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ANYTHING FOR HER [15] Thu: 4.15, 6.45pm
Compelling French thriller.
LOOKING FOR ERIC [15] Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
A lost postman needs a hero. Ken Loach and Eric Cantona. Fri: 1.30, 4.00, 9.00pm
LAST CHANCE HARVEY [12A] Thu: 2.00, 8.45pm, Fri: 6.30pm
Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, in light romantic comedy.
SLEEP FURIOUSLY [U] Fri: 1.45pm
Gentle observation of Welsh agricultural community.
A GIRL CUT IN TWO [15] Fri: 3.45, 8.45pm
A French weathergirl is torn between two amours.
FERMAT'S ROOM [12A] Fri: 6.45pm
Experts must do maths to escape death. Spanish with subtitles.

Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

IN THE LOOP [15] Thu: 6.00pm
Political satire from Armando Iannucci.
STAR TREK [12A] Thu: 8.30pm, Fri: 7.00pm
The youthful origins of Kirk, Spock and Co.
DRAG ME TO HELL [15] Fri: 9.45pm
Christine is the unwitting recipient of a supernatural curse.

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)

STAR TREK [12A] Thu: 2.15, 5.15, 8.15pm, Fri: 5.15, 8.30pm
The youthful origins of Kirk, Spock and Co.
THE HANGOVER [15] Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
A bachelor party goes horribly wrong.
TRANSFORMERS 2 [12A] Fri: 2.00, 5.30, 9.00pm
Revenge of the fallen - more big machines doing acrobatics.
LOOKING FOR ERIC [15] Fri: 2.15pm
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LAST CHANCE HARVEY [12A] Thu: 1.00, 8.15pm
Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, in light romantic comedy.
TERMINATOR: SALVATION [12A]
Thu: 2.15, 3.30, 5.15, 6.15, 8.00, 9.00pm, Fri: 12.15, 1.30, 5.45, 8.30, 11.15pm
More destruction and time travel. Subtitled Thu 5.15, Fri 12.15.
ANGELS AND DEMONS [15] Thu & Fri: 2.00, 5.30, 8.45pm
Sequel to The Da Vinci Code.
LAST HOUSE ON THE LEFT [18] Thu: 1.15, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15pm
Slick remake of Wes Craven's highly unpleasant debut feature. Fri: 9.00, 11.40pm
LOOKING FOR ERIC [15] Thu: 3.00, 5.45, 8.30pm
A lost postman needs a hero. Ken Loach and Eric Cantona.
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 2 [PG] Thu: 3.15, 6.00pm
More exhibits come alive. Fri: 1.15, 3.45, 6.00pm
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TRANSFORMERS 2 [12A]
Fri: 12.00, 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 7.00, 8.00, 10.30, 11.30pm
Revenge of the fallen - more big machines doing acrobatics.
THE HANGOVER [15] Fri: 11.45am, 2.30, 5.15, 8.15, 11.15pm
A bachelor party goes horribly wrong.

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X-MEN ORIGINS - WOLVERINE [12A] Thu: 11.20pm
His violent and romantic past.
ANYTHING FOR HER [15] Thu: 11.00pm
Compelling French thriller.
TERMINATOR: SALVATION [12A]
Thu: 12.30, 2.20, 3.20, 5.10, 6.10, 8.00, 9.00, 11.50pm
Another installment of destruction and time travel. Fri: 2.10, 5.00, 7.45, 10.30pm
THE HANGOVER [15] Thu: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30, 11.10pm
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Garsington Opera (361636)

MIRANDOLINA Thu 18th: 6.30pm
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These tasks will involve:
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2. Searching out regional information (mainly via websites, though also by telephoning regions and visits);
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Thu 18th

