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Until Fri Nov 18th

Vue Cinema (0870 444 3030)

NANNY McPHEE [U] Thu: 1.10, 3.30, 5.45, 8.00pm
Emma Thompson and Colin Firth in Mary Poppins-esque apade.

IN HER SHOES [12A] Thu: 2.45, 5.30, 8.30pm
Party girl Cameron Diaz seeks independence from her straightlaced sister Toni Colette.

ELIZABETHTOWN [12A] Thu: 1.20, 4.00, 6.45, 9.15pm
Orlando Bloom has mid-life crisis with air hostess in small Southern backwater.

KISS KISS BANG BANG [15] Thu: 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30pm
Sex, murder, mystery, irony. Gay Perry welcomes you to the party. Fri: 6.45, 9.00pm

THE CONSTANT GARDENER [15] Thu: 3.15, 6.15, 9.00pm
Romantic but hardcore thriller from John Le Carre. Fri: 2.40, 5.15, 8.00, 10.45pm

SAW II [18] Thu: 1.00, 3.00, 5.15, 7.30, 9.40pm
I saw it, did I, Innocent people meeting grisly deaths? Saw's not. Fri: 9.40, 11.45pm

WALLACE & GROMIT in *THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT* [U]
Cracking! Thu: 1.30, 3.45, 6.00, 8.15pm; Fri: 12.00, 2.15, 4.30pm

THE BROTHERS GRIMM [12A] Thu: 2.30, 5.00, 7.45pm
Swordwielding con-artist exorcists run into a real witch. Fri: 1.15, 6.15pm

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO [PG] Thu: 1.45, 4.45, 8.45pm
Stunts and swords and lack of logic. Fun. Fri: 11.45pm

CORPSE BRIDE [PG] Fri: 12.15pm
Undead marital animation from Tim Burton.

THE LIBERTINE [18] Fri: 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.20, 11.40pm
Johnnie Depp debauches himself to an early grave, 17th-century style.

STONED [15] Fri: 3.45, 8.45, 11.10pm
Stones founder's road to the swimming pool.

HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE [12A] Fri: 11.00am,
HP the fourth. 12.30, 1.30, 2.30, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 11.00pm

IN HER SHOES [12A] Fri: 2.50, 5.30, 8.15, 11.15pm
Two sisters reconcile their differences with the help of their grandmother.

NANNY McPHEE [U] Fri: 11.30am, 2.00, 4.45, 7.15pm
Edwardian child taming with Emma Thompson.

THE EXORCISM OF EMILY ROSE [15] Fri: 11.20pm
A German student believes she is possessed by Lucifer, Nero, Judas Iscariot, & Hitler.

Phoenix Picture House (512526)

KISS KISS BANG BANG [15] Thu: 1.45, 4.15, 7.00, 9.15pm
Comedy thriller involving thievery and double-crossing in LA. Fri: 2.00, 6.30pm

SOPHIE SCHOLL [PG] Thu: 1.30, 6.30pm; 6:30pm
German student opposes the Nazis

THE BEAT THAT MY HEART SKIPPED [15] Thu: 4.00, 9.00pm
Romain Duris as a criminal who dreams of being a concert pianist. Fri: 4.15, 8.45pm

FACTOTUM [15] Fri: 2.15, 4.30, 6.45, 9.00pm
Matt Dillon in Bukowski's tale of a hard-drinking drifter with literary ambitions.

French Cinema: L'INTRUS [15] Fri: 11.30pm
Michael Subor seeks long-lost Tahitian son in surreal and visually stunning drama.

WOLF CREEK [18] Fri: 11.30pm
'How can you be found when no one knows you're missing...?' Australian outback chiller.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

NANNY MCPHEE [U] Thu: 1.35, 4.05, 6.25, 8.50pm
Child chastisement in the Edwardian style. Fri: 11.45am, 2.45, 5.15pm

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO [PG] Thu: 12.45pm
Antonio and Catherine come out of retirement. Anthony Hopkins doesn't.

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THE BROTHERS GRIMM [12A] Thu: 3.20, 5.55, 8.30pm
Jerry Gilliam delights and infuriates in equal measure. As ever. Fri: 8.30pm

ELIZABETHTOWN [12A] Thu: 2.10, 5.10, 8.00pm
Cameron Crowe presents Orlando Bloom as a burned-out American. Fri: 8.15pm

IN HER SHOES [12A] Thu: 2.20, 5.15, 8.10pm
Determinedly not a chick flick. With Cameron Diaz. Fri: 2.20, 5.15, 8.10pm

KISS KISS BANG BANG [15] Thu: 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40pm
Comedy with Robert Downey jr and Val Kilmer

THE CONSTANT GARDENER [15] Thu: 12.30, 4.00, 7.40pm
Le Carre on the big screen with Rachel Weisz & Ralph Fiennes.

