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Nick Allnatt Founder/Publisher

GET IN TOUCH Nick: 07850 120116 nick@headingtonmonthly.co.uk Dear Readers

The signs of spring will be appearing by the time you read this. Last week my wife and I went to see the snowdrops at Welford Park near Newbury. It was a bit early for them to be at their best but they looked beautiful anyway. My son tells me that as global warming takes hold the UK will be in a sweet spot to benefit from higher temperatures, at least in the short term. This will improve our ability to produce some types of crops while others will decline - apparently we will have a somewhat Mediterranean climate. That'll stop me moaning about the weather! On the other hand I'll probably be saying it's too hot!

Plans are already afoot for this year's Headington Festival sponsored by Headington Action. They are currently advertising for stallholders with an advert on page 14. If you want to book a stall now's your chance. If you don't want to book a stall these are the dates if you just want to attend and enjoy. We'll be placing other adverts in the coming months as reminders and with more information. Headington Action are keen to increase their communication facilities in Headington and hope to publish a full page in the magazine every month . This will include announcements, events and local charitable resources etc, also links where further information can be

obtained online. We may also see a page from Brookes regarding community engagement. We hope this will make Headington Monthly even more useful as a source of local information.

I take great pleasure in running the magazine and helping to put it together. It keeps me out from under my wife's feet when she's hoovering :) I used to attend business networking meetings in Oxford where they told me I was Headington's answer to Rupert Murdoch (heaven help us!). They also told me that in a digital age internet advertising was losing it's allure due to the shear numbers of adverts and the use of 'ad blockers', you only get enquiries for your business if people are actively looking for it. If you have a business HM advertising gives you the opportunity to sell your services locally to those who may not actually be looking for it. Printed advertising is still just as effective. Why else would we get so much of it through our letterboxes. You are also helping your local community and they in turn will help you!

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## OXFORD

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.







#### **Unexpected Wins on Three Frontiers!**

By Tim McGovern

A fter Oxford's unexpected victory over Scunthorpe, the U's made their way to south London to face Wimbledon. Despite Rob Hall's early goal, Oxford could not hang on and found themselves 2-1 down at half time, and then at full time as well.

Another away game up north against Rochdale was on the cards. Rochdale had won their last 10 games at home, and hadn't lost at home since August. But Oxford played with no respect for Rochdale's incredible home form and absolutely battered The Dale. Splendid goals from Marvin Johnson and Rob Hall gave Oxford the lead at the break, then Ryan Taylor and a 40 yard wonder goal from Ryan Ledson secured another unexpected win against play-off contenders.

Oxford then had the privilege of hosting Newcastle United in the FA Cup. After a rough and tumble first half, Kane Hemmings found the net almost immediately after the break. Magpies forward Aleksandar Mitrovic had a chance from the spot, but Simon Eastwood excellently saved. Further goals from Curtis Nelson and new loan signing Toni Martinez secured a well-deserved win and progression to the Fifth round for the first time since 1994. The U's were drawn away against Premier League Middlesbrough.

The Tuesday night after provided the Quarter final of the Checkatrade Trophy at home to Bradford, re-arranged from the previous Tuesday after a frozen pitch (five minutes before kick-off). After the break was the only real time that Oxford broke through, winning a penalty that Chris Maguire cooly converted. Only two minutes later, Marvin Johnson scored a rocket of a shot into the top corner which has to be a contender for goal of the season. Despite a late Bradford goal, they couldn't bring it back. Oxford, now, just 90 minutes from Wembley. Only Luton Town will stand in our way from another trip to the sacred arch.

Then another massive game. Biggest away fixture of the season against Swindon. The first half was one of the worst I've seen from Oxford this season making multiple routine errors which Swindon capitalised on. Fankaty Dabo gave the Robins the lead on 20 minutes. But Oxford came out fighting in the second half. On 70 minutes Liam Sercombe equalised. Then Rob Hall scored the most important goal of his season so far to bring home the win! A wonderful solo effort from 20 yards that dipped right when it needed to. A double over Swindon, still in three competitions, things seemed very good!

Oxford then came back home to face MK Dons. Only an 88th minute Kane Hemmings goal separated the sides, giving us another three points.

In other news, Ryan Taylor and Alex MacDonald have both left the club by mutual consent going to Plymouth and Mansfield respectively. All the best of luck to them in the future.





