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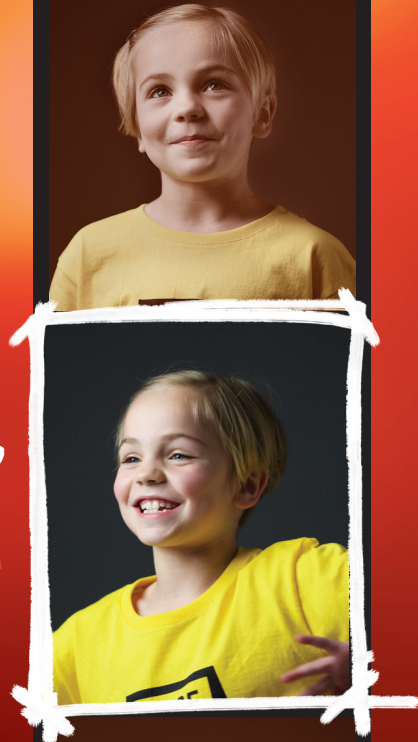


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Dear Readers

As you can see from our front cover we are running a feature on the Headington Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. More details are in the advert on page 24. This is an important referendum as planning decisions made by the council will take account of this plan. If you haven't voted, Headington improvements you wanted may not be made, or some you didn't want will go ahead, so it's important to vote. More information is in the advert.

We have a number of new adverts this month including several full page ones. This may be a sign things are looking up for Headington. Please use these advertisers services where possible as it will help strengthen the magazine, and the local economy. We also have one petition appeal for Marston Court Day Centre and one local article written by Roger Jenking. Roger's thoughts may or may not chime with yours but if you have a view please write us a reply for publication.

I've been scrabbling about trying to get a photo of the new lion in Bury Knowle park for the front cover (not the real one of course - he escaped some time ago (yikes!). The first time it was still surrounded by railings to keep park users away from the sculptor's powerful chain saw. The second time there were people in the way and the third time someone had left their belongings parked on it. The fourth time I fell in the ditch and went home battered and bruised. Hey ho! I feel like Peter Sellers in The Pink Panther Rides Again, trying to pole vault over the partly raised castle drawbridge but each time falling in the moat. I'll keep trying and if successful we'll show it on the front cover, probably in June, as the May front cover will have the Headington Festival feature (see reminder ad on page 31). Speaking of which have you noted the Festival dates in your diary. This seems to improve every year so should be a humdinger this year. More details next month.

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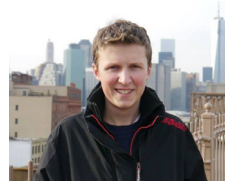
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Tim is a 21 year old sports fanatic and has been living in Headington since 2004 which was when he saw his first Oxford game. He wishes to pursue a career in Sports Journalism. Tim enjoys taking part in triathlons and is a member of the local club. He is a season ticket holder at Oxford United home games and won the 2015 Oxfordshire Young Sports Reporter competition organised by BBC Radio Oxford.



Back At Wembley Again!

By Tim McGovern

After a late win against MK Dons, Oxford would begin a torrid home run in the league beginning with an undeserved 2-0 loss against Southend, but with an FA Cup tie at Premier League Middlesbrough looming, attentions turned to Riverside.

Despite a disallowed goal and finding themselves 2-0 down at half time, Oxford scored two goals in less than a minute in the second half to level the game with a superb free kick from Chris Maguire, and another well worked goal from Toni Martinez. But Boro broke Oxford hearts by netting in the dying minutes of the game, to end Oxford's cup dreams, but the Yellows had their heads held high.

Oxford then took a much needed win against Charlton after deadline day signing Conor McAleny netted brilliantly from range early on.

McAleny was not finished with his scoring though. Oxford headed up to Chesterfield and controlled the game from start to finish. Rob Hall tapping in to give the lead, then what can only be described as a "wonder hat-trick" from McAleny sealed the 4-0 romp. It should be noted, all three goals were from outside the box.

Another important cup tie was next, away at Luton in the Checkatrade semi-final. Oxford were fortunate to take the lead after Phil Edwards struck in a scrappy play. Marvin Johnson was without a doubt, the hero of the day after a vital goal line clearance followed by a lucky deflected goal to make it 2-0. Luton fought back hard, and got a goal back with 20 minutes left, but former Yellow and fan-favourite, Danny Hylton headed in an equaliser with 8 minutes left. Marvin Johnson

though scored another wonder goal three minutes later after a short corner to secure a place for Oxford at Wembley for the second consecutive year!

