

From the Alpaca's Mouth

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**The Horspath
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**PULL OUT
FORMS
INSIDE
Village & Dog
Show**



During term 6 at the Nursery

During term 6 we have had alpacas to visit, held 2 Sports Days, had Graduation Ceremonies, School visits, raised money for World Diabetes Day, The Cystic Fibrosis Trust, had a Dance Instructor visit, Fire Brigade visit, Bella the Cat visit, Making SuperHeroes with Asda at Wheatley, had a photoshoot and much more. We have been looking at Transport, Music and Movement, Water Fun, Under the Sea, At the Beach, Summer Fun.

Have a lovely Summer Holiday!



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Qualified Nursery Deputy Manager - Permanent Position

Level 3 Early Years Qualification

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staff@horspathnursery.org.uk 01865 876750

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so all necessary checks will be carried out.

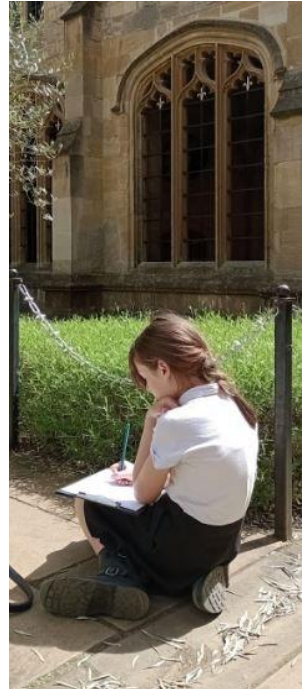
Horspath Church of England Primary School

The summer term is always busy in a primary school, and this year is no exception at Horspath School.

All pupils took part in a River Learning Trust art event on the theme of *Life* and twelve children's work was selected to represent the school at a Trust-wide exhibition. Rhiannon (Year 1) was awarded a runner's up prize for her masterful interpretation of the Tree of Life.



Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been learning about local architecture and have made a couple of visits to central Oxford to sketch university landmarks. This is Molly (Year 5) drawing in Christ Church Cathedral Cloisters.



Findlay (Year 5) drew this superb picture of the Radcliffe Camera, whilst sketching in Radcliffe Square itself.

Garage	873349	Sheps Cycle Shack	876771
Gurkha Palace	634534	St Giles'	07856456363
Horspath nursery	876750	Sunnyhill Vineyard	361535
Horspath school	872702	Tap Room	604620
Hub	07951933964	Village Hall	07939410762
Queen's Head	875567	Village Shop	872903

(The prefix for Horspath is 01865)



There cannot be many small villages, like Horspath that can boast a restaurant that rates 4th/400 in Oxford on Tripadvisor. People come from far and wide to dine at The Gurkha Palace, Nepalese and Indian Restaurant. They walk, they drive and some take advantage of the 46 bus to come from Oxford, Wheatley or Great Milton and it is not surprising since the welcome from Prem and Kabita Kandel, the owners, is outstanding.

The food is equally amazing and there is a wide variety to choose from. Dishes range from Gurkha Palace specials (I particularly like the Trishuli King Prawns and the Gorkhali Lamb) but there are Tandoori dishes, Chow Mein, Vegetarian, Biryani and classic Indian dishes too. Everything is freshly cooked and well presented and served with a smile. The service is very personal with attention paid to their customer's needs. The attractive restaurant is at the back of The Chequers so a wide range of drinks is available.

The restaurant is open Tuesday to Sunday 5.30pm to 10.30pm; A Sunday Buffet is served from 6.00pm to 10.00pm and lunches are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday when fish and chips and burgers are added to the range of food available. A take-away service is also offered with free delivery within a three-mile radius with a minimum order of £20. Special offers are available with 15% discounts on collection of a take away meal and 10% discounts for NHS staff, students and BMW staff.



Prem and Kabita also offer outside catering for parties and special occasions and they are very happy to welcome large parties. Horspath Senior Residents will be dining there in October with about 25 people enjoying a set meal.

