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'LES ROUES DE FORTUNE: 'VOIR-DIT' DE GUILLAUME DE MACHAUT' / With Catherine Attwood of Nottingham University / 5.15pm / Maison Francaise, Norham Rd, Oxford OX2 6SE; Tel: 274220, Fax: 274225, Email: maison@herald.ox.ac.uk

CINEMA

Fri 31st May - Thurs 6th June
Ultimate Picture Palace 245288
GOSFORD PARK (15) Fri: 7.30 Sat: 4.30, 7.30
Mon-Thurs: 7.30 Sun: 4.30, 7.30

Altman's Upstairs, Downstairs
FROM HELL (18) Fri-Mon: 10.15pm, Tues-Thu: 9.30pm
Hughes brothers take on Ripper story

Phoenix Picture House 512526
GOSFORD PARK Daily: 12.30 (Thurs 12.40), 5.00
Altman's Upstairs, Downstairs

NO MAN'S LAND (15) Daily: 3.10, 7.40 (not Wed), 9.30
Oscar winner set in Yugoslavian war

SEX AND LUCIA (18) Daily: 1.40 (not Sat or Sun), 4.00, 6.30 (not Mon), 9.00
Spanish lady looks at her relationships

MONSTERS INC (U) Fri & Sat: 11.30pm
Incapable furry fright mungers

WAKING LIFE (15) Fri & Sat: 11.30pm
Sun: 12 noon
Philosophy. Animated.

KIDS CLUB: BLACK BEAUTY (U) Sat: 2.00pm
No unaccompanied adults.

SOVIET SOUND: CHAPAYEV (15) Sun: 2.00pm
1930s Social-realism by Vasiliev Brothers

THREE COLOURS WHITE (15) Mon: 6.40
Second of Kieslowski's trilogy, dealing with equality

SOVIET SOUND: THE CRANES ARE FLYING (U) Wed: 7.40
1950s tragic war-time love affair

MODESTY BLAISE (15) Thu: 11.30pm
Outrageously stylish and deliriously psychedelic

VANILLA SKY (15) Thu: 11.30pm
Cruise meets Cruz

Odeon George Street 0870 5050007
ABOUT A BOY (12) Fri & Sat: 12.45, 3.45, 6.45, 9.30
Sun-Thurs: 12.30, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45

Kid teaches Hugh Grant to grow up.
STAR WARS EPISODE II: ATTACK OF THE CLONES (PG)
Daily: 10.00 (not Fri), 1.15, 4.45, 8.15

Send them in
THE PANIC ROOM (15) Fri: 3.00, Sat: 3.00, 5.45, 8.45
Sun-Thurs: 2.45, 5.45, 8.30

Claustrophobic thriller
ICE AGE (U) Fri & Sat 12.30, Sun-Thurs: 12.00
Furry adventure animation

SNOW DOGS (PG) Fri & Sat: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15
Sun-Thurs: 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 9.00

Arctic dog race silliness
THUNDERPANTS (PG) Fri: 1.30, 4.00 Sat: 11.00, 1.30, 4.00, Sun-Thurs: 10.30, 12.30, 3.15

11 yr old with 'special abilities'
THE TIME MACHINE (PG, not suitable for under 8s)
Fri & Sat: 10.45 (not Fri), 1.45, 4.30, 7.15, 10.00
Sun-Thurs: 10.15 (not Wed), 12.45, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15

Based on Wells' time travelling sci-fi novel.
BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM (12) Fri & Sat: 6.30, 9.45
Sun-Thurs: 5.30, 8.45

Feel-good footy fun
SENIOR SCREEN: THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES (12) W/A
Mon. Doors: 10.15, Film: 10.45am

Unexplained events and psychic visions in small town
UNFAITHFUL (15) Thu: 5.30, 8.30
Marriage. Affair. More glossy than most.

Odeon Magdalen St. 0870 5050007
STAR WARS EPISODE II:
ATTACK OF THE CLONES (PG) W/A
Daily: 10.45 (not Fri), 2.00, 5.45, 9.15

Aargh! There's loads of them! They're all the same!
NOT ANOTHER TEEN MOVIE (15)
Daily: 12.00, 2.30, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00
Apparently

W/A: Wheelchair Access

THEATRE

Fri 31st May - Thurs 6th June

Pegasus Theatre 722851
THE WILD DUCK Fri 31st May - Sat 1 June
Daily: 8pm

Oxford School of Drama present Ibsen
PILLARS OF THE COMMUNITY Tue 4 - Sat 8 June
Daily: 8pm

Oxford School of Drama present Ibsen
Burton Taylor Theatre 305350
BETRAVAL Fri 31st May - Sat 1 June
Daily: 7.30pm

By Harold Pinter. See review, above right
SHAFT GAS Fri 31st May - Sat 1 June
Daily: 9.30pm

Comedy of bioterrorist attack. See review, above right
STRONGER - 'BATTLES OF WILL' Tue 4 - Sat 8 June
Daily: 8pm

Studies of the power of personality £6/£5concs
Oxford Playhouse 305305
THE CLEARING Fri 31st May - Sat 1 June
Daily: 7.30pm (Fri: 8pm) Sat mat: 2.30

Heartbreaking tale from Cromwellian Ireland. See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk. £6.50 (concs)-£19.50
HINTERLAND Tue 4 June - Sat 8 June
Daily: 7.30pm (Fri: 8pm)

