

From the **Horse's** Mouth

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Bluebells in Shotover by Noel Skeats

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**GHOST COMPETITION AT HORSPATH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Winning Picture by Emily Green, aged 8. **THIS GHOST IS CALLED GRACIE**

Winning Story by Grace Ray, aged 9. **ALL ABOUT LAYLA THE GHOST.**

Once there was a ghost called Layla and she was very sassy. She lived in Londis, scaring the customers. Once they've paid she scares the life out of them taking their shopping, but one day someone didn't get scared and that made Layla judge herself.

A couple of days later Layla had a really awful nightmare that the ghostment banned her from scaring until she proved herself worthy. Then, she woke up and decided to go round Horspath and scare people. She started at the church. She scared people right in the middle of a service and everybody screamed. Next she went to the Hub in the middle of a party. Not just any party, a six year old's party, but then they ran away.

Layla's last stop was Horspath C of E Primary School. She went into Beech Class and everybody was really, really, really, really, really, really, really, really scared. So Layla went back to Londis and never doubted herself again. The End

The Horse's Mouth to your door

The magazine arrives on your doorstep every two months but have you stopped to think about how it gets there? When the magazine arrives from the printer, our distribution co-ordinator, Sheila Frankum, sorts out bundles for each street so that our team of fifteen volunteers can plod their way round Horspath to bring you your copy in rain or sunshine and generally over the weekend. We give them all a special thanks.

Sadly, when delivering the April/May edition on Good Friday, a member of our delivery team was badly bitten by a dog on his hand and legs. The bites took four weeks to heal with two rounds of antibiotics and with accompanying psychological trauma. The magazine had been delivered to this property before with no issues, but there were still no warning signs on the gate. Sadly another member of the delivery team was bitten by a dog running loose at another property last year.

The police were informed as it is a criminal offence to allow a dog to bite someone (or another dog) whether on public or private premises. The dog in their words was 'deemed to be dangerously out of control'.

We are pleased to note that a "Beware of the dog" sign has appeared at the house in question and a post box erected outside the gate.

Whilst it is perfectly legal to deliver magazines or leaflets to each door, we do ask that if you do have dogs, you consider displaying warning signs or erect an external post box so that the safety of our delivery team is ensured.

Thank you for your cooperation

Horspath Magazine Editors



10 Years on and Counting A Report by Anna Radcliffe

On March 23rd 2024 we celebrated the 10 year Anniversary of the Horspath Hub. Our first event in 2014 was the Coffee morning and there followed a vast array of classes, parties, social events and meetings. At our party this year Sheila Frankum, who has been the Chairperson of The Friends of Horspath for 10 years, gave a speech congratulating everyone who had played a part in its success. This ranged from the organisations and villagers who gave us loans and grants to enable The Hub to be bought from The Methodists; followed by many craftspeople who brought it “up to scratch” and, over the years, everyone who has visited us whether for coffee and homemade cake, or a Pilates class or a lesson in sculpture. Not to forget the Post Office which has opened faithfully every Friday in The Hub for most of the time it has been open..

Sheila finished by thanking some of the people who are currently working their socks off to make everything work, The Trustees, Neil our wonderful taxi man, John and Chris who can put their minds to anything and everything.

The talk was followed by a visual display of the “Unforgotten”, those people without whom the Hub would never have worked. It was lovely to see those people who we have lost. in the lovely photos brought by Sheila and all of them looking just great.

Then it was time to cut the special anniversary cake. This had been made by Rosemary Goss and was a really expert combination of superb taste and great design. There was a picture of the Hub on top of the cake in icing of course. Elizabeth Gillespie cut the cake supported by several Hub Trustees.

Rob Judges, our official photographer, assembled everyone for an official group photo; one which will join those of our opening party in 2014 and the opening of the Methodist Chapel in 1904.

