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CINEMA to Thu 24 Feb
Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)
 THURSDAY 24TH: HAPPY BIRTHDAY UPPI!
 Today the UPP is 100 years old. They'll be celebrating with screenings of:
 The Smallest Show on Earth (in which a couple inherit a cinema) 3.30pm
 The Ultimate Survivor: The Story of the UPP 2.00pm (members only-8pm)
BLUE VALENTINE [15] Wed: 6.30pm
 Charts a married couple's evolution by cutt' crossing between time periods.
BIUTIFUL [15] Wed: 9.00pm; Tue: 8.45pm
 Spanish film about a man struggling against Barcelona's criminal underworld.
THE CONCERT [15] Wed: 6.45pm
 Disgraced conductor triumphs over anti-semitism in orchestral comeback.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
NEVER LET ME GO [12A] Wed: 8.30, 10.50pm
 Sinister romance in seemingly idyllic English dystopia.
DRIVE ANGRY 3D [18] Thu: 9.30pm
 A father escapes from hell to avenge his family.
I AM NUMBER FOUR [12A] Wed: 10.20, 12.50, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40, 11.30pm
 New kid in high school is pursued by enemy aliens.
TANGLED [2D] [PG] daily: 9.30, 11.00am, 2.10, 4.30, 6.50pm
 Disney Pixar does Rapunzel.
GNOME & JULIET [U] [3D] daily: 12.30, 2.40, 7.20pm
 (2D) daily: 9.45, 11.50am, 2.00, 4.10, 6.20pm
 Garden gnomes are caught up in a feud between neighbours.
THE MECHANIC [15] Wed: 11.20pm
 Stalled hitman (Jason Statham) takes on an apprentice.
THE KING'S SPEECH [12A] Wed: 10.10am, 12.40, 3.20, 6.00, 9.20, 11.50pm
 Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter and Derek Jacobi in story of King George VI.
BIG MOMMIES HOUSE 3: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON [PG]
 Wed: 11.10am, 1.40, 4.20, 7.10, 9.40pm, midnight
 FBI agent and stepson go undercover at a girls-only boarding school.
BLACK SWAN [15] daily: 8.50pm
 When ballerinas go bad, Natalie Portman as a disturbed dancer.
SANCTUM [3D] [15] Wed: 9.30, 11.55pm
 Things go wrong in a cave.
JUSTIN BIEBER: NEVER SAY NEVER [U] (3D) daily: 10.00am, 4.50pm
 Footage of the 2010 concert tour. (2D) daily: 11.00am, 3.30, 4.00pm
THE FIGHTER [15] Tue: 9.00pm
 Sports biopic about the life of professional boxer "Irish" Mickey Ward.
JUST GO WITH IT [12A] Wed: 18.30, 21.10, 11.40pm
 Adam Sandler and Jennifer Aniston team up to get the girl of his dreams.
TRUE GRIT [15] Tue: 10.20am, 12.50, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40pm
 Coen brothers remake John Wayne classic.
YOGI BEAR [2D] [U] daily: 10.50am, 1.00, 3.30, 5.00, 7.00pm
 Documentary-maker meets a CGI Yogi and Boo-Boo. Subtitled Sun: 1.00pm, Tue: 1.00pm.
PAUL [15] Wed: 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.10, 10.30pm
 Tue & Thu: 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.10pm
 British comic geeks take a road trip with an escapee alien. Over 18s only: Sun & Tue: 1.10pm.
KIDS AM: THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER [2D] [PG] daily: 10.30am
 Adaptation of C.S. Lewis's classic tale of seafaring adventure and magic. Tickets: £1.
TEEN SCREENING: GULLIVER'S TRAVELS [2D] [PG]
 Last in updated version of Swick's classic. For 13-16 year olds. Tue: 6.10pm

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 9025736)
NEVER LET ME GO [12A] Tue - Thu: 1.15, 3.30, 6.30, 8.45pm
 Sinister romance in English dystopia.
BIG SCREEN: TRUE GRIT [15] Wed: 11.30am
 Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1. Coen brothers remake John Wayne classic.
TRUE GRIT [15] Tue: 1.00, 3.45, 6.15, 9.00pm
 Coen brothers remake of the John Wayne classic. Wed: 3.45, 6.15, 9.00pm

