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GIGS
Tue 24th

THE FIRRY MIC / Acoustic open mike. Songs, poetry, stories. / 8pm. Free entry / 01865 245 290 / The Fir Tree, 163 Hiffley Road, Oxford, OX4 1EJ
DAY TO REMEMBER, FOR THE FALLEN DREAMS, AZRIEL / Trademark catchy choruses as appealing as their crushing breakdowns. / TCT Music Presents / 7pm / 19 / 02 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road. Tel: Box Office: 0844 477 2000 / info:0905 020 3999 (25p/min)

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SPECTRUM, FROM LIGHT TO SOUND, SPIRAL 25 / Electro Club night / Vacuous Pop / 8pm / The Wheatsheaf, Wheatsheaf Alley, 129 High Street, OX1 4DF; Tel: 01865 721156

Wed 25th

LIVE LOUNGE: OPEN MIC / With Lee Davies / 8.30-11pm free entry / 07901 22898 / The Cave of Good Hope, The Plain
TRISH EPLINSTONE QUINTE / Jazz: Irish Eplinstone (saxophones), Chris Brown (guitar), Alexander Hawkins (keys), Frank Hockney (drums) and special guest Bob Nichol (tenor sax). / 8.30pm, free / The Half Moon, 17 St Clements, Oxford
PONT MUSIC - PRIZE OPEN MIKE / Compete for a £50 gig or vote for the act you'd like to hear again. / 8ish till 11. Free / 07769 608124 / Folly Bridge Inn, Abingdon Road; Tel: 01865 790106
PHAT SESSIONS JAM NIGHT / Bring your tools! / 10pm. £4. £3 (students), £2 (musicians) / Cellar Bar, Freewin Court, off Cornmarket
DANCEHALL NICE AGAIN / DJ Baps & Nico D + guests. Ska Roots Dancehall / Cornerstone music Promotions / 8pm - midnight. Free entry / cornerstonemusic@aol.com / 07813 355448 / James St Tavern
DAS POP / Hummable, danceable and utterly infectious spirited guitar-pop / 7pm. £2 / 02 Academy Oxford, 190 Cowley Road, OX4 1UE; Tel: Box Office: 0844 477 2000 / info:0905 020 3999 (25p/min)
VERTICAL MONTANAS, HREDA, VIXENS, I AM THIEVES, EUHEDRAL / 8pm / 15 / The Wheatsheaf, Wheatsheaf Alley, 129 High Street, OX1 4DF; Tel: 01865 721156
CHALK + THE SIRENS CALL + RIOTHOUSE / Charity gig in aid of The Shaw Trust, and raffle. / 8pm, £8 (free raffle ticket with advance tickets) / www.shaw-trust.org.uk/ / Jericho Tavern, 56 Waller St; Tel: 31175

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CINEMA to Thu 26th

Odeon Magdalen St (0871 2244 007)

VALKYRIE [12A] Mon: 8.30pm; Tue: 5.30pm
The assassinate Hitler at the height of WWII.
THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON [12A] daily: 12.30, 4.15, 8.00pm
Brad Pitt is born old and gets younger.
HOTEL FOR DOGS [U] Tue: 12.15, 3.00pm
Orphaned siblings have to accommodate their hound.
BURN AFTER READING [15] Tue: 8.30pm
Mildly comic farce from the Coens.
GRAN TORINO [15] Wed & Thu: 12.15, 3.00, 6.00, 8.45pm
 Clint Eastwood plays misanthropic Walt.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

PUSH [12A] Mon: 12.12, 3.00, 5.40, 8.15, 11.00pm
 Superpowered humans are stalked by the government.
HOTEL FOR DOGS [U] Tue: 12.15, 3.00, 4.10pm
 Orphaned siblings have to accommodate their hound.
REVOLUTIONARY ROAD [15] Tue: 9.15pm
 Films couple seek fulfillment in France.
BOLT [PG] daily: 1.05, 2.05, 3.40, 4.40, 6.30, 7.10pm
 Canine actor believes his super powers are real. 2D version.
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA [12A] Wed: 9.35pm, 12.00am
 A partial return to form for Woody Allen.
THE PINK PANTHER 2 [PG] Tue: Thu: 2.00, 4.20pm
 Another lame outing for Steve Martin.