If you haven't tried eating here, you have missed a real treat! So, Phone 01865634534 to book or use the web-site info@thegurkhapalace.com You won't be disappointed!

Sue Rowell, Magazine Reporter



THE POST OFFICE AT THE HORSPATH HUB

Our Postmistress, Judy Kent provides an amazing service at The Hub every Friday from 10.00am to 1.00pm except when Friday is a Bank Holiday. She has been doing the job since November 2014 and it is a bit surprising that some residents of Horspath are unaware of the service. Bank branches are in short supply these days but do you realise that The Post Office provides many services on behalf of most Banks? We can provide the following services:



- Cash withdrawals
 - Cash deposits
 - Cheque deposits
 - Balance enquiry
 - Home Shopping Returns
 - Postage Stamps
 - Parcels weighing under 20kg
 - Signed for postage
 - Tracked 48 and 24 postage
 - Tracked and signed for postage
- International tracked and signed for postage
 - With a week's notice, purchase of foreign currency
 - Deposit of old bank notes into your current account



As we are an Outreach Post Office, sadly we cannot do passports and driving licences.

Lesley, a local resident said on Friday "I don't know how I would cope without the Hub Post Office. And I can have a cup of coffee and cake at the Café at the same time. I hope everyone will make use of the service".

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE!

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 for each class and phone numbers, please visit our website: **horspathhub.co.uk or call Natalie on 07779 672163**. You can book the Hub here too with discounted rates for residents.

Mondays

Pilates - Weekly	09.15 - 10.15
Babies-1st - Weekly	13.30 - 14.30
Making Time - First Monday in the month	14.00 - 16.00
Art at the Hub - except the first Monday in the month	14.30 - 16.30

Tuesdays

Table Tennis - Weekly	10.00 - 12.00
Seated Pilates - Weekly	14.00 - 15.00
Yoga - Weekly	19.00 - 20.15

Wednesdays

Pilates - Weekly	08.15 - 09.15
Senior Residents' Club - First Wednesday of the month	14.00 - 16.00
Age UK Film Club - Second Wednesday of the month	14.00 - 16.00
One-to-One Yoga & Massage - Once a month by appointment	13.00 - 17.30

Thursdays

One-to-One Yoga & Massage (as above)	09.00 - 14.00
Line Dancing - Weekly	14.00 - 15.30
Creative Writing - Flexible	16.00 - 17.30

Fridays

Post Office - Weekly (except Bank Holidays)	10.00 - 13.00
Coffee Mornings - Weekly	10.30 - 12.00
Age UK Information and Advice - First Friday of the month	10.30 - 12.00
Horspath Wine Club - Third Friday of the month	19.30 - 21.30

Sundays

Sunday Fun Time - First Sunday of the month	11.00 - 12.00
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For more information please contact:

Sheila at horspathhub@gmail.com or Sally at sallylhumphrey@gmail.com

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The Summer Market

We held our first Summer Market on Saturday June 8th. (Usually, we have a spring Market in May and all the gardeners cursed me because they said their plants were just too large!) However we had a happy time with some lovely new stall holders and made a princely sum of £582.38 . The garden stall made an excellent £117 despite their misgivings!

Our next Christmas market will be on Saturday December 7th 2024. We are planning a few new features including Father Christmas (not that he is a new feature but he never fails to please). What do you think about Bacon butties and maybe face painting for children? Any ideas will be gratefully received as will any new stallholders.

