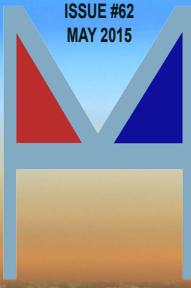


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Once again we have 100% local content this month (except the puzzle page). We'd like to thank Colin Kirby, Brian Hodgkinson, Tim McGovern and Shakira Morar for their contributions. We always welcome new contributions on any subject you feel would interest readers, especially if they are relevant to Headington. Subjects could include local history, current issues or events in Headington, amusing stories, items on culture and the arts, fashion, topics of interest to younger readers, sport, local politics, etc. We may award a prize for the best item of the year!

One topic of major concern for local residents and businesses has been the state of the London Road and the roadworks. These have been the bane of everyone's life if they have to use the London Road. Apart from time and business losses caused by the holdups there must be incalculable damage caused to car suspension from continuously running over broken surfaces. Obviously it is a national problem but perhaps someone could write about this local issue and analyse the reason why the London road repairs took so long to be planned and approved, and why the work itself takes so long to proceed to completion. At least we would then have some insight into the problems and learn something. I'm sure it's not all down to money. We'd welcome and may publish your comments.

Thanks for taking an interest in the magazine and have a great summer!

Best wishes Nick



Nick Allnatt  
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by Marieke O'Connor

In 1981, a group of Oxford artists were inspired by open studio exhibitions in the US to found Oxfordshire Artweeks – it would be a way for the public to enjoy visual art in an informal setting and have direct contact with the artists. The first festival took place in 1982 and was so popular that the model has been copied throughout the UK, although Oxfordshire Artweeks is still the largest and longest-running. The festival runs for three weeks in May, with the three regions (Oxford City, North Oxfordshire and South Oxfordshire) rotating the dates.

This year there are more than 400 venues across Oxfordshire, with a great variety of media on display – ceramics, painting, photography, textiles, sculpture, mosaics, furniture, jewellery and glass. Artists open up their homes, studios and gardens, providing enthusiasts with the opportunity to see the art produced in their own communities, and to hear artists talking about their influences, techniques and materials. Visitors can sometimes even have a go themselves. Entry to all exhibitions is free and trail maps are provided at all the venues, making it easy to venue-hop.

### Headington Artweeks:

**Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th May** on Old Road in Headington, see contemporary painting and printmaking showing landscapes from Orkney to Otmoor as well as Shotover, or, in Stile Road, wildlife photography from the Arctic and the Antarctic. Visit a 'secret' garden painting studio on Stephen Road; discover the art of six very different artists in historic St Andrew's church in Old Headington, showcasing their painting, textiles, mosaics and ceramics; enjoy a colourful Indian childhood with the stylised paintings of award-winning artist Kamal Koria; visit the JR Hospital main corridor for colourful flower paintings, and leafy Jack Straw's Lane for more ceramics. See the new talent on display at Oxford Brookes University, as well as at three schools – St Michael's, Wood Farm Primary and Rye St Anthony.

The printed festival guide can be found in most public places and can also be viewed online at [www.artweeks.org/festival](http://www.artweeks.org/festival). Individual artists can be found at [artweeks.org/galleries](http://artweeks.org/galleries). This year, Headington & Marston Artweeks runs from Saturday 9th – Sunday 17th May and there are 13 venues – do look out for the artists' signposts and also for the trail maps ahead of the event!



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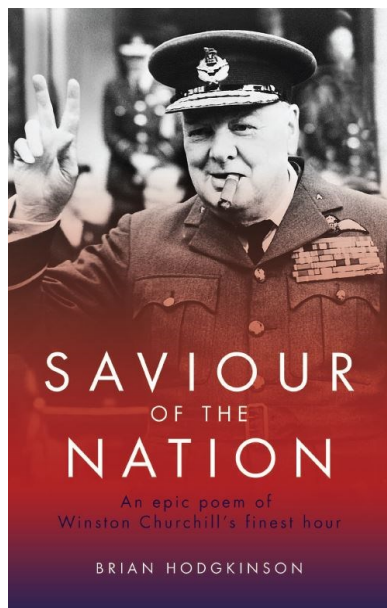
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In the newly published *Saviour of the Nation* I have tried to bring to life this climatic period when Churchill's leadership was so decisive. Reference is made to his chequered career before the war, for the experiences of his early life in the army – at Omdurman, for example – in the First World War when he was First Lord of the

Admiralty and played a crucial role in the Gallipoli campaign, and of the interwar years when he was in the political wilderness, all greatly influenced his attitude as Prime Minister. So too his opposition to appeasement, and the struggle within the War Cabinet to continue the fight against Hitler when Britain was alone, are highlighted.

