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FIREWORKS!
Below are the full details of all the displays we know about happening in the next week. If you know of any more, please email fireworks@dailyinfo.co.uk to let us know!

ST MICHAEL'S SCHOOL, Thursday 5th November: gates open 5.30pm, fireworks 6.30pm
St Michael's School, Marston Road, Oxford, OX3 0EJ
Family friendly fireworks and bonfire night. Food and drinks available.
Tickets £3 adult, £2 child, £8 family (2 adults + 3 children); advance £2.50/£1.50/£1 (01865 241476)

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS DISPLAY, Thursday 5th November: 5.30pm
Fringford Village Hall, Fringford Road, OX27 8DY
Traditional family bonfire & fireworks display. Entry by donations. http://fringford.info

ABBA FIREWORKS! Thursday 5th November: gates open 6pm, fireworks 7pm
Stratfield Brake Recreation Ground, Kidlington, OX5 1UP (opp. Sainsburys). Limited disabled parking only.
Tickets £4 adult, £3 child; advance £3/£2 from Exeter Hall, Kidlington (9am - 4pm). No sparklers.
01865 372143; www.kidlington-pc.gov.uk

FIREWORKS FOR LITTLE ONES, Thursday 5th November: 5 - 6pm
Lake Street Playgroup, Hinksey Park, Grandpont, Oxford
Toddler friendly fireworks display. £5 family pass. http://www.lakestreetplaygroup.org.uk/

FREE SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS AT KINGHAM! Thursday 5th November: 6pm, fireworks 7pm
The playing field, Kingham (near Chipping Norton)
Stalls, attractions - something for everyone. Lots of lovely things to eat and drink: pig roast, burgers, hotdogs, mulled wine, hot chocolate, bar... See you there!

BONFIRE NIGHT AT THE WHITE HART, Thursday 5th November: from 7.30pm
The White Hart, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9DL
Live acoustic music, fire performances from the Oxford Brookes Circus Skills Society, BBQ, Spiced Cider and homemade tasty treats. An enjoyable evening for all!

HANBOROUGH MUSICAL FIREWORKS, Friday November 6th: gates 6pm, display 7pm
The Playing Fields, Roosevelt Road, Lang Hanborough
Fairground rides, BBQ, hotdogs, jacket potatoes, mulled wine.
Tickets £3 adult, £2 child. More info available from Vikki Beale: 01993 883347

BOTLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL, Friday November 6th: 6pm
Botley Primary School, Elms Road, Botley, OX2 9JZ
A spectacular firework display and barbecue. £3 each / £12 family of 5 07733 480605. wendy.cunning@otiscali.co.uk

GREAT MILTON MUSICAL FIREWORKS, Friday November 6th: 7pm
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SOUTH PARK ROUND TABLE FIREWORKS, Saturday 7th November: gates 5pm, fireworks 6.30pm
Tickets £6 (under 8s free), £15 family (2 adults + 3 children); advance £5/£12 from Shepherd & Woodward (High Street & Summertown); Ideal Eyes (Templar's Square); Fusion Hair (Headington); Walters (Turl St); Johnson's Buildbase (Cowley); and The Old Black Horse (St Clements). Also available from Jason Prier, Oxford Road Table: 07989 438553. All proceeds to local charities.

DIDCOT CHARITY FIREWORKS DISPLAY, Saturday 7th November: gates 5.30pm, fireworks 7pm
Brasenose Park, Didcot, OX11 7BN
Funfair, food inc. pig roast, hot drinks available.
Tickets £5 adult, £3 OAP/child, £12 family (2 adults + 3 children); advance £4/£2.50/£10 from The One Stop Shop, Didcot Civic Hall; Newbury Building Society, Broad Way; and Heart to Heart/Thorntons, Didcot Orchard Centre. Proceeds to charity - organised by Didcot Rotary Club. 01235 819597

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT WITNEY RFC, Sunday 8th November: open all day, fireworks 7.30pm
Hailey Road, Witney, OX29 9UB
Funfair, pig roast, BBQ, bar, play area, fire-eaters, sweet stall. BBQ lit 4-5pm; gey competition 6pm; bonfire lit 6.30-7pm, fireworks 7.30pm. Donations to Rugby club: 01993 771043.
Please visit www.dailyinfo.co.uk/whatson/fireworks-2009.htm for more events and details!

