

# From the Horse's Mouth



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All children new and old have settled well into terms 3 and 4.

During terms 3 & 4 we will be looking at Arctic and Zoo Animals, Dinosaurs, Science, Insects, Families, Storytelling and Colours.

During term 3 We have arranged for Zoolab to visit bringing along exotic animals for the children to learn about with a Chinese New Year theme.

We are also looking to arrange the Chick Hatching programme for term 4.

Our fundraising event for term 3 will be another Bingo. If you have any new, unwanted Christmas gifts that you would like to donate please do get in touch.



Look out for posters on the village noticeboard advertising our

Bingo.



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## Message from the Editor:

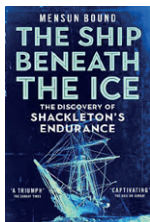
Our team could really do with some articles from the young people in the village, as well as the fascinating stories we currently cover. It could be about what they love doing, activities or projects, as they are our future, so their thoughts and ideas are important for us to hear about.

**Please ask them to have a go!**

A special thanks goes again to our faithful deliverers who last time had an extra thick magazine and a Christmas card to get to you all.

John

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Libby Chase and Jenny Shorter were the winners of the competition in the last issue of the magazine. They both won signed copies of 'The Ship Beneath The Ice' by our very own local author, Mensun Bound. Thanks to all those who took part.



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## Before Nightfall

The evening's eyelids droop, it can hardly stay awake  
as it tries to write a note to the night  
about the day's events.

The washing line, arms folded away under its cover,  
looks like an exclamation mark. It tries  
to remember what it is there to emphasise,  
but fails, so falls asleep.

A bat arrives, swerves and flutters,  
like a niggling thought at the back of the garden's mind,  
but unable to jog its memory, flits into forgetfulness.

Two garden chairs, companionably side by side,  
are sure their services won't be needed  
now that the light is fading, the air is growing chill,  
so sit back in themselves, and take their ease.

**Paul Surman**

*from Paul's collection Seasons of Damage and Beauty (2021)*  
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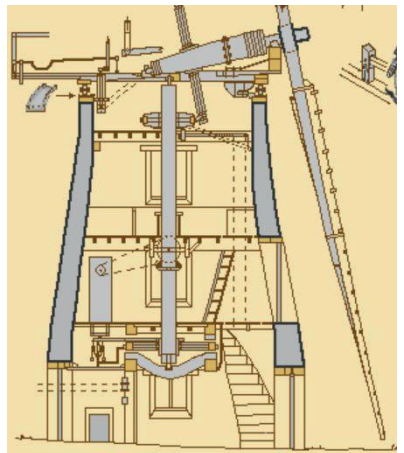
# The Wheatley Windmill

From the top of Gidley Way, I have a good view of The Wheatley Windmill and it means that I always know which direction the wind is coming from! The octagonal shape of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century tower mill with its four sails is a rare sight these days with only two or three in existence in the whole of the UK. How fortunate are we that Wilf Foreman, whilst researching Oxfordshire Mills found this Mill and persuaded enough people who were passionate about its survival to set up a Restoration Society in 1976. The restoration was backed by the owners, the Cripps family who had owned the Mill since 1857 when George Cripps saw an opportunity and purchased it. The family milled flour until 1914 when it ceased to be economically viable. The restoration took many years of hard work and skill but, finally, the Windmill milled its first flour on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012, almost 100 years after its closure in 1914. The Mill is now run by a Preservation Society, volunteers who are intent on maintaining this precious building and run several Open Days in the summer months. The new owner has a unique mobile milling wagon that can usually be seen milling the flour on Open Days. The Society welcomes new volunteers – if you are interested further details can be found on the website [www.wheatleywindmill.co.uk](http://www.wheatleywindmill.co.uk) I have visited twice – climbing to the top of the tower to see the magnificent view of the surrounding countryside and marvel at the internal workings of the Mill. Nothing quite compares to watching the sails turn in the wind and being able to take home some flour for a donation to bake my own bread.

