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THE OXFORD ENGLISH Dictionary Forum, Friday

9th February: 'Stemma and lemma: variant texts of

Old English charters. Speaker: Katie Lowe, University

of Glasgow. 5pm at Rewley House, Wellington Square.

FREE SCREENING OF 'Escape from Tibet' Wed 7th,

THE OXFORD PREVUE, Sunday 11 February, 9pm @

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music. And that's where the extra dimension

came in: along with the regular stand-up routines

we were treated to some fantastic music, usually

accompanying ridiculous songs created, often on

the spot, by Otis himself, played by two amiable

Texans (one rather implausibly called Orson

Carson): and of course, it was country and

western (which I regard as a rather funny musical

genre in itself. Sorry, all those fans out there).

things in a good stand-up comedian. First, you've

got to have excellent material. Funny jokes,

basically - but the subject matter can't be too

repetitive even if all the jokes are massively

entertaining. Hall's jokes were highly engaging,

and thank the Lord, he didn't get hung up on

sex which is so easy to do if you're desperately

trying to get a cheap laugh. As it were. Some

fell flat-ish, and none were exactly controversial

or thought-provoking, but most of them were very

As I see it, you've got to look for three

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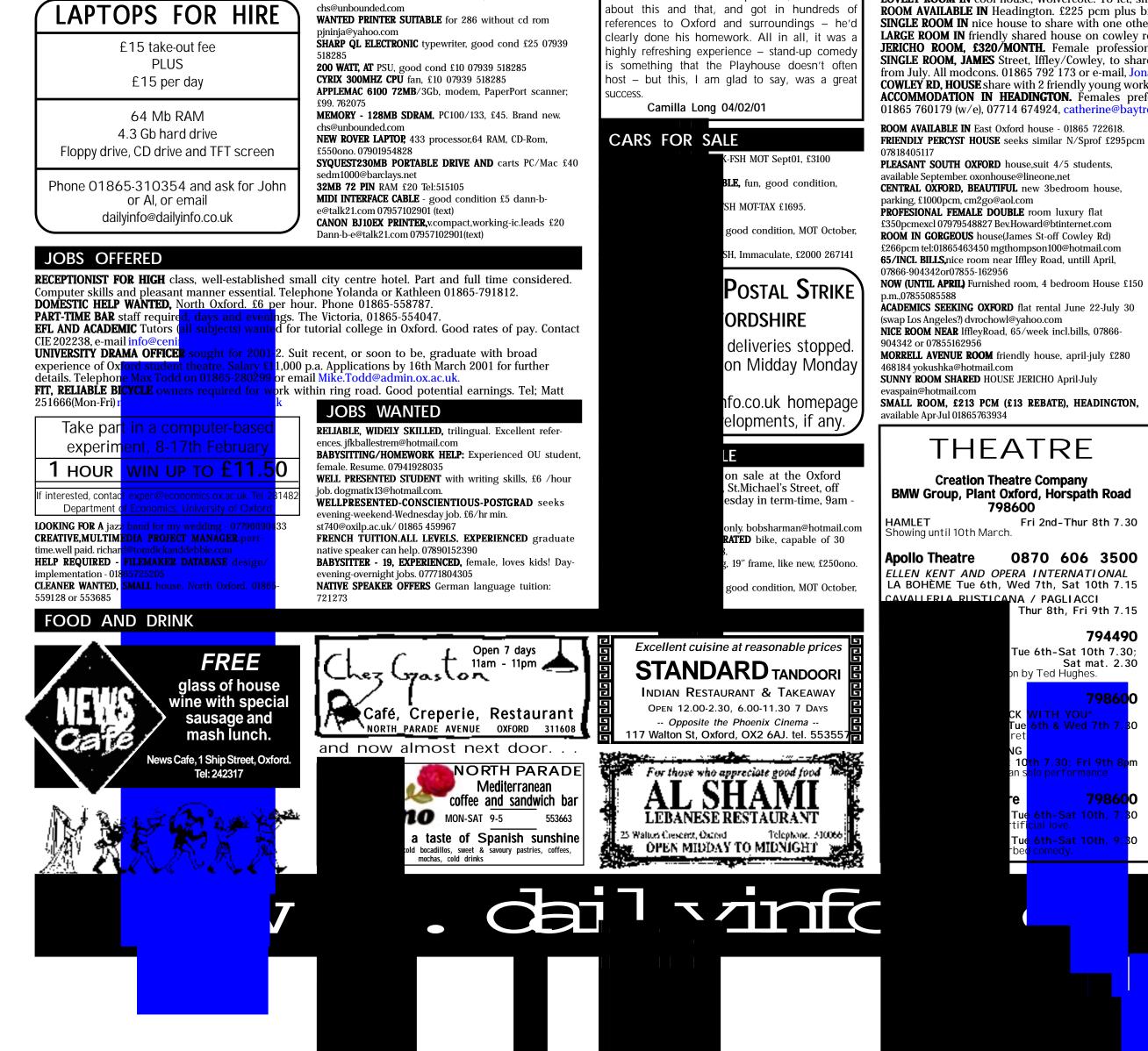
Rich Hall Playhouse, 4th February

