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**W**e are about to go into a strange ritual known as 'Back to School'. Most youngsters, about to be separated for the first time from their parents for a few hours, cry and cling to mummy, while mummy cries too as 'little Johnny' is taken away for edification. Not our son! His mum took him into school and to her dismay he flew off waving and shouting cheerfully 'bye mum' - not because he was keen to be free of us but because he was a confident and adventurous lad. He then proceeded to treat his new classes as a social club (he was very sociable) and while 'Johnny & co' were settling down to learn their words our son, to his new teacher's dismay, was running round the class meeting all his new friends.

Slightly older kids begin the new school year with different experiences. I went to a grammar school where we were selected into 3 streams for each year. I was selected into the middle (B) stream, where we were seen as distinctly average. The others either went into the upper stream, where they were distinctly above themselves, or the lower stream where they were seen as distinctly beneath themselves. Once this selection process was completed

the pupils selected themselves into two groups - the bullies and the victims. I was in the victims.

At the next stage we were introduced to our teachers whose names we would immediately forget until our first playground break, where the older boys would remind us, for example: 'Pongo', 'Boris', 'Jock', 'Flea', 'Long Prong' (he was tall and thin), and 'Pimple' (he was very short and very fat - when he swung the cane his feet would leave the ground!). Then we moved on to pranks with which I was not involved. The school toilet block roof was painted with the legend 'Boris go home'. Then the school bell was stolen. This bell has been with the school so long it had worn a deep hole in the stone plinth where it stood. It was later heard being rung at an Oxford City football match! Then the English teacher Jock suffered the indignity of having a certain unmentionable substance applied to his classroom door. As he placed his hand in it a 'shuffling' sound could be heard - it was the pupils waiting to be let it in and collapsing in hysterics on observing the unfortunate incident. What a shower we were. The perpetrator was caught and received 6 of the best. Quite right too.

On leaving school, according to reports, half of our year intake joined the police, and the other half joined the other lot! Believe it or not one of those jailed was last heard, if my sources are correct, to have become a lecturer in criminology at Leicester University. Funny old world! :)

Enjoy the new school year kids. I promise it won't be like ours!

Nick

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# LIFTING LONELINESS TOGETHER



Loneliness is an invisible issue. It is an experience that any one of us might experience at some point in our lives and it is being talked about more and more in Britain. As the Jo Cox Loneliness Campaign identifies “over 9 million people in the UK across all adult ages – more than the population of London – say they are either always or often lonely.” Loneliness can seriously affect our health; reports suggest that it is as damaging as smoking or obesity.

It is an experience that is subjective, it is often not the quantity of friends but the quality of relationships that might lead us to experience it. And this is something that The Archway Foundation recognises. This small Headington based charity works across Oxford and Abingdon. Its purpose is to be alongside people experiencing loneliness, supporting adults of all ages via a team of dedicated volunteers. Volunteer befrienders regularly visit those who might have difficulty getting out and about. Sometimes, as volunteer David writes, you can be a person’s “only link to the outside world.” Befriending is very often a mutually beneficial and rewarding experience as one Archway befriender says

*“I really enjoy meeting up with Mary” whose name has been fictionalised for this article, “she has had a very interesting life and we always find lots to talk about. We often talk about her life growing up and living in different areas of Oxford, and because we both live in Headington we have lots of mutual points of reference. She has lots of fascinating personal stories about the local area. My own Nan is a similar age to Mary but lives too far away for me to visit as often as I’d like. However I know that she gets visits from local friends and neighbours which makes a huge difference to her day to day life. I like to think that becoming a befriender in Headington is a way of giving back, as well as spending very special time with someone from a different Generation.”*

Archway also runs social groups and outings which volunteers help to facilitate; chatting to people, making refreshments or driving those who are isolated to the events. One Headington resident writes of her “very positive” experience of volunteering for the Wednesday Welcome Call in Café in Oxford City Centre, a venue that she says she finds easily accessible by bus; *“Being a naturally shy and quiet person... [volunteering]... has given me confidence to meet new people in a welcoming environment. I look forward to Wednesday mornings and enjoy being part of a friendly and supportive team. We usually have a laugh together and enjoy each other’s company.”*

Archway’s befriending waiting list is growing and more people are attending the social groups. And so Archway is looking for new volunteers to get involved. If you think you could offer some time and enjoy a friendly chat then get in touch via [office@archwayfoundation.org.uk](mailto:office@archwayfoundation.org.uk). Let’s lift loneliness together!