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## the garden gnome

I wrote last time about having experienced my mother passing away, that I was using nature as a comfort and how I was noticing time moving in very strange ways at times of grief.

Since then, I have been observing how natures own body clock as it were works. No real conclusions, just more questions.

Nature fluctuates especially when there is a warm spell, just look at all the wild flowers already germinating. Or witness how nature contracts and protects itself when harsh weather reappears. Nature does find its own level and balances out though, which we ourselves could learn an immense about from.

As I write, it's exactly a week, almost to the minute, that my mothers funeral happened. I wonder sometimes if nature is aware of passing time, or just focusing on 'being'? Something else we could all no doubt learn from?

Do the birds in the garden realise how long they have been singing? Do the bees realise they've been flying around in circles much of the time? Do the little mammals and invertebrates have any comprehension that we are watching them, or are they just busy, doing what they do best, just 'being'? I wonder if nature understands what 'just being' is?

Maybe what it is to be human is understanding and knowing which sets us apart? Is that a good thing though? Does that effect our enjoyment of our wildlife gardens though, as we just don't spend time out in it happily just 'being'?

Just some thoughts whilst sat out in my own wildlife garden, wondering what on earth to write about.

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#### FILM REVIEW BY OSCAR DUXFIELD

#### Star Trek (2009-2016)

was looking at the box office totals for the most recent Star Trek movies and although they're making money, they seem a lot less popular among movie fans than I would have thought. It surprised me because, to my mind, there are many reasons why these movies work and not just for Trekkies like me.

I wasn't around when Star Trek was airing but I've more than caught up by watching the original TV series and movies and I can tell you that the current Star Trek trilogy is a must watch for everyone and anyone. Even if you've been on another planet for the past 50 years and avoided all Star Trek exposure, you're in for a good time with this latest trilogy. All three movies have distinct story lines and there is no expectation that you will have prior knowledge of the franchise (although it would probably increase enjoyment).

One of the most important things for a reboot to get right is casting and these movies have done just that. Chris Pine perfectly encapsulates the character of Captain Kirk as originally portrayed by William Shatner while adding his own flare. Simon Pegg gives the character of Scotty that bit more humour than the Star Ship Enterprise's chief engineer had in the original series while Carl Urban's portrayal of the ship's doctor, Bones rivals DeForrest Kelly's dry wit and comic timing. Urban's reactions to other characters' lines had me doubled over laughing.

But what about the movies individually? How do they compare? Well the first movie (Star Trek 2009) is a fantastic introduction for new Trekkies and a brilliant reintroduction for long-time fans. It serves as a prequel to the original TV series introducing Kirk, Spock, McCoy and Scotty when they first came aboard the Starship Enterprise. A complex time travel plot also enables the late Leonard Nimmoy to play a cameo role. The film provides a clear narrative for first time viewers popping their Trekkie cherry.

Star Trek into Darkness is probably the weakest of the three movies. It goes overboard with fan service using the old trick of encouraging us to believe the antagonist is someone else. Unfortunately, the 'you thought I was this, but really I'm that' surprise falls short as you can see it coming a mile away. If you can look past the attempt to crowd please and needless attempt to hide the villain's identity however, it's still a solid fun Star Trek movie that holds up on repeat viewing and has some great cinematography and acting.

The final in the trilogy – Star Trek Beyond - is my favourite of the three. This movie is a great nostalgia trip back to the feel of the original series. There is a new, exciting villain on an unknown planet that threatens the lives of our heros and we get some great action pieces with a fantastic score that gives a new take on the original theme tune.

As you can tell, I'm a huge fan of this Star Trek trilogy and although it's difficult to sell you an entire franchise in just 500 words I could probably sum up what I've been trying to say in three: "go watch it".



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### What does it take to run a local market? - By Keith Frayn

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Ten years ago, Councillor David Rundle suggested it to local charity Headington Action. Charles Young worked with Robert Eadle, from Beckley, to establish the first Headington Farmers' Market. It was held one Friday morning each month in Kennett Road. Charles would send out a monthly email, with recipes and anecdotes. Charles looked after the market for many years (for one year it was handed over to Councillor Van Coulter). During that time it changed to become twice a month. Stallholders came and went. Charles changed bread supplier at one point but this led to protests from residents who wanted the former supplier back.

