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Tue 18th - Wed 19th Oct 2011 (Oxford Uni 2nd Week)

WHAT'S ON

The 10th Oxford Lieder Festival
 14th - 29th October 2011
NOW ON
 at the Holywell Music Room
 Concerts, masterclasses, talks and more every day
 More details at:
 www.oxfordlieder.co.uk

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON DRINKING
 at The Cricketer's Arms and The Fir Tree on Iffley Road.
 We didn't let the fascists defeat our fair pubs; don't let the roadworks!

CINEMA to Thu 20 Oct
Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
 THE THREE MUSKETEERS (12A)
 Much swashbuckling saves Europe from war.

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)
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Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)
 DOLPHIN TALE (U) (3D) Tue: 12.15, 2.45pm; Mon: 12.00pm, 2.30pm; Tue: 5.30pm
 Footloose (12A) Wed: 1.45, 4.30, 7.15, 10.00pm
 Johnny English Reborn (PG) Thu: 2.45, 5.15, 8.00pm; Mon: 2.45, 5.15, 8.00pm
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MACMILLAN CENTENARY GALA CONCERT
 Sunday 30th October 2011 8pm
 New Theatre, Oxford
 Audience tickets: £15 (£10)
 Singing tickets: £10 (£5)
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 www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk
 www.voicesofmacmillan.org.uk

WE RAISE THE ROOF
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 Singing tickets: £10 (£5)
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 South Park, 5th November
 We have many pairs and 6 family tickets to give away to the best "BANG!"-themed rhymes submitted before noon on 1st November.
 To fireworks, a bonfire, a funfair and stages
 We've tickets to offer word mages all ages
 With your poetry magic,
 Comedic or tragic,
 You'll light up all of our website's pages.
 Email fireworks@dailyinfo.co.uk
 or submit online at www.dailyinfo.co.uk

GIGS
Tue 18th
 POP WILL EAT ITSELF / All-rockers celebrating 25 years since debut EP / 7pm. £16 / O2 Academy, 190 Cowley Rd, OX4 1UE; Box Office: 0844 477 2000
 BENJAMIN FRANCIS LEITCH, DAUGHTER, MONUMENT VALLEY / Singer-songwriter / 7pm. £8 / O2 Academy, 190 Cowley Rd, OX4 1UE
 NEXT LEVEL / Jazz & blues / 7pm. Free / Roppongi, George St, OX1 2AY
 STEVE WATERMAN / Top jazz trumpeter, Jam session after / 8.30pm. £4 (E2) Members free / www.jazzsoc.co.uk / Copia, George St, OX1 2AU
 THIS IS OXFORD / Alternative literary scene / 7pm, £2 / eightcuts.com/2011/08/27/this-is-oxford / Tel 333623 / Blackwells, Broad St, OX1 3BQ
 STUART HENDERSON QUINTET / Jazz plus DIs / 9.30pm. DJ till 2am. Free / Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE; Tel: 01865 244516
 OPEN MIC NIGHT / All welcome / Sign-up from 8pm. Free entry / The Port Mahon, 82 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AW; Tel: 01865 790970
 THE SPARK SIDE OF THE MOON / Open mic night / 8.30pm. Free / James Street Tavern, 41-48 James Street

Wed 19th
 THE PIERCES / Alabama-born folk-pop sisters / 6.30pm. £13.50 / O2 Academy, 190 Cowley Rd, OX4 1UE; Box Office: 0844 477 2000
 IDIOT LECTURES COMEDY SHOW / David Trent, Bobby Carroll, Stuart Laws, Paul Duncan McGarrity / comedyknights.co.uk / 8pm £5/3 / Copia, George St, OX1 2AU
 SPECTRALS / Indie-pop / 8pm. £6 / Jericho Tavern, Walton St, OX2 6AE
 LIVE & ACUSTICAL 1ST BIRTHDAY PARTY / Awards, artist collaborations and more / 8pm. Free / Holly Bush Inn, 106 Bridge St, Oney, OX2 0BD
 LIVE JAZZ / 6.30 - 8.30pm. Free / www.aldparsonagehotel.co.uk / 01865 310710 / The Old Parsonage Hotel, 1 Banbury Road
 OPEN MIC / Hosted by Lee Davies / 8.30pm. Free entry / The Cape of Good Hope, 1 Ifley Road, Oxford OX4 1E4; Tel: 01865 362291
 PONT MUSIC - OPEN MIKE / All welcome, have fun. / 8.30 till 11pm. Free entry / 4uct@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / www.myspace.com/pontmusicconsultants / 07582 542568 / Folly Bridge Inn, 38 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4PD; Tel: 01865 790106