THE CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON [12A]

Wed: 1.00, 4.30, 8.00, 11.25pm, Mon, Tue, Thu: 1.00, 4.30, 8.00pm
 Brad Pitt is born old and gets younger. Subtitled Sun 1.00 & Tue 8.00
HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU [12A] Mon, Tue, Thu: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm; Wed: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30, 11.30pm
 Romantic comedy with Jennifer Aniston, Scarlett Johansson etc.

NOTORIOUS [15] daily: 6.45, 9.45pm
 The story of the rappe.

SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE [15] Mon: 6.20, 9.00pm
 Tue, Thu: 12.30, 3.30, 6.20, 9.00pm; Wed: 12.30, 3.30, 6.20, 9.00, 11.50pm
 Vibrant tale of life on the streets of Mumbai.

FRIDAY THE 13TH [18] Wed: 7.00, 9.25, 11.55pm
 Horror remake.
CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOIC [12A] Mon, Tue, Thu: 7.00, 9.30pm
 A girl wants to work for a fashion magazine...

SENIORS CLUB: QUANTUM OF SOLACE [12A] daily: 10.45am
 Daniel Craig seeks revenge.
GRAN TORINO [15] Wed & Thu: 9.15pm
 Clint Eastwood plays misanthropic Walt.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

PUSH [12A] daily: 1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.00pm
 Superpowered humans are stalked by the government.
DOUBT [15] daily: 12.00pm
 A priest suspects his priest of abusing a black student.

CONFESSIONS OF A SHOPAHOIC [12A] daily: 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45pm
 A girl wants to work for a fashion magazine... Subtitled Mon 6.00, Tue 3.15, Thu 12.30.

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SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE [15] daily: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30pm
 Life and love on the streets of Mumbai.

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 Another lame outing for Steve Martin.
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 Films couple seek fulfillment in France.

SENIOR SCREEN: QUANTUM OF SOLACE [12A] daily: 10.45am
 Daniel Craig seeks revenge.
Ultimate Picture Palace (245288)

THE READER [15] daily: 8.45pm
 Strange, dark, tender romance set in post-WW2 Germany.
WALTZ WITH BASHIR [18] Wed: 6.15pm
 Animated documentary about the faculty of war.
BLINDNESS [18] Tue, Thu: 6.00pm
 Society breaks down after blindness strikes.
ACCIDENT PG Mon: 6.15pm
 Dick Bogarde as a middle-aged don in crisis.

East Oxford Community Centre

MEPHISTO - CREDIT CRUNCH CINEMA Wed: 6.30pm & 9.00pm
 Sexy Beast and Shaun Of The Dead. £2.50 for both.
Phoenix Picture House (0870 758 3218)

THE READER [15] Tue: 8.45, 6.15pm
 Completed love affair in post WW2 Germany.
THE WRESTLER [15] Mon: 8.45pm
 Mickey Rourke as Randy "The Ram" Robinson, making a comeback.
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA [12A] Mon: 1.15, 4.00, 9.00pm
 A partial return to form for Woody Allen.
SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE [15] Tue: 1.00, 8.45pm
 Vibrant tale of life on the streets of Mumbai.

THE MAN FROM LONDON [12A] Mon: 6.20pm
 Heider witnesses starts to question his life.
BIG SCREEN: GRAN TORINO [15] Wed: 11.30am
 Clint Eastwood plays misanthropic Walt. Just for parents with babies under one.
GRAN TORINO [15] Wed: 6.00, 8.40pm; Thu: 12.45, 6.00, 8.40pm
 Clint Eastwood plays misanthropic Walt. These times expanded print programme.
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DEUTSCHSPRACHIGER STAMMTISCH / Speak German, play games and organise activities. / 8.30pm, Free, All welcome / deutscherstammtisch@yahoo.co.uk / Anchor Inn Pub (corner Kingstons Rd/Polstead Rd)

GLOBE CAFE / Conversation for international students and visitors in Oxford / 8-10pm, Free refreshments / www.globe cafeoxford.org.uk/ / 07925 394122 / St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford; Tel: 01865 311212

