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RESTAURANT REVIEWS

Fratelli's Pizzeria

247 Cowley Road, OX4 1XG. Oxford 248200

Wonderful pizza, wonderful service... prices are reasonable. I will definitely go back again... although it is a shame it is not open on a Sunday night...
L., 13/10/08

We've eaten here twice, and I'm booked to go again Friday. The first time was the day after they opened and before we left for a week in Ireland and I had no time to write a review, although I did quickly email all my neighbors saying that the old restaurant had changed and that there was a terrific new Italian restaurant in the Cowley Rd. About six of them replied, saying the same thing: "thanks – it's amazing, and such a unique place" - a great hit with them all.

As soon as we got back to Oxford, we returned, and it was even better, and a lot busier. We were welcomed with warm smile and settled down with the menu and a carafe of the fab house wine. My mini Pizzeta starter was perfect and a great idea to complement the extremely generous Lasagna plate, and fresh as you like, I have never tasted finer. Stacked high and perfect in consistency the dish was exactly right, with the meat flavour right up front. So often pasta is overcooked and ruined by "Microwave Chefs"; this was obviously a well planned, home prepared dish and only chefs who care can produce food of this standard.

Fratelli's we love your food and you will be a huge success, see you Friday. Oh and love the toilets - nice touch.
Mr G, 13/10/08

We discovered this restaurant by chance and left very impressed. Absolutely brilliant, food was top notch, best I have tasted in a long while, take note Jamie's Italian. We also tried the Tiramisu. The waiter said it was the best in the city - I would say best I have ever tasted, outside of Florence. We also all agree, the waiter was the best we have ever seen! Loved the atmosphere, cosy, rustic and Italian but cool and unpretentious at the same time. Very much looking forward to my return visit on our next girls' night out. Very highly recommended indeed.
Micha, 09/10/08

Was absolutely gutted to hear that La Capannina had shut. However, my partner and I visited Fratelli's last Sunday and the staff were v. welcoming and the food was GREAT!!!!

Surprising nowadays to find a restaurant that has good wholesome food on a hot, clean plate, where the people also smile! 10/10

Will definitely be going back.
Nicky, 06/10/08

This place is brilliant! We found it a couple of days after it opened and we can't stop going back. Every visit the food is as good as, if not better than the last time. And the music's great!
mcsh, 05/10/08

I have been back to Fratelli's more than once since it opened. the staff are friendly and welcoming and the atmosphere is fun and very relaxed. the food is fantastic - the cannelloni carne melts in your mouth, the pizzas are light and not too filling. I would highly recommend trying one of the pizzas as a calzone as the mozzarella becomes really elastic and fun to eat!

It's a definite welcome addition to the Cowley Road and I will be going back again!
Barbarella, 03/10/08

Had my birthday here, the food is so fantastic everybody loved it and none of that usual restaurant music. Almost as good as Jack FM. Try this place you are gonna have a great time.

Ask for the dessert pizza better than a birthday cake!
Sonny, 03/10/08

Brilliant for takeaways and really friendly staff :)
Andra, 01/10/08

This place is the replacement for the much-lamented La Cappanina. We went there last night (a Tuesday) and didn't turn up until gone 10.30pm. They were pleasant and helpful and the food came quickly and was excellent. I had a really good Pizza with Parma Ham and Rucola and my partner had Spaghetti a la Diavolo. Both meals were excellent and the service was friendly, prompt and efficient without being over-zealous or hurried.

So far so good - go and try this place! It's quite a way down Cowley Road but certainly a very credible offering.
tonybrett, 01/10/08

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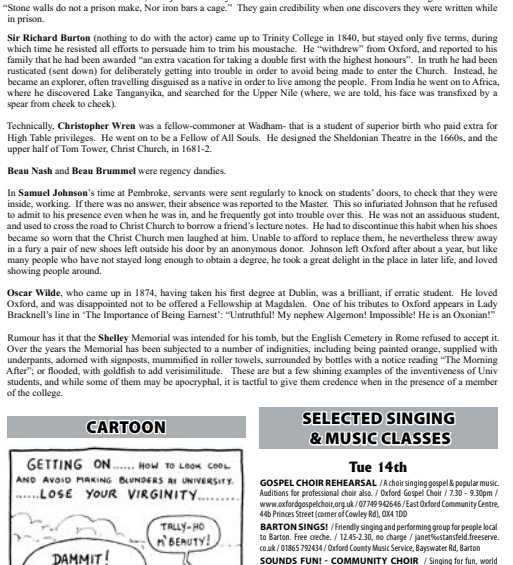

Richard Lovelace was a Cavalier, who joined the Royalist forces in Oxford in 1645-6. It was he who gave us the lines: "Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage." They gain credibility when one discovers they were written while in prison.

Sir Richard Burton (nothing to do with the actor) came up to Trinity College in 1840, but stayed only five terms, during which time he resisted all efforts to persuade him to trim his moustache. He "withdrew" from Oxford, and reported to his family that he had been awarded "an extra vacation for taking a double first with the highest honours". In truth he had been ostracised (sent down) for deliberately getting into trouble in order to avoid being made to enter the Church. Instead, he became an explorer, often travelling disguised as a native in order to live among the people. From India he went on to Africa, where he discovered Lake Tanganyika, and searched for the Upper Nile (where, we are told, his face was transfixed by a spear from cheek to cheek).

Technically, **Christopher Wren** was a fellow-commoner at Wadham- that is a student of superior birth who paid extra for High Table privileges. He went on to be a Fellow of All Souls. He designed the Sheldonian Theatre in the 1660s, and the upper half of Tom Tower, Christ Church, in 1681-2.

Beau Nash and **Beau Brummel** were regency dandies.