MEETINGS & LECTURES
Tue 18th
 IRISH CONVERSATION GROUP / 8pm / Half Moon, St Clements, OX4 1AB
 SUPPORT GROUP / For female survivors of sexual abuse and/or rape / OSARCC / Free. 6.30pm / oxfordapearance.net / Oxford: contact for details.
 COMICS & COMIC BOOKS MEETING / 9pm, free / Magdalen Arms, Ifley Rd
 MEDITATIONS / 6.45pm, £5 / 07929 748757 / Rose Hill Methodist Church
 OXBUS MEETING / Paul Lacey on South Midlands Buses 1921-1970 / 7.30pm, £2 / oxbus.webs.com / Folly Bridge Inn, Abingdon Rd, OX1 4PD
 PUBLIC CONSULTATION / New wayfinding system. Prototype signs St Ebbe's & Bonn Sq. / Drop in / oxford.gov.uk/wayfinding / Bonn Sq & online
 COWLEY AREA FORUM / Discuss local community facilities / 6pm, free / Oxford, gov.uk / Bullingdon Comm. Centre, Peat Moors, Bulran Rd, Headington

Wed 19th
 WOMEN'S WELLBEING SESSION / Stress reduction / 5-7pm, free / oxfordshire-mind.org.uk / 01865 263758 / The Mill, 46 Cowley Rd, OX4 1HZ
 UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS TUNNEL TOUR / Radcliffe Camera, then through tunnel / 9.30am, £13 / Bodleian Library, Broad St, OX1 3BG; Tel: 277224
 DRESSMAKING / SEWING CLUB / Projects, beginners, intermediate / 7-9pm. £13 / 01235 521386 / Kennington Village Centre, OX1 5PG
 PUBLIC CONSULTATION: NEW CITY-CENTRE 'SMART' SIGNAGE / See Tue
 "DO NOVELS MAKE US BETTER PEOPLE?" / 2 novelists discuss / 7pm, free / St Mary the Virgin, University Church, High Street

THEATRE to Sat 22 Oct
Oxford Playhouse (305305)
 THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY Wed 19th: 7.30pm
 The 20th, Sat 22nd: 2.30pm and 7.30pm; Fri 21st: 8pm
 Cut-Out Star Productions presents adaptation of Oscar Wilde's most loved work. £10-£15
 UPRIISING Fri 21st: 5pm
 Alex Wheatle's story of the Brixton riots 30 years ago and how he became a writer. £8-£6
New Theatre (0844 8471585)
 SISTER ACT Tue 18th, Thu 20th & Fri 21st: 7.30pm
 Musical based on hit movie. £22.25-£44.25. Wed 19th, Sat 22nd: 7.30pm, 7.30pm
Burton Taylor Studio (305305)
 PORNOGRAPHY Tue 18th - Sat 22nd: 7.30pm
 1970s in less than an hour in central London, everything will change. £6 (E5)
 RORY & TIM WILL NEVER SELL OUT Tue 18th - Sat 22nd: 9.30pm
 Fresh from Edinburgh, Rory and Tim with an hour of sketches. £6 (E5).
Pegasus Theatre (812150)
 THE BACKSIDE MONOLOGUES Sat 22nd: 8pm
 The ups and downs of a black female life journey. £12/14, £8, £6 con.
North Wall Arts Centre (319450)
 THE MAGICIAN'S DAUGHTER Wed 19th: 10.30am & 1.30pm
 Little Angel Theatre in association with the Royal Shakespeare Company. £6
Friends' Meeting House (557373)
 THREE NEW PLAYS Wed 19th: 6.30pm
 Linked by references to St Frideswide. £4 (E3).
West Oxford Community Centre
 MARLENE DIETRICH - A TRIBUTE Fri 21st: 7.45pm
 Life and times of the legendary movie star and war hero. £10 (Students £5).

