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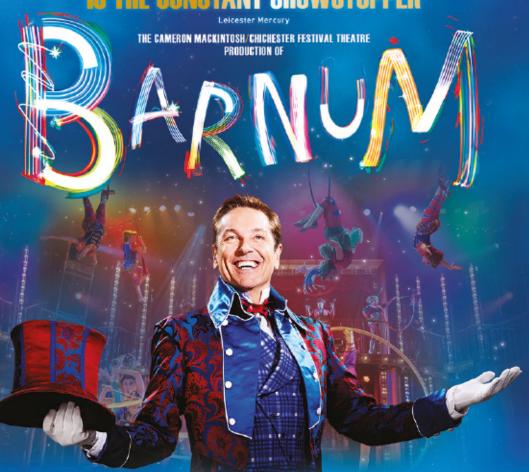
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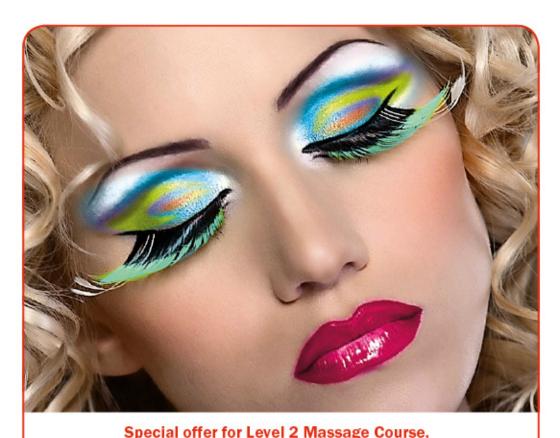


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BBB - Still going strong after 70 years

My daughter began learning cornet at school last year and we quickly decided that the instrument she had been provided with wasn't up to snuff. It was tarnished, dented and cursed with troublesome valves. She would have been better off playing a length of hose capped with a funnel. So we decided to trawl Ebay and found a cornet for sale just a couple of miles up the road in Fairfield.

The seller was a member of Besses Boys Band and was trading up to a new cornet, priced somewhere in the region of a well-loved second hand car. During the sale she asked my daughter if she'd be interested in joining the Besses training band and handed us a card with the contact details of Tom Ridgley, the training band leader.

I was aware of Besses Boys Band, having been impressed by their yearly appearances at Prestwich Clough Day but I'd not considered how anyone actually joined. I just assumed that membership was a matter of regional and familial inheritance, like being chosen as a

carnival queen. But we were assured that Besses was welcoming and open to all.

We gave Tom a call and my daughter attended her first band practice in Whitefield a week later, I confess that I expected the training band to sound like a faulty central heating system. All groans, clanks and off-key parps. But what I heard was something quite magical. They weren't perfect but they were a real band and over the weeks it was a pleasure to hear them

become better and tighter.

Tom takes obvious pride in his role and his youthful enthusiasm and dedication is infectious, transferring to the band. It's also mirrored by the broader band community. An engine room of supportive parents and dedicated members of the main Besses brass bands, who ferry members and equipment, raise funds and organise competitions and performances.

Most importantly, these people keep the band going. Besses brass band is a long-standing local institution and the Boys band has been in operation since 1943. Beyond the practices, the performances and the joy of the music, everyone involved realises that they are part of a precious rolling history. Preparing the ground for the next generation and the next and the next.

Besses Boys Training Band perform at Eden Gardens Allotment, Whitefield on May 9th.

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BOOK REVIEW

The Reader by Bernhard Schlink

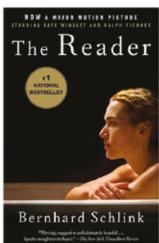
This year sees the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the horrors of the Holocaust came to the world's attention. In the intervening years many great pieces of literature have been written to explore why it happened, and the consequences of it. One such book is The Reader by the German author, Bernhard Schlink, Set in West Germany in 1958, Michael, a 15-year-old falls ill with hepatitis and befriends a 36-year-old woman, Hanna. They develop a close relationship until she

suddenly disappears a few months later. The narrative then skips to six years later where Michael, now a law student, is observing a war crimes trial. On trial are a group of female SS guards who served at Auschwitz. Michael has to battle his emotions and the reader is asked, along with the protagonist, to question why such atrocities were allowed to happen and how can we stop them happening again. The issue of how ordinary Germans carried out Nazi orders is one that Germans have struggled to come to terms with and Schlink explores this in a touching manner.

