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Cheech and Chongesque stoner comedy.

HIDE AND SEEK (15) Mon-Thu: 2.40, 4.50, 7.05, 9.20pm
De Niro meanders through this weak chiller.

HITCH (12A) Thu: 2.10, 4.30, 6.50, 9.15pm
Generic rom com with Will Smith and Eva Mendes.

HOTEL RWANDA (12A) daily: 2.50, 5.30, 8.15pm
Compelling biopic of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotelier caught up in the horrors of 1994.

MEET THE FOCKERS (12A) Mon-Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
Meet the Parents 2...

OCEAN'S TWELVE (12A) daily: 3.00, 5.50, 8.30pm
Slick heist sequel with Brad, George, and Matt. And Bruce.

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SPANGLISH (12A) daily: 8.00pm;
A comedy with a language all its own.

THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (15) daily: 12.50, 6.10pm
Bill Murray plans to exact revenge on a mythical shark that killed his partner.

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2046 (12A) Mon: 9.30pm; Tue-Thu: 7.00pm
Wong Kar Wai's subtle and complex odyssey.

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Cracking parable mirroring the breakup of the Soviet Union. With Christopher Plummer.

NAPOLEON DYNAMITE (PG) Tue-Thu: 9.30pm
Affectionate parody of a nerd's nerd.

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FRENCH CINEMA: LA REGLE DU JEU (PG) Mon: 7.15pm
Renoir's look at bourgeois life in France at the onset of World War II

KINSEY (15) Mon - Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00
Biopic of sex sociologist.

SPECIAL EVENT: NORA (15) Wed: 1.00pm
In conjuction with Oxford Brookes and followed by lecture with director Pat Murphy.

SPECIAL PREVIEW: SOMERSAULT (15) Tue: 6.30pm
New experiences help a young girl learn the differences between sex and love.

THE BIG SCREAM: WIMBLEDON (12A) Wed: 11.30am
Love Actually with tennis. Exclusive screening for parents with kids under 1.

THE LIFE AQUATIC WITH STEVE ZISSOU (15) Mon: 1.45, 4.15, 9.15pm; Tue-Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15pm
Bill Murray plans to exact revenge on a mythical shark that killed his partner.

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HAROLD AND KUMAR GET THE MUNCHIES (15)
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HIDE AND SEEK (15) daily: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30
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HITCH (12A) Thu: 3.45, 5.30, 8.15, 9.00pm
Generic rom com with Will Smith and Eva Mendes.

HOTEL RWANDA (12A) daily: 2.15, 6.15, 9.15
Biopic of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotelier caught up in the horrors of 1994 Rwanda.

KINSEY (15) daily: 3.00, 5.45, 8.30
Biopic of Alfred Kinsey who proclaimed the sexual revolution in America.

MEET THE FOCKERS (12A) Mon-Wed: 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.00pm
Meet the Parents 2... Thu: 1.00, 6.30pm

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POETRY & STORY TELLING / Poetry and stories from the audience with musical break / Hear the Word / 8pm. FREE / heartheword@fsmail.net / Gardeners Arms, Plantation Rd

Tue 8th

DARK AGES ARCHAEOLOGY LECTURE / Dr. Ulmschneider, Worcester: Markets and metal-detectors (Windgather) / OU Archaeological Society / 8 pm. 2 pounds for non-members / Email: archsoc@herald.ox.ac.uk / Web: www.geocities.com/ouarchsoc / Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street

PROF. S. PROSSER: 'THE PLACE OF VOCATION IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY' / Special lecture / Christian vocation and public life in the 21st century / 5pm, all welcome / Regent's Park College, Pusey Street, Oxford, Tel: 288129; Web: www.rpc.ox.ac.uk/

SARAT MAHARAJ: 'XENO-EPISTEMICS: WAYS OF KNOWING THE OTHER AND OTHER WAYS OF KNOWING' / Speaking of Others' series / 6pm / Email: college.sec@wolfson.ox.ac.uk / Web: www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/news/ Wolfson College Hall. Linton Road

LENT 2005 - VISIONS OF LOVE / An Islamic Perspective on Love: Dr Ataullah Siddique / St Giles Church / 8.00 pm - Admission Free / Email: secretary@st-giles-church.org / Web: www.st-giles-church.org / St Giles Church. St Giles

THE UNCEASING QUEST / Retrospective of the search for higher meaning Zen,Yoga,Kabala, Buddha / and Quantum physics... / 19:30, £5/£2 / Email: uncreasing@ntlworld.com / venue TBA, call 07968 707770 for details

AARON LANSKY: 'OUTWITTING HISTORY' AND ANTHONY BLOND 'JEW MADE IN ENGLAND' / Jewish Book Week / 6pm, £5 (£3) / Email: jbwoxford@hotmail.co.uk / Web:www.jewishbookweek.com / University Museum of Natural History, Parks Rd, Oxford

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Wed 9th

ABINGDON GATHERING / Pub gathering open to members and anyone interested in Witchcraft / Children of Artemis / 8.30pm / Email: rain@wytchcraft.net: rain@wytchcraft.net / Web: www.witchcraft.org / King's Head and Bell, East St Helen's St, Abingdon

TALK BY DOMINIC COUZENS / "Bird Sounds: as you've never heard them before" / Oxford Ornithological Society / 7.45pm / Email: secretary@oos.org.uk / Web: www.oos.org.uk / Stratfield Brake Sports Centre,south of Kidlington, off A4260

