



From the Horse's Mouth

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Waterperry Gardens by Sue Rowell

On Saturday 6th June 2026 2pm-5pm
HORSPATH HUB
are delighted to offer you a

CREAM TEA



There will also be.....



Plant Stall



**Children's
Corner**



Raffle

Waterperry Gardens

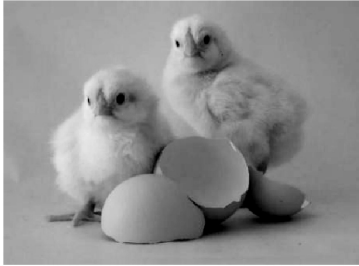


Who doesn't love a visit to Waterperry Gardens? Barely fifteen minutes' drive away from Horspath, there is always a delight in store for you! Snowdrops flowered early this year forming carpets of delicate white flowers amongst the trees by the river in mid-January. By the beginning of March, the daffodils were resplendent in huge patches in many parts of

the garden and already the fritillary meadow was showing signs of new shoots through the grass. April brings the wonderful displays of apple and pear blossom and there is so much to look forward to in the borders throughout the Summer and Autumn. Even winter has its charms with the dead flower stalks and the tree trail guide showcasing twenty-two historic and exotic trees.

Waterperry Gardens was made famous by Beatrix Havergal, who established a School of Horticulture for Ladies in 1932. In the old conservatory, there are photographs showing many of the ladies who trained with Beatrix but sadly, the school closed in 1971. The current custodian of the Gardens is an Educational Charity, The School of Philosophy and Economic Science. It is well worth joining a tour on Wednesdays or Fridays at 2pm to admire the magnificent frescos in the grand house and learn about the many activities of the Charity. The upkeep of the gardens is a mammoth task, not totally supported by the entrance fees to the gardens and the Steward earns his keep by organising many events throughout the year. There is something for everyone! Children can enjoy Easter Bunny and Halloween hunts throughout the grounds to win prizes. Apple weekends, rare plant fairs and Saxifrage days run alongside theatre and music events and craft markets. This year, there is even a Grounddog day, when your dog can enjoy the gardens too! And, if that isn't enough – there is the splendid tea room, an agricultural museum, a Gallery shop and a wonderful garden shop so that you can buy all the lovely plants that you have admired!

Sue Rowell



During term 5 our topics will be Earth week, animals, water, planting and growing, recycling, looking at vehicles, insects and celebrating Bee Day. The Chick Hatching Programme starts 20th April. We are also hoping to visit the local farm to see the lambs!

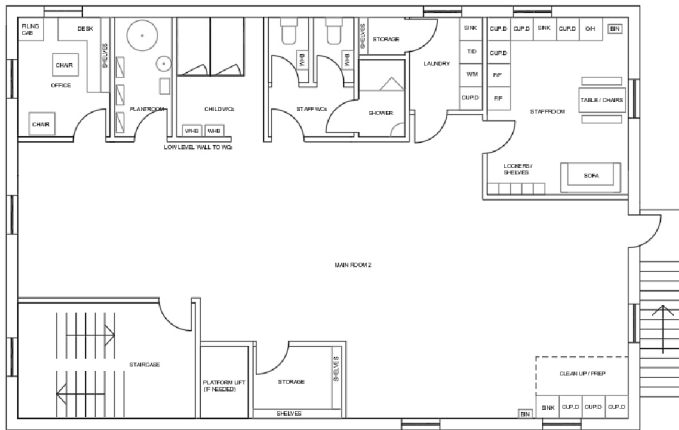
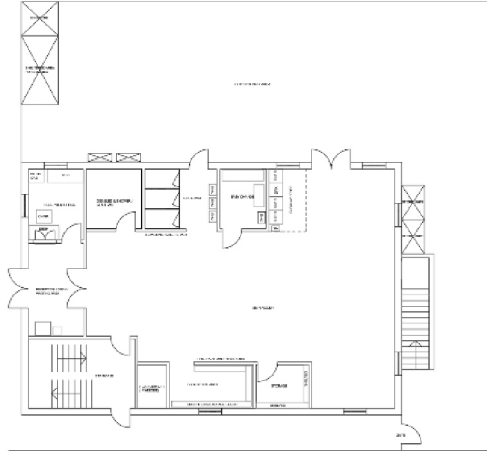
Our fundraising event for term 5 will be a Sponsored Bike Ride. We will also be looking to collect clothes for recycling to raise money for Horspath Nursery so please save any unwanted clothing and look out for the collection date on our Facebook page.



