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**WEDNESDAY 1ST (2ND WEEK): MAY DAY**

**COMING**

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Magdalen College choir will sing from Magdalen tower at 6.00am.  
Magdalen Bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic between 3am and 8am. It will remain open to pedestrians throughout.

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**TUESDAYS: ACCOMMODATION**

**WEDNESDAYS: JOBS OFFERED & JOBS WANTED**

**THURSDAYS: SALES & WANTED**

**May Morning : special venue opening times (selected venues in the vicinity of Magdalen Bridge)**

- Cafes:**  
*The Rose*, 51 High Street: from 8am  
*Queen's Lane Coffee House*, 40 High Street: from 3am  
*Café Cafe*, 84 High Street: 5.30-6.30am, drinks.  
Champagne breakfast: first sitting 6.30-7.30am:  
SOLD OUT. Second sitting 7.30-8.30am: few places remaining. Bookings only  
*Joe's*, 21 Cowley Road: from 6.30am
- Pubs:**  
*The Half Moon*, 17 St. Clements: 6-8am, drinks  
*The Wheatsheaf*, 129 High Street: 6.30-8.30am, drinks and sandwiches  
*Chequers*, 131 High Street: 6.30-8.30am, drinks & breakfast  
*The Turf Tavern*, Bath Place: 6-8am, drinks & sausage + bacon baguettes  
*Kings Arms*, 40 Holywell Street: tickets only. SOLD OUT  
*The White Horse*, 52 Broad Street: 6.30-8.30am, drinks & sausage + bacon sandwiches

**Morris dancing, Oxford City Centre, 6am onwards**

The Oxford City Morris Men, and many other Morris sides take part in the traditional May morning celebrations in Oxford. The men can be found gathering on the Oxford side of Magdalen bridge to listen to the choir of Magdalen College singing from the top of the college tower. Dancing begins around 6.15 a.m. in Radcliffe Square, beside the famous Camera, and continues for nearly three hours at various locations, including Broad Street, St Giles, and the Kings Arms. After breakfast most of the teams go off to other events around the district. In recent years Oxford City have taken to joining Headington Quarry and the Ancient Men in North Parade, Oxford, just off the Banbury Road.

From Oxford City Morris website:  
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12 year old helps Hugh Grant grow up  
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**THEATRE**  
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Of ducks and men...

**Why May Day?**  
Belane (Bright Fire) or May Day is the first day of summer, and once marked when cattle were taken to pasture to graze after being blessed with protective bonfire smoke. In later agricultural societies, when people leapt over bonfires, the height of their leaps was supposed to forecast the height of crops. While a German farmer's calendar of 1493 shows all other months of the year illustrated by hard-working farm folk, May alone represents leisure time. Belane especially celebrated love, attraction, courtship and mating - that hearty groundswell of desire we know as 'spring fever'. Villages elected a young, attractive couple to represent the King and Queen of the May and folk danced around the May pole, the skyward symbol of life; they gathered flowers and spent nights together under the stars in the forest. Belane is the time of milk and honey, the primary pagan time of pleasure, of blossoming and blooming - so the cow and the bee are both significant symbols for this celebration, for their seemingly magical productive capabilities. Large outcakes, called bannocks, were eaten, and traditionally a portion of the cake was burned or marked with ashes. The unfortunate soul who received the marked piece was sacrificed to the gods. More recently, the recipient simply jumped over a small fire 3 times instead.  
May Day traditionally features flowers, fruits and other sweets, and dancing, especially around a May pole with ribbons.

The people of ancient Rome honored Flora, the goddess of flowers and springtime, with a festival called Floralia. The goddess was represented by a small statue wreathed in garlands. A procession of singers and dancers carried the statue past a sacred blossomed tree. Later, festivals of this kind spread to other lands conquered by the Romans. Today May Day is known as the happiest day of the year in Italy. All varieties of flowers are placed in and around places of worship. Boys often serenade their sweethearts on this day.

In England, the festivals begun in Italy reached their height during the Middle Ages. On the first day of May, villagers awakened at daybreak to roam the countryside gathering blossoming flowers and branches. A flowering maypole was set up on the village green, and a wooden staff was made of the trunk of a tall birch tree, was decorated with bright field flowers. The villagers then danced and sang around the maypole, accompanied by a piper. Usually the Morris dance was performed by dancers wearing bells on their colourful costumes. Often the fairest maiden of the village was chosen queen of the May. Sometimes a May king was also chosen. These two led the village dancers and ruled over the festivities. In Elizabethan times, the king and queen were called Robin Hood and Maid Marian. Maypoles were usually set up for the day in small towns, but in London and the larger towns they were erected permanently. They were considered heathen eyesores by the Puritans. May Day festivities became banned by Parliament and wild that the Puritans were able to force the government to forbid them. They soon sprang up again, however, and still continue in many English villages.

**May Day Fact:**  
In 1889, a Congress of world Socialist parties held in Paris voted to support the U.S. labor movement's demand for an 8-hour day. It chose May 1, 1890, as a day of demonstrations in favor of the 8-hour day. Afterward, May 1 became a holiday called Labor Day in many countries. The holiday is especially important in socialist and Communist countries.  
Taken from the website <http://www.umkc.edu/lm/mayday.htm>

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**MEETINGS**  
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