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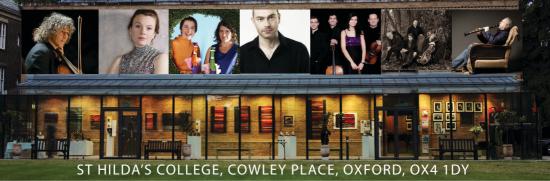








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erry Christmas and a welcome to 2015 (those who are earlybirds will have seen this before Christmas).

Finally we have a ray of hope for small traders and shopkeepers. The Government announced in the Autumn Statement that a review is planned into the unfair and antiquated system of business rates. Many of us small traders, especially in Headington, have been struggling under this burden for far too long and it is hindering the growth of the economy. The new system, instead of being based on rateable value of the business premises will apparently be based on turnover which can be easily calculated from VAT returns.

We have included this month a piece from Headington Action about our new Christmas Tree in the centre ,giving thanks to all those who helped to get the necessary permissions for this to go ahead. Having recently attended the Headington Action AGM I know this required many hoops to be jumped through simply to dig a small hole to



Nick Allnatt Founder/Publisher

put the tree in and attach the light cable. Congratulations to all for this achievement.

In the 100th anniversary year of the outbreak of WW1 there's also a thankyou for the excellent help given in this years Poppy Appeal from the organiser.

I still haven't seen any of your amusing stories. I'd like to see any stories which are innocently (not libellously) funny about life in Headington, childhood experiences, or anything else that comes to mind. We might start a page to post the best pieces on. I've written a piece with some genuine hooters from my childhood over on page 10. We could all do with a good guffaw even if it is at my expense!

Best wishes, Nick

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HEADINGTON'S CHRISTMAS TREE

...the people who brought it to you

We hope the Christmas tree has been enjoyed by all this year as usual. The Christmas tree has become an important Christmas tradition in Headington and is very popular. But its future has been threatened by bad weather - the past two years it fell down in high winds. As a result of this the tree suppliers stated, quite rightly, that they were no longer prepared to install the tree unless a secure fitting could be provided.

The tree, for several years, has been paid for by Andrews Estate Agents with the support of Headington Action. We were keen to secure its future for the community so Headington Action arranged for a permanent socket to be constructed in the pavement to make sure the tree is stable regardless of the weather.

We hope the tree has been better than ever this year – and it provided a backdrop to the Living Advent Calendar programme of 24 events supported by Headington Action and organised by the Headington Churches.

We would like to thank all those who made the Christmas tree possible this year:

- Andrews Estate Agents who provide the tree and lights every year;
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um this stuff is awesome! You should totally listen to it!"
That was my teenage son 'discovering' my 80's vinyl collection and my father's collection of 78s. Because of course my dad and I know nothing about music while he and his friends are experts.

In the age of the strangely invisible digital sound file, I watched his burgeoning love affair with these solid pieces of sound history with some amusement. 78s in particular are very tactile: the thick, heavy shellac, the dust, the stiff card cover. There's a richness about

them which time hasn't dulled.

In the way of teens, Charlie began to google his latest obsession.

"Mum, did you know that in the early days they discovered that recording a piano while it was on the floor made it sound too tinny, so they suspended

pianos in the air and made the pianist perch on an elevated platform? Cool?"

I had to concede that I did not know this!

Over the coming weeks I also learned that because there was no sound equipment early on, there was no way of modulating the volume of a singer to prevent distortion when recording. To get round this, a someone stood behind the singer reading the score, and when a particularly high note or loud phrase was imminent they pulled the singer away from the mic! Wonder what Mariah Carey would make of being manhandled like that?

Our language even evolved to reflect our

love of records. The phrase 'In the groove', 'Groovy', 'To groove,' all relate to the grooves on a 78, LP or single.

In spite of all the studio shortcomings, collectors of old records swear the sound quality of 78s in particular has never been surpassed. The hiss and scratch caused by the patina and deterioration of old shellac discs appeals to them.

As Charlie's interest deepened, he spent a lot of time in specialist record stores and at collectors' fairs. A surprising number of people deal in vinyl or 78s or both, and

> most of them are friendly individuals with a wealth of knowledge they are happy to share.

It's a curious fact that in the age of huge TVs and surround-sound, the sound quality of the music many of us listen to is going backwards, because often we listen through tiny earbuds or mobile phone speakers. It is also

tiny earbuds or mobile phone speakers. It is also curious that many young musicians, steeped in electronics, are rediscovering the joy of playing with sound on vinyl and shellac, in much the same way that the scratch and mix DJs of the seventies, eighties and nineties did

Lots of us must have an old record player stashed in the attic along with our old vinyl LPs. We may even own a few 78s, inherited from our parents. The heyday of CDs lasted a mere 15 years, but there is more than 60 years' of music recorded on to these older formats. Think about that. Perhaps it's time to get them out, dust them off, and introduce a new generation to the joy of tangible sound.