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)
BIG MOMMIES HOUSE 3: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON [PG]
 FBI agent & son go undercover at a girls' school.
BLACK SWAN [15] daily: 5.30, 8.45pm
 When ballerinas go bad, Natalie Portman as a disturbed dancer.
BRIGHTON ROCK [15] Tue: 8.15pm
 Film based on Graham Greene novel. Unstable gang leader gets involved with a prostitute.
DRIVE ANGRY (3D) [18] Thu: 8.45pm
 A father escapes from hell to avenge his family.
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 Garden gnomes are involved in neighbourly feud. (2D) daily: 2.45pm
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SENIOR SCREEN: YOU AGAIN [U] Wed: 10.45am
 A young woman tries to save her brother from an unwise marriage.
YOGI BEAR (2D) [U] Tue, Thu: 11.00am, 1.15pm; Wed: 1.15pm
 Documentary-maker goes to Jellystone Park and meets a CGI Yogi and Boo-Boo. Subtitled Sun: 1.15, Thu: 11.00am

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)
JUST GO WITH IT [12A] daily: 2.00, 5.00, 8.00pm
 Adam Sandler hires a family to get the girl of his dreams.
PAUL [15] daily: 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9.00pm
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GIGS
Tue 22nd
ALISON BENTLEY QUARTET / Live jazz / Jazz Cellar At The Big Bang / 8pm. £15 (inc main meal), £10 / The Big Bang, 124 Walton St, OX2 6AH / 511441
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PAT THOMAS / Free-form jazz / Oxford Improvisers / 8.30pm, £6 / 14 / oxfordimprovisers.com / Folly Bridge Inn, 106 Bridge St, Osney, OX2 0BB / 242333
MUSIC & POETRY - LAST CHANCE / From Rami, Mark Atherton & friends, the Rotifers & the Yellow Door Poets, / alongside Street Life Art Show / 7pm-8pm. Free. / 4nc6@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / http://the-perch.co.uk / 01865728891 / The Perch, Binsley Lane, Binsey, Oxford OX2 0NG / 728891
HARP WORKSHOP / 8-11pm, Free / www.stephwest.co.uk / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AB / 01865 247808
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MIKE HOROVITZ PERFORMS POETRY / Legendary Live New Departures Poet performs / Oxford Quakers Poetry / 7 for 7.30pm. Free / 882439 / Friends Meeting House / Oxford Quaker Centre, 43 St Giles / 557373
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THE STREETS / Mike Skinner tours the UK in celebration of his final album as the Streets / Tickets Sold Out / 6.30pm. / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Rd
GEORGIA MANDIC & IAN SHAW / Jazz vocalists / 8pm. £12 / St Michael at the North Gate, Oxford City Church, Commarke St, OX1 3EY / 240940