The highlight of the afternoon was a conversation between Brian Lowe, our local historian, and Mensun Bound, our much-celebrated maritime archaeologist. His account of the breathtaking discovery of Shackleton's boat Endurance had something for all ages and all interests. We feel very lucky to have Mensun and his wife Joanna in our village.

The afternoon finished with tea and cake while people were able to look around the exhibitions from the Art Group, the creative writing group, and the sculpture class.

We are immensely proud to have been able to celebrate 10 years of the Horspath Hub. Many villagers would say that they find their interest, find friends, enjoy themselves in our classes and generally feel deeply attached to their building where they are always welcome.

The trustees would like to thank Jeanne Jackson for her present of 10th Anniversary mugs, made with care and skill by a master potter from Horspath. Here's to the next 10 years of the HUB



How did the William Morris Factory change Oxford?

Children at Horspath C of E Primary School, find out!

This term, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are learning about local geography and history. They have been examining a series of five Ordnance Survey maps, centred on Horspath, dating from 1822 to observe how the area has changed over time. They have also attended workshops at MOX (the Museum of Oxford) to answer the question “How did William Morris and his factory change Oxford?” In one of the workshops pupils



explored, handled, and discussed a wide range of objects from the factory's past. Guided by the question “Who worked at the factory?”, they uncovered the stories behind the artefacts, matched labels to objects, and even discovered the fascinating biography of two workers from the factory's history. The children wrote up their experience of the visit once back in school. Here are some extracts.

Martha (Year 4) wrote,

“My favourite artefact was the bonnet badge. I found it very interesting because it came off a car a long time ago and is still in good shape!”

Finn (Year 5) explained,

“It is a badge that goes on the front of a Morris Minor and has a star shape to it.”

Charlie (Year 4) noticed,

“The bonnet badge had the Oxford City emblem in the centre.”

Grace (Year 5) recalled that there was also “an entire steering wheel from an actual Morris Minor amongst the artefacts.”

Edward (Year 4) found a gear knob and mirror, both of which came from a Morris Minor. He also correctly identified some hair curlers!

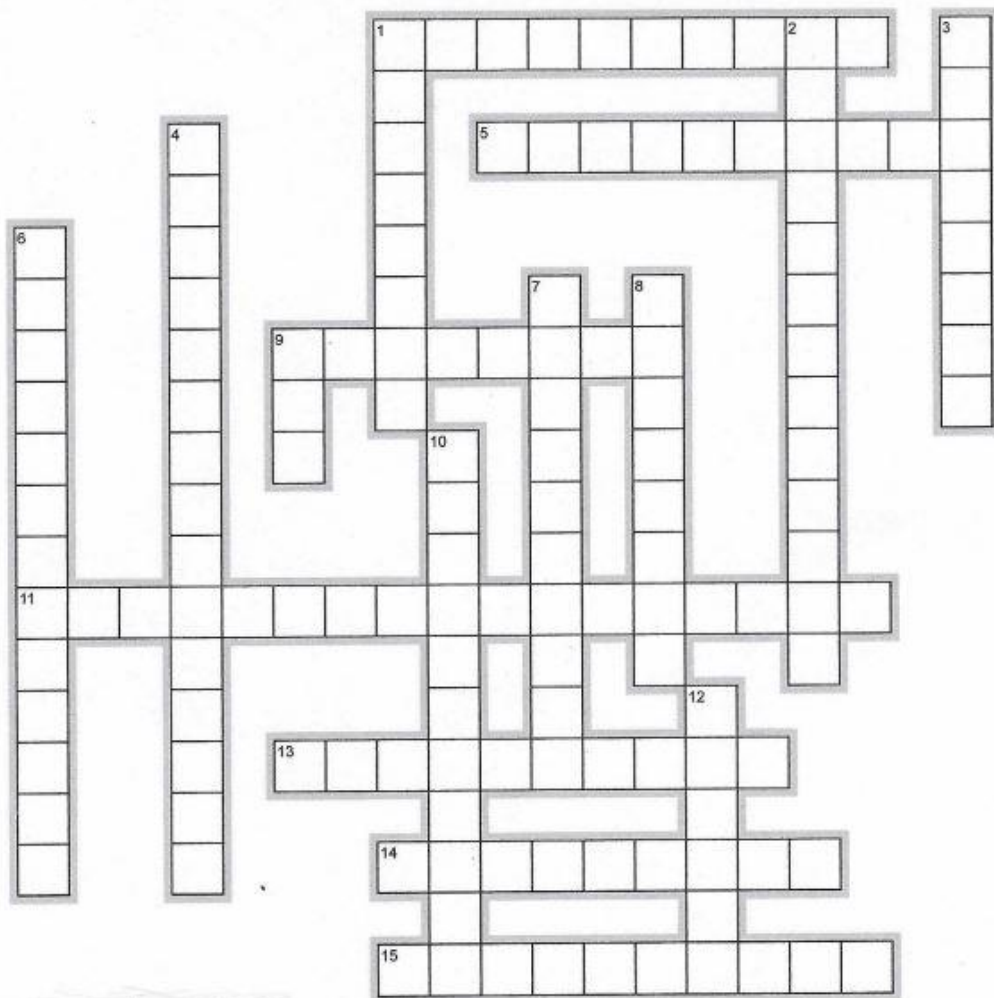
Aroush (Year 5) discovered that these hair curlers had belonged to a lady called Ivy who worked at the factory during World War II as a metal beater, because all the men had gone to war. There was a whole collection of artefacts which had belonged to Ivy, including a handbag, make-up palette, address book and shoes.