Summer Play Scheme will be held at Horspath Nursery from Monday 20th July until Friday 24th July 2026 and Monday 27th July to Friday 31st July 2026 inclusive for children from 1 to 11 years. If you would like to book a place for your child, please complete the application on our website: horspathnursery.org.uk

[Summer Play Scheme 2026 Booking Form](#)

We are trying to replace our current portacabin with something like this!



Horspath Nursery, Blenheim Road, Horspath, Oxford, OX33 1RY
staff@horspathnursery.org.uk Tel: 01865 876750



Horspath Church of England Primary School

Having finally seen some sunshine at last, it has been a whirlwind of inspiration and imagination at Horspath C of E Primary School over the last few weeks. From dreaming about the future to diving into the pages of our favorite stories, our children have been remarkably busy.

Dreaming Big: Careers Week

We kicked things off with Careers Week, an initiative designed to broaden the children's horizons and show them the vast array of possibilities awaiting them. We were incredibly fortunate to welcome several parents and family members into the classrooms to share their professional journeys.

- **Real-world Insights:** Our visitors talked about everything from the daily joys of their roles to the subjects they studied in school that helped them get there.
- **Curious Minds:** The children blew us away with their insightful questions—ranging from "How much training do you need?" to "What's the hardest part of your day?"
- **The Grand Finale:** We rounded off the week with a Career Dress-Up Day. The playground was a sea of future potential, featuring budding surgeons, engineers, artists, and even a few prospective astronauts!

Storybook Magic: World Book Day

Hardly had we hung up our stethoscopes and hard hats before it was time for World Book Day. This year was all about celebrating the pure joy of reading and the way a great story can connect us all.

The school was transformed into a living library as children (and staff!) arrived in spectacular costumes representing their favorite literary characters. Beyond the outfits, the day was packed with activities:

- **Miss Mallon's Book Assembly**
 - **Book Swaps & Sharing:** Older pupils paired up with the younger years for "buddy reading" sessions, fostering a lovely sense of community across the school.
 - **The Big Quiz:** Competition was fierce

during our literary quizzes, where the children proved they really do know their Roald Dahl from their J.K. Rowling.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families who took the time to visit us and to everyone who helped put together such creative costumes. Your support makes these enrichment weeks unforgettable for the children.

Request for donations for our playtime development. OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)

As we continue to work hard to improve the play time experience for all of our children, our Opal journey is gathering speed and we hope to gradually introduce some aspects. We need the help of our community to enable us to move forward as quickly as we can. We will continue to phase in other aspects as we move forward and we have identified three phases of our work. Phase one will begin as soon as we are able to resource it.

Please can you ask around your family and friends or look on free sites online for:

Toy cars

Dinosaurs

Animals

People/Happyland

Car mat

Trains and track

Lego

Colouring books/ paper - coloured or plain

Coloured pens/pencils and storage

Stencils

Plastic storage boxes with lids

Washing up bowls

Dressing up clothes

Any items you can donate, or you can find somebody who will donate, please deliver them to the school office, labelled Opal.

Thank you for helping us to implement Opal and support our children to have rich play experiences.

Horspath Cricket Club excited for new season

Excitement is growing at Horspath Cricket Club with a new season just weeks away.

The build-up to a new Home Counties Premier Cricket League Division 2 programme starts with a friendly against Banbury at the Recreation Ground on Saturday, April 18.

On the same day, Horspath 2nd, promoted to Cherwell League Division 1 this year, had a friendly at Sandford St Martin.

A busy opening weekend sees the 1st XI away to Thame Town in the HCPCL T20 preliminary round on Sunday, April 19, with the winners going on to face Great Brickhill at Challow & Childrey on May 2.

The HCPCL then gets under way on Saturday, May 9 with Horspath, again led by skipper Amin Rafiq, away to Thames Valley League champions Ickenham.

The club are also looking forward to welcoming back Jamaican international all-rounder Derval Green for a second season after his big-hitting exploits last year.

The 2nd XI open their Cherwell campaign at home to Aston Rowant 2nd on May 9 when the 3rd XI, having been promoted to Division 3B following a league restructure, entertain Buckingham Town 2nd, while the 4th XI visit Little Gaddesden.

