

WHAT'S ON

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 4th February 2012
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GIGS & JAMS
Tue 24th
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 hosted by Sparky, The Dangerous Poet. Music, poetry, song and all forms of entertainment welcome / 8.30pm. Free entry / James Street Tavern, 47-48 James Street, Oxford OX4 1EU
M83, PORCELAIN RAFT / French electro-pop producer / Academy Events Presents / 7pm. £12.50 / O2 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE; Tel: Box Office: 0844 477 2000 / Info: 0905 020 3999 (25p/min)
HUGH TURNER BAND / Live jazz plus DJs playing r'n'b, funk and soul / The Oxford Jazz Club / 9.30pm-midnight. DJ set till 2am. Free entry / The Bullingdon Arms, 162 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1UE; Tel: 01865 244516

Wed 25th
COSTELLO, WISTLESS, MARK NOBLE / Local acoustic acts / Live & Acoustic / 8.30pm. Free / The Holly Bush Inn, 106 Bridge Street, Osney, Oxford OX2 0BD; Tel: 01865 242333
LIVE JAZZ / With Will Bartlett (Piano) & Tim Dawes (Double Bass) / 6.30pm. Free / The Old Parsonage Hotel, 1 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6NN; Tel: 01865 310210
GRACEFUL SLICKS, SHATTERED DREAMS, BEN PHILLIPS / Neo-psychedic shoegaze outfit / 8pm. £5 / The Wheatheaf, 129 High Street, Oxford, OX1 4DF; Tel: 01865 721156
TRISH ELPHINSTONE QUINTET / Jazz at the Half Moon / From 8.45pm. Free Entry / trishelpinstone@gmail.com / www.trishelpinstone@gmail.com / 01865 765897 / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AB; Tel: 01865 247808
MIRANDA SYKES AND REX PRESTON / Acoustic bass, vox & mandolin duo in 14th century former abbey / Folk at the Unicorn / Doors 7.30pm, £10 adv / info@folkathetheunicorn.co.uk / www.folkathetheunicorn.co.uk / 01235 555670 / Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon, Checker Walk, Abingdon OX14 3HZ; Tel: Theatre Cursor (not box office) 01235 525339

OPEN BLUES JAM / Live classic and contemporary blues jam with Tony Batey, Richard Brotherton & Friends. All blues musicians welcome to join in. / Blues Wednesday / 9pm. Free entry / www.myspace.com/musicianscratch / James Street Tavern, 47-48 James Street, Oxford OX4 1EU
PONT MUSIC - OPEN MIKE / We have amps, you have talent, or just applaud. All welcome, have fun. / 8.30 till 11pm. Free entry. / 53k@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / www.myspace.com/pontmusicconsultants / 07582 542568 / Folly Bridge Inn, 38 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4PD; Tel: 01865 790106
OPEN MIC / Hosted by Lee Davies / 8.30pm. Free entry / The Cape of Good Hope, 11 Hilly Road, Oxford OX4 1EA; Tel: 01865 262291