DIVERSITY OF MORSES, AND THE CONTRIBUTION OF WARBURG TO BRITISH GEOLOGY / Warburg Lecture / Speaker: Dr Mark Hill / Ashmolean Natural History Society of Oxfordshire / 8pm, non-members £2 / www.naturalhistory.ox.ac.uk/

IRISH LANGUAGE GROUP / Informal group for those who would like to meet up to speak Irish. / 8pm to 10pm free / Half Moon Public House, St Clements

PEGASUS PUBLIC OPEN DAY / Presentations, plans and information about the refurbishment and future of Pegasus Theatre. Plus screenings, what will happen while the theatre's closed, and pancakes. / 6.30pm, free / Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, Tel: 722851 boxoffice.pegasustheatre.org.uk

HOMELESSNESS / Professor Susan Fitzpatrick / Housing Seminars / 1pm-2.30pm / events@ox.ac.uk / Nuffield College, New Road

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TALK BY HILARY MANTLE / Hilary Mantel talks about her memoir 'The Clean Slate: Childhood and Fiction' / Oxfordshire Mind / 5.30-6.30pm, £5 on the door / Taylor Institution

CLIMATE CHANGE & NUCLEAR POWER / Speakers & drinks reception for latest issue of ST Antony's International Review / Launch of STAIR Journal / 6.30pm, free / www.stantony.ac.uk/lect/stair/ / info@stairjournal.org / Blackwells Bookshop, 48-51 Broad St, Oxford / Tel: 792792

ASTRONOMY / Observing Evening - first clear evening only - phone in advance for details / Abingdon Astronomical Society / 8pm. 1st visit free / www.abingdonastro.org.uk/ / 07817 687627 / Frilford Heath

PEACE STUDIES LECTURE: WHAT FUTURE FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS? / Dr Farhang Jahanpour (Kellogg College) / Oxford Peace Research Trust / 7.45pm. Free / antonyvines@netel.com / www.oxfordpeaceresearchtrust.org.uk/ / 01865 557373 / 43 St. Giles

Wed 25th

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION / Meditating in the Christian tradition / Taught by Fr. Mark. Beginners welcome! / £2 donation / www.wccm.org/ / 01865 515458 / 7, Canterbury Road, OX2 6LU

ASTRONOMY / Observing Evening - as Tuesday (first clear evening).
CREDIT CRUNCH - PUBLIC MEETING / Credit Crunch and Resistance (Speaker: Pete Dwyer and local TU reps) / Socialist Workers Party / 7.30pm All welcome / <http://oxswp.blogspot.com/> / Original Swan, Cowley

SAHAJA YOGA MEDITATION / Ancient Meditation Techniques to Relax, Destress and Know your Inner Self / 7pm, free / westbrook108@googlemail.com / www.sahajayoga.org.uk/ / 01235 550654 / Asian Cultural Centre, Manzil Way, Off Cowley Road, OX4 1JG

FORENSIC SCIENCE LECTURE / Dr Angela Gallop gives an insight into her profession. / 1.55pm, free / boxoffice@headington.org / 01865 759133 / The Theatre at Headington, Headington School, Headington Road

DAVID PATTERSON SEMINAR / Dr D. Arieli: Objectivity and Engagement - the changing agenda of Jewish Studies / enquiries@ochjs.ac.uk / 8pm Free / www.ochjs.ac.uk/ / Yarnton Manor, Yarnton, OX5 1PY; Tel: 377946

SEMINAR: MESSING WITH THE MARKET / Safavid Trade Policy with Prof Edmund Herzog / Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies / 5pm, free / islamic.studies@ox.ac.uk / www.oxcis.ac.uk/seminars.html / 01865 278730 / Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, George Street, OX1 2AR

New Theatre (0844 8471585)

RIVERDANCE - THE FAREWELL TOUR Mon 23rd & Tue 24th, Thu 26th & Fri 27th: 8pm; Sat 28th: 2.30, 8pm
 Last chance to catch the Irish phenomenon. £23.50 - £39.50

Oxford Playhouse (305305)

OTHELLO Tue 24th, Wed 25th: 7.30pm, Thu 26th, Sat 28th: 2.30pm, 7.30pm
 Shakespeare's tale of jealousy and revenge. £16.50-£26 / Fri 27th: 8.00pm

The Theatre At Headington (759138)

FORENSIC SCIENCE LECTURE Wed 25th: 1.55pm
 Dr Angela Gallop, forensic scientist, gives an insight into her profession.
PRIVATE PEACEFUL Sat 28th: 7.30pm
 A dramatic adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's bestseller.