The Friday Coffee morning

When we bought The Hub 10 years ago the first public event was a coffee morning. Since then we are always open on a Friday between 10am and 12 noon and the Post Office is also open 10 until 1pm. The only day we close would be Christmas day. So you will never get the day wrong. We're brewing up the coffee and cutting up the delicious home made cakes just waiting for you to arrive. We have a variety of people who attend from the regulars who wouldn't miss it for the world to newbies including people whose cars are being serviced in the garage opposite. It's a very happy time. People make new friends and for some it is a lovely break from being stuck at home! Our lovely taxi driver Neil transports those who would find it hard to get down and he is a wonderful friend to so many people. So will you join us? We would love to meet you and welcome you to our happy Friday mornings. You could try us out. There's no obligation to come again...but you will because Julie's ginger cake is just too good to miss!

Anna Radcliffe

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Services in St Giles' Church August & September 2024

- 4th August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Morning Worship (and Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub)
- 11th August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 18th August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**
11am for 11:15 Family Time
- 25th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 1st September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Morning Worship (and Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub)
- 8th September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion
- 15th September The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**
10am Benefice Communion and Leaving Service for Canon Professor Mark Chapman and Linda Collins in All Saints', Cuddesdon, followed by a shared lunch in Cuddesdon Village Hall
(no service in St Giles' Church)
- 22nd September Harvest Festival**
11am for 11:15 Family Time (Harvest Festival)
- 29th September The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**
11am Parish Communion

Home Library Service

Would you like to borrow library books but are unable to visit the library for any reason? If you're finding it difficult to get to a library, the Home Library Service may be able to help.

The Home Library Service is run by Oxfordshire County Council and serves 900 customers across the county.



With the help of volunteers, it looks after and delivers books and audio-visual items to those who struggle to physically visit a library due to their personal circumstances. The service is completely free of charge to customers, many of whom are elderly or housebound, and it can also be used on a short-term basis following illness or hospitalisation. Those with carer responsibilities are also welcome to apply.

How it works

Contact us to discuss the kind of Books, Large Print/Regular Print, DVDs, Audio Books on CD, Music CD or DVD's, that you like to read or enjoy. We can then arrange for a library volunteer to deliver these to you in your home. Our volunteers are DBS checked, wear an identification badge and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, we try to arrange for the same volunteer to visit you each time. Your library materials will be delivered and collected every 3 weeks. The Home Library Service is free of charge, and there is no charge for requests or late returns.

How to register

To register for this service or for further information call your local library or telephone the Home Library Service on 01865 810259 or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The Beach Hut by Paula Cook

Mojo packed his blanket, ball, food and lead
he then had to think, what else would he need?
Then he remembered, now where could it be?
He needed his towel so he could swim in the sea.



The car was loaded, he was on his way,
Mojo was off on his holiday.
After travelling a while he was feeling bored,
he tried to tell them but was just ignored.
He wanted to let them know how he felt
but was held secure by his safety belt.



Mojo lay down and fell fast asleep,
he started to dream of a hill so steep
so steep he was really struggling to climb
his legs were aching and there wasn't much
time.

Then there were waves crashing onto a beach
where he dropped his ball and it rolled out of reach.
Into the salty waves it disappeared,
Never to be seen again he feared.
This dream had really shaken him up
he was not a very happy pup.
Then someone said "we're here at last"
The dream was forgotten it was in the past.

The holiday cottage was just the job
they were shown around by the owner
Bob.

There was a swimming pool, woodland
walk and doggie wash
Bob told them about everything, then
oh my gosh!
It was something awful, really bad,



Horspath Village & Dog Show

Saturday 31st August 2024

Horspath Village Hall and Bowley Field

Programme of the day:

10.30am Dog show registration opens on Bowley Field (in gazebo).

11.00am Dog Show Start on Bowley Field.

10.30am to 12.00pm Show entries registration in Main Hall. Refreshments in the Morgan room.

12.00pm to 1pm Judging (Village hall closed to the public).

1pm Village Hall Show open to public viewing. Refreshments in the Morgan room.

2.30pm Raffle followed by Show Prize Giving.

3pm Close.

