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Mon-Thu: 11.30am, 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
Nicholas Cage unearths more secrets.

DEFINITELY MAYBE [12A] ✍ daily: 2.35, 5.15, 8.15pm
Romantic comedy. A father explains how he met his daughter's mother.

CLOVERFIELD [15] Mon-Thu: 11.45am, 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.15pm
Five teens record a monster attack on New York.

THE WATER HORSE [PG] ✍ daily: 12.45, 3.15pm
Dick King-Smith's tale of big aqueous beast.

THE BUCKET LIST [12A] daily: 2.15, 5.00, 8.00pm
Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman have things to do before they die.

PENELOPE [U] daily: 12.30pm
Girl with pig nose seeks romance.

SWEENEY TODD [18] ✍ daily: 6.00, 8.45pm
Burton and Depp offer the demon barber.

SENIOR SCREEN: STARDUST [PG] ✍ Wed: 10.45am
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CLOVERFIELD [15] Mon - Thu: 2.15, 4.40, 6.50, 9.00pm
Five teens record a monster attack on New York.

SWEENEY TODD [18] ✍ Mon & Tue: 8.30pm
Burton and Depp offer the demon barber.

PENELOPE [U] daily: 11.30am
Girl with pig nose seeks romance.

UNDERDOG [U] daily: 10.00am, 12.00pm
A beagle develops super powers.

OVER HER DEAD BODY [U] daily: 11.00am, 1.30, 3.40pm
A man's dead fiancée haunts the supposed psychic he's now dating.

DEFINITELY MAYBE [12A] ✍ Mon, Wed & Thu: 5.50, 8.15pm
Romantic comedy. A father explains how he met his daughter's mother. Tue: 8.45pm

THE WATER HORSE [PG] ✍
Mon, Wed & Thu: 11.50am, 3.00, 5.30pm; Tue: 3.00, 5.30pm
Dick King-Smith's tale of big aqueous beast.

NATIONAL TREASURE 2 [PG] ✍
Mon - Thu: 10.45am, 12.20, 1.40, 3.15, 4.50, 6.00, 7.45, 8.40pm
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SENIOR SCREEN: ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE [12A] ✍
Cate Blanchett returns as Elizabeth. Tue: 12.00pm

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JOHN CARPENTER'S THE THING [18] Mon: 11.00pm
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THE KITE RUNNER [12A] ✍ Mon: 2.00pm; Tue - Thu: 6.00pm
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Tale of teen pregnancy. Wed: 2.45, 4.45, 7.00, 9.10pm

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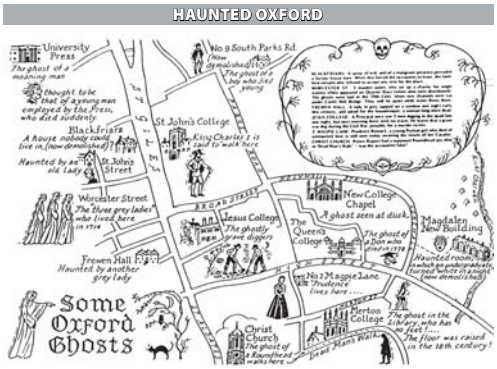

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The Water Horse [PG]

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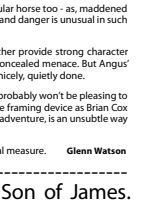

Loch Ness monster movies occasionally surface, then disappear without trace never to be seen again. Whether that happens to *The Water Horse* remains to be seen. Based on Dick King-Smith's novel this story of a young boy, Angus, discovering a fabled water horse is a fickle thing.

Cutesy family fun at the start, it soon takes its wartime setting seriously, leading to a Dam Buster-style barrage of big guns at the end. And while the water horse itself is amusingly rendered in its baby stages, the huge beastie it becomes is shoddily done: the wee laddie's ride on the back of this behemoth is one of the most disappointing CGI effects in years.

The early scenes are the best - with the water horse flopping about in the bath and toilet bowl and being chased by a British bulldog. The darkening skies - literally and metaphorically - as Angus' country house is billeted with British troops and the reality of war intrudes are the point at which audiences will either wake up or walk off.

Bravely, *The Water Horse* shows the darker side not only of humanity but of the titular horse too - as, maddened by thunderous guns, it turns on wee Angus in a rage. The undertone of loss, death and danger is unusual in such school holiday fare, and may be too much for some.

Ben Chaplin as a battle-scarred drifter and Emily Watson as Angus' grieving mother provide strong character support and David Morrissey's stiff-upper lip commander shimmers with barely concealed menace. But Angus' journey from loss - mourning his soldier father - to Loch Ness and a new friend, is nicely, quietly done.

Bittersweet, *The Water Horse* tries to be all things to all kids and the whole film will probably won't be pleasing to anyone much - the lightness and darkness sit together uneasily. And an up-to-date framing device as Brian Cox tries on a Scottish accent to regale two wide-eyed American tourists about Angus' adventure, is an unsubtle way of shoehorning-in characters that will make the film accessible Stateside.

Passably amusing, occasionally poignant, *The Water Horse* sinks and swims in equal measure. **Glenn Watson**

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"You can see that it is brave, and raw, full of passion and energy, and for that reason you really really want to like it – and, unless they were pretending, some very august reviewers in national papers did like it very much – but ultimately it was hollow and unsatisfying, and the longest ninety minutes I've spent in a theatre for some time."

