

WHAT'S ON

DOVERBROECK'S COLLEGE
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 5th February 2011
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Celia Green
 COFFEE MEETINGS
 Tuesdays, 4.30pm; cgoxfordforum@gmail.com
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MEETINGS & LECTURES
 Tue 1st

GLOBE CAFE / Friends, coffee & conversation for visitors in Oxford / 8pm / globe cafe.oxford.org.uk / 07925 394122 / St Andrew's Church, Linton Road
IRISH CONVERSATION GROUP / 49h5@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / 8-10pm / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements
SUPPORT GROUP / For female survivors of sexual abuse and/or rape / OSARCC / 7pm, 6.30-8pm / oxfordrapecrisis.net / Oxford: contact for details.
QRAN STUDY SEMINARS / Analysis of sacred texts & Islam / 7pm, Study materials, Qur'an translations & refreshments provided. Muslims & non-Muslims welcome / meo.org.uk / 766032 / St Edward's School, Woodstock Rd
LIVE WRITING: A SERIES OF LECTURES ON BIOGRAPHY / Zachary Leader / 5.30pm, Free / wofson.ox.ac.uk / 274100 / Wolfson College, Linton Road
BABY DROP-IN / Breastfeeding support for mums / 12.30-2.30pm, free / 176739 / 44/jefferson.dailyinfo.co.uk / Rose Hill & Littlemore Children's Centre, The Oval
COMICS & COMIC BOOKS / Meet people into reading, creating & discussing comics / Friends of Caption / 9pm, free / caption.org.uk / Magdalen Arms, 243 Ilffley Rd
ASTRONOMY & POETRY / Public lecture looking at how poets engaged with the sciences / Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell / 7pm, free / mhs.ox.ac.uk / 277280 / Museum of the History of Science, Old Ashmolean Building, Broad St
PLANNING MEETING / Campaign to Close Campfields / 7.30pm, free / oxfordcampfields.org.uk / Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's / 252195
MEDITATION: THICH NHAT HANH / Sitting, walking, meditation, reading / 6.30-8.30pm, donations / Friends' Meeting House, 45 St Giles
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PEACE? / Prem Pal Rawat introduces message of peace / 8-9pm, free / iwop.org / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St
OBSERVING EVENING / Observing 1st clear night only / Contact Jan 07817 687627 for details / Abingdon Astronomical Society / 8pm, 1st visit free / www.abingdonastro.org.uk / 07817 687627 / Britwell Salome
SCIENCE, SALVATION, SUFFERING / Allyster McGrath / Salvation & Faith / talk with discussion afterwards, 8.15pm, entry free, / www.oxchaplains.co.uk / exploringfaith.html / St Mary the Virgin, University Church, High Street

Wed 2nd
ENERGETICS & EVOLUTION OF COMPLEX LIFE / Nick Lane on mitochondria / 8.15pm, £2, non-members / Inorganic Chemistry Building, South Parks Rd
TALK: REV PETER OWEN-JONES / Galic/Japanese interfaith celebration / 6.30 for 7pm, £7.5 conc / 763332 / Friends' Meeting House, 45 St Giles
SAVE SUMMERTOWN LIBRARY / 1st meeting, in Main Hall / 7.30pm / save summertown library.blogspot.com / St Edward's School, Woodstock Rd
SOTO ZEN MEDITATION / Contact to arrange intro / 7.10pm, Recommended donation £4 waged/£2.50 / izakaya.org.uk / 240196 / Peace House, 19 Paradise St
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS EVENING / 8.15pm / oxfordshireirc.org.uk / 516239 & 01635 578215 / Oxford Spire Four Pillars Hotel, Abingdon Road
TIBETAN MEDITATION / 8pm, Free / Diamond Way Buddhism / dwbuk.org / 07595 774756 / 44 Marlborough Road
BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI: TRUTH OR FICTION? / Julie Summers compares the truth with the multi-Oscar-winning film / 7.30pm, £1 including tea & cake / smi-oxford.org.uk / St Margaret's Institute, Polstead Road