In **Samuel Johnson**'s time at Pembroke, servants were sent regularly to knock on students' doors, to check that they were inside, working. If there was no answer, their absence was reported to the Master. This so infuriated Johnson that he refused to admit to his presence even when he was in, and he frequently got into trouble over this. He was not an assiduous student, and used to cross the road to Christ Church to borrow a friend's lecture notes. He had to discontinue this habit when his shoes became so worn that the Christ Church men laughed at him. Unable to afford to replace them, he nevertheless threw away in a fury a pair of new shoes left outside his door by an anonymous donor. Johnson left Oxford after about a year, but like many people who have not stayed long enough to obtain a degree, he took a great delight in the place in later life, and loved showing people around.

Oscar Wilde, who came up in 1874, having taken his first degree at Dublin, was a brilliant, if erratic student. He loved Oxford, and was disappointed not to be offered a Fellowship at Magdalen. One of his tributes to Oxford appears in Lady Bracknell's line in 'The Importance of Being Earnest': "Untruthful! My nephew Algernon! Impossible! He is an Oxonian!"

Rumour has it that the **Shelley** Memorial was intended for his tomb, but the English Cemetery in Rome refused to accept it. Over the years the Memorial has been subjected to a number of indignities, including being painted orange, supplied with underpants, adorned with signposts, mummified in roller towels, surrounded by bottles with a notice reading "The Morning After"; or flooded, with goldfish to add verisimilitude. These are but a few shining examples of the inventiveness of Univ students, and while some of them may be apocryphal, it is tactful to give them credence when in the presence of a member of the college.

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GIGS

Tue 14th

HOT LEG / New band from Justin Hawkins of The Darkness / 7pm / 0844 477 2000 / The Zodiac ¾ Carling Academy, 190 Cowley Road

THE LAST DANCE, BRITAIN'S SCREAMING BANSHEE AIRCREW / LA Goth band. Goth, cyber, glam club night. / 8.30pm. £4 / Cellar Bar, off Cornmarket

FRENCH & BRETON MUSIC / Folk music with melodeons and more / 9pm / free / www.chestersmansoxford.co.uk / Chester Arms, Chester St, off Iffley Road

DESMOND CHANCER AND THE LONG MEMORIES, MAEVE BAYTON & IAN NIXON, SANDRA SHALLIS / Local blues and jazz favourites / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St. OX4 1DD

ALVIN ROY & REEDS UNLIMITED / Live jazz plus DJs playing r'n'b, funk and soul / 8pm-2am. Free entry / Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Road

IT HUGS BACK, ROD THOMAS / £5 / Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton St.

Wed 15th

CHEEKY CHEEKY & THE NOSEBLEEDS, THE ELRICS, SPIRO SPERO / Pub rockers / Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Rd / 204516

F*CK ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / See Theatre listings, left

REGGAE WEDNESDAYS ROOTS & DUB / 8pm - 12.30 / £2 entry / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes Street (corner of Cowley Rd), OX4 1DD

GLAD RAGS, RUPERT & THE ROBBERS, THE TRANSPERSONALS, JESSIE GRACE / 8pm £5 / Jericho Tavern, 56 Walton St.

BRITISH SEA POWER / Mercury nominated wonders come to Oxford / 7pm, £14 / The Regal, 300 Cowley Road (corner of Magdalen Road), 241261

SELECTED SINGING & MUSIC CLASSES

Tue 14th

GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL / A choir singing gospel & popular music. Auditions for professional choir also. / Oxford Gospel Choir / 7.30 - 9.30pm / www.oxfordgospelchoir.co.uk / 07749 942646 / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes Street (corner of Cowley Rd), OX4 1DD

BARTON SINGS! / Friendly singing and performing group for people local to Barton. Free creche. / 12.45-2.30, no charge / janet%ustansfeld.freeserve.co.uk / 01865 792434 / Oxford County Music Service, Bayswater Rd, Barton

SOUNDS FUN! - COMMUNITY CHOIR / Singing for fun, world music, no previous experience needed. / 7.30pm - 9.30pm £2 or £1 according to means / sarahmwestcott%waitrose.com / 251421 / St Columba's Hall, Alfred St

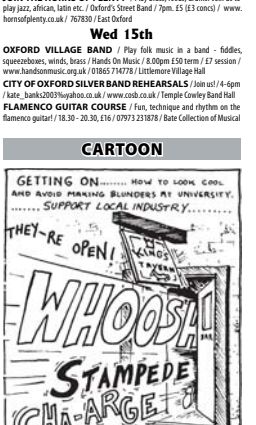
JAZZ CLASSES / MariannaVelloposulou / 8.30£4.50 / marianave1%hotmail.com / 07747 481798 / Rovers Social Club, Horspath Rd, Roman Way, OX4 6NL

JOIN THE HORNS OF PLENTY / Play brass, reeds, drums? Join us to play jazz, african, latin etc. / Oxford's Street Band / 7pm. £5 (£3 concs) / www.hornsofplenty.co.uk / 767830 / East Oxford

Wed 15th

OXFORD VILLAGE BAND / Play folk music in a band - fiddles, squeezeboxes, winds, brass / Hands On Music / 8.00pm £50 term / £7 session / www.handsonmusic.org.uk / 01865 714778 / Littlemore Village Hall

CITY OF OXFORD SILVER BAND REHEARSALS / Join us! / 4-5pm / kate_banks2003%yahoo.co.uk / www.cosb.co.uk / Temple Cowley Band Hall

FLAMENCO GUITAR COURSE / Fun, technique and rhythm on the flamenco guitar! / 18.30 - 20.30, £16 / 07973 231878 / Bate Collection of Musical

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