All proceeds from the show will go towards next year's show and show prizes. Any questions, please email show committee:

haa.horspath@gmail.com

For the show rules, online registration forms and full details, go to the HAA website:

<https://geoffroyon.webmate.me/HAAsocial.html>

Registration Forms

One form per person in the village show and one form per dog for the dog show. Hand the relevant form in with your entry fee(s) of £1 per class entry for village show (Classes 1 - 33) and 50p for children's class entries (Classes 34 - 37) and £2 per dog show entry (Classes 38-46).

Only 1 entry per class per person or per dog.

Prizes are given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each class. The Adult and Children cups are awarded to the Adult and Child with the most points accumulated in the show.

Exhibitor details:

First and last Name	
Tel number	
Age if under 18	

Put CLASS Entry Number in boxes below.

£1 per Main Class entry 50p per Child Class	Class No	Class No	Class No	Class No	Class No	Class No	Class No	£ Total
Floral (1-4)								
Fruit (5-8)								
Vegetables (9-20)								
Vegetables (9-20)								
Baking (21-24)								
Preserves (25-26)								
Homebrew (27-28)								
Crafts (29-31)								
Photography (32-33)								
Children's (34- 37)								
Grand Total of Entries								£

Floral (Class numbers 1-4)

1. Three different varieties of flower in vase.
2. Three stems of same variety and colour of flower in vase.
3. A single statement flower.
4. A display of cut flowers.

Fruit (Class numbers 5-8)

5. 3 Dessert apples
6. 3 Cooking apples
7. 3 of another Fruit
8. Display of mixed fruit

Vegetables (Class numbers 9-20)

9. A display of vegetables
10. 3 Onions
11. 5 Shallots
12. 3 French beans
13. 3 Carrots
14. 3 Tomatoes
15. 3 Potatoes
16. Longest runner bean
17. A 'disaster' fruit or vegetable
18. A member of Squash or Pumpkin family
19. Exotic vegetable
20. Cabbage or Cauliflower

Baking (judged on appearance & taste) (Class numbers 21-24)

21. Victoria Sponge cake
22. A cake containing vegetable(s)
23. Chocolate brownies
24. 6 Scones

Preserves (judged on appearance & taste) (Class numbers 25-26)

25. Pot of Jam or Curd
26. Pot of Chutney or Pickle

Homebrew (judged on appearance & taste) (Class numbers 27-28)

27. Beer
28. Wine or Other i.e. Cider, Sloe Gin etc.)

Crafts (Class numbers 29-31)

29. Soft craft i.e. knitting, sewing, crochet etc
30. Hard craft i.e. metal, jewellery, sculpture etc
31. Drawing or Painting

Photography (Digital) Class numbers 32-33 (send photos by email to thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com)

32. Seasons (Adult section)
33. Seasons (Children's section)

Children's (age groups: 4 & under, 5-7yrs, 8-11 yrs, 12-16 yrs) (Class numbers 34-37)

34. Lego, your own creation, (Not a model kit)
35. Drawing or painting of a scene from Horspath
36. Mini Garden on a plate
37. Make your favourite biscuit and tell us why?

Dog Show Registration Form (Registration from 10.30am until class start time)

Dog Name	
Dog Age	
Dog Breed	
Handler Name	Age if under 16
Tel number	

(Dog Show form, and Village show form also available online via Google Form) via website: <https://geoffroynon.webmate.me/HAAsocial.html>

Dog Show starts 11am on the Bowley Field. See times below

Best in Show (all 1st place winners at 1pm) Maximum 4 classes per dog

Best puppy (under 1 year) 11.00am	
Best veteran (7 years and over) 11.10am	
Best (Single) Trick 11.20am	
Young dog handler 11.35am	
Prettiest Female Dog 11.45pm	
Handsomest Male Dog 12.00pm	
Best Crossbred 12.15pm	
Best Purebred 12.30pm	

Best in Show (Winner from each of the classes) 12.45pm

Mojo thought he said
that NO DOGS WERE ALLOWED ON THE BED.

