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Fri: 10.15, 11.00, 11.45am, 12.30, 1.15, 2.00, 2.45, 3.30, 4.15, 5.00, 5.45, Harrison Ford sets off once more. 6.30, 7.15, 8.00, 8.45, 9.30, 10.15, 11.00pm
SPEED RACER [12A] Thu: 10.00am, Fri: 10.45am
Action adventure based on the comic book.
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Arms dealer becomes superhero. Fri: 11.15am, 2.15, 5.15, 8.15, 11.10pm
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THEATRE REVIEW

Oklahoma!

Moser Theatre, Wadham College, to Saturday May 31st.
See Theatre listings, below.

I don't know why anyone would want to sit at home and watch reality TV when they can go out and experience a well-loved musical put on by a troop of gung-ho students. *Oklahoma!*, presented at Wadham by Hazlenut Productions, is a rip-roaring riot involving lots of snogging, legendary sing-a-long songs, a dash of dance and a modest sprinkling of naughty photographs.

> "...a rip-roaring riot involving lots of snogging, legendary sing-a-long songs, a dash of dance and a modest sprinkling of naughty photographs."

I had never been to the Moser Theatre sober before, and was a little anxious about finding my way to the show. My apprehension grew as I found myself leading a small group of theatre-goers through the college grounds (I must have looked like I knew where I was going for once). There were no posters or signs anywhere and we all got lost up a spiral staircase. When we did at last arrive at the theatre (which FYI is behind the bar) rehearsals were still underway and there was nothing to suggest that an audience would soon be welcome. Needless to say, I was at this point wondering if I had should have stayed at home and watched *The Apprentice* after all.

However! (Exclamation marks are very important in *Oklahoma!*) I was very soon wrapped up in a snuggly blanket of musical escapism. I find musicals silly, but pleasantly so: there aren't many situations in life where a good singsong is considered the best means to resolve a serious problem. *Oklahoma!* tackles love, rivalry, murder and justice, to name but a few grave issues. Thankfully, Hazlenut's *Oklahoma!* doesn't worry about presenting these convincingly, and this, coupled with the fact that the actors are not professionals, means you have a refreshingly genuine production. The songs are performed with an honest vigour, the acting is raw and the dancing is at times endearingly clumsy – if people really did burst into song and dance during everyday life, this is probably quite close to how it would be.

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Moser Theatre, Wadham College

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The principal characters were performed with gusto: Ado Annie, played by Lizzie Ellen, works as an unlikely fusion of saucy and innocent; Jud Fry, played by Charlie Mallinson, is charmingly deranged; and Ali Hakim, played by Sam Aldred, is a superb clown. The dance routines were basic though sweet and fun and the singing was consistently good. As a 'retired' rubbish pianist I was resentful at how casually the only two musicians, including Robert Hazle himself, rattled off two-and-a-half hours of compelling piano.

Hazlenut's *Oklahoma!* is a pleasantly bumpy ride of a show; an excellent opportunity to stomp your feet to some belting show tunes. It's not perfect, but it's genuine entertainment. I shall be ignoring *Big Brother* this year; you'll find me wandering round Oxford's colleges looking for a real drama.

Gabrielle Brown

THEATRE REVIEW

Sense & Sensibility

Bat Willow Meadow, Magdalen College,
to Saturday May 31st

See Theatre listings, left

Based on the classic Jane Austen novel, which already has a plethora of film and TV adaptations, I had some initial reservations on Brian McMahon's *Sense and Sensibility*, curious to see how the biting wit and romance of the book would translate to the stage. These reservations evaporated pretty quickly. And what a stage. Coming into Magdalen, one must walk for ten minutes from the lodge over paths and bridges to Bat Willow Meadow, a glade within the vast green grounds of the college. Fortunately, the rains of recent days had stopped: the set was simple and elegant, the atmosphere was idyllic, and watching the players enter the grounds in their regency finery to the stage was a pleasantly surreal experience one could rarely find elsewhere. And there was Pimms on sale. What more could you ask?

Though the majority of the audience was inevitably female, the play proved entertaining for all watching. The script never drags, even with the heavy dialogue, managing to bring out some perfect moments of wit and social parody. Exaggerated characters such as Sir John and Lady Middleton provide some moments of laugh-out-loud hilarity, and the awkward interactions never fully articulated on page between Elinor and Edward translate beautifully to the stage: joyfully uncomfortable to watch, both actors pull off the social awkwardness expertly.

> "the fairytale quality of having these treasured love stories played out in a garden space, out of sight of the city spires"

The two female leads give faultless, engaging performances. Duke's vivacious and sparkling Marianne is a highlight of the production, complemented perfectly by the level-headed Elinor, played by Buchdahl. Krishna Omkar's performance was surprising, showing some impressive range as an actor, having already proven his hand at directing in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern*. A personal highlight of the show was the skilfully choreographed swordfight between Willoughby and Colonel Brandon – a daring and entertaining interpretation of Austen that was a delight to watch.

It is difficult to point out anything I didn't enjoy about this production. Quality, oft comical, performances from all the cast; slick directing and scene-changes that were satisfying to watch; and the overall fairytale quality of having these treasured and well-known love stories played out in a garden space, out of sight of the city spires, gives an audience a very escapist, heightened experience of theatre. Go watch it, and melt. But pick your day carefully for good weather.