But it is the months of crisis that saw the threat of imminent invasion, the Battle of Britain and the consequent Blitz that form the core of the book, followed by the vital period of building the aggressive power of the three Services, whilst waiting in suspense for the outcome of Hitler's invasion of Russia. The entry of the USA into the war with the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour signals the end of the book, for then Churchill foresaw that the enormous potential of the Americans would tip the balance in the Allies' favour.

The book is written in blank verse to accentuate the high drama of that turning point in our history. A short extract may demonstrate Churchill's charismatic influence at the time of the fall of France:

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## Two Teams - a Thousand Miles

by Tim McGovern - Radio Oxford Young Reporter of the Year



Oxford had seven games since the surprise victory at Bury starting a home tie with Plymouth. Argyle are looking to finish in the promotion play-off positions and so most fans were satisfied with a rather lacklustre 0-0 draw.

The U's looked to build on this "decent result" against travelling Hartlepool. The team from the North east had to travel a 500 mile round trip to take on Oxford.

Fortunately for Hartlepool (and their very dedicated fans), the points went back up the M1 after a poor 2-0 loss for Oxford. What made this worse for us, is that Hartlepool were at the bottom of the table at the time.

To add to this defeat, Oxford couldn't capitalise on any chances away at Shrewsbury as the home side to 2 goals to our zero. Shrewsbury, though had more reason to win against this Oxford side as this team is looking for automatic promotion. This would make matches against lower teams count all the more. The next match was a prime example of a match that mattered at home to Carlisle (who had an approximate 550 mile round trip (I really do tip my hat to all of these very dedicated fans!)).

Carlisle took an early lead from a direct free kick from 35 yards after Oxford keeper Ryan Clarke misjudged the flight of the ball. Oxford though demonstrated real resilience and pulled a goal back courtesy of Paddy Hoban, who got his first goal for the club just before the break by heading in neatly from close range. Then, loan signing Kyle Vassell scored the winning goal on his debut only fifteen minutes from time. Very good win from the



### Yellows.

Oxford then headed to Wycombe for our "other" derby fixture. Wycombe Wanderers have an odd relationship with us. We always win at Adams Park, and they always win at the Kassam. This history between us saw 1600 fans travel a measly 60 mile round trip (it puts Hartlepool and Carlisle to shame). Oxford though, delivered to their supporters after taking a 2-0 lead. Goals from Kemar Roofe and Danny Rose gave Oxford an unexpected double lead. Despite giving one away, Roofe scored again on the hour, leading to a final result of 3-2 after a late Wycombe consolation. This win boosted our survival chances, and damaged their promotion hopes. Got to love derby day.

Oxford couldn't live up to this derby-day quality as two 0-0 draws at home to York and Wimbledon left fans ruing chances gone by.

So at the end of these seven matches, Oxford sit in 16th place with only one point away from mathematical safety from relegation. After the season we've had, that is a real relief!



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## Cheney School - A Headington Education, Part Two

by Colin Kirby

Last issue I cleansed my soul of my early days at Cheney but as I moved up through the year groups I became mature and sensible – well that was the plan. Maybe the teachers didn't trust us, we didn't have many school trips apart from one evening jaunt up to Wembley for England v Wales in the Home Internationals. The highlight of that was a bloke sitting in one of the teachers seats, we goaded him with helpful comments like "he's laughing at you sir" but sadly the teacher negotiated a settlement rather than give the usurper a thrashing.

Playground sport was more basic, wall ball was a favourite. It defied logic, there was a brick missing in a low wall and we took turns to kick a tennis ball at the gap, the intention was to get the ball through but the reward was everyone piling on you in a scrum. In more open football games the tennis ball would always end up on the first floor roof and climbing up drain pipes bred a generation of future cat burglars. I had a massive crush on my economics teacher, a West Brom fan, she gave me a programme from every home game.

I always loved writing and was grateful to the school magazine Graffiti, for giving me early encouragement. A small team was dispatched to Headington to get advertisers but they met resistance from shop keepers who thought our pupils had a unique view of self service. I found out in the sixth form there was life beyond the school gates, as part of the games choices we had access to Old Road squash club with its tennis courts but it also had a social

club with a bar and staff who couldn't tell ages – guess where we spent most of our time. Brookes University was the plain old Polytechnic then and we made liberal use of their lounge with its pool tables, a nearby coffee machine provided plastic cups to jam in each pocket so games were never ending.