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My Crazy Childhood - an excerpt

- By your publisher

My young life was somewhat scatter-brained. It wasn't helped when I met at the age of 9 a lad from up the road who was even more scatter-brained than me. He was very sporty and he was given some boxing gloves for Christmas so we had boxing matches in his living room. He was bigger and stronger than me but used to look after me as I was asthmatic, so our fights were not aggressive, just sparring. One day I unexpectedly caught him with a left uppercut and he fell backwards on the floor (no injuries). His mum came down to see what the fuss was, made us a cup of tea and as she gave it to me I sat down and spilled it all over myself. She got me another and I did the same again. Story of my life. I was only 11 though I'm still clumsy.

In those days buses had conductors who took the payments from passengers. They bagged up the change in different coloured paper bags for the various denominations, the largest of which was the half-crown in a blue bag - £5 worth at a time (everyone knew these bags - that was a lot of money then). We got hold of some unused ones of these bags (can't remember how), filled them with soil and placed one on the road near the kerb outside my friend's house. We then hid behind his front garden hedge and watched. The first cyclist who came along was a woman who picked up the bag and put it in her cycle basket and rode on. The second was a vicar who picked one up, opened it, swore, and threw it down again. The third was a workman who just sighed but heard us giggling behind the hedge, turned, came towards us. We were off like a shot, hit from behind with a bag of dirt.

When I was 15 my dad bought me an old motorbike to tinker with. I was too young to ride it on the road so I used to ride it down our garden path. This started at the front door, went round the side of the house, past the kitchen window and down to the bottom of the garden where it stopped at the Oxford canal. My friend came down one day and wanted to have a go. I said yes but only if I went on the back. So off we went full throttle—you can guess what's coming - his foot slipped off the brake trying to stop before the canal and we performed a perfect double arch as the front wheel dropped into the drink, he went over the handlebars, and I went over him. Being the young gentleman that I was I got the bike out of the canal first and then helped him out, covered in canal weed. We took the drain plug out of the sump and water, weed, and the odd fish, poured out. That bike never started again. To their amusement this event was the talk of the neighbourhood and his and my families and friends still laugh about it over 50 years later.

You would think that would put me off bikes for good but no such luck. I rode them for the next four years and had 14 accidents, luckily with no one injured except me with a small flesh wound. One day a biker friend borrowed his brother's Royal Enfield and took me on a ride. On the way home it started to snow and he had a somewhat bald front tyre. We were approaching a right hand turn off the Banbury Road and the front tyre lost grip and we collapsed in a heap in the road. A car following too close behind us swerved to avoid us and hit a lamppost. The car behind him was also too close and ran into him. While they were arguing over a steaming radiator about who was to blame we were laughing and giggling as we tried to straighten the bike's bent footrests. We rode off as one of the drivers was heard complaining to the other '...but I've got to get to Basingstoke'. (You young lads - please don't ride motorbikes like I did!)

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To Eat, or not to Eat!
Should we diet?

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So, what is making us fat and what can we do about it? Put simply, we put weight on when we consume more calories than we use. This could be due to portion size or the type of food we eat. Foods rich in sugar or fat contain the most calories and are most likely to make us gain weight.

It's New Year, and many of us will make the decision to lose weight, but what is the best way to tackle it?

There are numerous diets, aids, supplements and slimming clubs out there, some promising amazing results. You've seen the adverts about people who have lost six stones in as many months and are feeling great! It's tempting to want to shift the excess pounds as quickly as possible, to get the business of dieting over with, and get back to normal life again.

The sad fact is that the vast majority of people who lose weight put it back on again, and this is because once the weight is lost, they do return to 'normal' by reverting back to the habits that caused them to gain weight in the first place. This is particularly true for people who lose weight quickly.

No doubt just about any diet can help you lose weight, but the real test is: which one can help you keep it off?

Over the years there have been various diets - the high fibre, high protein, high carb, grapefruit, cabbage soup and meal replacement diets to name a few. But increasingly, evidence suggests that the most effective way to lose and maintain weight loss is not to follow a 'diet' at all, but to simply make changes to eating habits that can be sustained for life.

Diets don't generally work because they demand more of us than we can realistically give for a prolonged period. Eating regimes that deny us all the things we enjoy, that leave us feeling hungry and a social outcast on nights out, will inevitably cause us to revolt at some point and turn back to old ways.