Back in the league, Oxford would continue their poor home run with a 2-0 loss to Bristol Rovers and a 3-2 loss to table toppers Sheffield United (of whom Chris Wilder is managing). The goals from that game came from Chey Dunkley and Toni Martinez.

But Oxford's away form thrived with a victory against Peterborough. Phil Edwards and Conor McAleny sealed the tie despite a late goal coming from the Posh. 2-1 after a well fought game.

The result against Luton means that Oxford will go to Wembley for the fourth time in their history. We shall play Coventry City, and will definitely be aiming to go one better than last year. We've got the class and we've got the talent... Let's bag us a Wembley Trophy shall we?!

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As I write this piece we are moving into Spring, from a personally, rather challenging Winter.

I have been walking and deeply watching my thoughts and feelings as I try to really experience and know what this particular seasonal transition is like.

What does it feel like? Fresh, new, warmth on my neck. Don't really think the sun lost all its warmth during the Winter just past as there always seemed to be some warmth remaining. Did you feel that too?

What does the transition from Winter to Spring sound like? Well, this was a hard one to start with but I feel there are more tones and frequencies out in nature as Spring starts to beckon.

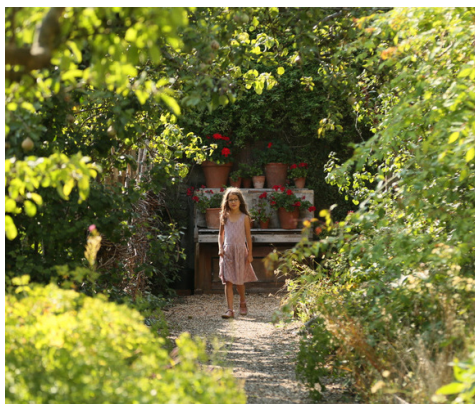
What does its smell like? Plants like Daphne out in the gardens produce wonderful scents and aromas. So the transition brings up smells

I'd forgotten which need a conscious effort to remind ourselves what they are.

What does the transition feel like? Warmer and delicate as new foliage emerges.

Taste. What does the transition from Winter to Spring taste like? More depth I'd say. Winter is about heavy root veg, soups and stews. A certain amount of sweetness appears in our gardens edible produce in Spring.

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Headington 37 years on

By Roger Jenking

I came to Headington thirty seven years ago. Both as a consumer and a field studies teacher, I took an interest in Headington shops which is technically a tier two retail destination. Rather flippantly I used to say that you could buy a house an Estate Agent there and a pack of butter from a supermarket but not much in between.

I think that I can remember a small hotel where you could get a cup of tea but, in terms of refreshment, that was about it!

Did the pubs sell tea and coffee then?

Much has changed, most of it for the better, a little for the worse. What can't be denied is that if you choose to rent some space by buying a beverage and watch if not all the world but a section of it, go by, you have many options.

But with choice, comes thought. Readers can think of their own but I have come up with five questions that can be asked when deciding which outlet to patronise with your brown pound. First, is the tea and coffee fair trade? Fair trade tea and coffee guarantee their producers a just and stable price for their work, and support for their usually poor communities. Since producer price is such a small proportion of the final contents of the cup, the extra cost of this is minimal. There is little excuse not to be a fair trade outlet.

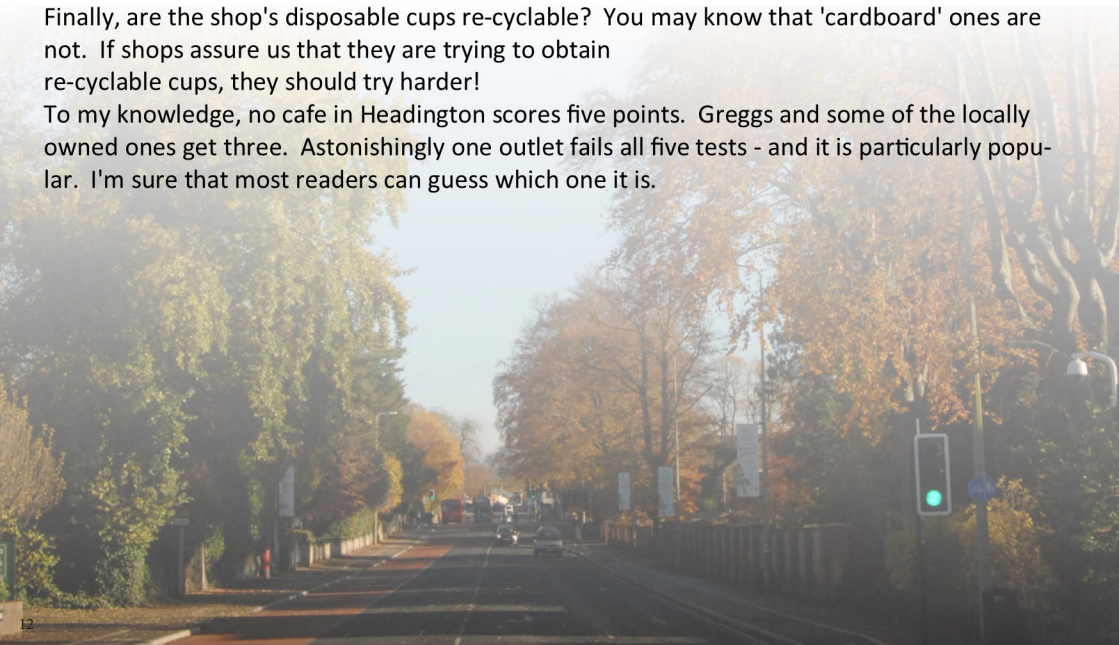
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Has it ever converted an existing business into a coffee shop without getting full planning permission? To my mind, retrospective permission does not count!