The luxury of having our own common room was a big diversion, it was the dawn of punk and we would play rude, subversive records as loud as we could. Our pleasure was often cut short when the door to the adjoining typists class would fly open and we got shouted at. We may have fancied ourselves as wild punks but the teacher soon reduced us to obedient children. The common room was also the venue for that rite of passage, the school disco, it was of course a battlefield as fans of disco vied with punk fans to hear their favourites.

There was a bit of Anarchy In Headington at the end of term when the 7th formers dragged the piano out to the playground for a rebellious sing song. Some bright spark commissioned an ambitious school photo on the top field with tiered seating for a panoramic shot of all the schools pupils and teachers. It was only when the photos went on sale that people noticed strange wigs, moustaches, hats, and bizarre poses among the upper school pupils. I did enjoy my time at Cheney School and had to be peeled finger by finger off the exit gates when it was time for me to go out into the real world.



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# Escape into fantasy

-Shakira Morar

**R**ainy day. Just the words make you roll your eyes and sigh at the thought of pondering over things to keep you busy indoors while the rain drip, drops, pitter, patters and splish splashes.

I remember walking around Bury Knowle Park some time ago. The clouds filtered the sun's rays so a lemon gold sheen of light blanketed the scene, concentrating the colours of the park to vivid lime and stark orange. Little did I expect to feel miniscule specks of rain on top of my head. The specks became drops and the drops eventually formed sheets, slashing through the air and drenching my head. I rushed into the nearest shelter: the library.

After scaling the steep stairs, just the creak of the door and a step forward leads you into the building. I entered the cosy room filled with muted chatter and bookshelves upon bookshelves stacked with novels in varying sizes and colour. There was a distinct smell too. I'm not sure how to define it, but there was an intriguing air to it. Whenever one enters the library it is as if there is something you should be looking for but you don't know what it is yet... My eyes flickered over the spines and my hand reached for a book, plucking it from the shelf like the wind pinches leaves from an rooted oak. I headed to the sofa and sat on the padded seat, exasperated at the weather. Great, now I'd have to wait out the rain which takes time. And time is something I always feel I don't have enough of. I opened the book and started the first sentence...

It was an hour when I next looked up. The rain was still pattering away but it had provided me with a great escape into the world of fantasy. I decided next time the rain came to visit; the library was the place to go. That got me thinking: maybe rainy days weren't so bad after all.

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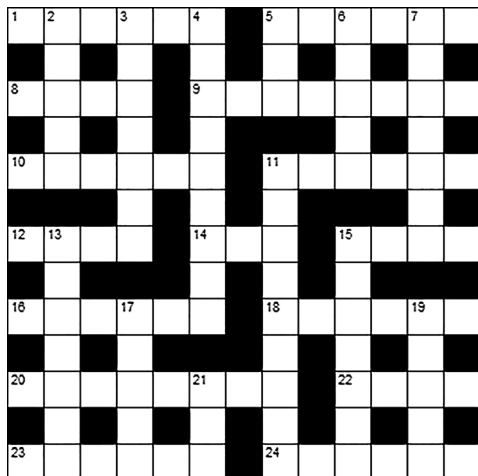
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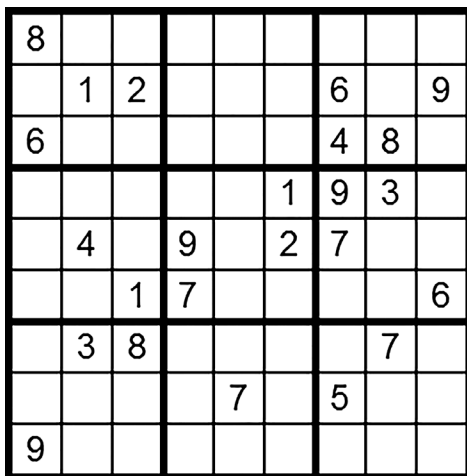
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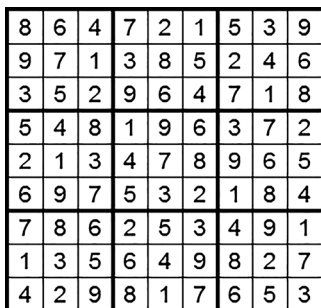
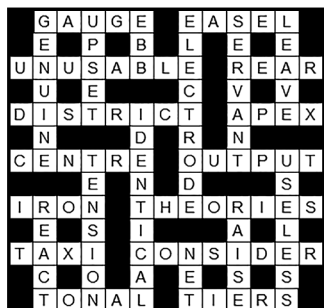
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- 5 Erotic fixation (6)
- 8 Hope, desire (4)
- 9 Addictive drug (8)
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- 11 Marrying twice without divorce (crime) (6)
- 12 Dull heavy noise (4)
- 14 Sick (3)
- 15 Female (4)
- 16 Horror-struck (6)
- 18 Place of Christian worship (6)
- 20 Nazi symbol (8)
- 22 Military force (4)
- 23 Iconic Australian city (6)
- 24 Twinging, hurting (6)

