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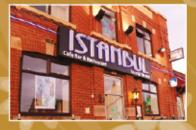
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By the time you read this the country will have voted for a group of people to run things. The red team, the blue team or perhaps a coalition of the almost-chosen. guaranteed to spend the next five years squabbling and making bad decisions, Or maybe, if we're lucky, a cabal of benevolent aliens will have decided to step in and save us from ourselves. But as farcical as politics seems at times, I hope you used your right to vote.



I admit that politics confuses me. There's never a clear answer to anything and the concept of choosing the right people to manage something as complex and sprawling as government seems beyond anyone's ken. Especially so when the candidates on offer often appear woefully unfit for the task.

Two types of people seem to enter politics; those who are genuinely moved by a desire to do the best for their fellow man and power-hungry narcissists, bent on securing contracts for their wealthy associates. Apart from the odd exception, I struggle to tell the two sides apart. Tit for tat bickering makes it hard to trust either side so I end up trusting almost no one. The slimy one is accused of greasing the way for business self-interest and responds with the accusation that their accuser once consumed half a glass of cider when they were 17, making them morally corrupt and completely unfit to assess the

deficit.

But the reason I hope you voted is that government and politics do matter and that some of the people involved in it are doing their best for your community. You've probably seen them. They're the ones busying about at Clough Day and Prestwich Carnival. Getting stuck in at the Prestwich Village 'Big Spring Clean' or organising Christmas events. In short, the ones who get things done.

So I hope you voted and I hope you kept these people in mind because they're the ones who are going to sort things out. You weren't voting for Miliband, Cameron et al (and really, I wish I could have voted for Sturgeon), you were voting for local candidates. And I trust that you voted not for the smoothest talker or the person who lied most convincingly about immigration but the best person for the job. By the time this is published, we'll see.

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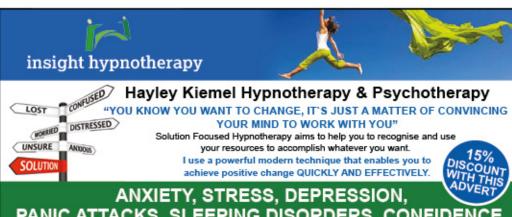












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BOOK REVIEW

The Poison Tree by Erin Kelly

Finding your way in the world after leaving school can be daunting, and for Karen this is no different. A language student at a college in London she has a chance encounter with Biba, an exotic and bohemian student, and Karen's life will never be the same again. Biba lives with her brother Rex

in a crumbling gothic style townhouse in London, with a lifestyle that could not be further from the suburban humdrum that Karen grew up in. She is drawn to these two siblings and so begins a summer of freedom, cheap wine, experimental drugs and sexual adventures. The lure of Biba's personality is tremendous and Karen clearly aspires to be like her.

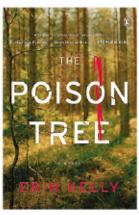
Then, one day, their idyllic summer comes crashing to a halt. Karen learns the truth of Biba and Rex's family life and an unexpected visitor leads to tragedy. A more mature Karen looks back on the events of that summer ten years later as she comes to terms with her role in everything.

As a reader, you know from the start that something is going to happen. Like a car crash in slow motion you can see it coming as Karen absorbs more and more of Biba's exotic nature. Yet, when the author brings things to a climax you are thrown, dazed and shocked, along with Karen, in a debut novel that will stay with you long after you close it for the final time..

The Maze Runner by James Dashner

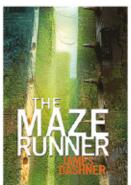
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Post-apocalyptic and dystopian literature seems to be all the rage in the Young Adult



fiction market these days. Hot on the heels of the successful Hunger Games and Divergent trilogies comes The Maze Runner. Initially published in 2009 it came to prominence with the release of the film adaptation in 2014. Thomas is a teenager who awakes to find himself in a box in a place called the Glade. He has no memory of who he is or how he came to be here, but he is thrown into this new community, and as a reader so are you. Before long you become familiar with the terminology used by the boys and you feel as if you are a Glader along with them.

As Thomas adjusts to his new home he learns about the Maze which surrounds the Glade. Each day the walls open and a select group of runners spend daylight hours exploring and mapping it. It is a race against the clock because at sunset the Grievers – giant



robotic creatures –
enter the Maze
and they are
deadly. The walls
close to protect
the community
and overnight the
structure of the
Maze changers,
leaving the
runners to start
again in the
morning.

The big mystery is why. Why are Thomas and the other boys there and why do the Grievers come out to get them? Why do the walls in the Maze change and will the runners ever solve it. However, more importantly why has a girl been sent to the Glade and why has all communication with the outside world suddenly stopped?

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Recently, Bury Mayor, Councillor Mrs Michelle Wiseman, led a special 100th anniversary civic visit to Gallipoli and especially to the Lancashire Landing Cemetery.