**Sue Rowell - Magazine Reporter**



Tea & Coffee are available during opening hours. There is no admission charge, but if you have enjoyed the experience we would kindly ask you to make a donation to our charity's maintenance costs.  
Many thanks





## POVERTY & UNREST IN HORSEPATH, 1873

### THREAT OF STRIKE ACTION !



The photograph taken by Henry Taunt (*circa 1880-90*), shows Horspath Men Harvesting. Horspath Hill is in the background.

In the Bodleian Library lies a very rare National Agricultural Labourers Union Minute Book – thought to be only one of two to survive – and it is the one from the Horsepath Branch between 1871 & 1874. Within its pages can be traced the unrest of the farm labourers in the village created by the poor wages, which led to Horsepath forming a branch in March, 1873, and almost immediately threatening to “strike to get their wages up”. In that year there were 7 farmers in the village, and no less than 76 labourers (including boys) on the land... representing some 21% of the population! In those years the Parish had to support the poor within the Poor Law, and the unions provided the first steps to a socialist solution.

Following the Trades Union Act of 1871, the NALU was very quick to form, with 78 branches in Oxfordshire alone, and in March 1873 the new Horsepath branch had 16 on the committee and 54 members – nearly every labourer. Those who worked for farmers James Eeley, Michael Surman and Bernard Herman threatened to strike to get their money raised to the level of farmer John Chillingworth. Notice was duly served, but capitulation quickly ensued and “the men got their wages rose” in 1874. Meetings to collect subscriptions and discuss actions were generally held in the “Chequers”, and the success of the threat of strike action meant that the Branch faded out around 1878, and no more entries were made in the minute book. During its short life several men left with funds from the union and went north to Leicestershire, and finally a service was held on the green in May, 1874, with a Church service to follow.

But it is very interesting to read what appeared in the book, written by an unknown hand in 1875... *“Attended vestry meeting to protest against the villainy carried on by Bernard Herman against the aged poor when in the office as Guardian, the poor tottering old people bent down with age, were compelled to tramp to and fro for 3 hours on the village green all weathers till the Relieving Officer, one of the greatest villains on earth, come to pay them the paltry allowance. I am pleased to say regime was altered from the time I attended the vestry meeting”.*

Another acid observation: *“Abolish the Property Qualification, and then instead of villains and barn door savages we shall have working men sitting on the Boards of Guardians to look to the administration of the Poor Law”.*

And the vicar’s take on this, written 8 years previously, provide us with the background to the action by the NALU in Horspath.... *“Scarcely any of the labouring men attend church regularly.... I believe that insufficient wages and much bad beer do much to brutalise the working people, especially the men”.*

(I have used the Horsepath spelling - as it was before 1912..... **Brian Lowe.**)

## Horspath C of E Primary School



As typical in Church of England primary schools, Advent, Christmas and Epiphany are important times of year with lots of associated activity and events at Horspath School. Planning involves members of staff, the school's Parent Teacher Association (PTA), The Reverend Karen Charman and St Giles' Church Warden, Mrs Maureen Underdown.

On 6 December, St Nicholas Day, children wore a dazzling array of Christmas and winter themed jumpers in exchange for bringing a gift for the PTA's Grand Christmas Raffle, which raised almost £600! Later that week, most children returned to school one evening dressed in pyjamas or onesies, some clutching teddy bears, ready to enjoy some seasonal stories and tasty treats.

Closer to the end of term, our youngest children, those in Acorn Class, performed their charming retelling of the Nativity Story at St Giles' Church. Then pupils in Beech and Lime Classes presented a delightful Christingle Celebration to their parents. **The photograph shows the moment the Christingles were lit and the lights turned off.**

Before the Christmas holidays, the whole school visited The Oxford Playhouse to watch *Jack & the Beanstalk* and children in Willow Class took part in a post-pantomime workshop, learning a range of drama techniques and all about the distinctive features of pantomime.