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OXFORD SEXUAL ABUSE & RAPE CRISIS CENTRE
Service Manager - £22,500 - £27,000
 37 hrs/wk, 1 year contract, with possibility of extension
 Dedicated to the cause of women survivors of sexual violence, we are seeking a highly motivated person who can help to shape the future of OSARCC and the essential service it provides. Your innovation and high level of organisational skills will allow you to strengthen links with relevant agencies and media, alongside aiding organisational development to maintain OSARCC's commitment to best practice. Effective, demonstrable experience in a relevant co-ordination or development role is essential, alongside an understanding of the impact of sexual violence and the support needs of survivors. This post is restricted to female applicants only. Exempt under Schedule 9, Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010.
 For an application, please contact: recruitment@sarcc.org.uk
 www.oxfordrapecrisis.net
 Closing date: 5pm on 31/10/11; Interview date: 9/11/11
 Previously shortlisted applicants need not apply

St. Clare's, Oxford
 An International Education
Adult (17+) EFL Teaching Vacancy from 31 October 2011
 We need a qualified (CELTA+), experienced (2 years+) EFL teacher for our adult centre.
 Group or 1-to-1 teaching, variable hours to suit your experience & circumstances.
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 Email brief covering letter and CV to: efl-dos@stclares.ac.uk
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 Experienced mainly in domestic installations, testing and fault finding. Please call Anna for further information: 01865 321604

FOOTSTEPS FOUNDATION ...is looking for a full time charity fundraiser to undertake grant applications, charity administration, networking, organising events and public speaking. Salary dependent on experience.
 Send CVs to: 4 Queen Street, Dorchester on Thames, OX10 7HR • polly@footstepsfoundation.com
 01865 340376 • www.footstepscentre.com

We are looking for a Temporary Laboratory Assistant
 To perform aliquoting duties and labeling within our antibody manufacturing laboratory along with other support tasks. The successful applicant will have experience of liquid dispensing and the use of manual and electronic pipettes. Good numeracy and an understanding of mathematics to GCSE level would be desirable.
 A 'can do' attitude is a must as is the ability to work meticulously and methodically adhering to written ISO procedures. Candidates should have competent computer skills including basic use of Excel.
 Full training will be given. Salary upon application.
 Role commences initially for 3 months with possibility to extend.
 The working hours are 37.5 hours per week Monday - Friday. The job will be based within our Kidlington laboratory.
 To apply please send your CV and covering letter to careers@abdserotec.com or visit www.abdserotec.com for further information. Applications no later than **31st October 2011**.
 CARPENTER / GENERAL BUILDER required immediately start now. 07816 680848 / 37mq@users.dailyinfo.co.uk
 HELP SOUGHT WITH LOOKING after elderly confused person in family home. central Oxford. 1-7pm daily (negotiable). Fluent English or French essential. References required. Phone 01865 790640 / 07805 195805. 37msk@users.dailyinfo.co.uk
 NATIVE GERMAN AND ITALIAN speakers with life science or biomedical background required for experiment protocol translation. Strong computer skills and your own computer (Window OS only) also required. Would suit student/post-grad looking to work from home on a freelance basis. 37mb@users.dailyinfo.co.uk
 TEMPORARY RECEPTIONIST REQUIRED - W/C 24th October for 1 week, hours vary. Professional, excellent communication skills. 37nmq@users.dailyinfo.co.uk
 DATABASE DEVELOPER NEEDED. Access 2010. SQL and VBA expertise. DB integration with Office 2010 products in a scientific setting; automation and data reporting. 3-6 months initial contract with flexible working: £25/hour. See www.prolmune.com for further information. To apply, send your CV and cover letter to careers@prolmmune.com.
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BIKE SAFETY
GETTING ON.....HOW TO LOOK COOL AND AVOID MAKING BLUNDERS AT UNIVERSITY.....BE A RESPONSIBLE CYCLIST.....
 BLAST!!...THOSE CYCLISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!!...YOO-HOOOO WILHELMINA...COO-BEE JEMIMA...
 PS. Thames Valley Police conduct spot checks for cyclists without lights. Don't be caught out - you could be fined!