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE [12A]
Merpeople & dragons. Fri: 9.30am, 12.00, 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 7.00, 8.00pm

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)

THE CONSTANT GARDENER [15] Thu: 2.10, 5.10, 8.10pm
Romantic but hardcore thriller from John Le Carre. Ralph Fiennes & Rachel Weisz.

CORPSE BRIDE [PG] Thu: 2.25, 4.20pm
Marital animation from Tim Burton.

SAW II [18] Thu: 6.15, 8.40pm
Not one to watch with your granny. Well, it depends on the granny.

KISS KISS BANG BANG [15] Fri: 1.30, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45pm
Val Kilmer plays 'Gay Perry' and spotages everyone.

HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE [12A]
The first one with a British director. Fri: 9.30am, 1.00, 4.30, 8.00pm

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

NIGHT WATCH [15] Thu: 7.00, 9.30pm
Russian fantasy thriller. Opinion is sharply divided on whether or not it has a plot.

LADIES IN LAVENDER [12A] Fri: 6.30pm
Maggie Smith & Judi Dench rescue a castaway.

THE TIN DRUM [15] Fri: 8.45pm
Gunter Grass's surreal & disturbing allegory of Nazi Germany

LAND OF THE DEAD [15] Fri: 11.30pm
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MUSEUM REVIEW

Oxford University Museum of Natural History
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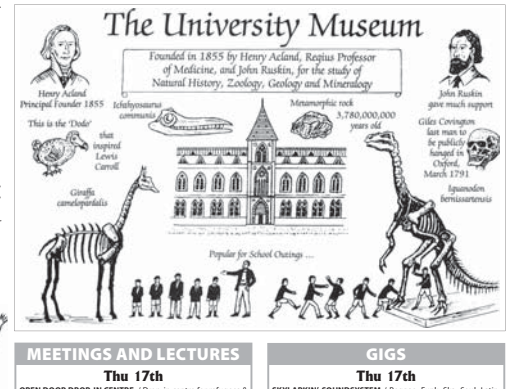

Recently named by the *Guardian* as Britain's most family friendly museum, Oxford University's Museum of Natural History has a warm welcome for everybody. Follow the Megalosaurus footprints, one of the four dinosaurs to roam Oxfordshire in Jurassic times, along the grass verge from the Wellington Pine to enter the neo-Gothic building and find the UK's second largest Natural History collection. The Museum is open every day from 12 noon to 5pm throughout the year (except for Easter and Christmas), admission is free and each visit offers a brand new experience. Visitors can stroke a stuffed cheetah and touch a giant ammonite from the widely accessible exhibits. Under a railway station style vaulted roof, decorated with wrought foliage and fruits, the story of life on earth unfolds; from single-celled organisms over 550 million years old to the development of multicellular animals and plants. The central court is dominated by a 45 foot long T-Rex and an Iguanodon skeleton. Another star exhibit is the stuffed Dodo bird which provided inspiration for Lewis Carroll's 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.

Beautiful displays of exotic butterflies celebrate the diversity of one of nature's most successful terrestrial animals, leading visitors up to the treasures tucked away on the first floor. Live exhibits of fat Madagascan hissing cockroaches, stick insects, a West African Emperor scorpion and a working bee hive show invertebrates in their natural habitats. Even higher up, the tower is home to live swifts (Apus apus), birds that spend their entire life in flight, sleeping on the wing and stopping only to breed. The balcony style of the first floor offers a fine vantage point to enjoy the columns (each carved from a different British rock) that define the central court and its collection of statues and busts of eminent scientists. Oxfordshire, in the heart of Mesozoic rocks, has limestone with a rich source of dinosaur fossils, Ardley Quarry having the greatest expanse of dinosaur footprints in Europe. The museum displays the stone used to fashion Oxford's architecture such as the coral rag used in our Saxon wall and the Bath stone of the Georgian terraces of Beaumont Street.

