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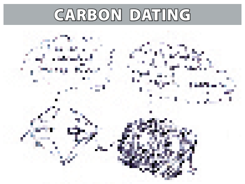

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The spider suit turns black: Peter Parker develops new and strange powers.

THIS IS ENGLAND [18] Sun - Wed: 5.40, 8.00pm
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MEMENTO [15] Mon: 10.30pm
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The characters in a man's dream take him hostage, lest he wake.

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FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS [15] Tue: 8.45pm
The lives of the six soldiers who raised the flag on Iwo Jima.

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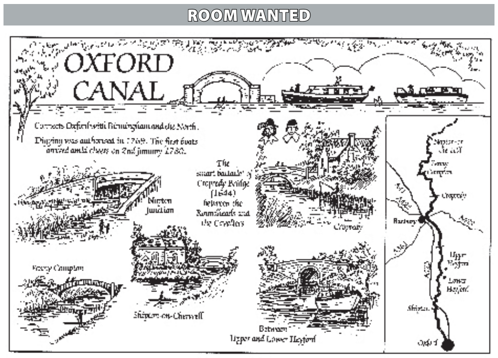

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The arrival of the railways rapidly affected the amount of commercial traffic on the canal, but it was only after the Second World War that the waterway fell virtually into disuse - between 1942 and 1956 the number of boats using the canal to Oxford fell from 223 to 16. Now the canal is mainly used for pleasure and residential craft, particularly during the summer months.

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MEETINGS & LECTURES

Tue 22nd

GNOSTIC TRINITY AND GOSPEL / Gospel as simple as ABC. / Oxford Gnostic Association / 7.30 P.M. FREE / www.nijjhar.freeserve.co.uk./lect.htm / Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates

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THEATRE REVIEW

Guys And Dolls

New Theatre, to Sat May 26th. See listings, left.

I am not ashamed to say it: Guys and Dolls is one of my favourite musicals. I love the score, the characters, the whole thing. I must admit to feeling a certain amount of trepidation as I entered the theatre for the performance. I am not a fan of celebrity casting. I need not have worried. The production is a joy from the opening bars to the closing chords.

I felt a tingle in my spine as the opening dance routine filled the stage with life, energy and panache. This tingle stayed with me during the show.

The cast are uniformly excellent – there is not a single weak performance. Shaun Williamson, Jonathan Wilkes, Lynsey Britton and Louise Dearman bring the four main protagonists to life with fresh interpretations that only improve as the show progresses. The supporting cast all have clearly defined characters and provide huge humour and great vocal polish to the evening – not to mention the fantastic dancing.

Special mention must be made of Christian Patterson who is an outstanding Nicely Nicely Johnson. His rendition of the classic 'Sit down you're rocking the boat' is worth the price of admission alone.

Initially I had a few concerns over the sound design which at times seemed to place a little too much distance between the audience and the performers – but this was resolved before the evening was out.

Overall, I would go back and see this again! BOOK NOW – it is a gamble that will pay off.

Simon Tavener

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THE TRINITY SERIAL

Chapter 5, in which events take a turn for the verse...

In a certain central college, maybe staircase five or six,
There's an unconcluded stairway, which appears to end in bricks.
Undergrads assume that there's a chamber, with a ghost,
Of a medieval tutor who expired from too much toast.

A chamber there exists, but within: a living man.
In fact a captive Dexter and he doesn't have a plan.
For his clever crazy brother who has recently escaped
From a local institution is distinctly Dexter-shaped.

Meanwhile the noble Robert is half consumed with fear,
He longs to go and comfort Kate but knows he can't go near.
He thinks his course is righteous but he hosts a growing doubt,
Like a spaniel in the wardrobe, ever scratching to get out.

And was it a coincidence that Heidi planned a trip
To a place of great conspiracy where Kate might lose her grip?
And just an hour before she organised their destination,
Just whom was Heidi calling from that payphone at the station?

Kate gets home, still somewhat damp, and finds a piece of paper.
She reads it once, then twice, then thrice, then lets a smile escape her.
She makes a little parcel, stops to eat some curly kale,
No more key for me, hums she, and runs to catch the mail.

Eleanor sees this, and more, that girl sure gets about,
She could be grinning also, your narrator has some doubt.
But no rest for the wicked, she still has one thing to do.
She buys six cut price sandwiches, then disappears from view.

And so she misses Rob, who is sprinting like a hare,
He flies pell-mell down Catte Street and skids into Radcliffe Square.
Then, deep inside the Bodleian, the dreaded call of "Fire!"
A terrible short circuit: perhaps a rabbit's chewed a wire.

To be continued...

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