Celebration of life, during the coldest, darkest season of the year, continues in January when pupils have the opportunity to reflect on the story and meaning of the visit of the 'wise men from the east' during Epiphany. Light is a symbol which binds Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, and the

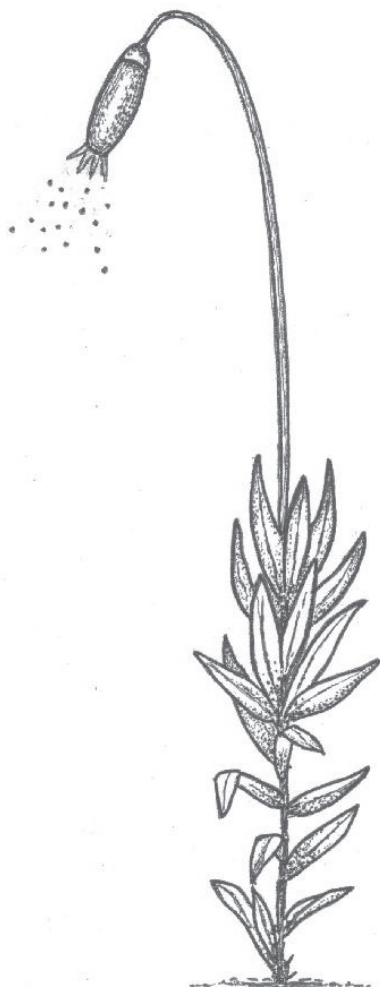
**school's vision is that individually and collectively we let our light shine.**



## Look out for ...

We are lucky to live close to Shotover Country Park, where the seasons reward us with an ever-changing spectacle of sights and sounds. Although well-known for its trees, Shotover's mosses are among the country park's most remarkable inhabitants.

If you're going for a winter walk on Shotover, look out for: Mosses



Where to look: mosses are the tiny green plants that grow in soft, velvety cushions on trees, soil and the boulders along the Plain. It is a myth that mosses only grow facing north, although they do grow best in shady, humid spots.

What to look for: mosses don't have flowers, but produce capsules containing spores that catch the wind and can travel round the world.

Did you know? Winter cold is no challenge for these small survivors: some species of moss can be frozen to minus 196 degrees centigrade, then when warmed up, grow again. As the world's first land plants, mosses have survived five ice ages.

Compiled by Shotover Wildlife, an independent community organisation, founded to research and communicate the importance of Shotover's wildlife.

Illustrated by:

Jacqueline Wright, moss specialist, artist, and co-founder of Shotover Wildlife.

# New Shotover Poetry

We are excited to be launching a brand-new collection of poems inspired by Shotover. With contributions written from the 1620s to the 2020s, we are delighted to bring together 25 poets young and old, from near and far to share their creative writing about Shotover. The booklet, complete with full-colour photographs, will be published early in the New Year, and we hope to organise a fun launch event where some of our poets will be able to read their work. For more information and to place an advance order, please email me at the address below. We expect the booklet to be priced at £7, with all profits going to charities including of course the Shotover Preservation Society.

Paul Christopher Walton

Publishing February 2024 @ £7

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Also on the website are details of the new rules relating to accessing your medical  
records - see <https://tinyurl.com/3879mz6p>

## 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](http://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
Art Matters (fortnightly - by appointment)	13.00 - 14.00
Seated Wellness (Seated Exercise) by appointment	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	12.00 - 17.00

### **Thursdays**

One-to-One Massage (as above)	08.00 - 16.00
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 - <b>First</b> Sunday of the month	11.00 - 12.00
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**For booking requirements and further information please email:**

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# Celebrate 10 years of The Hub with us

The Trustees would like to invite you to a celebration  
on Saturday 23rd March  
2pm to 5pm  
at The Hub



Everyone Welcome

## ***Horspath Community Hub 10th Anniversary Celebrations***

### **Programme for the Day**

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| 2.00pm | Arrival and welcome drinks   |
| 2.30pm | “10 year” speech by Sheila Frankum and the cutting of the anniversary cake                           |
| 2.45pm | Display of the “Unforgotten” people who helped us build the Hub                                      |
| 3.00pm | Commemoration photograph by Rob Judges   |
| 3.30pm | Mensun Bound talks to Brian Lowe   |
| 4.00pm | Cake with tea or coffee and time to peruse the exhibitions, Hub timeline. Line dancing demonstration |

