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CINEMA

To Thursday 14th February

Odeon George St 0870 5050007

HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE (PG)
Fri & Sat: 11.30, 3.00, Sun-Wed: 11.00, 2.15, Thur: 12.30
Bednobs and broomsticks (or was that something else...?)
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Incapable furry fright-mongers.

IRIS (15) Daily: 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 9.00
Fri: 11.15, 1.30, 4.00, 6.30 Thu: 3.45, 6.30, 9.00
Judi Dench in biopic of authoress Iris Murdoch.

VANILLA SKY (15) Fri: 11.45, 2.45, 6.15, 9.30
Sat: 2.45, 6.15, 9.30 Sun-Thurs: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30
Womanising Tom Cruise gets his comeuppance.

BLACK HAWK DOWN(18) Fri & Sat: 9.00
Sun - Thurs: 8.20
"True story" of an American military engagement in Somalia.

SHALLOW HAL (12) Fri & Sat: 12.30, 4.15, 7.00, 9.45
Mon-Thur: 12.20, 3.00, 5.45, 8.45
Gwyneth Paltrow in a 400lb 'fatsuit'. Another triumph of sensitive characterization.

TRAINING DAY(18) Fri & Sat: 6.45, 9.30
Sun - Thurs: 5.45, 8.45
Ethan Hawke and Denzel Washington in cop film.

LORD OF THE RINGS (PG) Fri & Sat: 12.00, 4.30, 8.45
Mon - Thurs: 12.00, 3.45, 7.35
Epic fantasy adventure. (Possibly not suitable for under-8's)

SENIOR SCREEN: PEARL HARBOUR(12)
Wed: Doors 10.15, Film 10.45.
Refreshments included.

MOVIE MOB: SHREK (U) Sat & Sun: 11am
Animated fairytale. All tickets £2

OCEAN'S 11 (12) Thu: 11.45, 2.45, 5.45, 8.45
Star-studded remake of 60s thriller

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SPY GAME(15) Fri 11.30pm, Sun 12.15
Redford rescuing Pitt from incarceration in China.

PRINCESS MONONOKE (PG) Fri & Sat: 11.30pm
Sun: 12noon
Animal gods vs human invaders. Japan's most successful film EVER.

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Except: Sun: 3.15, 6.00, 8.45
English domestics via Robert Altman

VA SAVOIR(PG) Fri, Tue, Thur: 1.45, 8.30 Sat: 8.30
Sun: 2.15, 8.30 Mon: 1.45, 6.30
Likeable character-driven drama

A MA SOEUR (18) Daily: 4.30, 6.30 Sun 4.50, 6.30
Mon: 4.30, 9.10 Wed: 4.20
Fragile relationship of sisters on the brink of adulthood.

KIDS CLUB: PRINCESS MONONOKE (PG) Sat: 2.00
See above. No unaccompanied adults!

THIS IS SPINAL TAP (15) Sat: 11.30pm
Legendary spoof rockumentary.

SECRETS AND LIES (15) Wed: 5.45
Introduced by Mike Leigh himself. Booking advised

FIGHT CLUB (18) Thurs: 11.30pm
Anarchy, insomnia and soap. Oh, and fighting.

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S (PG) Thu: 11.30pm
Don't make 'em like this any more...

Ultimate Picture Palace 245288
THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE (15) Fri: 6.00 Sat: 2.15
Sun: 1.15 Mon: 5.00
Coen brothers' triumph. See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

LORD OF THE RINGS (PG) Fri: 8.15 Sat: 4.45, 8.15
Sun: 3.45, 7.15 Mon: 7.15 Tue - Thurs: 9.00
Best film ever etc etc. (Possibly not suitable for under-8's)

CLERKS (18) Fri & Sat: 11.45pm
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THE BACKROOM BOOGIE / soul, funk, 70s retro £5 / 10pm-2am / Backroom @ The Bully, 162 Cowley Road, Tel: 244516, Email: info@thebully.f9.co.uk

PLASTISCENE CD LAUNCH GIG / £3.50 / 8.30 p.m / Wheatstheaf, 129, High St

DJ / Music and dancing. / 11pm - 2am / Freud's, Walton Street, Tel: 311171

Sat 9 February

PLAYGROUND / UK/US garage with Guy Williams and Nathan Gould / 9pm-2am / Backroom @ The Bully, 162 Cowley Road, Tel: 244516, Email: info@thebully.f9.co.uk

VEDA PARK AND MOOCHER / Acoustic soul, countr, funk, sweet tunes / Horse & Jockey, Abingdon / 8.30pm
Email: shavedchimp@hotmail.com

ZABADDO / Latin Jazz / 11pm - 2am / Freud's, Walton Street, Tel: 311171.

Sun 10 February

DEEP PURPLE / Legendary rockers responsible for hit such as 'Smoke on the Water' (£26.50) / Apollo Theatre George Street, Tel: 0870 6063500

CLUB SUSSED / indie/pop heaven, the most eclectic night in Oxford, £2 / 8.00pm - 12.30am / The Cella Bar, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket, Tel: 01865 244761

RICH AND RICH / A tribute to Jagger and Richards £5 / 8-11.30pm / Backroom @ The Bully, 162 Cowley Road, Tel: 244516, Email: info@thebully.f9.co.uk

BEN MAY / Piano / 2-4pm, then Viva Salsa from 6pm Frewin, Walton Street, Tel: 311171.