Becoming better educated, learning new habits, taking responsibility for our choices, continuing to live a normal life and losing weight gradually at around 1-2 lbs per week will, in the long run, produce the best chances of permanent success at the scales.

Good luck as you take the first step to becoming a slimmer and healthier you!

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NEW TOOLS FOR A NEW ALLOTMENT

t this time of year, it's a good chance to break the mould in your wildlife gardening and spread beyond the boundaries of your own garden and get an allotment. At this time of year, allotments can often become available.

but the waiting list in the towns and cities are often a lot longer than those in rural settings.

When venturing out into pastures anew and getting your first allotment, it pays dividends to purchase good tools from the start, as allotments tools are regularly worked harder than the ones you use in your garden.

It's always better to select and buy your tools in person, so you can check their dimensions and weight are suitable for you to personally use.

Buying online is easy, but can't get near handling tools before buying to convince you that you have the correct tools for you.

Just buy the tools that you need initially, and get others if and when they become necessary.

All you will need is a good spade, but I would advise getting 2 types, a large digging spade and a smaller border style spade for those hard to reach areas.

The same goes for forks, get a large one for digging and also a smaller border fork. Spades and forks made from good steel is the way to go, but make shore the handles are big or small enough for your hands to grip properly.

A trowel and a small hand fork are good for potting and planting and for those close



up weeding jobs on your hands and knees.

A good robust pair of knee pads would be a worthwhile purchase too, as would a pot of wire and string plus a reel and line to mark out those straight lines of

crops you see in many veg plots.

Secateurs and shears again need careful considerations when being purchase as they need to fit your hands properly or you will get blisters very quickly.

Hoes come in 2 main types. Dutch that you push away from you to weed and a draw hoe that you pull towards you to weed and you can draw up soil around your potatoes with it too for example. I have a third type called a swoe which is a cross between a dutch hoe and a scythe, which can be pushed, pulled and used to weed out paving slabs too.

A good steel soil rake and wheel barrow are other things to think about, as too is a watering can.

Finally, gloves, and I not going to offer any advise here as the choice is endless and again you need to be comfortable in them.

Buy the right tools from the start and they will serve you well, buy poor quality and it will be false economy as they just will not last and you will very quickly be off to the local garden centre to purchase yourself some more.

See you all out there then on an allotment somewhere in 2015.

Happy Gardening. Stuart Mabbutt

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New Year Traditions From Around the Globe

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Many countries also have traditional forms of celebration dating back hundreds of years.

In the UK many people observe firstfooting. This is traditionally done by a young, healthy, good looking male with dark hair. He carries gifts which include a piece of coal, money, bread and salt, and should be the first person through the front door after the New Year begins. This is believed to bring good luck.

Auld Lang Syne is the familiar tune that many of us sing. This represents remembrance of old friends and times spent with them. Generally credited to Robert Burns, he actually said he was merely noting the words of an 'old man's singing.' He

set these words to the tune of a traditional Scottish ditty 'Can Ye Labour Lea.'

In Denmark traditions involve smashing plates. People throw broken plates on to friends' doorsteps. This symbolises good wishes for the year ahead. Another tradition involves leaping from chairs on the strike of midnight.

In Austria, New Years Eve is called Sylvesterabend which means Eve of Saint Sylvester. Suckling pig and peppermint ice cream are traditional food for New Year celebrations. Tables are often decorated with marzipan pigs, and good luck symbols made out of chocolate or marzipan in shapes such as chimney sweeps, coins, or horseshoes are exchanged.

Lead is considered to be auspicious in Germany so at New Year, they pour molten lead into cold water and see what shape develops. It is believed that this predicts the future, so: heart shapes symbolize marriage, round shapes denote good luck, and a ship means a journey. People also leave a bit of every food eaten on New Year's Eve on their plate until after Midnight, as a way of ensuring a well-stocked larder. Carp is also included, as it is thought to bring wealth.

Whereas in Brazil, lentils are seen as a symbol of wealth and prosperity and thus are traditionally part of a New Year's meal. Other customs include priestesses of the local macumba voodoo cult, dressing up in blue and white for a ceremony dedicated to the god of water Yemanja. In addition, a sacrificial boat laden with jewellery, candles and flowers is pushed out from Ipenama beach in a bid to bring health, wealth and happiness.

In Greece, 1st January is also St Basil's Day. He is remembered for his kindness and generosity to the poor. Vassilopitta, or St Basil's cake, is one of the special dishes that is prepared and contains a silver or gold coin. Whoever finds the coin will be lucky for the next year.