## A letter from the Vicar

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I expect it all feels a long time ago now, but I wonder if you can cast your mind back and recall your highlights of the season? I particularly enjoyed our Village Carol Service in Horspath, and all the services around the Benefice on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. A few months ago, some of us from St Giles' Horspath, and from other village organisations, met to discern our priorities for the next few years. We agreed that our priorities should be: communications; improvements to the interior of the church building (including the installation of a toilet and servery); and our ministry/outreach to children and young families. You may have noticed the new Facebook page we created for St Giles' Church, and the Christmas cards we sent out with the December magazine, as part of our focus on communications. We also agreed on a vision statement for St Giles' Church: "To know God's love and share it with everyone." Over the coming year, we will be reflecting upon our new priorities and vision, and exploring how we can better know God's love, and share it with those who live, work or attend school in Horspath. As part of our focus on children and young people, we were delighted to have a 'children's and young people's orchestra' playing at our Village Carol Service, with the young people reading many of the lessons and poems, and providing music for the service. We are very fortunate to have a number of talented children and teenagers in the village, who are willing to participate in the worship and life of the church. During, and following, the COVID pandemic, many churches have seen a substantial decline in their work with children and young people, and in the number of children and young families attending church. We are delighted that St Giles' is "bucking the trend," and that our outreach to children and young families is growing. Although we welcome people of all ages, we recognise that our church will not survive without the input of younger generations. We are keen to grow in numbers, faith and spirituality, service to the local community, and financial stability, so that we can continue to serve the village and wider community in the future, and continue to provide baptisms (christenings), weddings, funerals, our free 'toddler/pre-school' group 'Chatter and Clatter,' and other events and services. This will only be possible with the support of the village. During Lent, the Diocese of Oxford is inviting people to 'Come and See' – to explore the Christian faith afresh. We invite you to come along and see what is happening at St Giles' Church. All are welcome to any of our services and events. You might also want to sign up for the Diocese of Oxford's daily emails throughout Lent, and weekly videos – sign up at [www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see) This year, the theme is "The Way of Love," and we will be exploring what it means to be loved by God, to love God, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. I hope to see you in St Giles', or out and about in the village, soon.

**God Bless, Revd. Karen x**



## Services in St Giles' Church February and March 2024

<b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Lent</b>		
11am	Morning Worship in St Giles', with a guest speaker, Michael Clements, talking about refugees and asylum, followed by refreshments		
11am	Sunday Fun-Time in the Horspath Hub		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Sunday next before Lent</b>	11am	Parish Communion
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7pm	A reflective service to mark the beginning of Lent, with Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The First Sunday of Lent</b>	11:15am	Family Time (refreshments served from 11am)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>The Second Sunday of Lent</b>	11am	Parish Communion
<b>3rd March</b>	<b>The Third Sunday of Lent</b>	11am	Morning Worship in St Giles 11am Sunday Fun-Time in the Horspath Hub
<b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</b>	11am	Parish Communion
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins)</b>	11:15am	Family Time (refreshments served from 11am) (Theme = Mothering Sunday)
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	11am	Parish Communion with the Distribution of Palm Crosses
<b>29th March</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	Good Friday Activity Time for children in the church. 11am - 1pm. Crafts, Stories, Refreshments and an Egg Hunt. (Children need to be supervised by an adult)	
<b>30th March</b>	<b>Easter Fire</b>	In the churchyard with conclusion in the church Starts outside at 7pm	
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	11am	Parish Communion and Easter Eggs

*There will be extra services across the Benefice during Holy Week – watch out for details soon, on posters on village notice boards and on the Horspath Residents' and St Giles' Church Facebook pages.*

# St Giles' Church

**Morning Worship - Sunday 4th February 2024 at 11am**

**The Guest Speaker is Michael Clements**, a judge for over 30 years, specialising in asylum appeals for the last 20 years.

A general talk about how we should interact with refugees and explaining how words and phrases used, especially in the media, may not always convey the true picture.