arrived late, and I walked in laughing. This was clearly a good sign, I thought – the audience was in hysterics right from the start, and I was no exception (even though I was late...and that's the beauty of stand-up comedy, you can pick it up at any point). The pace was fast and furious, and if you were only expecting a string of jokes, you were very wrong. The show was split into two distinct halves: firstly, Rich Hall as himself, with just a microphone for company; and for the second half, Rich Hall playing his favourite (and possibly more famous) alter ego, an uncle of his from Tennessee, Otis Lee Crenshaw, an American hick in and out of prison on a regular basis and a real fan of country and western

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funny. Secondly, we're looking for good style. Movement, expression and delivery – and if these all work well together. Obviously Hall has fantastic comic timing, and he's extremely well practised, although occasionally it's difficult to hear what he's saying - he can mumble into the microphone

Thirdly, and this is where Hall excelled. is spontaneity. He made up rhymes and anecdotes and responded to the audience effortlessly, and hardly ever seemed to be working from pre-set material (though clearly sometimes he had to be). He picked names from the audience and made up ditties, rambled on

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RED KITES IN THE CHILTERNS - CATHY ROSE Ashmolean Natural History Society Lecture 3.00pm / Earth Sciences Dept, Parks Rd, Oxford

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'LE GRAND CONSEIL DES COMMUNES' : MYTH AND REALITY OF THE FRENCH SENATE / With Paul Smith, of the University of Nottingham / 5pm / Maison Francaise, Norham Rd, Oxford. OX2 6SE; Tel. 274220, Fax: 274225, Email: maison@sable.ox.ac.uk RUSKIN AND SLAVERY (STEPHEN BURY) / One

of a series of lectures coinciding with the Praeterita exhibition at the Ruskin School / 4.30pm / Examination Schools, High St

TELEVISION INTO FILM, FILM INTO TELEVISION. / One of a series of lectures by Prof. Thompson on story-telling in film and television / 6pm / Green College, Woodstock Rd

OF BEARS, SATYRS, AND DIANA'S KISSES SPHERES OF DESIRE IN CAVALLI'S LA CALISTO W. Heller / 5.15pm / Music Faculty, St. Aldates THE INVISIBLE PRIMARY AND THE HIDDEN CAMPAIGN : ELITE POLITICS,2001 / Social science lecture by J.A. Barnes / 5pm / Nuffield College, New Road

SHADOWORK POETRY READING / £5/4 / 7.30pm / Northgate Hall, St Michael's St

A TALK BY WALTER HOOPER / OU C.S. Lewis Society Meeting, with the literary adviser to the C.S.Lewis estate £1 / 8.15pm / Pusey House, St Giles CURRENT ISSUES IN SOCIAL POLICY / 5.00pm ⁷ Dept of Social Policy and Social Work, Wellingtor Square

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