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Tues, Wed: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00  
30s gangster yarn with style to spare. See review, far  
right.

SWEET SIXTEEN (18) Daily (exc Sun): 2.00, 4.30,  
6.50, 9.15 Sun: 2.50, 4.50, 7.00, 9.15  
Ken Loach's latest tale of hope and despair

THE FOLLOWING (15) Sat: 11.30pm Sun: 12 noon  
Crisp, Hitchcockian thriller in black and white  
DOUBLE BILL: FREAKS! THE DEVIL DOLL (12A)  
Sat: 11.30pm Sun: 12 noon  
Unsettling discoveries ripe for rediscovery

MUJHSE DOSTI KAROGE (U) Sun: 1:20  
Grand Yash Chopra romantic comedy

KIDS CLUB: HALO (PG) Sun: 2:00pm  
India's answer to the Lassie movies. No unaccom-  
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Ultimate Picture Palace 245288  
TOGETHER (15) Fri - Mon: 9.30  
Commune life in Sweden

SHARKS: ATTACK OF THE CLONES (PG) Sat & Sun: 4.00, 6.45 Mon-Thurs: 6.45  
A Jedi shall not know Love

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A deaf-mute hit-man (!)

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THE ROAD TO PERDITION (15) Daily: 12.00, 2.45,  
5.30, 8.30  
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SWEET SIXTEEN (18) Daily: 12.30, 3.00, 5.45, 8.15  
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5.45, 8.40 Sat & Sun: 10.45, 1.00, 3.30, 5.45, 8.40  
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THE BOURNE IDENTITY (12A) Sun - Wed: 3.00, 8.30  
Assassin on the run with amnesia. See review at  
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VAN WILDER: PARTY LIAISON (15) Sun - Wed: 12.30, 6.00  
Another brainless beer fest

BOAT TRIP (15) Daily: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00  
Utter silliness as hormonal staid guys on gay cruise ship

ONE HOUR PHOTO (15) Daily: 12.15, 2.30, 5.15,  
8.15  
Obsession with suburban family

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (PG) Daily: 1.15,  
3.45, 6.15, 8.00  
Marrying the WHOLE family

SIGNS (12A) Daily: 12.45, 3.15, 5.45, 8.45  
Are aliens coming? See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

RED DRAGON (15) Daily: 11.30, 2.45, 5.30, 8.30  
Prequel to the novels of the Lambs

SPIDERMAN (12A) Sat - Sun: 10.45  
Web-slinging action. See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

STUART LITTLE 2 Sat - Sun: 11.00  
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## RESTAURANT REVIEW

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The young staff quickly showed themselves to be friendly, knowledgeable and attentive without being intrusive. This is good. Many questions were asked about the finer details of certain dishes, their size (obviously an important consideration) and general appeal. All were answered helpfully and without making us feel too inquisitive. The menus are printed anew each day, to emphasise that the produce is all fresh and ever changing. And we meandered in agonies of indecision for a considerable time. In addition to extensive lists of starters and main courses such as you might expect, there are also the chef's specials, the catches of the day, and an amazing array of shellfish options. The range of dishes is really quite impressive, with both experimental and traditional appetites catered for.

The first impression is that it's all very clean and functional: a black and white tiled theme is in evidence (designed perhaps to evoke freshness by association with a well-scrubbed fishmonger's shop) with diner-style booths. This leads on to a more traditional restaurant layout, on the Turl St side, which is echoed upstairs.

Eventually we chose starters of tempura squid, with satay and miso sauces and baked risotto, with mozzarella and caponata. The squid was tender, by squid standards and the sauces just the right textures. The very generous Risotto came with an interestingly textured exterior, cheese melted within (which elicited a childlike 'oooh' from both parties after it was revealed) and a rather nice vegetable and raisin sauce/base.

Whilst we had entertained the idea of ordering about five dishes for the main course, ('Just to have a small taste of each', of course) an eventual choice was made of seabass fillet, with butter nut squash, cauliflower cream, piquillo peppers and water-cress, and pan-seared marlin, with honey-glazed parsnips. The seabass was soft and fell off the bone in exactly the pleasing manner that it should, with the sauce not too rich and unnecessarily creamy (this praise indeed, coming as it did from a somewhat fussy eater, who is not particularly enamoured with all things overly dairy). The marlin was substantial and full-flavoured. Side dishes of chips and seasonal vegetables also met with our approval, (especially the very tasty parsnips) although we were barely able to scratch their surface.

We were agreeably stuffed by this stage, and were going to inspect the dessert menu merely for curiosity's sake. One look, though, and we were destined to have to loosen our belts: a shared crème brûlée lured us in, which was as faultless as the rest, prepared as it was with just the enough of a spiced hint to keep us wishing we had ordered one each.

With a couple of glasses of splendid Chablis and a small liqueur, the bill came to just under £30 a head. You could easily have a very nice and slightly less indulgent meal for somewhat less, or you could get among the lobster and champagne and spend substantially more. Either way, to judge by satisfied murmurs from nearby tables, you should expect excellent value for money.

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**FILM REVIEW**  
THE ROAD TO PERDITION

*Sam Mendes grabbed the world's attention with his  
directorial debut, 'American Beauty', a satirical  
dissection of the middle-class suburban family in  
contemporary America - even if the film was some-  
what overhyped and overrated (similar themes  
were treated far more bilingly in Todd Solondz's  
'Happiness', released in the same year). Now  
Mendes returns with 'The Road to Perdition',  
another fable of family dynamics, this time set in  
the world of Depression-era organised crime.*

*Michael Sullivan (Tom Hanks) is a doting family  
man: he has a wife and two sons*