Finally, are the shop's disposable cups re-cyclable? You may know that 'cardboard' ones are not. If shops assure us that they are trying to obtain re-cyclable cups, they should try harder!

To my knowledge, no cafe in Headington scores five points. Greggs and some of the locally owned ones get three. Astonishingly one outlet fails all five tests - and it is particularly popular. I'm sure that most readers can guess which one it is.



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ARRIVAL

FILM REVIEW BY OSCAR DUXFIELD



Arrival is a tense, riveting sci-fi drama, made last year, about the arrival of an alien species that had me hooked from the very beginning. Don't go into this movie assuming that you're going to see another Independence Day or alien action film because, although this is about aliens, it's really more about language and the difficulty of communication – not just between humans and aliens but between humans and humans. A superb part of this movie is the understated alien arrival itself, which is almost glossed over as we see everything from the lead actor's (played by Amy Adams) perspective. I think this was a fantastic bit of film making from the director (name?) who chose not to give us the typical "glamour shot" of a ship descending surrounded by a halo of light as any lesser movie would. It sets the tone of the movie early on and allows the tension to build throughout the length of the film.

I'm disappointed that Amy Adams's superb performance didn't receive an Academy nomination; she definitely carries the movie and if you were to switch her for a less-talented actress, the film would become much more pedestrian. Jeremy Renner's performance is passable but unmemorable. I felt his lines were the lines that Hollywood typically gives a female co-star. His character lacks depth and his lines are mostly reacting to things said or events that have happened.

Forest Whitaker plays Colonel Weber in a disappointingly minor role that seems to be there simply to remind us about how little time we have to decode the alien language. In my opinion, this wastes Forest Whitaker acting talent as witnessed in some of his previous stand-out roles such as in *Last King Of Scotland*.

I was really struck by how quiet the movie is throughout. The tension that builds because of this silence is extraordinary as it forces everyone watching not to move or do anything lest they miss or interrupt the scene. When I was first watching this movie in the cinema it was almost impossible to eat the snacks I had without everyone turning and staring at me for disturbing the scene.

There is a fantastic twist towards the end of this movie that adds one more layer of awesomeness to the feature. I won't give it away as that would spoil the entire film for anyone who hasn't yet seen it, but the twist is so remarkable that on repeat viewings it completely changes your experience of the movie. This is why I'm not just trying to sell *Arrival* to anyone who hasn't watched it; even if you have, you can guarantee a great second viewing spotting all the hints building up to the climax that you missed first time.



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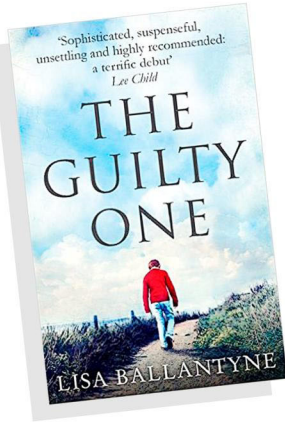
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The Guilty One by Lisa Ballantyne

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However, it is a very well-written and gripping novel. The focus of the story is Daniel, a solicitor chosen to represent Sebastian in court. Despite the child being quite difficult to warm to, Daniel sees something of himself in the boy and he begins to recall his own childhood as the son of a drug addict, who spent most of his time in foster care. Here the narrative splits and we discover his story in the mid-1980s interspersed in the current day court case.