Ronnie (Year 4) noted that the shoes were “a little bit smelly” but thought that this was because Ivy loved to go dancing, particularly ballroom dancing.

Amelia (Year 5) found some cinema tickets among the artefacts and decided that Ivy was someone who liked watching movies and going to the theatre after work.

Around Horspath

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Across

- 1 Community Heart
- 5 Each Friday
- 9 Five miles from Oxford
- 11 Try before you buy
- 13 On royal shoulders
- 14 Go at 5 mph
- 15 Village Crops

Down

- 1 One of PM's Houses
- 2 Tap, Tap
- 3 Always this colour
- 4 Lived opposite the school?
- 6 Only wear red
- 7 Local Saint
- 8 Mind the bikes
- 9 Part of a wheel
- 10 Free to park
- 12 Mend or fill

Creating a hedgehog haven in your garden

Do hedgehogs visit your garden? I've only seen poo!

Some say badgers eat hedgehogs. In fact if there is enough food and habitat they will live side by side. If food is scarce, badgers might predate hedgehogs. Lets make our gardens as welcoming to them as possible, even in areas with badgers:

Hog highways

Hedgehogs travel up to 2 km per night in search of food. Make holes (around 13 cm square) in your boundaries, so they can roam between gardens. Chat to your neighbours and agree on the best position. Prop up a stick to see if anyone passes by. Kirtlington is a hedgehog friendly village, let's see what we can do in Horspath.



Snacks

Hedgehogs mostly eat worms, beetles and slugs. Put out some wet dog or cat food, cat biscuits or special hedgehog food to supplement their diet. Always leave a shallow dish of fresh water as well. Never give them bread or milk - hedgehogs are lactose intolerant! Build a feeding station to stop cats or foxes from eating the food.

Hibernation

Leave a messy corner of your garden - let grass grow and leave wood and leaf piles - hedgehogs will then make their own nest. Alternatively, you can buy hedgehog houses or make one from untreated wood - www.hedgehogstreet.org has plenty of ideas.



Hazards

Make sure any ponds have a shallow end or a ramp so that hedgehogs can climb out. Be mindful when setting bonfires or strimming long grass and check first. Avoid using chemicals - try organic methods of pest and weed control.

Visit www.hedgehogstreet.org to find out more and plot your highway and sightings on the map. If you see a hedgehog let us know via the Horspath Wildlife Group Facebook group.

