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Welcome to the **January/February** edition of Inside Magazine, the local magazine for Chingford and Highams Park.

If there's ever a time of year designed to make me hibernate at home, it's January and February. It's cold and grey – that's both the weather and my skin – and general lethargy rules the roost. Top of my 'to do' list is blankets, tea, and endless TV.

For a day or two, this can be blissful. But that cosy cocoon quickly becomes too much of a good thing. I'm sure I'm not on my own here. So what's the answer?

According to online wellness advisers (who don't look like they've had a down day in their lives), the solution is simple: get outside. Ignore the weather, pull on a generous number of loose layers – ideal if you over-indulged at Christmas – and plant yourself squarely in the middle of nature. And it has to be proper green space; 30 minutes around the block, dragging your reluctant pooch, doesn't count.

You might think that an hour or two outdoors won't make much difference and that once you're home, everything will feel the same. But apparently a bit of distance from your winter den, combined with a boost of oxygen, really does something for your motivation.

Maybe you'll tackle something small, like finally sorting out that drawer full of mismatched gloves. Or maybe it's the home project you've been putting off for months. And if you do decide to go big, any home-improvement company or tradesperson will be delighted to help you start the year with some new ideas.

Tania Houston

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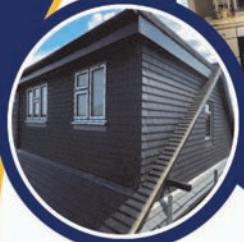


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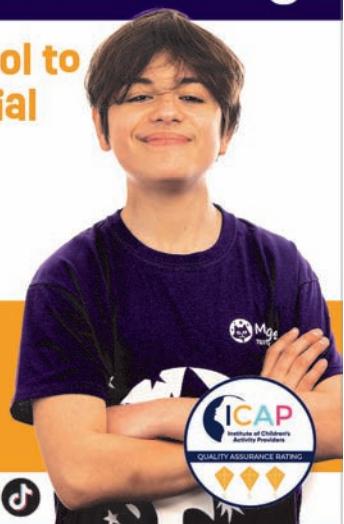
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Cooking time 25-40 minutes

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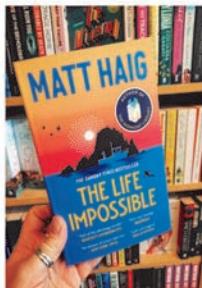
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5	7			9
2		8		3
		3	6	5
4	6	3		8
7		2	1	4
8	9	2		
	9	6		1
3			6	5

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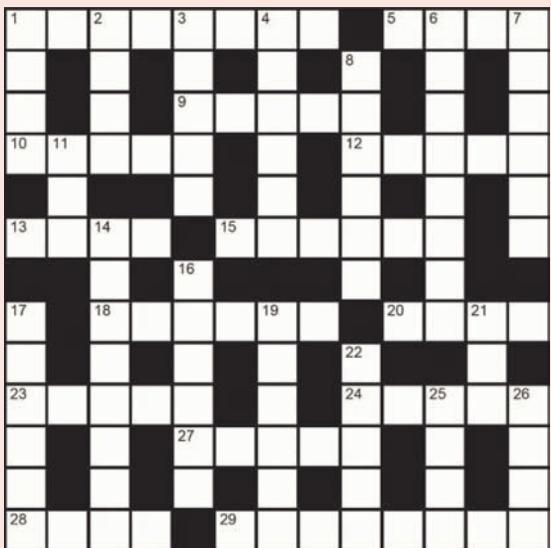
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Solution on page 26



Across

1. Ruffian, yob (8)
5. Young, unmarried woman (4)
9. Covered with lather (5)
10. Frame of iron bars to hold a fire (5)
12. Downy juicy fruit (5)
13. Material effigy worshipped as a god (4)
15. Art of growing miniature trees (6)
18. Flatfish with distinctive orange spots (6)
20. Organ of photosynthesis and transpiration in plants (4)
23. Kitchen appliance used for cooking food (5)
24. Bottomless gulf or pit (5)
27. Cloak, often knitted (5)
28. Musical instrument (4)
29. Concerning someone's private life (8)

Down

1. Let droop (4)
2. Killer whale (4)
3. Picture placed within the bounds of a larger one (5)
4. Slowly, in musical tempo (6)
6. Rough (8)
7. Bag containing a small amount of ointment or shampoo, etc (6)
8. Ring road (6)
11. Primary colour (3)
14. Adversary (8)
16. Most secure (6)
17. Fin on the back of a fish (6)
19. Separate or cut with a sharp instrument (6)
21. Hardy and sure-footed animal (3)
22. Bundles, of straw or hay, for example (5)
25. Be wide open (4)
26. Marine mammal (4)