Sat mat: 2.30 (audio described)
Notorious political career of Johnny
Silverster. £6.50 (concs)-£19.50

Old Fire Station Theatre 297170
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES Fri 31st May - Sat 1 June
Daily: 7.30pm Sat: 2.30, 7.30

Sexual manipulation played like chess. See review at www.dailyinfo.co.uk
INTO THE WOODS Tue 4 - Sat 8 June
Daily: 7.30pm Sat: 2.30, 7.30

Fairy tales become musical
Oxford Brookes Main Lecture Hall 741111
ME AND MY GIRL Until Sat 1 June
Daily: 7.30pm, Sat mat: 2.30pm

The Fortune Players present. £7/£5.
St. John's Auditorium 277307
INFANTILE BLISS Fri 31 May - 7.30pm
(concs avail)

A cappella musical farce by the Oxford Gargoyles
£7/£4.50 concs
Apollo Theatre 0870 6063500
LEE EVANS Fri 31 May: 8.00pm

The comedian on tour £19-£20
MAGIC A KIND OF QUEEN Sat 1 June: 7.30pm
80s rock ballads here we go! £10/£11/£12 (concs avail)

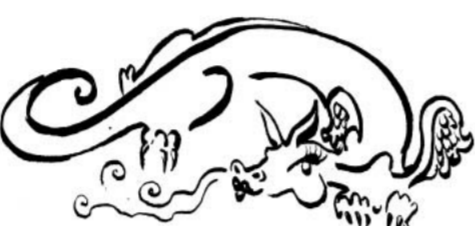
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An Explosion of Music, Music and Manhood! / £12.50 (concs avail)
SING ALONG SOUND OF MUSIC Wed 5 June: 7.30pm

Need we say more? £12.50 (NO concessions)
ABBAMANIA Thu 6 June: 7.30pm
A Concert celebrating 25 years of 'golden' hits/ £16 (concs avail)

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Town and Gown:
"The High"
theatre review

'Shaft Gas'
Burton Taylor Theatre until Sat 1st June

Snipes (Ed Meeham) and Acky (James Harris) are friends who enjoy nothing more than card games and smoking competitions. But this carefree existence is threatened by a terrible epidemic sweeping across the country - 'Shaft Gas' - a mysterious disease whose symptoms include 'pigeon chest, bad breath, builder's bum and low self-esteem.'

As the strange malady generates a climate of growing suspicion and fear, South (Nathan Lyons), an acquaintance and self-proclaimed 'freedom-fighter,' confesses to the two friends that he is responsible for the outbreak - he deliberately released 'Shaft Gas' in a terrorist attack on the London Underground.

The loose plot is fragmented into a series of self-contained sketches, ranging from pastiche (highlights include parodies of 'The Vagina Monologues' and 'A Clockwork Orange'), to song-and-dance routines to scenes of Pythonesque absurdity. This separation into apparently disparate elements is ambitious, and at times confusing. Fortunately, the script delivers a hefty dose of deft verbal humour, and in the absence of narrative coherence there is plenty of quickfire wordplay to keep everything moving forward.

It's not all laughs though. Humour aside, the whole thing is infused with an unsettling sense of menace as the 'Shaft Gas' affliction spreads. 'The future's drab - The colour of mushrooms' conclude Acky and Snipes. The topsy-turvy world of 'Shaft Gas' forces us to share their anxiety. The effect is cumulative, creeping up on the audience by stealth. Lulled into the illusion of an evening of light review, you become aware of feeling uneasy, aware of the presence of something altogether more sinister - this is the 'Shaft Gas' at work.

So what can it be? Wisely, the show doesn't force answers upon us - though various suggestions are hinted at throughout. On the contrary, by keeping the 'Shaft Gas' disease wholly ridiculous, symbolism in check, moments of real power can be achieved. When Acky announces to Snipes that, as part of the measures to control the disease, smoking has been banned, their disappointment is all the more moving.

Dylan Lowthian, 29.05.02

Christ Church Cathedral
Stained glass in the Latin Chapel, early 14th century
Carving on St Frideswide's Shrine, c.1289 (St Frideswide is the Patron Saint of Oxford)
Bosses in the Latin Chapel
The tomb of Sir George Nevill, companion of the Black Prince
The Cathedral was formerly the Church of St Frideswide's Priory
It was designated the Cathedral of the new diocese of Oxford in 1546
The tomb of Lady Monmouth who died in 1355. She gave land to the Priory (the southern half of Christ Church Meadow).
The Choir School was founded in 1525
Stained glass designed by Burne-Jones
Mary Potter

Christ Church Cathedral

Tourists are often denigrated for having difficulty in locating the 'University'. The unobtrusiveness of Oxford's cathedral must also pose a problem for many visitors. Though it is the smallest cathedral in England, it serves the largest diocese.

It stands on the site of St Frideswide's Saxon church, which was burnt down, together with the abbey, in 1002. The church was rebuilt in the twelfth century. When Cardinal Wolsey came to found his new 'Cardinal' college in 1522, he demolished the west end to make room for his builders, and used the rest as a temporary college chapel. He planned a magnificent replacement, but before it was built he fell out of favour, and in 1546, the king took over the chapel to be the cathedral church of his newly created diocese of Oxford. The building still fulfils both functions.

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