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**SATURDAY 16TH-TUES 19TH FEBRUARY 2002**  
**5 / 6 WEEK (FULL TERM ENDS ON 9TH MARCH)**

## COMING

**Oxford Coffee Concerts**  
Hollywell Music Room  
Sunday 17th February  
11.15 am

**ANGELL PIANO TRIO**  
Frances Angell (piano), Jan Peter Schmolk (violin),  
Richard May (cello)

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SUNDAY 24TH FEBRUARY - TIPPET STRING QUARTET

**CHORUS** at Hollywell Music Room, Saturday, 7.30pm.  
French and English choral music - Britten, Holst,  
Rawsthorne, Debussy, Faure, Poulenc. Tickets £10 (£8  
on door from 7pm.

**Dvorak Cello Concerto** (soloist Jacqueline Johnson),  
Smetana Ma Vlast (2 movements), Oxford Studio  
Orchestra, Jacqueline du Pré Music Room, St. Hilda's  
College, Sunday 17th Feb, 4pm. £5 (£3 concessions)  
on door.

## OPEN

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**VENETIAN RENAISSANCE DRAWINGS** / Important  
drawings from Christ Church's old master  
collection / Christ Church Picture Gallery, Christ Church  
(entrance via Canterbury Gate / Oriel Square) Opening  
times : Mon-Sat 10.30-1.00, 2.00-4.30. Sun  
2.00-4.30. Tel: 276172.

## CINEMA

To Thursday 21st February

**Odeon George St** 0870 5050007  
**HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE (PG)**  
Daily: 11.20am  
Bednobs and broomsticks (or was that something else...?)  
**BLACK HAWK DOWN (18)** Sat: 9.00, Sun-Wed: 8.10  
True story of an American military engagement in Somalia  
**MONSTERS INC. (U)** Sat & Sun: 10.30, 1.00, 3.30,  
6.00, 8.30 Mon-Thurs: 1.00, 3.20, 5.40  
Incapable furry fright-mongers.  
**IRIS (15)** Sat - Weds: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00  
plus Sat & Sun: 11.15am  
Judi Dench in biopic of authoress Iris Murdoch.  
**VANILLA SKY (15)** Sat: 2.50, 6.10, 9.25  
Sun-Thurs: 2.30, 5.30 (except Wed), 8.30  
Womanising Tom Cruise gets his comeuppance.  
**SHALLOW HAL (12)** Sat: 1.00, 3.50, 6.45, 9.45  
Sun-Thurs: 12.55, 3.30, 6.10, 8.50  
Gwyneth Paltrow in a 400lb 'fatsuit'. Another triumph of  
sensitive characterization.  
**LORD OF THE RINGS (PG)** Sat: 12.00, 4.15, 8.30  
Sun - Thurs: 12.00, 3.45, 7.45, 7.45  
Epic fantasy adventure. (Possibly not suitable for under-8s)  
**OCEAN'S 11 (12)** Sat: 12.20, 3.20, 6.25, 9.25  
Sun-Thurs: 11.55, 2.50, 5.45, 8.40  
Star-studded remake of 60s thriller  
**SENIOR SCREEN: THE DISH (12)** Wed: Doors 10.15,  
Film 10.45.

Refreshments included.  
**MOVIE MOB: HELP I'M A FISH! (U)** Sat & Sun: 11am  
Animated action film. All tickets £2

**Odeon Magdalen St** 0870 5050007  
**MONSTERS INC. (U)** Daily: 12.00, 2.30, 5.00, 7.30, 10.00  
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**GOSFORD PARK (15)** Daily: 12.15, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15  
English domestic via Robert Altman  
**Phoenix Picture House** 512526  
**THE LADY AND THE DUKE (PG)**  
Sat & Sun: 3.45, 6.15, 8.15, 9.00  
Mon-Thurs: 1.15, 3.45, 6.15 (not Mon), 9.00  
The French Revolution seen from the losing side.  
**GOSFORD PARK (15)** Daily: 12.30 (except Sun),  
3.15, 6.00, 8.45  
English domestic via Robert Altman  
**STUDIO GHIBLI: GRAVE OF THE FIRELIES (12)**  
Sat: 11.30pm, Sun 12 midday  
A teenager and his sister struggle for survival.  
**FIGHT CLUB (18)** Sat: 11.30pm  
Soap and fist fights  
**KIDS CLUB : ATLANTIS, THE LOST EMPIRE(U)**  
Sat: 2.00