*Refreshments available after the Service*

**ALL WELCOME**

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## Springtime Day

**Wednesday 20th March 2024**

**11am - 3pm**



**Come & Join us for free Tea/Coffee  
and Cakes**

**Plant some seeds for your garden and make  
Fondant Rabbits.**

**Try your luck on the Easter Egg Raffle, Name the  
Rabbit or Lucky Drawers**

**ALL Welcome - we look forward to seeing you.**

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## Chatter & Clatter - A Happy New Year

Do come and join us for a coffee and meet other  
parents, grandparents and carers.  
(and children under 5 of course!)

Stay all morning or just drop in. 9am-11am

7th, 21st Feb - 6th, 20th March



**Wayne Shorter**  
**1971-2024**



Wayne Shorter passed away after a short illness at the age of 52. Wayne lived and breathed Horspath and spent most of his life living on Manor Farm Road, which is where he set up his family home. When he didn't live here his goal was to return and live here once again. He loved village life, and when he was young he could be seen helping Dennis on the farm or riding his ponies up and down the road. He played the trumpet in the Scout Band and took part in a concert at The

Royal Albert Hall. He also enjoyed playing football and cricket for the Horspath Boys and Men's teams. Wayne loved frequenting the village pubs where he joined his friends for a chat and to put the world to rights! He will be sadly missed by his colleagues at Trinity College Oxford where he worked until he became ill. He leaves behind his wife Jennie and his three boys who he was immensely proud of; Dylan, Harvey and Stanley, who I know will continue to make their dad very proud.

**+ RIEP Wayne**

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## Sheila Dandridge 1932 - 2023

Sheila was not a Horspath “girl” but she came here when she met and married Alan and felt very much part of the village. They were married in the Methodist Chapel in 1960. Sheila lived opposite the church and in her later years faithfully opened and shut the church every day, she never failed to do this task. Her sister Ella also lived in the village for a while and they had a younger brother. Sheila always involved herself in village life. She helped organise many village activities, the WI, the senior residents and of course The Methodist Chapel and subsequently St Giles. She was an essential member of our Creative writing group. She joined this specifically to allow her to share her memories of the aurora borealis the night before the outbreak of war in her family home in Sussex. She always said that her father regarded it as an omen for the forthcoming ??



And we all learned so much about the times when Sheila was growing up. She worked as a bookbinder in Oxford at one stage and it sounded as if she was very involved in the upbringing of her brother who joined the family when Sheila and her sister Ella were grown up.

Sheila loved the countryside and once adopted a fox to care for in her home!

No one who has met Sheila will ever forget her. She was loyal and kind and had a wry humour. We are all glad that she enjoyed 92 years of life, much of it lived in Horspath. + RIP Sheila

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*Amongst her many contributions to village life, Sheila was a stalwart of the Horspath Creative Writing Group. Both Sheila and her sister Ella had a real talent for telling stories of their lives before, during and after the Second World War. Sheila also loved animals, especially foxes which often featured in her stories. Paul Christopher Walton*

## **Memories by Sheila Dandridge (1932 - 2023)**

*(Unedited)*

I have always liked writing. When I was at school sometimes the teacher would read out the composition I had done. Out to the class. This could not have been easy as there were so many red marks due to spelling mistakes. Perhaps she was just trying to encourage me? Since coming to the Creative Writing group, I have remembered things that happened years ago. One being the Aurora Borealis which was when I was about 5 years old.

Also the day that the second world war started. Gardening with my Dad, planting potatoes, he kept going indoors to hear the News bulletin on the wireless. Dad came back into the garden and said "War has been declared". It upset me as I thought he would have to join the Army and go away. But he was too old for the second world war. He had put his age up for the first war like a lot of young men died.

During the war years I got to know my grandfather who lived in London with his daughter., my Dad's eldest sister. They came to live with us away from the bombing, though there were a few dropped in Sussex near to the village where we lived. One war effort I remember was picking rose hips. Not sure who organised it, may have been the government or the Women's Institute. Getting involved as they paid for them, I put my earnings towards buying a dictionary to help me with my spelling. I still have it and use it a lot., thought I don't think my spelling has got any better.