Horspath will also be looking to add to their impressive record in the newly-named Cawston Press Village Cup, having been crowned Oxfordshire champions four times in the last five years.

The road to Lord's starts this season with a trip to Cumnor in the first round on Sunday, April 26.

Horspath women have been gearing up for the new season by competing in the Oxfordshire Indoor League.

Now the action switches outdoors with the side opening up with a double-header at home to Moreton in the Home Counties Women's

Cricket League Super 8 Development Group 1 on Sunday, May 3. The side will again be captained by Munaza Dogar.

The youth section sees Horspath fielding teams from under 9 to under 17 with the opening games on Monday, April 27, plus Under 11 and Under 13 Girls' teams.

In addition, there will once more be the popular All Stars (5-8yo) and Dynamos (8-11yo) programmes, starting on Friday, May 8.

New players, members, umpires and scorers are welcome. For more details visit horspathcricket.com

It was with great sadness that Horspath heard of the passing of vice-president and former chairman Pat Powell earlier this year.

Pat had two spells as chairman of the club, stepping in at a really difficult time on the second occasion when Morris Honey passed away suddenly. See Page ?? for a tribute to Pat.



Skipper - Amin Rafiq

Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends,

You're likely reading this during Holy Week, the days leading up to Easter. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, when Christians remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey—an act that signals a very different kind of kingship. A ruler arriving on a donkey comes in humility and peace, not in triumph or war. In doing so, Jesus also fulfils the prophecy that the Messiah would come to his city in just this way. The crowds welcome him as a conquering king, waving palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" Yet only days later, many of those same voices call for his crucifixion.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a final meal with his friends. After supper, he knelt and washed their feet—one of the most moving scenes in Scripture, when our Lord takes the role of a servant. Our late Queen Elizabeth was deeply inspired by this act, as was Graham Kendrick when he wrote "The Servant King," with its reminder that Jesus came "not to be served but to serve." Jesus shows us what true leadership looks like: love expressed through service.

As I look at world events, and see how earthly leaders often misuse and abuse power, I find myself longing for more leaders who resemble Jesus—the good shepherd who feeds and tends his flock.

This Lent, a small group from around the Benefice of Garsington, Cuddesdon and Horspath has been gathering for a simple lunch and to watch Bishop Steven Croft's reflections on how Jesus feeds us in Holy Communion. Sharing food and conversation has been a real joy. As we've talked about Scripture, faith, and discipleship, we've been reminded how friendships and communities grow when we sit and eat together. The Bible paints the Kingdom of Heaven as a great feast, where people come from every direction to share in God's abundance. Around a table, we catch a small glimpse of that promise.

I hope that this Easter you enjoy a good meal with family or friends, and that as you eat and drink together, you remember the example of Jesus—the humble host who invites us to set aside our divisions and be united at his table, where even enemies can become friends.

We would be delighted to welcome you at our services this Holy Week and Easter, at St Giles'. On Good Friday morning, we have a children's workshop with Easter activities, in church. On Easter Eve (Saturdayth April), we have our Easter fire outside church at 7:30pm (a short service beginning outside church and concluding with cooking marshmallows over the Easter fire). On Easter Day, at 11am, we have an all-age Easter Communion Service, with an Easter egg hunt and crème eggs for all.

Happy Easter, and God bless,

The Revd Tom

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**HORSPATH VILLAGE HALL
BOOKINGS**



Please enquire to
villagehallhorspath@hotmail.com

Please ensure that your enquiry email includes the date and time required, along with your name and contact telephone number.

Planning for the future of the Hub



The readership of this sheet concerns everyone who uses the Hub in whatever context, no matter where they live or what classes or activities they support. Whether you use the Hub weekly, monthly or just occasionally the Trustees now seek your active support in continuing to make this a vital part of our community.

So how can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to get involved in the running of the Hub to secure its future. For instance in: fundraising, new classes or business use to hire the hall, applying for grants and day to day management.

So who do we need?

People to give up their time in small groups of one or two to ensure the Hub continues to be a successful asset serving the whole community and beyond.

What you don't have to do

You don't have to become a Trustee and attend management meetings.

What will you do?

Meet with others to come up with practical ideas and solutions, supported by the Trustees. Basically sharing the various tasks required to keep the Hub operating. You can meet whenever you want, in whatever way works for you.

What to do next...

Please think about how you or your friends or relatives could get involved. A couple of you may already have ideas and could work together.