GINEMA to Thu 3 Feb
Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)
 THE KING'S SPEECH [12A] Mon, Tue: 6.45pm
 Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter & Derek Jacobi in story of King George VI. Tue: 8.45pm
127 HOURS [15] Wed & Thu: 9.00pm
 Danny Boyle directs tense true story of trapped mountaineer. Tue: 6.45pm
THE SOCIAL NETWORK [12A] Mon: 9.00pm
 The founders of Facebook, and what happened to them. Wed: 6.45pm
Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
TANGLED [3D] [PG] Mon - Thu: 1.05, 3.20, 5.40, 8.00pm
 Disney-Pixar retelling of Rapunzel.
THE FIGHTER [15] Wed & Thu: 12.50, 3.20, 5.40, 8.10, 11.05pm
 Life of professional boxer "Irish" Mickey Ward. Mark Wahlberg and Christian Bale star.
THE MECHANIC [15] Wed: 12.40, 2.50, 4.50, 7.20, 9.30, 11.35pm
 Sailed to sea in an agonising. Mon-Tue: 12.40, 2.50, 4.50, 7.20, 9.30pm
THE DILEMMA [12A] Wed: 6.50, 9.20, 11.50pm
 Do you tell your best friend his wife is cheating? Subtitled Tue 6.50pm.
MEET THE PARENTS: LITTLE FOCKERS [12A] Mon - Tue: 8.40pm
 Ben Stiller clashes with in-laws. Again.
BARNEY'S VERSION [15] daily: 12.55, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50pm
 Interesting tale of a lawyer's past. Directed by David Cromberg.
GULLIVER'S TRAVELS [2D] [PG] Mon - Thu: 12.10, 2.10, 4.30pm
 Jack Black in updated version of Swift's classic adventure story. Subtitled Sun 2.10pm.
TANGLED [2D] [PG] Mon - Thu: 1.40, 4.00, 6.15pm
 Disney-Pixar retelling of Rapunzel.
THE KING'S SPEECH [12A] Mon - Tue: 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.30pm
 Colin Firth in story of King George VI. Sat: 10.15am & 8.30pm
127 HOURS [15] Sat: 11.20, 3.00, 5.30, 7.50, 10.10pm
 Mon & Tue: 12.50, 3.00, 5.30, 7.50pm; Wed & Thu: 7.50, 10.10pm
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THE GREEN HORNET [12A] Mon - Tue: 1.00, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10pm
 (3D) Wed: 1.00, 3.50, 6.30, 9.10, 11.45pm
 Wednesday: 10.30pm
 After his father's death, Britt Reid becomes masked crime-fighter with awesome car.
MORNING GLORY [12A] Wed: 11.40pm
 Television producer battles demanding breakfast show hosts.
BLACK SWAN [15] Wed & Thu: 12.10, 2.30, 5.10, 7.40, 10.20pm
 Natalie Portman as a disturbed ballerina. Mon - Tue: 12.10, 2.30, 5.10, 7.40pm
TEEN SCREENING: TRON [2D] [PG] Thu: 6.30pm
 Sun rescues father from dangerous virtual world. Screening for 13-18 years olds, tickets £1.95