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 Biopic of Burmese national heroine Aung San Suu Kyi. Tue: 12.30, 4.00, 9.00pm
DREAMS OF A LIFE [12A] Tue: 9.30pm; Thu: 7.00pm
 Film about Joyce Vincent, who was found dead in her bed in 2003.
MOTHER AND CHILD [15] Tue: 6.45pm
 Film about a woman and the daughter she gave up for adoption.
BBY CLUB: THE LADY [12A] Thu: 12.30pm
 Biopic of Burmese national heroine Aung San Suu Kyi. Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1.
Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 9025736)
WAR HORSE [12A] Mon - Thu: 12noon, 2.45, 5.45, 8.30pm
 Controversial Spielberg treatment of Michael Morpurgo's heartrending story.
THE ARTIST [PG] Mon & Tue, Thu: 12.15, 3.15, 6.00, 9.00pm
 Silent, black and white film - made in 2011. Wed: 3.15, 6.00, 9.00pm
BIG SCREAM: WAR HORSE [12A] Wed: 11.30am
 Controversial Spielberg treatment of Michael Morpurgo's heartrending story. Exclusive screening for parents with babies under 1.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)
CORIOLANUS [15] Tue, Thu: 3.00, 5.45, 8.45pm
 Gritty new Shakespeare with Ralph Fiennes. Wed: 12.15, 3.00, 5.45, 8.45pm
HAYWIRE [15] Mon - Thu: 5.00, 7.15, 9.30pm
 Black ops soldier has to use all her skills to survive after she is double crossed.
JEDGAR [15] daily: 2.00, 5.15, 8.30pm
 Biopic of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, starring Leonardo DiCaprio.
THE IRON LADY [12A] daily: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm
 Meryl Streep plays Margaret Thatcher. Subtitled Tue-4pm, Thu 3.30pm
W. E. Tue: 5.30, 8.15pm; Wed & Thu: 2.45, 5.30, 8.15pm
 Edward VIII & Wallis Simpson, & a present day love affair. Wed 2.45
SHAME [18] daily: 2.30pm
 Michael Fassbender is a Manhattan sex addict whose life spirals out of control.
THE ARTIST [PG] daily: 1.45, 4.30, 7.00, 9.20pm
 Silent, black and white film - made in 2011.
CINDERELLA (MUSICAL) [PG] Tue: 2.00pm
 Royal Opera presents Cinderella.
ODEON SENIOR SCREEN: CONTAGION [12A] Wed: 10.45am
 Deadly outbreak takes doctors.
Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: GHOST PROTOCOL [12A] Mon - Thu: 6.00pm
 Ethan Hunt must work even deeper undercover than usual to clear the name of the IMF.
SHERLOCK HOLMES: A GAME OF SHADOWS [12A] daily: 3.30, 9.00pm
 Holmes and Watson join forces once again to defeat Professor Moriarty.
WAR HORSE [12A] daily: 2.00, 5.15, 8.30pm
 Controversial Spielberg treatment of Michael Morpurgo's heartrending story.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)
THE DARKEST HOUR [12A] (3D) Wed: 11.10pm
 Russian warriors defend Earth from aliens who've got into the power supply.
UNDERWORLD: AWAKENING [18] (3D) Mon - Thu: 11.00am, 1.10, 3.20, 5.30, 7.40, 10.00pm
 Kate Beckinsale returns as vampire warrior Selene.
HAYWIRE [15] Wed: 11.20am, 1.30, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30, 10.40pm
 Tue: Thu: 11.20am, 1.30, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30pm
 Black ops soldier has to use all her skills to survive after she is double crossed.
THE SITTER [15] Mon - Thu: 12.20, 2.10, 4.20, 8.40pm
 Comedy in which suspended college student finds babysitting a challenge.
W. E. [15] Mon - Thu: 11.00am, 1.50, 4.30, 7.10pm
 Film about Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson, and a love affair in the present day.
SHAME [18] daily: 2.20, 9.50pm
 Michael Fassbender is a Manhattan sex addict whose life spirals out of control.
WAR HORSE [12A] Wed: 10.30, 11.50am, 1.40, 3.00, 4.50, 7.30, 8.00, 10.40pm
 Mon & Tue: Thu: 10.30, 11.50am, 1.40, 3.00, 4.50, 7.30, 8.00pm
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THE IRON LADY [12A] Wed: 12.10, 6.10, 11.30pm
 Tue, Thu: 12.10, 6.10pm
 Meryl Streep plays Margaret Thatcher.
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO [18] daily: 9.20pm
 English language remake of Larsson's first novel about computers, crime and corruption.
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE: GHOST PROTOCOL [12A] Mon - Thu: 6.00pm
 Ethan Hunt must work even deeper undercover than usual to clear the name of the IMF.
SHERLOCK HOLMES [12A] Wed: 11.40am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.10, 11.00pm
 Mon & Tue: Thu: 11.40am, 2.30, 5.20, 8.10pm
 Holmes and Watson battle Professor Moriarty. Subtitled Tues & 10pm