So that we can begin to plan: Please talk to one of the Trustees, or by emailing, or by writing down your name/suggestion and posting it in the box on the pillar at the entrance to the Hub.

We have so many talented and practically minded people locally of all ages who we need to get together so the Hub may continue to be successful.

We very much look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

horspathhub@gmail.com

ART WEEKS COMES TO THE TAP ROOM

May 1st to May 10th



For the second year, keen art lovers and beer connoisseurs Moira and Alastair are generously opening their Oxford Brewery Tap Room as an Art Weeks venue. This year's show features vibrant, entertaining, thought-provoking, and amusing work from artists Carol Harris, Claire Parker and Pamela Wyles.

Carol Harris' creative practice explores narratives, and she invites viewers to pause, smile, remember a past conversation, or consider a thought stirred by what they see.

Claire Parker is a painter and animator who thinks there is more room for humour in art.

Her work tells the history of art as you've not seen it before, replacing the figures in famous works of art with toothbrushes (Girl with a Pearly White Earring, anyone?).

Pamela Wyles started her art journey at the Horspath Hub art classes led by John Underdown, having retired six years ago.

She says: "I had spent the previous 40 years working with people in distress. I am grateful that this world of art has now been opened up through courses and classes and, in particular, my three years with the Warehouse Art School.

For opening times, please see the 'Art Weeks Catalogue' at the Tap Room & Hub



Claire Parker



Pamela Wyles

(The picture at the top of the page is by Carol Harris)



Save the date!

HORSPATH SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA!

SATURDAY
27TH JUNE

11am until 2pm

Brought to you by
Horspath School & Church



St Giles' Church, Horspath
Friday 3rd April : 9.30 - 11.30am

Bring an adult and join in the fun in the Church
See you there



Easter
Games

Bag
Making

Flower
Garden

Craft
Activities

Easter
Egg
Hunt

News about Chatter & Clatter

**After much deliberation, we will be moving to a
new time**

**Initially once
a month**

**On the first
Thursday of each
month**

**Refreshments
available all
afternoon**

**1.30pm-3pm
for Pre-School
children**

**Beginning on
30th April
(Church closed in May)**

**Roundabout
of activities for
children**

**Action Stations
an after school event for
children 3.15pm-4.30pm**

Dates for Summer Term:

4th June 2026 - 1.30pm - 4.30pm. 2nd July 2026 - 1.30pm - 4.30pm

If successful, we will review the dates for the Autumn Term

Classes and Activities at the Horspath Hub

*Below are all the classes and activities we run at the Hub, but for more information, contact emails or phone numbers for each class listed on our website at horspathhub.co.uk or call **Sheila Frankum on 07779 672163**. You can book the Hub here too with discounted rates for Horspath residents.*

Mondays

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| Pilates – Weekly | 0915 – 1015 |
| Babies' Group – Weekly | 0900 – 1000 |
| Making Time – First Monday of the month | 1400 – 1600 |
| Art Group – Weekly except the first Monday of the month | 1430 – 1630 |

Tuesdays

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| Table Tennis – Weekly | 1000 – 1200 |
| Seated Pilates – Weekly | 1400 – 1500 |
| Vinyasa Flow Yoga – Weekly | 1900 - 2015 |

Wednesdays

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| Pilates – Weekly | 0815 – 0915 |
| Senior Residents' Club – First Wednesday of the month | 1400 – 1600 |
| Horspath Hub Film Club – Second Wednesday of the month | 1400 – 1600 |
| One-to-One Yoga & Massage – Once a month by appointment | 1300 – 1730 |

Thursdays

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| One-to-One Yoga & Massage (as above) | 0900 – 1400 |
| Yoga Class – Weekly | 1200 – 1300 |
| Line Dancing – Weekly | 1400 – 1530 |
| Creative Writing – Flexible | 1600 – 1730 |

Fridays

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| Coffee Mornings – Weekly | 1030 – 1200 |
| Age UK Information and Advice – First Friday of the month | 1030 – 1200 |
| Horspath Wine Club – Third Friday of the month | 1930 – 2130 |

Sundays

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| Sunday Fun Time – First Sunday of the month | 1100 – 1200 |
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**For more information, please contact:
Sheila at horspathhub@gmail.com**



Dear Residents of Horspath,

I wanted to share a short update and to thank everyone who has been in touch with me over recent months.