The style of writing is sparse at times – with little explanation offered to the reader at times. It can appear blunt, but offers a clarity that forces the reader to engage with the subject matter. It reflects how the post-war generations in Germany have struggled to come to terms with the actions of ordinary Germans during the war.

Once by Morris Gleiztman

Adult literature is not alone in dealing with the Holocaust, and there are in fact many pieces of children's literature that aim to



introduce the events and the effects of them. One such book is Once by Morris Gleiztman. It is the first is a series of four books which tell of the life of Felix, a 10 year old Polish Jew in 1942. For three years. Felix has lived in an orphanage, waiting for his parents return for him. They own a book shop and Felix believes that this is why they had to leave him. He has seen Nazis burning books and figures out that it must be

dangerous to be a bookseller. His parents must have sent him to the orphanage to keep him safe. However, he soon learns that it is not being a bookseller that is dangerous.

Gleiztman is very careful to write at an appropriate level for his young audience whilst not sanitising the dreadful events that Felix finds himself caught up in. The young reader will learn, along with Felix, exactly what is



taking place across Europe. Yes, it is shocking, yes it is moving, and yes, be prepared for questions from a child who is reading this. It is aimed at readers in their first year or two at secondary school and offers a good age-appropriate introduction to a subject that they will most likely encounter in History or RE lessons.









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The award-winning developer, best known for building multi-million pound homes in south Manchester, is throwing open the doors to a lux ury show home at its new Bankside Place development in late April.

Bankside Place is one of Altin's Bijou Collection developments. As such, Bankside Place will feature a high level, luxury specification with many features, fixtures and fittings 'borrowed' from Altin's super homes.

Speaking about

the Bijou Collection homes, Altin's managing director, Mohammad Khoy said, "The concept behind these properties is simple.

*Rather than approach the design and build thinking how can we make these properties look good with a minimum amount of specification we are looking to integrate as many features as we can to make the properties extra special for their owners.

"We love design, we love luxury and that's reflected in the homes at Bankside Place. I'm extremely proud of what we have achieved."

The development features only thirteen four and five bedrooms detached and semi-detached homes with a choice of interior layouts and external facades.

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Sales at the development are being handled by local estate agent, Clive Anthony. Commenting on the showhome opening. Anthony Horwich said, "We are delighted to be representing Altin Homes and promoting this fabulous development.

"The properties on offer are really varied so homebuyers will have a fantastic choice. We have had a lot of early interest in Bankside Place and are looking forwards to a successful launch in late April."

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9	Territory (8)
11	Highest point, peak (4)
12	Middle (6)
14	Yield (6)
16	Golf club (4)
18	Concepts, proposals (8)
20	Cab (4)
21	Muse, ponder (8)
23	Musical or colour harmony (5)
24	Layers (5)

Indicator, meter (5)

Down

1	Real, true (7)
2	Overturn (5)
3	Fade, wane (3)
4	Conductor, terminal (9)
5	Attendant, minion (7)
6	Depart (5)
10	Indistinguishable (9)
13	Strain, stress (7)
15	Ineffectual, futile (7)
17	Respond, reply (5)
19	Lift, elevate (5)
22	Enmesh, nab (3)