A few weeks ago, there was a service at Church entitled "Horspath's got talent". I contributed the following: I attend the Creative Writing class. I'm not sure whether this would be classed as a talent but it's something I like doing. Thank you, Paul, for giving me the opportunity.

RIP Sheila

## Penny Mercer 1936 - 2023



Originally from Littlemore, Penny moved to 12 Spring Lane with Husband Tony on Good Friday 1962. She did wonder where on earth they had come to, as it snowed heavily, there were snow drifts right up the back door and they were snowed in for a week. She lived there for 61 years until thanks to Alzheimer's she had to move into a Nursing Home for the last four months of her life'. She and Tony loved their garden and flowers, people would stop and admire the display of different varieties of

flowers and plants in their front garden throughout every season, and she and Tony would enjoy chatting to them. Penny also enjoyed flower arranging, when she retired she regularly arranged flowers in the church, indeed, many flowers and much foliage was supplied from their garden to the church over the years. She was also on the church cleaning rota, and took her turn at selling poppies. When Daughter Tina was at the Primary School, Penny volunteered along with other Mothers to supervise swimming in the school's pool during the summer holiday. She did some form of keep fit throughout her life, and was going the Step Aerobic classes in the Village Hall even in her late seventies. She liked dancing and she and Tony went to many dances and other events at the school and in the Village Hall, and she remembered being at the opening of the hall when pregnant with Tina, (because she had Morning sickness and could not eat the delicious cakes). She loved walking to keep herself fit, and would regularly walk around the village, and in the absence of the bus service would quite happily walk out of the village and over the roundabout to catch the no 10 bus to go shopping in Oxford. In later years she also much enjoyed the company over a coffee at The Hub. During her working life she worked for The Blood Transfusion Service, then as a Medical Secretary progressing to PA in the Cytology Department first at The Churchill then The JR for a total of three Consultants over time.

Tina would like to take this opportunity to thank Penny's friends and Neighbours in the village for their support to Penny and help to Tina over the last five very difficult years. She would also like to acknowledge and express her thanks for the response, kindness and generosity shown by so many in the village when Penny and her Carers were left without any heating last year, which was just amazing.





## Print out Bank Statements

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Garage:	87 3349	Sheps Cycle Shack	87 6771
The Gurkha Palace	63 4534	The Village Shop	87 2903
The Hub	07951 933 964	The Tap Room	60 4620
Horspath Nursery	87 6750	The Village Hall	07939 410762
Prospect: Bob	07786 115516	Sunnyhill Vineyard	361535
The Queen's Head	87 5567	(prefix for Horspath is 01865)	

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Our New Year is well under way and by the time you read this, we will all be used to writing 2024! All sessions are drop-in, except our popular Maple Chefs which is bookable via Eventbrite. We have a few changes to our programme this time at The Maple Tree. ***'A place to grow'***

**Mondays:** Messy Monday at 10:00-11:30am and Twinnies at 2:00-4:00pm

**Tuesdays:** Once Upon a Rhyme-Time at 10:00-11:30am

**Wednesdays:** Little Explorers at 10:00-11:30am and Maple Chefs at 1:00-3:00pm

**Thursdays:** Baby and Bump Cafe at 9:30-11:30am and The Maple Tree at Forest Hill Village Hall at 11:00am-12:00pm.

**Fridays:** Little Chatterboxes at 10:00-11:30am

**Family Fun** at 10:00-11:30am, **3rd Saturday every month**

Check out our Website and Facebook page for more details and look out for our next Paediatric First Aid training, coming in February.

Did you know that it costs nearly £100,000.00 to keep The Maple tree running for a year? Please do get in touch if you would like to help with the fundraising. Our next big event is **Daffodil Day** at Shotover House on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. We need volunteers to direct traffic and pedestrians, collect tickets, serve teas, coffees and cakes, and to bake goodies in advance, if you are unavailable on the day. Have you thought about becoming a Friend of the Maple Tree offering monthly financial support or volunteering at one of the sessions above? These are two other ways that you can support our lovely charity. (Charity number:1174117)

We are here to help if you need advice or support: 01865 236700 or 07849 466249. Email: [info@mapletree.org.uk](mailto:info@mapletree.org.uk)

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