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MEETINGS

Tue 28th

IRISH CONVERSATION GROUP / 8 - 10pm / 53q/events.dailyinfo.co.uk / The Half Moon, 18 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AB; Tel: 01865 247808

COMIC BOOKS MEETING / 5pm, free / <http://caption.org/> / Magdalen Arms, 243 Ifley Road, Oxford OX4 15J; Tel: 01865 243159

TEA, COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE / Talk is led by Ashmolean Education Volunteers. No advance booking / 1.15 - 2pm, free - donations welcome / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, Oxford, OX1 2PH; Tel: 01865 278000

SUMMER ROMANCE AROUND THE GALLERIES / 11am - 12pm, free - donations welcome / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, OX1 2PH; 278000

YOGA WITH KATE ABOLINS / 7 - 8.30pm, £8 per class (£7 conc.) or £35 for 5 classes / 07767 762701 / Barracks Lane Community Garden, Barracks Lane, off Cumberland Road, Oxford OX4 2AP

CELIA GREEN COFFEE MEETINGS / 4.30pm / www.celiagreen.com

PEACE IS POSSIBLE / Maharaji speaks about inner peace / 8-9.30pm, free / <http://wopg.org/> / 311718 / East Ox Community Ctr, 44b Princes St, OX4 1HU

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Wed 29th

SCUBA DIVING CLUB SOCIAL NIGHT / 8.30 - 11pm / <http://oxfordscubadivers.com/> / 01865 742475 / Oxford BSAC Clubhouse, Hinksey Park, OX1 4RP

COWLEY WOMEN'S GROUP / Century of the Self documentary and discussion / 7.30pm / <http://cowleywomensgroup.wordpress.com/> / 07772 196959 / St James Church Centre, Beauchamp Lane, Oxford OX4 3LF

QARAQALPAS OF THE ARAL DELTA / Oxford Asian Theatre group, 5.15pm, £2 visitors / Paulling Centre for Human Sciences, 58 Banbury Rd, OX1 6PS

KNIT & STITCH GROUP / Bring along your projects and have a natter over a coffee/tea and cake / 10am - 12pm, £3 / www.creativecornercafe.co.uk/ / 01235 522117 / Creative Corner, 2-4 Marcham Road, Abingdon OX14 1AA

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BUDDHIST LECTURE / "Diamond Way Buddhist Meditation Practice" by Nic Briscoe / 7pm, £5 / buddhism.org.uk/ / Oxford Town Hall, St Aldate's, OX1 1DP

Thu 30th

SOUND HEALING MEDITATION / 8 - 9pm, £6 (£6) / www.braziers.org.uk/ / 01491 680221 / Braziers Park, Ipsden, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6AN

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE CAST GALLERY / Guided tour of the Ashmolean's unique cast collection on the lower-ground floor of the new Cast Gallery / 3 - 3.30pm, free / Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont St, OX1 2PH; 278000

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CINEMA to Thu 30 Aug

Phoenix Picturehouse (0871 902 5736)

THE DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS [U] Tue - Thu: 1.30pm; Sun: 12.30pm

More in the series based on the phenomenally successful comic books.

THE IMPOSTER [15] Wed & Thu: 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 9.00pm; Tue: 1.45, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm

Critically acclaimed documentary about the disappearance of teenager Nicholas Barley.

SHADOW DANCER [15] Wed & Thu: 3.45, 6.15, 8.45pm; Mon & Tue: 5.15, 8.45pm

Political thriller. Clive Owen as IRA member turned informant.

THE DISCREET CHARMER OF THE BOURGEOISIE [15] Tue: 6.15pm

1972 surreal satire: 6 middle-class friends fail to arrange a dinner party. Friends, subtitles.

BIG SCREAM: THE IMPOSTER [15] Wed: 11.30am

Critically acclaimed documentary about the disappearance of teenager Nicholas Barley. Exclusive screening for parents of babies under 1.

Odeon George St (0871 2244 007)

BRAVE [PG] (3D) Tue - Thu: 11.30am, 4.00, 6.30pm

Braveheart with feisty teenage heroine. Subt Fri 1.45, Sun 6.30, Mon 11.30, Wed 4.00pm

BRAVE [PG] (2D) Mon - Thu: 1.45pm

Pixar does Braveheart with feisty teenage heroine.

KEITH LEMON: THE MOVIE [15] daily: 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15pm

Film about fictional character played by Leigh Francis.

TED [15] Sed Macfarlane voices gutter-mouthed teddy. Tue - Thu: 12.30, 3.00, 5.45, 9.00pm

THE BOURNE LEGACY [12A] daily: 1.30, 4.30, 7.45, 8.45pm

Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz star in espionage thriller. Sat 4.30, Tue 1.30, Thu 7.45

THE DARK KNIGHT RISES [12A] daily: 12.40, 4.10, 7.40pm

Bale's back as Gotham faces new terrorist threat.

THE DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS [U] daily: 12.15pm

More in the series based on the successful comic books about an American boy.

THE EXPENDABLES 2 [15] Wed & Thu: 1.15, 6.15, 9.00pm

The gun-toting gang is back and this time...it's personal.