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)
THE KING'S SPEECH [12A] daily: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.30pm
 Colin Firth in story of King George VI. Subtitled Tue 5.45pm.
LOVE AND OTHER DRUGS [15] daily: 2.30, 8.00pm
 Anne Hathaway in tear-jerker romantic comedy about love and illness.
HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 1 [12A] Mon - Thu: 5.00pm
 Harry, Harry Ron, Roni Danger, Granger! A decent part one of the final instalment.
Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)
SENIOR SCREEN: RED [12A] Wed: 10.45am
 Bruce Willis directs again as neo-retired agent.
THE GREEN HORNET [3D] [12A] Mon, Tue, Thu: 2.45, 5.45, 8.30pm
 After his father dies, Britt Reid becomes masked crime-fighter with awesome car.
THE DILEMMA [12A] Mon - Tue: 3.45pm
 Do you tell your best friend his wife is cheating?
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MEET THE PARENTS: LITTLE FOCKERS [12A] Mon - Tue: 8.45pm
 Ben Stiller clashes with in-laws once again.
HEREAFTER [12A] Mon, Tue & Thu: 3.00, 6.00, 9.00pm
 Matt Damon stars in Clint Eastwood-directed fantasy drama.
BLACK SWAN [15] daily: 1.15, 4.15, 7.00, 9.30pm
 When ballerinas go bad. Natalie Portman as a disturbed dancer.
127 HOURS [15] daily: 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45pm
 Tense true story of trapped mountaineer. Subtitled Tue 7.15 Wed 2.15pm
Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)
BIG SCREAM: MARY AND MAX [12A] Wed: 11.30am
 Animated tale of unlikely pen-pals. Mary, a lonely, 8-year-old girl living in the suburbs of Melbourne, and Max, a 44-year-old, severely obese man living in New York.
SPANISH FILM BY MEXICAN DIRECTOR ALBERTO HERRERA about a man struggling against Barcelona's criminal underworld to reconcile fatherhood, love, guilt and crime.
MARY AND MAX [12A] Mon: 6.00pm
 Animated tale of two unlikely pen pals. Mary, a lonely, 8-year-old girl living in the suburbs of Melbourne, and Max, a 44-year-old, severely obese man living in New York.
BITTIFUL [15] Tue & Wed: 2.00, 5.15, 8.30pm; Thu: 2.00, 5.15pm
 Spanish film by Mexican director Alejandro Herrera about a man struggling against Barcelona's criminal underworld to reconcile fatherhood, love, guilt and crime.
BLACK SWAN [15] Tue: 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45pm
 Natalie Portman as disturbed dancer. Mon - Wed: 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45pm

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DRAGONSPOTTING


GIGS
 Tue 1st
BARE YOUR BONES / Acoustic / 8pm, Free / Cafe Tarifa, 56-60 Cowley Rd / 256091
OPEN MIC / Sign-up from 8pm, Free / Port Mahon, 82 St Clements / 790970
OPEN MIC / 8-11.30pm, Free / Jamesstreetavenue.co.uk / James St Tavern, James St
JOAN AS POLICEWOMAN, JAMES VINCENT MCMORROW / Promoting latest album 'The Deep Field' / 7pm, £15 / 02 Academy, 190 Cowley Road
DONUT KINGS BIG BAND / JAZZCO / Oxford University Jazz Society / 8.30pm, 14/12 / jazzco.co.uk / Copa, 9-13 George Street / 246906
MAISON D'ETRE / OPEN MIC / 8.30pm, free / maison.detre@hotmail.com / The Masons Arms (Headington Quarry), 2 Quarry School Place, Headington
THE JACKSON TRIO FEATURING JAMIE MCCREDIE / Live Jazz / 8pm, £15 (includes main meal), £10 / The Big Bang, 124 Walton Street

Wed 2nd
OPEN MIC / Host: Lee Davies / 8.30pm, Free / The Cape of Good Hope, 11 Ilffley Rd
TRISH ELPHINSTONE QUINTET / Jazz at the Half Moon / 8.45pm, Free / trishelphinstonequintet.com / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements / 247808
OPEN MIC WORKSHOP / We have amps, you have talent, or just applaud / 8pm-11pm, Free / 07582 542568 / Folly Bridge Inn, 38 Abingdon Road
SOLD OUT: ONE DIRECTION / X-factor finalists. Rescheduled from 27th Jan (original tickets still valid) / 7pm, Sold out / The Regal, 300 Cowley Road
MAPS & ATLASES, GALLOPS, NAIBOBI / Chicago tech-rockers / 8pm, £7.50 / The Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton Street
ANTON BARBEAU, THE CELLAR FAMILY / Psychedelic folk from Californian singer-songwriter / 8pm / The Wheatheaf, 129 High Street
NINA FERRO SOUL/LATIN/JAZZ 4TET / Free admission 8-10.30pm / www.thealabamaband.com / 01865 351648 / The Talk House, Wheatley Road, Stanton St John, Oxford OX3 1EX
TONY BATEY & GUESTS / Live roots blues every Wednesday / 9pm, Free entry / Cricketers Arms, Ilffley Road, 43 Ilffley Rd, (corner of Circus Street)

Send your Valentine a Daily message of love!

