charles Fletcher? [Download a PDF copy \(3mb\) of the Calendar here to find out!](#)

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Notes to editors:

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