OFS Studio (0844 847 2360)

THE OXFORD REVUE - RENEGADE Tue 24th - Fri 27th: 7.30pm
 Back with new sketch show shenanigans. £9/£7. Sat 28th: 2.30, 7.30pm

College Bar, St Hugh's

CONFUSIONS - ALAN AYCKBOURN Wed 25th - Sat 28th: 7.30pm
 Five interlinked one-act plays, addressing loneliness and human eccentricities.

G&D's, Cowley Road

ETIQUETTE Fri 20th - Sat 28th: throughout the day
 Book a table for a 30 minute theatrical experience just for the two of you. £3 per table (2 people). Book online or 01865 during run.

O'Reilly Theatre, Keble College

DANCE PLATFORM Tue 24th - Sat 28th: 7.30pm
 Oxford University Dance Society and Freefall Dance. £5.50 - £7.50

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CINEMA REVIEW

He's Just Not That Into You [12A]
Showing at the Vue and the Odeon George Street until at least Thursday 26th. See Cinema Listings, left.

This is a romantic comedy in the sense that its subject matter is romance and it has a happy ending, but don't expect to be rolling in the aisles.

For a movie based on a hip self-help best-seller it has a sharp, intelligent script. The rather disturbing precepts of the book have been successfully turned into stories with real, sympathetic characters. It examines the nature of romantic expectations and how those impact on real relationships - how people let one another down (deliberately and

unwittingly) share. It does manage to successfully turn the message of the rather nasty book entirely on its head and reject the theory of competitive consumerism as a model for personal relationships.

I've just found that it's impossible to say anything about the storylines without giving away what I will say is that it is well worth a look. All the principle actors are excellent; Jennifer Aniston in particular has a kind of tightness about the mouth suggestive of anticipated disappointment... I can't even say more about this! Ginnifer Goodwin was absolutely splendid as the potential crazy stalker - no, can't say more about that either. I will have to see it again. Strongly recommended.

Andrea Hopkins

“This is not your average cheery rom-com fare...”

You can see that this is not your average cheery rom-com fare. It's actually quite terrifying and you need to be feeling fairly confident and robust before you commit a couple of hours to watching it. I never thought I would be watching a movie in 2009 that proposed as serious contemporary advice, as my mother did in 1974, that a girl should never EVER phone a guy, or

engage in any behaviour that might hint that she is attracted to him or likes him. No, a girl must only ever be pursued, never the pursuer; she must never appear to have the least hint of crazy

crucial surprises, so all I will say is that it is well worth a look. All the principle actors are excellent; Jennifer Aniston in particular has a kind of tightness about the mouth suggestive of anticipated disappointment... I can't even say more about this! Ginnifer Goodwin was absolutely splendid as the potential crazy stalker - no, can't say more about that either. I will have to see it again. Strongly recommended.

PANCAKE DAY: TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

How to make Pancakes

Ingredients (makes 10) :

- 4oz (125g) plain white flour
- pinch of salt
- 2 eggs
- ½ pint (300ml) milk (you can use half milk, half water if you're that way inclined)
- 2oz (60g) melted butter OR a couple of tablespoons of oil (optional but nice)
- 1 tablespoon of rum, brandy, beer or gin (ditto)

Everything should be as close to room temperature as possible.

1. Put the flour and salt in a bowl and crack in the eggs. Mix together till smooth. If you're not using butter or oil go straight to step 3.

2. Mix in the butter (if you like, you can heat it in your pancake pan first until it foams and goes light brown - this will make the pancakes taste pleasantly nutty). Or add the oil, if you're using that, but in that case don't do the foaming thing.

3. Mix in the milk (gradually at first) and finally the alcohol.

You can leave it to stand for an hour at this point, but if it's not convenient, don't bother.

4. Lightly grease a frying pan (preferably non-stick) and heat it. It needs to be at about 4 or 5 on a 6-setting hob dial. When hot, add about 2 tablespoons of