Yunnan Chen

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Three studio flats available in popular location from early/mid May for six months plus. Comprises sitting room/bedroom, kitchen, bathroom. Can be furnished or unfurnished. Rent £695 pcm exclusive of utilities.
For viewings please call Rachel at Lucy Properties: 559973

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Spare room?
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Excited by other cultures?
Thought about hosting an international student?
If you can provide a warm welcome in a clean and comfortable home we would love to hear from you!
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Make use of your spare room and learn about other cultures.
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HOST FAMILIES STILL needed by Oxford Language Centre for international students age 12 – 15, from 28 June – 9 August. Good rates of pay. Families with current CRB checks especially welcome. Please contact: 01865 240111, Fax: 01865 247259 e-mail: welfare@olcoxford.co.uk

HELP! FEMALE WRITER needs central room, WIFI. 4-11 June ebaestuff@yahoo.com

ROOMS TO LET

SINGLE ROOM, £400 inclusive, non-smoking person, available mid-June. aram@aramsociety.org

SUNNY SINGLE ROOM en suite. WiFi. Free July for three months. £280 a month. Suit mature PG writing up. Viewing now. scribea1@hotmail.com

LARGE SINGLE ROOM £340pcm. letting@wongcna.co.uk, http://www.wongcna.co.uk/letting

LARGE DOUBLE, own shower room in light, clean, spacious flat in East Oxford. Two friendly non-smoking professional females seek third. Now - September (extension possible) £400 excl. henleystreet@live.co.uk

FOR POLISH GIRL, single in 2 bedroom flat, Oxford Rd, 07746 810298

NORTH HINKSEY - BEAUTIFULLY refurbished, light airy spacious house with enormous sunny living room, garden, parking, country views. Available immediately. Large double room £420pcm. Single room £300pcm. All + bills. Suit single n/s prof. Call 07976 910520. urbanlets@yahoo.co.uk

DOUBLE ROOM IN huge, beautiful house, lovely garden, Divinity Road area, sharing with 3 professionals, available 5 Aug. £410/month excl. 07968 022881. helenfairfield@hotmail.co.uk

TWO FURNISHED DOUBLES, Cowley, all facilities, ample parking. £340/£300 excl. 01865 327298, 07766 707390.

COWLEY: SINGLE ROOM for female n/s. £300 pcm incl. 07974 943579 paul@olley.com

GREAT DOUBLE, MARSTON, 1 July, fully furnished, 2 baths, parking, well maintained. N/S professionals. £350 pcm plus bills. 07850 008045. cmdawson656@btinternet.com

OLD ROAD, NEAR Brookes, double rooms furnished, excellent condition share with female nurse, parking. From now to July. £295. 07979 983236 snpinky@hotmail.com

LOVELY DOUBLE ROOM in Headington available now. Very nice, clean & spacious. Two bathrooms, large gardens + parking. Professionals only - no students or couples. Please call: 07925 596717.

OFF IFFLEY RD - room in clean & friendly house, £335pcm inc bills, excludes Council Tax, furnished, non smoking. 07899 917268

MEETINGS AND LECTURES

Thu 29th

ATTITUDINAL HEALING / Let your peace, joy & inspiration arise within. / www.attitudinalhealing.org / 20.00 - 21.30. Don's appr £4.50 / Ann 01869 246839 / 43 St. Giles

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

TOWARDS A SOCIO-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF ACADEMICS' PERCEPTIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING / Dr Lisa Lucas, University of Bristol / 4pm-5.30pm. Free / Oxford Learning Institute, Littlegate House, St Ebbe's St

LORRIE MOORE: 'RANDOM THINGS ONE CAN LEARN FROM A VISITING WRITER' / Lecture by the celebrated US author of 'Birds of America' / 5pm, free + drinks reception / Rothermere American Institute, 1a South Parks Rd 282710

FOREIGN DEVIL RIDERS: THE ENGLISH AND HORSE-RACING IN THE DUAL MONARCHY / John Pinfold / 8 p.m. / http://hungsoc.com / 736973 / McGregor Room, Oriel College, Oriel Square, off High St.

THE FLIGHT SHOW / Looking at the forces involved in lighter-than-air and powered flight. With activities including making the fastest paper aeroplane. / www.scienceoxford.com / Science Oxford, 1 - 5 London Place, St Clements / 728953

COWLEY: Business businesses networking opportunity - come down after work! / 5pm - late, free / 241261 / The Regal, 300 Cowley Rd, (the old Bingo Hall), OX4 1US

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR / Networking Seminar hosted by Catherine Bertola. / Free but booking essential. 6 - 8pm. / 201782 / OVADA, 21 Gloucester Green

Fri 30th

LIFE AND DEATH IN ANCIENT EGYPT /Introductory talk. Meet in Randolph Gallery (Rm 1). / 1.15 - 2pm. Free, optional donation £2 / 278015 to book / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St

TEN MINUTE TREASURE TALKS / One of the objects on display. Suitable for all / 12.15pm. Free. / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St / 278000

SCIENCE & FICTION - BRIAN ALDISS / Talking about his influences. / 5pm / £6.50 (£4.50) / www.oxfordplayhouse.com / 305305 / Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont St

PERSEPOLIS AND THE FOUNDING OF AN EMPIRE / Professor Elspeth Dusinberre, University of Colorado / 5.30pm Free / Headley Lecture Theatre, Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St.

ONE TO ONE SURGERIES / Catherine Bertola helps artists looking to develop their practice. / Opens 10am. Free but booking essential. Contact Sophie Williamson on 201782 / www.ovada.org.uk / OVADA, 21 Gloucester Green