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The 2014 Headington Poppy Appeal

he 23rd October 2014 saw the start of the poppy appeal 2014 in Headington. The collectors set to work delivering Poppy boxes and tins to the four corners of Headington as well as collecting for the appeal. The appeal went very well this year with total money collected and banked £2,648.16. This is an excellent amount in this the centenary year.

This being my Poppy Appeal as the Community Fundraiser for Oxfordshire I have found that all the collectors most supportive and helpful in their approach to the appeal I can safely that they are all very passionate about the appeal and Headington there seems to be a great deal of community sprit which makes Headington a good place to live and support for the poppy appeal is wonderful to see. It is at this point that I must say a great big thank you to Claude Rebbeck, Lynn Robertson, Anne Doyle, Pat Whitehouse and Frances Formis, who braved the cold and winter to go out and collect for the Poppy

Appeal in spite of Headington being a District without an organiser. These collectors would not let this stop them and carried on in the true fashion of the poppy appeal, for this a big thank you is needed. During this year's appeal a new Poppy Appeal Organiser has been appointed for Headington Mr Geoff Malcolm of Headington welcome on board.

If I had to summarise this year appeal I would say exciting, fun, enjoyable a steep learning curve for all but a fun one. It is my hope that early part of 2015 all collectors will be invited to a coffee morning which will be my way of saying thank you. It will be a chance for anybody to air their views concerns about how the Poppy appeal of Headington 2014 has gone.

If I may close by appealing to all in Headington if you have anytime to spear and want to collect for the poppy appeal then we are looking for you. Please contact me on 07500225215, or email mgarwood@britishlegion.org.uk





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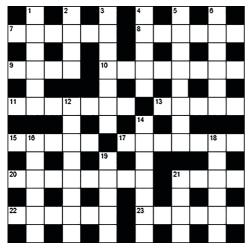
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8	Conundrum (6)	2	Minute particle (4)
9	Clip, snip (4)	3	Illegal import or export (7)
10	Dazzling, magnificent (8)	4	Confirmation (5)
11	Tussle, scuffle (7)	5	Preservative, flavour enhancer (8)
13 15	Brew made from apples (5) Extra room (5)	6	Chemise, shirt (6)
17	Type of bacon! (7)	12	Baby's game (8)
20	Underground burial room (8)	14	Bristle (7)
21	Chomp (4)	16	Almost (6)
22	Oval nut (6)	18	Baby cat (6)
23	Shellfish (6)	19	Verbose (5)
		21	Knock (4)

Last month's Brain Games solutions:

did you get them right?



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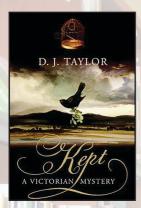
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The novel begins with an arresting episode in which two men find themselves by a Scottish loch undergoing a series of challenges to steal rare birds' eggs. This links them to the strange but eminent naturalist James Dixey, who in turn becomes the guardian of a strangely disturbed young woman.

At times the narrative thread is truly puzzling, and the reader must connect and theorize for themselves – but this is no bad thing, and at least we can read on at our own pace rather than having to wait, in the Victorian manner, for the next instalment. There are plenty of potential heroes and heroines, and a smattering of particularly villainous villains, for us to engage with too.

One for those dark winter nights in front of the fire – abandon the television and curl up with a good book instead. Although be warned – you may stay up later than you had intended, reading on to the finish!

Cars and Trucks and Things that Go!

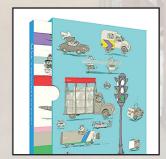
illions of children have grown up with picture books written and illustrated by Richard Scarry.

By the time he died in 1994 he'd sold more than 100 million copies around the world. One of the best known is Cars and Trucks and Things that Go!

To celebrate its 40th birthday recently, the Designer Paul Smith – a huge Scarry fan himself - was asked to redesign the work while retaining the charm of Scarry's original drawings. There was also a boxed set which was limited to just 1000 copies and is already re-selling for hundreds of pounds a copy.

While most of us will never get the chance to own the boxed set, the new-look book is well worth seeking out. It has certainly impressed Scarry's son Huck, also a children's writer and illustrator, who said: "Paul Smith and his team have amazed me. It's Richard Scarry seen with Paul Smith's eyes."

For those who don't know the work, every manner of moving machinery is riotously depicted in a story which sees the pig family head to the beach for a picnic. On their journey they encounter every vehicle known, from the forklift to the locomotive, and many vehicles that are not known, from the pumpkin car to the broom-o-cycle. Each detailed spread provides the opportunity to make up stories and describe situations. Will Officer Flossy catch Dingo? Will Rollo Rabbit catch his runaway steamroller? And can you find the goldbug on every page?





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Term 4	23 Feb - 27 Mar	25
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