The civic leaders were there to pay respect to the fallen and in particular to the extremely brave men of the Bury based, Lancashire Fusiliers Regiment. They first visited W Beach where British and commonwealth troops arrived at dawn on the 25th April 1915. Other servicemen who fought and died at Gallipoli included 'Anzac' troops from Australia and New Zealand and the Zion Mule Corps comprising Jewish pioneers from the Holy Land who provided vital logistical support, ferrying food and ammunition from the landing craft to the front lines. The Aegean Sea was deceptively calm and shallow looking on that fateful, spring day but many drowned after disembarking from the ship before even reaching land, weighed down with their 40 kg backpacks and



inappropriate footwear, not suitable for the rocky terrain.

High on the rocks above, Ottoman Turks had been preparing for the battle for over a year and were hidden on the hillsides in wait. The gallantry displayed on that day led to the famous "Six Before Breakfast* awards in which half a dozen Victoria Crosses were eventually given in recognition of the bravery shown by the

1st Battalion, the Lancashire Fusiliers. The successful capture of "W Beach," however, came at a terrible price, with around 700 members of the regiment being killed or wounded on the first day. The military disaster led to the resignation of the First Lord of the Admiralty, whose plan it was, a young Liberal MP named Winston Churchill.



As a consequence of the campaign, the Lancashire Fusiliers suffered a total of eighty-eight officers and 1,728 other ranks killed and an estimated 6,000 wounded. Decorations awarded to the Lancashire Fusiliers included the 6 Victoria Crosses, 3 Companion of the Bath, 8 Distinguished Service Orders, 25 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 10 Military Crosses.

The Mayor was accompanied by her daughter the Mayoress, Danielle Wiseman; Rev. Dr John Findon, Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Bury: Colonel Eric Davidson. Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; Councillor Mike Connolly, Leader of Bury Council and Mike Kelly immediate past chief executive of Bury Council. The group held a short memorial service at the cemetery. The Mayor and Mayoress read from the Psalms of David, Chapters 23 (the Lord is my shepherd) and 121 (Hift up my eyes to the mountains) in both English and the original Hebrew. Councillor Connolly read from the Gospel of St. John. The Rector of Bury read the Lancashire Fusiliers' Collect, the Lord's Prayer and the famous poem: "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning: We will remember them."

Poppies were left on the graves of the Lancashire Fusiliers' Christian and Jewish soldiers and on the graves of the Zion Mule Corps. The young mayoress, Danielle Wiseman, described her feelings at being there: "Looking out over the sea at W Beach I imagined what the scene would have been 100 years ago and tried to capture the thoughts going through the boys' minds. Visiting the Lancashire Landing Cemetery I thought about all those mothers having to say goodbye to their sons knowing they were off to battle. It was as if history had come alive and I know what I saw and how I felt will stay with me forever."



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1	Prejudice based on ethnicity (6)
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5 8	Hope, desire (4)
9	Addictive drug (8)
10	Sacred songs or hymns (6)
	Sacred sories or Histing (6)
11	Marrying twice without
	divorce (crime) (6)
12	Dull heavy noise (4)
14	Sick (3)
15	Femalé (4)
16	Horror-struck (6)
18	Place of Christian worship (6)
20	Nazi symbol (8)
	Military force (4)
22	Military force (4)
23	Iconic Australian city (6)
24	Twinging, hurting (6)
	irringing, narting (o)

Down

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)
13	Main road, carriageway (7)
15	Hungarian soup or stew (7)
17	Set a fire with criminal intent (5)
19	Pungent spice (5)
21	Evergreen climbing plant (3)
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mince

1tbsp flour

4 garlic cloves, chopped

400g can chopped tomatoes

1 beef stock cube

2 tbsp tomato purée

2 onions, finely chopped

3 red peppers, deseeded and diced

large pack coriander (stalks for the chilli,

leaves for the salsa)

2 x 400g cans black beans

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Salsa

Three large ripe tomatoes
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Avocado
Handful of coriander leaves (reserved from the bunch)

Method

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Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the onion, coriander stalks and garlic together. Remove from the pan and set aside.

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Add the spices and cook for a further minute.
Return the onions and coriander stalks to the pan, stir to mix. Add the flour and cook for another minute.

Add the tomatoes and a can of water, crumble in the stock cube, then stir in the tomato purée and chopped peppers.

Cover the pan and cook for 15 mins. Stir in the drained black beans. Cook for a further 20 mins more until everything is reduced and tender.

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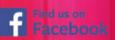
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GARDEN VIEW

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For example; did you know that bonsai specimens and topiary gardens were introduced at Chelsea in 1913? Rock gardens were introduced in the 1940's and decking in the eighties. All of these can now be bought in garden centres up and down the land.

In 2006 James Dyson even produced a water feature in which the water ran uphill. Actually I'm still waiting for my garden centre to stock one of those! Maybe one day...

Chelsea isn't just about high fashion though; it reflects environmental trends too. In recent years there have been hosepipe bans in the great Pavillion and many of the gardens have showcased drought-tolerant planting schemes.