My team and I are continuing to compile your feedback from my Autumn/Winter survey. Responses are still coming in, but I can already

report that the standout concern raised by constituents is the NHS. Many residents have also highlighted road repairs and the cost of living as key issues.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete the survey so far. Hearing directly from you is hugely important to me and helps ensure that the issues I raise in Parliament reflect the concerns of people here in Horspath and across the constituency.

I am also continuing to press Thames Water on the issues affecting the village, calling for clearer communication, proper maintenance and long-term solutions to the problems residents have experienced. I will keep raising these concerns on behalf of residents until we see real improvements.

Thank you for everything you do to make Horspath such a strong and active community. As always, if there is something you would like me to raise or pursue, please do get in touch.

With best wishes,

Freddie van Mierlo MP

freddie.vanmierlo.mp@parliament.uk



This has become very popular, with nearly 20 people attending. It takes place in the Hub from 2pm - 4pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. During the interval a selection of drinks and cakes are served making this a really enjoyable social occasion. Please feel free to join us as you will be very welcome. We charge £5 which covers the cost of refreshments and our film licence. We also offer free transport for those who would find it difficult to attend otherwise. Why not come along to one of our future film shows, for a great afternoon of entertainment. April 8th. May 13th. June 10th. July 8th.

John and helpers



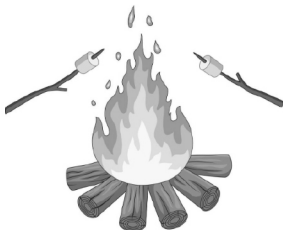
The Benefice of Garsington, Cuddesdon and Horspath

Invites everyone to

Story-time Church

Sunday 10th May 3pm start

Meet in the Forest Church area of Ripon College Cuddesdon - from the main car park, look for the wooden gate heading towards the allotments



All are welcome for:

Stories and conversations round the campfire

Campfire songs Hot Chocolate

Marshmallows and other refreshments

Spring is here,

and some of you may be thinking about growing vegetables — perhaps in that patch at the bottom of the garden or on your allotment.

Things are drying out and getting warmer, but don't be tempted to sow too early. Now, whether you've dug your patch over or not, here are my tips to preserve your back!

First tip: don't dig anymore.

The thinking behind this is simple. Some beneficial bacteria and bugs prefer to live deeper in the soil. They don't like too much oxygen, and digging them up to the surface can cause them to die. The opposite is true for those that prefer the surface layer. Traditional digging — especially double digging year after year — can cause the soil structure to degrade over time. Instead, get yourself some brown cardboard from those Amazon deliveries (or check around the village on green bin day!) and lay it over the area you want to plant. Ideally this should be done in autumn, but it will still help suppress weeds if done now. Then spread a thin layer of compost over the top to hold it down — and relax.

Once you've started your plug plants, probably towards the end of April, you can plant them out. This method works particularly well for brassicas: simply pierce the cardboard and put your plants in, along with a support in these windy times. Brassicas like firm soil, so they benefit from the ground not being disturbed.



For other crops, remove the cardboard — hopefully it will have started to break down after getting wet — to expose clear soil. You may need a rake to clear dead or dying weeds. Then plant your carrots, parsnips and so on. Elsewhere you can put in leeks, etc. Potatoes do require earthing up, so there will be a bit of back work there.

Mulch as much as you can with compost throughout the year. Then next year, get the cardboard down earlier and repeat the process.

Your back — and your soil — will appreciate this approach!

It's no longer a fad; it just makes sense.

Rob Judges

Do use plain brown cardboard, take off any tape stickers etc., and no coloured card of any sort!!

Every Friday, snow, rain or shine,
They wander down with real design,
To Horspath Hub with friends in tow—
The Hubbits, aye, you'll come to know.

With cardigans and tales well-spun,
They gather once the coffee's done,
To sip their drinks and set things right,
Debate the bins, the price of light.

Anna puts on the coffee and urn
While Sheila waits to take her turn
Gill has made her fruit cake (a local hit),
And Daphne chats, well just a bit !

And Wendy and Mike, they constantly spar,
With jokes flying fast heard from afar
She calls him a rascal, he calls her a pain—
But we all think they're courting (they just won't explain).

Now Derek and Ken, they're no kind of a pair,
But you'll find them each week in their usual chair.
Debating the weeds and all things weighty
And how "things were better before we were eighty".