MEETINGS & LECTURES
Tue 22nd
SUPPORT GROUP / Support group for female survivors of sexual abuse and/or rape. / OSARCC / Free. 6.30 - 8.00pm. / groups@osarcc.org.uk / oxfordosarcc@bt.com / Oxford City Centre, 43 High Wycombe St / 01865 244516
'RECORDING AND REMEMBERING THE SOUND OF AFRICA' / Research Seminar. Dr. Noel Lobley (Pitt Rivers Museum) / 5.15pm. Free / Music Faculty, St. Aldates OX110B / 276125
QURAN STUDY SEMINAR CLASSES / Weekly analysis of sacred texts and Islam by leading Muslim scholar. / 7pm. Study materials, Quran translations and refreshments provided. Muslims and non-Muslims welcome. / info@mcn.org.uk / mcns.org.uk / 766032 / St Edward's School, Woodstock Rd, OX2 0NN
COMICS AND COMIC BOOKS MEETING / Meet people who are into reading, creating and discussing comics / comic books. / Friends of Caption / 9pm, free. / Magdalen Arms, 243 Iffley Rd, OX4 1SJ / 243159
FREE WELLNESS TALK / 7-9.30pm / witneytherapists.com / Witney Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney, OX29 6AB / 01993 703299 (local office)
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PEACE? / A short broadcast in which Prem Pal Rawat introduces his message of peace / peaceoxford / 8-9pm. Free / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes St (corner of Cowley Rd), OX4 1DD / 792168
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LANGUAGE EXCHANGE / 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month: free, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays: £1 for structured conversation practice. / Oxford Language Lounge / 8pm. / Oxford-Language-Lounge.info / 07955 482637 / The Cape of Good Hope, 1 Iffley Rd
OXFORD THINK WEEK - THINK ABOUT EVIDENCE / AC Grayling and Richard Dawkins on validity of evidence for the supernatural / OXASH / 7.45; sold out. / thinkweek.co.uk / Examination Schools, 78-81 High St
OXFORD THINK WEEK - BARONESS MARY WARNOCK / Philosopher, writer and euthanasia campaigner - on religion, morals and politics / OXASH / 1pm. Free. All welcome / thinkweek.co.uk / 891067 / Keble College, Parks Rd
MINDFULNESS / Dr. Mark Williams on the history and future of Mindfulness / Oxfordshire Mind / 5.45-6.45pm, £5 on the door / amy.wackett@oxfordshiremind.org.uk / oxfordshire-mind.org.uk / The Mill, 46 Cowley Rd / 263758
AV REFERENDUM Q&A / Come and find out more about 'Why Vote Yes?', or volunteer in our phonebank / 12-9pm, free / yes2avoxford@gmail.com / yes2avoxford.org.uk / 07557 035563 / Cowley Road Methodist Church Centre
KNIT, CROCHET, SEW...CHAT / Bring along anything you're working on for a chat and fun / 8pm, free / 4mb@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / G & D's (George and Delila), 104 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1JE / 727111

Wed 23rd
TREES IN THE COMMUNITY / Join John Thompson as he introduces the work of the 'Forest of Oxford'. / Science Oxford / 7.30pm, £5/50 free / info@scienceoxford.com / scienceoxfordlive.com / 8100000 / Science Oxford Live, 1 London Place, St Clements, OX1 1BD
GEOPOLITICS OF CENTRAL ASIAN ENERGY SUPPLIES / Europe-Russia-China. All welcome / OIES & St Anthony's, 5pm, free / sant.ox.ac.uk/centres/geopolitics.html / 889123 / St Anthony's College, Woodstock Rd / 284700
RETHINKING PITT RIVERS / Alison Petch explores the collecting activities of a pre-eminence museum creator. / Friends of the Pitt-Rivers / 6.30pm, £2; free for Friends / prm.ox.ac.uk/friends / 390489 / Pitt Rivers Museum Extension, entry via Robinson Close, off South Parks Rd. Disabled parking.
CHRISTIANITY AND ANIMAL ETHICS / Panel discussion with Martin Henig and Deborah Jark. / Oxford Student Vegetarian Soc. 5pm, free / 4maf@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / Mansfield College, Seminar Room, East
OXFORD THINK WEEK - THINK ABOUT HERESY / Paula Kirby, a former Christian - now free-thinking - discusses in the Pub. / OXASH / 8pm, free. All welcome / thinkweek.co.uk / Copa, 9-13 George St, OX1 2AU / 246906
PRIDE AND POLITICS: A LECTURE BY ANGELA EAGLE MP / Angela Eagle gives the 2nd annual LGBT history month lecture / University of Oxford / 5.30pm, open to all, free / admin.ox.ac.uk/sexualityorientation / Rewley House, Dept. of Continuing Education, 8 Wellington Square, OX1 2JA / 270360
LITERATURE AND RELIGION SEMINAR / Dr Catherine Brown on 'DHL Lawrence and Deism' / 6pm, free / university.church.ox.ac.uk / university.church.ox.ac.uk / 279111 / The Old Library, University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High St
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 First full scale UK tour of his album *God Willin' & the Cuckoo Don't Rise*. £23.50 - £26
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 5 dancers from different cultural backgrounds create life forms with dance. £5-£10
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Blackwells Bookshop (792792)
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 A scholar prepares to offer the devil his soul in exchange for absolute power. £8-£13
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THEATRE REVIEW
Dr Faustus
 Creation Theatre, The Norrington Room, Blackwell's Bookshop, 4 Feb - 26 Mar 2011