Jo Milton





Services in St Giles' Church (and Benefice Services) June and July 2024

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| 2nd June | The First Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Morning Worship and |
| 11am | Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub |
| 9th June | The Second Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Parish Communion |
| 16th June | The Third Sunday after Trinity |
| 11:15am | Family Time (refreshments served from 11am) |
| 23rd June | The Fourth Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Parish Communion |
| 30th June | The Fifth Sunday after Trinity |
| 10am | Benefice Communion with Holy Baptism in All Saints', Cuddesdon. (All welcome – no service in Horspath this day) |
| 7th July | The Sixth Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Morning Worship |
| 11am | Sunday Fun Time in The Horspath Hub |
| 14th July | The Seventh Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Parish Communion |
| 21st July | The Eighth Sunday after Trinity |
| 11:15am | Family Time (refreshments served from 11am) |
| 28th July | The Ninth Sunday after Trinity |
| 11am | Parish Communion |

Letter & Poem from the Vicar (Rev'd.Karen Charman)

Dear Friends

I'm writing this during Ascensiontide – the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost (formerly Whit Sunday), when Christians traditionally wait and pray for the promised Holy Spirit to fall afresh upon us, after we celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven. By the time you read this, we will be in 'Ordinary Time' or 'The Sundays after Trinity.' In Godly Play, this season is referred to as 'the great, green, growing season' – which sounds much more exciting than 'Ordinary Time.' As you'll see elsewhere, we hope to have an 'Eco-Church' afternoon tea in the churchyard during June and I also hope to hold a church service with an Eco-Church / environment theme, during the 'great, green, growing season.'

Now, though, my mind is still on Ascensiontide, as I wait and pray for the promised Holy Spirit; and I'd like to share with you this poem I wrote to mark this season. I wonder if you can work out which of the twelve disciples' is the 'narrator' in this poem? I wonder how the disciples felt, when Jesus left them a second time – so soon after his death and resurrection? I wonder what 'Ascension' means to you? And I wonder how the Holy Spirit will speak to you, or inspire you, during the 'great, green, growing season?' How might you join in with the song of creation?

Ascension

"Stay here, in the city,
until you have been clothed with power
from high."

A hill-top
Rosy-fingered dawn
Streaking the sky
Birds singing
a chorus to the dawn.
A lark, ascending.

Jesus stands
a still point
rooted and centred
While the clouds scud by.

and he begins to bless.
And, as he blesses
he is taken up.
Taken away from us
a second time.

The curtain which separates
earth and heaven
is torn apart
from top to bottom.

I swear,
I heard angels, singing
bells ringing.
A gentle fragrance, lingering.

Until, finally, he lifts up his hands

This time, we did not flee
Mark did not lose his tunic
Peter did not raise his sword.
We stood, transfixed
gazing up into the heavens
until two messengers appeared and
asked,
“Men of Galilee, why do you stand
looking up towards heaven?
This Jesus ...
will come in the same way
as you saw him go into heaven.”

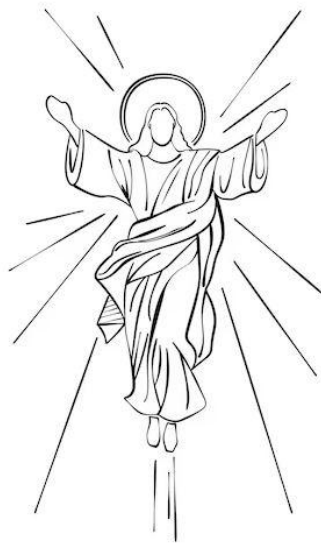
Then we returned to Jerusalem
back to the Upper Room
Peter and John
and James,
Andrew, Philip and I,
Batholomew and Matthew,
James and Simon, the Zealot,
Judas, Son of James,
and all the women,
of course.
We must not forget the women.