They've outlived storms, and phones with wires,
The milkman, ration books, coal fires—
But never miss their weekly chat,
On weather, telly, this and that.

Shelagh brings lemon drizzle, gluten-free!"
All washed down by Lesley's tea
Margaret's doing accounts for the church
Whilst Bev doles out vouchers for lunch

John's got a joke, he tells with a grin,
But loses the punchline halfway in.
"Was it a duck? Or a man on a train?"
(They all just nod — no one asks him again.)

Little Lesley is stylish, a colourful spark,
She sits by the window until it is dark.
She once won a Hub raffle - a fine carved stag
It caused such a laugh - it made the Hub mag.

No quests or dragons, swords or rings,
Just village news and gossip flings.
But legends grow in smaller halls,
Where time moves slow, and teacup calls.

So raise a mug, and mind your seat,
The Hubbits come with quickening feet—
A merry band, of coffee, tea and lore,
Who'll fight for biscuits, cake and more.

Sue Rowell



Look out for ...

As spring gathers pace, caterpillars turn into butterflies, playing a crucial role in Shotover's ecosystem. The adults act as pollinators, while the herbivorous caterpillars may become a tasty snack for growing birds or other woodland creatures.



If you're walking on Shotover this spring, look out for: **white admiral**

Where to look: in Brasenose Wood, where the young feed on honeysuckle growing on trees and the adults sip nectar from bramble flowers.

What to look for: A black butterfly with white bands on its top-wings and gingery-brown under-wings. Its flight pattern consists of short bursts of wingbeats followed by long glides.

Did you know? In folklore, butterflies were seen as the souls of the dead.

Compiled by Shotover Wildlife, an independent community organisation, founded to research and communicate the importance of Shotover's wildlife. Illustrated by Jacqueline Wright, artist, botanist and co-founder of Shotover Wildlife. Spotted anything? Tell us! enquiries@shotover-wildlife.org.uk



Services in St Giles Church and Benefice Services April and May 2026

Sunday 5th April Easter Day

11.00am Family Communion for Easter

Sunday 12th April The Second Sunday of Easter

11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 19th April February The Third Sunday of Easter

11.00am-11.15am Family Time

Sunday 26th April The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd May The Fifth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Morning Prayer

11.00am Sunday Funtime in the Hub

Sunday 10th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11.00am Parish Communion

3.00pm Story-Time Church in the Forest Church at Ripon College Cuddesdon

Sunday 17th May The Seventh Sunday of Easter

11.00am-11.15am Family Time

Sunday 24th May The Feast of Pentecost

11.00am Parish Communion

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Tree of Light 2025

A big thank you to all who supported the Tree of Light initiative at Christmas. We received many messages remembering loved ones and prayers for those in need to decorate the tree. Your generous donations helped us raise a wonderful £455 for SeeSaw. With thanks, Emily and Jan

Patrick Powell

6th May 1938 - 29th January 2026



Pat was born and lived in the Oxford Area his entire life. An only child to Ella and Joseph he spent his childhood and early adult life living in Sandhills. Pat met his wife Gwen at a dance at Milham Ford School, they married in 1959 and had two children Stephen and Mandy, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren. After a short period of time living in Cowley, they moved to Horspath in 1961 when 19 College Way became their home for 65 years. Pat spent a great deal of his working life at the local car factory before his retirement. He then went on to work

as a Lodge porter at Wadham College in Oxford between 1999

and 2003. Pat was always keen on outdoor life. Given their proximity to Shotover he would often walk into the woods with their dog collecting bluebells, pea-sticks etc for the garden or sloe berries to make gin. Until recently, when his health started to fail, Pat worked tirelessly in the garden. Like his father and his uncle in Shilton (Cotswolds) he was a very keen gardener, which was just as well given the size of the garden in College Way. He spent many hours growing a vast array of vegetables while Gwen looked after the lawn and flower beds. Socially Pat enjoyed his pint at the pub in the village or the Conservative Club in Headington. In the 1980's he worked part time at The Queens Head which at that time was also the "headquarters" for the Cricket Club before it moved to the Chequers and ultimately their own club at the Recreation Ground. He liked to play Crib, Dominoes and Aunt Sally and was part of the various pub teams for many years. As his son Steve started to play cricket for Horspath in the mid 1970's Pat and Gwen would regularly watch from the boundary. This interest developed until Pat became an integral part of Horspath Cricket Club in the 80's, 90's and beyond. Pat began his administrative roles at the Cricket Club by being Match Secretary (coming home to let Steve know whether he had been picked on a Monday night) but that ultimately developed into him having several spells as Secretary, Chairperson and Vice President. Pat developed great friendships and contacts over the years with many players and supporters in the villages where Horspath played. He was a tremendous ambassador for the club and village in general and there are still many supporters of Horspath Cricket Club that recall Pat's time and work very fondly. Pat continued to visit the club regularly and it was only in the past couple of years when his health deteriorated with Parkinson's disease that he spent less time there. Pat passed away peacefully at the end of January, and he will be laid to rest with Gwen in the village cemetery within sight of their home, Shotover and the cricket ground that they loved so much.