What's a Renaissance man to do when he's exhausted his reading list? Naturally, having reached the highest possible peak of human attainment, it's always tempting to turn to a handy volume on necromancy, rip up a Bible and summon the denizens of hell. After all, what's a bit of everlasting torment when you can have 24 years arsing around with your forked-tongued buddies on an extended stag night? Christopher Marlowe's *Dr Faustus* is a complicated figure: a frustrated polymath whose vast intellect and thirst for power lead him to a fatal act of hubris, and an incomprehensible idiot whose series of dim-witted actions put him straight on Hades' VIP list. Funny, serious, unsettling and thought-provoking to the point of irritation, it's a cracking story and a rich exploration of the eternal struggle between naughty and nice.

It's difficult not to be charmed by Creation Theatre's idea of tackling this version of the Faust legend in a bookshop. The play's central theme of academic overachievement and its less spiritually salutary consequences are beautifully hosted in what becomes a sprawling, slightly labyrinthine study, with the audience tucked away among bookshelves stuffed with philosophy and law; and the dark intimacy of the basement venue adds a nice element of claustrophobia to the drama. The action is well-coordinated, the delivery crisp, and the demonic dancing surprisingly effective.

The play has always been regarded as problematic: a slightly staccato patchwork of quasi-comedic capering sandwiched between two spare, lyrical sections of stripped-down spiritual questioning – but this production, as you'd expect from Creation and from Director Charlotte Conquest's form, is both accessible and entertaining. The interpretation of Faustus is a far from sympathetic one; he gets little credit for his prodigious learning, and his inexperience leads him to lay everything on the line to taste some of the riper pleasures his dusty existence has so far lacked. I did miss the proud and impressive Faustus I'd seen in other productions, but I can't really quarrel with this one – he pretty much deserves everything he gets, and Gus Gallagher delivered well, alternately posturing and cringing to good effect. Gwynfor Jones' Mephistopheles was coolly sardonic, with wonderfully sudden flashes of evil and proper scariness, and the cast of five is very strong all round, making great use of masked anonymity to give the illusion of greater numbers, moving from bookish reserve to slick buoyancy to a kind of hellish disco act – for which praise is also due to movement director Aidan Treays.

So back to the question we've all had to ask ourselves at one time or another: where is there left to go after you've explored and mastered every branch of learning that Academe has to offer? Is the service of Satan the only option for further broadening of the soul's horizons? Well, not necessarily; fortunately the Norrington Room also houses an extensive travel guide section.

Susie Cogan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
THE ULTIMATE PICTURE PALACE,
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Part Two: Saied's reign
 4th June 1996 - 14th July 2009

In the late 90s when I came to Oxford as a student the UPP showed a season of Monty Python films on Sunday nights. People were known to come from miles away to watch such beloved films on the big screen, and for Saied it was not just about what someone might want to see but about what needed to be shown. He juggled mainstream cinema, arthouse, and forgotten masterpieces such as the Maxim Gorky trilogy (a series of films based on the Russian socialist's autobiography and released between 1938-1940). This series was not so well attended as Monty Python, but one grateful patron told Saied he had waited 40 years to see them all.

In subsequent years I saw *Citizen Kane*, Hitchcock's *Notorious*, *The Devil Wears Prada* and the *Star Trek* prequel. All were enhanced by the UPP's conviviality, occasional clangs from the projector, extraordinarily good value Membership deals and Saied's habit of starting late (once even waiting for us to finish a takeaway on the bench outside before he set the reels rolling).

In July 2009 Saied passed the baton to Jane and Philippa. There was a long and friendly handover, while old hand Saied inducted the new owners, new not only to the UPP but to cinema management and even to the Cowley Road. Saied remembers his UPP days fondly, but has now moved on to new challenges. For many of us however he'll always be associated with more than a decade of cinematic experiences at the UPP.

Jenny Pawsey

Watch out for the final instalment on Thursday: ice-cream, refurbishment and the future...

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