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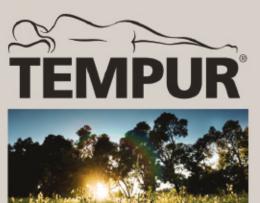
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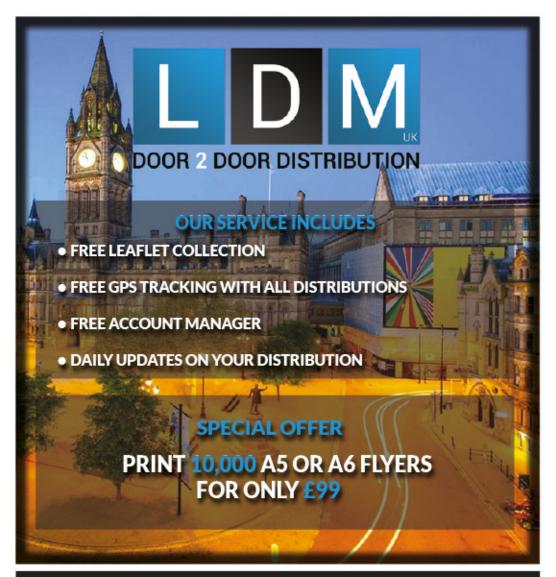
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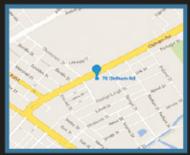
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Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking time: 15-20 minutes Cooling time: 15 minutes

Decorating time: 10-15 minutes

Ingredients

For the cakes

115g (4oz) softened butter or margarine 115g (4oz) caster sugar 2 eggs, lightly beaten 85g (3oz) self-raising flour 25g (1oz) cocoa powder (optional - for chocolate cupcakes)

For the topping

85g (3oz) softened butter 175g (5oz) icing sugar 25g (1oz) cocoa powder 1 tablespoon milk 3 drops vanilla extract 2 packets mini eggs

Method

Preheat the oven to 180 C / Gas 4.

Place the butter in a mixing bowl with the sugar. Beat until light and fluffy. Then gradually beat in the eggs, a little at a time.

Sift the flour and cocoa powder (if using) into the mixture. Fold them in with a large spoon until combined. Use a teaspoon to dollop the mixture into silicon cases, or paper cases, lining a patty tin.

Bake in the preheated oven until well risen and firm to touch, 15 to 20 minutes. Keep checking them so they don't burn. Transfer to a wire rack to cool.

To make the buttercream topping, place the butter in a bowl. Sift in the icing sugar and cocoa, and then add the milk and vanilla essence.

Beat until really light and fluffy.

When the cupcakes have cooled, ice the cakes. It looks good if the icing is piped on into a nest shape, but this is optional. Place chocolate eggs in the centre of each nest to decorate.



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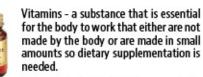
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Project Pleasure

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Strawberry Pots

You don't need a huge patch to enjoy growing strawberries. Plant a few in pots as a treat. Buy young, rich green plants which have been certified virus-free. Plant 3-4 in a 12 inch (30cm) day pot. The crowns (where shoots meet roots) should be level with the compost surface. Water them in and stand in the shelter of a house wall. If

you have a greenhouse or a cold frame they will establish more quickly and fruit earlier. Pinch off any runners which form.

Grass

Lawns always look bedraggled after the winter. Remove dead grass by raking the surface with a wire toothed rake. Improve drainage on heavy soil by spiking it with a garden fork every 6 inches (15cm) or so, to a depth of about 4 inches (10cm), giving the fork a good wiggle each time. Sweep sharp sand into the holes with a broom. Then mow the lawn with the blades set on high and remove the clippings. Two weeks later apply a combined weed killer and fertilizer. If you're lucky it will rain within 24 hours. If not just water it in. Mow weekly to keep the lawn thick and healthy.

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It's not all down to on the pitch activity for that to happen. The club will have to meet the ground grading criteria and a massive amount of work has taken place over the last two months to meet those requirements.

New Dressing rooms have been installed as well as a covered spectator stand to improve the facilities for players and spectators alike.

The final ground grading will take place in early April and if that box is ticked it will then be about getting that top five spot.

Heys have four games remaining to cement that position but they also have two Cup Finals to look forward too.

They will face Manchester League rivals Walshaw at Bury FC on Monday 27th April, kick off 6.30pm in the Kenyon Cup Final.

Jon Lyons team have also made it through to the Atherton Charity Cup Final after beating NW Counties League Ashton Town in the semi-final 2-1. Heys will play either Howe Bridge Mills or AFC Monton in the Final.

The Reserves also have silverware in their sights. Going into their final six matches they require three more wins to win the Reserve League title.

It all adds up to a massive and era defining month for the club who are looking for the local community to really get behind them.

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