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# Oxford Cat Clinic Opens New Marston Branch

The Oxford Cat Clinic Ltd, a dedicated independent feline-only veterinary practice based in Botley, has opened new premises in Marston after receiving funding support from NatWest.

Established in 2006 by Caroline Blundell and Martha Cannon, both specialists in feline medicine, the clinic's cat friendly environment, calm atmosphere and compassionate veterinary care has cemented its place as a firm Oxfordshire favourite and earned both branches ISFM Gold Standard Cat Friendly Clinic Awards.

The new practice, a former GP surgery, has been refurbished and modernised to create an outstanding veterinary environment to enhance experiences for both pets and owners. The brand new facilities, complete with state-of-the-art medical equipment, will be dedicated to minor surgeries as well as highly specialised care.

The refurbishment has allowed the business to expand its services and add 4 new employees to its team of highly trained staff. The clinic's flagship site in Botley will continue to offer clinical services for cats and will also act as a hub for advanced or specialist treatment.

Offering specialised care, the clinic is the only feline veterinary centre to offer two sites within one city – maximising access and minimising stress for clients both in Oxford and across the country. The clinic also frequently works alongside universities and pharmaceutical companies to collaborate in the field of feline medicine.

Oxford Cat Clinic Practice Manager, Melanie Weatherall, said: "The launch of the new clinic marks the start of a really exciting new chapter for the Oxford Cat Clinic. The modernised facilities will help us keep up with demand and deliver a greater range of services for our patients.

"We prioritise professionalism and compassion above everything else, and we're confident the new clinic will enhance and complement this. We're very excited about the future of the business."

NatWest Relationship Manager, Rebecca Watts, said: "Oxford Cat Clinic is an impressive business with a team of dedicated and experienced staff at its heart. It's rewarding to have been able to support the business as it grows and builds on its reputation for excellence. I look forward to seeing it thrive."

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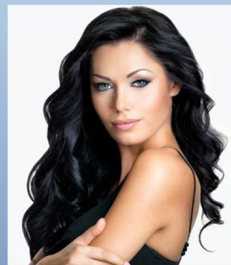
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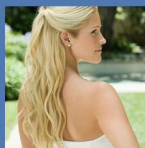
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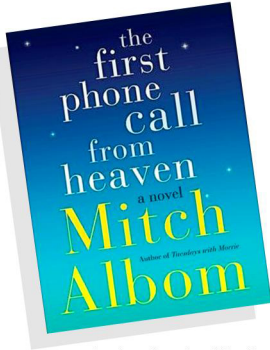
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# A Good Read



## ***The First Phone Call from Heaven* by Mitch Alom**

One day a phone rings, then another one, and another. Now a small church in a small town in Michigan needs to deal with the question of what really happened. And it is only a matter of time before the country, and the world, is asking the question too.

All the calls have one thing in common: the callers are deceased and want to tell their loved ones about heaven; to tell them that death is not the end. The town becomes a place of pilgrimage for people who are desperate to hear from their own friends and family.

Of course, some are sceptical. Single father Sully – still grieving for his wife – is concerned when his young son starts asking why his mum hasn't phoned him. So he sets out to unearth the true source of the phone calls.

This touching novel is beautifully written and builds to a page turning climax. Will Sully find out where the calls are coming from? Or are they really coming from heaven?

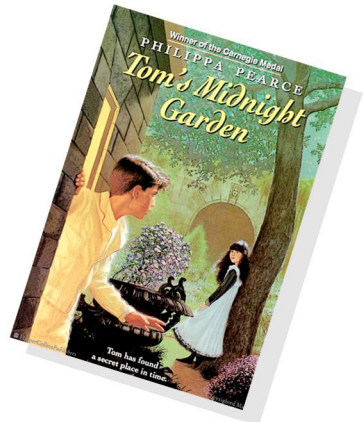
Ultimately, the novel isn't about where they came from. In fact it doesn't really matter. Alom draws on our natural fear, not of our own deaths but of losing a loved one. What he offers is a story of a group of people who draw hope and comfort from these seemingly miraculous events. And that is the inspiring message from this book. Maybe heaven exists, and maybe it doesn't, but whether you believe or not, you can still take something from this thought provoking novel.

## ***Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce**

When you are born you occupy a small slot within history and for that period of time you live your life in your own way. But how much thought do you give to those people who came before you? Your house or your school now may have been someone else's house or school; a place where someone else grew up and had hopes for the future.