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- 2 First sign of the Zodiac (5)
- 3 Breathed in (7)
- 4 Short item of ladies' clothing (4,5)
- 5 A long way away (3)
- 6 Strip of leather, shoe (5)
- 7 Sparkle, glitter (7)
- 11 Warm headwear, ski-mask (9)
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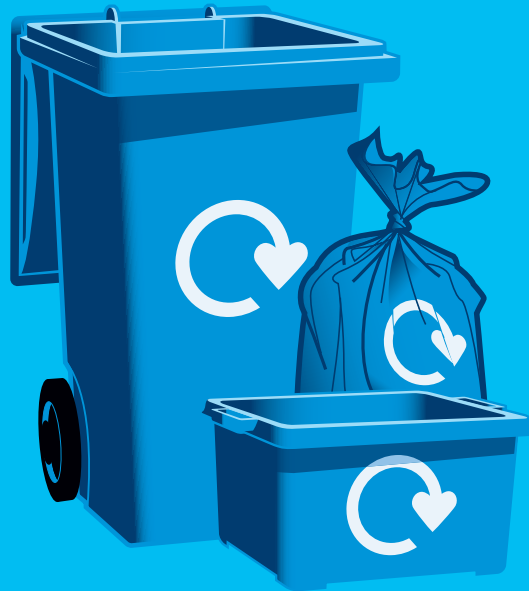


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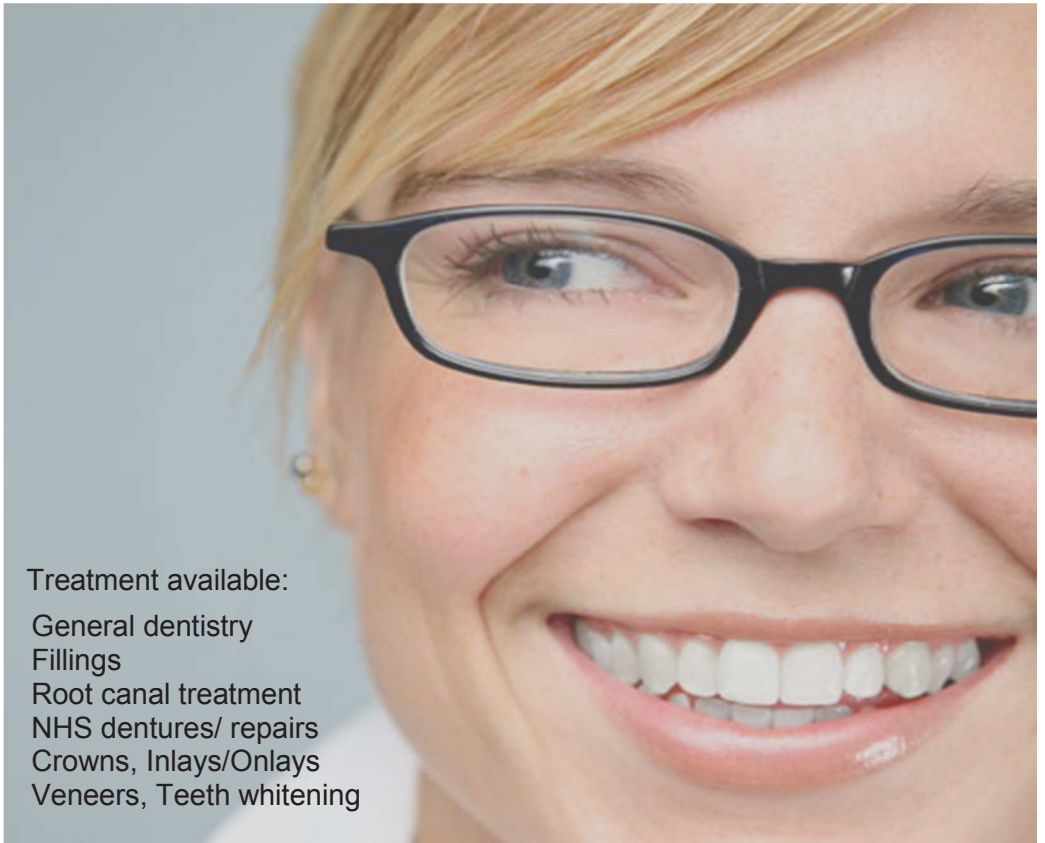
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