 Send a Valentine's Day message to someone you love and we'll publish it online and in print. All participants entered into our Valentine's prize draw!
To win this year:
 ♥ champagne dinner for 2 at **The Big Bang**
 ♥ meal for 2 at **Mamma Mia, Jericho**
 ♥ Burritos & Coronas for 2 from **the Mission**
 ♥ Oxford rickshaw tour from **Oxoncarts**
 See DailyInfo.co.uk for more!

Win a romantic (or platonic) meal: Valentine's Day Poetry Competition
 Our annual celebration or condemnation of love returns! The best poem in favour of love wins:
 Dinner for two at **Fratelli's Pizzeria** (up to a value of £50)
 The best (worst?) anti-Love poem wins:
 Dinner with friends at **Atomic Burger** (up to a value of £50)
 See DailyInfo.co.uk to enter!

OXFORD HOMELESS PATHWAYS is seeking a:
Part-Time Cleaner
 To take on part-time weekend cleaning at O'Hanlon House, an emergency accommodation project for homeless people.
 We need someone who is:
 • Self-motivated
 • Able to work on own or as part of a team
 • Enthusiastic and can clean to high standard
 • Pro-active and has a good understanding of written and spoken English
 • Sympathetic to the problems of homelessness
Salary: £8.36 per hour, 8 to 10 hours per week by agreement (with possibility of some extra hours to cover weekday shifts).
 Please phone (01865) 304600 for an application pack, email recruitment@oxhop.org.uk or download one from our website www.oxhop.org.uk
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LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME, term-time job? Boardworks is recruiting sales consultants for immediate start. Go to <http://www.boardworks.org.uk/current-vacancies-331/> to find out more or email a covering letter and CV to recruitment@boardworks.org.uk, 33board@boardworks.org.uk
SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, PHP, full-time or freelance required by Albrerton, Oxford. See <http://www.albrerton.co.uk/about-us/careers>, 33zak@users.dailyinfo.co.uk

THEATRE to Sat 5 Feb
Sheldonian Theatre (277299)
THE BARBER OF SEVILLE Fri 4th & Sat 5th: 8pm
 Oxford's New Chamber Opera Studio in Giasachino Rossini's opera, in English. £20-£110 / £10-£6
Oxford Playhouse (305305)
MASTER CLASS Mon 31st - Wed 2nd: 7.30pm
 Thu 3rd, Sat 5th: 2.30, 7.30pm; Fri 4th: 8pm
 Wed: 11.30am, 2.45, 5.45, 8.30pm
 Stephanie Beacham leads Terence McKelvey's biography of Maria Callas. £17.50 - 127
New Theatre (0844 8471585)
LENNY HENRY: CRADLE TO RAVE Sat 5th: 7.50pm
 New show from Lenny Henry. Written by Lenny Henry and John Carter. £24.50
Blackwells Bookshop (792792)
DOCTOR FAUSTUS BY CHRISTOPHER MARLOWE
 Scholar offers the devil his soul in exchange for power. £8 - £31 / Fri 4th, Sat 5th: 7.45pm
Ubicon Theatre (01235 525339)
ABIGAIL'S PARTY Wed 2nd & Thu 3rd: 8pm; Fri 4th & Sat 5th: 8pm
 Uncomfortable but hilarious exploration of social mores by Mike Leigh. Advance tickets from Patisserie Pascal, 11 East St. Helen St, Abingdon, Ox / £6.50
North Wall Arts Centre (319450)
2011: A SPACE ODDITY Fri 4th: 8pm
 Comedy theatre: a ridiculous and hilarious homage to space movies. £14 / £10
Burton Taylor Studio (305305)
STATEMENTS AFTER ARREST UNDER THE IMMORALITY ACT
 White & Black teacher discover their love is easily frustrated by Apartheid. £6 / £5
EDWARD ALBEE'S THE ZOO STORY Fri 4th - Sat 5th: 9.30pm
 A chance meeting in Central Park leaves two men changed forever. £6 / £5
On Tour ...
ALICE IN WONDERLAND
 A brand new musical version of the classic adventure for all the family to enjoy!
 Dorchester on Thames Village Hall (04079479) Wed 2nd Feb: 7pm, £8 / £6
 Great Milton Village Hall (01844 279474) Fri 4th: 7.30pm, £6 / £4
 Tetsworth Village Hall (01844 281288) Sat 5th: 7pm, £8 / £7