Morland House Surgery, Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

Surgery opening hours Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm

Saturday (except Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, only for **prebooked** consultations

Enhanced access offered outside these times, speak to a care navigator on 01865 872448.

When surgery closed, contact Out of Hours service on 111

MHS has a **Facebook Page** to keep patients up to date with surgery news and health issues.

Visit **Morland House Surgery Website**: (www.morland-house.co.uk) for information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatments. For example:

Pharmacy First Service (PFS) - pharmacies can treat directly seven common health conditions namely sinusitis, sore throat, earache, insect bites, impetigo, shingles, urinary tract infections

- **Ordering Repeat Prescriptions**
- **Vaccinations and immunisations** e.g. flu and COVID-19, RSV, chicken pox, measles, MMR
- **Medicine waste** costs NHS £300 million/year
- **Care Messages**: via NHS app to your phone about your appointments, results etc. Much quicker than waiting for a letter or phone call.
- **Stroke treatment and symptoms**
- **New NHS guide** on your GP service
- **Weight loss medication**
- **Online Resources for Clinical Help** – self-referral for a range of conditions
- **Accessing your medical records and test results**
- **Group Consultation Clinics** – menopause and hypertension
- **Breast screening** to detect most common cancer in women
- **Whooping Cough** infections, symptoms and treatment
- **Travelling abroad**
- **Scam calls** from “receptionists” and “doctors” asking you to update your records

Horspath Parish Council

A planning application has been submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council for a new brick built bus shelter on the Village Green.

Quotations have been received from Oxfordshire County Council and independent companies to carry out speed surveys in the village. A meeting has been requested with OCC's Senior Officer for Traffic & Road Safety to discuss the requirement for the speed surveys and the chicane on Oxford Road.

Thanks to two volunteers, Anthony Absolum and Bob Surman who cleaned the graffiti of the base of the bridge and who will also do the bus shelter.

The plaques for the benches in the play area have been ordered and will be fitted when delivered.

Mrs Oakley organised a village litter picking event on Saturday 14th March 2026 as part of the Great British Spring Clean. A big thank you to the twenty residents who came along to help. *(The picture below shows just a few of them!)*



The Parish Council has arranged for the village history book to be copied so that residents of the village are able to view the book, and the original copy needs to be preserved and stored in the archives.

The refurbishment of the village hall project is still on-going and a planning application has been submitted to the District Council. As soon as planning

permission is approved the project can move forward. More information to follow.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Parish Council is looking for contractors from all trades in the village who would like to register their details with the Council for any maintenance work required in the village, who would be willing to provide a quotation for works as and when required. If you would like to register, please email your details to the Clerk:- clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org

If any resident wishes to raise issues with Horspath village please contact Hayley Kogel, Clerk to HPC via email - clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org .

Please note:- Horspath Parish Council will not take any further action on correspondence that is sent anonymously.

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

The next meeting will be held in June 2026 (Date to be arranged).

The closing date for applications to be considered at the June meeting is 1st June 2026.

Trustees would like to remind all residents who are successfully awarded a grant that receipts **must** be provided to the value of the grant within 3 months of receipt. Failure to provide a receipt to confirm how the grant has been spent, will result in no further grants being awarded.

Letter from the Editor:

Thanks to our continuing loyal sponsors and some new additional ones, we are able to bring you a new four page colour supplement in this issue. Our printers, Minuteman Press, keep their prices very competitive, also helping us bring you a 28 page edition this time. I would recommend them to anyone wanting printing of any type or size. Despite the size, we still had to leave some articles out, so thanks to all those who contributed. Please send us your comments and suggestions as it really helps guide the contents.

Many thanks John

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