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The character of the building means that there are effectively three different parts to the restaurant. On the ground floor there is a cocktail bar, and the urant is unstairs - rather dark my o ion thought, and functionally if stylishly furnished. We had what seemed to us the best table, by the window, overlooking the gardens of Jesus College. Our favourite part, which we only discovered at the end of the meal is a club-like basement, with deep sofas and armchairs, as well as one or two tables where a meal can be eaten, lying on a sofa Roman-Style - something which can be done nowhere else in Oxford. It is an excellent place for coffee and/or dessert, and also a place where smokers can dine.

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Middle Eastern flavour. We suspect the latter are the most successful, and certainly the most distinctive to Live Bait. My Salmon Teriyaki (marinated in a sauce) on deep fried egg-plant (aubergine) with wok-seared greens, was delicious (£11.25); my companion's half

We had been relatively adventurous with our starters. My crab cakes (£6.50) came with a fiery cori ander, lime and avocado salsa. They actually needed it being rather dull in themselves, but the salsa was very good. The other starter seared scallops, black pudding and apple and ginger purée (£7.80) was enjoyable These give some idea, perhaps, of the kind of inventive cooking the Livebait chefs enjoy: try the blackened swordfish with crispy raisins, tomato & shallot relish. Vegetables are extra, at £1.95. We tried the mash, which was - well - mash, and the chips, which are, or course a matter of taste. I like mine thick and chewy

lobster (£14), served cold with salad, fell a little short

but these, being thin and crisp, suited my companion. The idea of dessert was a little overwhelming, even when lying on the sofas in the basement, but there was a dessert menu with about half a dozen delicious sounding things, and the coffee was good. There is a good selection of wines at reasonable prices, and a cocktail menu (cocktails costing £5.50 apiece). They will also make up other cocktails, so it is worth asking if the one you want is not on the menu

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It would be easy to get carried away with details when attempting to describe La Gousse d'Ail, the newest arrival on Oxford's luxury restaurant scene. One could wax lyrical about the elegantly sophisticated yet briskly contemporary décor. One could go into encomiums on the service, at once attentive and unobtrusive - service which spirits one's coat away upon arrival, and returns it when leaving without one being fully aware of the process. Carbohydrate addicts such as myself might be especially inclined to describe with retrospective relish the seven

But one should, if possible, content oneself with giving these things a mention, and concentrate on the cooking - for that is Chef proprietor of *La Gousse D'Ail*, Jonathan Wright, does. Though predominantly French in style, the menu evinces a willingness not only to experiment with novel flavour combinations, but also to borrow from many different cuisines - Italian cooking has a particularly strong influence. Portions are small. But then the sheer variety of flavour - ranging from the mouthwatering intensity of the garlic and wild mushroom cappuccino served as an appetiser, to the exquisite delicacy of the mist-like puree of herbs, Gewurtztraminer

is more than satisfying in itself Vegetarians may feel slightly hard done by. Despite the array of meatless delights listed tantalizingly in the sample menu, only two dishes seemed to be on offer at our visit, and one could have wished that they had been better chosen: delicious as the aspar companied with wild mu sweet, fresh broad beans and peas steamed to perfection, given the choice one would not have followed it with wild mushroom and asparagus risotto, accompaMy companion, being a carnivore, found her self rather more spoilt for choice. The salad com ponent of the salade of roasted quail and cêpes in Madeira jus may only have consisted of a forlorn clus ter of *haricots verts*: but the large morsels of quai were sweet and exquisitely tender, their flavour no overwhelmed by the delicate sauce. Praise also for the Crisp Gressingham Duck, with Roasted Purple Figs and Foie Gras, in a Sauce Epice. The succulen pieces of duck, though excellent - its skin slightly crisp on the outside, and not at all oily - were in many ways eclipsed by the figs: dark and velvety, cooked until they simply melted in the mouth. The foie grad was perhaps de trop, considering the richness of the flesh and the slightly cloying sauce.

> Pudding continued the theme of small parcels of intense flavour, the only exception to the rule being the prune and armagnae soufflé, which could have done with a touch more armaganc to complemen its majestic appearance. The trio o lemon featured an extremely good lemon tart with *fromage blanc* and a strikingly complementary carraway ice cream; a soufflé, light, tangy, and ingeniously served in the skin of a lemon; and a frozen chibouste. Per haps the greatest sensual delight of the

evening came from the cheese board

(or rather trolley - no paucity of choice

here) whose aroma could be quite overpow ering even when placed several tables away. Some diners might find the restaurant's high ceilings rather intimidating, especially if the place i quite empty - it is disconcertingly easy to hear the conversations taking place on neighbouring tables. The service, though excellent, can be somewhat disorien tating: we were served by at least five different staff all dressed differently. Nevertheless La Gousse D'Ai is, in many ways, an exceptional dining experience and one for which it is worth making the journey up

MJR, 24 / 8 / 01 For two people, three courses a la carte, with wine, came to £121. Prices do, however, start at only £16.50

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Wed 5th September CREATIVE WRITING GROUP / 7.00pm / Borders book

PHILOSOPHY DISCUSSION GROUP / 6.30pm / Borders bookshop, 9. Magdalen St

ERS / Café MOMA. / 6.30-8.30pm

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OXFORD AND DISTRICT ESPERANTO SOCIETY Praktika Vespero / 7.45pm / 37, Granville Court

MOMA GALLERY TALK. / Andrew Nairne, Director of

MOMA. / 6.15pm / Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pem-

CONCERTS

THE RENAISSANCE ENSEMBLE / Tenors Joseph

in E flat / Holywell Music Room, 11.15am

Sun 2nd September

Room,8pm / 798600

ORGAN RECITAL / Carys Hughes. Free / 1.00pm