Mary, mother of our Lord
Theotokos
Bearer of God
Mother of the Church;
Mary Magdalene
apostle to us apostles,
the first to see our risen Lord.
Mary of Bethany
her sister, Martha
Salome
and all the women
who nurtured us
who ministered to us
and who walked with us
upon the Way.

We stayed there,
in the city,
as he had bid us do,
waiting for the Advocate
the Paraclete
to come.

But, already, I felt my heart
burn within me
the call to journey eastwards
the call of the wild.

“Come, Holy Spirit,
clothe me with power from on high.”





Sunday Funtime

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First Sunday
of every month
11-12noon

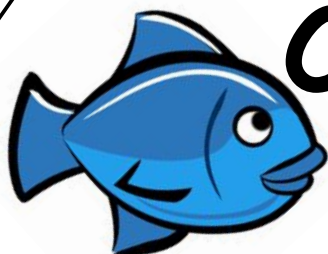
In the Hub

We meet in St
Giles' Church
every two weeks
from 9-11am
WEDNESDAYS
June 5, 19
Jul 3

Come & enjoy

Craft activities
Free Play
Refreshments
Suitable for
children
up to 11

For the under 5's and their
carers. It's a time for
children to play together, while
for adults it's time to catch
up with news, socialise and
have coffee and cake.



Chatter & Clatter

LOVE ST GILES, YOUR ECO CHURCH

.....
• Come and see what we are we doing to promote
• nature at St Giles, Horspath
•

Saturday 15th June 3-5pm

Opportunities for the young at heart to discover
through activities

Tea / Coffee and Cakes

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Drone Picture by
Addison Lloyd-Jani



St Giles 'Eco' Church **SUMMER RAFFLE**

To be drawn on the weekend of 15/16 June

We need your support to maintain the church

Enclosed in the magazine are raffle tickets at £1 per strip

Please return your slips & money in an envelope to:

Churchwarden: 27a Manor Farm Road, or The Hub,

Friday mornings 10am-12 noon

THANK YOU

Lots of Wonderful Prizes



Horspath Parish Council

Horspath Parish Council would like to thank the residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 24 th April 2024. The Annual Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday 7 th May 2024. Mrs Beverley Oakley was elected as Chairman and Mrs Paula Cook was elected as Vice Chairman. Horspath Councillors are, Mr Richard Burgess, Mrs Catherine Riley, Mr Lee Coolman, Mr Edward Parker, Mr Bernie Igoe, Mr Paddy O'Brien, Mr Ian Harris. Horspath Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies for Parish Councillors. If you interested in joining the Parish Council please contact the clerk: clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org Horspath Parish Council has accepted a quotation to tarmac the footpath at Manor Drive and work is expected to be carried out in the near future. Maintenance on the trees on the Village Green has now been carried out. Councillors have agreed that 20mph speed limits should be implemented throughout the whole village, including Gidley Way and the whole of Cuddesdon Road. Councillors also approved the recommendation from Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph on Oxford Road to slow the traffic entering the village. This information has been reported back to Oxfordshire County Council and also a request for the removal of the chicane on Oxford Road to be included in the proposals. The Government was offering a free portrait of His Majesty the King to all Town, Parish and Community Councils in the UK. Horspath has received the portrait which will be displayed in the Village Hall. Horspath Parish Council has recently made an offer to purchase the piece of land for sale on Oxford Road. Unfortunately the offer was declined by the land owner and Councillors agreed that the offer price will not be increased. Horspath Parish Council has now submitted a pre-app for the proposed new village hall to South Oxfordshire District Council. More information to follow in the near future. Horspath Parish Council submitted an "Expression of Interest" to the South Oxfordshire District Council CIL Grant Fund, with a view to installing a new play area by the Village Hall. South Oxfordshire District Council has now confirmed that Horspath Parish Council has been invited to submit a full application for the new play area. Mrs Oakley has obtained quotations for a new play area, and plans were available to view at the Annual Parish meeting. Horspath Parish Council received a request from a resident to move the fair from the Village Green to the Recreation Field/Car Park for safety reasons. This was discussed at the APM on 24 th April 2024. The Fair owner is not in favour of moving to the Recreation Field and historically the Fair has always been held on the Village Green. Councillors agreed that it would not be possible to move on to the Recreation Field due to the large lorries that would need to be on site. Councillors