Down to the sea they went every day,
to the beach hut they'd hired for all of their stay.
Mojo thought it was a great idea
he could stay there with mum while dad had a beer.

The beach hut became Mojo's favourite place,
there was a girl dog next door whose name was Grace.
Grace liked to play a little bit rough
and they raced round the beach huts till dad said "enough"

The holiday was over it was time to go home,
no more would Mojo and Grace go and roam,
Mojo was feeling a little bit sad
This was the best holiday he'd ever had.
Now he would never see Grace again
Oh how could his heart be in such pain.

Now as he sat waiting, all he could see
was dad and a man talking about a key,
dad smiled at the man and shook his hand,
then they met mum down by the sand,
they hugged and they laughed and danced about
then picked up Mojo so he wasn't left out
Mojo was wondering "what's going on here?"
Then mum said "we can come back again next year"
Mojo thought that was a long time to wait
Then dad said "oh this is ever so great"
"we can come back next year, next month, next week
Cos I've just bought this beach hut for our holiday breaks"



Paula is a member of the Horspath Writing Group. They meet in the Hub, every 4 - 6 weeks, normally on a Thursday from 4pm. The next very informal meeting is on 15th August, so why not come along. We normally have about 8 people. It really is great fun, and we get a cup of tea and biscuits.
For more information please contact Annaradcliffe@gmail.com

Horspath Parish Council

Welcome to two new Parish Councillors, Mrs Hilary Franklin and Mr George Walker who were both co-opted onto the Parish Council at the July meeting. A grant application has been submitted to South Oxfordshire District Council's Community Infrastructure Levy Grant Scheme for a new play area. The new play area will replace the existing play area by the village hall. More information to follow. The footpath at Manor Drive has now been tarmacked and the cost will be covered using Community Infrastructure Levy funds received by the Parish Council. A meeting has taken place recently with a representative from Oxfordshire County Council Highways department to discuss 20mph speed limits in the village. More information to follow. Councillors and residents attended a consultation held by Sustrans, who are looking to change the way that cyclists pass through the village and reduce traffic. Several comments about the proposals were put forward and will be considered by Sustrans. A meeting has taken place with South Oxfordshire District Council's Tree Officer to inspect the Horse Chestnut tree on the Village Green by the war memorial that has been damaged. The Tree Officer has stated that the tree needs to be felled and a replacement tree to be planted. There is also a cherry tree that has died which needs to be felled. The damage to the Horse Chestnut tree has been reported to the Police but as there is no evidence, no further action will be taken. We are looking for a Handyman/lady to carry out general maintenance in the village on an 'as and when' required basis. If you are interested in receiving more information, please contact 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

Horspath Stone Pit Charity

Organisations and individuals may use the website application form to apply for a grant from HSPC. The closing date for applications to be considered at the next meeting in September 2024 is 1st September 2024. 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. A further grant has been awarded to continue with the meal voucher scheme for elderly residents during June, July & August 2024. Vouchers can be obtained from Mrs Beverley Oakley, Chair of HPC and HSPC. The next Horspath Stone Pit Charity meeting will take place in September (date to be confirmed). All residents are invited to attend.

HSPC Grants paid out in June 2024

Individual Grants	
School Uniform	£1400.00
Swimming Lesson Grants	£791.96
School Trips	£707.00
6 th Form School Transport	£333.47
Sporting Excellence	£158.70
Senior Citizens Meal Voucher Grant	£5,000.00
Hardship Fund March-June 2024	£3000.00
Total	£11,391.13

BREAKING NEWS: NEW HOTEL OPENS IN THE GROUNDS OF ST GILES' CHURCH



A Bug Hotel is the latest addition to the churchyard at the heart of our village. This, together with the bird boxes and bat boxes, will attract more wildlife, and demonstrate how we can use the churchyard to play our part in caring for God's creation. You will notice that the oxeye daisies, which have dominated the churchyard since late spring, have now been cleared. Once they finish flowering their value for attracting insects is diminished. However, the central area

remains uncut where other wild flowers continue to give a beautiful display and act as valuable pollinators to bees and butterflies. Why not see how many of these flowers you can identify, with the help of the churchyard notice board.