THE WATCH [15] Mon - Thu: 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm

Bored suburbanites form a neighbourhood watch to repel aliens.

THE WEDDING VIDEO [15] Wed & Thu: 3.45pm

Robert Webb stars in comedy about planning a perfect wedding.

ODEON KIDS: TOP CAT [U] (2D) daily: 11.15am

Feline slapstick in Mexican animation. Adults and under 8s must accompany each other.

SENIOR SCREEN: JAWS [12A] Wed: 10.45am

Dinner by shark.

Vue Cinema (08712 240 240)

THE WATCH [15] Tue: 10.30am, 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30pm; Wed: 11.00am, 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm; Thu: 1.30, 4.00, 6.30, 9.00pm

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TOTAL RECALL [12A] Wed: 11.00am, 1.50, 4.40, 7.30, 9.30, 10.30pm

SF remake about altered memories. Thu: 11.00am, 1.50, 4.40, 7.30, 9.30pm

KEITH LEMON: THE MOVIE [15] Wed & Thu: 1.30, 4.40, 7.00, 9.15pm

Film about fictional character played by Leigh Francis.

THE THREE STOOGES [PG] Tue: 10.30am, 1.15, 3.45pm

Moe, Larry & Curly attempt to save their childhood orphanage. Fri: 1.15, 3.45pm

BRAVE [PG] (2D) Wed & Thu: 11.30am, 2.00, 4.30, 7.00pm

Pixar does Braveheart with feisty teenage heroine. Subtitled Sun 2.00pm, Tues 6.30pm

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THE BOURNE LEGACY [12A] Tue: 4.40, 7.00, 7.50pm

Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz star in espionage thriller. Wed & Thu: 5.10, 8.20pm

THE EXPENDABLES 2 [15] Tue: 7.20, 9.50pm

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DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: DOG DAYS [U] Tue: 10.40am

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THEATRE to Sat 1 Sep
Oxford Playhouse (305305)

HYSTERIA Mon 27th - Wed 29th: 7.30pm
Thu 30th, Sat 1st: 2.30, 7.30pm; Fri 31st: 8pm

New comedy with Anthony Sher as Sigmund Freud. £17.50-£28

Pegasus Theatre (01865 812150)

WEST SIDE STORY Wed 29th, Fri 31st: 7pm; Thu 30th, Sat 1st: 2pm, 7pm

Famous musical explores the rivalry of two teenage street gangs. £10, £8.

Copa (01865 246906)

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE BRITANNIA Thu 30th: 8pm (last food orders 7.15pm)

Stuart Lees' comedy set in a pub on the brink of closure. (The show includes an audience quiz with prizes.) £20 with meal & drink, £14 (£12) show & quiz only

New Theatre (0844 871 3020)

FRANKIE BOYLE: THE LAST DAYS OF SODOM Fri 31st & Sat 1st: 8pm

Outspoken comedian attempting to heal Britain's foils and support its rioters. £26.

Burton Taylor Studio (305305)

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Odeon George St. Mon 27th - Thu 30th: 1.30, 4.30, 7.45, 8.45pm
Vue Cinema. Mon 27th & Tue 28th: 4.40, 7.00, 7.50pm;
Wed 29th & Thu 30th: 5.10, 8.20pm

Seriously good, though not perfect, attempt at extending the shelf-life of the Bourne franchise. It's kind of like reading *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* – you would think it was brilliant, passionate, outstanding, moving, if you hadn't already read *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre*.

The basic premise – that because the PR damage caused by Bourne going rogue must be contained, all similar programmes must be shut down at once and their participants terminated with extreme prejudice – is surely far-fetched, but it seems the American cinema-going public is always ready to believe in the vileness of their own government institutions, and if you can suspend your disbelief at the colossal risk and even more colossal waste of such a course, you'll be in for two hours or so of well-written and superbly acted thriller.

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Aaron Cross (Jeremy Renner), the hero of this movie, is different from Bourne in that he hasn't lost his memory, but his situation is even more tragic in a way – originally a bear of little brain, he has been physically and mentally enhanced by what the agents refer to as 'chems' and when he no longer has access to them he can feel himself bio-degrading (shades of last year's *Limitless*).

He enlists the help of medical research scientist Rachel Weisz, and one of the movie's strong points is their developing relationship. Their initial confrontation, with Weisz clumsily and angrily evading Cross's hostile accusations, is very well-done and their gradual drawing together once she has decided to help him is touchingly evoked.

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Jeremy Renner as Aaron Cross is outstandingly good. His huge expressive eyes, his wonderfully crumpled careworn face, his absolute conviction, no less than his extraordinary skills at appearing to kill people in novel and entertaining ways, make him a worthy successor to Matt Damon in every way. Edward Norton does sterling service as the steely-eyed bad guy in charge of the containment operation.

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Joan Allen and David Strathairn do a brief cameo reprise of their roles in *Bourne III*. There are some longueurs – notably an interminable chase scene near the end – but on the whole a hugely enjoyable, literate and warm-hearted film.

Andrea Hopkins