GENETIC BASIS OF DEPRESSION / Michael Davys Professor of Neuroscience, Professor Jonathan Flint / 5pm / Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, South Parks Rd, OX1 3PL
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THE INFLUENCE OF JAPAN IN WAR & PEACE / Speaker: Michael Screech / 12.30pm, free / www.st-giles-church.org / 311198 / St Giles' Church
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THE EU DATABASE PROTECTION DIRECTIVE: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS / Dr Thomas Hoeren will try to determine whether the database right is efficent in the light of constitutional and ethical meta-values. / 4.30pm. Email to book: events@oii.ox.ac.uk / Oxford Internet Institute, 1 St Giles, OX1 3JS
GO CLUB / Ancient Eastern board game / 7pm, free / Freud's, Walton St / 311371
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OPEN MEETING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OVADA GALLERY / Discussion for artists and others on the future of OVADA in relation to planned redevelopment of the OFS complex. If you plan to attend, and for more info, please contact Lucy Phillips, Acting Projects Manager. / 201782 / 6pm / info@ovada.org.uk /

Fri 19th

SOCIAL EVENING / Prospective members welcome / IVC Social Events Club / 8.30 pm / www.oxfordshireivc.org.uk / 01865 516239 and 01635 578215 / Plough Inn, Wolvercote Green, Oxford

GIGS

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MAGIC REVIEW!

Bamboozlement

Morgan & West present Victorian parlour magic.

Tuesday 16th June , The Wheatsheaf, Oxford.

Gasp! At incredible psychic powers. Wonder! At feats of sheer impossibility. Thrill! To banter and fine comedy.

Bamboozlement is a fantastic piece of performance theatre, where two (handsome, they point out) young men in Victorian costume amaze and delight their audience with act after act of apparent telepathy and magical splendour. The common man, yours truly included, is left baffled and delighted, as his ignorant preconceptions of what is possible are shattered time and time again.

But though you may come for the magic, you will stay for the entertainment. We've all seen magic shows before, and though they can be pretty amazing, in a post-Derren Brown world it will take a lot to stimulate the cynical public.

Luckily, *Bamboozlement* is not merely a magic show; it has the extra shtik of being a tribute to Victorian magical comedy as well. The lads dress up in charming apparel and keep up the manner of Victorian entertainers ('step right up, folks, step right up!') throughout, occasionally falling into modern banter for effect. The jokes come thick and fast, with ever-present good humour and genuine easy wit. No laughs were forced and all amazement was genuine. A true achievement.

Rob West and Rhys Morgan keep the energy levels sky-high throughout and manage to fully engage the crowd with completely, and amazingly, non-confrontational audience participation. No man could wish for more.

Morgan and West will be taking *Bamboozlement* to the Edinburgh Fringe Festival this year, where they will be appearing at the Gilded Balloon between the 5th and 31st of August, at 5pm. If you're planning to go to Fringe then you might as well put this information into your mobile now. You will not be disappointed.

Matty Czaczkes

ROOMS TO LET (715 more on www.dailyinfo.co.uk)

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EXHIBITION REVIEW

Compass & Rule

Looking at architecture as Mathematical Practice in England from 1500 - 1750. Museum of the History of Science until 6 Sep 2009

This exhibition focuses on a period in time when geometry and the hitherto 'abstract discipline' of mathematics instigated change not only in the working methods of architectural practitioners such as Christopher Wren and Inigo Jones but also in what could physically be built. It also focuses on the shift in the public perception of architecture as both an intellectual and a social discipline.

On display are period artefacts including an example of drawing on stone (paper was deemed too expensive at the time). Drawings by Wren and 'gentleman architect' George III, tools of the trade and the occasional painted portrait of key architects also feature.

The exhibition also takes the viewer through the 'Material Master Masons' (such as Cambridge-based Ralph Symons), who conceived their work via geometry and were the master craftsmen and project managers of their day. Their central principles remained in use long after Renaissance styles became dominant in architectural fashion - even resulting in a published prototype of a 'how to...' book of their methods.

Most surprising to me was that Wren (designer of the Sheldonian Theatre, next door to the Museum) was in fact initially a scholar of Maths and P|hilosophy (at Wadham College, just round the corner on Parks Road), not of Architecture (as it wasn't a recognised profession in Wren's day). The penultimate and final parts of *Compass and Rule* illustrate how his famous dome at St Paul's in London was determined, as well as examining how other connections between architecture and maths were developed - and how the compass and rule as tools became central in promoting design ideology as noble in both mind and hand.

The exhibition is backed up by a hardback catalogue published by Yale, plus special events including lectures and gallery tours. See www.dailyinfo.co.uk for details.

Kelvin Hayes