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**Thu 21st**  
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**DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORGANS? [PG]** daily: 6.00pm  
 An estranged couple are related to small-town Wyoming after witnessing a murder.  
**IT'S COMPLICATED [15]** daily: 2.15, 5.00, 8.00pm  
 Divorcee has an affair with her ex-husband.  
**NINE [12A]** Tue: 3.00, 8.15pm  
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**THE ROAD [15]** daily: 3.30, 6.15, 9.00pm  
 Father and son cross post-apocalyptic America.  
**SENIOR SCREEN: CREATION [PG]** Wed: 10.45am  
 Darwin's theory of life meets resistance from wife.  
**SHERLOCK HOLMES [12A]** daily: 2.00, 5.15, 8.30pm  
 Starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law.  
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 Vampires rule in the year 2019.  
**THE INFORMANT! [15]** daily: 8.15pm  
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**UP IN THE AIR [15]** daily: 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm  
 High-flyer is brought back down to earth.

**Ultimate Picture Palace (01865 245288)**  
**AN EDUCATION [12A]** Wed: 7.30pm  
 Girl in Saties London sidelines studies for suitor.  
**HARRY BROWN [18]** Tue and Wed: 9.00pm  
 Michael Caine goes vigilante.

**Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)**  
**ALL ABOUT STEVE [12A]** Tue, Thu: 12.20, 3.00, 5.40, 8.20pm  
 Cruelty-bait chases cameraman.  
**ALVIN & THE CHIPMUNKS 2 [U]** daily: 1.45, 4.10, 6.20pm  
 Little furry singers contend with school, stardom and lady chipmunk.  
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**LAW ABIDING CITIZEN [18]** Wed: 11.45pm  
 Man avenges family's death against the justice system.  
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 High-flyer is brought back down to earth.  
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**PLAY GO** / Ancient oriental board game; watch, play, learn for free. / 7-11pm / www.britgo.org/clubs/oxford\_chtml / Freud, 119 Walton Street

**Wed 20th**  
**EVENING BIBLE STUDY** / Part of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity / 8pm, free / www.headingtonchurches.org.uk / 01865 764524 / United Reformed Church, Collinwood Road, Risingshurst  
**CIVYLISATION** / Calling all veterans! Wide range of advice & support / 9.30am-4.30pm, free / hamiltonproject.org.uk / County Hall, New Rd  
**SPEEDWELL TRUST LECTURE** / Dr M Willcox: Are herbal medicines safe? / 7.30pm, £4/£2 members / www.speedwellbeing.org.uk / 01865 554089 / Green Templeton College, Woodstock Road

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**RADIATION AND HUMANS IN SPACE** / Free public meeting and exhibition. / Health Protection Agency / 9.30am to 1.30pm, free / St Catherine's College  
**LUNGMINE TALK: THE GOOD BOOK** / Dr Hywel Clifford: History of the formation of the Old Testament / 12.30pm, free / St Giles' Church, St Giles  
**MORE OXFORD REVEALED** / Dr Malcolm Graham offers fascinating examples of Oxford's planning in the past. / 6-7.30pm, £5 / oxfordcastleuniversity.co.uk / 01865 206668 / The Key Learning Centre, Oxford Castle, New Road

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**Mill Arts Centre, Banbury (01295 779002)**  
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**FILM REVIEW**

**Up In The Air [15]**

Currently showing daily at the Phoenix Picturehouse, Vue and Odeon Magdalen Street  
 Watching timely films can be immensely reassuring: it's like looking at yourself in a mirror and seeing someone who is simultaneously better and worse off than you. This is how I felt about Ryan Bingham, played by George Clooney, in *Up In The Air*. Here's a man living in the same world as we do, who's navigating this epoch in exactly the way he chooses - with perks and privileges many of us will only dream of - and yet he finds himself longing for the one thing most of us already have.  
 What might have seemed a plausible premise for a novel in 2001 has mutated and matured into an extremely relevant, post-9/11, mid-recession movie for 2010. Ryan, the expert you hire when you've people to fire, justifies his solitary existence by taking pride in the number of terminals he flies between and the 'personal touch' he offers to those whose career paths he terminates along the way. He measures his physical worth by his executive club cards; the metaphysical by the loyalty he shows to the brands that bestow them. 'Make no mistake - moving is living,' he preaches to those who attend his seminar-sermons on no-strings cabin baggage life. But that life is about to be challenged by his deepening relationships with two women: one professional, one personal.  
 If Ryan Bingham was played by anyone other than George Clooney, you would hate him - but the charm and conviction with which he explains and embodies his philosophy makes it difficult not to sympathise with his suffering as he becomes aware of his irrelevance to those he loves. Meanwhile, Vera Farmiga is devastatingly effective as Alex, fellow traveller and hospitality junkie with whom Ryan starts a relationship, and Anna Kendrick hits just the right spot as Natalie, the strong-willed, over-enthusiastic graduate determined to make an impression at Ryan's expense.  
 But for me, the star of the show is the Lord Kitchener-esque airline poster seen at pertinent points throughout the film. Its message, 'We Value Your Loyalty', may well read as a typical call-to-arms to the corporate road warrior, but the context of each appearance reveals far more: not only about Bingham's changing emotional state, but the much-changed time and place he inhabits. And whilst this to me is still the film's greatest strength (that and some killer one-liners), being so of its time may, ironically, ultimately prevent it from becoming a classic. Although I found it immensely enjoyable to watch, it did feel rather like a letter of complaint to Generation X from a grown-up Generation Y. I suspect Generation Z will be watching *Avatar* instead.  
 Jamie Huddleston

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