Andrea Hopkins

"The characters are very human, and their actions, though sometimes extreme, do not seem out of character, which gives the ending (which I won't reveal!) all the more poignancy. This production is a treat for the imagination, and will give you much food for thought long after the final fade to black."

Julia Bell

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Tue 19th

THE DEVIL'S DOCTOR / Philip Ball about Paracelsus / 7pm, free / www.mhs.ox.ac.uk / Museum of the History of Science , Old Ashmolean Building, Broad St. / 277280

GO / BADUK / WEIQI: PLAY & LEARN / Oriental board-game - play or watch; also free lessons / Free - Visitors welcome. 7pm / www.britgo.org/clubs/oxford_c.html / 248775 / 273928 / Freud's, Walton St

DEEKSHA ENERGY TRANSMISSION / Deeksha giving, meditation & relaxation / 8.30-10pm £8/6 / blanca_oxford@yahoo.co.uk / 513435 / 1Teango House, 42 Magdalen Rd

AMNESTY MEETING / Terrorism, Security & Human Rights: latest news plus letter writing. / 7.15 to 9pm; free / www.oxford-amnesty.org.uk / (0870) 321 6924 / Oxford Town Hall, 109-113 St Aldate's

FIN DE SIECLE SEMINAR / Dr. Anne Anderson, 'The China Closet'; Dr. Nancy Ireson, 'Inside Decoration' / 5.15pm / Meyerstein Room (113), St. Cross Building, Manor Rd.

'DR VOICE' / Make more of your voice and meet positive people. / 7-10pm, £7 / www.oxfordyesgroup.org / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles; 557373

THE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF LYMPHOMA: BIOLOGICAL HYPOTHESES / Prof. Paolo Vineis, Imperial College / 1pm / Richard Doll Building, Old Road Campus, Headington, OX3 7LF

LESSONS FROM THE UK IDENTITY CARDS SCHEME / Edgar Whitley, LSE / 4 - 6pm / 278818 / James Martin Seminar Room, Said Business School, Park End St, OX1 1HP

WILD FLOWERS IN THE CANADIAN ROCKIES / Speaker: Dr Brenda Harold / 8pm, non-members £2 / Earth Sciences Dept., Parks Road

JOHN TAVERNER: A MEDIEVAL MUSICIAN / Tim Porter on Lincolnshire & Oxford churches & John Taverner. / £5, inc afternoon tea, 2pm - 4pm / 278015 - booking essential / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St

CHINESE PRINTS / Introductory talks. Meet in the Randolph Gallery (Room 3), / 1.15 - 2pm, free (optional donation £2) / Book on 278015 / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St

Wed 20th

PENTECOST: LEARNING THE LANGUAGE OF PEACE / Stanley Hauerwas / 5.30pm, Holywell Music Room / £6/£4, door / 305305 / All proceeds to Amnesty International / www.oxford-amnesty-lectures.org

THE CORPORATION AND SOCIETY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE / Tanner Lectures on Human Values / Professor Simon Deakin FBA / Robert Monks Professor of Corporate Governance, Judge Business School, University of Cambridge / Said Business School / 5.00pm / Open to the public

ART AND LIFE: THE THEATRE OF HAPPENINGS / Prof. Alex Potts, University of Michigan / 5pm, free, all welcome / 286810 / University Museum of Natural History, Parks Rd

WILBER GROUP / To explore Ken Wilber and other Integral thinkers. / 8pm, free/ www.OxfordIntegral.org / Private venue nr Jericho Cafe - call 07723 029378 for details.

JOB & HIS WIFE, & OTHER SYRIAC DIALOGUE POEMS / Dr Sebastian Brock / 8.00pm, free / www.ochjs.ac.uk / Yarnton Manor, Yarnton OX5 1PY, 377946

FIXING GLOBAL FINANCE / Martin Wolf, Financial Times / 5pm, free / Lecture Theatre, Department of Economics, Manor Road Building, Manor Road, OX1 3UQ

CANCER GROWTH / Prof. Philip Maini on mathematical modelling of solid cancer growth. / 8.15pm, £2, members free / Inorganic Chemistry , South Parks Rd, OX1 3QR

PEACE STUDIES LECTURE / Community-based Responses to Conflict in Rwanda, Uganda & Congo / 7.45pm, free / oxfordpeacereasearchtrust.org.uk / 516695 / 43 St. Giles

YOUNG FRIENDS OF SEESAW / Volunteer drop-in sessions for 16-25yr olds / 3.30-5.00pm or 6.00-7.30pm / 744768 / SeeSaw, Bush House, 2 Merewood Ave, OX3 8EF

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GIGS

Tue 19th

THE HOWARD PEACOCK QUINTET / Live jazz plus DJs playing r'n'b soul and funk / 8pm-2am. Free / Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Rd / 244516

SKYNY NYRDS / Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band / 8pm. Free as a bird / Jack Russell, 21 Salford Rd, Marston; Tel: 247668

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Wed 20th

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REVOLUTION + CHRIS AYER + JOHN SIDDLE / 7-10pm, free / Purple Turtle, Frewin Court, off Cornmarket; Tel: 247007