Ballantyne successfully transports us back to a cold farm in the North of England where Daniel finally finds the warmth and love he has been looking for in the shape of his foster mother, Minnie. She immediately takes to this boy that no one else wants and an unlikely relationship develops between them. What becomes apparent though is that something went very wrong with the relationship and as an adult, facing the death of Minnie, and the trial of young Sebastian, Daniel is forced to confront his own childhood whilst we are left wondering who the guilty one really is.

The Bad Beginning: A Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket

There are some children's books that invite you in. Literature has long been used to escape from the real world and children's literature is no exception. Whether it is an escape to a magical boarding school where you realise you are someone special, or a fantastical journey down a rabbit hole, you can expect to be welcomed into the new world for the next 200 or so pages.

Not so here. There is a very clear warning that you do not want to learn of the terrible events that will occur to the three Baudelaire children. But tell a child not to do something and they most certainly will and so this novel – the first in the series – has been a hit with readers since it was first published in 1999.

With a new adaptation premiering on Netflix it seems a perfect time to return to the original story. Set in a timeless version of our world we are introduced to the Baudelaire's: Violet, Klaus, and baby Sunny. Their life is turned upside down when their parents die in a house fire and they are sent to live with Count Olaf, a mysterious man who lives in a crumbling mansion and owns a theatre troupe.

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Smart homes

Smart home devices are becoming increasingly common. They let you control your heating, hot water, lights and other technology while you're out of the house. Let's say you're running late from work. You realise you're going to miss your favourite TV programme, so you use your phone to set it to record. You also postpone the heating coming on, and turn a light on so it looks like someone is home. At least you know your security cameras will send an alert to your phone if they detect any movement.

On the way home, you nip to the supermarket, but can't remember whether you need milk. A couple of clicks and your smart fridge has sent you a photo of its contents. After buying the milk, you turn your heating on, and set your coffee machine to have a brew

ready for when you get in.

Smart health

The internet of things isn't just about making our lives a bit easier. Trials are underway to see how it could help people with pre-existing medical conditions. Medical devices that patients use at home can collect data to give healthcare providers a better picture of a patient's day-to-day health. Doctors can even be sent an alert if measurements go above or below a safe level.

Smart cities

By using smart technology, and acting on data, cities could become more efficient. From bins that send an alert when they need emptying, to traffic lights that help reduce congestion, the internet of things is set to bring about a lot of changes. It may seem like sci-fi, but it might not be that long until you're travelling in a driver-less vehicle, which knows exactly where there's an available parking space, and any road closures to avoid on the way to your destination.

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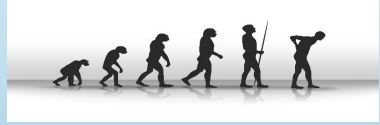
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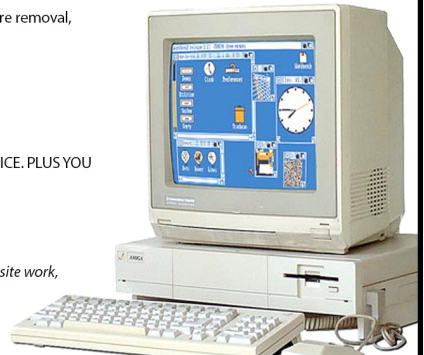
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A photograph of the main entrance to Marston Court Residential Care Home. The building is made of light-colored brick with a dark tiled roof. A sign above the entrance reads "MARSTON COURT MAIN ENTRANCE".

Save Marston Court Day Centre!

The reason I am doing this petition to save the Day Centre at Marston Court Residential Care Home for the elderly, is because I've heard that the County Council wants to make more cuts. And one of the things they're talking about is closing day centres in residential homes for the elderly. Marston Court is run by the St. John's Trust but the land is owned by Oxford City Council.

Why it is important to keep the day centre open? Because it gives a chance for older people to get out of the house for the day giving them a break and a chance to meet other people who go there. It's a local and well known place and many local people work there as well. The residents of Marston Court are well looked after by the carers as I have been told by the people of Marston as I have gone round the houses .

Marston Court Residential Home is a really important part of the Marston community and if the day centre was to close it would be a real loss to the elderly who rely on going as a break from staying at home. As I've gone round the houses I have found people are only too pleased to sign the petition and I've found that the possibility of the centre closing is a real concern to them. Marston Court Residential Home always has lots of entertainment for the residents and visitors including music, games and other sorts of entertainment. They made a summer house in the garden and I was asked to cut the ribbon and open it for them which was a great honour to do. That afternoon there was live music, lots of drink and a barbecue and everyone had a great time including the staff, residents and visitors and the manager who did a great job organising it.