OUSU/IMSOC BATTLE OF THE BANDS / Heat #2 ft Ch. Mi, Evil Twin, Vaughan, E4/E3 with IMSOC card / Door: 8pm / Wheatstheaf, 129, High St

Mon 11 February

LUIS D'AGOSTINO GUESS / Contemporary Jazz 8.30pm / Cricketers Arms, 43, Ilffey Rd, Tel: 726264

BEN MAY / Piano / 10pm-Midnight / Freud's, Walton Street, Tel: 311171, Fax: 311171

THE FUNK EXCHANGE PLUS KAILASH / Jazz funk / 8.30-12 midnight / Backroom @ The Bully, 162 Cowley Road, Tel: 244516, Fax: 202457, Email: info@thebully.f9.co.uk

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TUNTURI WORKOUT CYCLE - hardly been used due to becoming member of gym, was £350 now will take £100 ono. Christine.Fisher@tpp.co.uk

THEATRE

Apollo Theatre 0870 6063500

GRIGOROVICH'S NUTCRACKER Mon 4th - Sat 9th
Daily: 7.30, plus Wed: 2.00 & Sat: 2.30.
See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

VERDI'S NABUCCO Tue 12th, Wed 13th, Sat 16th: 7.30
Revenge, destruction and jealousy. £10 - £39.50

TOSCA Thu 14th & Fri 15th: 7.30pm
True love, torture and treachery (£10.00-£39.50)

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WHEN WE ARE MARRIED Fri 8th & Sat 9th: 7.30pm Sat Mat: 2:30pm
Comedy of anniversarial misunderstandings

PRINCESS IDA Tue 12th - Sat 16th
Daily: 7.30pm Sat Mat: 2:30pm
Gilbert and Sullivan's satiric gem £8/£6

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ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN. Fri 8th: 8pm
Sat 9th: 1.30pm, 8pm
100 dancers/singers in explosive performance collective.

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SINGLE SPIES Fri 8th: 8.00, Sat 9th: 2.30, 7.30
Double-bill of Alan Bennett. See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

MONKEY! Tue 12th - Sat 16th Daily: 7.30, Tue & Sat mats: 2.30
Pilgrimage with a monkey; religion, history, magic and poetry

Burton Taylor Theatre 305350

TEENAGER OF THE YEAR Fri 8th & Sat 9th: 7.30pm
See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

THE WATCHED POT Fri 8th & Sat 9th: 9.30pm
Saki's rarely performed comedy. See review.

IT'S A HUNTINGDON LIFE! Tue 12th - Sat 16th Daily: 7.30, Satire, farce and science all collide in new writing comedy

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Moser Theatre, Wadham 277900

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MEETINGS

Sun 10 February

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST. / Subject this week: Spirit / 10.30am / 36 St Giles; Tel: 557605

Mon 11 February

KING AND COUNTRY? THE UNION BETWEEN THE WARS / With Professor M.R.D.Foot of Modern History / 8.30pm / Oxford Union, Frewin Court

TALK BY STEPHEN PARKINSON, 'THE SEARCH FOR DARK MATTER' / 8.00pm / Methodist Church Hall, Dorchester Crescent, Abingdon; Tel: 01491 201620

WOODLAND BIRDS, TALK BY N PHILLIPS / Oxford Meads Wildlife Group: £1 (members 50p) / 7.30pm / St Mary's Church Rectory, Kidlington, behind church (SP 497 148)

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THE WATCHED POT by Saki

Burton Taylor Theatre to Sat 9th Feb

The appropriately named Tweed productions made a pretty good fist of Saki's 'The Watched Pot' judging by last night's performance. The comedy revolves around the antics of a 'Saturday to Monday' impromptu house party, and the potential for high jinx that arises when the strict Lady of the manor goes out. Said Lady must be usurped by the wife that Trevor (the son) has to be persuaded to marry, and the chase is on. So far so good. Strict cutting rendered some aspects of the humour (and plot) a little unintelligible, because the character based gags were lost. Nevertheless, comments and asides drew wry smiles and the odd chuckle from a fairly well attended house, although the action did not.

Directors Oliver Breese and Lauren McAughtry coped well with the perennial problems of sitting room dramas, (that characters have to move around to liven things up, but that this is necessarily unrealistic). Although quite a bit of chair-hopping and general faffing occurred, the cigarettes, constantly needing relighting etc proved to be useful devices. However, the movement between sofas and chairs, coupled with a large cast, made working out who was who and what was where a tad difficult.

Patrick Hennessy was a good choice for Trevor Bavel. Languid and unfruffed, he lounged his way through the play in a most convincing manner. His relative (but how were they related? Another "cut?") Ludovic Bavel was also excellent giving an authoritative performance, and getting lots of smirks from his audience. Philip Womack as the aesthete Rene St. Gall cleaned up laugh wise, hamming the part up outrageously, belying his character's sub-plot status. Martin Shotton put up a solid show and was very amusing in his first scene although his character might have suffered in the cutting as the play went on, because it was never entirely clear why he was really there or how he ended up.

Annabel Clark gave a good comic performance of a hearty country Gel, if a bit over the top in her flower scene. On the other hand, Charlotte Murphy could have overacted just a touch more.

In honour of this being Elvis' birthday, you could celebrate his life by purchasing a fantastic Elvis doll, such as the one shown. Or you could just sit on the 'throne' all day.... David Bowie and Shirley Bassey share the King's day of birth, but we couldn't find dolls of them.

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