

HRA Update, Monday 29th November, our forty-seventh Update



Save the date! Please come and join us for HRA carols on **Saturday 11th December**.

We will meet at 6pm at the post box on All Saints' Road.

There will be refreshments afterwards and the chance to meet Father Christmas!

Shadow Puppet Show: 5.00 p.m Sunday 5th December in All Saints' Church House, New High Street. The show, lasting 45 minutes, and arranged by HRA member Rupert Ingram of Lime Walk, consists of a series of 14 sketches in shadows, and includes a song. Performed by one puppeteer and a sound effects assistant, it is primarily for children aged 4 and above, but adults tend to enjoy it as well. Reservations: 07407 345 802, [thedancingfirefly.com@gmail.com](mailto:thedancingfirefly@gmail.com)
Children £4.00, Adults: £5.00.

OXUS String Quartet: 'More Postcards from a String Quartet': Come on holidays with OXUS and sample musical snapshots from around the world: from sunny Parisian boulevards to a Mexican railway station, from New Zealand whaling boats to the pastoral English countryside. No Passenger Locator Form needed! Let us transport you... Tickets £10.50 / £5.50. Sunday December 5th, All Saints' Church, Headington, 7p.m. [Book tickets](#).

Lye Valley/ Town Furze, application 21/02639/FUL- deadline for comments extended to Dec 3: You can help protect this rare habitat by objecting to the planning application to build two four-bedroom houses on the hillside just above the fen, threatening the water supply and thereby the long-term survival of this rare, protected habitat. **Register your comments on the planning application [here](#)**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Tues 28 Dec 2021	Wed 29 Dec 2021
Wed 29 Dec 2021	Thur 30 Dec 2021
Thur 30 Dec 2021	Fri 31 Dec 2021
Fri 31 Dec 2021	Tues 4 January 2022
Tues 4 Jan 2022	Wed 5 Jan 2022
Wed 5 Jan 2022	Thur 6 Jan 2022
Thur 6 Jan 2022	Fri 7 Jan 2022
Fri 7 Jan 2022	Sat 8 January 2022

Bring and Fix Café: Do you lack the know-how to fix your broken appliances? The Repair Café, formerly at the Bullingdon Centre, now operates from the Gladstone Road Community Centre, OX3 8LL every Tuesday 10-12, and experts will mend your small electric and household appliances. Free tea/coffee and biscuits, parking available, donations welcome. Last date before Christmas December 14. Re-opens January 4. Any questions? Phone 07792 49 13 50.

National Tree Planting Week: November 27th to Decemb5th: this heralds the start of the best tree planting season, which lasts until March. Three new trees will shortly appear in Highfield, thanks to Cllr. Altaf.

Changes to Oxford's bus network: A combination of factors has led to a revision of bus services as of 2 January 2022. Timetables, maps and information about any ticket changes or refunds, can be found at the following operator websites:

- Stagecoach <http://stgce.co/zC4O50GViiV>
- Oxford Bus Company and Thames Travel <https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/news>

Scams abound at this time of year when everyone is super-busy, among them is the well-known 'You were out when we tried to deliver your parcel.' It is all too easy to think 'I'd never fall for that!', but people do fall for scams- otherwise the scammers would never try it on.

Lottery Fraud and How to Avoid becoming a Victim: Criminals inform unsuspecting victims that they have won a lottery or prize draw. Victims may be asked to provide personal and financial details so that they can be sent a small payment to verify the account. These details are then used to steal the victim's money. In reality, the winnings are non-existent and it is an attempt to steal the victim's money, and personal or financial information.

Alternatively, to receive their 'winnings', victims are asked to pay a fee in advance. Offers of large sums of money in return for a small upfront payment should always raise a red flag. Thinking 'Could this be a fake?' could keep you safe. You cannot win a prize in a competition that you never entered. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

For further protection advice about lotteries and competitions see the [Gambling Commission's website](https://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/).

If you think you've been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and report it online at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or by calling 0300 123 2040.

Online shopping scams cost shoppers £15.4 million over the Christmas period last year: Action Fraud, the national reporting centre for fraud and cyber-crime, reveals that **28,049 shoppers were conned out of their money** when shopping online over the Christmas period last year – an increase of almost two thirds (61%) compared to the same period in the previous year. Action Fraud warns us to take extra care when shopping online as reports of online shopping fraud continue to surge. The following simple tips will help you and your family enjoy a secure online shopping experience this festive season.

- **Where to shop:** Buying from an online store you have not used before? Carry out some research first, or ask a friend or family member if they have used the site and about their experience before completing the purchase.
- **Your information:** Only create an account if necessary, or to save you effort if you will be using that site a lot in the future. Be cautious if the website asks you for details that are not required for your purchase, such as your mother's maiden name or the name of your primary school.
- **Payment:** Before paying, check there is a 'closed padlock' icon in the browser's address bar. Preferably use a credit card when shopping online; most major credit card providers protect online purchases.
- **Phishing:** Some messages about amazing offers may contain links to fake websites. If you are unsure about a link, do not use it – go separately to the website. Report suspicious emails by forwarding them to: report@phishing.gov.uk. Report suspicious text messages by forwarding them to: **7726**.
- **Email accounts:** Make sure that your really important accounts (such as your email account or online shopping accounts) are protected by strong passwords that you do not use anywhere else. Need help changing your email account password? You can use these links to find step by step instructions: [Gmail](#), [Yahoo! Mail](#), [Outlook, BT](#), [AOL Mail](#).
- **If things go wrong:** If you have lost money to an online shopping scam, tell your bank and report it as a crime to [Action Fraud](#) (for England, Wales and Northern Ireland) or [Police Scotland](#) (for Scotland). By doing this, you will be helping to prevent others becoming victims of cyber-crime.

Oxfordshire County Council Interactive Covid-19 Dashboard: See the facts at:

https://phdashboard.oxfordshire.gov.uk/?utm_source=YourOxfordshire&utm_campaign=41e26f4a48-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2021_02_26_11_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_206c6fb447-41e26f4a48-408038548

Headington News website: <http://www.headington.org.uk/news/items/coronavirus.html>

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	HRA Covid-19 Support Group:	<u>hra-covid19-support@googlegroups.com</u>

Useful contacts for people seeking information or help outside the HRA area:

Local data on Covid-19 <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/coronavirus-covid-19/controlling-local-coronavirus-outbreaks/stopping-spread>

Oxford Hub: <https://www.oxfordhub.org/>

The City Council provides a single point of contact for people to ask for help they may need as a result of Covid-19: [oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/CommunityAssistance) or 01865 249 811 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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