JOBS

MAGDALEN COLLEGE SCHOOL
 OXFORD
 OX4 1DZ
 Tel: 01865 242191
 www.mcs.oxford.org
 HMC Boys 7-18 Sixth Form Girls
 The Sunday Times Independent School of the Year 2004-5, 2008-9
SPORTS ASSISTANTS
 Required from January until July 2012, two Assistants to help primarily with sport.
 Magdalen College School is located in the heart of Oxford on the banks of the Cherwell and is one of the country's leading and most historic day schools.
 The school requires two sports assistants, one for the Junior School and one in the Senior School. These posts would ideally suit a school leaver or recent graduate looking for work experience.
 Completed Support Staff application form, full cv and covering letter of application should be sent by email to the Master's PA by midday Monday 24th October 2011.
 Application details available on the Job Vacancy link of the website www.mcs.oxford.org

VOLUNTEERS
 Do you ever feel like you are not your usual self and...
 • need much less sleep?
 • can't slow your mind down?
 You may be eligible to participate in a new paid MRI research study at Oxford University. Please call 01865 613 114 or e-mail 36548@users.dailyinfo.co.uk.

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 Are you a woman interested in women's health?
 Are you available for a few hours a week?
 Join our innovative teaching project and earn £28 per hour plus travel expenses
 Open Evening for further information to be held on 9th November 2011, The Academy, Great Western Hospital
 Training will be given.
 To find out more, email: Marie.O'Sullivan@gwh.nhs.uk

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Be a volunteer and make a difference
 Age UK Oxfordshire is looking for caring individuals who are able to give just two hours of their time one day a week.
 • Are you a good listener?
 • Do you want to be part of a vital support service?
 • Do you want to make a difference to the life of someone vulnerable?
 OCHA Planned Support Service
 Who is the service for?
 The service is primarily aimed at older people but can be available to any adult over the age of 18 if assessed as vulnerable and in need of support.
 Volunteering changes lives including your own
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 • An opportunity to build on your skills and develop new ones
 Contact: Caroline Poller
 Phone Link Coordinator
 01865 782550
 caroline.poller@ocha.org.uk

FILM REVIEW
REAL STEEL (12A)
 Don't be fooled by the Rocky-for-robots premise or the murky Transformers-in-a-boxing-ring trailer. Spielberg-produced, *Real Steel* is a real surprise, a family film about redemption and, yes, robots. Beautifully shot and convincingly acted, it is - against all odds - an exhilarating experience. In the near future, a washed-up ex-boxer, Charlie (Hugh Jackman), pimps himself and a rust-bucket robot around the rodeo getting his claws into something worthy of him. Cracking action scenes - from a vaguely uncomfortable robot versus rodeo bull encounter to sheeny-shiny premier league bouts - are breathlessly done. Artfully shot, the action has the edge over the CGI mash-ups of so many films. The robot fights were performed by real boxers, then generated into robot form. Thankfully, Dakota Goyo (*Thor*) as Max, aged ten at the circuits of America. Boxing for humans has been banned and robot-only bouts are now all the rage.
 Debt-ridden Charlie - guilt-ridden too after blowing a promising career - is wrong-footed by a custody battle over a son he never knew he had and doesn't want. But young Max is a robo-boxing fan and convinces the reluctant Charlie to train up a scrapheap robot - and take a shot at the title. For all its boxing trappings, this is squarely about a father and a son.
 That said, there's plenty of smart action and humour. And *Real Steel* dodges and weaves in a successful attempt to avoid cliché and mawkishness. Just when you think you know the film's next move, it hits you, leaving you smitten. Credit then to director Shawn Levy whose assured handling of tone and tempo bears all the hallmark of a growing talent (graduating from a pointless *Pink Panther* reboot to the rumbustious *Night at the Museum* movies and romcom *Dante Night*).
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