Tom is getting ready to enjoy his summer holiday when his older brother comes down with measles. To ensure that he doesn't catch it, Tom is sent to stay with an aunt and uncle who live in a small flat at the top of a large old house. This is not how he imagined spending the summer. One night he is lying in bed, unable to sleep, when he hears the old grandfather clock in the house chiming. He counts the chimes. 9 ... 10 ... 11 ... 12 ... 13. And so the most amazing and magical summer of Tom's life begins as he meets Hatty, a young girl who wears strange clothes.

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On the whole we tend to favour non-surgical options and not just because we're cowards. Male plastic surgery can look a bit unnatural. Due to the nature and thickness of male skin there can be more stretching and scarring.

Of course, non-surgical procedures are also quicker, ideal for those of us who want to keep our beauty secrets secret!

It's not just surgery. There has been an explosion of interest in male grooming products recently. These now make up an £800 million-per-year market and include intensive moisturisers, eye creams and self-tanners.

Beauticians have noticed an increase in the number of men presenting for manicures. We no longer think smooth skin and well-groomed hands are the preserve of females.

This may be partly down to style icons such as footballers David Beckham and Cesc Fabregas but it may also be down to basic psychology. Six in 10 men between 24 and 34 are not married and around 50% of those are single. Perhaps we're

working harder on our appearance because we're on the lookout for potential partners.

Also, researchers at London's Guildhall University found that taking care of your appearance makes sound financial sense. They discovered, in a survey of 11000 British 33-year-olds, that the most presentable men enjoyed a 15% higher salary than their less well-groomed colleagues. They were also more likely to be married; have more confidence; less likely to be kept waiting in bars and even liable to receive lighter sentences from juries if they ended up on trial!

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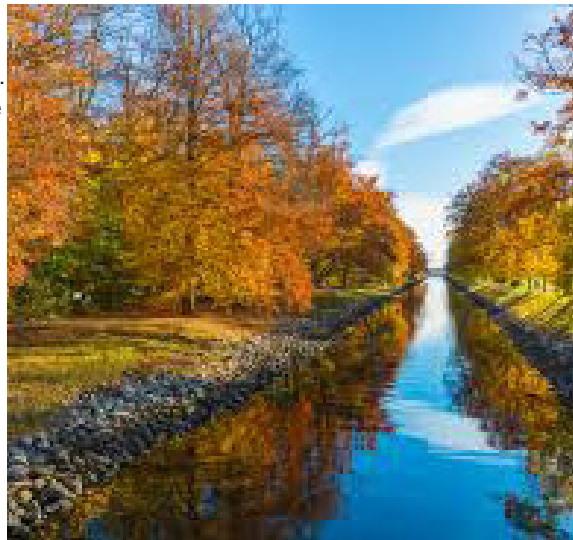
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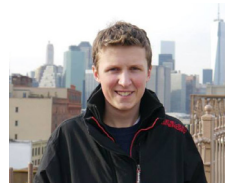
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## Appleton's Era Ends

By Tim McGovern

Some time ago, Oxford United manager and established legend, Michael Appleton has left the club for a fantastic career move to become the Assistant Manager at Premier League Leicester City alongside boss, Craig Shakespeare.

In all honesty, I can imagine this would not come as a surprise to many fans given the nature, ambition and quality of Appleton's abilities as a coach. Earlier this year, he was a favourite to be tipped for the England U21 job, which was eventually given to Aidy Boothroyd.

Over his tenure, we have seen a promotion, two Wembley finals, and a significant increase in the style, and excitement of on field play. He is without a doubt, going to go down as one of Oxford's greatest ever managers.

But when the old goes out, the new comes in. After much speculation, Leeds Assistant Manager Pep Clotet was hired as the new boss. He has previously worked alongside Garry Monk in the Premier League with Swansea before turning down the role of Head Coach at Brentford. He has chosen to keep all remaining Oxford staff at the club including Derek Fazackerley and Chris Allen.

But unfortunately, Oxford have had to say goodbye to heroic players over the last few years. And some big names at that. Fan favourites Joe Skarz, Phil Edwards and Chris Maguire have all moved onto Bury. Skarz was a true unsung hero of the team since his arrival in January 2015. Maguire will go down in Oxford folklore for his brilliant celebration against Peterborough this last season, and his two goals against Swindon. Benji Buchel, our Liechtenstein international goalkeeper was released as well.

Both Chey Dunkley, Liam Sercombe and John Lundstram have also moved onto pastures new at Wigan, Bristol Rovers and Sheffield United respectively. All were key to Oxford's success over the last few years. From Chey's drive, Liam's work ethic and John's passion, all will be missed by the club after such a great commitment to the team.