agreed at the May Parish Council meeting that it is not possible to close the road around the Green as buses/emergency vehicles need access, but Mrs Oakley will liaise with the Fair owner to discuss re-positioning the larger rides, the installation of barriers and appropriate signage to be in place during the Fair and also a request will be made to Thames Valley Police for the Police to be present at the Fair. A consultation for the proposed Northfield Development will be held on 15 th May 2024 in Horspath Village Hall to discuss the application for 1800 houses. Representatives from the Parish Council will attend. A further consultation will be held in Garsington Village Hall on Friday 17 th May 2024. If any resident wishes to raise issues with Horspath village please contact Hayley Kogel, Clerk to HPC via email - clerk@horspathparishcouncil.org

HSPC Grants paid out in March 2024

Individual Grants	
School Uniform	£200.00
Swimming Lesson Grants	£600.00
School Trips	£400.00
Baby Group	£100.00
Organisation Grants	
Senior Citizens Meal Voucher Grant	£5000.00
Horspath Magazine	£2475.00
Horspath Parish Council	£1060.00
Hardship Fund	£2000.00
Total:	£11,835.00

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 June 2024 is 1 st June 2024. The feedback received on the meal voucher scheme for elderly residents in the village is excellent and is still proving to be popular. Vouchers can be obtained from Mrs Beverley Oakley, Chair of HPC and HSPC.

In March 2024, Trustees agreed to re-invest the initial £700,000 that was invested into a Treasury

Account that is due to expire in May 2024. It was also agreed that a further £100,000.00 will be added to the Treasury Account for a period of six months, giving a total of £800,000.00. The next Horspath Stone Pit Charity meeting will take place in June (date to be confirmed). All residents are invited to attend.

Bikes, bays and bees

As you approach Shotover Hill from Horspath, you pass through an alien-looking terrain of towering dunes and sweeping descents. This landscape, carved out of the soil by mountain bike enthusiasts, has divided opinion among residents: some argue that it's great to see youngsters getting out and getting exercise, others complain the biker's digging is making an unsightly mess. However, from a wildlife point of view, it brings clear benefits. In 2005, Ivan Wright, an entomologist specialising in bees and wasps, demonstrated that digging south-facing slopes of bare earth creates valuable opportunities for rare, warmth-seeking insects to excavate their nests. The bare earth also proved attractive to other wildlife, such as lizards and scarce heathland mosses: in short, bare soil is good news for biodiversity. With the development of the mountain bike trail, Ivan and colleagues from Shotover Wildlife wondered whether the small quarries dug by the mountain bikers could bring similar wildlife benefits? It became clear that some areas of bare soil the bikers had unearthed had potential, but shading by trees made the area too cold to be a desirable residence for soil-dwelling insects. With the help of Oxford City Council, trees were selectively felled, to increase the amount of sunlight reaching the soil. Shotover Wildlife volunteers dug out three new South-facing bays for soil-nesting insects between the bike trail and an ancient hedgerow. The bare soil bays were quickly colonised. Shotover Wildlife has now recorded 34 species of bee. Among them, *Nomada ferruginata* (Yellow-shouldered Nomad Bee) is nationally 'rare' - this is the first record of it on Shotover. It needs flowering willow, so its appearance may well be thanks to the ancient hedgerow nearby. Another species of bee found in the bike area, *Lasioglossum rufitarse* (Rufous-footed Furrow Bee) is rare in Oxfordshire, and has not been seen on Shotover for fourteen years. Opinions about this area of land are likely to remain divided, but this project has encouraged young people to engage with nature. It shows that, with imagination and knowledge, a recreational activity can be combined with effective wildlife conservation. A longer version of this article can be found here:

<https://www.shotover-wildlife.org.uk/leaflets/files/BWMbikecornerBee2.pdf>



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Market

SATURDAY

8TH JUNE

10.00-12.00

Join us for our spectacular Market.