In 2015 the market changed to a weekly Saturday slot, and relocated to London Road and New High Street. The first weekly market, at the end of May 2015, in conjunction with the Headington Festival, was a great success. After that, though, it is fair to say that the market waned somewhat until the

summer of 2016 when stall management was taken over by one of our stall-holders, Charlie Manning, of Charlie's Cakes. At the same time I took over from Charles, who was warmly thanked by Headington Action for having established the Market and run it for so long. On October 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 we held a 'Grand Relaunch', attended by the Lord Mayor.

Now the market is flourishing. Charlie has brought in new stalls to join the well-established regulars, still including Eadles. We have regular stalls for bread and cakes, eggs, meat, fruit and vegetables, cheese, olives, Greek and Indian food. We have craft stalls from time to time, and each week one stall for a 'community cause': sometimes the local Police team, or a charity such as Heathrow Owl Rescue.



We have re-established the email list and we have an active Facebook page. (Contact me to join the email list.) Stall-holders pay a fee, and the proceeds, after expenses, go to Headington Action, who distribute them as grants for local community projects.

It's not all straightforward. We have on-going discussions with the County Council about the space we can occupy, and their prohibition on advertising on the highway. Each week we pay for the barriers needed to keep people from wandering into the traffic, which are delivered early and taken away again at the end of the day: we could save a lot of money if we had somewhere nearby to store our own barriers. Charlie is supported by a small 'market working group'. If you are interested in getting involved with your local market, please contact me at keithfrayn@gmail.com.

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Ancient civilisations had already been adopting similar concepts however by adjusting their routines in accordance with the sun's schedules.

The first official modern use of Daylight Saving Time was in Ontario in 1908, and several other Canadian cities followed. At around the same time MP Robert Pearce proposed a bill in the House of Commons based on work done by British Builder William Willett around moving the clocks eight times a year to achieve similar results. This was rejected.

Germany became the first European country to introduce Daylight Saving Time in April 1916. Its rationale was that the use of artificial light would be reduced and thus there would be more fuel for the war effort. Britain followed shortly after in May 1916.

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Some are not in favour though. For example, traditional dairy farmers claim Daylight Saving Time disrupts milking routines. This mainly affects developing countries as elsewhere milking is automated. Some research has also shown that there is a greater risk of people having accidents or being the victims of crime because they leave their houses in the morning when it's still dark. Some studies have suggested that in the first few days after the clocks go forward there are more heart attacks too.

Finally for those of us who struggle to remember when we turn the clocks forward and when they go back, this little phrase may help: 'Spring Forward, Fall Back,' as the time when clocks go back always happens in the Autumn. This year in the UK, the date when Greenwich Mean Time will begin again is 29<sup>th</sup> October.

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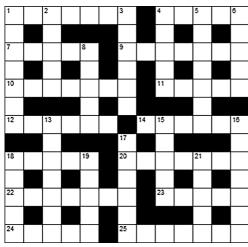
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- Passivity, paralysis (7) Emperor, king, monarch (5) 11
- Tyrannical dictator (6) 12
- 14 Priest or religious leader (6)
- 18 Plentiful (5)
- 20 Gaunt, exhausted (7)
- 22 Scottish pouch worn with a kilt (7)
- 23 Ceremonial headdress (5)
- 24 Item in a diary, or notebook (5)
- 25 Spiny Australian egg-laying mammal! (7)

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- Supported, sustained (7)
- Decorative breast pin (5)
- 3 Tropical bird with large colourful beak (6)
- 4 Mistake (5) 5
  - Constant, uniform (7)
- 6 Go inside (5)
- 8 Relative size of two values (5)
- 13 Assist financially (7)
- 15 Strict reason (5)
- 16 Intricate musical solo (7)
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99% of Glaucoma sufferers experience no symptoms until significant damage to their sight has occurred.

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Term	Date	# Days
Term 1	1 Sep - 21 Oct	37
Oct. Holiday	24 Oct-28 Oct	
Term 2	31 Oct - 16 Dec	35
Christmas Holiday	19 Dec - 2 Jan	
Term 3	3 Jan - 10 Feb	29
Feb Holiday	13 Feb - 17 Feb	
Term 4	20 Feb - 7 Apr	35
Apr Holiday	10 Apr - 21 Apr	
Term 5	24 Apr - 26 May	24
Late Spring	29 May - 2 Jun	
Term 6	5 Jun - 21 July	33
School Year Begins	4 September 2017	
Total		195

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