Apple Pressing Day **Saturday 26th October 2024**

Save apples from waste

Come along and press your family's own juice

Community Juice for Sale.	Raffle.	Tea and coffee.
Cakes.	Apple fishing for the kids.	Apple swap
Family Treasure Hunt.	Apple donation.	





Vacancy for Treasurer at St Giles' Church, Horspath

A vacancy has arisen to be the treasurer at St Giles Church. Although this is a voluntary position, it is still a very important one. You will play a vital role managing the income and expenditure of the church, sometimes running into thousands of pounds. Working closely with the PCC, the Ministry team and the Churchwardens, support will be given and any training you may require. This really is a great opportunity to get involved in the community.

For more information please contact The Vicar, Karen Charman or the Churchwardens on: 07856 456 363

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A big **thank you** to all those who bought raffle tickets at the Eco event in the church grounds on 15th June. The names of all the prize winners are available in the church.

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Free Children's Activities

Chatter & Clatter

Meeting in St Giles' Church every fortnight, from 9-11am on Wednesdays. A special time for the under 5's to play together, while for adults it's a time to catch up with news, socialise and have coffee and cake. Children have many toys to play with in a safe environment.

Dates to remember are:

4th, 18th Sept. 2nd, 16th Oct. 30th, Oct. 13th, 27th Nov. 27th Dec

Sunday Funtime

Meeting on the first Sunday of each month, 11-12 noon in the Hub.

Craft activities, Free play and refreshments suitable for children up to 11

Lots to do, make and play with.



Morland House Surgery, Wheatley, OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, for **prebooked** consultations only Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to one of the reception team on 01865 872448 for more information. When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111



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Feeling less flexible or mobile? Balance issues?

Then why not join **SEATED PILATES**

Come along on Tuesday 10th September from 2pm-3pm at the Hub for a **FREE** trial class, just to see if you will like it.

Keilee, our professional teacher, is an expert in designing exercises which can be done at different levels, suiting the needs of all in the class.

She says, *"Our classes are fun, welcoming, non-judgemental and done to familiar music."* Free lifts can also be arranged

Please feel free to talk to either Keilee or Sally before then for more information:

Keilee: 07899 786442 keileeschoolofdance@outlook.com

Sally: 07771 661479 sallylhumphrey@gmail.com

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Message from the Editor

Our small dedicated team continues to bring you this magazine every two months which we hope you enjoy reading. We have watched how it has grown into an important communication tool where we bring you a whole variety of information you can sit down and read at your leisure. As you probably know, it is also on-line especially for those residents who have left our village but still want to keep in touch. Our hardest task is selecting and balancing what goes in it, but we are very grateful to all those who contribute. It would help us enormously if we heard from you, perhaps to tell us what you like/dislike or want more of. In that way the magazine would better reflect our lives here in Horspath. We are particularly grateful to The Stone Pit Trust for their support and that of our other sponsors, not forgetting the faithful band of deliverers who get it to you. Thank You

John & The Team

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TABLE TENNIS

Come and enjoy a game, everyone is welcome.
Fun and exercise.

£3 for 2 hours every Tuesday 10am to 12.

In the Hub

No membership required.