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Broadway musical based on 70s film about a wannabe cheerleader. £10

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Mon-Fri: 7.30pm; Sat: 2.00, 7.30pm
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Jacqueline Du Pré Building (276821)

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REVIEW

La Croissanterie Café, Old High Street, Headington

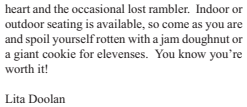
This small café has a heart as big as their juicy golden croissants and pain au raisins. Menu choices span both spectrums of the foodie palate; delicatessen through to greasy spoon. Crayfish/feta salad and smoked salmon baguette compete with the all day breakfast and beans on toast for possession of your taste buds. This café offers something for everyone's palate, with a reassuring range of soothing comfort food (hot dogs, bacon butties and jacket potatoes are particular favourites).

The charming staff aim to please, turning out highly popular and consistently crunchy paninis. Their Mediterranean fillings are handy for vegetarians (sundried tomatoes & feta cheese). Baguettes are baked fresh daily, the Mexican chicken is a particularly tasty speciality filling. Home-made soup makes a regular appearance as the daily special whilst an authentic moussaka makes a real meal out of a visit.

Costa coffee is served as are frothy steamers along with flavoured syrups. The selection of juices and fizzy pops is an instant trip back to childhood and a hit with the younger customers. Lapsang souchong and herbal infusions are on hand for the more sophisticated palate. Newspapers are in abundance and you feel welcome to stay as long as you like, watching downtown Headington pass by.

La Croissanterie Café is the perfect place to enjoy the last burst of the weekend, and banish those pre-dusk Sunday blues. The café has many regulars such as young families, the young at heart and the occasional lost rambler. Indoor or outdoor seating is available, so come as you are and spoil yourself rotten with a jam doughnut or a giant cookie for elevenses. You know you're worth it!

Lita Doolan



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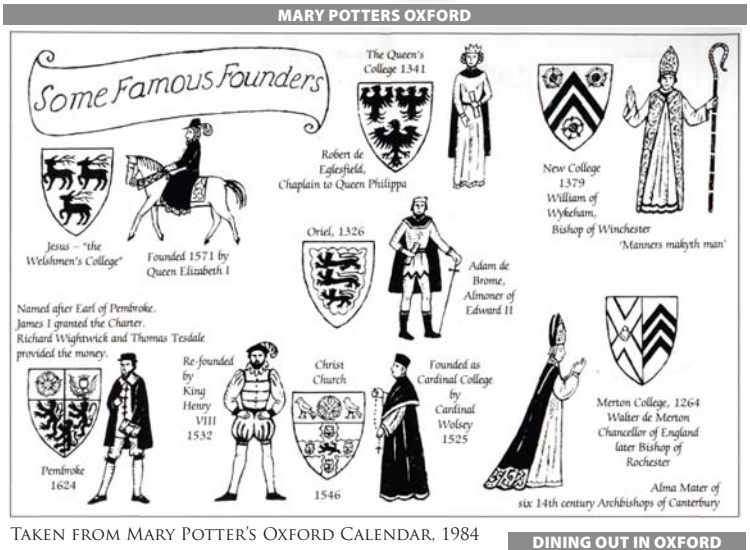

Taken from Mary Potter's Oxford Calendar, 1984

1. Queen's. Robert de Eglesfield intended the College to consist of a Provost, 12 scholars ('Apostles') and 72 'disciples' chosen to undertake an eighteen year course in Theology. Of this worthy scheme, only the Provost remains. The founder is commemorated in the annual ceremony of the needle and thread (the French 'aiguille et fil' being a play on his name). The Bursar solemnly presents each Fellow with a needle and a length of red thread, saying 'Take this and be thrifty'.
2. New College. So called to distinguish it from Oriel, both at the time being dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. Wykeham founded Winchester College 8 years later to provide undergraduates, and it remained a closed society until the Victorian authorities, alarmed by the Wykehamist habit of awarding their own degrees, insisted on non-exclusive entry. What is now the Long Room was the Mediaeval lavatory block, and it is said that the cesspit was so huge that it did not need emptying for 300 years...
3. Oriel. So called because of a house, 'La Oriole', demolished in the 17th century when the college was entirely re-built. The hall in turn may have been named after an oriel window - a polygonal window protruding from an upper storey and supported from the ground.
4. Jesus still hoists a bunch of leeks on its flagpole on St. David's Day, and is the headquarters of the University Welsh Society, Dafydd ap Gwilym. The winner of the 1863 Newdigate Poetry Prize (Subject: Coal Mines) was, appropriately, a Jesus scholar, Thomas Llewellyn Thomas.
5. Wolsey fell from favour during the building of Christ Church - you can still see the unfinished cloisters. But he had put first things first, and the huge kitchen was complete.
6. Merton scholars are known as 'postmasters', a corruption of the mediaeval 'portionistae', ie. a poor scholar receiving a defined portion of food.
7. The Colleges were originally funded by gifts of land, whose rents provided their upkeep. Fellows of some colleges are called upon from time to time to accompany the Head of College and the Bursars on a 'Progress'. Originally a rent-collecting trip, this is now a tour of inspection of the properties, often enhanced by the hospitality of the farmers.

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