But as with managers, players get replaced as well. New heroes look to mark their place in a new look Oxford United. So far, a host of very talented free transfers have gone our way. Goalkeeper, Scott Shearer from Mansfield. Defenders, Mike Williamson from Wolves, Dwight Tiendalli from Swansea, Fiacre Kelleher from Celtic, Charlie Raglan joins on a permanent basis from Chesterfield after last season's loan deal and Brazilian Ricardinho from Gabala in Azerbaijan. Midfielders, Jack Payne on loan from Huddersfield, James Henry from Wolves, Xemi Fernandez from Barcelona B, and forward Jon Obika from Swindon... yes you heard the last one right, but he's converted now so it's okay!

Thank you once again to the legend that is Michael Appleton. He changed the club for the better in so many different ways, but now our new leader is in place. Time to follow the new, Pep Clotet's Yellow Army!



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### What do I look for?

It sounds obvious but you really need someone who can teach! Being specialised in a subject area is great but teaching skills are everything. A tutor should be able to relate to a child and explain things at his level.

Once or twice a week for two or three months is a good starting point. After this time you should have a good idea how much tutoring is helping your child.

### What questions should I ask?

Check professional references and qualifications.

Ask to see a copy of their CRB (criminal Records Bureau) check

Ask about any career gaps on their CV

If the tutor is employed at a school you can ask for a reference from the head teacher.

Introduce them to your child so you can see how they relate to each other

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# The Humble T Shirt

Hands up if you own a T-shirt. I'm guessing nearly all of us do. Our favourite garment is an American import, first issued by the U.S. Navy in the late 19th century around the time of the Spanish American War. The crew-necked, short sleeved top was meant to be worn as underwear beneath the uniform. It got its iconic name from its shape when laid flat, resembling the letter "T". The lightweight fabric quickly made it popular with dockworkers, farmers, miners, and men in the construction trade, who began to adopt the T-shirt, preferring its lightweight fabric in hot weather.

Cotton was at the time inexpensive, and the fact it was easy to clean meant it also became the garment of choice for mothers to buy as outerwear for their boys. By the 1920's "T-shirt" had become an official American-English word in the Merriam-Webster's Dictionary.

It's thought the first T shirts printed with logos were actually made for the film *The Wizard of Oz*! They were green T-shirts with 'OZ' printed on them in white, and were worn by workers in the Emerald City. I admit I'd never noticed the T shirts prior to my research and I've watched the film dozens of times!

The credit for the first printed T shirt in a photograph is attributed to the Air Corps Gunnery School T-shirt featured on the July 13th, 1942 cover of *LIFE* magazine. Mickey Mouse was the first 'celebrity' to be featured a few years later. Marlon Brando played his part in making the T-shirt a seriously cool fashion item when he wore a tight white one in the film, *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

In the late 1960's, the printed T-shirt gradually became a means of self expression, advertising,

wearable art, and political protest. At some point in our lives most of us have owned an iconic one. Think of the yellow 'happy face' T-shirt, the Rolling Stones 'tongue and lips' logo, or the CHOOSE LIFE T-shirts of the eighties.

The garment has a long history as an object of protest and political point-scoring. Green MP Caroline Lucas wore a T-shirt displaying the slogan 'No More Page Three' in large lettering during a Commons debate on sexism in the media. Harriet Harman sat in parliament wearing one bearing the message 'This is what a feminist looks like.' In some parts of the world such messages can have serious consequences for the wearer. Last year an LGBT protester and entrepreneur in Burma printed T-shirts with "Gay is OK" on them (in a country where it is still most decidedly not) and a 20-year-old Egyptian man marked his second year in detention, without charge or trial, for wearing a T-shirt which bore a 'Nation without torture' message.

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# FANTASTIC MR. FOX

## MOVIE REVIEW

BY OSCAR DUXFIELD

**F**antastic Mr. Fox is an animated, stop motion, adventure/comedy from 2009 based on the book of the same name by Roald Dahl. The basic synopsis of the film is a fox that loves to steal chickens has to attempt to not give in to his animalistic urges and instead find a safer form of “employment” to keep himself and his family safe.