Rewley House (01865 270360)
SENILITA Wed: 7.30pm
 A middle-aged public officer's love for a flighty girl is unreciprocated. Free.
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COMIC BOOKS MEETING / Meet people who are into reading, creating and discussing comics. / Friends of Captain / 9pm, free. / http://caption.org.uk / Magdalen Arms, 243 Hilly Road, Oxford OX4 1SU; Tel: 01865 243159
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GLOBE CAFE / Friends, coffee & conversation for international students & visitors to Oxford / 8pm / richard.power@standrews.oxford.org.uk / www.globecafeoxford.org.uk / 07925 394122 / St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, OX2 6UG; Tel: 01865 311212
ASTRONOMY / Observing evening (contact Ian, tel. 07557 373401 in advance for details) / Abingdon Astronomical Society / 8pm, first visit free / chris.c.holt@btinternet.com / http://abingdonastro.org.uk / 01865 725094 / Frilford Heath

ULTRAFAST PHYSICS: PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE / Prof Ian Walsley talks about extremely short-duration physics. / 7pm. Free / museum@mhs.ox.ac.uk / www.mhs.ox.ac.uk / 01865 277280 / Museum of the History of Science, Old Ashmolean Building, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3AZ; Tel: 01865 277280
IRISH CONVERSATION GROUP / 8 - 10pm / 53q@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AB; Tel: 01865 247808
HUMAN ENHANCEMENT AND ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES / In some cases moral reasons in favour of enhancement are stronger than reasons in favour of restriction. / 7.30-9.30pm, free / www.ox.ac.uk/go.rmid=22779 / 01865 286888 / Oxford Martin School, Old Indian Institute, 34 Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BD; Tel: 01865 287430
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COWLEY AREA FORUM: UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY / Resident of Cowley Marsh, Cowley or Live Valley area? Come & meet university & student reps & share your views on community & university relations. / Oxford City Council / 6.30-8.30pm, all welcome / www.oxford.gov.uk/RegalCommunityCentre, Ridgefield Road, Cowley, Oxford OX4 3BY; Tel: 01865 714184 / 01865 450292
WORD OF MOUTH: LAUGHTER YOGA / Event to tell the stories of Oxford women who are doing amazing things. / Fe-line: Oxford Women's Circle / 7.30pm, £5 / jaanna@fe-line.co.uk / www.fe-line.co.uk / 07894 338291 / Phoenix Bar, Phoenix Picturehouse, 57 Walton Street, Oxford OX2 6AE; Tel: 0871 902 5736 (10p/min from landline)

Wed 25th
DRESSMAKING / SEWING CLUB / All evening and dressmaking projects, beginners, intermediate. / 7-9pm. £13 per sewing - pay as you go. / louisepaemen@hotmail.com / 01235 521386 / Kennington Village Centre, Kennington Road, (opposite The Landem pub), Kennington OX1 5PG
ASTRONOMY / Observing evening (contact Ian, tel. 07557 373401 in advance for details) / Abingdon Astronomical Society / 8pm, first visit free / chris.c.holt@btinternet.com / http://abingdonastro.org.uk / 01865 725094 / Frilford Heath
OXFORD NCT HOME BIRTH GROUP / Anyone interested in home birth is welcome to attend. / Oxford NCT / 8pm / homebirth@oxfordnct.org.uk / www.nct.org.uk/branches/oxford / 07703 470524 / central N Oxford contact Jo for details
EVENING OF MINDFULNESS / Meditation, teaching, discussion. / Oxford Thich Nhat Hanh Sangha / 7pm - 9pm, £3-£5 for room rent. / http://interbeing.org.uk / Friends' Meeting House, 43 St Giles, Oxford OX1 3LW; Tel: 01865 557373
MARVELS OF MARTIN' @ TASTE OF THE TROPICS / Quizzes, competition, displays and much more commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. @ 29th Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration Celebrations / 10.00am - 4.00pm. Free / East Oxford Community Centre, 44b Princes Street (corner of Cowley Rd), Oxford OX4 1HU; Tel: 01865 792168
PHD STUDENTS MEETING / Social meeting. All majors welcome / 6pm / yae2ed@hotmail.com / 07795 030600 / Coffee Republic, 35 New Inn Hall St, Oxford OX1 2DH; Tel: 01865 204735
UPSTAIRS DOWNSTAIRS TOUR / Walk through the tunnel to the Bodleian Library & Radcliffe Camera. / Bodleian Library / 9.15am, £13.00 per person / tours@bodleian.ox.ac.uk / http://bodleian.ox.ac.uk / 01865 277224 / Bodleian Library, Old Schools Quadrangle, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG
PROFESSOR LESLEY PAGE: MIDWIVES HOLD THE FUTURE / A seminar: the impact of midwifery to us all and future of midwifery / Oxford Brookes University / 4pm till 5pm (free) / 546@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / www.lesleypage.net / 01865 482604 / Lecture Theatre Oxford Brookes University Marston Rd Oxford