COMEDY REVIEW

Kill for a Seat @ the Bully

Last night's Kill for a Seat comedy was intense, exciting, and occasionally a little unpleasant. All the acts were men, none were especially young, and none seemed to have a great deal of love for the world or their audience.
Richard Wilson, the comper, was a short, hairy, geezer-ish comedian from Kent. Almost immediately, he identified a bunch of Brookes students at the front as the 'victims' for the evening, and set about ridiculing their degrees. These guys were in for a tough night. Wilson is rarely screamingly funny, but he's relaxed, confident and engaging.
The first main act was Duncan Oakley, a tall, bearded, slightly lost looking chap. He wasn't a great advert for the lifestyle of the touring stand-up. He described how he'd recently split up from his partner, and had been living in his camper van. The van was starting to get a bit smelly, he told us. Oakley's approach is to jabber away in a breathless stream of consciousness, delivering dreadful puns and snippets of sex and swearing. He often sounds like a man trying to get in a few extra insults before he gets punched in the mouth. I thought he was a bit old for some of his material, which was often rude in a slightly schoolboy-ish way.
When Stewart Black came on, he looked really nervous and uncomfortable. Pale, skinny, and drawn, with a strong West Country accent, he looked almost too fragile to be doing stand-up. At first, I didn't think he was going to find his rhythm, but when he got going he had some really quality jokes and routines, and was probably the funniest act of the evening. His best bits were about sex, particularly his impression of Sting being dragged off his wife during a seven hour tantric session.
Michael Smiley used to be the skinny, bald-headed 'Tyres' in Spaced, and before that, I think he appeared as the resident raver on programmes like The Word. He looks really different now - paunchy, with an uncare-for floppy fringe and scraggy beard. But the accent's the same - strong, gobstopper-in-the-mouth Ulster. There's someone else from Northern Ireland in the crowd, and this starts Smiley off talking about Catholics and Prods, Belfast mothers, thick DUP Mps, and the North Belfast Zoo. His best joke was about a fellow ex-pat, a protestant unionist living with his posh wife in Hampstead, who decides on the 11th July to burn an effigy of the pope in his barbecue and have his own Orange order march down to Blockbuster videos.
But then everything changes. A posh girl near the front says something out of turn to her boyfriend, and Smiley is on her like a shot. He asks her to repeat herself, and the girl brazenly tells him she doesn't find him very funny. Smiley, clearly rattled, is really horrible back to her, offensive, personal, and misogynist. It wasn't very nice at all, like the whole class struggle in miniature, the toff all sneering and arrogant, the prole hateful and bitter. Although Smiley was less funny after this spat, I have to admit that the episode suited the agreeably edgy mood of the evening.
Kevin Money

Kill for a Seat Comedy, Sunday 6th December, 8pm, £7.50/£6.50, The Bullingdon, 162 Cowley Rd

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RECIPE

Pumpkin Pie
One of the consolations of autumn.

When you've scraped out your pumpkin for a Jack O'lantern, you'll have a whole heap of pumpkin flesh left over. Hooray! Pie.
Discard the seeds. If the flesh is not already in reasonably small pulpy chunks, cut it up into roughly bite-sized pieces. Put about half a litre of pieces (measured with gaps between the chunks) into a pan with a good knob of butter (around 70g), cinnamon, cloves (you can take them out later), half a jar of stem ginger, chopped, and 2 level tablespoons of caster sugar. Cook it over medium/high heat till soft, stirring occasionally to stop it sticking. It'll only take about half an hour.
You can stop at this stage and let it cool and let the flavour develop overnight. Taste it and re-season; you want it to taste as strong as possible so that it's not insipid when mixed with the cream.
Make a pie crust (it's rather nice with almond pastry). Bake the pie crust very lightly (don't let it change colour. But don't panic if it does).
Mix your cooled pumpkin with: 300 ml double cream, 4 eggs, 150 ml golden syrup and a pinch of salt. The pumpkin should be soft enough to mash easily - if not, you can give it a whirl in a food processor. Pour it into your pie crust.
Bake for 2 hours at 170 C / 340 F / between gas 3 and 4.
It will rise. Let it fall. Let it cool also. Eat it gently warm with friends and cream.
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Miranda Rose

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