The ground floor cabinets display glittering minerals; a kaleidoscope of natural crystals including malachite from the Congo and gypsum from Tunisia. A fluorescent mineral booth displays rocks that glow in the dark. Our closest relative, 'Lucy', is displayed next to a humbling time line showing how recently Homo sapiens showed up on the fossil record (just 600,000 years ago)! The subsequent spread of modern human culture across the continents is celebrated in the Victorian atmosphere of the adjoining Pitt-Rivers ethnographic museum, where items from Captain Cook's second voyage lie amongst a totem pole and an Indian head dress.

The Museum is alive with the ideas that have shaped modern theories in Biology and is believed to be the home of Science's greatest victory, when Huxley successfully defended Darwin's theory of Evolution. Statues of Aristotle and Roger Bacon flank the exit, their purposeful stares inspiring many young visitors. No better place to exercise a new enthusiasm for science than in the gift shop, where a cuddly stuffed Dodo makes a super souvenir!

Lita Doolan, November 2005

MEETINGS AND LECTURES

Thu 17th

OPEN DOOR DROP-IN CENTRE / Drop-in centre for refugees & asylum seekers, relax, mingle, network / Open Door / 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. / East Oxford Community Centre. Princes Street; Tel: 792168

SYNERGY FOCUS / Conference on Arts & Disability / 9.30am. £15 (£5) / www.ith.ac.uk / Pegasus Theatre. Magdalen Rd, 722851

SPEEDWELL SUPPORT GROUP / For anyone with serious illness interested in complementary therapies / 11.30am - 1.30pm / www.speedwellbeing.org.uk / Friends' Meeting House. 43-54 Giles

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GUILLAUME APOLLINAIRE, RAOUL DUFFY, AND THE MODERN BESTIARY / Prof. W Bohn, Illinois State University, speaks on surrealist poets. / 5pm / Lecture Room XXIII, Balliol College

NEW STATESMAN EDITOR / John Kampfner launchrd the Michaelmas edition of *The Oxford Forum* / Oxford Media Soc / 7.30pm / £3 to non-members / Trinity College

SHARED LIVES - LYNDALL GORDON / Lunchtime Talk / 12.30pm. Free / www.st-giles-church.org / St Giles Church. St Giles

Fri 18th

GUARDIAN EDITOR ALAN 'BERLINER' RUSBRIDGER / Oxford MediaSoc / 8pm / peter.cardwell@st-hughs.oxford.ac.uk / £3 to non-members / Oakshotte Room, Lincoln College

CONCERTS

Thu 17th

HAYLEY WESTENRA IN CONCERT / SJM Concerts / 7.30pm £22.50 / www.seetickets.com / St Mary's, Banbury

LUNCHTIME STUDENT CONCERTS / 03034986@brookes.ac.uk / 12.10pm / Headington Hill Campus, Richard Hamilton Building

ACCESSION – A PIECE OF EUROPE / Oxford Improvisers / Cafe Reason perform new work by Malcolm Atkins / 8 pm, £7 (£5) / Jacqueline du Pré Music Building. St. Hilda's; Tel: 276821

PROSPERO WIND QUINTET / Poulenc, Mozart, Butler and Ligeti / Christ Church Music Society / http://chchmusic.co.uk / 8.15pm, £5(£3) / Christ Church Cathedral

Fri 18th

ACROSS ENGLAND TO LATIN 4TER / Musicians Inc / 7.30pm £12(£8 / sarah@musicsinsinc.co.uk / www.musicsinsinc.co.uk / Jacqueline du Pré Music Building. St. Hilda's, Cowley Place

DOWLAND, BARBER, QUILTER AND FINZI SONGS / NCO Recital Series. James Ballance, Lucia Simon & Guy Newbury / £2 (£1), 1.15pm / New College Ante-chapel

MARGARET COOPER AND SARAH LOUISE INGS ON TOUR / Songs & Tangos for soprano and piano / 7.30pm £12/8 /Jacqueline du Pré Music Building. St. Hilda's, Cowley Place; Tel: 276821

GIGS

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GLASSHOUSE GENETICS EXHIBITION / Images will stimulate discussion about how human genetics affects life / Free, 10am-4pm / www.oxtrust.org.uk / Science Oxford, 1-5 London Place

THE WESTERN FRONT WWI / A personal journey - Photographs taken by James Norman, 1999-2003 / www.st-giles-church.org / 2-5pm / St Giles Church

LOCAL CONTEMPORARY ART / 'aarghh!' and 'artisjustaword' / 10am - 5.30pm / Free / www.aarght.co.uk / Lolapoloza Boutique & Gallery, Blue Boar Street

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