At the home you have the manager, administration staff, senior care staff, cleaners, care workers, maintenance staff and kitchen staff. It is round the clock work. They also keep a vacant room for short stay administration. The activity staff interact with the residents helping them with stitching, sewing and knitting, colouring, painting etc.

I have put a petition in two shops for people to sign, one is Costcutters in Old Marston Road and another is the shop on the corner of William Street. I would like to get at least eight hundred signatures.

So I hope to meet my target, then I will hand it into the County Council Offices and hope the day centre stays open.

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Referendum

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This summer we have the chance to approve a neighbourhood plan for Headington. A referendum will be called that asks people on the electoral roll in the area whether they want the plan to be used by Oxford City Council to help it decide on planning applications. The referendum will be held alongside the County Council elections on Thursday 4th May. Regarding planning, we are proposing policies to help the city shape development in the way that people in Headington have told us they'd like. Please don't miss your chance to vote - the quality of Headington life depends on it!

Our vision for the plan is:

Headington Neighbourhood Plan celebrates the diversity and identity of Headington. Working with our partners and neighbours, we plan to balance the opportunities in Headington in order to provide a healthy, positive and vibrant environment for people to live, work and study in.

Two major rounds of consultation have resulted in policies on conserving green spaces and protecting amenities, protecting the local character and important assets, supporting more school places, and supporting alternative modes of transport to cars. We also have community policies to guide local decision making on housing and business activities.

The plan should help to coordinate strategies from both City and County, ensuring that there is a clear focus on Headington as part of the City and County.

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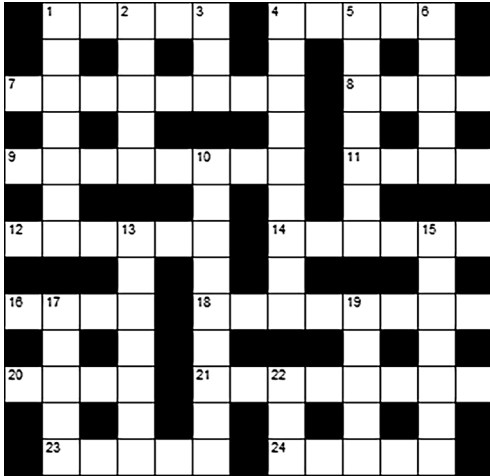
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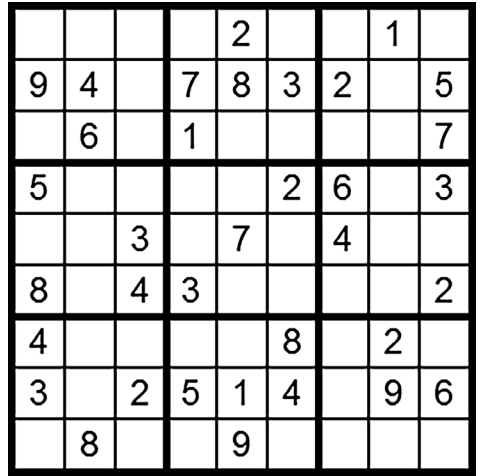
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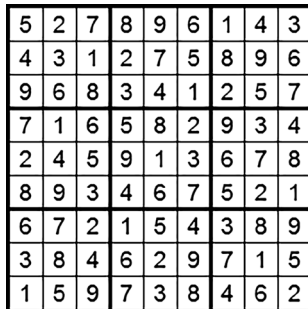
ACROSS

- 1 Gawks, stares (5)
- 4 Registers, documents (5)
- 7 Levitating, fluttering (8)
- 8 Greek god of love (4)
- 9 Most chaotic, most unkempt (8)
- 11 Kiln or stove for drying hops (4)
- 12 Baby swan (6)
- 14 Church room (6)
- 16 Niche, hole (4)
- 18 Delirious, overjoyed (8)
- 20 Elliptical (4)
- 21 Unspoken, implied (8)
- 23 Reboot, start again (5)
- 24 Parting, leaving (5)

DOWN

- 1 Store, minimarket (7)
- 2 Iron, flatten (5)
- 3 ___ Sunday - Winter sports programme (3)
- 4 Downsides, bad points (9)
- 5 Mini earthquakes, vibrations (7)
- 6 Footwear (5)
- 10 Radical, zealot (9)
- 13 Stinging plants (7)
- 15 Fence, barrier - mostly metal (7)
- 17 Romantic partner (5)
- 19 Excuse, defence (5)
- 22 Small, wrinkly dog! (3)

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Feb Holiday	13 Feb - 17 Feb	
Term 4	20 Feb - 7 Apr	35
Apr Holiday	10 Apr - 21 Apr	
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