No unaccompanied adults!  
**FRENCH CINEMA: PRESQUE RIEN (18)** Mon 6.30  
Mathieu meets Cedric....  
**DR STRANGELOVE (PG)** Thurs: 11.30pm  
Kubrick's anti-bomb farce  
**LOST HIGHWAY (18)** Thurs: 11.30pm  
More David Lynch weirdness  
**Ultimate Picture Palace** 245288  
**LORD OF THE RINGS (PG)** Sat: 2.45, 8.15  
Sun & Mon: 7.15 Tue - Thu: 9.00  
Best film ever etc etc. (Possibly not suitable for under-8s)  
**LEGALLY BLONDE (12)** Sat: 6.15 Sun & Mon: 5.30  
Reese Witherspoon as unlikely law student.  
**THE PIANO TEACHER (18)** Tue - Thu: 6.30  
An intense and unusual relationship.  
**CHASING AMY (18)** Sat: 11.45pm  
Sun & Mon: 10.45pm  
Kevin Smith's comedy of sexuality and comic books.



## MEETINGS

**Sat 16 February**  
**GUIDED YOGA PRACTICE** / With Dr Rashmi Shankar  
£5 / £3 concessions 7.51810 / 4.30-6.15 / Asian Cultural  
Centre, Manzil Way  
**ASHMOLEAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: FIELD  
TRIP** / Leader: John Brucker / 9.30am / Asian Cultural  
Centre, Manzil Way

**Sun 17 February**  
**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.** / Subject  
this week : Soul / 10.30am / 36 St Giles, Tel: 557605

**Mon 18 February**  
**DIALECT AND THE OED** / Oxford English Dictionary  
Forum. With Dr Clive Upon / 5pm / Rewley House,  
1, Wellington Square; Tel: 270380  
**THE REGIONAL CHALLENGE TO THE FRENCH 'ONE  
AND INVISIBLE REPUBLIC'** / with John Loughlin  
/ 5.00pm / Maison Francaise, Norham Rd OxfordTel:  
274220, Email: maison@msable.ox.ac.uk  
**THE OXFORD UNION LIBRARY** / With Mark Purcell,  
Libraries Advisor to the National Trust / 8.30pm / Oxford  
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**The Coming of the Railway**

1844 Oxford Station  
1851 L.M.R. Station  
1840s: London in 2 1/2 hours stopping all stations  
The stage coach continued to run until the 1890s  
1844: London 30d single (3rd class) = £10 today  
1986: London £6.80 single (middle class?)

The Rail Network as it was

What the Dons said ...  
"Quite unnecessary"  
"too expensive"  
"Stick to the coach, why not?"  
"Too easy to reach London - will lead to trouble"

The University was initially hostile to the  
railways. Christ Church opposed a scheme to  
build the first station on their land near  
Magdalen Bridge, and the Duke of Wellin-  
ton - Chancellor of the University - was  
an inveterate opponent. For a number of  
years, the nearest station was at Ste-  
venton, 10 miles south of the city. It was  
served by eight coaches daily, which took  
one and half hours, and cost three shillings.

When the line eventually opened, on June  
12th 1844, the station was at Grandpoint,  
just south of Folly Bridge. The usual excuse  
for the late return of undergraduates at the  
beginning of term had always been the state  
of the roads. Now it became the state of  
the railways - a hazard whose existence some  
of the older dons refused to acknowledge.

The original Oxford-London line was built  
on a wide gauge, backed by Isambard King-  
dom Brunel. When the narrow gauge  
faction eventually won the argument, the  
line had to be taken up and re-laid at its  
present width of 4'8 1/2".

In 1852, a new Great Western Railway station  
was built on the present site, opposite  
the London Midland Railway terminus of