For more info contact **frank-byrne@live.co.uk**

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SCARECROW TRAIL RETURNS FOR 2024



Horspath Cricket Club flying high at top



Despite this wet English summer, Horspath Cricket Club have been shining brightly in matches. The 1st XI won their first eight games in Cherwell League Division 1 to establish a commanding lead, while at the same time having another terrific run in the Voneus Village Cup. The side were crowned Oxfordshire champions for the third time in four years with a

nail-biting four-wicket win at Oxford Downs in the county final. That saw Horspath progress to the national rounds where they defeated Berkshire winners Peppard Stoke Row by 31 runs in front of a crowd of around 250. Horspath had home advantage with a competitive 179 against Grampound Road (Devon & Cornwall) in the last 16 only for the match to be washed out by a huge deluge during the tea interval. Making a near 500-mile round trip to Cornwall for the second successive year to replay the fixture, Horspath's dreams of going all the way to Lord's were dashed with a five-wicket defeat. The side have also been impressive in T20 competitions, reaching the Hartwell Senior Cup semi-finals and the Cherwell League's Pullinger Cup finals day. Horspath's women, finished

third in their group in the Home Counties League Super 8 Development competition, before debuting in the Home Counties Women's League where they have been very much on a learning curve. In youth cricket, the club's under 13s have been chalking up the wins, while Horspath defend their title in the Oxfordshire Under 19 League, which



culminates in finals day at the Rec on Sunday, September 8. The club also held a successful Sponsors' Day in June and are looking forward to staging a Charity Day on Sunday, August 25 plus the annual Feast Match on Sunday, September 22.

*Men's team crowned champions in the Voneus Village Cup
Lining up before the first game in the Counties Women's League*



On the 22nd and 23rd of June, Horspath Hammers Cycle Speedway Club celebrated its 70th anniversary dedicating the weekend to our former president, Edgar Litt, and former team manager, Robyn Carter.

Edgar was our life president for many years and was honoured with this title during the sport's 50th anniversary in 1996. Edgar died aged 94 and we held the E.P. Litt Trophy in his name up to the early 2000s and this year a memorial E.P. Litt event with a junior event featuring some of our most experienced U18 riders from across England and Wales. Young GB and track cyclist Noah Woodhouse from Kesgrave took the honours with a fantastic 19 out of 20 points, followed by JJ Wildman of Southampton in 2nd place, and Kesgrave's Charlie Parr in 3rd.

Horspath had two riders in the Euro vets Speedway Championships achieving finalist placements. Matt Wakefield finished 4th in the Over 35 category and Richard Edge raced in the Over 60 category, securing 1st place. This is Richard's second Grand Prix win this year.

The final event on Saturday was the E.P. Litt senior event. Our Hammers delivered a solid performance with fantastic racing. Our own Lukas Nowacki took the overall win, holding off some of Britain's top senior riders. Lukas was honoured to win this event, as Edgar welcomed him to England and gave him his first job on a fruit farm. Great Blakenham Adam Peck took 2nd place, and World and Welsh Champion Ben Mould came in 3rd.

On Sunday, in honour of Robyn Carter we held four-person team events with 11 teams participating. Horspath kicked off the day, finishing 2nd out of five teams in the first meeting, securing a place in the semi-final where we finished joint second with Ipswich. In the semi-final, we finished joint second with Ipswich, which was enough to reach the final when the young team, spearheaded by Zac Payne, a split club rider between Kesgrave and Horspath, won overall. Great Blakenham took 2nd place, Southampton 3rd, and Horspath finished 4th.



Robyn joined the club in 1986 and sadly passed away in August 2022 from cancer. He was our most successful team manager, winning two British Team Championships, six indoor titles, six premier league titles, three Gold Cups, and several regional leagues. Robyn was also our treasurer, securing deals that helped the club survive over the years.

On behalf of the club, we would like to thank all our volunteers who worked tirelessly over the weekend to make it a success, the cricket club for their support in quickly erecting the safety netting around the track and allowing us to use the clubhouse facilities and bar, and last but not least, our club sponsors, Property Care.

The picture shows Lukas Nowcki who came 1st in the Senior Team with Edgar Litt's brother.



The last date for submission to the October - November 2024 Magazine is 18th September. We are always looking for new stories, articles and pictures so please feel free to email us on:

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