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JOBS

Pegasus
 Oxford based arts centre, Pegasus Theatre, is a major force in the field of youth arts and professional theatre. Pegasus has recently reopened to the public following a multimillion pound redevelopment and at this pivotal time is looking to recruit a
Youth Arts Leader
 (Youth Theatre and Community) (37 hours (f/t), £23k to £27k) to join the Creative Learning Team and help deliver Pegasus's creative arts programme.
 For this role, Pegasus is looking to recruit a highly motivated and experienced artist/practitioner to work alongside the Head of Creative Learning, Creative team, tutors and visiting artists/companies to deliver a programme of work with and for young people.
 Pegasus is also recruiting for a
Cafe Bar Assistant
 (Flexible part time hours, £12k - £13k pro rata)
 For full job descriptions please visit our website at www.pegasustheatre.org.uk or contact Yolanda on 01865 812160
 Closing dates for applications:
 Monday on Friday 28th January (Cafe Bar Assistant) and Monday on Friday 4th February (Youth Arts Leader)


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SOFTWARE DEVELOPER, PHP, full-time or freelance required by Albrerton, Oxford. See <http://www.albrerton.co.uk/about-us/careers>, 33zak@users.dailyinfo.co.uk

CONCERT REVIEW

Venus and Adonis

As a lover of opera but an infrequent audience member I eagerly anticipated *Venus & Adonis*; the setting of the Sheldonian made the occasion even more special than it already was.
 Whilst aware of the period of the piece, I was not prepared for the range of unfamiliar instruments on display. The programme informs me that the excessively long necked guitar-like instrument is a theorbo. In harmony with the rest of the pared-down orchestra, it offered a well-balanced accompaniment to the singers. The only thing that might have improved my enjoyment of these musical interludes would have been the addition of the dances that they would traditionally have accompanied.
 Having expected to just see a performance of *Venus and Adonis*, the first section of the evening was a bonus. The leading artists, Sophie Daneman and Giles Underwood, gave great performances. There was a good combination of jaunty tunes, what I imagine to be the crowd-pleasing numbers of the day, and show-off pieces where guitar and theorbo players combined in a demonstration of fiddly string plucking and strumming.

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FILM REVIEW
BARNEY'S version

 Barney's Version is hard to define. A bittersweet comedy-drama cum murder-mystery. Unapologetically funny yet tragic, compelling yet repelling, it's a beautiful and rewarding compendium. Barney's uneven life is played out from his 1970s misspent youth in Europe to an old age beset with memories of three marriages and a missing friend.
 Barney Panofsky is a cigar-smoking, egocentric womaniser. Fickle and foul-mouthed, he's not exactly God's gift. But somehow over forty years, from his twenties to his sixties, he gets what he wants. And sometimes what he deserves.
 Meeting the love of his life during his own wedding reception, and taking after her, is just the latest and most extravagant of Barney's selfish whims. But fulfilment isn't so easily won. And with a father who's as wayward as his son, the course of Barney's life is never going to run smoothly.
 Paul Giamatti (*Sideways*) is fantastic as the irascible Barney. But it's Rosamund Pike (*Die Another Day*, *Pride & Prejudice*) who steals the film and gives it a much-needed soul and moral compass. A foil for Barney's obsessive dreams of love and satisfaction, Pike gives a nuanced performance with a beating heart and steely strength.
 Add Dustin Hoffman as Barney's retired-cop dad, and Minnie Driver as his second wife, and the scintillating cast mines each seam of comedy and drama. Laugh-out-loud moments elide into scenes of squirmy heartbreak. A cornucopia of characterisations, the film zings with class and cut-glass emotion.
 Based on Mordecai Richler's novel, *Barney's Version* can be hard to take. Barney's unlikeable traits stem from the book's unreliable first person narrative, making it an uncomfortable watch. Is Barney telling the truth, misremembering or making it up?
- Glenn Watson
Barney's Version [15] can be seen at the Vue Cinema, Mon 31st Jan - Thu 3rd Feb: 12.55, 3.30, 6.10 & 8.50pm