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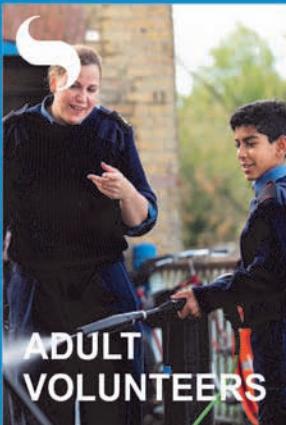
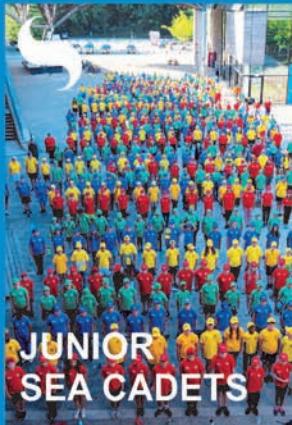
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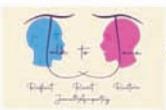
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The Yorkshire Dales

Yorkshire, Cumbria and Lancashire

The Yorkshire Dales boast limestone cliffs and sweeping valleys. Pedal down country lanes and look out for Roman remains. Intermediate cyclists will enjoy the Settle to Malham Cove loop in North Yorkshire, which includes a climb up to Malham Tarn. For a greater challenge, the Park Rash climb beckons.

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Isle of Arran, Scotland

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Rise and shine

By Susannah Hickling

How to ensure a healthy start to the day on cold winter mornings.

Wake up naturally

Ditch the alarm if you want to set yourself up for the day. Research has shown that people who wake up naturally feel more awake more quickly and are more likely to feel rested throughout the day. To make it work, go to bed at a time that allows your body to find its natural – or circadian – rhythm, and turn in at the same time every night.

Go outside

Getting out into the daylight as soon as possible after waking up will help you feel alert during the day and sleepy at bedtime. The fresh air, exercise and being in nature will also boost your mood.

Delay your coffee

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QUIZ!

(answers on page 26)

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1. Who won the US Masters in 2025 to become the first European golfer to complete a career grand slam?
2. In 2025, Blaise Metreweli became the first female to become the head of which organisation?
3. Who played the "Legends" slot at the 2025 Glastonbury Festival?
4. With the USA imposing tariffs on it despite the islands being uninhabited, Heard Island and McDonald Islands is a territory of which country?
5. Which video game was the basis for a 2025 film advertised with the tagline "Be There and Be Square"?
6. Name the only two teams that England defeated in normal time during the 2025 UEFA Women's Championship.
7. Which chart-topping singer was part of an all-female crew that flew into space in April 2025?
8. In April 2025, it was reported that which TV show helped boost Thai takeaway orders in the UK by up to 25 per cent?
9. The 2025 series of the BBC TV show Race Across the World started in China and ended at the southernmost point of which country?
10. Which famous person died in 2025, just days after visitors to an event in Birmingham could pay 666 pounds to meet him and his family?

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PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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Across:

1 Hooligan, 5 Lass, 9 Soapy, 10 Grate, 12 Peach, 13 Idol, 15 Bonsai, 18 Plaice, 20 Leaf, 23 Range, 24 Abyss, 27 Shawl, 28 Lute, 29 Personal.

Down:

1 Hang, 2 Orca, 3 Inset, 4 Adagio, 6 Abrasive, 7 Sachet, 8 Bypass, 11 Red, 14 Opponent, 16 Safest, 17 Dorsal, 19 Cleave, 21 Ass, 22 Bales, 25 Yawn, 26 Seal.

Sudoku [page 12](#)

5	3	7	2	1	4	9	6	8
2	6	4	5	8	9	3	1	7
1	9	8	3	7	6	2	5	4
9	4	5	6	3	7	1	8	2
8	1	2	4	9	5	7	3	6
3	7	6	8	2	1	5	4	9
6	8	1	9	5	2	4	7	3
4	5	9	7	6	3	8	2	1
7	2	3	1	4	8	6	9	5

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- 1) Rory McIlroy
- 2) MI6 (the Secret Intelligence Service)
- 3) Rod Stewart
- 4) Australia
- 5) Minecraft (the film is called A
- 6) Wales and the Netherlands
- 7) Katy Perry
- 8) The White Lotus
- 9) India
- 10) Ozzy Osbourne

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