Chelsea draws over 150 000 visitors each year. For the past ten years it's been held over five days

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instead of four, such is its popularity.

The sheer quantity and varieties of plants on display to the general public is breathtaking.

Chelsea really is window-shopping at its finest. It's like walking through a real-life version of the best garden design catalogue in the world.

And if you visit on the last day you don't have to restrict yourself to window shopping. At 4pm precisely a bell rings and the great Chelsea sell-off begins.

The poor designers, after all their hard work, begin the mammoth task of dismantling their creations. The good news is that the public can buy them. It's perfectly possible to end up owning a little piece of a prize winning garden. So what should you choose?

If it were me I'd want something special; a reminder of my visit. I'd go for a species which I know would grow in my garden, but an unusual variety, not available in my local garden centre. In my case it would probably be an unusual lavender or fuchsia.

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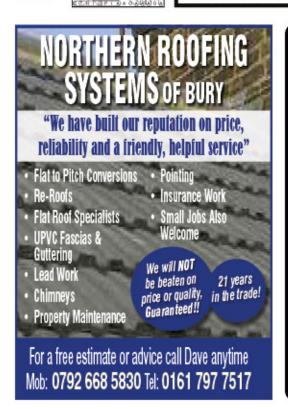
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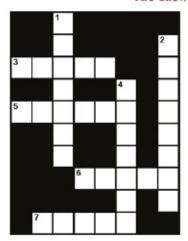






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The club is understandably hugely disappointed at the outcome. Around £50,000 has been spent and many hours of work completed since January to try and achieve promotion. This has seen new Dressing rooms, a spectator stand and new dugouts built.

The club are determined to press on and build up on the progress they have made and the support received from the local community over the past months and deliver Counties football to Prestwich.

Once the dust has settled club management will sit down on work on future plans to ensure that next season they will be accepted.

The league season ended somewhat disappointingly for Heys with four defeats in the last six games ending their title hopes. However, they still seemed set for a top six finish having collected 49points from their 30 games.

They also still have two Cup Finals to play. They were due to face Walshaw in the Kenyon Cup Final at Gigg Lane on 27th April

Meanwhile, on the 7th May they had an Atherton Charity Cup Final date with either Howe Bridge or AFC Monton at Atherton Collieries ground to look forward to.

The club already have some silverware in the trophy cabinet after the Reserves were crowned the Manchester League Division Two Champions.

Their coronation was confirmed when the only side who could prevent them topping the table, Rochdale Sacred Heart, were beaten 4-2 at Springhead.

It marked a tremendous effort over the season that has seen them win the league with four games to spare. They have won 15 of their 22 games and lost only once whilst being third top scorers and possessing the meanest defence.

They have been in the top two for the whole

season in what has been a tremendous effort, playing good football and in the right spirit as they have twice won the Respect reward.

The club will be holding it's annual Adie Moran Day on 10th May with the 1st team playing a former players team, bouncy castle and BBQ amongst the attractions.

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So compact, yet so purposeful, it looks a handful just parked up let alone on the move! The SI's power output of 228bhp and the prospect of fun at speeds at least resembling the legal limit, not to mention a price tag that starts below £25,000, make it a very enticing package.

As with all the models in Audi's A1 range, the S1 has a lovely interior. It's just as nice as the bigger A3 but obviously you lose some passenger space in the rear, as well as luggage space.

But the A1 and S1 are prettier and simply more fun to be around than the 'plain' A3 and its undeserving reputation of being driven by idiots. Tech-wise, the tiny S1 is equipped to the hilt. Audi's MMI system makes an appearance and delivers all the familiar features including integrated satnay, media interface and smartphone integration. I still maintain that Audi's MMI interface is much nicer to use than BMW's iDrive and Merc's COMAND

Audi haven't skimped on the engine, it has a turbo-charged 2.0-litre petrol engine and Audi's legendary quattro system connected to a manual gearbox.

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The power output may be nothing special, but the 272lb/ft of torque is a talking point in a car so tiny and the 0-60 time of 5.7 seconds is even more impressive. The S1 bolts down back roads like a rat-catching terrier. The engine isn't very loud but it can get a bit throaty and you get some old-school turbo lag gives the car a little added character. Makes you wonder if Audi have done this on purpose. Combine that with excellent grip and perfect quattro traction and you have a real gem of a car. It's ridiculous how capable it is given its status as a tiny hatchback sitting at the bottom of the Audi range.

On the tech side, the SI doesn't really do anything hugely dramatic we haven't seen before on other hot hatches. In doesn't rewrite the rulebook for car tech and it's not a futuristic car. But that could be because we've been spoilt with such a high level of technology from Audi in the last couple of years.

So, if you want something, compact, manageable and classy with great road presence and plenty of performance in the real world, it's hard to see how Audi's S1 can possibly be beaten. Just don't buy one in 'Vegas yellow'. Please.



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