HOW DO YOU REALLY KNOW WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS? / by Dr Michael de Podesta / Oxford Uni Scientific Soc. / 20.15, 10/E2, member/non-member / 546@events.dailyinfo.co.uk / https://www.facebook.com/events/175374382564930 / Inorganic Chemistry Building, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QR

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 King Arthur and a killer rabbit. £16-£42/Wed 25th, Sat 28th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
Michael Pilch Studio
CELEBRATION Tue 24th - Sat 28th: 7.15pm
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Burton Taylor Studio (305305)
LATINI OR TOBACCO AND BOYS Tue 24th - Sat 28th: 7.30pm
 by Stephen Fry. £6 (£5)
IT'S A HIT! Tue 24th - Sat 28th: 9.30pm
 Tap along to the story of musical theatre, told through its songs! £6 (£5)
Pegasus Theatre (01865 812150)
TILL I DIE Wed 25th - Fri 27th: 7.30pm; Sat 28th: 1.30pm & 7.30pm
 Original script exploring effects of the Hillsborough disaster on 3 youths. £7 (£5, LA 018)
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Burns' Night 25th January 2012
 Celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet and the best publicist the haggis ever had.
 The 25th of January is the birthday of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, author of *Auld Lang Syne*, the man who said "The best laid plans of mice and men..." and gave us a good excuse for an annual Caledonian piss-up. Here are the three essential ingredients of Burns' night, along with which of the Scotch Bard's poems to read while you enjoy them:
Haggis
 A sheep's heart, liver and lungs, boiled in its stomach. Tastes as good as it sounds! The traditional main course at every Burns' Night meal, the haggis is carved to a recitation of the poet's famous lines: "Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftain o' the puddin'-race!" Or, loosely translated, "You look smashing, Haggis." Haggis can be obtained from any good butcher, and, indeed, many bad butchers. You may not know the difference until you've eaten the haggis. Haggises are not for the weak of heart (or stomach, or lungs) but, well prepared, can be endured with grace. Best served with a side of tatties and neeps (mashed potato and swede to you and me).
Burns Poem: Address To a Haggis

Whisky
 Whisky = Scotch malts. Whiskey = Irish or American malts, including Bourbon. On Burns' Night, we drink single malt Scotch Whisky. Got it? Good.
 Whisky comes in a dizzying range of flavours, colours and varieties, can be described "smoky", "peaty", "sharp", "smooth", sorted according to age (the older, the better, as a rule) and so on ad infinitum. Select a range of whiskies to suit your guests' palates, or pick out a particularly superior malt. An excellent place to do so is the Whisky Shop on Turl Street, who can recommend a whisky to fit any taste or price.
Burns Poem: Scotch Drink ("O thou, my Muse! guid auld Scotch drink!")
Music and Dancing
 Bagpipes. Love them or hate them, you can't ignore them, much like the Highland dancing they inspire. No Burns' Night is complete without hurling your friends through the air at high speed while a wheezing cat wails in the background. For maximum enjoyment, enjoy copious amounts of whisky first.
Burns Poem: Auld Lang Syne. Learn the rest of the lyrics, stand out from the crowd
A very happy Burns' Night to all!
 Alwyn Collinson