

HRA Update May 2024, our 72nd and Final Edition

HRA Events: Reminders

On Friday 10th May we have our next HRA Film Night in the Upper Room of All Saints' Church House, New High Street at 7.30 p.m. (Doors at 7.00). We shall be showing *The Holdovers* (Cert. 15), an excellent new (2023) film which has had great reviews and numerous awards - feelgood in the best sense.

In this excellent warm-hearted comedy set in the 1970s an unpopular teacher, a rebellious student and a recently bereaved school cook form an unexpected bond while stuck together over the Christmas break. Great reviews: "A superb yet surprisingly moving comedy", *The Guardian*; "A film of well-turned wit and terrific performances", *The Independent*. Nominated for several Oscars (2024) Bar and refreshments. Disabled access. Entry £5 includes first drink.

On Saturday 11th May

WE NEED YOUR HELP



For over 20 years HRA has helped build our community through a regular programme of local events including concerts, street parties, cinema evenings, Christmas street carols with Santa, litterpicks, and much more. But we now need new members to join our committees and help continue our valuable work.

To find out more come to our **Recruitment Morning** and discuss with us what we do and chat with other members over tea/coffee. See if you'd like to join us.

Saturday May 11th drop in any time between 10 – 12 noon
at the Tree Garden, All Saints' Road (in All Saints' Church if weather is poor)

Looking forward to seeing you

HRA Committee

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HRA's Final Edition of Update: Regrettably, this is the final edition of Update. The Membership Secretary, who has kindly circulated it over the years, has been experiencing increasing difficulty with it being rejected by a number of email addresses, hence a simplified version of it is being circulated in the body of the email, rather than as an attachment. Moreover, apparently, the non-HRA-specific information must not exceed the HRA-specific information.

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Disclaimer: The information we give in each edition is, as far as we can tell, correct at the time of circulation but please be aware that it can change.

Non-HRA-specific Information

Traffic filters presentation - Wednesday 8th May, 7:45 p.m. - 9:15 p.m., in Headington Quarry Village Hall. In November, Oxfordshire County Council will bring in six traffic filters around the city, to speed up buses, improve their reliability, increase their frequency and introduce new routes. This meeting includes a clear, jargon-free presentation with a large map to help visualise the implications, and will answer common questions such as:

- Why are these filters being introduced?
- What do the passes mean in practice and how do I apply for mine?
- Which groups will have exemptions?

The focus will be on practicality, with plenty of time for questions and will give an understanding of how the filters will work, what they might mean for the kinds of journeys you make, and will give an indication of some choices you'll have when they are in operation.

This presentation will be given by Zuhura Plummer of Oxfordshire Liveable Streets, which is in favour of the measures, but primarily concerned with communicating these plans so people understand what is happening and why. The presentation will last for an hour, with time for Q&A, but Zuhura will be available for up to 30 mins afterwards to answer any further questions. **If you would like to attend, please register for the event [here](#).**

Don't get caught out by the change in passport rules. The Passport 10-year rule means that every day a hundred or so passengers heading to the EU are turned back at emigration. Explanation: A UK passport issued before September 2018 could be valid for up to 10 years and nine months because before 2018 the passport office used to add up to nine (unexpired) months from an old passport onto a new one. This means that some people have UK passports that have not officially expired, and are valid for travel in the rest of the world, but not in the EU because they were issued more than ten years ago. This did not matter while the UK was in the EU because passports were valid up to and including the expiry date. But you will now be denied travel to the EU if your passport issue date was more than 10 years ago.

Job Opportunity- Community Activities Directory: Last year the first edition of Headington's Community Activities Directory was created both as a booklet and online:

<https://www.headingtonaction.org/community-activity-directory.html>

Headington Action needs someone to support and develop the directory. This will involve adding new activities, liaising with activity providers, gauging impact and optionally developing the website.

The candidate must be confident, familiar with IT systems and have good interpersonal skills. This is a P/T paid post on a self-employed basis, approx. 3-4 hours a week at £18p.h.

If interested, contact Headington Action: headington.action@gmail.com

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Cloning of registration plates: be prepared in case it happens to you

- The main problem for victims is that it can be extremely time-consuming to prove that their vehicle was not in the area at the time of the crime.
- *What can motorists do if their vehicle registration has been cloned?*

- The first recommended action for the motorist is to take a time/dated photograph of the rear of their vehicle showing individual markings or stickers. A copy of this photo can be sent to any authority in the event of a fee being demanded, and a simple comparison of this photo with the authority's photo will prove that the clone is the illegal vehicle.
- Secondly, as soon as a charge is levied, the motorist should report the offence to the police and retain the crime reference number to cover any future eventuality.

Keep this information to hand...just in case

A suspicious email? Forward it to: report@phishing.gov.uk

A suspicious text? Forward it to 7726, or SPAM

A call supposedly from your bank? Phone 159 <https://stopscamsuk.org.uk/159>

(If you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details - stop, hang up and - preferably on another phone- call 159 -to speak directly to your bank)

Headington News website: <https://www.headington.org.uk/news/today.htm>