

## Wokingham election meeting with all candidates

This meeting scheduled for this evening at the Forest School has been cancelled by the organisers following the tragic events in Manchester and the decision of the main parties to suspend election activity.

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## Blether Tay-Gither – Storytelling in Dundee



From [Blether Tay-Gither](#) :

Our May Blether will be on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at 7pm in Madigan's Food Emporium and Bookshop, Castle Street.

The theme this month is "The rites of Spring."

Hope to see some of you there – all welcome!

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## A third of graduates to work in first-tier cities

A recent employment survey has revealed 33.5 percent of new graduates from colleges and universities this year have signed contracts with employers in the country's first-tier cities: including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen.

The survey was recently carried out by Zhilian Recruitment, one of China's biggest recruitment websites. The company surveyed 93,420 respondents, which included graduates holding master's and doctoral degrees.

An additional 33.1 percent of graduates, who took part in the survey, were expected to work in newer first-tier cities, which referred to more than 10 large metropolises including Tianjin, Qingdao, Wuhan, Nanjing and Chengdu.

A total of 14.4 percent of graduates were also willing to work in smaller cities, and an additional 19 percent of graduates expected to work in large regional cities.

While comparing the low cost of living and ever-increasing job opportunities in small and medium cities, the survey revealed graduates still preferred to live in larger municipalities due to inclusiveness and acceptance.

Graduates were also shown to earn an average monthly salary of 4,014 yuan (\$582.3). However, on average, graduates with degrees in law, engineering and medicine earned 5,545 yuan, 4,512 yuan and 4,500 yuan per month respectively.

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## [North China province reports new H7N9 case](#)

North China's Shanxi Province Wednesday reported its second human infection of the H7N9 bird flu virus.

Duan, 57, a farmer from Xinzhou, showed symptoms including a fever and cough in early May. He has been receiving treatment at the No. 4 People's Hospital in the provincial capital Taiyuan since the infection was confirmed Tuesday, according to the Shanxi health and family planning commission.

The province reported its first H7N9 case in mid-May.

H7N9 is a bird flu strain first reported to have infected humans in China in March 2013.

Experts recommend avoiding contact with birds, and only buying certified poultry.

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# India and China will help the world economy this year

There will be no campaigning today in the General election. Parties wish to respect the memory of those killed so cruelly in Manchester. I provide a blog today about an unrelated subject.

Between them India and China account for almost two fifths of the world population. Both have in recent years been growing quickly. China enjoyed a major growth spurt based on industry, exports and heavy investment. More recently India has moved ahead of the slower Chinese growth rate based on a more balanced growth, coming from a lower average income level.

China is now the world's second largest economy thanks to the size of her population and the dominance of her industry. She makes half the world's steel and similarly large proportions of many manufactured goods. There are constant fears expressed in the West that China will experience a hard landing. Commentators who missed out on predicting the western banking crash think China might have one of her own. It's an odd argument.

They usually compare total economy debt in China with state debt in the West. If you compare total debt with total debt as a percentage of GDP China is still below a number of western economies. It is true there are potential bad debts within the Chinese nationalised sector. As the Chinese authorities own both sides of the transaction they can sort it out without bringing down the banking system.

Meanwhile India is getting the taste for modernisations and reform from Mr Modi. Following his successful conversion of a lot of cash into bank account money, he is now turning to sales tax reform. He wishes to sweep aside numerous complex transaction taxes imposed on a state by state basis and replace them with one GST India wide. It will greatly simplify doing business across borders within the country.

It looks as if this year again both India and China will make important contributions to world growth.

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