With lots of stalls.

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refreshments and a raffle.

If you are interested in having a stall please email
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Message from the Editor

Our small team who write, receive articles, photographs and then sit and compile the magazine can hardly believe that this is the **10th Edition!** Our first one was published in December 2022, and with the support of Stone Pit and our sponsors we continue to produce a magazine which we hope you enjoy and find interesting and informative. We are always looking for new pieces to include, so please feel free to send through to us, or perhaps you may wish to be a sponsor.

Our email is: thehorspathmagazine@gmail.com

Many Thanks John

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Horspath Cricket Club rally round to get season underway



Horspath CC have rallied round in terrific fashion to get another summer of cricket up and running on the Recreation Ground following one of the saddest times in the club's history. Max was 'Mr Horspath Cricket', spending countless hours as groundsman preparing pitches on the Rec, together with his other roles as secretary, fixture secretary and bar manager. However, the club has been encouraged as members have stepped up to take on new responsibilities and keep the show on the road. A Ground Workforce weekend was well attended at the start of April with many tasks being carried out on the Rec, in the clubhouse and in the changing rooms to bring about a massive transformation. And remarkably, despite the ground being under water in places after one of the wettest winters in living memory, just two weeks later the first pre-season friendly took place. The club are again running four teams on a Saturday with the 1st XI opening their Cherwell League Division 1 campaign with a 52-run victory at home to Didcot. The side also made a successful start to the defence of their Oxfordshire area crown in the Voneus Village Cup, beating Minster Lovell by 70 runs with a minute's applause being held on the Rec in memory of Max before the game. Horspath's women, meanwhile, are set for a busy season as they compete in the Home Counties Women's League for the first time and in the inaugural Oxfordshire Women's Hundred. This is in addition to playing in the Home Counties Women's League Super 8 Development competition and the local summer softball festivals. With the youth section running teams at six age groups from under 9 to under 19, it once again promises to be a hectic summer of cricket.

Caption: Horspath CC president Denis Walker leads a minute's applause in memory of Max Eason before the start of the Village Cup tie against Minster Lovell. Picture: Rob Judges



**Morland House Surgery, Morland
Close, 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

Patients aged 75 or over (or will turn 75 by 30 June 2024) are being invited for a COVID booster vaccination. Also, appointments can be booked online at <https://www.nhs.uk/get-vaccination> or on the NHS App. You can find your nearest COVID-19 vaccination walk-in site at <https://www.nhs.uk/covid-walk-in>. **30 June 2024 is the last date to get a booster vaccination .**

The NHS launched the **Pharmacy First Service (PFS)** on 31st January (see [NHS Pharmacy First Service \(PFS\) | NHSBSA](#)) Appointments can be booked directly with participating pharmacies for the treatment of 7 common health conditions namely sinusitis, sore throat, earache, infected insect bite, impetigo, shingles, uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women. Pharmacists can offer advice to patients and supply NHS medicines where clinically appropriate. This will help reduce the pressure on Morland House Surgery. As an example, appointments with Wheatley Pharmacy can be booked (often the same day) by phoning 01865 874047 or via the website www.wheatleypharmacy.com/book

There has been a surge in **Blandford Fly** bites in the area. While very unpleasant there is normally no need to visit a GP or MIU. For more information on what to do visit <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/miu-update-patients-with-blandford-fly-bites/>

Alternatively call NHS 111 or visit your local pharmacy for advice.

Group Consultation Clinics – We are excited to offer group clinics for certain health conditions, currently menopause and diabetes. The benefits are many including a more thorough examination of your condition, having your questions answered, sharing issues with others going through the same issues, and spending longer with a GP.

