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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Thurs 20th May

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10.30am, St Thomas the Martyr
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Jim Carrey erases Kate Winslet *
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MONSTER (18) Tue, Wed: 11.50, 2.10, 4.30, 7.00, 9.20
Oscar-winning tale of female killer*
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Author Johnny Depp is tormented by weird person
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Story of the journalist who made up all his stories.
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TROY (15) Thu: 11.15, 11.45, 3.15, 3.45, 7.15, 7.45
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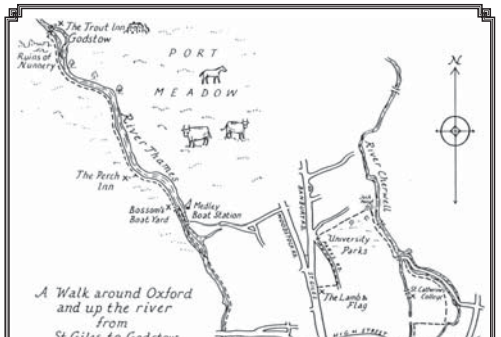

Undoubtedly the most famous stretch of river in Oxford is that between Folly Bridge and Iffley Lock, a section of the River Thames which is popularly known as the Isis. It is here that the college rowing crews race against each other in the two annual regattas - 'Torpids' in late February and 'Eights' in mid May. Most of the College Boathouses are on the north bank which may be approached through Christ Church Meadow; the towpath, however, is on the south bank, and runs past the ruins of the University boat club (O.U.B.C) headquarters, which burnt down in mysterious circumstances in Autumn 1999 (Cambridge lost the boat race that year). Iffley Lock is about 1.5 miles from Folly Bridge (which incidentally is the site of the original ford from which Oxford gets its name); some may be heartened to know that there is a pub at each end ('The Head of the River' at Folly Bridge, and 'The Isis Tavern' at Iffley Lock).

There are a number of pleasant walks by the River Cherwell. 'Addison's Walk' is accessible from Magdalen College – unfortunately the college charges admission to non-University members in the Summer months. Before Magdalen improved security at its back gate, it was possible to walk through to 'Mesopotamia'. Nowadays this pleasantly shaded walk may be reached from the University Parks. A very pleasant walk is provided by following the river North from the Parks: cross Rainbow Bridge and follow the path (which can get a little bit muddy in places) on the east bank. Lady Margaret Hall and the Cherwell Boathouse pass on the opposite bank before a footbridge is reached which gives access to Wolfson College and thence to the city. Alternatively, you may continue to walk north for a further half-mile when you will reach the Marston Ferry Road Bridge and, just beyond, the Victoria Arms – an idyllic pub, especially in the summer, which serves good food as well as a fine selection of well-kept ales. (The Victoria Arms is also a favourite destination for punters. Those who start on the lower part of the river, by Magdalen, have to negotiate the rollers before bearing left round the parks to reach it.)

The upper reaches of the Thames in Oxford cross 'Port Meadow', a beautiful open pasture, accessible from Walton Well Road (off Walton Street, North Oxford). Beyond the gate at the end of the road is a well-defined path leading to the Thames – cross two bridges, the first wooden, the next arched steel, to reach the towpath, which runs north along the west bank. This path can also be reached by following the river up from the Botley Road (go under the railway bridge and keep going, then turn and follow the river when it appears on the right), or for the energetic, all the way from Folly Bridge, past Osney Lock. Following the Thames North, with Port Meadow on the right, one finds two splendid pubs. 'The Perch' at Binsey is the first of these; it serves excellent food and you can sit out in the pleasant garden in the summer. 'The Trout' is about one mile further on, past Godstow Lock and the ruins of Godstow Nunnery, and next to the road bridge crossing the Thames; the pub overlooks a waterfall and a very picturesque footbridge over the river, and peacocks and swans are often to be seen in the grounds. The easiest way back is the way you came, but the weary can follow the road over the river to Wolvercote, from where you can get a bus or taxi back to the city centre.

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