The first noticeable thing about this film is the attention to detail within each frame. Usually an animated cartoon’s set pieces are not built and are only rendered on a computer. With stop motion however, each location has to be meticulously designed and through the dozens of locations created within this film none of them is just a generic set and they all have specific details that give us more information about the characters being portrayed within them. Ash’s bedroom is an excellent example of this. Each aspect of his room is tailored to show us his age and interests without it being shoved down our throats as a lesser film would. We are never told who Ash dresses up as; instead we are shown a small poster of “WhiteCape”, the crime fighting fox, and expected to piece it together for ourselves. I can’t stress how rare it is to find a movie that trusts its audience’s intelligence enough not to spoon feed them information as if they have the intellectual capacity of a baked potato. However,

Fantastic Mr. Fox finds the perfect balance between show and tell.

Attention to detail doesn’t just lie within the visuals however there are so many small gems to notice within the script and the music that add humour to an already hilarious film such as the use of the word “cuss” in the place of a swear word, or the randomly appearing musical instruments everyone plays during the campfire song. The script of this film is hugely engaging although it doesn’t follow the book faithfully, in my opinion, it improves upon it. No surprise, therefore, that it was able to attract such an impressive cast, which includes George Clooney, Bill Murray, Meryl Streep and Willem Dafoe, all of whom voice their parts tremendously. I especially loved Dafoe character “Rat” who had me in stitches with his quirks and mannerisms.

Fantastic Mr. Fox is allegory done right, Foxy can’t suppress his urge to steal chickens and likewise people can’t change who they are, that’s as simple as the message is and has to be. Most cartoons portray a simplistic tale of good overcoming evil. It’s unusual to find a cartoon portraying its hero as a flawed character who remains flawed right to the end, but this change of pace within cinema is a welcome one as it leads to an unpredictable outcome, a rarity within films today.

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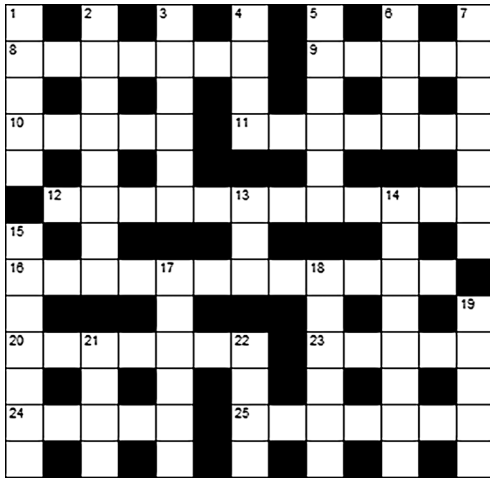
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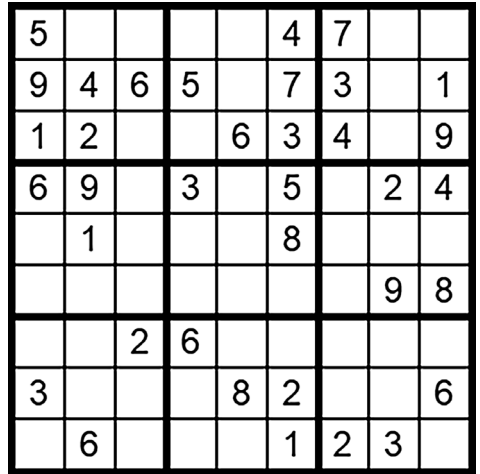


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### SUDOKU



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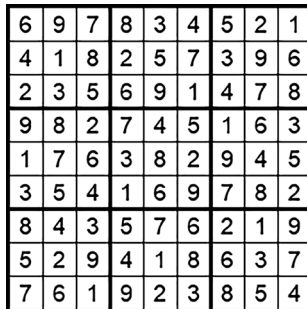
- 8 Headless, uninformed (7)
- 9 Capital of Egypt (5)
- 10 Soft, creamy confectionary (5)
- 11 Sharp pains (7)
- 12 Relinquishing (12)
- 16 Dismantle (4,2,6)
- 20 Harsh, radical (7)
- 23 Oppressor, persecutor (5)
- 24 Choice few, select (5)
- 25 Keep an eye on (7)

#### CROSSWORD CLUES

#### DOWN

- 1 1950s hairstyle (5)
- 2 Ill fortune (4,4)
- 3 Profession (6)
- 4 Chair (4)
- 5 Lively, agile (6)
- 6 Serenade, croon (4)
- 7 Formally deliver (7)
- 13 Sharp pinch (3)
- 14 Visionary, optimist (8)
- 15 Scrutinised (7)
- 17 Snigger (6)
- 18 Badge, insignia (6)
- 19 Oven-proof glass (5)
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- 22 Wooden shoe (4)

Last month's Brain Games solutions:  
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| Term 4             | 19 Feb - 29 Mar  | 35     |
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