For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk

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

The origin of some Horspath road names....

As in any other village, the roads are named for a reason which today may have been forgotten - here are a few which are not obvious at first glance:

Blenheim Road There are a number of Blenheims around Oxfordshire; mostly hamlets celebrating the Battle of Blenheim of 1704, and created a century later. There is another at Garsington.

Butler Close Named after the popular Reverend Chris Butler, who was vicar here and at Garsington from 1981 until 1995.

Butts Road After “shooting butts”, which many villages had for bow & arrow practice. Horspath had a militia in the time of Henry VIII, with 25 men’s names on it in 1539. Originally Butts Lane, it is one of the oldest roads in the village.

Collcutt Close Named after John Collcutt, a wealthy Oxford gentleman who was also a farmer, who moved to Horspath, and possessed land here. He died in 1825.

College Way Takes its name from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, and so does College Farm. Much of the land to the west of Horspath belonged to the college and appeared on a map of 1602..

Copcot Place Copcot was a Horsepath name in the 16th.c, and one Copcot was a student at The Queen’s College Oxford, who as legend has it, killed a wild boar on Shotover and took it to the college for Christmas dinner – giving rise to the famous “Boar’s Head” ceremony held each Christmas at Queen’s. There is a painted window in the church commemorating this legend.

Brian Lowe

More in the next edition.....



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Art at the Hub

Ok, so we may not be artists quite yet but we might be one day. 'Art at the Hub' happens on Monday afternoons (between 2.30 and 4.30) for a peaceful couple of hours when a group of us come together to produce something creative with paper, pen, pencil, charcoal, water colour, acrylic paint or even a combination of the above (I believe that's known as a mixed media piece if you want to get arty about it).

We don't have a tutor these days, we are a self-guided, independent bunch who might suggest themes or techniques the others might want to try at the session or we just bring in something we fancy working on. We learn a lot from each other and if someone has found a useful YouTube video we might share that and all have a go at producing the same picture, or not, whatever takes your fancy is the name of the game.

Just this year we have produced some pretty reasonable work, including anemones (wet into wet watercolour) abstract landscapes (acrylic and pastels) woodland scenes (ink and wash using a blown paint technique) classic life models (water colour) and various studies of a Shotover veteran tree (pencil, charcoal, water colour).



Whatever we do teaches us something each time we do it and we gain inspiration and support from each other. Oh, and did I mention we have a cup of tea at half-time? At the moment, we have eight members of the group but new faces and new ideas are always welcome. Our pictures were recently exhibited at the Hub as part of its ten-year celebrations; did you see them?

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Save the Date

Horspath Village Show & Family Dog Show Saturday 31st August 2024

**The Village and Dog show's this year will take place on
Saturday 31st August. The Dog Show at 11am and
Village Show from 1.30pm.**

The Dog Show starts at 11am on the Bowley Field, Classes are:
Best Puppy (under 12 Months), Best Veteran (Over 7 years), Best
Trick, Young dog handler, Prettiest Lady, Handsome Man, Best
Crossbreed, Best Purebreed. The winner of each class will
automatically be entered into the best in show. You will be able to enter
on the day from 10.30am.

The Village Show is open to the public from 1.30pm. Registering
entries for the village show from 10.30am until 12.30pm in the village
Hall. The village Hall will then be closed for judging between 12.30 -
1.30pm..

Classes are: Floral, Vegetables, Fruit, Preserves, Baking, Homebrew,
Soft and Hard crafts, Drawing or Painting, Photography which will
include entries sent into the Horspath calendar, theme is 'seasons', and
Children's Classes. There will be refreshments available and a raffle.

Full details and registration forms will be published in the
next Magazine published on Friday 2nd August

If you would like to be involved or have any ideas for the show, please
get in touch by email: haa.horspath@gmail.com.

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